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Council appointment heats up

Monday night's the night as the Westland City Council prepares to fill a vacancy left by Charles Pickering's resignation. The appointee, who will serve the rest of the year, will be involved in key city decisions.

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A critical decision looms Monday as Westland City Council members prepare to appoint a colleague who will likely cast crucial votes affecting residents and services.

By all accounts, six elected council members face a difficult task in choosing a seventh colleague for an interim post.

"I just hope we can reach a consensus," President Sandra Cicirelli said Monday, after a round of candidate interviews.

The new appointee will likely be involved in weighty decisions, possibly including whether to build a new recreation center and city hall. Mayor

Robert Thomas has indicated he'd like to see the proposals decided this year.

Former Councilman David Cox has been rumored in political circles as a front-runner among 10 hopefuls, but even his supporters say his selection isn't certain.

"Has David got the edge? It takes four votes, and we're not going to know if he, indeed, does have the votes until Monday," Councilwoman Sharon Scott said Thursday during a telephone interview.

"I think David would be an asset to the city council," she said. "He did a good job when he was there before, and he has matured. He has experience,

and we wouldn't have to train him."

But, Scott added, "I do have a couple of alternatives."

Cox would have to quit his post as Wayne-Westland school board president if selected, but he apparently could keep his job as Romulus deputy mayor. He served a two-year council term before voters ousted him in 1995.

Lengthy list

Other appointee hopefuls include:
■ James Chuck, Westland library board chairman.
■ Georgia Conant, who is active in neighborhood and civic groups.

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Contractors working on the \$49 million resurfacing project of I-275 will be starting to pave the exit ramp from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275 this week.
Motorists on I-275 can expect to see work crews from John Carlo continue to pour concrete for new southbound lanes this week between Five Mile and Six Mile roads, if the weather permits.
Exit ramps from southbound lanes of I-275 to Eight Mile, Seven Mile and Six Mile may face periodic closings as crews move equipment during this construction phase. Bridge repairs also will force occasional lane closures on the "Mile Roads."
Once paving is completed on the southbound lanes - scheduled for completion by mid-July - traffic in both directions will be crossed back over to the newly paved southbound side between Grand River and Five Mile Road.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

City: The Westland City Council will meet 7 p.m. (6:30 p.m. study session) Monday in council chambers, Ford at Carlson in Westland.

Social Security: U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will hold a forum on Social Security 7 p.m. Monday at the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Center Annex, 33500 Van Born, Wayne. For information, call (734) 485-3741.

TUESDAY

Fore: The 19th annual Westland Chamber Golf Classic is Tuesday at Pheasant Run Golf Club. For information, call (734) 326-7222.

ONGOING

Summer fun: The Salvation Army is accepting registrations for summer day camp for ages 7-12. Camp will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays June 28 to Aug. 6, at 2300 Venoy, Westland. For information, call (734) 722-3660.

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I love a parade



Book fans: Carrying balloons and banners, about 350 students from P.D. Graham Elementary walk through their school neighborhood to celebrate their accelerated reading program. Youngsters in grades one through five finished hundreds of books and earned 11,286 points, and they took to the streets Thursday afternoon to let their neighbors know about their accomplishments. "It was wonderful," Principal Al Bejezy said. Fourth-grader Jessica Riggs accumulated 518.5 points to become the school's top reader.

Adams Middle School earns kudos

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An Adams Middle School class has captured top state honors for developing a plan to combat student dropout rates.

Eighth-graders in Barbara Anderson's fifth-hour class placed first in a Michigan Senate-sponsored contest, earning a trip in July to national competitions in Indianapolis.

They beat out students from several other districts after addressing the Senate and unveiling their portfolio, or plan, for lowering high school dropout rates.

"We're so proud of them," Principal Celestine Sanders said.

Anderson's students spent countless hours researching their project, and Sanders said they were alarmed to learn that high school failure rates rose dramatically in 1997.

So the youngsters began brainstorming for possible solutions to dropout rates, such as after-school tutoring, mandatory counselor visits and grade-point standards for athletes.

They also issued recommendations such as easing the transition from middle school to high school by having

eighth-graders spend certain days trailing 11th-graders from class to class.

They compiled an elaborate portfolio of their ideas and made a presentation to the Senate, and their project also was displayed at the Capitol Rotunda in Lansing, Sanders said.

The youngsters made a similar presentation Tuesday during a Wayne-Westland school board meeting, drawing enthusiastic applause from the audience.

The students learned during their research that the entire nation has a problem with students not succeeding in high school, Sanders said. They titled their project, "High School Failures on the Rise."

Anderson's class won first-place portfolio in a Senate program called "We The People ... Project Citizen." Adams school learned about the competition from state Sen. Loren Bennett, a Canton Republican who represents Westland.

The class will represent Michigan in national competition in July.

What's more, Wayne-Westland school board member

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Oh, my papa: They know their dads did it right

BY JULIE BROWN
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Greg Baracy's father wasn't an educator, but the late John Baracy emphasized the value of learning.

"Get an education, work hard and always treat people the way you'd like to be treated," the younger Baracy, Wayne-Westland superintendent of schools, said of his father's advice.

Greg Baracy remembers as a young man that his father, who's been gone 15 years, emphasized those basics. "No question about it. He was a great role model."

The younger Baracy, who has a son and daughter, tries to follow his dad's example, spending time with the kids. His father worked in the auto industry. "But he certainly knew the importance of an education," Baracy said, adding that his father was his closest friend.

Father's Day memories are sweet as well for Mary Denning, owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland. "My dad was real laid-back," she said

of the late Albert Mattson, who died nine years ago. "He didn't get shook up."

Her dad encouraged her not to worry about little things, and that life will work out for the best. "And I miss him. We were always close."

She's heeded that advice, not worrying about small things. Faith in God is important to the family as well, said Denning. "Of course, my mother did all the worrying."

Denning and her brother were encouraged to do their best. Their dad set an example as a hard worker, working two or three jobs at a time.

"He was always there backing us up." At his service, the song "Wind Beneath My Wings" was played.

Mattson came down from Hancock, Mich.; in the Upper Peninsula, where copper mining was the only livelihood available. He brought his family down and spent 30 years working at Burroughs, which became Unisys.

"He was a good man," Denning said.

Lori Brist, Westland Chamber of Commerce executive director, got good advice from her dad, Mike Gouin, Can-

ton's parks and recreation superintendent. "Just keep on being yourself," she said. "You'll succeed in everything you do."

Brist heard that advice recently, as she began her new duties as chamber director. "The other things is to trust in God," she said, adding that her father is a devout Christian.

"He's a wonderful man," Brist said. "He's very well-respected in the community."

Her dad had been a professional athlete, playing softball for a champion Mike Ilitch team, the Detroit Caesars.

Chief Emery Price's dad, also an Emery, died in 1983, but left good advice. "Always do the best you can, keep plugging away, keep trying, never give up," the Westland police chief said. His mom died shortly after his dad.

"Not a day goes by I don't think about them. I was a lucky guy to have them as parents." Price is father of two grown children and learned from his parents' example. "I think we all do."

The Rev. Mikal Featchurs, who

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heads the Wayne County Homeless Network at the Salvation Army in Westland, lost his dad about 10 years ago. His name was Edward and he was known as Buddy.

"If you don't have any problems, for God's sake don't create any," Featchurs said in describing his dad's advice. Featchurs also got advice as a African-American: It's not the color of

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Adams

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Mathew McCusker said he and his colleagues will seriously consider new dropout-fighting policies based on the Adams project.

Students said their goal is to increase high school completion rates to 90 percent as early as 2000.

Students involved in the project include Steven Antonchik, Phillip Bliven, Jeremy Bowling, Emily Bowyer, Robin Campbell, Katrina Clark, Steven Cronewett, Natalie Davis, Amanda Dewyer, Allyn Edwards, Nick Gallion, Tellie Gray, Corey Ingraham, Chris Johnston, Sheila King, Timothy Labean, Lauren Lipinski, Michael Manuel, Jon Morris, Analee Ochoa, Amie Papo, Maegan Riordan, Miranda Smith, Steven Wallace, Randy Woody and Crystal Wright.

■ They compiled an elaborate portfolio of their ideas and made a presentation to the Senate, and their project also was displayed at the Capitol Rotunda in Lansing, (Principal Celestine) Sanders said.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT C. DUMINSKE

Services for Robert C. Duminske, 62, of Westland were June 18 at St. Theodore Catholic Church with the Rev. Dan Zaleski officiating. Interment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Duminske was born Dec. 24, 1936, and died June 14 in Detroit. He lived in Westland 40 years and was a supervisor at Clark Graphic in St. Clair Shores. He was a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ilene; mother, Dorothy; sons, Robert A. and Michael; daughters, Susan and Lisa; sisters, June Duminske and Judy Fox; and brother, Thomas Duminske. He is also survived by one granddaughter, Brittany Duminske.

Arrangements were by Ziomek Funeral Home.

HENRY T. PAGELS

Services for Henry Theodore "Ted" Pagels, 83, of Westland were recently held. Cremation rites were accorded, with remains interred at Gerrish Township Cemetery.

Mr. Pagels was born June 25, 1915, in Detroit and died June 16 in Livonia. He was a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He previously lived in Roscommon, Mich.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda; daughters, Gail Pygman, Joan (Ronald) Bassett and Madeleine Schinville; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by sisters, Hilda Foreit, Gertrude McKeller, Florence Peters and Edna Tombetta, and brother, Roy.

Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home.

AUDRAY P. PEER

Memorial services for Audray P. Peer of Westland will be determined later.

Mrs. Peer was born July 26, 1907, in Linton, Ind., and died June 17 in Livonia. She lived in Garden City for 38 years and was a Girl Scout leader. She was employed as church treasurer at Garden City First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carlisle, and daughter, Alyce Haley. Mrs. Peer is survived by son, Donald (Reta) Cook; daughter, Carol (Victor) Baxter; and 12 grandchildren.

Arrangements are being made by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home; Livonia.

MARJORIE H. SMITH

Services for Marjorie Helen Smith, 72, of Westland were June 15 at Santeiu Chapel with the Rev. Suzanne Walls of Christ United Methodist Church officiating. Private cremation followed.

Mrs. Smith was born April 4, 1927, in Connecticut and died June 12 in Wayne. She was a singer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rufus R. Smith, and a sister, Muriel. Mrs. Smith is survived by sons, Gregory and Mathew; daughters, Beth (Richard) Davis and Karen Ridgley; grandchildren, Jason, Pamela, Jeffrey, Eric, Shannon and Michael; great-grandson, Alec; sister, Dorothy; and brother, Rod.

Arrangements were by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Families near, far get helping hand

"Kids Caring for the Needy" is a new program to help families in need both in the neighborhood and for adopted families from Kosovo, set up by Adventures in Learning Preschool and Child-care.

The families are in need of nonperishable food, household items, clothing, personal hygiene products and toys. The project is being put on by grocery stores, drugstores, superstores and the child care center.

To help, call Beth Patton at (734) 425-3446 or Dorothy at (313) 933-5855. The child care center is at 9001 Middlebelt, a block north of Joy in Livonia.

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"They're well aware of our plight," Baracy said. "We will continue to work with our legislators."

School programs that officials restored during the last couple of years — such as middle school and ninth-grade athletics — also have come at a cost.

"But we felt it was absolutely necessary to bring back extracurricular activities," Baracy said. "With a budget like ours, \$350,000 isn't that much for the thousands of kids that are participating in these programs."

Finally, the district isn't receiving the one-time money it raised in recent years due to the sale of school buildings and other property. And Baracy said officials are still coping with losing \$11 million in revenues that

a now-expired, 3-mill "enhancement" tax generated during a two-year period ending in 1997.

Martin said it's possible that Wayne-Westland could receive an extra \$600,000 to \$1 million in supplemental funding during the next year — if some legislative initiatives happen.

Moreover, he and Baracy said it's possible that the district won't lose as many students as officials have projected.

"We'll reassess everything based on the enrollment this fall," Baracy said.

Martin still described Wayne-Westland's financial status as "solid," and he conceded that officials had anticipated a large decline in the budget surplus.

Now, though, questions remain about how long the dis-

trict can continue to offer current programs without pulling out the budget ax that so angered parents earlier this decade.

"We're at the point of continuing a full program for another year," Martin said.

On one bright note, officials expect the budget surplus to begin to level off now that it has dipped to \$5.6 million, Martin said, and he added that "we've got a little room to tighten our belt right now."

Baracy said he believes the district has "turned the corner" on budget problems that caused a \$1.9 million deficit in June 1995.

"But we've said all along that we had challenges ahead of us," he said. "And we do."

Council from page A1

■ Reather Everett, longtime city precinct worker and Southeast Westland Homeowners Association activist.

■ Debra Fowlkes, former Wayne-Westland school board president.

■ Diane Fritz, retired Westland city clerk.

■ James Godbout, Millwood Village Condominium Association leader.

■ Michael Kehrer, former precinct delegate.

■ Michael Rintz, Westland Zoning Board of Appeals member.

■ Dorothy Smith, longtime council watcher and veteran council candidate.

The new appointee will serve the remainder of 1999 and replace former Councilman Charles Pickering, who resigned April 30 after deciding not to seek re-election this year.

Council members may scramble to nominate their favorite candidates during a 7 p.m. Monday meeting at City Hall, but Cicirelli, as president, will control who may speak.

Council members say the first nominee to win four votes will receive the appointment.

Councilman Glenn Anderson has suggested drawing names of council members to determine who makes nominations.

Whatever the process, some problems are foreseen.

"I believe there is a high degree of likelihood that several candidates will receive three votes for and three votes against, and it very well could be that one person breaks ranks and elects to support a compromise candidate," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said.

Looking good

Some council members say several appointee hopefuls proved impressive during interviews that concluded Wednesday.

"I was pleasantly surprised that, out of 10 people, we had quite a few good interviews," Scott said.

LeBlanc agreed and said, "I would say that five of the 10 candidates really stood out, and I would say it's going to be a tough decision."

He said his top five candidates are Kehrer, Godbout, Cox, Rintz and Chuck — in no particular order.

Some political observers may view LeBlanc's mention of Cox as startling; the two aren't seen as political allies. But LeBlanc lauded the way Cox handled his interview.

"To disregard him would be pure politics," LeBlanc said. "I'm not saying he's my favorite. I'm saying he's a favored candidate."

One candidate, former city clerk Fritz, advised council members that she won't be seeking election this fall. Some council members have said they want to appoint someone who plans a 1999 campaign.

But LeBlanc said the council could turn to Fritz to break a stalemate.

"Diane could end up, for interesting reasons, being a compromise candidate that each of us could support," LeBlanc said.

He had suggested several rounds of ballot voting in which council members would gradually eliminate applicants until only the winner remained. But a majority of his colleagues didn't like that voting system.

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the balloon that determines how high it flies, but what's inside.

"That's probably the best advice I've received from anyone in my life," he said. "I try not to make other people's problems my problems." If he experiences racism, he won't have ill feelings in response.

"If I don't have problems, I'm not going to create any." He has wonderful memories of his dad.

"My dad was my best friend in the world. I could talk to him

about anything. He would listen to whatever I had to say. That's what I'm trying to do with my daughter."

Daughter Meechel, 14, is an honors student.

Edward would say that children are the best investment. "It pays dividends to listen and love," Featchurs said, adding that nothing in life "has been anywhere close to the friendship I had with my father."

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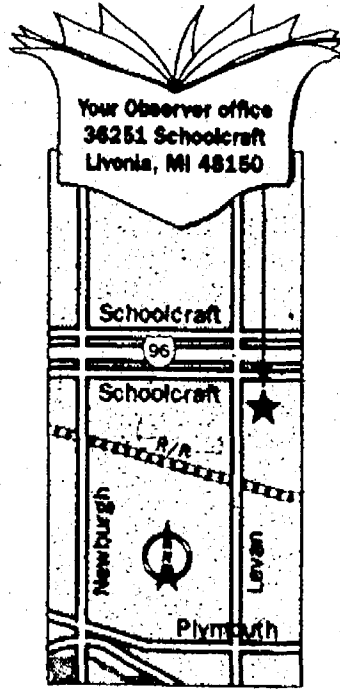
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Kids benefit from firefighters' largesse



Good job: Above, Kim Neal and Kelly Neal pose with the murals they painted at the play fire station. At left, firefighters Ed Hosmer, Ed Leskun and Mark Wilhide work to finish the new Tot Town fire station.

Fire station is kid-sized

Tot Town, a tiny town of sorts on the west side of Central City Parkway south of Ford, is a definite "hot spot" for children.

Westland firefighters have added a fire station to Tot Town and officially unveiled it during a ceremony Saturday, June 12. Free plastic fire helmets were given out to children.

The effort to spruce up Tot Town was done by firefighters through a cooperative project with the Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

"We were happy just to be a part of that operation," said David Carignan, deputy fire chief. He headed up building of the play fire station, with 12 firefighters volunteering labor.

The fire department stresses

■ The Tot Town had deteriorated; empty spaces for buildings were available. The idea of a play fire station was suggested

community service, "becoming a part of the community," he said. The Tot Town had deteriorated; empty spaces for buildings were available. The idea of a play fire station was suggested, joining the tiny City Hall and other buildings.

"From that point forward, we just kept moving with the idea," Carignan said. The new structure, which cost about \$1,000 to build, includes a bell and fire

pole. The department held fundraisers and built the structure through its public awareness fund, not using tax dollars.

Carignan drove by the Tot Town Friday afternoon and saw three kids playing in the new structure. "They seemed like they were enjoying it, which made me happy. For a long time, kids are going to remember. It's very nice to see."

The firefighters too often see kids who are injured and their distraught parents. It's nice to see happy families, he said. "The children are having a good time, running from building to building."

The Westland Police Department plans to build a play police station soon, Carignan added.

ACHIEVERS



Cathi Bishop

The Marshall Award was given to **Cathi Bishop** and **Scott Laurain** at Honors Night June 7 at the middle school. Each year, an eighth-grade boy and girl are honored for good citizenship and academic achievement, along with contributions to school/ community. The winners are nominated and elected by teachers.

Bishop had perfect attendance two years. She received the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, a third-year academic letter, was Nova Team Language Arts Student of the Year, and student council treasurer.

Other honors/ activities include student council, honor society, John Philip Sousa Band award, basketball team and yearbook staff.

Laurain has had perfect attendance and received the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence and a third-year academic letter.

He received the National Honor Society Award for Outstanding Leadership as president, Nova Team History Student of the Year, Nova Team Science Student of the Year and John Marshall Academic Excellence Award winner.

Other honors/ activities include honor society president, yearbook staff, band and

cabaret. Both will attend John Glenn High School this fall.

In addition, Marshall Middle School essay contest winners who wrote on "What It Means To Be a Good Citizen" were honored. Winners are: Kristen Carlton, eighth grade; Daron Cruickshank, seventh grade; and Jessica Biglow, sixth grade.

Ashlee Mehl of Westland received the Dorothy S. Murphy Memorial Scholarship at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, for the coming academic year.

Students receiving Miami University scholarships are chosen on the basis of superior academic and personal merit from more than 5,500 candidates each year. This year, more than 2,000 students will receive assistance totaling more than \$6 million.

Three Westland students are new graduates of Walsh College: **Tracey J. Diem**, master of science in management, **Donald Michael Letourneau**, bachelor of business administration, summa cum laude, and **William P. Portman Jr.**, bachelor of business administration, summa cum laude.

Commencement was June 5 at Cobo Arena in Detroit. The college's main campus is in Troy.



Scott Laurain

Library lot closes for resurfacing, building closes for holiday, training

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will be closed Friday, June 25, for a staff training day. The library will also close Monday, July 5, the day after Independence Day. Drop bins will be available for book return both days.

The parking lot of the library is closed today, Sunday, June 20, for resurfacing, so collection bins

will not be accessible by car. Items you wish to return may be returned Monday, June 21. These items will be checked in using Saturday's date.

For information, call (734) 326-6123. The library is on Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford.

Police records bureau closed Friday

The Westland Police Department's records bureau will be closed Friday, June 25, so that computer software work can be

completed and employees can receive training. The bureau is expected to reopen at 9 a.m. Monday, June 28.

The police department is adjacent to Westland City Hall, on Ford Road west of Carlson.

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Cancer fight needs helpers

Local groups are being sought to take part in a major health education and fund-raising program Saturday and Sunday, June 26-27.

The "Relay Walk for Life" will be held from noon Saturday, June 26, to noon the next day at the Garden City Junior High School athletic field, on Radcliff, south of Ford and east of Wildwood. The Walk for Life is sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Primary purpose is to raise the public's awareness of steps people can take to prevent cancer and to raise money for cancer research and treatment.

All kids of groups are being sought to take part. Proceeds would be generated by donations

FUND-RAISING

from the group's participants. "If you have a loved one, friend or neighbor or are aware of someone who is a cancer survivor or victim, the walk will be in their honor or remembrance," said a cancer society spokeswoman.

During the 24-hour event, the first of its kind held in the city, participants will be involved in relay races. There will also be entertainment and food available.

At 10 p.m. Saturday, there will be a candle-lighting ceremony in tribute to the survivors of the disease and in memory of people who died of cancer.

There is a \$10 tax-deductible donation for the candles. Groups may be made up of church members, co-workers at a business or organization, services groups or families.

Teams of 15 to 20 people will take turns walking around the school track during the 24-hour period.

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Fun found: Jacob McCloskey of Westland is having a cool treat at the Garden City Jaycees' carnival. The event continues through 10 p.m. Sunday at City Park, Cherry Hill and Merri-man. Above, Brandy Jackson (left) and April Jaymes wave to friends from high up on the double Ferris wheel. The Westland Summer Festival is set for June 30 through July 4.

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Wheels: Above, 11-year-old Jonathon Guajardo and his parents, Tony and Ann Guajardo of Westland, look under a hood. They enjoyed a June 12 Ford/Mercury/Lincoln Owners convention in Plymouth. Cars of the late 1940s and the 1950s were shown.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 7, 1999

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none.

Also present were Acting City Manager Kocsis, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, City Attorney Salomone, and Community Supervisor McKarge.

The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

- ◆ Lawrence Soroka, of Garden City, spoke to the issue of sod replacement in the Henry Ruff and Bock area.
- ◆ Michael Bachko, of Garden City, inquired regarding the purchase of a Police Department water heater and the 800 MHz radio system.
- ◆ Herman Bersano, of Garden City, invited everyone to the Strawberry Festival at Garden City Presbyterian Church and was informed that the sidewalk repair off Merriman is forthcoming.

◆ **Item 06-99-255** Moved by Kaledas, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of May 24, 1999. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The Mayor announced it was time to receive communications from Boards and/or Commissions.

No communications from Boards and/or Commissions were received.

◆ **Item 06-99-256** Moved by Lynch, supported by Dodge: Council was informed that the check to Teladjust, Inc. is their reimbursement on commissions; the quantity for the Rocal, Inc. check is for a skid not one item; and, the Amantea check covered a Commission on Aging seminar. RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 06-99-257** Moved by Dodge, supported by Lynch:

- ◆ Mike Bachko, of Garden City, spoke in opposition to the motion.
- ◆ Ervin Petty, of Garden City, spoke in favor of the motion.

Council informed the public that they approached Mr. Kocsis and an interview was not conducted. RESOLVED: To approve the City Manager contract with David W. Koots. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Calling of Special Meeting - Ambulance Billing Presentations.
2. Calling of Special Meeting - Police Department Computers.
3. Jaycee's Spring Festival License Agreement.
4. Alley Vacation, South Side of Ford Road between Middlebelt & Brandt.
5. Sunset Excavating Payment.
6. Final Payment - Camp Services, Inc.
7. Amendment to the Zoning Map.
8. City Credit Card.
9. RenoSys Corporation - Pool Payment.
10. Equalizer Software System.
11. Battery Operated PA System.
12. City Manager's Salary Ordinance.

◆ **Item 06-99-258** Moved by Lynch, supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To establish a Council workshop date for Monday, June 14, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. to hear ambulance billing service presentations. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 06-99-259** Moved by Kaledas, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To establish a Council workshop date for Thursday, June 24, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Police Department Computers at the Police Department Multipurpose Room. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Briscoe. ABSENT: None. Motion Passed.

◆ **Item 06-99-260** Moved by Dodge, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the Jaycee's Spring Festival Agreement for the dates of June 13, 1999 through June 20, 1999. Carnival opening June 17, 1999 through June 20, 1999. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 06-99-261** Moved by Dodge, supported by Wiacek: Progress Payment #1 to Sunset Excavating in the amount of \$1,112.91 was approved April 7, 1997. RESOLVED: To approve Progress Payment #3 to Sunset Excavating for Hennepin and Brown Water Main Project (1997) in the amount of \$3,291.89. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 06-99-262** Moved by Dodge, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve Payment Application #5 (FINAL) for the Memorial Pool to Camp Services, Inc. in the amount of \$3,000.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 06-99-263** Moved by Lynch, supported by Kaledas:

- ◆ Anthony Manetta, of Garden City, spoke to the issue of the rezoning.
- ◆ Charles Smith, of Garden City, spoke to the issue of receiving mailings regarding the rezoning and to be notified when it goes to Planning Commission again.

RESOLVED: To introduce the attached ordinance and call for a public hearing on June 28, 1999, at 7:15 p.m. for the amendment to the Zoning Map. (ATTACHED) AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmembers Wiacek. ABSENT: None. Motion Passed.

◆ **Item 06-99-264** Moved by Waynick, supported by Kaledas:

- ◆ Herman Bersano, of Garden City, is opposed to the credit card.

RESOLVED: To approve the establishment of a City Council Credit Card according to the following policy:

CITY OF GARDEN CITY CITY COUNCIL CREDIT CARD POLICY

The City of Garden City shall have one bank credit card which will remain in the custody of the City Treasurer at all times and shall be known as the "City Council Credit Card", hereinafter referred to as "THE CARD".

The City Manager shall be responsible for the general oversight of THE CARD. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the accounting and monitoring of expenses resulting in its use.

THE CARD shall be used only by the City Treasurer or designated employee of the City of Garden City, for purchase of goods or services for official City Council business only. The Treasurer shall, upon receipt of the invoice and after verifying the validity of the charges, present all documentation to the City Council, in a timely manner, so all balances are paid in full to avoid interest charges. No personal purchases are allowed regardless of the purchaser's intent to reimburse the City of Garden City for such expenditures. The total combined authorized credit limit of THE CARD shall not exceed \$5,000.00.

THE CARD must remain in the control of the Treasurer at all times and the Treasurer is responsible for its protection and custody and must report loss, theft, or fraud involving THE CARD or its account number, immediately. Failure to report any of the above violations, or any other unauthorized use of THE CARD will result in disciplinary action which can consist of, but not be limited to, discharge, of the offending party.

Violation of this policy, or any unauthorized, fraudulent, or inappropriate use of THE CARD by any person, employee of the City of Garden City, or a person(s) acting in concert with an officer or employee of the City of Garden City, shall be subject to any and all appropriate union or contractual disciplinary action and/or criminal charges allowed by law.

AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmember Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Dodge. ABSENT: None. Motion passed.

◆ **Item 06-99-265** Moved by Dodge, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To introduce the salary ordinance for the City Manager position and to call for a public hearing to be held on Monday, June 21, 1999 at 7:25 p.m. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

Publish: June 20, 1999

CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Request for Proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (734-525-8814) on or before **JULY 7, 1999** at 3:00 p.m. for the following items:

BEVERAGE VENDING MACHINES - ADDENDUM

Request for Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the following description:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ENCLOSED: BEVERAGE VENDING MACHINES

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Request for Proposals in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City of Garden City.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

Publish: June 20, 1999

WAYNE/WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The District will receive sealed bids for:
**NEW SOFTBALL FIELD AT JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL
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Deliver three (3) copies of the Bid Proposal Form in a sealed envelope marked with the Name of Bidder and Project.
Bid Proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bid proposals will be conducted by the Owner in public meeting.

Time: June 30, 1999, 2:00 p.m. EST Delivery of bids. Bid opening shall be 2:00 p.m. EST

Place: Board of Education
Wayne-Westland Community Schools
36745 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185

If delivering prior to Public Bid Opening or mailing your Proposal, send to:

Board of Education
Wayne-Westland Community Schools
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Westland, MI 48185

Attn: Barb Evanson, Supervisor of Purchasing

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after June 17, 1999 at TMP Associates.

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ASSOCIATES, INC., Architects - Engineers - Planners, 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; F. W. Dodge Corporation Plan Room, Detroit, Michigan; or the Construction Association of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan, or Daily Construction Report Plan Room, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after date of receipt of bids.

Accepted Bidder shall be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein is reserved by the Board of Education.

Publish: June 17 and 20, 1999.

Redford High alums plan 5th annual golf outing

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER
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Heads up, all you Redford Huskies. It's time for the 5th Annual Redford High School Alumni Golf Outing. The event is scheduled for June 25 at the Warren Valley Banquet Facility and Golf Course in Dearborn Heights. Registration begins at 11 a.m. followed by a noon shotgun start. Tickets, which include dinner, auction and entertainment, are \$110 per person or \$440 for a foursome.

Hole sponsorships are available at \$150 for first-year sponsors and at \$100 for repeaters. Proceeds from the event will be funneled into programs and purchases aimed at improving the Detroit school's current 40-

percent graduation rate.

"We're struggling with our message," said Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes, a 1959 graduate and alumni association president.

The alumni association was founded in 1994 by Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara after he and his wife, Lucille, attended their 50th reunion. "We noticed the same seats in the auditorium and the same cracks in the windows. It was a pretty rundown facility," said McNamara.

The association has since initiated several improvements. It is currently working with AT & T in developing a computer lab for the school, said McNamara. AT & T chairman and Chief Executive Officer C. Michael Armstrong graduated from Redford

in 1956.

Some of association's involvement with the school has been totally hands-on. In 1995, almost 600 alumni, students and faculty hit the hallways with buckets of donated paint.

"We managed in a 10-hour span to apply, mostly on the floor, 900 gallons of paint on the school's interior," said John Niemisto, class of 1975, one of the event's organizers. Niemisto maintains a 10,000-name data base of graduates from 1928 to 1999.

The association also maintains its ongoing "Leadership Redford" program, which pays students in need of upgrading their skills \$10 to attend Saturday classes at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

McNamara said involvement in the association is increasing. "There are a lot of suburbanite, overweight, white males who want to do something for the school."

This year's golf outing will honor two special Redford Union teachers, retired music director Gene Fenby and retired coach Dick Stuckey. Together, the two men gave 77 years to the high

school.

Fenby, 80, a 19-year-old piano accompanist when he started in 1938, retired as head of the department of fine arts in 1978. Fenby is organizing a sing-a-long as part of the day's entertainment.

"While Mr. Fenby was here, we had just wonderful concerts, a stage full of musical groups," said Judi Oldfield, Redford's director of student activities.

Also, a group of Fenby's students from the 1960s, the "Cut Outs," plan to do some doo-wopping after the sing-a-long.

Stuckey, 92, coached swimming and basketball for most of his four decades at Redford Union. He coached more swim teams to victory than any other coach in the history of the Detroit Public Schools, said Niemisto. His former students included Clarke Scholes, the 1952 Olympic 100-meter swimming gold medalist.

Both Bankes and McNamara plan to attend the golf outing. Besides benefiting Redford High School students, it's a chance to see old friends, said Bankes.

"My boyfriend from grade school who helped a state repre-

sentative get elected in Traverse City will be at the golf outing with his two brothers."

Most of all, supporting the golf outing is the right thing for Redford High School graduates to do, she said. "If you want to give back to the neighborhood that

gave you such a good start, then come to the golf outing."

For more information, contact John Niemisto at (734) 522-0172 or call the Huskie Hotline toll-free number 1-888-610-4954.

County Web page shows road preservation sites

The "Construction" section of Wayne County Roads' Web page (www.waynecounty.com/wayneroads) now lists all the areas where the county will be doing road preservation. This so-called Super Maintenance is where workers fill the cracks that grow up to be potholes and replace broken sections of concrete on otherwise-good roads.

This year, county workers will preserve 75 miles of roads, adding several years to their life. This is in addition to the resurfacing, reconstruction, gravel road paving and bridge repairs already announced.

Super Maintenance is very quick and low-impact work for traffic, so delays will be minimal. Work will begin in the next week and will continue throughout the summer.

Here's a list of the projects, which will begin next week and should be completed in September.

- Fenkell (Five Mile) from Telegraph to Evergreen
- McNichols (Six Mile) from Greenfield to Schaefer
- McNichols (Six Mile) from Outer Drive to the Southfield Freeway
- Seven Mile from Greenfield to the Lodge Freeway
- Seven Mile from Livernois to Woodward

- Outer Drive from Evergreen to Six Mile
- Outer Drive from I-96 to Burt Road.

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Oct. 2 at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland.
(734) 595-7892 or (734) 722-7214
Class of 1989
Oct. 9 at Roma's of Garden City.
(248) 366-9493, press #2

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Class of 1983
Sept. 26 at Roma's of Garden City.
(248) 360-7004, press #1
Class of 1979
Oct. 30 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.
(734) 722-7870

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Instrumental music alumni of the 1970s will have a reunion

July 31 at the Wayne-Ford Civic League in Westland.
(734) 326-9589 or e-mail at richalder1@aol.com

ALL SAINTS
Class of 1950
Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000.
(248) 437-9735

ANCHOR BAY
Class of 1989
Aug. 7 at Orleans in Mount Clemens.
(810) 914-4167, (810) 468-4790 or mcpshp@ameritech.net

ANN ARBOR HURON
Class of 1989
Sept. 18 at the Clarion Hotel in Ann Arbor.
(248) 360-7004, press #9

Class of 1979
Nov. 26 at the Holiday Inn-North Campus in Ann Arbor.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

ANN ARBOR PIONEER
Class of 1989
Oct. 23 at the Crowne Plaza in Ann Arbor.
(800) 677-7800 or reunions@taylorpub.com

BERKLEY
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Aug. 28.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Classes of 1963-1964
A reunion is planned for July 17.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Oct. 16.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Class of 1954
Sept. 25 at the Stephenson Haus in Hazel Park.
(248) 399-1841 or (248) 548-1868

BIRMINGHAM GROVES
Class of 1969
July 17 at the Community House in Birmingham.
(800) 677-7800 or e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com

BISHOP BORGESS
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for August.
(313) 271-3050, Ext. 189 (days), (248) 552-8020 (days), or (248) 723-1907
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A reunion is planned for Sept. 18.
(734) 464-2746 or (734) 459-2281

BRABLEC
Class of 1989

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(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

BRANDON
Class of 1979
Is planning a reunion.
(248) 620-0934

CHIPPEWA VALLEY
Class of 1979
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Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for July 16.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

CLARKSTON
Class of 1960
A reunion is tentatively planned for August 2000.
(248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or dlmiller@flash.net

CLAWSON
Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for July 2.
(248) 366-8053 or (248) 628-2077

CLINTONDALE
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Nov. 26.
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Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for July 2000.
(810) 465-2388

DEARBORN
Class of 1974
A reunion is planned for July 3.
(734) 425-3318
Class of 1954
A reunion celebration is planned for Aug. 6-8.
(313) 565-4816, (734) 464-8262 or (734) 421-1845

DEARBORN FORDSON
Class of 1989
Aug. 14 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.
(248) 366-9493, press #8
Class of 1946
Aug. 5 at Park Place in Dearborn. Cost is \$28 per person.
(313) 274-3929 or (313) 562-4639
Class of 1949
Aug. 6-7 at the Dearborn Golf Course in Dearborn.
(313) 278-6069 or (313) 277-8876

DETROIT CASS TECH
Class of 1969
Sept. 25 at the Athenium Hotel in Detroit.
CT '69 Reunion, P.O. Box 11658, Detroit 48211
Classes of 1950-51
A reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2000.
(248) 740-3266

DETROIT CENTRAL

Class of 1949
Sept. 4 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn.
(248) 661-0269 or (248) 545-7496

DETROIT COOLEY
Class of 1950
A reunion is being planned.
(313) 421-3150 or (734) 525-2503
Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for Oct. 1.
(248) 348-3616 after 5 p.m.

DETROIT DENBY
Class of 1969
Nov. 26 at the Mirage in Clinton Township.
(313) 937-5032, (810) 263-9180 or (810) 774-1784
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Class of 1959
Oct. 23 at the Hillcrest Banquet Center, Clinton Township.
(248) 642-7376 or (313) 526-7469
Class of 1949
Sept. 26 at Barrister Gardens in St. Clair Shores.
(810) 778-3541 or (810) 777-5812

DETROIT FINNEY
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Aug. 14.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Aug. 27.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

DETROIT HENRY FORD
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept. 11.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Class of 1969
Oct. 9 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn.
(734) 453-2707, (248) 541-2352 or (248) 391-0295

DETROIT MACKENZIE
Class of 1969
Oct. 22-23 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia. Cost is \$60 per person or \$110 per couple (\$100 per couple, if purchased prior to Sept. 23.)
(313) 659-0122 or Mackenzie '69 Class Reunion, P.O. Box 04056, Detroit 48204

DETROIT NORTHEASTERN
Classes of 1978-1979
A reunion is planned for Aug. 7.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

DETROIT PERSHING
Classes of 1949-53
Are planning a reunion.
P.O. Box 530-244, Livonia 48153-0244
Class of 1974

Is planning a reunion. Classes of 1973, '75 and '76 welcome.
(248) 799-2975 or by fax at (248) 350-8476

DETROIT REDFORD
January Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for July 17.
(248) 624-8551 or (248) 644-0553

DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN
Class of 1959
A reunion is planned for Sept. 25.
(810) 884-1243 or (810) 791-2171

DETROIT SOUTHWESTERN
Class of 1958
A reunion is planned for Sept. 25.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

DETROIT WESTERN
Class of 1949
A 12:30 p.m. reunion luncheon will be held Oct. 3 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn.
(313) 274-3214

DOMINICAN
Class of 1959
July 31 aboard the Diamond Belle cruise boat.
(248) 542-1909, (810) 566-7642 or (810) 677-9404

EAST DETROIT
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Nov. 13.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Class of 1964
Oct. 15 at Penna's of Sterling.
(810) 263-0608 or (810) 247-5052

FARMINGTON
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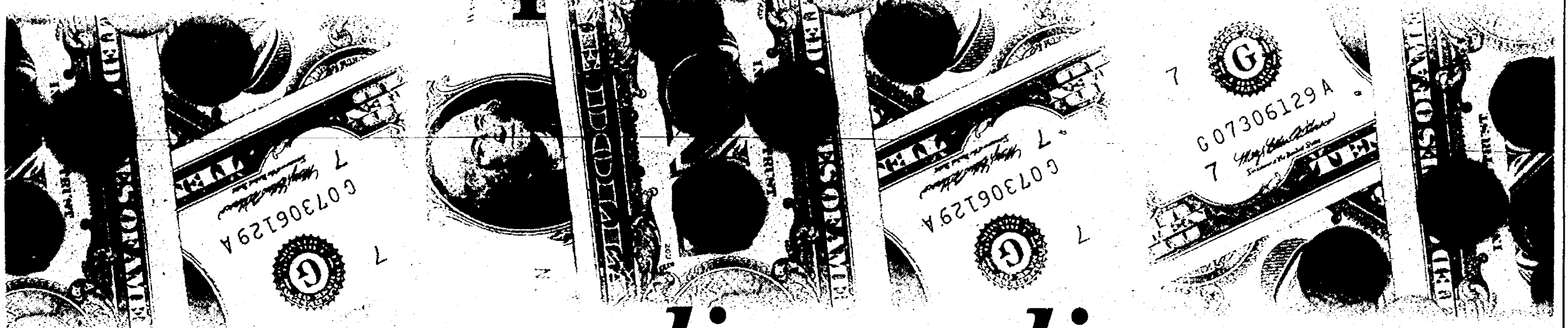
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Rouge advisory council tables septic tank inspection proposal

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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A Rouge River advisory council will wait to act on sending a recommendation to the state that would require septic tank inspections when homes are sold.

Rich Badics, chair of the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan advisory council, tabled a motion Wednesday after he heard from officials from Oakland County who were concerned about costs of initiating a required county-wide septic tank inspection program.

The council recommends changes to its remedial action plan to clean the Rouge to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. That plan is designed to clean up the Rouge River under the federally funded and locally matched Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

Phil Sanzica, an assistant chief engineer of construction for the engineering and construction division with the Oakland County Drain Commission's office, said he expected Oakland County commissioners will act in July to approve funds for a study of the costs of a septic inspection program.

Oakland County has an estimated 75,000 houses with septic systems, and approximately 11,000 of those are within the Rouge subwatershed, Sanzica said.

"As I read it, it is a minimum standard for communities," Sanzica said. "I agree it should be done on a county level, but I don't think it should be imposed upon these communities."

Sanzica called it an "unfunded mandate" that raised two questions — where the money will come from and who's going to pay for it.

Another representative was concerned that the motion dictated to communities that they must inspect their septic tanks.

But officials in the 48 Rouge basin communities must deal with state law that says communities can be penalized for leaking or failed septic tanks. They must meet federal requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency under the second phase to clean the Rouge.

Washtenaw County has approved a septic tank inspection ordinance, while Wayne County commissioners are expected to consider a proposal shortly that will require inspections at point of sale.

"Our health department felt pretty strongly it should be inspected at least every five years," said Jim Murray, Wayne County's director of environment.

Most Rouge River watershed communities have voluntarily submitted storm water permit applications to the Michigan Department of Environmental Health. Many of those applications state that the communities will be requesting local environmental health agencies to conduct on-site sewage disposal system evaluations and maintenance programs on their behalf.

Cathy Bean, coordinator of the Rouge Remedial Action Plan for the MDEQ, said many of those permits were general in lan-

Details of septic tank plan

The motion tabled Wednesday by the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan advisory council includes the following proposed recommendations on septic tank inspection programs to be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality:

- A written agreement between the local health department and the community, if the community is relying on health department services. The agreement should include management of off-site sewage disposal system records, minimum standards for inspections, reporting, financing of the program and enforcement.

- Educate all homeowners with septic tanks.

- Better tracking of septage management, including education on proper disposal prac-

tices and a mechanism to report illegal dumping of septage.

- A database must be developed to manage records on a routine basis.

- An annual report including demographics, evaluations and problems must be submitted.

- Minimum standards must be developed for inspectors.

- Inspections will be at time of sale, as a minimum standard. The local health department and the MDEQ will re-evaluate the program after a said period of time, or before the renewal of the general stormwater permit, to see if the frequency of inspections should be increased or decreased.

- Details should be reported on a regular basis to MDEQ.

- A model ordinance must be made available to communities.

guage. "The permit is more general, while the (RRAC) motion is giving us (the MDEQ) recommendations." Permits contain language calling for a program to "find, prioritize and eliminate illicit discharges," Bean said.

The MDEQ must maintain the same minimum standard for all communities, Bean added. "We can't review half the permits one way, and half the permits another way," said Bean.

Fred Cowles, senior watershed management specialist with MDEQ's surface water quality division, said raw sewage discharges are violations of state law. "So the local unit of government has some responsibility for the failed septic," Cowles said.

Tom McNulty, RRAC's chairman of the onsite sewage disposal committee and a section chief of technical services with Wayne County's environmental health division, and other committee members believed for the local health department develop such a program, minimum program elements must be in place.

McNulty said such a program would be beneficial to the MDEQ, and to Wayne County environmental officials. "We don't want them to take septage out of a tank and dump it in a field that is not approved for disposal. We want to know where it's going."

McNulty thought the recommendation would be something the Rouge communities "would be judged on," referring to bimonthly hearings before U.S. District Judge John Feikens on how the Rouge cleanup is progressing to improve water quality.

Murray said if county health departments conduct their inspections at time of sales, it would relieve communities of that responsibility, which was outlined in a letter from the DEQ.

RRAC members also were reminded that the motion was a recommendation only and the MDEQ could issue tougher guidelines if it so desired.

Jim Graham, executive direc-

tor of Friends of the Rouge and RRAC member, was disappointed that the point of sale was the minimum. Some septic tanks haven't been inspected in 25 or 30 years, Graham said.

Kurt Heise, RRAC member and administrative assistant to Dearborn Heights Mayor Ruth Canfield, recommended that the language be revised to be less restrictive. He agreed with the point-of-sale provision, but added: "It's difficult to support this, because there is no mention of cost."

McNulty said later he believed Wayne County inspections would cost between \$250 and \$300.

Charles Moon, who was appointed by Feikens to act as a monitor, said the tank maintenance responsibility must rest with the property owner.

Jack Barnes, director of the Department of Public Services in Garden City, said his community had very few homes with septic tanks, but his subwatershed group had one community with many. A \$20,000 septic tank bill to a senior citizen would be a "severe impact and some might not do it," Barnes said.

Murray said the voluntary permit "should mean something."

Gary Zorza, who also represented a subwatershed group from Oakland County, said those groups haven't reviewed RRAC's material on septic tanks, having received it two weeks ago.

RRAC's septic subcommittee was to meet on June 22 at the Wayne County Department of Environment at 3600 Commerce Court in Wayne, but another meeting was to be scheduled to allow the subwatershed groups and community representatives time to review it.

Sanzica said rebuilding a damaged septic system with a new tank and field can cost between \$12,000 and \$18,000. He believed what happens with septic tanks in Oakland County could parallel what happened with arsenic: that concerns over failed tanks and that speculation could lead to a decline in residential property values.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's note: Philip Sherman, managing editor of *The Eccentric Newspapers*, shared his views on gun control in a personal column published June 10 in most *Eccentric* editions. The column resulted in many letters, including the ones on this page.

Column 'inspiring'

I found Phil Sherman's column to be very inspiring. I hate the idea of taking a life, but I know I will if someone attacks me, or one of my loved ones.

I thank you for publishing such a great article. I for years have wondered how the anti-gun people could think that using a gun in self-defense of my life could make me a nut.

I value my life as an individual. I want to stay alive to see the sun rise and watch my niece grow up. I wish every one understood these feelings.

Douglas James
Brighton

'You're a gun nut'

To Philip Sherman: I could give you many literary reasons. Your June 10 column (on guns) does not defend your stance in the least. You asked the question, "Does this make me a rabid gun nut?" The answer to your question is "Yes." Consider yourself.

Judy McConnell
Clarkston

He bucked trend

I read Phil Sherman's recent column with great interest, since it points up one of the key issues for the group Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners.

Responsibility includes knowing whether you can or should own a firearm. It includes knowing that if you are attacked by a criminal, the police are — in most cases — too far away to do anything to stop the attack.

They can, and will, take a report. They can, and will, pursue the attacker. They can, and will, arrest the attacker (if he/she can be found) and request action from the county prosecuting attorney.

By Michigan law, however, they are not required to nor held responsible for protect individual citizens.

One comment I hear frequently goes like this: "Crime rates are falling across the state and nation. I don't feel the need to protect myself." I point out frequently that lower crime rates do not equate to crime elimination.

Some people stop and think about that, others get disgusted. Why? I wish I knew.

Personally, after seeing the effect of criminal attack on one of my family members, I chose to learn about and carry a handgun. I too ensure that unauthorized and inexperienced people do not have access to my firearm, and commend you for practicing the practical safety rules we all learn when taking a basic firearms course.

At the urging of one of my teachers, I became a certified instructor in order to give other women the chance to learn about handguns in an environment they might find less intimidating than the local gun shop.

I am pleased to see that there are journalists who aren't afraid to buck the prevailing hysteria about gun control, and commend you for a clearly written and personally revealing column.

Unfortunately, in some eyes, your actions most definitely will label you a "gun nut." It's a label I've learned to wear with pride — any denigration intended by someone calling me a "gun nut" I refuse to accept.

Please, Mr. Sherman, write more columns of this sort, and consider writing a few from the woman's perspective. The idea that men and women should not be able to protect themselves — as promoted by many prominent individuals from Attorney General Jennifer Granholm to Oakland County Prosecutor Dave Goreyca — is one I find disturbing in a world where crime still flourishes.

Pat Alzady
Sterling Heights

It's Isn't the guns

It seems such an easy answer: Restrict the ownership of guns and we can all be safe.

Have we forgotten Oklahoma so soon? Do we restrict or outlaw the ownership of fertilizer or nails, because they can be used to make bombs? Do we restrict or outlaw the ownership of matches, because they can be used to start fires?

It is not the ownership of guns, fertilizer, nails or matches that is the problem. It is not the tools themselves that are at fault. It is those who choose to misuse them that must be held accountable.

Our society, however, has virtually eliminated the teaching of accountability in our schools. Even though those who structured our republic, in their wisdom, sought to establish an unshakable foundation, nation under God, even though our currency states in God we trust and even though our legislative bodies invoke the wisdom of God in their decisions, we have found it necessary to protect our children from God in their schools, trusting instead in the wisdom of man. When God (good) left, evil came in, unchallenged, uninvited and unrecognized.

The framers of our Constitution attempted to protect religion from men when they declared Congress shall make no law regarding the establishment of religion.

Our Supreme Court has interpreted that as meaning we must protect men from religion, separating church and state, a total inversion of the original intent.

The consequences are that we are raising a generation of chil-

dren who do not understand that we are endowed with the awesome privilege of choosing good or evil and that we must live with the consequences of that choice.

Our schools teach our children how to nourish their bodies and their souls (emotions, will and mind) and act as though their spirits, the faculty that determines what is good and what is evil does not exist. They are not taught, "Thou shalt not kill," "Love your neighbor," "Forgive and ye shall be forgiven."

We are teaching them, through our movies, songs, television and video games, how to take aim and kill, how to commit adultery, how to cheat, lie, steal and profane the name of God, and how to get revenge. All of that is protected under the guise of free speech. The teaching of God is not. Why are we surprised? Children learn and imitate what they see and hear.

Recently, we have seen the results of our neglect to teach our children to choose the good and turn away from evil. The words of an unknown author say it best: "If good we plant not, vice will fill the place. And rank-est weeds the richest soil deface."

R.M. Sutherland
Auburn Hills

Talking to rocks

Does Phil Sherman's column make him a rabid gun nut? No, it confirms it.

This comes from one who has been working for the past eight years to reform the current CCW

laws. I have worn this tag — gun nut — for a number of years. It's just like 1969 when I got out of the infantry and went back to Wayne State and discovered just how much I was loved.

I find the atmosphere nearly identical. Your attempt to put gun ownership into a personal and rational perspective automatically brands you. Those who would brand Sherman have no basis in fact for prohibition.

What I find so amusing is Mike Malott's recent column and assertion that cell phones are better than guns.

I've been delivering pizza in northwest Detroit for a number of years. The money's good because there aren't that many dumb enough to do it. I also carry a cell phone, but for what remains to be seen.

The guys in the patrol car will do something if they are there, but getting them there will require talking to Detroit 9-1-1. You get better response from a box of rocks!

Fred Mager
Redford Township

Don't use name

Regrettably I must inform you that Sandy Zihhar in her letter entitled, "Explore Alternatives" published June 10 did not advise me nor ask to use my name in connection with her opinions.

Also I must state that I have advised Sandy Zihhar and others that a letter drop at the Word of Faith property is not the appropriate way to communicate with the congregation. If requested, Bishop Butler and his staff have

and will meet with those who ask.

Yes I was disappointed that key points made in my comments to Southfield City Council on May 24 were not included in Sue Buck's May 27 article "Word of Faith church to remove trees for additional parking." However, upon reading the article, I chose to trust that Bishop Keith Butler would soon meet with the community as one city councilperson suggested and attorney Joe Galvin agreed to as spokesperson for Word of Faith.

Ms. Buck's article disappointed me because she failed to print my emphatically expressed support of the Word of Faith ministry and its mission to provide spiritual and educational opportunities. The congregation has grown exponentially in each of its former locations and it is to be reasonably expected that tremendous growth will occur in Southfield also. The ministry provides a much-needed service.

This only reinforces the need for the wisdom of the church leadership, its competent consultants and Southfield's own very qualified staff to work together with the community to develop win-win solutions so that as much as is reasonably possible a quality spiritual and physical environment will exist for all. I do not agree that the removal of this many trees, even if they are "C and D" quality, is the best solution to the Word of Faith parking and/or future building needs. Whether it is trees, animals or people, I do not support the notion that a lesser quality of life is equivalent to no life at all.

What is needed is a true com-

munity approach to planning and development in Southfield. This goes beyond Word of Faith but should be utilized in every proposed project — residential, social, commercial, and/or industrial. The city directors and staff should maintain a list of active community and business associations. Active means those that hold meetings on a regular basis with a majority of the membership. When projects are proposed, a step in the approval process would include confirmation that affected neighbors — whether residential or business — have been advised of the proposal. This should be immediately implemented citywide.

In the meantime, I trust that the city and the Word of Faith leadership will communicate with the community in advance so that the natural God-given environment will not be destroyed by the faithful.

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Butler on the celebration of another wedding anniversary, a successful conference June 1-4, and the marriage of their son June 19. When their personal and ministerial lives settle down, I am confident that they will make time for the community just as their legal counsel has represented.

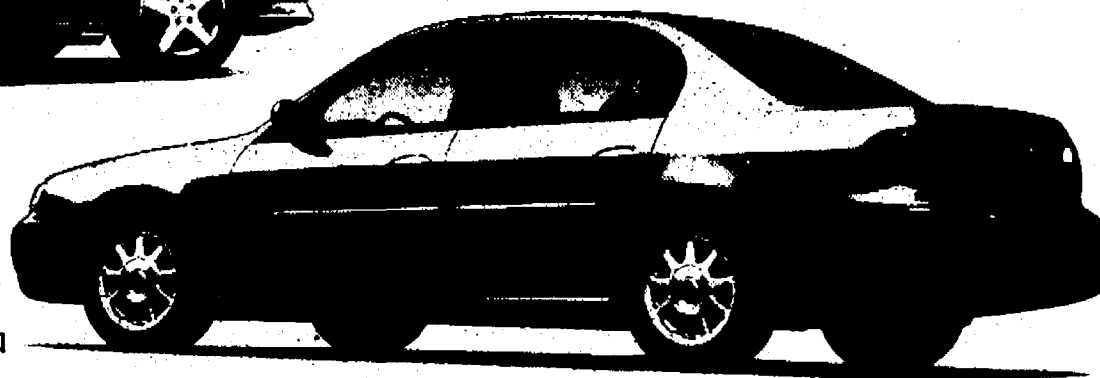
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CHEF RANDY EMERT

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If this person is you, I have some wonderful recipes that will impress your guests, and make them think you spent hours in the kitchen. Only we'll know the truth!

Hors d'oeuvres are a great item for a hot day or evening get-together. People generally prefer to eat light in the summer. These recipes are low in fat, yet refreshing, and visually enticing.

You can be as creative as you like when making these summer delights. For example, in the recipe that follows, you can substitute cooked chicken for the tuna. Think about using your favorite smoked fish in place of the salmon. The onion and artichoke dip can also be used as a sandwich spread in place of mayonnaise.

You can't go wrong with being creative. Good luck with your celebrations and happy cooking!

SWEET ONION, BASIL AND ARTICHOKE DIP

(Makes one quart)

- 2 Vidalia onions, small diced, lightly sauteed
- 1 cup artichokes, chopped
- 2 twigs of basil, washed, stems removed
- 1 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 1 cup fat-free sour cream
- 3 cloves minced garlic
- Splash of Tabasco sauce
- Splash Worcestershire sauce
- Splash lemon juice
- Salt and pepper to taste

Blend everything except onions and artichokes in a food processor to make dip.

Fold onions and artichokes into dip base. Let stand in refrigerator for at least one hour.

Serve on baked tortilla chips.

Nutrient analysis:

2 Tablespoons dip equals 20 calories, 0 grams of fat for dip.

SEARED RARE AHI TUNA WITH PICKLED GINGER, WASABI SAUCE, AND CUCUMBER

(A cold hors d'oeuvre)
Makes 20 pieces

- 10 ounces Ahi Tuna
- 1/4 cup Cajun seasoning
- Butter-flavored spray
- 1 seedless cucumber, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1 teaspoon wasabi powder
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1/4 cup fat-free sour cream
- Salt to taste
- 1/4 cup pickled ginger, julienne cut

Dust tuna with Cajun seasoning and sear over medium-high heat to 110°F internal temperature and chill.

Mix wasabi powder, lime juice, sour cream and salt together to make sauce. Let stand for a minute.

To assemble appetizer:

Slice tuna 1/4-inch thick, put on cucumber slice. Dollop a little wasabi sauce on tuna, place a little ginger on top. Enjoy!

Look for wasabi sauce and pickled ginger at specialty food stores such as Merchant of Vino Whole Foods Market.

Nutrient analysis:

5 pieces per serving, equals 120 calories, 3 grams of fat.

Please see **TRADITION, B3**

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Cheers for Beer
- Recipe to share

DOUGH BOYS



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Partners: Gerald Matthes (left) and Jean-Marc Seranon welcome customers to the Give Thanks Bakery & Cafe in downtown Rochester.

Gerald and Jean-Marc 'Give Thanks' a loaf at a time

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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The Give Thanks Bakery & Cafe in downtown Rochester is a place to give thanks for simple pleasures such as crusty bread, steamy, freshly brewed cups of coffee or tea, and melt-in-your-mouth croissants and pastries.

It's somewhere to escape, to be pampered, and welcomed by people who believe in hospitality, giving back to the community, and making the seemingly ordinary extraordinary.

Ten percent of the profits at the bakery owned by managing partner Gerald Matthes, and Jean-Marc Seranon, a pastry chef and chocolatier from Nice, France, are given to local charities.

Open since May, the bakery has a Main Street address, but faces an alley that runs parallel to Main Street, midway between Second and Third streets. The bakery faces Walnut Street. There are three small tables inside.

Sharon Bordine of Rochester stops

Please see **THANKS, B2**

From reporting news to baking hardy soughdough breads

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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Organic flour, purified water and sea salt. With those three simple ingredients, Stone House Bread, located in the Holiday Market in Canton, kneads up some of the best-tasting loaves in town.

Breadmaker Bob Pisor, former reporter for WDIV-TV news, opened his Stone House Bread in Leland in October, 1995. The Holiday Market is the only Detroit-area outlet for his crusty, hearth-baked breads, like the hearty North Country, a two-grain sourdough.

I sampled it. Robust, with a nice texture. Add a little mustard, a touch of horseradish, and a roast beef sandwich is transformed into bliss.

When it comes to bread making, practice makes perfect — lots of practice.

"I made a lot a sewer lids — they were dense and thin and never rose — before I made the kind of loaves I love," said Pisor, who pays regular visits to his Holiday Market location.

Baking bread is an act of love for Pisor, who sometimes mixes his sourdough starters outdoors. "There's a spiritual truth in building your own starter... It's magic. You end up with something that actually rises bread."

A good sourdough starter is nothing more than flour and water coaxed together to form a malleable mixture thicker than pancake batter but not thick enough to hold up a spoon, said Pisor. Mix it in a bowl (glass, wood or plastic), cover it with a clean towel and store in a cool

place for three to four days.

No ordinary flour and water will do for Pisor. Stone House Bread uses only organic flour — no pesticides, herbicides, bromides or bleaches. Up north, Pisor uses pure well water. At Stone House Bread in the Holiday Market, the water is purified on site.

Pisor purchases his flour from Heartland Mills, a small Mennonite cooperative in western Kansas. And like the best of the French bread makers, he knows his farmers and millers by name.

The oven

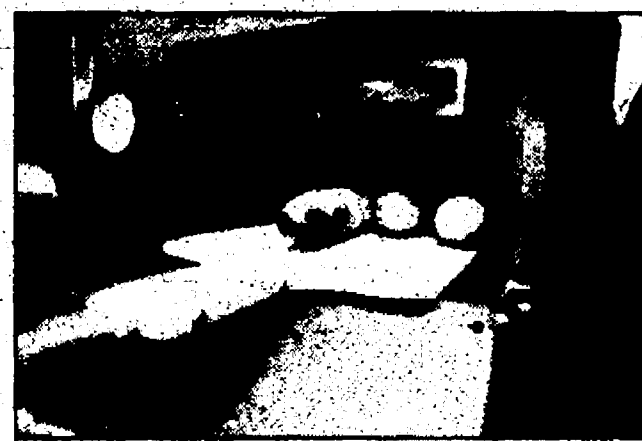
The heart of Holiday Market, owned by John

Please see **BAKING, B2**



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Baking bread: Baker Alan Maniscalco uses a "peel" to deposit unbaked loaves in Stone House Bread's 35,000-pound wood-burning oven.



Finished product: Freshly baked loaves of sourdough bread await removal from the oven. Pass the butter, please.



Feeding the flames: Baker Alan Maniscalco checks the wood supply that keeps the oven fired up at Stone House Bread.

Mitchelton excels with marsanne and shiraz

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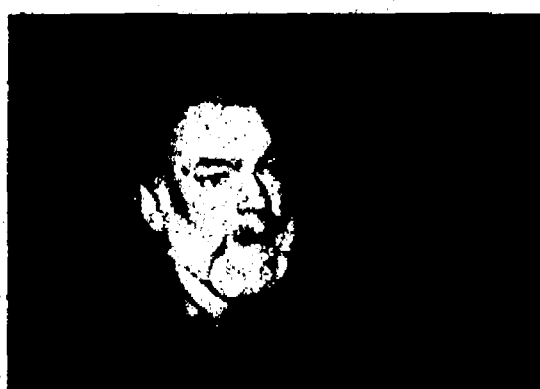
Australia's future brightened only 30 years ago. Minerals were booming and modern high-rises sprouted in the cities. Baby boomers coming to maturity had a sense of urgency to shake off old shackles and embrace new ideas. A wine boom was in the making and Mitchelton winery in the Goulburn Valley of Australia's state of Victoria, was born.

If you've not discovered Mitchelton, let us make the introduction.

Introductions

Actually three introductions. From one winery, there are three labels, representing tiered wine pricing. Thomas Mitchell wines (named after the region's explorer Major Thomas Mitchell) are the lowest priced. Using fruit from selected vineyards in South Eastern Australia, these value-priced wines exhibit lively fruit flavors, balanced for enjoyment at time of release.

Next the Preece label, honoring



RAY HEALD

Winemaker: Don Lewis makes show-stopping wines at Mitchelton in the Goulburn Valley of Australia's state of Victoria.

Mitchelton's first winemaker Colin Preece. For these wines, inter-regional blending from selected areas within Victoria maintains quality and style. The sum of hillside fruit plus some from the valley floor equals wine with complexi-

ty, elegance and eminent drinkability and the Australian approach to wine.

Top-flight bottlings are labeled Mitchelton. Others bear a Victoria appellation and some Goulburn Valley, home to Mitchelton winery; a site chosen for its unique combination of soil, climate and proximity to waterways, which perfectly ripen grapes, concentrating flavors in small bunches with tiny berries.

Mitchelton is a modern winery with show-stopping wines made, since 1974, by winemaker Don Lewis. While there's a host of wines for you to enjoy, we view Mitchelton as a leader in producing marsanne and shiraz.

Marsanne (a white grape variety) from Mitchelton has garnered global recognition. California continues to struggle with this variety and also with roussanne (often found in a Rhone Valley blend of the two). Some winemakers have been so perplexed with these vari-

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Wine Picks

- **Pick of the Pack:** 1996 Rosemount Balmoral Syrah \$42 is a classic; mouthfilling and generous, one of the best syrahs around.
- **Priced right cool whites to take the heat out of summer:** 1998 R.H. Phillips Night Harvest Sauvignon Blanc \$6; 1998 Fetzer Sauvignon Blanc Echo Ridge \$8; 1998 Chateau Souverain Alexander Valley Sauvignon Blanc \$10; 1998 Benziger Fume Blanc \$11; and 1998 Campanile Pinot Grigio \$11.
- **Earth-minded organically-grown wines:** 1997 Bonterra Roussanne \$17 and 1997 Bonterra Vignier \$17 are positively delicious.
- **Big, flavorful chardonnays:** 1997 Benziger Reserve Chardonnay \$25; 1997 Chalone Vineyard Chardonnay \$31; and 1997 Pine Ridge Stags Leap District Chardonnay \$35.
- **Mellow reds:** 1997 Francis Coppola Diamond Series Merlot \$16 and Benziger Syrah \$18.

Making bread

Cookbook teaches kids how to 'Knead It, Punch It, Bake It!'

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Children love to help in the kitchen, especially when it's a project where they can "Knead It, Punch It, Bake It!"

Those words introduce "The Ultimate Breading Book for Parents and Kids," by Judith and Evan Jones. (Houghton Mifflin, \$16). It's a delightful cookbook with over 40 easy-to-understand recipes that kids and parents can make together. An introduction explains "All About Yeast," and "How to Measure." Jones invited a few children to her Vermont kitchen to test the recipes in the book. "The children just plunged right in tossed the dough around, watched it mysteriously rise in the bowl,

and had fun punching it down again and fashioning it into different shapes," she said.

Here are some recipes to try.

APPLE MUFFINS

- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 2 1/2 cups white flour
- 1/2 cup stone-ground whole wheat flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 2 medium apples, peeled, cored and cut in small dice (be sure to use tart, firm apples)
- Topping**
- 2 teaspoons sugar mixed with 1/2 teaspoon ground cin-

namon
Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Beat the egg in a medium bowl, and then add the oil and sugar, continuing to beat until well blended. Mix together thoroughly the white flour, whole wheat flour, baking powder, and salt in another bowl or on a piece of waxed paper. Add the dry ingredients to the egg mixture, then pour in the milk.

Fold in the diced apples. Rub a muffin pan liberally with butter and spoon the batter into the cups, filling them two-thirds full.

Sprinkle the topping evenly over all the muffins and bake in the middle of the preheated oven for 20 minutes, or until lightly browned.

Remove from the oven and run the flat side of a knife vertically around the sides of each cup.

Turn the pan upside down, tapping it to dislodge the muffins. Serve warm. Makes 10 to 12 good-sized muffins.

BANANA CARROT BREAD

- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter at room temperature
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 very ripe bananas
- 2 cups white flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinna-

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- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and grated
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Cream the butter by mashing it with a large wooden spoon against the sides of a large mixing bowl until creamy. Add the sugar and beat to mix in as thoroughly as you can. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well.

Use a fork to mash the bananas against a flat plate, and then stir them in.

Mix together thoroughly the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and cloves on a large piece of waxed paper. Make a

funnel of the paper and add this dry mixture to the butter-egg-banana mixture, stirring.

Stir in the walnuts, grated carrots and vanilla, and mix the batter very well.

Butter the inside of an 8-inch loaf pan and pour the batter into it. Bake in the middle of the preheated oven for 1 hour. The top should be browned and the bread will probably have a crack on top. To be sure it is done, insert a toothpick in the center — it should come out clean. Allow the bread to cool in the pan for 15 minutes. Loosen the sides by running a knife around the edges of the pan and turn the loaf out onto a rack. Cool completely before serving. makes one 8-inch loaf.

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in often. It reminds her of the bakeries she visited while going to school in Europe. "In a world of skim milk, Gerald and that bakery are cream," she said. "It is a truly European bakery. I found what I had in Europe again."

The bakery specializes in hand-shaped, hearth-baked European-style breads, French pastries, and rustic tortes made in the northern Italian tradition. There are some things you wouldn't expect to find, such as classic meat pies like ones you would have in a London pub,

and focaccia with fresh vegetables and imported cheese. Handmade truffles, caramels from an Abbey in Iowa, dipping oils, antique china, and children's books from England, illustrated by Matthes' sister, Diane, are also offered for sale.

Bread bakers Trale Broudy, Noel Black, Matthes and Seranon attended the National Baking Center in Minneapolis. Broudy was the regional winner of the James Beard bread competition in 1996.

"We have three great bakers, and one rookie, me," said

Matthes, who spent 39 years in marketing, most recently supervising Chrysler and Jeep advertising in international markets, before he opened the bakery.

Baking bread is a Matthes family tradition that began in Germany in 1762, and continued in England until 1978 when the Matthes bakeries, which had grown to 33 outlets, closed.

On a business trip to Germany in 1985, Matthes, with the help of his best friend, found the building where his great-great uncle August Matthes operated a guest house and bakery.

"The building was locked and empty, but the owner agreed to open it up," said Matthes. "I found my great-great uncle's small cot in a bedroom and the bakery." In the attic he discovered a book of prayers in Gothic German. On the inside of the cover, in pencil, was written the name of Anna Matthes. The Stuttgart Museum dated the prayer book to be over 200 years old. Matthes arrived just in time. The building was scheduled to be gutted in five days and turned into flats.

"When I'm molding dough it

gives me a wonderful feeling," said Matthes, who after his discovery in Germany began attending bread-baking courses at the Culinary Institute in New York and the National Baking Center with the goal of some day opening his own shop.

Broudy had his own bakery in California, but moved here in September to work with Matthes and Seranon. He bicycles to work from his home in Rochester.

"I want to be a baker, I don't want to be a business owner," said Broudy. "Bread baking is very appealing. You use your

intellect as well as pursue an art form. It's an enjoyable thing to do."

Give thanks; it's something Matthes and his staff hope people do every time they visit. "We want you to feel encouraged," he said, "uplifted, and happier than when you came in."

The Give Thanks Bakery & Cafe is located at 225 S. Main Street. It's open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Call (248) 601-1542 for more information. The bakery offers gift certificates and baskets for sale. School tours can be arranged.

Baking from page B1

Pardington, is the 35,000-pound wood-fired oven that bakes up the loaves for Stone House Bread. Pardington owns the oven and Pisor supplies the product.

The igloo-shaped oven is constructed of four layers of brick with mortar and sand in

between. It was just a container of bricks when its manufacturer, Pavolier, shipped it by sea from France. A French mason followed by plane.

"I sloshed through a lot of cement. It took us four weeks to build that oven, brick by brick," said Pardington. One local

mason helped with the construction.

All the bread is baked on the oven's 4,000-pound concrete wheel, which is hand-cranked from the outside. The loaves are placed directly on this wheel. Contact with the concrete gives the loaves their wonderful crust.

To get crusty bread at home, Pisor suggests baking your loaves on a pizza stone or

unglazed tiles. Use a "peel" (a long, shovel like tool used to transfer bread into and out of ovens) to deposit your loaves with a flick of the wrist.

Pisor also suggests misting the sides of your oven a couple of times to create a bit of steam.

The bread

"Look at that beautiful focaccia," said Pardington as he enu-

merated the ingredients: olive oil, freshly crushed garlic, fresh Roma tomatoes, and freshly chopped basil.

I looked and sampled. Delicious. The olive bread, a white sourdough dotted with dark kalamata olives, also looked enticing.

Stone House Bread is not for bread wimps. Their loaves are tangy sourdoughs. No yeast, sugar or oil is used, and making the bread is more than a day-long process. The loaves are mixed in the morning, molded about noon, then refrigerated and baked the next day.

"It is a labor-intensive process. We hand-mold every loaf and let it rise over a long period of time. We're very particular about the process," said Alan Maniscalco, chief baker at Stone House Bread in the Holiday Market.

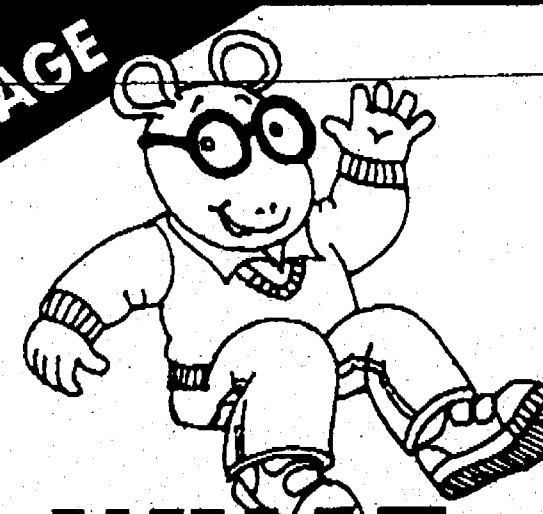
Pardington, who describes himself as a "breaddie," brings home a loaf from Stone House Bread every day for his four kids.

"They rip into bread like God intended. My kids don't know what Wonder Bread is."

Holiday Market is located at 520 South Lilly Road (southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Lilly) in Canton. For more information, call (734) 844-2200.

Stone House Bread, located at 407 Main St. in Leland, is open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. The bakery ships bread all over the United States. For more information or a catalog, call 1-(800)-252-3218 or e-mail: stone-housebread@aol.com

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Top grilled bread with fresh tomatoes and basil

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"I find the best recipes in the world are simple and pure," said John Pardington, owner of Holiday Market in Canton.

Both he and Bob Pisor, owner of Stone House Bread, agree this recipe is a winner.

STONE HOUSE BREAD RUSTIC SANDWICH

1 slice of North Country sour-dough bread, cut in half
Extra virgin olive oil

1 garlic clove, out in half
1 ripe tomato, sliced thin
Fresh basil, chopped
Pinch of salt and cracked pepper.
On a grill, brown both sides of bread.
Brush one side with olive oil and rub with garlic clove.
Top with tomato slices and basil. Finish off with salt and pepper.
Recipe compliments of Holiday Market and Stone House Bread.

Mitchelton from page B1

eties that they've dubbed them "the evil twins."

But marsanne from Mitchelton is extraordinary. And if you don't know the varietal, start your friendship right at the top. 1998 Thomas Mitchell Marsanne \$10 is virtually unwooded, but captures attention with orange blossom-citrus aromas, melony flavors and crisp finish. 1997 Mitchelton Goulburn Valley Marsanne \$17 is half barrel fermented and half cold fermented in tank. The blend has buttery aromas, rich fruit flavors and a creamy finish.

If you can try these wines side-by-side, you will easily see the impact that both estate-grown fruit and barrel treatment make on the Mitchelton wine. We like both wines with Asian-influenced foods.

"We're planting more

marsanne and adding rousanne," Lewis said. "With additional plantings, two-thirds of our grape needs will be satisfied by our own vineyards."

Mitchelton produces shiraz from a cool growing region. Well-drained alluvial soils yield sweet fruit, intensely-flavored, peppery, spicy shiraz, with a round mouthfilling palate. Three different shiraz bottlings are available:

■ 1997 Preece Shiraz \$14 showcases red fruit aromas and flavors with a soft, approachable finish. Try it with dry rub barbecued ribs.

■ 1996 Mitchelton Goulburn Valley Shiraz \$17 is hallmarked by inviting fruit and spicy notes, lingering long into the finish.

■ 1995 Mitchelton Print Shiraz \$45 is Mitchelton's flagship wine featured in an artist series.

FOCUS ON WINE

Black fruits are highlighted by a big, spicy oak style. Flavors are layered and generous completed by a rich, mouthfilling finish. Pair it with savory, spicy dishes.

Recent releases

Other recent-release Mitchelton wines we tried and liked:

■ 1998 Preece Sauvignon Blanc \$14 is hallmarked by grapefruit zest, tropical fruit and crisp finish. Perfect with any seafood.

■ 1996 Mitchelton Chardonnay, Victoria \$17 has all the bells and whistles you like in a big, mouthfilling chardonnay.

■ 1996 Mitchelton Cabernet Sauvignon, Victoria \$20 is complex with cocoa and roast coffee notes in the finish.

■ Best buy is 1997 Thomas Mitchell blend of 40 percent cabernet sauvignon, 30 percent shiraz and 30 percent cabernet franc \$10. This food-friendly wine is a great value that pairs with Mediterranean-style foods, barbecued lamb or a take-out gourmet pizza when you don't have time to cook, but want a good bottle of wine.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Tradition from page B1

SHERRY MUSHROOMS IN CRISP PHYLLO PASTRY

(A hot hors d'oeuvre)
Makes 24 pieces
12 ounces mushrooms, minced
1 large shallot, minced
1 shot (1 1/2 oz.) KVV sherry
1/4 cup fat-free sour cream
8 Sprigs chopped parsley
All purpose flour (about 1/8 - 1/4 cup)
Salt and pepper to taste
8 Sheets phyllo dough (4 sheets used at a time)
Butter-flavored spray

Place mushrooms, shallots and sherry in stainless pan, uncovered over medium heat, until most of the liquid has reduced from the mushrooms. Pull from heat, add sour cream, parsley, salt and pepper.

Sift in the flour and mix well. Cook an additional 2-3 minutes. Let cool completely. Once cool, spread out phyllo dough spraying each piece evenly with the butter spray. Make sure you cover the dough from side to side with the spray.

Place the next piece of dough on top and repeat until four sheets are used. Cut into 12 equal strips. Place 1/2 ounce mushroom mixture on each piece. Fold like a flag, seam on the bottom. Spray with butter flavored spray. Repeat procedure to make all 24 pieces. Bake at 400° F until golden brown, (12-15 minutes). Serve immediately.

Nutrient analysis: 6 pieces per serving: 120 calories, 1 gram fat.

SMOKED SALMON AND CHIVE SOUR CREAM WITH RED ONION CAPER RELISH ON RYE CRACKER

(A cold hors d'oeuvre)
Makes 20 pieces
20 slices smoked salmon (10 ounces)
20 fat-free rye crackers
1/2 cup fat-free sour cream
Splash lemon juice
3 chives, chopped small
Salt and pepper to taste
Mix sour cream, lemon juice, chives, salt and pepper together

RELISH

1 small red onion, julienne sliced
1 green onion, cut on bias
1 1/2 teaspoons capers
1/2 cup red wine vinegar
1 tablespoon honey
1 clove chopped garlic
Salt and pepper to taste

Place all ingredients, except green onion in stainless steel pan. Cook over low heat, covered 10-15 minutes. Transfer to a shallow dish. Cover and cool completely. Fold in green onions when mixture is cooled. Season to taste.

To assemble appetizer
Place salmon on cracker. Place a small amount of sour cream on top of salmon. Place a small amount of relish on top of sour cream.

Nutrient analysis: Each piece of salmon and cracker - 40 calories, 1 gram of fat.

Chef Randy Emert of Clarkston is Executive Chef at Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, 4480 Orion Road, Rochester. Look for his next column on Sunday, Aug. 15 in Taste.

Serve your meat and potatoes guy flank steak

Dear old dad... he likes his meat and potatoes, but vegetables are not his thing. Unfortunately, food habits such as eating red meat too often and not eating enough vegetables can contribute to poor health.

Give your dad some new food options that make the best of his favorites while sneaking in some great tasting vegetables he's sure to love.

Eating too much red meat has been linked to higher risk of colon and prostate cancers. The American Institute for Cancer Research recommends limiting red meat intake to less than 3 ounces per day. Red meat is also a problem when it displaces fruits, vegetables and whole grains in the diet.

Evidence is strong that diets high in fruits and vegetables are beneficial for preventing many cancers. Sure, potatoes are a great vegetable, but when they are fried, they can provide as much fat as the meat with which they're served.

So if your dad is a meat lover, encourage him to include more poultry and fish in his meals, and when he occasionally enjoys red meat, suggest that he try lean cuts like loin or round.

Better still, let a variety of nutritious fruits, vegetables, whole grains and beans take center stage at meal time. Offer meat only a supporting role. Preparing dishes such as stir-fries using mainly vegetables and a small portion of lean beef or chicken is a great way to do this. Or serve up some fajitas made with bell peppers, onions, and other favorite veggies with a few strips of meat mixed in.

Men currently eat only an average of three servings of fruits and vegetables a day, far below the recommended five to nine servings recommended. And, since they tend to eat more total calories than women, men should be eating at the top end

of the five to nine range. So there's lots of room for improvement.

To see how the new meat and potatoes routine might work, try the recipe below for Flank Steak with Citrus and Pepper Marinade. Serve it with scalloped potatoes made by combining and baking thinly sliced potatoes, mushrooms and onions, condensed beef broth, a bit of olive oil, grated nutmeg and paprika. Add a steamed green vegetable for a delicious, wholesome meal.

FLANK STEAK WITH CITRUS AND PEPPER MARINADE

1/4 cup orange juice
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons lemon juice
Grated rind of 1 lemon or orange
1 teaspoon canola oil
1/4 teaspoon coarse pepper
1 pound flank steak

In a small bowl or measuring cup, combine orange juice, garlic, lemon juice and rind, oil and pepper; mix well. Place steak in plastic bag or shallow dish; pour mar-



Wholesome meal: Flank Steak with Citrus and Pepper Marinade, served with scalloped potatoes, and a steamed green vegetable is a delicious, wholesome meal.

nade over. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour or up to 1 day, turning steak once or twice.

Remove steak from marinade; broil or barbecue for 4 to 5 minutes on each side or until desired doneness. Cut diagonally across

the grain into thin slices.

Nutrition information: Each of the three servings contains 224 calories and 11 grams of fat.

Information and recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Share your favorite recipe

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Caregiver support

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is offering a new support group for Caregivers. This on-going support group will be held the last Wednesday of every month. The first Caregiver Support Group meeting will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 30 in the hospital auditorium. The purpose of this group is to provide ongoing support and education for caregivers and older adults. The program will be moderated by various health care professionals.

Immunization clinic

Immunizations provided except chicken pox. Bring your child at the most convenient time from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 14. No pre-registration required. Bring child's immunization records with you. Clinic held monthly at Saint Joseph Mercy Arbor Health Building, 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call (734) 414-1010.

Parkinson support

Western Wayne Parkinson Support Group, a discussion and support group for people with Parkinson's Disease and their family members and friends meets the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 8 at the Livonia Senior Citizens Building, Farmington at 5 Mile. Call (734) 421-4208 to register.

NutriBaby

This class can help your child get a healthier start towards a lifetime of good eating. Learn how to feed your baby, when to introduce different foods, and how to make feeding time fun for your baby and relaxing for you. Class includes cooking demonstrations, recipes and food tasting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22 at the Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Call (734) 397-5110.

Interview sitters

Attention parents: You are invited to interview prospective babysitters at 1:30 p.m. on June 26 at the Redford Township District Library, 15150 Norborne - west of Beech Daly; south of Five Mile. Call (313) 538-4257.

Camp 9-1-1

Huron Valley Ambulance will host a free 9-1-1 Camp for children ages 10-13 in Plymouth on July 27 and 28. Activities will include touring an ambulance, learning CPR and first-aid, and taking a tour of a local ER. Interested children are asked to write a short letter explaining why they would like to attend the camp. For a registration form or more information call Julie Saksewski at (734) 482-6259.

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 noteworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsletters (appointments, news items in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (clinical advances, news items from hospitals, physicians, researchers).

We also welcome news items that are health and fitness related.

Submit your news items to:

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3D Dentistry

Patients view procedures from new perspective

By Kim Mortson
Staff Writer
Immunization, Bone Marrow Transplant

Rumelani Besinga went scuba diving the last time she visited her dentist. It wasn't Nitrous oxide that gave her the feeling she was swimming amid a school of tropical fish, but the 3D goggle-like glasses she wore during the temporary installation of a dental implant to replace a missing tooth.

The glasses, offered to patients of Dr. Timothy Kosinski, D.D.S. of Comprehensive Dentistry of Bingham Farms, allows patients to view the latest movies on video, watch television or experience swimming under water, taking a hot air balloon ride over the Rocky Mountains or skiing down a steep, snow covered mountain.

The technology is similar to IMAX 3D movies like those shown at the IMAX Theatre at the Detroit Science Center but pared down into goggles that completely cover the eyes and a headset for the ears.

"It took my mind off what Dr. Kosinski was doing," said Besinga, a Westland resident. "It was a great thing to help pass the time — especially during a long procedure."

The 3D illusion puts the images of the same scene, taken at slightly different angles, together. Using special glasses the images are seen as single pictures and appear to have depth, therefore simulating the visual and physical senses that give the wearer the sense they're swimming, flying or moving with the video.

Kosinski purchased a single pair of the glasses, at a cost of \$499 six months ago after he saw them at a dental convention in Detroit. He also became familiar with the technology while serving on the editorial review board for Reality, a publication that reviews new dental products and makes recommendations to industry-related professionals.

"Patients can tune out what's being done in their mouth and not hear or see the dental instruments and focus on something else — like watching television or a movie," said Kosinski, a dentist since 1984.

In the past, Comprehensive Dentistry used techniques such as television, VCR's, sedation and patient education to help alleviate the stress and anxiety associated with a trip to the dentist. Kosinski says, however, that the 3D glasses and head set, with Surround Sound technology, blocks out the distractions of the dental office and lets a patients strong visual sense take over to put them at ease.

"Patients love it," said Kosinski, "and it really helps pass the time during long procedures. We, in some instances, have reduced the need for sedation and find our patients have a better dental experience than they may have had in the past."

"We don't want bad experiences, just good visits whether the patient is a child or an adult."

Breaking the chain of anxiety associated with a negative office visit can be a challenge, but a necessary measure when the well-being of someone's oral health is involved.



Technology: Dr. Timothy Kosinski, D.D.S. of Comprehensive Dentistry of Bingham Farms, temporarily installs a dental implant for patient Rumelani Besinga, 28. The Westland patient is wearing 3D glasses that enable her to watch television, movies or 3D films. The compact screen gives the wearer the sense they are viewing their very own personal theater with a wide screen television and Surround Sound technology without the distractions of the dental procedure.

Kosinski has many patients that come from as far away as Saginaw and out-of-state clients including Pennsylvania and Boston because of the extensive dental services he offers from general, implant and cosmetic dentistry to bone grafting and care for the physically challenged. All the more reason Kosinski offers the glasses to his patients.

Besinga, 28, said she was referred to Kosinski by her general care dentist due to his knowledge and experience with dental implants.

"Many of these procedures are lengthy and require repeat visits," said Kosinski. "We'll do everything we can to make the patient more comfortable. The glasses take the patients mind to a different level."

"My procedure required a small amount of anesthetic but otherwise the glasses really helped me relax. I would recommend people watch nature movies. Movies of a non-violent nature. The undersea movie was very relaxing and time went by really quickly," said Besinga.

If you would like information from Comprehensive Dentistry, call (248) 626-8651 or visit their Web-site at www.smilecreator.net

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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JUNE 21 & 22

55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING

St. Mary Hospital has joined with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to offer 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. This course is designed to meet the specific needs of older drivers. It covers age-related physical changes, declining perceptual skills, rules of the road, local driving problems and license renewal requirements. The fee for the class is \$8 and registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

WED, JUNE 23

SIBLING CLASS

A special night devoted to siblings which will help prepare them for the arrival of the family's new baby. Class time is two hours and is recommended for children three to eight years of age. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-3330.

THUR, JUNE 24

FIRST AID

Learn how to care for injuries, sudden illness and other emergencies at home or on the job. Must have a current CPR card and present it in class. Book and bandage kit included; \$25. Livonia Mission Health Medical Center - 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh.

CARDIAC DIET

Experience a taste of summer. Learn how to make fast and healthy dishes that are low in fat, cholesterol and sodium. Recipes and samples of dishes will be provided from 6-7:30 p.m. \$5. Farmington Hills/Northwestern Providence Medical Center; 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills.

BREASTFEEDING CLASS

St. Mary Hospital will host a breastfeeding class from 7-9 p.m. This class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. The class will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother and family. Cost of the class is \$20. Pre-registration is requested, but mothers can register at the class. Call (734) 655-1100.

WED, JUNE 30

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is offering a new support group for Caregivers. This on-going support group will be held the last Wednesday of every month. The first Caregiver Support Group meeting will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. The purpose of this group is to provide ongoing support and education for caregivers and older adults. The program will be moderated by various health care professionals.

THUR, JULY 8

PARKINSON SUPPORT

Western Wayne Parkinson Support Group, a discussion and support group for people with Parkinson's Disease and their family members and friends meets the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Livonia Senior Citizens Building, Farmington at 5 Mile. Call (734) 421-4208 to register.

WED, JULY 14

INFANT CPR

Course intended for those 12 years and older interested in learning basic knowledge of the heart and lungs, household safety tips, CPR and choking rescue skills for infants and children one to eight years old. Does not meet requirements for daycare. \$25 includes manual. Class runs from 7-10 p.m. at the Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh. Call (877) 345-5500.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Immunizations provided except chicken pox. Bring your child at the most convenient time from 4-7 p.m.

No pre-registration required. Bring child's immunization records with you. Clinic held monthly at Saint Joseph Mercy Arbor Health Building, 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call (734) 414-1010.

TUE, JULY 20

CARBOHYDRATE COUNTING

Learn how to read labels, adjust recipes and incorporate more variety into your diabetic meal plan. Information regarding complex vs. simple carbohydrates and using more fiber. Farmington Hills/Northwestern Providence Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. Call (877) 345-5500.

TUE, JULY 20

LYME DISEASE

The Lyme Disease Support Group of Western Wayne County will meet at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church (3 Towne Square, Wayne). Call Connie, (734) 326-3502 for information. All are welcome.

WED, JULY 21

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

This course is intended for those 12 years and older interested in learning basic life support and knowledge of the heart and lungs, signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke, adult CPR and choking rescue skills. Does not meet requirements for daycare providers. \$25. Class runs from 6-9 p.m. at the Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh. Call (877) 345-5500.

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Industry striving to keep up with ever-changing technology



MIKE WENDLAND

I recently spent the better part of a week in Atlanta, covering a huge gathering of movers and shakers from the telecommunications and networking industries. The talk was pure geek speak. Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line. Multiplexing. Optical networking. Packet switching. Frame Relays. The convention is called SuperComm and while the technologies that were presented and discussed may be way out there, the implications will soon be felt by all of us. And everything evolves around the Internet.

I had the opportunity to meet and interview many of the foremost leaders of this new technological revolution that is sweeping the globe. And if you think things have recently and dramatically changed in the way the world communicates, all I can say is ... hang on. It's going to change even faster. One of those visionaries I met at SuperComm was John Chambers, the president and CEO of CISCO Systems, the huge networking company. Chambers believes that the fundamental makeup of society has forever changed because of the Internet, which is continuing to grow at the astounding rate of 30 million new users a year. "We're talking about a change in society," he says. "It's more than a business change. It's a complete change in society. It will change business. It will

change the way we live and play. It will change the way we learn. SO it will be the equivalent of the Industrial Revolution. It will be the Internet Revolution." The reason is because, on a worldwide basis, "everything and everyone will be connected," says Chambers. "It will level the playing field between companies, between individuals and between countries, regardless of change." Another industry leader is Steve Ballmer, the president and CEO of Microsoft. Ballmer talked about a convergence between the telecommunications and computer hardware and software industry. Microsoft is investing billions in partnerships with huge telcom firms like AT&T, British Telcom and Nextel. He sees unified systems that tie e-mail, faxes, pagers and voice messages to a single number that can be accessed by tra-

ditional phone, the Internet and even small palm-sized personal digital assistants. "We realize the personal computer is not the only form of electronic device," says Ballmer. "Today we talk about giving people the power to do what they want, where they want and when they want on any device attached to the Internet." I interviewed Tom Koll, Microsoft's vice president for the Network Solutions Group, the man who will coordinate much of the company's strategic alliances with telecommunications concerns. "The need is for more speed," he told me. "As fast and explosive as the Internet has grown, just watch what happens when we get universal, high speed broadband access. There are so many technologies right out there, cable Internet, wireless Internet, DSL Internet. They are

all being deployed right now and we will soon enter a phase two of this Internet Revolution that we believe will even outpace what we've seen so far." Look at e-commerce. According to Forrester Research, the \$43 billion in e-commerce that occurred last year will mushroom to \$3.2 trillion by 2003. "It's what we call the network effect," says Steven Bell, a Forrester analyst who oversees business and e-commerce research. "As the number of people using a new technology grows, the more valuable it becomes." The experts say e-commerce is evolving so fast that a new description is in order. "It's really much more than e-commerce," said Ken Morgan, manager of media Internet initiatives for Telect Inc., one of the big new players in the telecommunications industry. "It's e-

business at the speed of thought." These truly are exciting times. And the sense I got from all the experts who are leading the revolution is that technology is changing so fast that it's hard for even them to keep up. But changing it is. And the change will continue: By 2005, experts predict 1 billion Internet users. Stay tuned. Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM1270. His latest book "The Complete No Geek Speak Guide to the Internet" is available in book stores or through his website at <http://www.pcmike.com>

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

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Collaborative effort

Johnson Controls, Inc. of Plymouth and Dearborn-based Plastech Engineered Products have established Trim Quest, L.L.C., a joint venture that will supply integrated vehicle overhead systems and headliners to Ford beginning in spring 1999. As a result of the new venture, 300 new jobs will be created in Michigan and Ohio.

Supplier acknowledged

For the sixth time in the last seven years, LucasVarity Automotive of Livonia has been recognized by General Motors as a Supplier of the Year. The recognition follows LucasVarity's selection by GM as its "Corporation of the Year" for 1997.

Supplier distinction

Freios Varga, a business of LucasVarity Automotive of Livonia, has been selected for a third consecutive year as a General Motors Supplier of

the Year for Latin America. Freios Varga is one of only 184 that have achieved Supplier of the Year distinction for 1998, an honor accorded to those suppliers who have achieved world-class levels of quality, service, technology and price in support of General Motors.

New Web site

Harvard Industries Inc. of Farmington Hills has unveiled its new website, located at www.harvardind.com. Through its website, Harvard provides insights into its key lines of business (automotive original equipment manufacturing, engineered products and electronics) and the advanced capabilities of its 15 plants. A key feature is a "virtual car" through which site visitors can see in one place the vast array of assemblies Harvard produces for the automotive industry.

New office location

Signature Landscape Lighting will open its new corporate offices and distribution center this month in Livonia (13753 Otterson).

Signature Landscape Lighting illuminates both residential and corporate properties throughout Michigan and Ohio with architectural grade landscape lighting fixtures along with professional system design and installation services.

Organization formed

Acro Service Corp. of Livonia has announced the creation of a new Professional Employer Organization (PEO) division. This new division will be called Acro HR Solutions. Human resource needs Acro will now be able to meet include payroll, benefit administration, tax filings, temporary staffing, permanent placement, etc.

Yazaki honored

Yazaki North America, Inc., of Canton, a leading electronic parts and technology supplier to the automotive industry, announced today that it is a recipient of Ford Motor Company's Recognition of Achievement World Excellence Award. Yazaki North America was recognized for their participation in the Warranty Reduction Program pilot category for its electrical distribution systems. The Award is annually presented honoring Ford production suppliers who have met and exceeded rigorous standards for performance in quality, cost and delivery metrics.

Supplier of year

For the fourth year in a row, Johnson Controls of Plymouth, a leader in designing, engineering and manufacturing vehicle interior systems, has been

named a General Motors "Supplier of the Year." Gaining the honor for the 1998 calendar year, Johnson Controls was cited specifically for excellence in supplying automotive seat systems for GM vehicles around the world.

Joining forces

Johnson Controls of Plymouth and Michelin are joining forces to sponsor a race team in the 16th annual Michelin One Lap of America set to begin this weekend in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The two-person team will be driving a Ford Mustang SVT Cobra equipped with Johnson Controls' PSI(TM) — an advanced, tire-pressure monitoring system — and Michelin Pilot XGT Z4 high-performance tires.

Compuware wins Jolt award

Compuware Corporation of Farmington Hills announced that Compuware received Software Development magazine's Jolt award for Product Excellence. The Jolt was awarded to NuMega DevPartner Studio in recogni-

tion of the product suite's unparalleled ability to help programmers build high quality, reliable applications.

Rated excellent

Amerisure Insurance Company of Farmington Hills and its parent, Michigan Mutual Insurance Company, collectively known as Amerisure Companies have received an "A" rating of "Excellent," up from "A-" by A.M. Best Company, the nation's leading rating service for the insurance industry.

FCI relocates

FCI Automotive has announced it has moved its corporate offices from its previous 6,000 square foot facility in Livonia to a larger 14,600 square foot facility, also located in Livonia (17197 North Laurel Park Drive). The move was made to provide the room FCI Automotive needs to house the administrative, sales and marketing staff necessary to support the company's growing presence in the North American market.

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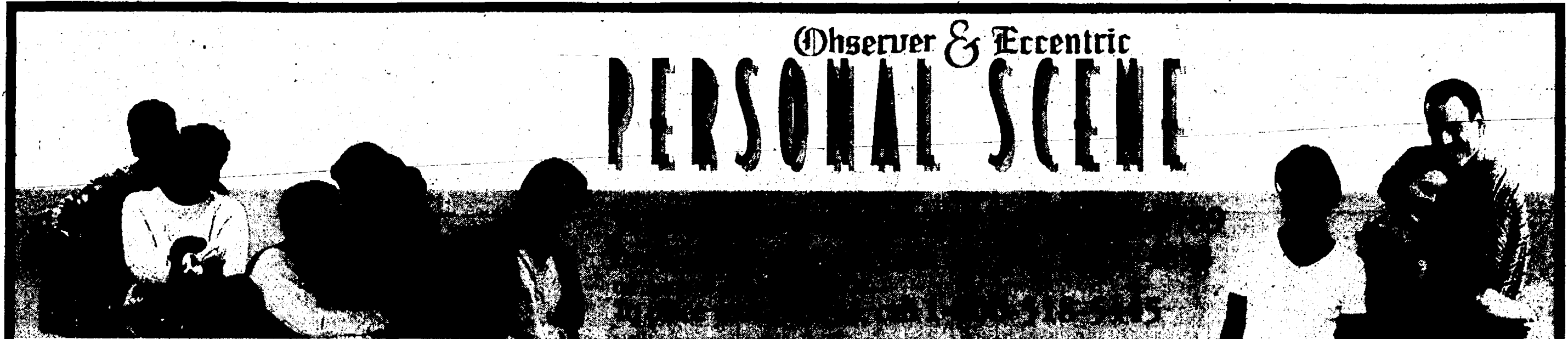
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Very pretty, energetic, spontaneous, petite SWF, 43, long blonde hair, N.S., N.D., loves nature, nature, hiking, traveling, the arts, reading, dancing, conversations. Seeking same and more of the same. LTR #4154

AMERICA'S ANGEL
Slim, educated, financially secure, blue-eyed blonde, 50s, 5'7", Jewish, visionary dresser, optimistic with distinctive qualities. Attractive and informative. How about you? Seeking active gentleman who is sweet and warm. age unimportant. SR2389

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Slender DWF, 43, 5'6", blonde/green, enjoys movies, dancing, vacations, romance. Seeking outgoing S/DWM, 34-46, 5'10", with good sense of humor. Possible LTR #4078

LOOKING FOR A HERO
Attractive, kind affectionate, down to earth DWF, 36, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde/green, enjoys movies, dancing, running warm weather music, baking. Seeking nice financially secure man with handsome personalty. Possible LTR #4155. N.S. to enjoy life with. SR2389

IS IT TIME?
Sincere SWF, 44, enjoys art, bars, the markets, concerts, dancing. Seeking companionship with SWM, 40-50, with similar interests. #4432

SPECIAL LADY
DWF, 52, comfortable in jeans or formal, seeks quality caring male. 47-57, N.S. for LTR. Going dancing a plus. #4463

MAD ABOUT YOU RELATIONSHIP
Sought, slender physically fit attractive SWF, 36, 6', likes sports seeks divorced or single WPM, 35-50. For committed relationship. #4432

BEAUTIFUL & CHARISMATIC
Intelligent, romantic, witty affectionate SWF, 33, 5'8", honey-blonde, brown, slender, many interests. Seeking handsome, successful, intelligent WPM, 35-45, for LTR. #4338

STARTING OVER
Widowed, 42, 5'6", 120 lbs, blonde, blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining-in, animals, walking, swimming. Would like to spend time with someone who is intelligent, intelligent. SWF, 35-45, for LTR. #4338

LOVE A MAN IN A BIG TRUCK
If you're looking for a beautiful, blue-eyed blonde who knows how to treat her man, look no more! Seeking SM, 30-43, who appreciates a woman who has a great mind and great feelings. #3521

BRAINS AND BEAUTY
Very attractive DWF, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'8", fit, intelligent, N.S. no dependents. Seeking tall, intelligent WPM, 38-48, for fun and friendship. #4432

STILL LOOKING
SWF, 25, 5'9", single, mom, enjoys outdoors, movies, quiet times with someone special. Seeking intelligent, successful WPM, 27-32, 5'10", for LTR. No games. #4471

FIRST TIME AD!
Personable, 42, 5'8", blonde, who enjoys movies, swimming, jazz, seeks outgoing male companion, 30-35, N.S. with similar qualities and interests. #4026

SHORT A SWEET
Pretty, passionate, smart DWF, 44, 145 lbs, blonde, enjoys dancing, no games. Seeking WPM, 38-48, N.S. for relationship. #4432

WORTH THE CALL
Attractive SWF, 42, 5'7", blonde, who enjoys dancing, partying, skating. Seeking WPM, 30-45, for fun and friendship. #3589

PARTNER NEEDED
Sports enthusiast needs partner for tennis, golf, volleyball, etc. Owner, more S/PF, 46, medium build, never married, no dependents. N.S. to D/Divorce. #4468

LADY IN WAITING
Beautiful BCPF, 47, mahogany hair, 5'6", 120 lbs, enjoys dancing, activities. Seeking gentleman Christian male, 40-55, N.S. who appreciates her for who she is. #4343

BLUES FOR YOU
West side DWF, 50, 5'6", blonde, enjoys dancing, dancing, dancing, concerts, sunsets, and many more nights. Seeking outgoing, caring male, 45-55, N.S. for fun and friendship. #4338

HIPPE AT HEART
Attractive, beautiful DWF, 45, 5'7", 145 lbs, who loves music, no country, country, movie, who can relate to something meaningful. #4466

A LOT TO OFFER
SWF, 23, 5'6", full-figured, blonde/green, looking for sweet, fun relationship. #4432

WHERE IS MR. RIGHT?
Fun, outgoing SWF, 21, 5'7", 175 lbs, blonde, N.S. enjoys sports, hanging out, having fun. Seeking honest, fun, outgoing SWM, 31-30, who loves kids, for LTR. #4426

LET'S MAKE LIFE COMPLETE
Pretty health care professional, classy slender, youthful SWF, 5'4", blonde, N.S. no dependents, no dependents, enjoys biking, dancing, golf, theater, movies. Seeking educated SWM, 35-45, who is emotionally/financially secure, for friendship. Possible LTR #3928

NO PICKUP TRUCKS...
For this classy, elegant, attractive, blonde, jolly lady you're sophisticated 46+, N.S. who lives Pine Knob, Massachusetts, fine dining, travel. Lives enjoy summer, and wonderful times together. #4334

LOVES LIFE
Attractive, easygoing, humorous, financially secure DWF, 42, mom, 30-45, who enjoys family, outdoors, football, seeking good, romance, concerts and more North Oakland County. #4523

EASY ON THE EYES
Gentle on the heart, DWF, 52, N.S. seeks S/DWM, N.S., 45-60, 5'11", loves nature, nature, hiking, weather, fun and enjoying life. Livonia area. #2534

NEW RECRUIT
Outgoing DWF, 52, 5'5", brown/blonde, medium build N.S. social drinker, enjoys dancing, dining, movies, outdoors or just hanging out. Seeking SM, similar interests for long short term romance or just for fun. #4355

THE BEST IS YET TO COME
Attractive, intelligent, DWF, 49, N.S. affectionate, outgoing, energetic, humorous, seeks tall, fit, attractive, degree, energetic, honest, successful, professional. Possible LTR #3558

PRETTY FEMME FATALE
Fun, mischievous, kind, outgoing, 47, interior designer, seeks Ralph Lauren type male, 55-65, in Birmingham area. #4079

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Do you open doors? Help with your coat? Let her choose her favorite places? Wanting to go forward with the 7 if so, give this attractive DWF, 56, a call. #4445

VERY ROMANTIC
Attractive, easygoing, humorous DWF, 49, 5'4", medium build, likes the water, up north and Florida. Seeking total gentleman, who is honest, nice, kind, romantic, a one-woman man. #4595

COULD WE...
Have perfect chemistry? If you're a SWPM, 45-57, N.S. fit, not into games, who likes traveling, theater, beach, is honest, intelligent, fun, romantic call this attractive SWF, 51, young. #4021

ALL WORK...
Attractive, college-educated DWF, 53, looking to share dinner, dancing and spontaneous activities, when time allows. Seeking DWM, 50-60, who needs to relax and enjoy life. #3693

ROMANTIC REALIST
Attractive, intuitive SWF, 40, 5'8", blonde, seeks WPM counterpart, 35-50, who is intelligent, outgoing, fit, confident (not arrogant), open to the possibility of a relationship. #3963

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, very affectionate DWF, 47, 5'7", blonde, hair, 120 lbs, N.S. who likes the simple things in life. Seeking S/DWM, 47-55, for friendship. Possible LTR #4432

SINGLE DAD OR GRANDPA!
Attractive, petite, red-headed DWF, 53, 120 lbs, N.S. loves dancing, partying, dancing, dancing, dancing. Seeking WPM, 38-52, who is financially independent, secure, who is active and fun. #4432

CAN'T BUY ME LOVE
Fun, fit DWF, 48, 5'8", blonde, Auburn, 120 lbs, 5'8", 120 lbs, husky build, for fun this anything and summer. #3648

BEST FRIENDS
Attractive, sincere, honest, caring SWF, 47, 5'8", medium build, seeks honest, sincere caring SWM, 44-50, who is intelligent, outgoing, who is fun, for travel, movies, companionship. #3794

IN THE STARS
Vivacious, 42, DWF, 45, 170 lbs, professional musician, seeks college-educated SWM, 40-50, N.S. who is fun, for life, for possible LTR. #3799

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN
SWF, 49, with varied interests, share life with possible LTR. Give me a call. #3889

WANTED: ROMANCE SPECIALIST
Easygoing, talkative, friendly, romantic, attractive SWF, 44, 5', red-head, N.S. social drinker, employed homeowner, no dependents, with many interests. Seeking attractive, honest, sincere, romantic, tall, fit, fun, outgoing, intelligent, outgoing, for friendship leading to passionate LTR. #3891

CHRISTIAN CUTIE
Cute, S/DWF, 40, 5'6", blonde, seeks attractive, well-tailored, professional, marriage-minded, intelligent SWM, 28-43, 1' live near water, so pray yourself. Sincere Christian need apply. #3750

BEAUTIFUL
Fun, sporty, young, living SF, 44, 5'7", long naturally curly hair, steel blue eyes, into self-growth, meditation, nature, yoga, natural health, laughing, speaking truth and life. Seeking soul connection SWM, N.S. #3923

DISCREET, HAPPY, HOPEFUL
passionate professional, SWF, 36, 5'5", 112 lbs, loves life, laughter, seeks stable spontaneous S/DWM, 35-55, who is open-minded, fit, and sensual. Eventually looking for monogamous relationship. #3750

TREASURE YOU
to call this dependent free DWF, 40+, smart and challenging this shapely blonde seeks passionate intelligent S/DWM, 45-55, for weekend escapes starting during North Oakland county. #3746

53 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 53, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, enjoys cooking, boating, loves people. Seeking someone in a successful, sincere W/M, 45-75. Please reply. #3738

SWIMMING DANCING???
This special romantic, attractive, fun-loving SWF, 50, 5'2", seeks honest, sensitive, fit SWM, N.S. to share my heart and passion for life. #3192

DOWN-TO-EARTH POLISHED
Youthful, kind-hearted SWF, 50, who loves to laugh, Seeking SWM, 50-63, who has interests in golf, boating, theater, home life. #3360

FROM CHICAGO
Willowy SWF, 37, 5'6", 115 lbs, blonde/green, advanced degree, professional, very attractive, outgoing, SWF, 35-42, cultured, degree, fun, attractive, fun, non-fiction, travel. And if you could cook, great! For LTR. #3677

BEST FRIEND WANTED
SWF, 44, N.S. looking for honest, caring S/DWM, 40, shares laugh, laughter, movies, meaningful conversation, for friendship, leading to LTR. #3641

SOUTHERN GIRL IN DETROIT
DWF, 27, just relocated, chile, seeks caring, understanding SWM, who loves people for LTR, no games. GMs okay. #3736

CREME DE LA CREME
Widowed female, 55, likes the outdoors, theater, home cooking, dining, seeks quality S/PF for possible relationship. #3553

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SWF, dark red hair, 5'4", living in Fort Lauderdale, considering relocation to hometown in Detroit area. Seeking tall, attractive W/M, 5', for friendship, possibly more. Must love music and exercise. #3580

LOVE & COMPANIONSHIP
The active, attractive, caring, senior SWF, 55+, seeks tall, honest, dependable, sincere gentleman, N.S. with many interests, to get to know, for possible LTR. Age is irrelevant. #3577

ROMANTIC WARRIOR
Creative, intelligent, college-educated, athletic, adventurous, creative, open-minded, intelligent, attractive SWM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breeze, dancing, romantic, warm, martial arts, and being fit. W/SWPF, 20-40, for possible relationship. #3558

GRAND OLD CONSERVATIVE
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BIG TEDDY BEAR
Romantic, affectionate, witty SWF, 37, 5'10", brown/hazel, enjoys movies, music, concerts, bars, travel. Seeking good-humored, queen-sized SWF. #4465

SINGLE DAD
DWM, 37, 5'10", 170 lbs, enjoys outdoors and being active. Seeking affectionate, fit, loving sweetheart, who enjoys music, travel, dining and romantic, quiet times. Not a date! #4321

YOUR SMILE WILL...
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SLIGHTLY HANDSOME
Friendly, handsome, tall, fit, caring SWF, 28-42, who is intelligent, outgoing, and who shares her life. #4262

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SEEKING FULL-FIGURED LADY
Sincere, honest, fit, 40, 5'9", 175 lbs, seeks medium build, loyal, sincere, understanding SWF, 35+, who is intelligent, outgoing, and who shares her life. #4432

PLEASE CALL MY DAD!
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SINGLE IN LONIA
This attractive, fun, sensitive, caring DWM, 40, 6'2", light brown hair, maybe night for you. Seeking attractive, fun, intelligent, fit, 40-50, proportionate, for true romance. #4080

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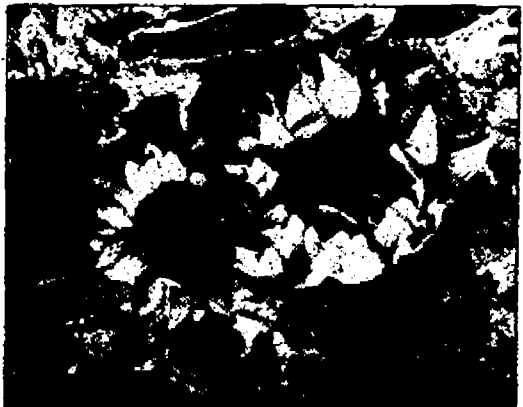
ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Flowers live forever in artist's work

Glancing around Susan Skibicki's Livonia backyard, it's easy to tell that she's been too busy teaching at Dearborn's Snow Elementary School, and directing the Ridgedale Players recent "Into the Woods" production, to groom the beds of daffodils, day lilies, and pink carnations. Give her a few weeks, says Skibicki with a smile, and she'll have the flowers looking just as good as the ones she painted and photographed for an upcoming exhibition at the Ply-



Soaring sunflowers: This is one of the photographs Susan Skibicki is exhibiting in a one-woman show devoted to flowers.

mouth Community Arts Council.

The works were created from last year's garden in time for the exhibit held in conjunction with the June 22 garden walk presented by the Trailwood Garden Club of Plymouth, a branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association.

Between visiting the seven Plymouth gardens, flower lovers can relax with complimentary refreshments at the arts council and view Skibicki's exhibition.

Filled with painted daisies and purple coneflowers, Skibicki's garden was the motivation behind the batiks, monotypes and photographs in the one woman show, "The Walk in My Garden." Dazzling with blues and golds, the dynamic batiks of sunflowers were done

Flowers are Forever

What: Visit seven Plymouth gardens, then view a floral exhibit by Susan Skibicki at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

When: Noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 22. View the art works through Friday, July 9, at the arts council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, at Junction, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-4ART.

Tickets: \$6 in advance, \$7 day of garden walk. Call (734) 459-7146 or (734) 454-4625. The art exhibit is free.

"My major was oil painting at Michigan State University and I never really worked much with watercolor," she said. "But with the watercolor monotypes, they're so light and airy. I like to do a lot of texture. You can play with the monotypes more than with regular watercolor. It's fun to do."

Monotype prints intrigue Skibicki who's always experimenting with new processes to create her art. Made by first laying down a watercolor painting on a Plexiglas plate, Skibicki then used a printing technique to transfer it to paper.

The water lily monotypes are just one example of the multitude of methods Skibicki employs in her works. As you walk through the living room, a peacock stands out from a variety of mediums, fooling the eye into thinking it was created like several wood-

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Singin' a long: Patrice Pedersen leads the choir at Central Middle School.

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Sylvan Symphonies

Teachers pack their bags for summer arts camps

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Chris Guyotte is looking forward to waking up to a symphony outside his window every morning beginning June 21. The music will more than likely be accompanied by the songs of birds flying about the 1,200-acre Interlochen Arts Camp.

For the next two months Guyotte, a Plymouth resident, will teach theater on the campus surrounded by glacial lakes and pines. He's just one of sever-

al local teachers bound for Interlochen and the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp this summer.

"It's definitely a recharge for my body," said Guyotte as he left for a quick trip home to New Hampshire before reporting for the camp. "Interlochen allows me to be a pure artist/educator. Not only do I get to develop my own art but pass it on."

Guyotte admits he'll miss students at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory, but he's ready for a change. Guyotte spent the winter term building the Canton conservatory's theater department from the ground up, nothing new for Guyotte who founded the New Millennium Youth Theatre Company in Southfield.

"I like the intensity of working with students at the camp and watching them grow over time," said Guyotte. "The kids work hard. They're up at 7 a.m. and work till 8 p.m. I make it fun for them. My philosophy is if theater isn't fun, you shouldn't do it."

Every summer for the last two years, Guyotte has written a play which is presented by students in performance ensemble classes. High school students study with Guyotte for eight weeks, intermediate students stay four weeks. At the end of the session, they do three performances. More than 500 performances will be done by students this summer at Interlochen.

"The overall goal at Interlochen is to train artists, inspire confidence and skill building, help students find a path they're enjoying and competent with, and then to build competence," said Guyotte. "Improv is an arts exploration class I teach. Basic improv is the things you'd see at Second City. In high school improv, I teach

them how to use improv to build a character say for 'Romeo and Juliet,' practical applications for what we call improvisational games."

In between all the hard work, students swim, participate in pick-up jam sessions, or just have fun. They also have an opportunity to see performances by nationally known artists in the 4,000 seat auditorium.

"There are all kinds of activities," said Guyotte. "The kids call it forced fun, dances, parties, and time to hang out."

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp

Patrice Pedersen's life becomes a vacation on July 13 when she leaves her choir students at Central Middle School in Plymouth to give private voice lessons and lead the soprano sectional at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. Sounds like work, but for Pedersen it's fun, not only to inspire young vocalists, but to practice and then perform her art during faculty recitals in the evenings.

"Living in the faculty village, there are no phones, no cooking. It's just pure fun," said Pedersen. "You do music. We've met musicians from all over the world. It's a chance to sing some nice soprano leads in major works which are then played over WBLV, the camp's public radio station."

After being auditioned shortly after they arrive the voice campers, as Patrice calls them, receive four private half-hour lessons in the 12 days they're preparing the major choral works by Vivaldi and Faure for a final concert.

"At 8:30 a.m. I warm up the soprano sectional outdoors under a big wooden canopy then teach two techniques classes including sight singing, then give private voice lessons before and after lunch," said Pedersen who has been on the Blue Lake staff with her husband Gary for 15 years. "It's rustic but there are challenges of rehearsing in open air. There are bugs or a snake crawling past and they scream. It's all

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Acting up: Chris Guyotte teaches the art of improv to students Lauren Ritz (right) and Melanie Rebant in a class at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory.

MUSIC

Gordon Lightfoot looks back in song

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Gordon Lightfoot pauses as he reflects on the five days he spent reviewing 36 years of his recordings before selecting 88 tracks for a box set released on June 15.

Produced by Rhino Records, "The Gordon Lightfoot Songbook" chronicles the soft-spoken Canadian singer's life - his first marriage in the 1960s, divorce, bouts with alcohol, Bell's Palsy, the electric guitar and environmental activism and humanitarian causes, a second marriage in 1991, and marathon canoe trips which inspired prolific songwriting and recordings that include the calls of ring neck loons.

For the rest of us, listening again to "Carefree Highway," "Beautiful," "Rainy Day People," and "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald," brings back memories of where we were in our own lives.

But hear for yourself. Lightfoot is performing on Thursday, July 1 at the Meadow Brook Music Festival in Rochester.

"It brought back the good, bad and the ugly," said Lightfoot in an interview from his downtown Toronto home. "I got to relive some of that. If I was going to do a Vol. 2, I could have 40 more which would be more ethereal but I don't want people to get bored."

Modesty is one of Lightfoot's qualities along with politeness and graciousness, a rare quality in today's world. He makes no apologies however, about the fact that the songbook contains only two songs from the

1990s. He's become a family man (for the second time) and relishes spending time with his wife and two young children. He did record two albums in the 1990s and plans to sing some of the songs from his recent "A Painter Passing Through," including "Boathouse" and a children's song about a garden toad, at Meadow Brook.

"They keep me real busy," quips Lightfoot, "and space out the albums a bit."

Lightfoot deserves a rest. Since 1962 he's written more than 350 songs and recorded about 190 of them on 19 albums. Most of the time he had no idea how the music would be accepted. "Sundown" was different. When he finished writing the classic tune in 1970, Lightfoot knew he had a winner on his hands, but it hasn't always been easy winning the record-buying public's attention.

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Tap Fest shows plenty of rhythm

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How many years before an annual event becomes a tradition?

Gwendolyn Smith, whose Friends of Artistry In Motion presents "Detroit Tap Festival: Rhythm In Motion IV" this Friday-Sunday, figures in "tap years" it's about four. "We're at the beginning of the annual (dance) festival circuit," she said. "Around the country, more and more people are aware that we're the last week in June."

It certainly helps to have Savion Glover as the headline performer in Sunday afternoon's concert. He will also teach master classes on Friday and Saturday.

"Savion has gotten so many young people interested in dance," said Smith, who met Glover five years ago at a tap festival in St. Louis. Glover, 25, a protégé of Gregory Hines, won a Tony Award in 1996 for his choreography in "Bring In Da Noise, Bring In Da Funk."

The festival might have gotten some inside help attracting Glover. His mother, Yvette, is honorary tap festival ambassador.

After two years at the Millennium Theatre Center, and last year at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, this year the tap festival will offer classes

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Da' tapper: Dancer/choreographer Savion Glover is the featured artist in this year's Detroit Tap Festival.

Carefree Highway: Gordon Lightfoot is bringing some of the songs from his 88-track boxed set to the Meadow Brook Music Festival on July 1.

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at the Southfield Westin Hotel with Sunday afternoon's headliner concert at the Music Hall in Detroit. Perhaps the best evidence that the "Detroit Tap Festival" is catching on is the dramatic increase of participants. Last year, 35 dance schools enrolled in the master classes in ballet, tap and jazz. This year, more than 100 schools from throughout the state will participate.

"Our objective is to bring more rhythm tap to our community," said Smith, a dance instructor and co-founder of Artistry In Motion of Southfield. To spread the word about tap, Smith has created a way to explore contemporary trends through master

classes while honoring the tradition of the art form in a "legends of dance" concert on the last day of the festival. Bringing in Glover is an ideal way to bridge the past and present. "Because of the mass popularity of 'Bring In Da' Noise' and his other work on Broadway ('Black and Blue,' 'Jelly's Last Jam'), a lot of people are familiar with Savion, but many people don't know about his teachers," said Smith. Glover made his Broadway debut at age 12 in "The Tap Dance Kid."

In many ways, the tradition of tap runs through to Glover from Hines to legendary hoofers Cholly Atkins, Henry Letang and Jimmy Slyde who will all share the stage in Sunday's concert.

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sand because we're 10 minutes from Lake Michigan so the dust is a challenge for the singers. If you have a violinist, they know to take care of their instrument. The voice campers scream their heads off at night, don't protect their voices from cold air, and talk and giggle all night long."

Family affair

Daughter Rachel, 14, will be one of the voice campers at Blue Lake this summer. Since Gary and Patrice both teach at Blue Lake, the entire family goes to camp. Son David, now 17; did Suzuki camp in third grade, also theater camp twice. This summer he's taking part in the Interlochen musical theater program. Rachel has taken part in two piano camps with Gary. Still too young, seven-year-old Christian

will eventually take part in the Suzuki camp.

"Christian has been at camp before he was born," said Gary. "Patrice sang a solo with the orchestra when she was pregnant with him."

"The faculty kids have all grown up together," added Patrice. "We have a lot of fun. If anything it's difficult to pull the reins back to say we have to work. There's swimming during the day, entertainment at night, from folk dance groups to well-known orchestras and the professional jazz of the Blue Lake Jazz Festival."

Like Patrice, Gary rises early to teach piano students privately. Later, students practice on their own in practice huts which are little more than structures to

shield the instruments from the elements.

"It's hard work but it's a complete change from what we do during the year," said Gary. "From a teaching standpoint, it's wonderful to have absolute control of your students. We've eliminated radios, computers, and TV to show them what they're capable of completing."

The family atmosphere is just one of the reasons the Pedersens return summer after summer. The friends they've made over the years are another. In fact, it was a contact at Blue Lake which led to Gary accepting a teaching position at Eastern Michigan University 10 years ago. He now heads the piano department.

"We're getting away from all

the distractions, and some of our dearest friends are faculty at Blue Lake, it's something we look forward to every year," said Gary.

Blue Lake prefers its teachers to be practicing musicians like Gary who's performed with the Michigan Chamber Brass, and presents a turn of the millennium concert at Christ Cranbrook Church in Bloomfield Hills next February. The staff recitals every evening are meant to inspire students, Gary inaugurates a Boesendorfer grand piano in the new recital hall July 19 with a chorale and fugue by Franck and a set of etudes by Debussy, Chopin and other composers.

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blocks hung in other areas of the house. The impressionist bird won't be in the floral show but is an example of the Skibicki's innovation. The black and white piece was created by using etching ink as the medium in the monotype process.

Floral fantasies

In the basement of her home, Skibicki has laid out all of the works she'll install in the exhibit at the arts council. Instead of taking straight photographs of flowers, Skibicki first composed a design by laying them on handmade paper that had been marbled. A piece of birch adds interest to the daffodils in another

work. Other daffs are placed inside a raku bowl, before shooting the image.

"It gives it a painterly effect," said Skibicki. "There's a lot of beautiful paintings and photographs of flowers and I wanted to do something different."

Art in the classroom

Students in Skibicki's classrooms over the last 24 years have benefited from her love of art and nature even when she taught in regular classrooms. One way or another, Skibicki manages to expose students to drawing and other art mediums. The photograph of a goat hanging over the kitchen table is from

a field trip she took with students to the farm at Maybury Park in Northville.

"Why flowers, because I like nature a lot and gardening. I try to teach the kids to stop and look and enjoy things. We ordered caterpillars at school and then turned them loose because they'd become butterflies."

When she's not teaching and sharing her love of nature and art with students, Skibicki is participating in community theater or doing art. She's divided her year. Summer is a time for gardening and art. Fall and spring are devoted to teaching and community theater. Last year, she wrote a play, "Coffee

House Confessions," which she directed for the Ridgedale Players of Troy. Over the years, she's also worked with the Farmington Players and Marquis Theatre.

"Theater and art are my two biggest passions," said Skibicki. "I've done theater for some 20 years. I think my art affects the theater because theater tries to create something visually pleasing."

If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the visual or performing arts, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

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modity they are today. American record producers just weren't going after singers from north of the border. Although he would have liked to have been the first to record his "For Lovin' Me," it wasn't realistic to expect anyone to take a chance on an unknown. Instead, his agents, Grossman and Court, gave the song to Peter, Paul & Mary who went on to make it No. 1. Eventually, Lightfoot had his own hits, paving a smoother road for musicians such as Bryan Adams, Sting, Sarah McLachan and Celine Dion.

"For a Canadian in the States to get a contract was difficult," said Lightfoot, who credits the

Juno Awards for changing the way American record producers view Canadian artists. "That and the popularity of Celine Dion, I contribute that to the Juno Awards," Canada's version of the Grammys.

By the 1970s, Lightfoot was riding high on chart-topping hits such as "Sundown," "If You Could Read My Mind" and "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" along with albums "Cold on the Shoulder" and "Endless Wire." Nothing prepared him for the changing musical winds of the 1980s. After working a year on the album "East of Midnight," Lightfoot was especially disappointed with depressed sales,

and the fact that it came in 165th on the charts. It was a sign of the times.

"Michael Jackson unleashed an album, and The Monkees were No. 1," said Lightfoot. "You don't let that discourage you. Writing and recording, I chucked it once or twice, but I couldn't stay away from it."


Perseverance on Lightfoot's part is what led to his being recognized as a living legend. He chuckles at the notion, his voice blushing through the phone wire. But legend he is. In the 1970s he was declared Canada's male singer of the decade. As if that weren't enough, 1986 brought one of his most cher-

ished honors as he was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame by no less a legend than Bob Dylan. The two had become friends.

"It's the desire to succeed, the love of the craft," said Lightfoot. "I like being able to play the guitar and stand up in front of folks. It's like a hockey player who practices for the game."

Lightfoot has "practiced" plenty for the game of becoming an international recording star. Based on the number of hits recorded by other people alone, Lightfoot's batted a thousand. He feels "it's definitely helped" him that "If You Could Read My Mind" was covered by more than 100 artists and that artists such as Elvis ("Early Morning Rain") and Barbra Streisand recorded many of the songs he sings on the four-CD box set.

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It happens

Pristine beauty

Many of the tracks reveal his love of nature. Lightfoot's canoe trips account for some of the most prolific times in his songwriting career. Six-hundred-mile paddling trips through The Rockies gave him plenty to draw on.

From the country sounding "Remember Me (I'm the One)" of 1962 to the 1998 title song from "A Painter Passing Through," Lightfoot appeals to the everyone from baby boomers to the younger generation, sure to learn a lot about the values and beauty once held in esteem.

Lightfoot credits Rhino Records executive Thane Tierney with making the retrospective project, including the release of previously unpublished tracks, run as smoothly as it did.

"The '62 cuts were done with a studio orchestra in Nashville. We'd come down from Toronto to Nashville. Chet Atkins lined up the musicians," said Lightfoot. "My favorites in terms of rarities - there's 18 of them - are the ones I dug up in Toronto studios and a storage company. Of those, Warner's Bros. only found four."

Family man

At 60, Lightfoot seems in no hurry to burn up the charts. As long "as his health holds up," he'll continue to write and record songs for the 40 to 50 shows he performs a year. His focus is on family now. But he does have some advice for up-and-coming songwriters.

"Persistence: keep on writing. I wrote 50 songs before I wrote one that meant something. Then songwriters Bob Gibson came along and Bob Dylan and made me write better songs with deeper feeling."

Rates are valid now through 12/30/99. Day of week availability and stay requirements vary by hotel. Rates subject to change without notice. Early check-out subject to payment of higher rate or early departure fee. Kids 18 and under stay free in their parents' or grandparents' room. Beverage reception included in suite price, subject to state and local laws. Limited availability, advance booking required. Rates exclusive of tax and gratuities and do not apply to groups or other offers. Other restrictions apply. ©1999 Hilton Hotels.

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Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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ART SHOWS

ANN ARBOR ARTISANS' MARKET
Features fine arts and handmade crafts by 50 Michigan artists, Sundays through December at Farmers' Market at Kerrytown, 315 Detroit, Ann Arbor.

CANTON FINE ART & CRAFT SHOW
More than 90 artists featured at the eighth annual show, Sunday, June 20, Heritage Park, Canton Township.

NORTHVILLE ART FESTIVAL
"Art in the Sun," a fine arts festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 20. Performances by the "Straw Hat Band" 12:30-2 p.m. June 20.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

CALL FOR ENTRIES
The Plymouth Community Arts Council is seeking artists to participate in its Sept. 11-12 show at Central Middle High School in Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

DANCE AUDITIONS
Michigan Theater and Dance Troupe holds auditions for 16-year-old and older dancers on Saturdays through August by appointment only. (248) 552-5001.

DEARBORN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Positions open for concertmaster, second horn and strings. Auditions Thursday, July 1 and Wednesday, Sept. 1. To schedule, call (313) 565-2424.

DOCUMENT USA
The Museum of Contemporary Art, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, seeks artists to participate in an archival exhibit. Deadline is Aug. 1. (248) 334-6038.

EXHIBITORS NEEDED
St. George Orthodox Church, 2160 E. Maple, Troy, is seeking exhibitors for "A Fair to Remember," Oct. 16-17. (248) 932-5636.

FOCUS: HOPE
Artists and craftspeople wanted for "100 Creative Hands" Oct. 23-24. To apply, send a self-addressed envelope stamped with 55-cent postage to "100 Creative Hands," P.O. Box 760569, Lathrup Village, Mich., 48076-0569.

FRANKLIN ARTS COUNCIL
Applications available for artists interested in exhibition fine arts or crafts at Franklin's juried "Art on the Green," held Sept. 6. Send application and slides to: Franklin Arts Council, P.O. Box 250683, Franklin, Mich., 48025. (248) 851-5438.

GODSPELL AUDITIONS
TinderBox Productions is holding auditions for "Godspell," 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 27, and 6-9 p.m. Monday, June 28, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS
The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Road, Southfield.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE
Auditions Tuesday evening, June 29 for chorus members for the 1999-2000 season at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. To schedule an audition call (313) 961-3500, ext. 3237.

"OUR TOWN" CALL FOR ARTISTS
Michigan artists invited to submit work for jurying in the 1999 "Our Town Art Exhibit and Sale," held Oct. 15-17. All work must be submitted on slides by July 30. For application: The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham, Mich., 48009. (248) 594-6403.

REVOLUTION GALLERY
Seeks artists to design the outdoor public billboard at the gallery, 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Proposals must be received by Sept. 30. (248) 541-3444.

TRANSFORMING VISIONS
Swords into Plowshares Gallery, 33 E. Adams St., Detroit, is seeking entries for its seventh juried exhibit in the fall. (313) 965-5422.

CLASSES

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE
Summer school in ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop and ballroom dance, July 12-Aug. 19 in Troy. (248) 828-4080

CRANBROOK CHAMBER MUSIC ACADEMY
Programs are Monday-Friday, June 21-25, for high school and college students, at the academy, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Entrance based on taped audition. (248) 645-3678.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Summer classes in drawing, painting, pottery, and many other media begin June 26 at the center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac. Adult and children's classes available. (248) 333-7849



Shapoly:
Jeremy Jarvis' "Solitude" is among the works in a group show through Saturday, July 31, at Art Leaders, 33216 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Classes for adults, educators and youth throughout the summer, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-4249 for information.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older, at the studio, 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET
Newly refurbished dance studio, 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills, opening for new enrollment. (248) 334-1300.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level, 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, at the studio, 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE ARTS
The deadline for the Drama Workshop for Youth, July 19-23, is June 25. (810) 286-2017.

METRO DANCE
Preschool and adult classes, 541 S. Mill St., Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE
Learning at the Opera House '99 offers classes for adults and children, Mondays through Sundays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., June 21 through August 8 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 237-3270.

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Summer semester runs July 19-Aug. 20 at the center, 407 Pine St., Rochester. Classes for preschoolers to adults. (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Sheldon Road. Live model session 9:30 a.m.-noon, every third Tuesday of the month. (734) 416-4278.

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

CONCERT

CARILLON SERIES
Kirk in the Hills Carillon music series, 10 a.m. and noon, Sunday, June 27. Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills.

FOR KIDS

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER
Week long oil painting classes for children 8 and older, June 21-July 26, at a Westland home. (734) 728-0670.

CAMP BORDERS
Sunflower Time, Children's Gardening Series, Tuesday, June 22 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road. (248) 737-0110.

EXHIBIT MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
"Don't Duck, Look Up!" planetarium show designed for youngsters up to second grade, Saturdays Sundays, June 20 and 26 27, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0478.

GET UP AND MOVE CAMP
A program for children 4-10 years

old, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays July 6-27, at Southfield Centre for the Arts, 10-11:30 a.m. Dance, music, arts and crafts. (248) 661-6640.

JINGLE BEL, INC.
Summer camps in the performing and fine arts for children ages 3-12, at Rochester/Avon Recreation Authority, 1551 E. Auburn Road. (248) 375-9027.

MUSEUM DAY CAMPS
The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm sponsors "Summer on the Farm Day Camps" (ages 9-11) from July 12-16 and July 26-30, and "Archaeology Day Camp" (ages 12-15) from June 23-25, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 656-4663.

ROYAL OAK GOES BUGGY
Children's insect art show and special events through the month of June, at galleries and merchants throughout downtown Royal Oak.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Actor Alliance Summer Theatre Conservatory for ages 7-18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, June 28-July 9 and July 12-23. Art Academy Camp for ages 7-12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, June 28-July 9. Get Up and Move Camp for ages 4-6, 10-11:30 a.m. Tues. & Thurs. July 6-29 at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SUMMER ART CAMP
"Circus! Circus! Under the Big Top" is the theme for D&M studios' 33 camps in three locations in Plymouth and Canton. Five-day camps available for children 3-16. (734) 453-3710.

SUMMER CAMP FOR THE ARTS
"Miro, Miro on and off the Wall" sponsored by the Huntington Woods Recreation Department and the Detroit Dance Collective, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 21-July 9 for children ages 7-11 at Berkley High School, Sunnyknoll and Coolidge, Berkley. (313) 965-3544.

SUMMER ORCHESTRA CAMP
Detroit Symphony Orchestra Summer Institute at Meadow Brook, July 26-Aug. 8. (313) 576-5167.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM
U-M Dearborn offers reading enrichment programs for 4-year olds to adults in several cities. Classes meet once a week for five weeks, 1800 418-7910.

TINDERBOX ART CAMP
Performing Arts Summer Camp for children in grades 1-12, Masonic Temple, Detroit. Placement auditions Sunday, June 27, for Performing Arts Summer Camp 9 a.m. to 4 a.m. July 19-30. Latch-key available. (313) 535-8962.

LITERARY

SUMMER LITERARY SERIES
Discussion and film clips of "The Great Gatsby," 7 p.m. Thursday, June 24 at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

WORKSHOPS

ANTIQUA FURNITURE RESTORATION
Chair caning Sunday, June 20, at Troy Museum & Historic Village, 60 W. Wattles, Troy. (248) 524-3570.

GLASS BEAD JEWELRY WORKSHOPS
Glass bead workshops through June

Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

METAMORA ART FARM
Painting the figure in any medium. Three-day workshop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 25-27. 5185 Lake George Road, Metamora. Register at Karen Vecchioni Studios (810) 796-2786.

MICHIGAN WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
Annual meeting of the watercolor society 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 642-5800.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF ART
"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," through Friday, Aug. 13; Friday, June 25 Cuban film: Guantanamo, 8 p.m. at Cranbrook, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3361.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Nature Place open for daily activities, also "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," exhibit through Sept. 6, at the institute, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
"Walker Evans Simple Secrets: Photographs from the Collection of Marian and Benjamin A. Hill," through June 27; Ancient Gold: The Wealth of the Thracians. Treasures from the Republic of Bulgaria opens June 27-August 29, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

EXHIBIT MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
Planetarium shows: "Through the Looking Glass: The Current Night Sky," June 20 and 26 27, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0478.

U-M MUSEUM OF ART
"Seeing it Through: Faculty Artists from the School of Art & Design," through July 3, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor.

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
"The Third Root: Africans in Mexico," runs through Aug. 22, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Opens June 25 - "Content Contained," through July 25. Lecture on "Little Boxes," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 7; box assemblage workshop 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 10 at the Ann Arbor Art Center, 1117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
Opens June 24 - Exhibition and sale of works by Jay Lefkowitz through August 12. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 24 at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

GIRLEE
Opens June 26 - A collection of women artists and performers present an art exhibit and performances through July 31. Opening reception 11 p.m. Saturday, June 26. Gallery hours noon to 4 p.m. 1145 Griswold (above the Colonial Toy Store).

Detroit. For information call (313) 921-9891 or (313) 821-2867.

WENTWORTH GALLERY
Opens June 26 - Diane Anderson exhibition and meet the artist 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Laurel Park Place, 37648 West Six Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 462-5840. Opens June 27, 1-5 p.m. at the Somerset Collection, 2801 West Big Beaver Road, Troy. (248) 816-8372.

PLYMOUTH ARTS COUNCIL
Opens June 21 - "A Walk in My Garden" exhibition and sale of floral art work by Susan Skibicki through July 9, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

A.C.T. GALLERY
Through July 24 - "Numeric Expressions," works of artists Suzanne Andersen, Jeanne Bieri, Mark Esse, Sherry Moore and Alan Watson, 35 East Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-4336.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Through June 27 - "Glass: Its Substance & Attributes by Michigan Artists," University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 593-5058.

ART LEADERS GALLERY
Through July 21 - "The Romance Collection" of oils by Jeremy Jarvis, sculptures by Martin Eichinger and glasswork by Laurel Fyfe. 33216 West 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 539-0262.

BIDDLE GALLERY
Through July 16 - A photography exhibit "Shot...at Mario's," 2840 Biddle Road, Wyandotte. (734) 281-4779.

BIEGAS GALLERY
Through July 31 - "Artists That Teach," exhibition and sale, 35 Grand River Ave., E., Detroit. (313) 961-0634.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Through June 25 - the 52nd annual Watercolor Society exhibition, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham.

BOOKBEAT
Through June 30 - Children's author and illustrator Wong Herbert Yee, 26010 Greenfield, Oak Park. (248) 968-1190.

CARY GALLERY
Through July 17 - "Beaches," acrylic and watercolor paintings of Ron Teachworth, 226 Walnut Boulevard, Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES
Through July 24 - "On the Verge of Abstraction," 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313) 664-7800.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Through July 16 - "Containers of Memory," 300 River Place, Detroit. (313) 393-1770.

GALERIE BLU
Through June 24 - Artist Jef Bourgeois' "Tahti Show," 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through July 17 - Works of emerging New York artist Melissa McGill, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through June 29 - Exhibition of new paintings by Peter Gooch and John Michaels and sculpture by Julius Schmidt, 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Through July 9 - "Have a Cuppa" clay competition incorporating a cup and saucer theme, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through June 30 - Watercolor exhibit by Marge Masek in the Fine Arts Gallery, P.J. Freer presents mixed media works in the Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Dr., Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

MANISCALCO GALLERY
Through Aug. 15 - An exhibit of works by Tyree Guyton and Sam "Grandpa" Mackey, 17329 Mack Avenue, Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
Through June 26 - Masami Teraoka's "The Lovers" combines woodblock with pop art, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6038.

NETWORK
Through Aug. 21 - "Incomplete Notebooks," functional art created by Cranbrook Academy of Art alumni and students, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-3911.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through July 23 - "Art & Nature" an exhibit using natural and man-made materials, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

DANIELLE PELEG GALLERY
Through June 30 - Abstract paintings by acclaimed teenage artist Alexandra Nechita, 4301 Orchard Lake Road at Crosswinds Mall, West Bloomfield. (248) 626-5810.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through July 17 - "Incubation Works" by Emerging Graduate

Students, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

POSA GALLERY
Through June 30 - Featured artist of the month: Arlene Brown, at Summit Mall, Waterford. (248) 683-8779.

POSNER GALLERY
Through June 30 - Group exhibition featuring the trompe l'oeil works of Gail Rosenbloom Kaplan, 523 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-2552.

REVOLUTION
Through June 26 - John Gill: Recent Teapots, Vases, Platters and Chutney Bowls and David Chapman: New Furniture, 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-1914.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Through June 25 - Group exhibition of art created by the Colored Pencil Society of America, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through June 30 - "Tenth Anniversary Celebration," featuring nine Michigan artists, 536 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. (248) 647-7040.

STUDIO GALLERY OF ROBERT MANISCALCO
Through July 9 - "Art & Reality," featuring works of Ron Azkrin, Dean Randazzo, Kidia Simeonova, Renata Palumbinskas, 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2983.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES
Through July 31 and Sept. 2-30 - "Peace Warriors," an exhibit by Gilda Oliver, 33 E. Adams, Detroit. (313) 963-7575.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Through July 10 - "Turned Out: Working in Wood" by Laura Foster Nicholson and Petra Class, 202 E. Third, Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Through June 30 - Showcases the artwork of Barbara Broad, James Corcoran, Ester Spaulding, Paul Wywrot and the Troy Garden Club, 510 W. Big Beaver, Troy. (248) 524-3538.

U-M SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN
Through June 30 - Heather Boykin "The Phalanx Project," at the Art and Architecture Building, 2000 Bonisteel Boulevard, Ann Arbor. (734) 936-2082.

UZELAC GALLERY
Through June 26 - Paintings and sculptures by Dewey Blocksbma, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 332-5257.

ART LEADERS
Through July 31 - The work of Martin Eichinger, Jeremy Jarvis and Laurel Fyfe, 33216 W. 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 539-0262.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
Through Aug. 6 - Woodcuts by Tom Huck at the Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

VOLUNTEERS

ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB
Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, Mich., 48325-1651. (248) 626-2285.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Gallery Service volunteers to greet and assist visitors in museum galleries. Training sessions at the DIA, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-0247.

FAR CONSERVATORY
Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays. (248) 646-3347.

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. The village, at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia, is open May-October and December. (734) 477-7375.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Contact MCBB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. (248) 349-0376 or <http://www.mcbb.org>.

TOURS

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS
1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 26. Lunch and home tour, 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., Thursday, June 17 through Thursday, September 30, at 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3000.

GREENMEAD GARDEN WALK
Livonia's Historical Village presents its annual walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 26. For information, call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4855.

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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KING OF MARS (NR)
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MON-THURS. 7:00
GET REAL (R)
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FARMINGTON OBSERVER REPORTER AND LIVONIA RESIDENT Tim Smith will sign copies of his new book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!" at the following locations:
■ 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 20, Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Haggerty and Six Mile roads in Northville Township.
■ 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, Author Jim Craig signs "Stranger Around the Corner." Rochester Borders, 1122 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558.
■ 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 3, Little Professor on the Park, Main Street in Plymouth.
PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY
Linda Grekin, a librarian at Hillside Day School in Farmington Hills, will read from her book and talk about the research and interviews she did for "I'll Never Get Lost Again: The Complete Guide to Improving Your Sense of Direction." 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, at the library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. Call (734) 453-0750
BALDWIN LIBRARY (BIRMINGHAM)
"Summer Down Under" is a reading event for children preschool through eighth grade that introduces the culture and history of Australia. The event runs from June 21 to Aug. 6; on June 21 Baldwin will hold an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. to kick off the event. Students in middle school or high school can beat the heat by joining the Young Adult Summer Reading Club at the library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham. (248) 647-1700.
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP LIBRARY
Renee Killingsworth will talk about her first novel, "Morning Drive to Midnight" and the joys and challenges of self-publishing Sunday, June 27, 3 to 5 p.m. at the library, Lone Pine and Telegraph roads. The event will include a book signing and reception. "Morning" is the story of Adrienne Daniels, who is determined to become a major player in the radio broadcast industry. When a sudden opportunity arises, she puts everything on the line to turn around a failing radio station and make it No. 1 in Chicago.
Michigan Challenge Balloonfest
When: 2-11 p.m. Friday, June 25, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27.
Where: Howell High School, 1200 W. Grand River, Howell
Cost: Parking passes, \$8 daily, \$12 weekend (includes admission for everyone in car and three chances to win a hot-air balloon ride for two); discounted weekend passes available at any National City Bank in Livingston County until June 23
Handicap balloon rides: Free tethered rides-6-8 p.m. Friday; June 25, and 6-8 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27.
Information: Call the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce at (517) 546-3920 or visit www.michiganchallenge.com.
Delightful picture books cater to preschool crowd
Question: What makes Michigan an ideal setting for children's literature?
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But it's the talented and innovative people — members of the very active and dedicated Michigan Chapter of the National Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators — whom we must credit for their imaginative use of our state's special resources to capture the essence and interests of childhood.
This week's "Book Break" will focus on six delightful picture books for the preschool crowd. Recommendations for middle-schoolers will be in my next column. All are either written or illustrated by Michigan residents.
In "Good Knight" (Henry Holt, 1998, \$19.95) Linda R. Rymill of Rochester humorously depicts the bed-time battle waged nightly between mothers and their young "knights." After all, real boys don't go to sleep when there are fires to extinguish, cats to rescue, and castles to protect. "You can't make me!" is our doughty hero's battle cry. But in the end, he gives up his arms for his mother's loving embrace. Illustrator G. Brian Karas expertly renders the focus and defiance of four-year-olds in a book that will make adults, as well as children, smile in recognition.
"Sand Castles" (Greenwillow Books, 1999, \$15) is a story of cooperation and friendship, written by Brenda Shannon Yee of Rochester Hills. Jen is sculpting a castle and is joined by several children on the beach. Each offers to help by building a moat, a path, a wall, and a road. The text is cumulative, giving pre-readers the chance to chime in on the refrain that grows each time a new activity is added. Pictures by Thea Kiros are charmingly realistic and invite long, lingering looks at the diversity of youthful faces.
Do animals sound "funny" when they catch a cold? Rhonda Gowler Greene of West Bloomfield insists that they do in "Barnyard Song" (Atheneum Books, 1997, \$13). The idea and execution is pure whimsy and sure to make a sick child giggle. A rollicking text reflects the forceful rhythms of a square dance: "Farmer called the doctor and the nurse came too, and the three did agree it was the barnyard flu." Comical illustrations by Robert Bender add to the fun of this very innovative children's book.
In "I'm Taking a Trip on My Train" (Greenwillow Books, 1999, \$15), Shirley Neitzel, a resident of Grand Rapids, invites youngsters to "read" her book with the help of pictures substituted for train-related words. Together with illustrator Nancy Winslow Parker, Neitzel acquaints her young audience with words like "caboose," "locomotive," "gondola," and "trestle," recreating the adventure that a train ride still provides. Plenty of detail in each picture keeps young minds and eyes occupied.
In "The Hungry Black Bag" (Houghton Mifflin, 1999, \$15), Ann Tompert demonstrates greed in action. It's market day, when all the animals sell their merchandise at the town square. Ole Goat of Grede Mountain brings a big black bag. But he doesn't want to buy; he just wants to grab. "I have mountains of stuff. But that's not enough. I want more, more, more!" he bellows as he steals from Owl, Fox, Porcupine, and Rabbit. Jacqueline Chavast's brilliant water-color pictures add vitality and humor to Tompert's fable, where justice prevails in the end.
For the school-age child, there is "The Legend of Mackinac Island" (Sleeping Bear Press, 1999, \$17.95). It is written and illustrated by the same dynamic duo that created the highly successful "Legend of Sleeping Bear" (1997): Gijbert van Frankenhuyzen of Bath, Mich., and Kathy-jo Wargin. In swirling forms vibrant with sensuous colors and a superb lyrical text, artist and author draw, once again, on Indian folklore for a creation story. This time young readers will learn the poetic explanation for the origin of Mackinac Island, "the place of the great turtle's back."
All books are available at Halfway-Down-the-Stairs Children's Book Shop at 114 E. 4th Street in Rochester.
Esther Littmann is a resident of Bloomfield Township and a tutor in English and German. You can leave her a message from a touch-tone phone at (734) 953-2047, mailbox number 1893. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.
West Bloomfield resident full of hot air and ready to fly
BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER
As a youngster, Marty Gauthier yearned for his chance to experience the thrill of piloting a hot air balloon, a task that several of his siblings had mastered.
"In the 1980s, after a day of flying with my family, my brothers would drop me off with their empty propane tanks," said Gauthier of West Bloomfield. "I would fill 30 to 40 tanks in my parent's backyard."
On Gauthier's 16th birthday, he completed his first solo balloon trip. His four brothers, Guy, Joey, Ted and Dan also are pilots.
Next weekend, Gauthier plans to compete in the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest with "Fulfillment," his rainbow-tinted balloon.
"I'll be in the hunt trying to win," says Gauthier. "Several of my brothers also will be competing. I have as good a chance as anybody."
The Howell-based festival, dubbed the state championship of hot-air ballooning, will host a competition for more than 50 balloonists. If you go, be sure to check out Pepe the Penguin, Mrs. Butterworth, and Mr. Bidle, as they are inflated on the launch field and take flight.
Serena's Song, a brilliant-blue balloon with a wheelchair accessible symbol, is available for children and adults who use wheelchairs.
In addition to balloon-watching, the festival features a week-end of family-friendly activities. You'll be treated to sky-diving shows, stunt-kite performances, an antique and custom car show, kid's games, a carnival, endless entertainment and food booths.

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INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Versatile, active and outgoing, she's an attractive SWP mom, 34, 5'8", a blue-eyed blond, interested in meeting a handsome SWPM, 28-42, with a strong sense of home and family. Ad# 1212

PERSONABLE

Semi-retired DWCF, 65, 5'7", who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of a SCM, 60-69. Ad# 4444

SO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD

This SWF, 21, 5'7", would like to spend time with a fun-loving SWM, 21-30, who likes children and sports. Ad# 1098

GET GOING

Personable, petite SW mom, 33, who enjoys music, is hoping to share friendship and fun with a caring, considerate SWM, 33-45. Ad# 1716

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

Fun-loving DWCF, 47, 5'5", who enjoys sports, the outdoors and gardening, is seeking a sincere, dependable SWCM, 43-51, for companionship. Ad# 4488

LET'S CUDDLE

Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2" 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic, Italian SWM, 51-61. Ad# 1992

THE POWER OF LOVE

SWF, 57, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, traveling, movies, long walks and more, is looking for a sincere, compassionate SWM, 52-62. Ad# 7141

A RARE FIND

Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad# 8317

COMPANIONSHIP

Outgoing, honest and fun-loving, describes this Catholic DWF, 50, 5'9", looking for friendship with a Catholic SWM, 45-55. Ad# 4536

FRESH START

Hardworking, Catholic DWF, 48, 5'3", who enjoys walking, movies and going to church, is looking for a compatible, caring, Catholic WWWW, 48-52, without children at home, for friendship first. Ad# 3907

NEW TO THE AREA

Sweet DWCPF, 27, 5'9", is seeking an honest, caring SWCM, 48 or under, who is interested in a long-term relationship. Ad# 1531

LOVE'S IN THE AIR

Sensitive, caring DWF, 52, 5'5", with auburn hair and green eyes, whose interests include travel, cooking, movies, nature walks and dining out, is hoping to meet a SWM, 51-58. Ad# 1203

IRRESISTIBLE

Kind DBF, 45, 5'6", who enjoys music, movies, reading and going to the theater, is looking for a DBM, 35-45. Ad# 2468

UNTIL NOW

Friendly, down-to-earth SWF, 47, 5'2", who enjoys the outdoors, hockey, golf, hiking and more, is seeking a SWM, 40-51, for a possible relationship. Ad# 2451

VALUES HUMOR

Catholic DWF, 57, 5'3", 125lbs., with long blonde hair, who enjoys crafts, dining out and reading, is ISO a humorous, Catholic SWM, 50-60. Ad# 2041

HONESTY COUNTS

SWC mom of one, 25, 5'9", enjoys the outdoors, drama movies and quiet times at home. She seeks an honest, compassionate SWCM, 27-34, without children at home. Ad# 8498

LET'S TALK

Settle down with this SWPCF, 47, 5'2", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys cooking, travel and church activities. She's seeking a nice, Born-Again SWCM, 45-55, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3333

SOUND LIKE YOU?

Catholic DWF, 59, 5'6", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, would love to meet an honest, humorous SWCM, 58-67, a N/S, who's interested in friendship and companionship. She enjoys traveling, movies, dancing, reading and more. Ad# 3131

POSITIVE VIBES HERE

Leave a message for this personable DWCF, 50, 5'4", who enjoys rollerblading, bicycling and keeping active. She wants to meet an outgoing SWCM, over 47, for friendship first. Ad# 1199

CHILD OF GOD

Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 49, 5'4", who resides in the Redford area, enjoys sewing, antiques and movies. She's seeking a secure, independent DWCM, under 56, for friendship first. Ad# 5321

BE SURE TO SMILE

Spice up your life, be sure to call this friendly, sincere SWPF, 39, 5'5", who is hoping to hear from a considerate, honest SWM, age unimportant. She enjoys movies and music, dancing and spending time with friends. Ad# 7733

BE MY COMPANION

SWCF, 56, 5'4", with blondish-red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys reading and movies, is seeking a SWM, 55-62. Ad# 2433

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 Outgoing DBCM, 45, 6'2", would like to meet a kind SWF, 25-40, without children at home. He enjoys amusement parks, Bible studies, cooking, quiet dinners for two and conversation. Ad# 5550

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PUTS GOD FIRST
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 Handsome SWPM, 36, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Ad# 1534

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 DWCM, 56, 6'1", who's shy at first, is looking for a happy, fun-loving SWC lady, who takes care of herself. Ad# 1885

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 Handsome DWPCM, 44, 6'1", who enjoys youth ministry, outdoor activities, movies and more, is seeking a slender, romantic SWCF, 30-44, without children. Ad# 2843

MOMS WELCOME
 Handsome and athletic DWM, 39, 6'1", who enjoys traveling, and more, seeks a slender SWCF, 28-44, to share life with. Ad# 2415

SEARCHING
 Never-married SWPM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs., is looking for a fit, petite SW mom, 28-44, for a romantic, monogamous long-term relationship. Ad# 4251

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HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
 Born-Again DWCM, 48, 5'8", 165lbs., enjoys sports, music and is looking for a SWCF, 25-54, for a long-term, compatible relationship. Ad# 7878

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 Outgoing, friendly DWCM, 48, 5'7", with long brown hair, who enjoys street rods, the outdoors and concerts, is seeking a sweet, kind-hearted SWCF, 40-50. Ad# 6900

CAN YOU RELATE?
 He's a Catholic SWM, 42, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who's educated, employed and outgoing. He enjoys music, the arts and being around family and friends. He seeks a passionate and caring SWF, 27-42, who enjoys similar interests. Ad# 4242

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BEAUTY AND THE BEST



JEFFREY BRUCE

Recently, I was thinking about a much-loved Broadway play, in which the playwright shows the audience, among other things, that nobody is ever happy about his or her appearance. Hair texture, skin color, even eye color are candidates for change when it comes to achieving our beauty ideals. As a makeup artist, this notion came to mind when I began seeing lots of new bronzing products come onto the market in the last year or so.

I remember when ManTan was first produced. You would see guys who looked...well, like they had some terrible disease! Then Indian Earth was the newest revelation. Millions of women walking around as though they had just emerged from the LaBrea Tar Pits!

What was a "bronze god/goddess wannabe" to do?

There is a plethora of new "self-tanning" products that seem to be doing rather well. Of course, one must be VERY careful in the application, since I have seen more than enough individuals, thank you very much, with finger streaks on their faces (and less obvious areas!).

With the ravages of U-V damage legitimately documented, this product is definitely something one should investigate.

Many industry insiders feel that bronzers are the answer to the hideous self-tanners that have been promoted over the years. In fact, while viewing the latest fashion shows, I noticed that the "bronze age" is the perfect alternative to the minimalist look in makeup so popular these past few seasons.

There are many bronzing products that not only offer a healthy glow, but are actually good for the skin as well. Many contain minerals such as mica (for a glow), antioxidant vitamins C and E, and such emollients as joboba, avocado, and almond oils that leave a lustrous finish (and if you stick a carrot in your ear, you will have a lovely side salad!).

Actually applying the bronzer takes a bit of care and practice. The main rule is to make sure you have used enough moisturizer before applying bronzer. Concentrate on correcting the T-zone PRIOR to adding the bronzer. In other words, use a touch of foundation to even out irregular pigment since the sun-kissed look will amplify imperfections. With this look the skin is truly "naked" and you want it to look its best.

Try applying the gel to the forehead, cheekbones and chin. Blend. Then add a touch to the T-zone (after your foundation has had a chance to dry).

While most professional bronzers are pressed powders, I find them cakey and dirty looking. I definitely prefer a gel. It's easier to apply and has less of a streaky look. Let your skin type be your guide. If you are a teenager with oily skin, the powder might work best for you.

Conversely, if you are a bit more "sophisticated," shall we say, the gel will give you a more luminous, moist appearance.

To complete the look, when it comes to makeup, be sure to use the minimalist approach. Just a bit of brown/creme/taupe eye color and a lipstick combined with a bronzy colored gloss should do the trick.

Remember: You want to look like you just came home from a 10-day vacation in the tropics. Why bother wearing makeup? That can be our little secret!

Jeffrey's update: While I was hoping to take the summer off, it looks like I will be coming to the Baronette Hotel in Novi to perform makeovers. I've opened two weekends for appointments. A \$125 minimum for the makeovers all goes toward the cost of beauty products. For more information, please call (800) 944-6588. Also, you may e-mail me at jwbb@worldnet.att.net and I promise to get back to you the same day.

Have a glorious summer. See you next month!

Dressing tresses Local designer pins her mark on hair accessory trend

BY ALICE RHEIN STAFF WRITER

If you watch MTV this summer, look closely at the veejay's hair. If you see a bright floral barrette or a sparkling bobby pin, it's probably from Bloomfield Hills designer Ivana Kalafatic.

The music-video station saw her designs at a New York fashion show and wanted to use them for a photo shoot in the Bahamas. And throughout the summer, several video personalities will sport her hair accessories.

A native Croatian whose hair jewelry has been spotted on actresses Gwyneth Paltrow and Charlize Theron, Kalafatic is working to capture her piece of what Accessories Magazine, a trade publication in New York, estimates is a \$450 million business.

While she has custom designed exotic headdresses for weddings and other special events, Kalafatic's focus lately is on smaller accessories. Her Capri, Maui and Bali clips are adorned with vivid fabric flowers. And using standard bobby pins, Kalafatic creates other designs by adding Swarovski crystals to diminutive metal figures, including frogs, turtles, and dragonflies.

"The thing used to be butterflies, but insects and bugs are the next big thing," said Kalafatic.

Nature is a common theme, an inspiration she says comes from her family home in Croatia which has a dramatic view of the Adriatic Sea. "When I open the doors to the coast, there is art all around," she said.

In less than a year, her trademark company I-Spy has landed a plumb account with an upscale hotel chain, and has three major stores interested in her products, which retail from \$8-30, much less costly than those of Tarina Tarantino, the current leader in hair accessories.

In the Detroit area, more than 50 salons and finer boutiques carry Kalafatic's accessories, including Imelda's Closet, Lori Karbal and 90th Floor Salon in Birmingham, Kennice Salon in Farmington Hills and Lotus Imports in Royal Oak.

"We like to promote local artists and Ivana's very clever and unique," said Pat Spadafore, a co-owner of the Birmingham boutique. "Hair accessories have been a big fashion statement this year. They're fun and they fit young and old, any size."

Just this month, the 24-year-old left her public relations job with General Motors to devote her time to marketing, manufacturing and designing accessories. And though her profits have yet to exceed start-up costs, Kalafatic sees this venture as a mere stepping stone to other areas of fashion.

"I am constantly researching. I see this as a trend lasting maybe six months to a year," she said. After that, the graduate of the James Madison College at Michigan State University would like to find a niche, possibly designing clothes or home accessories.

"I have big goals beyond hair," she said. "I want to be smart about it and get I-Spy known as a brand. It's a 24-7 venture, but it reflects me."



DETAIL PHOTOS BY EMIN

Gothic: Kalafatic's custom designs, such as this gold and black piece, add drama to any event, \$90.



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Fashioning clips: Working in her basement studio in Bloomfield Hills, Ivana Kalafatic hand assembles her hair accessories. The emerging designer recently snagged a deal to have her pieces shown on MTV.

Rockette clip: Iridescent crystals fringed in black on swing or elasp barrette, \$20 per pair.

Makeup artist Trish McEvoy visits Jacobson's

If there's a type of how-to knowledge women never tire of, information about applying makeup is probably it.

Hoping to impart a few insider's tips of the trade to local women, Jacobson's plans to bring renowned makeup artist Trish McEvoy to their downtown Birmingham location.

McEvoy, along with a team of 10 makeup artists, is slated to appear 11 a.m.-5 p.m. June 23 at the store to help customers shop for cosmetics and put together a soft, sheer look for summer.

Known for her line of mistake-proof makeup products, particularly her application brushes, McEvoy

and her associates will also conduct one-on-one makeup lessons with customers. Each half-hour makeup session includes both a facial and a makeover and is priced at \$50, an appointment fee redeemable for Trish McEvoy products.

McEvoy discovered an interest in makeup as a young girl spending time in her grandmother's perfumery. She began her career as a makeup artist behind a cosmetics counter and became an independent makeup artist in the 70s.



No fuss: Ease is McEvoy's motto.

While working with modeling agencies and private clients, McEvoy developed her trademark hands-on, one-on-one teaching system for makeup application. She later developed a line of makeup brushes and cosmetics and opened a skin care/makeup center in New York City with her husband, a noted dermatologist. In 1993, retailer Henri Bendel launched Trish McEvoy products in their stores. Today, the products are sold in department and specialty stores across the nation.

To make an appointment with McEvoy and her team of makeup artists, call the Trish McEvoy Cosmetic Counter at Jacobson's in Birmingham at (248) 644-6900. Appointments are limited.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

CELEBRATE BEAUTY

Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents Beauty Works, a summer skin care consultation with a cosmetics purchase benefiting the Breast Cancer Research Foundation through June 27, Cosmetic Counter. For an appointment, call (734) 953-7623.

MEN'S CLOTHING SALE

Men's apparel, accessories and shoes are discounted by 20-40 percent during the Men's Half Yearly Sale at Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy. For more information, call (248) 816-5100.

MONDAY, JUNE 21

SPA SPECIAL

Enjoy a sampling of services at Spa Nordstrom at the Somerset Collection in Troy including a chair massage, express facial, nail polishing and reflexology, hand massage, a \$90 value for \$30 appointment fee, noon-6 p.m. For an appointment, call (248) 816-5100 ext. 7502.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

CHRISTOPHER RADKO EVENT

Marley's, at 105 Townsend in downtown Birmingham, introduces and offers for sale a new ornament created by European glass designer Christopher Radko with a company representative, 3-7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 642-6055.

MOSCHINO FALL COLLECTION

View Narciso Rodriguez and Alberta Ferretti's Fall 1999 special order collection at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, with informal modeling 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Sportswear, second floor.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

OSCAR DE LA RENTA FOR FALL

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents Oscar De La Renta's Fall 1999 special order collection with informal modeling through June 24, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

ROJA DOVE APPEARANCE

House of Guerlain perfumery expert Roja Dove visits the Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy, Cosmetics, first floor. For appearance times and information, call (248) 643-3300 ext. 2103.

SYNCHRONICITY AT WORK

Hudson's at the Somerset Collection in Troy explores a new millennium approach to using color and aromatherapy to give career women energy and boost their inner and outer beauty, 2-4 p.m., Cosmetics Counter, first floor. For a reservation, call (248) 443-4790.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

WATCH TRUNK SHOW

Mastercraft Jewelers at Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents a trunk show of Breitling watches with a company representative through June 27, Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-6 p.m.

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts Arthur's "Wonderful Kind of Storytime," noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Food Court Stage.

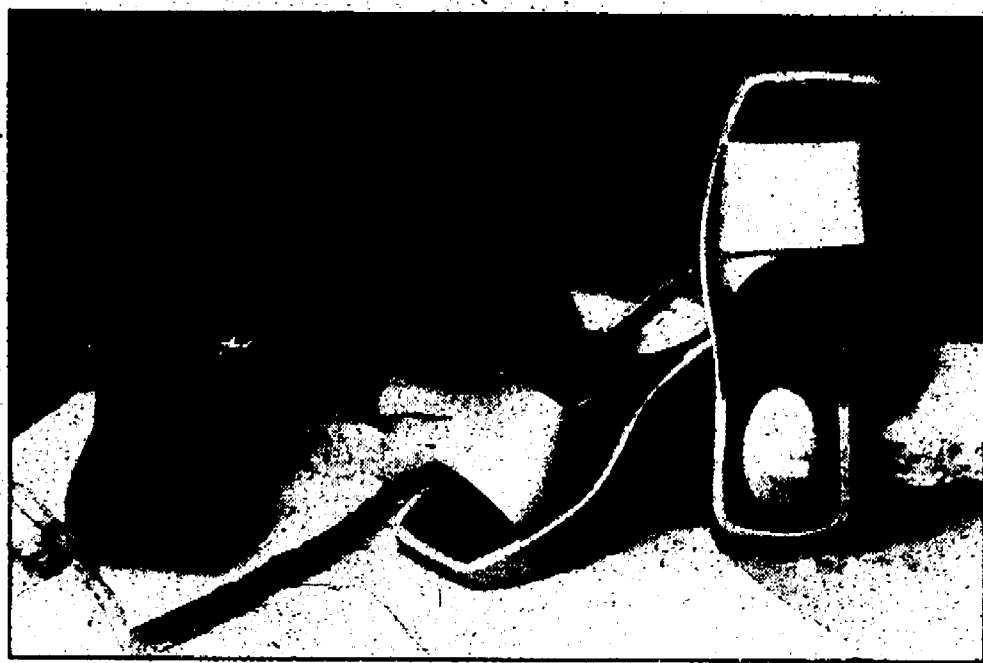
SUNDAY, JUNE 27

SENIOR MICHIGAN PAGEANT

Laurel Park Place in Livonia hosts the 12th Annual Ms. Senior Michigan Regional Pageant, featuring finalists from a preliminary competition of women age 60 and older, 2 p.m., Center Court.

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



Keep it simple: Minimalist sophistication meets surfer-girl ease in Patrick Cox's easy-walking rubber slide, available in silver or black, \$85, Tندر in downtown Birmingham.



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Cool white: Keep cool in a white cotton poplin blouse with three-quarter sleeves from the SFA Collection, \$118, Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Escaping time: New from the House of Cartier, the Tank basculante watch features a rotating clock case, which allows wearers to neatly tuck away time, rather than always be at its mercy, \$2,200-4,400, Cartier at the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Of green tea: Bulgari combines green tea, an extract with relaxing properties, with jasmine and orange blossoms in their Eau Parfumée line of body products and fragrances for men and women, \$35-115, area department stores.

Where can I find?

WHAT WE FOUND:

- Plastic bags for recycling sell at most Kroger grocery stores, which also have drop containers, and at Wal-Mart on Middlebelt and Schoolcraft roads.
- Heartland dishes are available at Service Merchandise.
- Venetian glass beads can be found at Bella Luna at Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills (west end of the mall near Off Fifth).
- A resource for pitted, non-sweetened cherries

may be available by calling the Traverse City Chamber of Commerce

- A good selection of rabbits is available at Super Pets on Ford Road in Westland

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

- A 1950 Central High School yearbook for Faith
- A 1997 Adams High School yearbook for Brian
- A denim-colored handbag made from rayon-like material formerly available at the Fossil Store at Birch Run for Jeanine
- A ladies English golf cart by Clubster in good condition for Mrs. Letro
- A 1951 Central High School yearbook for Ellen of Westland
- An instruction manual for the BMI Home Gym for John, who lives in Garden City
- A stem for a Pyrex 9-cup coffee pot for Dorothy in Livonia

- A pattern for a Humpty Dumpty oval shaped baby pillow that has flat arms and legs with an embroidered face for Barb
- A poster of three Doberman's "The Bitches of Eastwick" for Stella
- A 1947 Dearborn Fordson High School yearbook for Betty
- A Revlon color-lock, anti-feathering lip base (it comes in a lipstick tube) for Carla who lives in Shelby Township
- A recycling center for recycling cereal and cake boxes for Phyllis, a resident of Rochester, and Laurie of Oakland County
- A January, 1942 Cass Tech High School yearbook for Corrine
- A 1950 Grosse Pointe High School yearbook for Mike
- A 1996 owners manual for a Mercury Sable for

- Jim
- A 1978 recording of Kay Thompson reading "Eloise" (any tape will do)
- Season's "French Lilac" Refresher Oil room deodorant for Katherine of Livonia
- Replacement hurricane globes for a Stiffel lamp (#5246) for Kathy
- The manual for a Black Angus broiler/rotisserie (#F7RP) or the manufacturer's address for Doris
- Dessert plates from Nautilus in the "Eggshell" pattern
- Coty lipstick in "Plum Wine" or "Mauve Mauve" for Margaret, who lives in Livonia
- Plastic replacement pieces for a boutonniere for Ann
- A January, 1949 Cass Tech High School yearbook for Doris

— Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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TRAVEL

Stratford Festival touched by fairy dust and magic

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This season the Stratford Festival has been touched by magic spells, fairy dust and musical grace.

It's a season for prophetic witches, thirsty vampires and eccentric musical genius.

The beautiful village on the Avon River in Ontario becomes a magical place itself when the festival opens to present plays that challenge, entertain and inspire.

As always the works of Shakespeare provide the rock upon which this theater company won its reputation and continues to enhance it. But the Stratford goes beyond its core mandate to present plays from all-eras, its actors moving easily, gracefully through a demanding repertoire.

But this year, the Bard as magician is the keynote for wonderful performances and dazzling staging.

Here's a sampling of this year at Stratford:

The Tempest

William Hutt speaks Shakespeare's language as his native tongue. Each word, each nuance of meaning is perfectly clear and resonant.

Now in his late 70s, Hutt continues to be a protean force upon the stage as the magician Prospero, a lordly and powerful figure.

But Hutt's Prospero is a melancholy man, world-weary and resigned rather than the raging fury of other interpretations. He is sometimes bemused, amused, sympathetic and quietly philosophical.

"The Tempest" is Shakespeare's tale of magic and imagination bringing peace from discord, joy from despair, forgiveness from rage.

Prospero was once the Duke of

Milan, driven from his title and his land by his brother and forced to flee with his young daughter to a tiny island. The island is a place of magic books, fairies, witches and an odd half-man. Here Prospero declares himself king, enslaves a sprightly fairy and the loathsome Caliban. He is a benevolent dictator, though sometimes given to fits of anger.

Prospero contrives to have his brother, the king who helped plot against him and their ship wrecked upon the island so he can wreak his revenge on those who wronged him, and play matchmaker for his beautiful daughter and the king's dashing son.

Director Richard Monette, the Festival's artistic director, gives us a raging storm, broad comedy and, best of all here, sweet forgiveness.

If Hutt is the solid foundation for this production, Michael Therriault is its energizing spirit as Ariel. His performance is as much dance as acting, his small flexible body darting about here, there and everywhere. His tongue moves as nimbly as his body.

Low comedy is provided by Shakespeare's version of the Three Stooges. Caliban unites with two disgruntled passengers on the ship, a drunken butler and a dim jester. Brian Tree seems to have a lock on this sort of buffoonery. As Stephano, a blowhard drunk, he leads the way in merry mayhem with

Peter Hutt as Caliban and Tim MacDonald as Trinculo.

The young lovers are well played and spoken by Claire Julien and Graham Abbey.

Midsummer Night's Dream

Fairies are the agents of mischief again in this earlier Shakespeare work. And Richard Monette is again the agent for an excellent production that blends romantic comedy, outrageous slapstick and visual magic.

Theseus has won a battle and claimed Hippolyta, queen of the Amazons, as his bride. He proposes a wedding feast.

A crew of simple working men conspire to perform their version of "Pyramus and Thisby," "a tragic comedy."

Meanwhile, fair Hermia refuses to marry Demetrius as ordered by her father and runs away with her love Lysander rather than face death or banishment. Demetrius chases after and lovesick Helena chases after him into the woods.

These woods are alive with fairies. Oberon, king of the fairies, is arguing with Titania, his queen, and their battle creates chaos for clumsy actors, unrequited lovers and fairy queens alike.

Unlike the recent film version, Monette has kept to an Elizabethan version of ancient Greece. Designer Michael Whitfield has given everything a warm glow that seems to perfectly fit the spirit of this happy play. The humans are in shades

of yellow and orange, the fairies in cool blues and purples. The production has a wonderful dreamlike quality to it.

Monette takes a superb cast through its paces, hitting every hilarious idea without overstating.

The "Rude Mechanicals" are the perfect affront to good theater they were intended to be. Stratford's master actor Brian Bedford gives another rollicking performance as Nick Bottom, a weaver who is transformed into an ass. Bedford is wonderful as the bragging, domineering and hopelessly dim Bottom. His face is a pudding of expressions, his body a lumbering pratfall waiting to happen.

Steven Sutcliffe as the carpenter Peter Quince, who fancies himself a playwright, and Michael Therriault as Francis Flute, the bellows mender forced to take the female part of Thisby, are especially notable clowns.

The antics of the young lovers are equally hilarious, combining word play with knockdown slapstick. Michelle Giroux's Helena mopes, pleads, begs and fumes beautifully. Melinda Deines as Hermia, Graham Abbey as Lysander and Martin Albert as Demetrius are each given moments of manic behavior that they play expertly.

Jordan Pettie as the wicked Puck is not so airy as Therriault's Ariel, but he is quick, amusing and a perfect guide for the audience. Juan Chioran as Oberon and Seana McKenna as



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Fairy land: Juan Chioran, top, is Oberon and Jordan Pettie is Puck in the Stratford production of "Midsummer Night's Dream."

Titania are suitably regal and, as wood spirits should be, sexually provocative.

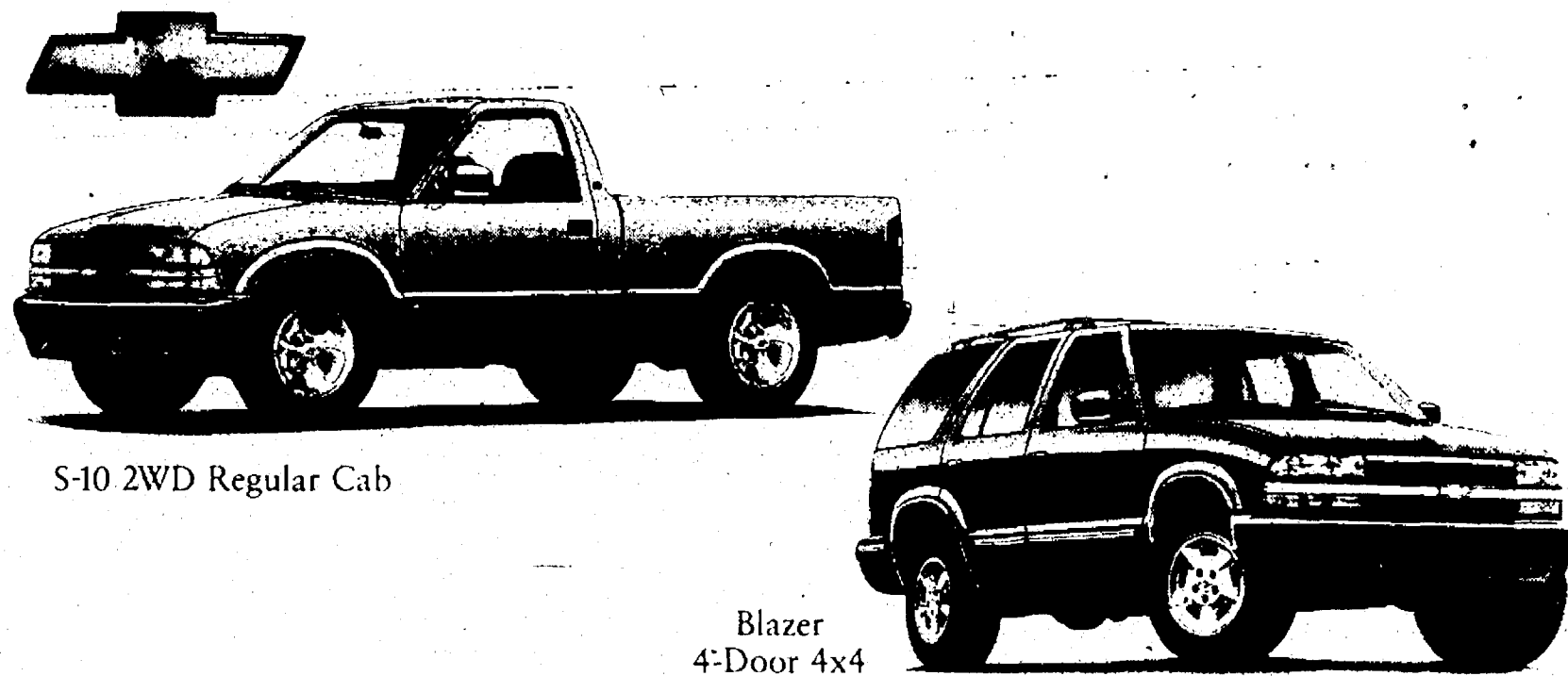
This is Shakespeare's bawdiest and, perhaps, his funniest play. The same situations, jokes and sexual allusions that made Elizabethan England laugh are still creating merriment today.

The small Tom Patterson Theatre is the setting for two other

Shakespeare works, "Macbeth" and "Richard II." Shakespeare's contemporary Ben Jonson is represented with "The Alchemist" at the Festival Theatre.

(On Thursday, reviews of Stratford's "West Side Story" and "Pride and Prejudice" and next Sunday, a look at the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake.)

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Magic place: "The Tempest" with, top to bottom, Michael Therriault as Ariel, William Hutt as Prospero and Peter Hutt as Caliban.



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Area golf divots

•Scott Wolfe, who will be a freshman this fall at Livonia Stevenson High School, shot a 79 in the Boys 14-15 division at the Maxfli PGA Junior Championship Qualifier at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford.

Wolfe earned a spot in the Michigan Section Junior Championship, July 14-15, at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Battle Creek.

Champions from each of the 41 PGA Junior sections will compete in the nationals, Aug. 18-21, at Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

•Chris Tompkins, an All-Observer golfer from Westland John Glenn headed to Eastern Michigan University this fall, finished third Monday in the Power Bilt Junior Tour stop at St. Ives in Sanford. Tompkins was just two strokes out of first place.

On Tuesday, Tompkins fired a 76 to tie for fourth place, three shots off the pace in the Power Bilt Junior Tour stop at El Dorado in Cadillac.

Youth soccer champions

•For the fifth straight season, the Livonia Youth Soccer Club under-13 Lightning finished in first place.

Members of the Lightning, coached by Jill James and Kathy Kulick, include: Danielle Budahn, Kimberly Cichon, Maria Gosur, Jamie Howard, Jenna Howe, Sarah Kulczycki, Kelly Lane, Debbie Lasiewski, Nicole Link, Daniell Lupu, Jacqueline Naperola, Kirsten Peterson, Shannon Powers, Lisa Rabaut, Sarah Stachura, Lauren Stawara and Hayley Steinkopf.

•The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Bandits, an under-11 girls soccer team, recently defeated the Canton Superstars, 5-0, to cap a perfect 10-0 season.

Members of the Bandits, who outscored their opponents 29-6, include: Heidi Sorenson, Courtney Henschke, Katie Cannon, Jennifer O'Donnell, Danielle Wozniak, Jaclyn Lajza, Sher Holden, Dana O'Connell, Rene Foster, Alison Sather, Lauren Collins, Amanda Ayyash, Daniell Long, Alysén Hester, Amanda Dettloff, Megan Stachura, Alana Lavery and Patricia LeBron.

Terry Cannon is the head coach. His assistant is Tim Dettloff.

Crusader spikers 1st

Coach Tim DeBeliso's Crusader Junior AAU Open/Elite 18-and-under team captured first place recently in the Silver Division at the Michigan Junior Volleyball Association at Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern High School.

Members of the Crusader Juniors include Mary Lu Hemme, Livonia Ladywood (Madonna University); Mary Gignac and Nikole Downing, Farmington Hills Mercy; Kelly Abdo, Riverview Gabriel Richard; Hayley Meyers, Milford Lakeland; Jennifer Wing and Katie Kotulis, Rochester Adams.

The 18-and-under Crusader Juniors, coached by Erin Gregoire and Rayna Vert, also took third in the Competitive Silver Division.

Team members include: Jessica LeTourneau, Westland John Glenn; Cassie Ehlendt, Livonia Stevenson; Jamie Harris, North Farmington; A.J. Jones, Farmington Hills Mercy; Jamie Jarzembowski, Birmingham Groves; Allison Wise, White Lake Lakeland; Michelle Manger, Monroe St. Mary; Colleen Lewis and Diana Fallone, Novi.

Crusader 16s 3rd

The 16-and-under Open/Elite Crusader Juniors, coached by Mazie Pilut-Garbarz, took third in the Silver Division.

Team members include: Kerstin Marshall and Lisa Balko, Livonia Franklin; Julie Pfeifer, Carly Wadsworth and Kelley Hutchins, Livonia Stevenson; Sarah Pack, Westland John Glenn; Jessica Tilson and Desiree Betts, Livonia Ladywood; Ashley Williams, Plymouth Canton; Sarah Cashen, Birmingham Marian; Kathy Zaekaria, Novi.

Take a bronze medal in the 16-and-under Silver Division for the Crusader Juniors, coached by Brandy Malewski and Kelly Artymovich: Lauren Augustyn and Danielle Portelli, Plymouth Salem; Adrienne Smith, Katie Drews, Abby Larson, Kelly Zielinsky, Livonia Stevenson; Meredith Gorecki, Westland John Glenn; Carrie Denton, Farmington Hills Mercy; Siliva Perez, Dearborn Divine Child; Katie King, Birmingham Groves.

Shamrocks put selves in position

Malek's arm, bat prove too much in 12-1 triumph

PREP BASEBALL

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Redford Catholic Central senior Bob Malek threw a four-hitter over six innings in Friday's Division I baseball semifinal, but he was trouble for Portage Central before taking the mound.

Malek, CC's leadoff hitter, hit the third pitch of the game over the 400 foot sign in centerfield for a home run, getting things started in a 12-1 victory at Nichols Field in Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

"That was nice to get in the flow, get my nerves out," Malek said. "I hit a curveball that (Central starting pitcher Corey Scott) hung."

Malek scored two more runs, reaching base three times with walks, and had two RBI, including one on a sacrifice fly. But Central, a state finalist in 1997, will remember him just as much for his command on the mound.

Portage's only run came in the third on an RBI double by Nick Anderson, which followed a walk. Malek walked three and struck out three, relying on his teammates to make most of the putouts.

Malek was starting because the Shamrocks' ace, Anthony Tomey, needed another day's rest after pitching seven innings in Tuesday's 10-2 quarterfinal win over Brighton. Sophomore Charlie Haeger pitched the seventh, allowing no hits and walking one.

Tomey, a 23rd round draft pick of the Cleveland Indians with a 10-1 record, would be well rested for the championship game on Saturday against Troy, which beat Saline, 5-2, in the other semifinal.

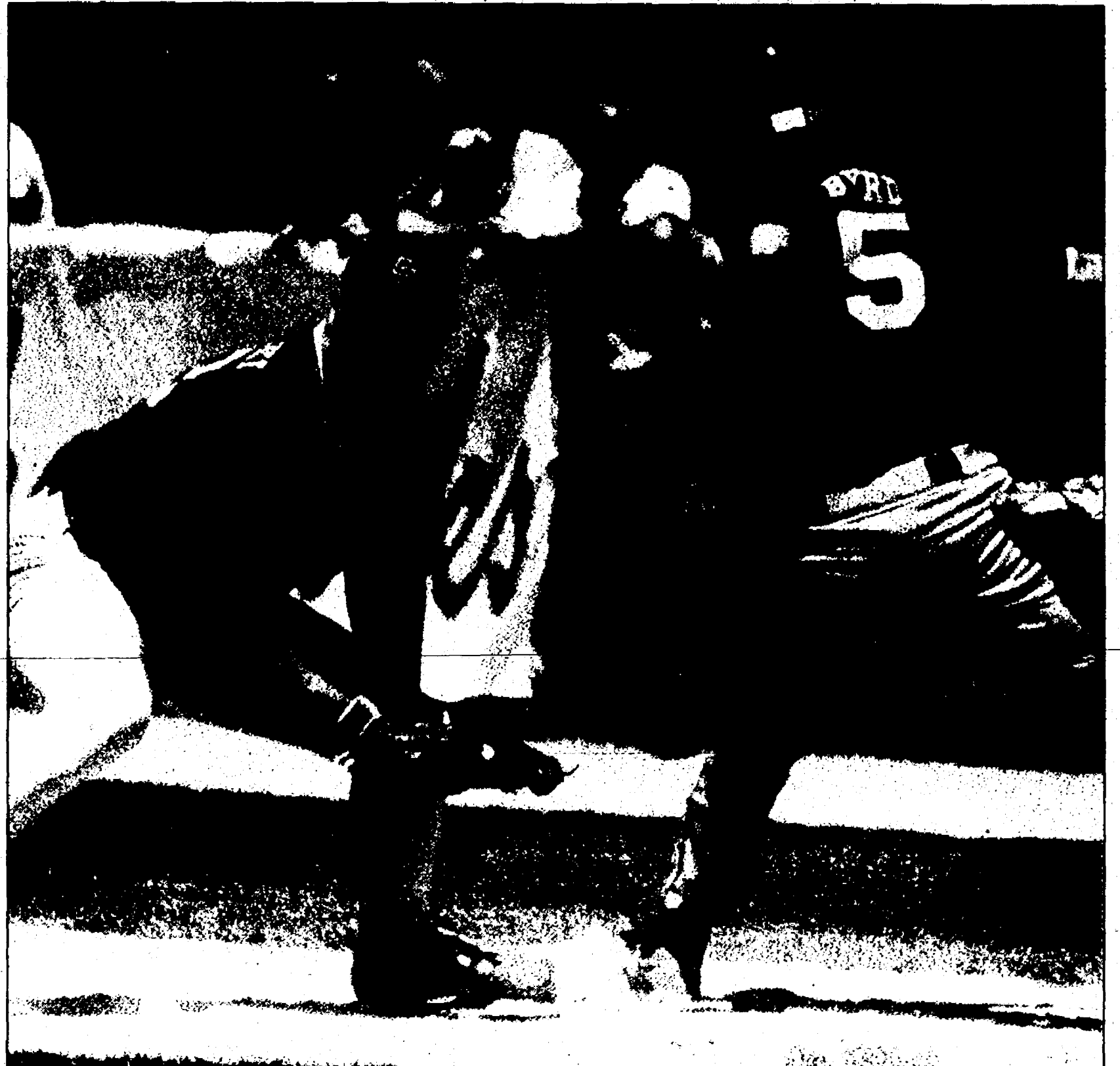
Ironically, Malek said he didn't feel up to par on the mound.

"I didn't have my stuff, nothing on my fastball," said Malek, who usually roams centerfield. "I wasn't popping the ball like normal. The fielders did a great job for me. I figured if we can keep Anthony rested for (the championship game) we'd be in good shape."

The Shamrocks scored two runs in the second, third, fourth and fifth innings and three in the sixth off Scott, Portage's ace who allowed 10 hits, nine walks and struck out two in 6 1/2 innings.

Tomey and Dave Lusky, who bat in the heart of CC's lineup, and No. 9 hitter Mario D'Herin had two hits each.

D'Herin scored three runs and drove



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Close play: Redford Catholic Central first baseman Casey Rogowski (left) makes the putout before Portage Central's Artie Byrd gets to the bag in Friday's 12-1 semifinal victory in Battle Creek.

in two. Casey Rogowski, with one hit, had two RBI, along with Tomey and Malek. Lusky drove in one run.

"That's a real tough lineup, one through nine, but particularly one through six," Royer said.

Portage had scored in double figures in 14 games and is a fastball hitting team, according to coach Royer. The Mustangs would have rather seen Malek instead of Tomey because both are fastball pitchers and Malek doesn't throw nearly as hard as Tomey.

But they also knew Malek, a Michigan State signee who is undefeated in seven starts, is no slouch.

"I've got to hand it to him, he was tough, very tough, and he hit the corners," Royer said. "That's been our strength, hitting fastball pitchers. Curveballers hurt us. And that's defi-

nately the hardest Scott's been hit all year."

The Shamrocks took a 37-1 record into the final, including a 5-0 mark in state-tournament games. CC hit like this but didn't pitch and play defense as well in a 10-9 loss to Saline in last year's state semifinal game.

"We reminded them we had leads last year and gave them away," CC coach John Salter said. "Portage Central is very fundamentally sound and likes to run and bunt but we took them out of that. We hoped for an early lead instead of having to battle every inning (against Brighton and Dearborn, in a regional semifinal)."

CC scored eight runs in the seventh to beat Brighton and beat Dearborn 5-2 in eight innings.

**Championship
game coverage
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Editor's note: Due to Sunday deadline constraints, complete photo and game coverage of Saturday's Division I baseball championship game between Redford Catholic Central and Troy High at Battle Creek's Bailey Stadium will appear in Thursday's editions of the Observer Newspapers.

2 Livonia players earn selection

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Around the state of Michigan this month, there no doubt are a lot of all-area teams being selected in high school girls' golf.

But it's unlikely any are better than the 1999 All-Observer team presented here. Indeed, most others probably wouldn't even measure up to this group's collective talent.

The seven players who comprise this year's all-area first team are among the state's top 20 Division I players, three of whom finished in the top 10.

It helps having the Division I state champion in your area. Farmington Hills Mercy supplies most of the talent for this year's elite squad.

The four girls whose scores counted for the Marlins in the state finals June 5 are first-team players — senior Jennifer Borowiec, sophomore Erin Borowiec, senior Angela Harbar and junior Lindsey Densmore.

The other first-team honorees are senior Mara Mazzoni of Western Lakes Activities Association champion Livonia Stevenson, junior Cassie Jemison of the Farmington Public Schools unified team and Livonia Churchill freshman Heidi Aittama.

It's also a veteran team as the Borowiec sisters, Jemison, Mazzoni and Harbar are repeat selections. In addition, it's the fourth consecutive year in which Jennifer Borowiec has been so honored and third for Harbar.

Jennifer Borowiec, who will continue her career at Ohio State University next year, will be remembered as one of Observerland's all-time golf standouts, ending her prep playing days with a third-place finish in the state tournament.

"Jennifer has gotten better every year; her scoring average came down every year," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said.

"The last two years she made the Class A all-state team, and this year she'd better make the Super Team (top eight). She is certainly deserving of that honor."

The same might be said of Erin Borowiec and Ait-



Heidi Aittama
Livonia Churchill



Mara Mazzoni
Livonia Stevenson

ALL-AREA GIRLS GOLF

remain a state-title contender in the new millenium. "We have a couple younger kids in the wings," Kowalski said. "If we can get them in the 80s or low 90s, we could be shooting 340 next year."

"We'll have three strong players back. We need one more person to step up and give us a good fourth score."

"We're still going to have a good team. I still think there's good things to come for the Mercy golf team."

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Jennifer Borowiec, senior, Mercy: Borowiec concluded an outstanding, four-year career as a high school golfer June 5 when she finished third in the Division I state tournament in East Lansing.

Borowiec placed first in the regional (73) and the Traverse City Invitational (71.76). She was the runner up in the Oakland County (77) and Catholic League (75) tournaments, and she was third at the Brighton Invitational (74).

She was a two-time Catholic League champion until conceding that title to her sister this year.

In the state finals, Borowiec shot 79 the first day and 81 the second for a 160 total. She averaged 38.5 strokes per nine-hole match.

"Jennifer will follow Mercy grad (and professional golfer star) Meg Mallon to Ohio State to continue her golf career," coach Vicky Kowalski said.

"Not only is Jennifer a super golfer, she's also the class valedictorian. She was a wonderful four year starter who will be missed at Mercy."

Erin Borowiec, sophomore, Mercy: Borowiec has been a key player for the Marlins for two years, but she emerged from the state tournament as one of the top players in Michigan.

Borowiec tied a course record at Forest Akers Golf Course in East Lansing when she shot a second-day round of 73.

Her two day score of 153 put her one stroke behind state

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champion Kim Benedict of Rochester Adams and made her the Division I runner-up.

Borowiec, who averaged 39.8 strokes in dual matches, also was the individual champion in the Catholic league tournament (74). She was second in the regional (78) and third in Oakland County (84).

"Erin capped a super sophomore season in the state finals," Kowalski said, adding Borowiec is the first sophomore in Mercy history to average under 40. "We look forward to her team leadership the next two years."

Heidi Aittama, freshman, Churchill: Aittama capped a spectacular first year by placing ninth (169) in the state tournament after qualifying as an individual player in the regional.

She was the Livonia City Tournament medalist and was an all-conference player, finishing second to Jemison in the Western Lakes meet.

Aittama also helped the Chargers to second-place finishes in the Kensington Invitational and Pinckney Best Ball Tournament.

"Heidi is an outstanding freshman golfer," coach Sharon Laskowski said. "She thrives on competition and rises to the occasion. The state final is a testimony to her mental toughness."

"She's very determined and has set some lofty goals for her future. She will continue to work hard to attain them."

Cassie Jemison, junior, Farmington: Jemison led Farmington's unified team to the Oakland County Division I championship, a 10-2 record in dual-meet competition and a berth in the Division I state finals.

Jemison, who attends Harrison High School, was the medalist in every match this year, and she was also the Oakland County and Western Lakes champion.

To win the latter two events, Jemison shot 79 in the conference and 81 in the county tournaments. She was fourth in the regional (85) and 22nd in the state finals.

"Cassie has been very focused and consistent all season," coach Ann Marie Sopha said, adding it was only Jemison's second year of varsity golf. "She works very hard on all aspects of her game."

"A lack of experience in tournament play, from being on a new team, slightly affected her performance in the state finals but hasn't hurt her in conference and county competition."

Mara Mazzoni, senior, Stevenson: Mazzoni, who was a second-team, all-area selection as a freshman and sophomore, helped the Spartans retain their Western Lakes title. She was fifth in that tournament and made the all-conference team.

Mazzoni was the medalist in five dual matches, finished second in the regional with a round of 82 and shot 84 on the second day of the state finals.

"Mara will certainly be missed next season," Stevenson coach John Wagner said. "She has been our scoring leader and most valuable player for the last two years."

"Her athletic ability was truly superior, and her contribution to her team was a key to our back-to-back championships. Her years at Stevenson will



Jennifer Borowiec
Farm. Hills Mercy



Erin Borowiec
Farm. Hills Mercy



Cassie Jemison
Farmington Unified



Angela Harbar
Farm. Hills Mercy



Lindsey Densmore
Farm. Hills Mercy

1st team honorees

ALL-AREA GIRLS GOLF	
FIRST TEAM	
Jennifer Borowiec, senior, Farm. Mercy	Erin Borowiec, sophomore, Farm. Mercy
Heidi Aittama, freshman, Livonia Churchill	Cassie Jemison, junior, Farmington Unified
Mara Mazzoni, senior, Stevenson	Angela Harbar, senior, Farm. Mercy
Lindsey Densmore, junior, Farm. Mercy	
SECOND TEAM	
Carl Haysler, junior, Livonia Stevenson	Ashley Johnson, junior, Livonia Churchill
Kate Steinhilber, senior, Liv. Livewood	Colleen Haysler, junior, Farm. Hills Mercy
Steph Carlin, junior, Farm. Hills Mercy	

not be forgotten by her teammates and her coach."

Angela Harbar, senior, Mercy: Harbar was another four-year standout for the Marlins and a key player in the team's extraordinary success during that time.

Harbar finished third in the Catholic League tournament (85), fourth in the Oakland County (89) and Flint Powers (80) tournaments and fifth in the regional (87).

She tied for 15th place in the state finals (95-87) and shot 168 (83-85) in the Traverse City Invitational. She averaged 44 strokes in dual matches.

Harbar made the East Lansing, Brighton, Oakland County, Powers, Traverse City and regional all-tournament teams.

"Many coaches, parents and players have commended Angela for how well she handles herself on the golf course," Kowalski said. "She truly enjoys playing the game, and her

sense of fun will be missed."

Lindsey Densmore, junior, Mercy: Densmore became one of Mercy's top players by the end of the season, shooting 183 (96-87) and finishing 18th to help the Marlins win the state title.

She also was seventh in the regional (90). She recorded her best 18-hole score (84) on the first day of the Traverse City Invitational and finished with a 174 total.

Densmore's best nine-hole score was 43 against Brighton. Her average score in dual matches was 46.

"Lindsey's game improved tremendously this year," Kowalski said. "She became an excellent tournament player. Her score completed the outstanding Mercy team's state championship."

"I look forward to having Lindsey as a senior leader next year."

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Lacrosse Park (Tecumseh, Ont.): Livonia D.C.I. vs. Tecumseh, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 23

Livonia's Ford Field: Windsor Selects vs. Michigan Rams, 5:45 p.m.; Troy Jet Box vs. Livonia D.C.I., 8 p.m.

Windsor's Mic-Mac Park: Livonia Adray vs. Windsor Stars, 7 p.m.

Lacrosse Park (Tecumseh, Ont.): Hines Park vs. Tecumseh, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 25

Livonia's Ford Field: Hines Park vs. Livonia Adray, 5:45 p.m.; Michigan Rams vs. Livonia D.C.I., 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 27

Livonia's Ford Field: Livonia Adray vs. Michigan Rams, noon; Livonia D.C.I. vs. Hines Park, 2:30 p.m.

Windsor's Mic-Mac Park: Troy Jet Box vs. Windsor Selects 1 p.m. (2).

Lacrosse Park (Tecumseh, Ont.): Windsor Stars vs. Tecumseh, 7 p.m.

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Wednesday, June 23

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Thursday, June 24

Panthers vs. Sandusky Bay Stars at Livonia Bicentennial, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 25

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Saturday, June 26

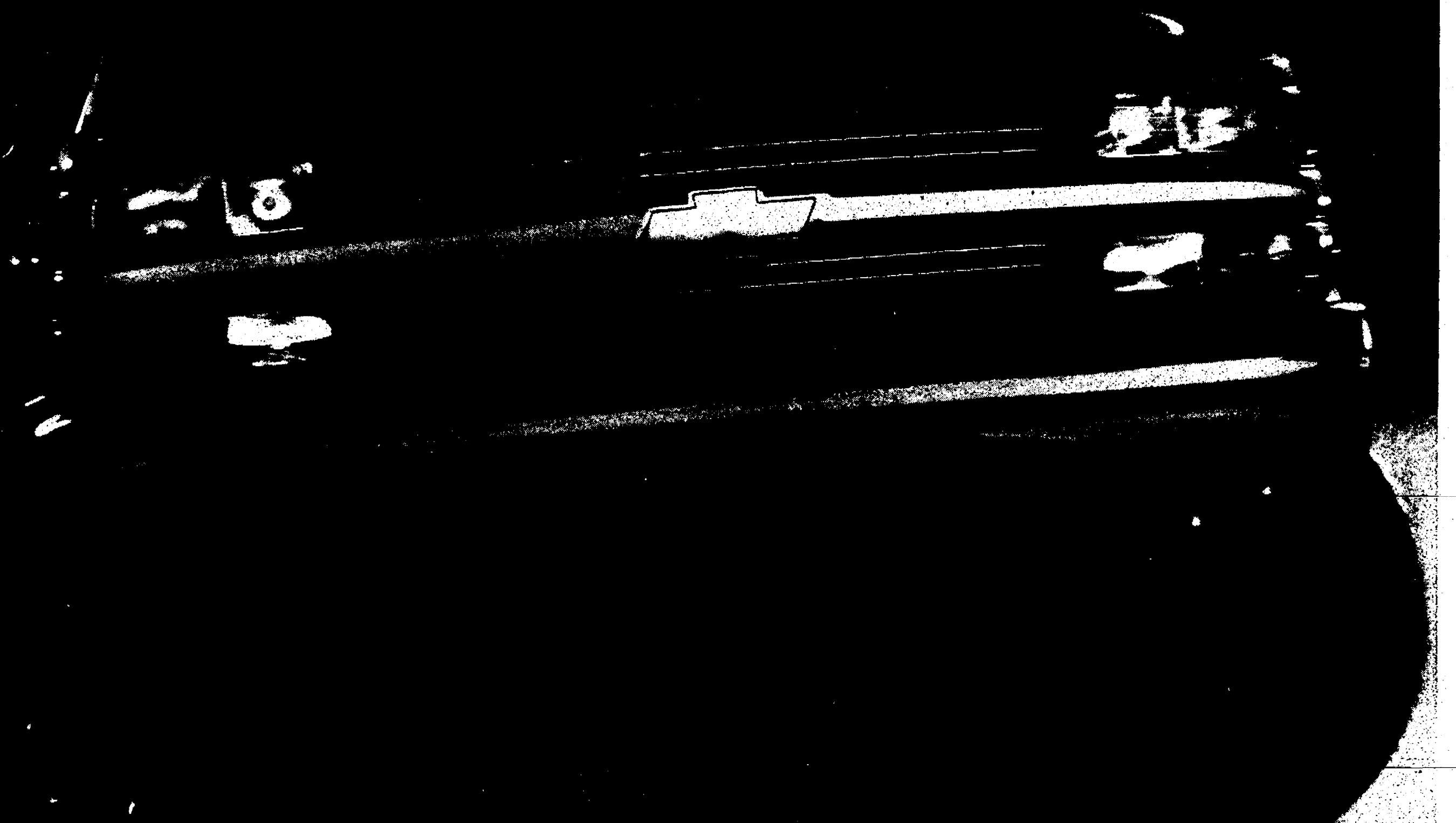
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The Regal I drove had a neat color. It's called Auburn Nightmist Metallic Pearl. OK. (One day, I'd love to meet the person who comes up with these color names.) I call it a pretty neat color because it's a mix of brown and red and rust.

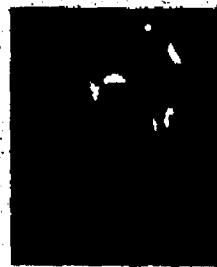
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Let's Talk Cars



Art Cervi

Welcome to Michigan as we now move into our second season: construction. Those who live here know that we only have two seasons, winter and construction for the rest of the year. We do not have to be told that our roads are in terrible shape, we drive them everyday. However, this year it seems like everything is being fixed all at once. Everywhere you drive you are met by what has now become our state flower, that beautiful orange barrel with the amber light on top.

I for one am truly in favor of the new slogan "road workers...Give them a brake!" My question is: is it working?

Signs that say "Fines doubled in work areas don't seem to phase too many drivers. Talk to most drivers and they'll say, "Yeah, I go about 10 over but so does everyone else. Besides, the cops give you an extra ten to keep the traffic flowing." What's the sense of having a speed limit if it's not enforced. While there should be some latitude because of speedometer errors, this should only be plus or minus five miles per hour. So if its 55 you'd have a range that would go from 50-60, that should be it. Doesn't happen. Have you ever felt like the Lone Ranger as you cruise the freeway doing the speed limit in the right hand lane and have the traffic blow by you like you were almost standing still? Yes, even in those construction zones.

Maybe it's to catch up with those minutes lost as we wait for the traffic to merge into one or two lanes through those work areas. Are we in such a hurry to rush through life that we cannot see the dangers we put ourselves in? Or do we feel that others are invading our "space"? Use your head and look out for each other, and especially now a little courtesy will go a long way.

This area now has the makings for a good movie -- "Detours for Detours." These signs say alternate routes advised. And in the media we learn which ones to take. What they forget to tell you is that on that given day when you want to go somewhere the alternate road is undergoing CONSTRUCTION! Have faith, we must believe that we will reap

the benefits...someday.

Had the occasion the other day to witness a semi hauling a large bulldozer making a left turn at a light. Traffic was heavy so he had to wait until the light turned red, at which point he went into his turn. Behind him, coming through the red light is a car horn blaring because the trucker wasn't moving fast enough for him. Maybe someone forgot to tell him about a thing called power to weight. That truck wasn't going anywhere fast. Maybe he wanted to get the trucker to move over so he could get on with his life...til next week...

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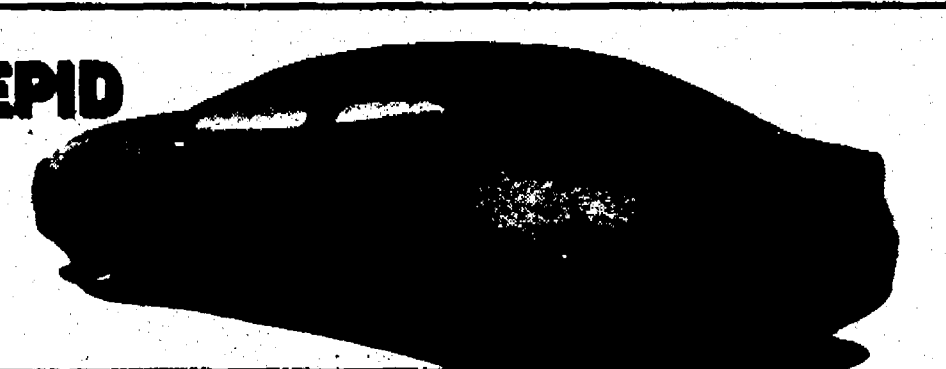


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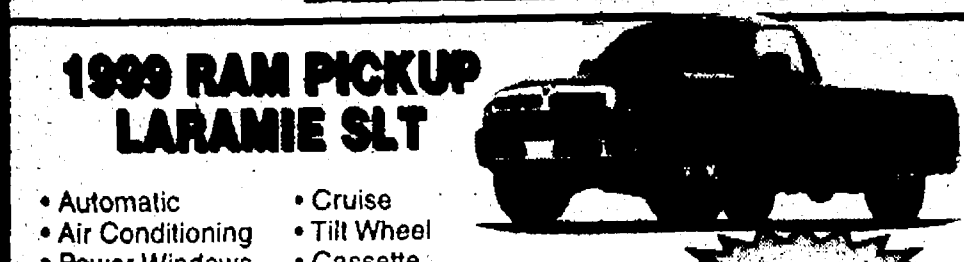
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- 7 passenger



1999 INTREPID

- 2.7 V-6
- Automatic
- Air Conditioning
- Power Windows
- Power Locks
- Tilt Steering
- Cruise Control
- Cassette
- Floor Mats
- 16" Wheels
- Power Locks



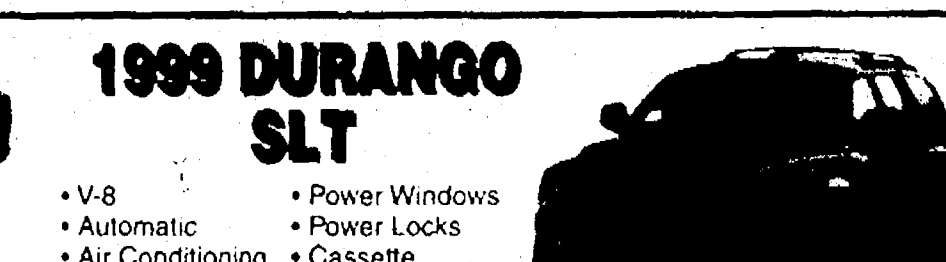
1999 RAM PICKUP LARAMIE SLT

- Automatic
- Air Conditioning
- Power Windows
- Power Locks
- Power Mirrors
- Cruise
- Tilt Wheel
- Cassette
- Aluminum Wheels
- Floor Mats



1999 DAKOTA SPORT PICKUP

- 3.9 V-6
- Air Conditioning
- 40/20/40 Seat
- Sport Group
- Aluminum Wheels
- Power Steering
- Fog Lamps
- Power Brakes
- Floor Mats
- AM/FM Cassette



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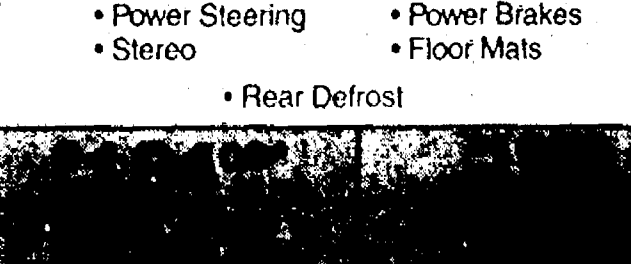
- V-8
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- Air Conditioning
- Tilt
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- Power Locks
- Cassette
- Fog Lamps
- Aluminum Wheels

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Buick Regal mixes quality and value



By Anne Fracassa
Avanti NewsFeatures

Here's a family car that your mother and father would love. The new Buick Regal is also a car that you, yourself, can get that affords a little excitement.

I'm talking about power here. With the 3800 Series II V6 standard engine, you're pulling in 200 horses that don't want to quit. Step on the gas, kids, and go, go, go.

What did Buick do to the 3800 to make it so powerful? Easy. Plop in a new low-reduction air cleaner and a larger induction system and you've got an increase in performance that makes the 1999 Regal pull away from a light with finesse and authority and makes long highway trips a pleasure.

Comfort is the key. The seats envelope you, nestling you like a little baby. You actually will feel secure with the massive amount of car around you.

And yet the Regal isn't like a yacht on wheels. It handles very well, lending itself to some spirited driving, if you choose. Buick calls it "sporty and supercharged."

I call it fun. Yes, I did say "fun" and "Buick" in the same paragraph. Several years ago, I would have been shot in the back for even alluding to that. But fun it is. It's got spirit, it's got spunk, it's got what I call "vroom appeal."

And I have to tell you, with everything but the kitchen sink thrown in, it tops out at \$25,000. Base price on the Regal is just \$18,000. Reasonable and value-driven for a mid-size vehicle.

I had the Regal for more than a week on this test, so it was put through just about everything I could throw at it. From a trip up north to demanding city driving



The Buick Regal is a functional family sedan with room and cargo space unmatched in the competition.

on our awful Michigan thoroughfares, it held up well and was very comfy. Even with uneven pavement and construction-riddled freeways, the Regal treated me with kid gloves.

I have to mention that the Regal GS has a 3800 V6 that has 240 horses. I liked the LS better because of the added value and comfort.

Both models are equipped with a 4-speed automatic overdrive transmission that performed well. The transmission is mounted on the floor in front of the center console, which gives it a more sporty feel. Even though this vehicle doesn't look sporty by any stretch of the imagination, the interior lends itself to the feel.

The interior is more than roomy and the front bucket seats are very comfortable. The rear seats can accommodate three full-sized adults with ease. If you've got two people back there, the middle back seat flips down to reveal a large center armrest

with two cupholders and an accessory holder. Behind that is a locked panel that accesses the trunk.

And the trunk. Man, there's enough room back there to hold seven months' worth of groceries or most of your worldly possessions. Very impressive.

One thing you'll really like is the instrumentation of the Regal LS. It's tremendously appealing with its wrap-around-the-driver look. Everything is easy to read, easy to operate and easy to understand.

The center instrument panel houses the stereo and heating and cooling controls. And your passenger will love the Regal - there are separate climate controls for their particular pleasure.

I mentioned the ride. Buick engineers have taken the time to refine the suspension over the past year with the use of better shock absorbers, creating a more rigid chassis and better structural integrity. It

shows. The ride is superb.

And quiet. Close all the windows and you won't hear a peep from the outside world. Sure, you'll hear the Harley revving next to you, but it still is super quiet inside. What a pleasure.

Enhanced full-range traction control systems are standard in all Regals.

Safety features don't take a back seat here. You'll find 4-wheel anti-lock brakes, 3-point seat belts in outboard positions (out-fitted with front comfort adjusters and rear seat comfort guides), a theft-deterrent system with Passkey, driver and right front passenger airbags, variable effort steering, bolt-on steel wheelcovers, battery run-down protection and daytime running lamps.

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