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Letter sparks city election flap



The Westland City Council primary is heating up following the use of city letterhead in a mailing by two councilmen. Their actions may result in a union grievance.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Two incumbent Westland council candidates are accused of campaign improprieties for using city stationery

for a pre-primary election mailing to a north-end neighborhood.

Councilmen David Cox and Charles "Trav" Griffin have upset some colleagues, residents and their own council secretary by sending letters pledg-

ing road repairs to concerned residents of Holliday Park Townhouse Cooperative.

Cox and Griffin used the city clerk's office letterhead even though they described their mailing as a personal response - paid with their own money - to road concerns raised by more than 400 residents who signed petitions.

"I will never let anybody tell me that I can't communicate with the citizens of this community," Griffin said Friday.

"I would do it again."

The Aug. 3 mailing indicated that Holliday Park will benefit as early as next spring from a resurfacing program. The letter ended with a campaign slogan, "keep making it better," being used by Cox, Griffin and their running mate, David James.

James' name doesn't appear in the letter.

Critics accused Cox and Griffin of

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Starting Sunday afternoon, the exit ramp from northbound I-275 to eastbound I-696 will be closed for reconstruction and traffic detoured about five miles onto eastbound M-5.

From northbound I-275, motorists looking to exit to eastbound I-696 will be directed onto the eastbound M-5/Grand River exit and follow two lanes onto that portion of M-5 now known as the Keith Deacon Memorial Highway in Farmington Hills.

Motorists will drive 2.5 miles east. That will take them past the Grand River exit, then they will turn around on a temporary ramp, then proceed on westbound M-5 another 2.5 miles to the eastbound I-696 exit.

Construction crews also continued work this weekend on the Eight Mile Road entrance and exit ramps. Motorists are advised to use Seven Mile or Six Mile interchanges as alternate routes. Once Eight Mile ramps are completed, crews will move to Seven Mile for construction there.

TV Book: The Observer Newspapers have discontinued the TV cable guide. Reader surveys have shown that the guide hasn't been popular with the majority of our readers. We will continue to focus our attention on improving other aspects of your newspaper. We apologize for any inconvenience.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Council session: The Westland City Council will hold a study session 6:15 p.m. Monday at City Hall on a proposed Walgreens.

School board: The Wayne-Westland Board of Education will meet 7 p.m. Monday in the school board offices, on Marquette east of Newburgh.

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Sound of music



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Family fun: Trumpet player Nate Panicacci of Westland and a member of the Red Garter Band plays out into the audience during a Tuesday concert at Redford's Capitol Park. At right is wife Mary Panicacci and grandchildren Mandy and Tyler Brown of Wayne. Westland's summer concerts end 6 p.m. Sunday at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

Concert fun a slice of summer

BY JULIE BROWN
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If you like music, today's a good day to head to the Westland Cultural Society concert.

The free concert will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, with Detroit Breakdown featuring Todd Marken.

The show will be at the Performance Pavilion of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, on Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford.

Concerts are sponsored by the Westland City Council and feature a variety of musical styles. The aim: "Just to provide a Sunday evening

enjoyment for the people," said Jo Johnson, Cultural Society president.

"We've had some real good crowds," said Johnson of Westland. The concerts, which have been held 10 years, have been at the library the past three years.

Please see CONCERT, A4

Westland restaurant is tops in sales

BY JULIE BROWN
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The Red Robin restaurant on Warren in Westland is tops nationwide in increased sales for Red Robins, and that has staff at the restaurant feeling proud.

"We just keep going faster and faster," said Ken Kossick, general manager for the Westland eatery. The top honors are for the fiscal year, which corresponds closely to the 1999

calendar year.

The restaurant, which opened in October 1995, is one of more than 130 in the U.S., with additional sites in Canada. The Michigan restaurants are owned by the Ansara Group, which also owns area Big Boys.

Red Robin's about to open its fifth Michigan eatery, Kossick said, with others planned. He attributes their success to excellence in service. "Whatever it takes to make our guests

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'Wacky Wednesday' brings tomfoolery to city library

BY JULIE BROWN
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Libraries may have a reputation as staid places, but "Wacky Wednesday" proved that wrong at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

The children's department was the focus of activity Wednesday, Aug. 18, with things a bit topsy-turvy. "We have a lot of wacky things around, hidden, secret things," said Jolce Kempf, head of children's services. "Our department has gone wacky."

Now that the day has passed, the secrets can be revealed. The items included a Christmas stocking hung in August, a table wearing gym shoes and others. Students searched for 10 items, filling out a form, plus two more for extra credit.

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"Wacky Wednesday" wasn't part of the Summer Reading Program, which ended Aug. 7. "This is just straight fun, no reading required," Kempf said. "We've done it a number of times. Sometimes it's called 'Freaky Friday.'"

She described student response as "great," noting 30 kids participated in the first 2 1/2 hours. There was no age

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Gnida has option of an appeal

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Richard Gnida - besieged by intense public scrutiny after crashing a limousine that injured two Detroit Red Wings players and a masseur in 1997 - faces a Sept. 8 deadline to decide whether he will fight a new, one-year jail term.

"He did not indicate to me that he will file an appeal," Gnida's court-appointed attorney, Mary Jane Bevelheimer, said. "I have no idea if he will."

Her remarks came Wednesday after Westland District Judge Gail McKnight sentenced Gnida, 30, to one year in jail for driving drunk July 2 - his third alcohol offense.

McKnight criticized Gnida's "absolute cavalier attitude" toward the law, and she urged authorities and prosecutors to prevent any early release he might seek.

McKnight's ruling followed a July 30 jury decision to convict Gnida after authorities accused him of driving drunk and ignoring a stop sign in Westland, where he lives.

The judge also revoked Gnida's license and directed prosecutors, under forfeiture laws, to seize his car.

In a rare move, McKnight issued a three-page statement detailing Gnida's case and explaining why she believed jail was the only option in sentencing him.

She said Gnida has a history of alcohol offenses and other violations such as driving on a suspended license. She singled out the 1997 crash that brought "very serious, life-changing injuries to the Red Wings players and staff."

A former limousine driver, Gnida was involved in a June 1997 crash in Oakland County that injured Red Wings Vladimir Konstantinov and Slava Fetisov and masseur Sergei Mnatsakanov.

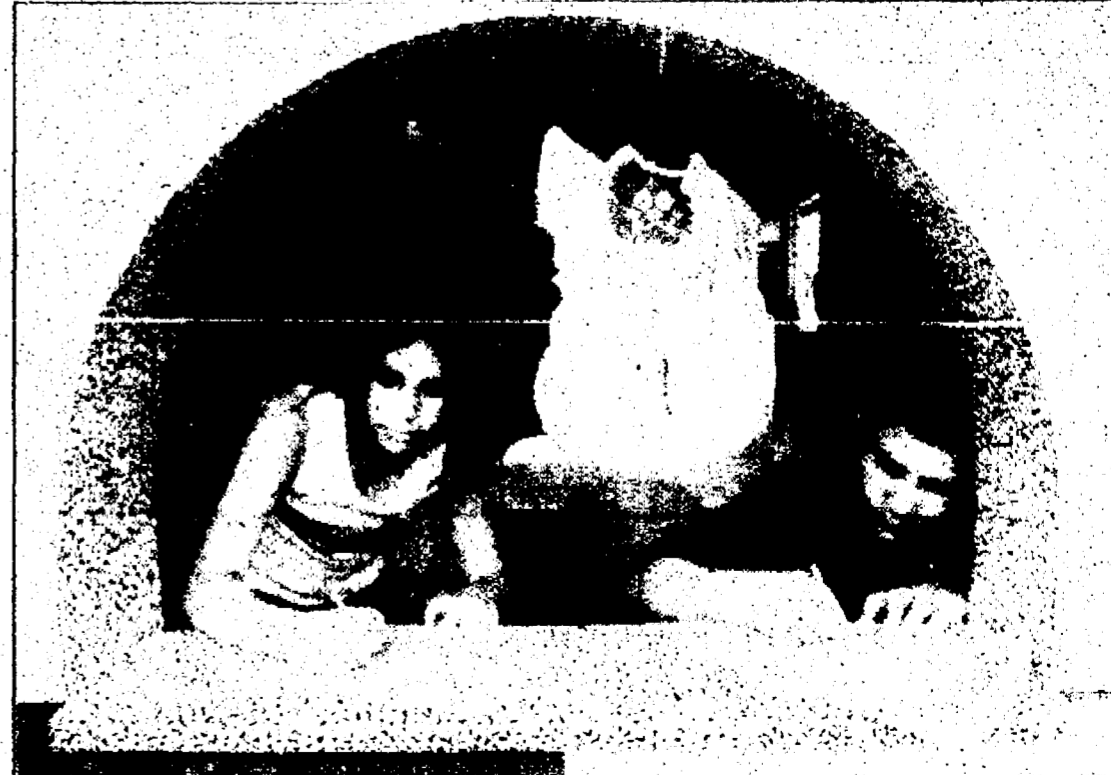
Konstantinov still is frequently in the public spotlight as he tries to overcome injuries that paralyzed him.

McKnight noted that, even before Gnida was arrested again for driving drunk July 2, he had received two minor traffic tickets in May and refused to appear in court.

Clearly upset by Gnida's actions, McKnight ordered him jailed and said he has exhausted options such as probation, treatment and fines.

The judge pointed out that Gnida's problems have led to new state laws, or so-called "Gnida bills," that increase penalties for driving on a suspended license and causing injuries or death.

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Searching: Lisa Hengesbaugh, 10, (left) and her brother, Lance, 11, of Westland fill out the form for the "Wacky Wednesday" contest at the library. The Halloween decoration hanging in the children's area of the library was one of 12 wacky items to find.

OBITUARIES

ARVID E. SWAGLER
Services for Arvid "Arv" Swagler, 78, of Lansing were Aug. 19 in Tiffany Funeral Home in Lansing with burial at Deepdale Memorial Park in Lansing.

Mr. Swagler was born Sept. 5, 1922, in Lansing and died Aug. 16. Mr. Swagler was formerly from the Detroit area, living in the Livonia, Redford, Garden City and Westland communities. In his youth, he was active in 4-H and won several ribbons and a state championship for his Guernsey cattle. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1941-45. He retired in 1978 as district manager in the Detroit area for Michigan Bell. He was a member and usher at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansing and a member of Elks B.P.O.E. No. 196.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Ruth; sons, Spencer (Linda) Swagler and Joel (Linda) Swagler; daughter, Jean (Lawrence) Thelen; brother,

John (Dolly) Swagler; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Mr. Swagler was preceded in death by his son, Steven, in 1983.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 W. Saginaw St., Lansing, MI 48917.

J.W. HICKLEN

Services for J.W. Hicklen, 78, of Westland were Aug. 7 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton. Eureka North Warren Lodge No. 509 held a service on Aug. 6.

Mr. Hicklen was born March 19, 1921, in Hazelgreen, Ala., and died Aug. 4 in Westland. He was a welder in the automotive industry.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys; daughter, Patricia Hicklen; brothers, Nolen, Johnny, E.J. and Billy.

Mr. Hicklen was preceded in

death by his brothers, James and Charles, and sisters, Dorothy Tucker and Evelyn Neely.

LILLIAN JANOWSKI

Services for Lillian Janowski, 75, of Westland were Aug. 18 in St. Richard Catholic Church with burial at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Officiating was the Rev. Terence Treppa.

Mrs. Janowski was born July 20, 1924, in Detroit and died Aug. 15 in Dearborn. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Richard Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Adam; sons, Adam of Naples, Fla., and Jim (Kim) Janowski of Farmington Hills; daughters, Felicia (Curtis) Gull of Commerce Township, Barbara (Paul) Bortell of Plymouth and Kathryn (Robert) Jones of Fremont, Calif.; brother, Vincent (Mary) Wacht of Dearborn Heights; sister, Sophie Wacht; and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Richard 50-Plus Club, 35637 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, MI 48185.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

DR. EUGENE P. LESCHINSKI

Services for Dr. Eugene Leschinski, D.C., 64, of Westland were Aug. 19 in Vermeulen Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Leonard Partensky.

Dr. Leschinski was born Jan. 24, 1935, in Detroit and died Aug. 16 in Gaylord, Mich. He was a chiropractor. He served with the Navy during the Korean War.

Surviving are his sons, Joseph of Westland and Ronald of San Francisco, Calif.; daughters, Susan (Michael) Bess of Westland, Julie (James) Bloss of St. Clair Shores and Christine (Timothy) Music of Clinton Township; brothers, Donald (Patricia) Leschinski of Southfield and Richard (Nila) Leschinski of Dade City, Fla.; sisters Arlene Caldwell of Delta, Utah, Lorraine (Edward) Bingham of Taylor and JoAnn (Conrad) Driver of Detroit; and three grandchildren.

HERBERT S. WILKINS

Services for Herbert Wilkins, 80, of Westland were Aug. 21 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens

West, Westland.

Mr. Wilkins was born June 24, 1919, in Nankin Township and died Aug. 18 in Fairfax Manor, Superior Township. He was a foreman in the automotive industry.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy; son, Herbert; sister, Charlotte; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

FRED L. BAILEY

Services for Fred Bailey, 85, of Westland were Aug. 20 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mr. Bailey was born March 1, 1914, in Macon, Ga., and died Aug. 17 in Garden City. He was an operating engineer in the construction business.

Surviving are his son, Freddie (Beatrice); daughter, Yvonne (Donald) Barton; brother, I.V.; sister, Ruth; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Bailey was preceded in death by his wife, Lazora; brothers, Roland, Claude, Perry, James and Earl; sisters, Delta and Mabel.

JOHN F. WASHBURN

Services for John Washburn, 77, of Westland were Aug. 21 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral

Home with burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Paul T. Adams from Dearborn Temple.

Mr. Washburn was born April 1, 1922, in Marshall County, Ky., and died Aug. 18 in Ann Arbor. He was a machinist.

Surviving are his wife, Garnell; son, Lance (Julia) Washburn; and two grandchildren.

LEONARD E. ALCINI

Services for Leonard Alcini, 86, of Westland were Aug. 20 in St. Richard Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Terence Treppa.

Mr. Alcini was born Oct. 6, 1912, in Pittsburgh, Pa., and died Aug. 16 in Garden City. He was a tool designer employed with Ex-Cell-O. He was a member of St. Richard Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Grace; son, Frank Alcini of Plymouth; daughters, Diana (Leo) Leech of Walled Lake and Francine (John) Bell of St. Clair Shores; brother, Roy Alcini of Lowell, Mass.; sister, Edith Cheli of Sterling Heights; and 10 grandchildren.

Arrangements were made from Vermeulen Funeral Home.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 30, 1999**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on August 30, 1999 at 7:25 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

To solicit public comments on the following proposed ordinance:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 99-

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 52.04 (C) OF CHAPTERS 52 OF TITLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

1. That Section 52.04 (C) of Chapters 52 of Title V of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:

§ 52.04 SEWAGE DISPOSAL RATES.

(C) Industrial waste control charge. All non-residential users shall pay an IWC charge based on meter size. This flat rate, without regard to consumption. The following rates shall apply:

Meter Size	Monthly Charge	Quarterly Charge
1/4 in.	4.58	13.74
3/8 in.	6.86	20.58
1 in.	11.44	34.32
1 1/2 in.	25.16	75.48
2 in.	36.59	109.77
3 in.	66.33	198.99
4 in.	91.48	274.44
6 in.	137.21	411.63
8 in.	228.69	686.07

REPEALER.

That Section 52.04 (C) of Chapters 52 of Title V of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. Except as herein modified, the said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

SEVERABILITY.

The City of Garden City hereby declares that if any section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Ordinance hereby adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the City of Garden City that if it would have passed all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination here from such portion as may be declared invalid.

SAVINGS CLAUSE.

That nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceedings pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or effected by this Ordinance.

DATE OF EFFECT.

This amendatory Ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.

JAMES L. BARKER

ALYSSON M. BETTIS

Approved: _____

Treasurer/City Clerk

Resolution: _____

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 1999**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

Also present were City Manager Kocsis, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, City Attorney Cummings, Parks and Recreation Director Whitson and Police Chief Harvey.

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

- Harold Borowiecki, of Garden City, requested the lighting on Ford Road between Harrison and Inkster be repaired and discussed rat infestation of his neighborhood.
- Rick Barnett, of Garden City, questioned the definition of a "major road" and if John Hawk has to be declared a "major road" to get construction.

♦ **Item 08-99-344**
Moved by Kaledas, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of August 2, 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 08-99-345**
Moved by Dodge, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of David Harvey to the position of Police Chief for the City of Garden City. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

- Beverage Vending Machines - Parks & Recreation.
- Sale of City-Owned Vehicles.
- Lot Split - 33623 Bock.
- Rezoning Ordinance - 2210 & 2070 Arcola.

♦ **Item 08-99-346**
Moved by Dodge, supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve a five-year beverage vending machine contract with Coca-Cola Bottling Co., for Parks and Recreation facilities as prescribed in the agreement; \$20,000.00 up-front sponsorship, 32% commission - 20 oz. carbonated, 32% commission - 12 oz. carbonated, 22% commission - non-carbonated beverages. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

♦ **Item 08-99-347**
Moved by Lynch, supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To award the bids for the sale of used City-owned vehicles to:

LINDA BROWN, 31767 DONNELLY, GARDEN CITY, MI 48135
1989 FORD TAURUS VIN# 1FABF50U0KG234367 \$901.00
1990 PONTIAC GRAND PRX VIN# 1G2WJ14T2LF286134 \$911.00
TOTAL \$1,812.00

PHYLLIS A. BALINSKI, 7024 HARRISON, GARDEN CITY, MI 48135
1988 PONTIAC VIN# 1G2AF51R8JT258171 \$1,600.00

TRUMBULL AUTO SALES, 2123 TRUMBULL AVE., DETROIT, MI 48216
1991 CHEV. CAPRICE VIN# 1G1BL5371MW245195 \$2,237.00
1996 FORD CROWN VICTORIA VIN# 2FALP71W3TX148644 \$5,392.00
1996 FORD CROWN VICTORIA VIN# 2FALP71W7TX148646 \$5,492.00
TOTAL \$13,121.00

GREATER DETROIT USED CARS, 38 W. FISHER FWY., DETROIT, MI 48201
1992 FORD CROWN VICTORIA VIN# 2FACP72W8NX207303 \$1,579.00

Grand Total for used vehicles \$18,112.00

AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

♦ **Item 08-99-348**
Moved by Kaledas, supported by Lynch: Councilmember Dodge requested that the letter dated March 19, 1999 from McKenna Associates be included in the record.

- Ed Kane, Planning Commission Chairperson, noted that the main concern of residents has been addressed.
- Harold Borowiecki, of Garden City, is opposed because the City has too many drug stores and auto parts stores.
- Ervin Petty, of Garden City, wanted to know what happens to the other Arbor store.
- Ed Weiland, of the Planning Commission, stated the planned building has satisfied many residents.
- Harriet Batchik, of the Planning Commission, stated a "Welcome to Garden City" sign has been negotiated.

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission for the rezoning request of Lot 1699 (n.k.a., 2070 Arcola) and Lot 1700 (n.k.a., 2210 Arcola), Folker's Garden City Acres Subdivision #11 from R-1, One Family Residential to C-2, Community Business. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmembers Dodge. ABSENT: None.

Motion passed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALYSSON M. BETTIS
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Back-to-school shoppers know what they want

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

For many parents, shopping for back-to-school supplies and clothes for their children is not unlike preparing for a small military battle - and sometimes there are intense negotiations.

Local shoppers are dealing with those challenges by shopping at consignment shops, scanning newspapers advertisements and setting limits on what they will spend on each child.

In Garden City, budget-minded shoppers have been keeping the Bottom Drawer Inc., a children's clothing consignment shop at 6209 Middlebelt, very busy this back-to-school season.

"This seems to be our busiest time," said owner Faith Riddle, adding that this round of back-to-school shopping has started earlier and has been busier than most years. A back to school sale and a Beanie Baby giveaway contest have both been draws.

The store stocks clothing, shoes, books and toys for infants to teens. Designer brand items like Tommy Hilfiger and Old Navy go fast when they come in. Cargo, carpenter and flared jeans also go fast.

"The kids know their name brands," Faith Riddle said.

Bottom Drawer deals with roughly 600 clients, who bring in clean children's and teen clothing in good condition in exchange for 50 percent of the item's selling price. Customers get the money when the item is sold or can use the money as store credit, Faith Riddle said.

Cindy Parker of Garden City was combing the racks for clothes for her five children who attend United Christian School in Garden City. Her children range in age from 7 to 16. She's found some treasures in her hunts.

"I've found brand-new clothes," said Parker, who also shops at yard and garage sales.

Her children have a prescribed dress code, which includes khaki-type pants and polo shirts of particular colors.

"It's easier," said Parker, who was shopping with her mother-in-law, Billie Parker. "There's a certain variety of things we have to look for."

Christine Crouson of Westland, who has two children attending Northville Christian, deals with prescribed dress codes.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

School beckons: Christine Crouson of Westland looks for shirts for her boys, Timothy, 4, and Kevin 9, (not pictured) at the Bottom Drawer Store in Garden City. Daughter Emily, 2, peeks around her mother.

She said the private school experience has taught her son Kevin, 9, how to dress appropriately.

"He's used to everything staying tucked in," she said. He even tries to tuck in his pajamas, she added.

Around the corner at Kmart, Faith Riddle's husband Bill Riddle, operations manager, is making sure the shelves and racks stay stocked with things kids and parents want. Sometimes he finds it's a losing battle, especially with hot items such as see-through backpacks.

Hot items at Kmart include anything with Pokemon, Star Wars, Barbie or Looney Tunes on it. Nylon lunch kits are also hot as well as dorm room supplies such as plastic crates, storage boxes, small stereos and small desks.

"College sales have really been picked up," he said. "We've sold more dorm-type stuff than I've ever seen."

As for what's hot with kids, Bill Riddle's 12-year-old daughter helps him keep abreast of the trends - and makes sure mom and dad keep her in style.

"She likes anything with Taz on it," Bill Riddle said, referring to the popular "Tasmanian Devil" character.

As for clothing, the baggier, the better. Cargo and carpenter pants as well as khakis are all hot sellers. Girls seem to love the jeans with butterflies and flowers embroidered on them, said Alicia Onderdonk, Kid's World department manager.

Shoppers are also making sure their children have things to wear underneath their new school outfits and shoes - sales

of socks, underwear and bras have picked up, Bill Riddle said.

Sales of basic school items like crayons, pencils, paper, glue, notebooks and binders have also been swift.

On a recent afternoon, Juline Kataraki, 4, of Garden City was on a mission with her mother, Jennifer, to find a certain kind of backpack. Juline will attend Memorial Elementary School.

"The only thing she keeps saying she wants is a Barbie backpack," her mother said. Once they found one, Juline clutched it close while they continued to shop.

Elsewhere in Kmart, Carly Burner, 11, who will attend Douglas Elementary School, was searching for bell bottoms, T-shirts, notebooks and pencils.

Her brother, Jack, 9, was eyeing the breakaway pants, which fea-

ture side snaps for easy removal and WCW wrestling T-shirts. He also likes "Pokémon" items.

Their mother, Vicky, said she sets a limit of \$150 per child when she takes them school shopping.

"My strategy just pretty much involves looking in Sunday papers for the different ads," Vicky Burner said.

When asked what kind of clothes he was looking for, Michael Bearinger, 9, of Garden City said "baggy ones." He was also gunning for a "Cheetah" backpack. He will attend Memorial this fall.

Mother Vickie Bearinger said she goes the resale route with her younger boys, but described her teenage son as being "too old for resale."

Items have kid appeal

What's hot for back to school this season:

- "Pokémon" items, including clothing, backpacks, lunch boxes, notebooks and more.
- "Star Wars - The Phantom Menace" items
- "Looney Tunes" items
- Novelty backpacks, such as "bubble" or plastic character backpacks
- Baggy jeans, including

cargo, carpenter and other "utility" pants as well as khakis

■ Sports team apparel such as Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Pistons and the Detroit Lions

■ For college students, beanbag chairs, fuzzy "It" lamps, giant thumbtack picture hangers, plastic crates and boxes, lava lamps and "retro" decorations such as flowers, ladybugs and butterflies are hot.

Quake has family mourning

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Like millions around the world, Sae Kerimouski sat helpless this week unable to aid family and friends in earthquake-ravaged Turkey.

All the Canton man could do was to keep trying to reach loved ones via the telephone and wait for their calls. Finally, late Tuesday afternoon, a full day after the killer quake, he heard from his sister.

"My sister said they had to leave the area," Kerimouski said. "She was calling from a motel about 25 miles away."

His sister lives in the town of Yalova, which sits well within the 400-mile northwest region of Turkey affected by the earthquake.

"She said they had bad damages to lots of buildings," Kerimouski said.

A native of Macedonia, he has 50 family members living in Turkey. Four from his wife's side of the family were killed.

Kerimouski, 46, said he also lost several friends to the quake, which registered 7.4 on the Richter scale.

"We lost four family members," he said, "and seven people I knew personally."

Ironically, Kerimouski and his family returned from a seven-week vacation in Turkey on Aug. 6.

"It wasn't meant for us to be there," he said.

While he was in Turkey, it was hit by an earthquake registering 4.1.

"They are common in that area," Kerimouski said.

A Ford Motor Co. employee, his seven-week stay used up all his vacation time. He thinks it's unlikely he'll be able to go back to Turkey.

"I wish I could do something," Kerimouski said. "But I don't have the time."

More than 7,000 people were confirmed dead as of Wednesday. Nearly 20,000 were hurt and 10,000 more missing. Massive relief efforts are under way.

Rescue teams have arrived in Turkey from Switzerland. Military jets from the United States, Germany and France are helping extinguish a massive oil refinery fire near the earthquake's epicenter.

Locally, the American Red Cross is gathering money to buy essential foods and medicines for Turkish people. Red Cross rescue workers were on their way to the country Wednesday.

"The top priority is to rescue and treat the injured," Detroit chapter Emergency Response Director Peter Amos said.

As for money, he said it'll be used to buy goods overseas. "We get a lot better value than shipping and shipping from the U.S.," said Amos.

Those wishing to contribute can do so in two ways:

■ Send a check to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013.

■ The Red Cross can be reached on the World Wide Web at www.redeross.org. Credit card donations should be made to the International Response Fund.

ACHIEVERS

Westland residents are among recent graduates of Madonna University in Livonia. Earning bachelor's degrees were: Jennifer Blackmore, management; Michael Cruz, history; Ralph Egeler, business administration; Albert Fuciarelli, business administration; Stephanie Gibeau, nutrition and food science; Jerry Kuopus, criminal justice; Connie Lake, psychology; David Radich, history; Robert Ritter, quality operations management; Vicki Sorensen, literacy education; Robert Tedders, mathematics; and Yanina Vega, Spanish.

Master's degree recipients in leadership studies from Westland are: Tsui-Ying Chan; Cheng Ling Chang; Hsing-Ju Chang; Shu-Fang Chang; Ting-Wei Chang; Wen-Hsiang Chang; I-Ju Chen; Jen Huan Chiang; Hsiao-chung Chu; Chi-Hung Chuang; Shu-Chiao Chuang; Ming-Hang Chung; Ju-Chun Hsiao; Wei-Lun Hsu; Cheng Jung Huang; Chiungchen Huang; Chun-Yen Huang; Yu Chen Jao; Yu Ching Kan; Shu-Hui Ko; Jun Hsiang Lai; Ming-

Chieh Lee; Chengliang Liao; Chih Heng Lin; Ying-Chih Lin; Chen-Yuan Liu; Pei-Sui Lu; Chia Peng Shen; Chi-Ming Tseng; Hsi-Yuan Tseng; Hsin-Huan Wu; Po-Chung Yang; and Shan Zon Yang.

Madonna University students have been named to the dean's list. Westland students are: Asha Bell, senior, nursing; Michelle Bramble, senior, nursing; Hilary Brennan, junior, nursing; Laura Charpentier, senior, social work; Tiffany Clemons, senior, biology; Tammy Fitch, senior, gerontology; Sherry Ford, sophomore, hospice education; Stephanie Frederick, senior, legal assistant; Karen Freeman, sophomore, fine arts; Albert Fuciarelli, senior, business administration; Christina Grim, senior, psychology.

Jennifer Henry, senior, nursing; Noriko Hoshina, senior, sign language studies; Susan Hudson, senior, accounting; Anthony Janisse, junior, computer information systems; Bridgett Johnson, junior, sociology; Michael Kandah, senior, history; Joseph


Kohn, senior, journalism-public relations; Colleen Kurth, senior, criminal justice.

Melanie Ledesma, junior, English; Janell Leschinger, senior, biology; Dorota Lewandowski, senior, medical technology; Teresa McClung, junior, nursing; Linda McIntyre, senior, psychology; Debbie Mitrevski, junior, fine arts; Kimberly Mitton-Hahn, postdegree, secondary provisional program; Ayako Miyoshi, junior, Japanese studies; Robert Muery Jr., sophomore, criminal justice; Lan Nguyen, sophomore, computer science; Mary Orwin, postdegree, elementary provisional program; Aimee Parenti, junior, history; Martha Potter, senior, nursing; Kelly Provost, senior, nursing.


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Concert from page A1

"That's worked out really well," said Johnson, whose husband, Ernie, lines up the entertainers. All but one are the library, with the July 18 concert having been at Stottlemeyer Park.

This year's concerts began June 6 and continued each Sunday except for Father's Day and the Fourth of July. There's an assortment of music for listeners of all ages.

"The line dancers come out and have a good time on that," Johnson said of the country-western performances.

The concert series is "kind of a family affair" for the Johnsons, who serve with Earl and Darlene

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Lamp, George Gillies, Paul and Sandy Valovick and Marlis Lomas on the board that brings music to Westland.

Good weather's a perennial concern for concert organizers. "We only had two rainouts this year," Johnson said. The Bailey Center on Ford near Carlson is the rain site for concerts, including tonight's.

Restaurant from page A1

happy and satisfied, we're willing to do."

Good food certainly brings them in, too, and the menu includes gourmet burgers, appetizers, pasta dishes and entrees such as chicken fajitas, Lake Superior whitefish, ribs, fish and chips and others. Many salads are also served, Kossick said.

"We've got quite a large menu. The food's always good." The Westland restaurant seats about 275, he said.

Red Robin Michigan sites include Novi, Southgate, Madison Heights and one soon to open in Roseville. The company's home office is in California.

Kossick and his colleagues are proud of the restaurant's reputation for cleanliness and its community involvement. The Westland restaurant is involved with

youth sports programs, including those for high school students.

"We're proud of the whole situation," he said.

Lori Brist, Westland Chamber of Commerce executive director, was pleased but not surprised to hear the news. "Red Robin offers a very unique atmosphere, a wide variety as far as menu goes," she said. "It's a very cheerful and happy atmosphere."

She likes the menu, including the selection of nonalcoholic beverages. "I go there a lot and I find myself taking people there for dinner," Brist said.

She likes to take her kids there, noting the food's good but the atmosphere isn't one in which the kids must keep quiet. "You don't have to be stressed while you're there."



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Look! Lance Hengesbaugh, 11, (left to right), sister Lisa, 10, and cousin Tiffany Born, 10, write down items.

Wacky from page A1

limit, and younger participants got help from parents filling out the form. Prizes were food coupons for Toarmina's or Burger King.

Participating students included Lance Hengesbaugh, 11, a

seventh grader at Marshall Middle School. "It was easy," he said, agreeing it could be tough for younger students.

"I had trouble on the extra credit," said Lance, who found the extra items.

Gnida from page A1

For the 1997 limousine crash, Gnida could've faced a five-year prison term and a \$5,000 fine if he had been sentenced under a new law that McKnight said will become effective Oct. 1.

"In any case, he has been the object of literally thousands of citizens and fans who were so angry and heartbroken over what happened to their (Red Wings) heroes," McKnight said. "The citizens' feelings are absolutely insignificant to the consequences on the injured Red

Wings, their families and close friends."

Christopher Raymond, Westland District Court chief probation officer, reported to McKnight that Gnida appears to be in denial of his problem or lacks an appreciation for how serious it is.

Defense attorney Bevelheimer, meanwhile, said she wasn't surprised by McKnight's ruling in the Gnida case.

"I sort of expected it," she said, but declined further discussion.

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Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid, payable without condition to the City of Westland, as security for acceptance of the Contract.

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Purchasing Agent
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- Pulverize 12,000 SY, of existing asphalt
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Watch your road manners or you might get a ticket

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Motorists who express anger toward others on the road should be careful.

That person they are "flipping off" just might be a deputy sheriff.

Undercover officers from the Wayne County Sheriff Department will try to find and ticket drivers who express their anger behind the wheel.

Plainclothes officers will patrol in an unmarked car. They will drive stretches of road and communicate with another officer in a marked patrol car.

Sheriff Robert Ficano said the officers will look for aggressive drivers who challenge other

drivers because they appear irritated over their driving. "We'll be looking for people who are driving too slow, then glare at you and try to pass, then slam on their brakes," Ficano said.

While deputies won't ticket an angry glare, they will ticket reckless driving or careless driving, such as cutting people off, slamming brakes in front of a vehicle for no apparent reason or passing on the shoulder.

When a road rage "suspect" or other violator has been identified, the undercover officer will radio a marked unit, which will stop the offending driver.

Most would be civil infractions or misdemeanors, bringing a \$500 fine or 90 days in jail or both.

Officers will be patrolling I-94, I-96, I-275 and main thoroughfares such as Michigan Avenue during peak traffic hours, paying particular attention to construction zones.

The unit was established because the department received several complaints. "They would be excited, calling on their car phones, and they would not have a license plate number," Ficano said. "With all the construction that is going on, people's tempers are shorter. People need to give themselves more time."

"They shouldn't accelerate the situation. Returning the glare doesn't do any good, it just intensifies it. They should call their local police department, or exit the freeway and go to a law

enforcement agency." Residents also can drive to a crowded area if they fear for their safety.

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety recently released data that since 1990 drivers who won't yield, merge or pass properly because they are angry has increased 57 percent.

Drivers need to remember that motorists make mistakes, Ficano said. "People have to believe people do things by accident. They must remember that there is a blind spot that people don't always check before they switch lanes. Sometimes we don't see them and are cutting people off."

Ficano finds it troublesome that children learn to express anger by watching adults. "Peo-

ple see that as a gateway for approval for when they start driving," Ficano said.

Sheriffs have issued five citations using the Road Rage Intervention Initiative.

Drivers will never be stopped by an officer in an unmarked car as part of this initiative, Ficano said. "That will address concerns that people may have about being pulled over," Ficano said, in reference to recent incidents of people impersonating officers and pulling over drivers.

People need to share the road and show patience, Ficano said.

"It could be a neighbor, friend or your doctor," Ficano said. "Or it could be a deputy sheriff."



Sheriff Robert Ficano

Fair benefits Humane Society

The Michigan Humane Society will hold K-9 Kapers competition 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, as part of the two-day Eighth Annual Animal Care Fair at the Southfield Civic Center Front Lawn.

The fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 28-29, is a major fund-raising and adoption event for the Michigan Humane Society. The fun-filled events will include games like "Tiddbits Toss," in which dogs must catch treats thrown to them in the air, "Lassie Sez," a version of Simon Sez and "Musical Chairs."

Winners of the games will receive \$800 of Pet Supplies

"Plus" gift certificates. All competitors will be given a free bag of canine goodies.

The event is open to all amateur canine athletes. Entry fee is \$10 for the first game and \$5 for each additional game a dog enters. All proceeds benefit the Michigan Humane Society. Dogs must be pre-registered by Tuesday, Aug. 24, to enter. For more details, call the Michigan Humane Society at (248)852-7420, Ext. 211.

Last year's Animal Care Fair raised more than \$110,000 for the Michigan Humane Society.

For more information, contact the Michigan Humane Society at (734)721-2109.

Madonna offers 'Nurse as Educator' workshop

A workshop, "Nurse As Educator," will be presented at Madonna University in Livonia 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15.

Designed for staff nurses, nurse and clinical educators and nurse preceptors, the purpose of the workshop is to analyze the role of the educator in health

care institutions and agencies.

Early registration fee is \$60 per person and is due Oct. 8, after which a late registration fee of \$70 will apply. Attendees may earn seven nursing contact hours. Madonna is an approved provider of continuing education by the American Nurses Creden-

tial Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Workshop speakers will be registered nurses Mary Mitsch and Cathy Griffin, both assistant professors of nursing and coordinators of the nurse educator certificate program at Madonna.

The event is sponsored by the College of Nursing and Health and the College of Continuing & Professional Studies at Madonna University. To register or for information, call (734) 432-5731 or fax (734) 432-5364.

Madonna is at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

Free health screenings at Wayne Center

Free health screening services will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Wayne Health Center, 33030 Van Born, Wayne.

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children, adults and senior citizens including children's dental screening, childhood immunizations, blood pressure checks, screening for diabetes, glaucoma, bone density for osteoporosis and

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Oakwood is pleased to welcome Yasser M. Awaad, MD, MSc, and the new Pediatric Neurology and Movement Disorders Program. Dr. Awaad brings his medical expertise and more than 21 years of experience to Oakwood where he will care for infants, children and adolescents with a variety of neurological problems including: headaches, seizures, head trauma, learning disorders, cerebral palsy and many other diseases. Dr. Awaad also specializes in the evaluation and management of children and adults who experience tics, Tourette syndrome, dystonia, spasticity and other movement disorders.

Dr. Awaad is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Movement Disorders Society and the National and International Child Neurology Associations. He completed his Pediatric residency and Child Neurology fellowship at New York University Medical Center and comes to Oakwood from Children's Hospital of Michigan. He utilizes state-of-the-art therapy to treat children with spastic muscle disorders, including oral medications, Botulinum toxin injections and intrathecal Baclofen pumps.

In addition to his pediatric neurology practice and role with the Movement Disorders program, Dr. Awaad is also joining Oakwood's new Program for Exceptional Families - a multidisciplinary program that provides comprehensive, coordinated care for children with chronic, complex disorders and disabilities. He is currently seeing patients at his office in the Oakwood Waterworks Building on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn. To schedule an appointment today, please call 313-791-4323.

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Letter from page A1

using official city stationery to try to boost their political campaigns. In all, 10 candidates are competing for eight slots in the Sept. 14 primary, and the winners will vie for four seats in the Nov. 2 general election.

"It's the same old tactic, just a different year," said Councilman Richard LeBlanc, who isn't up for re-election but is supporting other candidates.

Grievance possible

Following citizen complaints about the letter, the council's own secretary, union employee Nancy Bonaparte, is considering filing a grievance over the use of city clerk stationery.

News of a possible grievance surfaced last week in a memo that City Clerk Patricia Gibbons wrote to council President Sandra Cicirelli.

"The council secretary should do all correspondence of city council," Gibbons wrote. "If not, then a grievance will be filed by the Local 1602 clerical employees when they feel that council is in violation of their contract."

Cox defended the letter he and

Griffin sent to Holliday Park, but he said during a telephone interview Friday that he regrets using city clerk stationery.

"As to the grievance end of it - oops, it didn't even dawn on me," Cox said. "I type my own letters. I always have. I can tell you it won't happen again. It didn't dawn on me that it was a mistake."

Cox and Griffin blamed much of the controversy on what they consider cheap political shots being taken by rivals such as incumbent council candidate Glenn Anderson.

Griffin offered no apologies for the letter.

"David and I responded, and we do it all the time ... We have every right to communicate with citizens when they raise issues with us. I think it was appropriate because it was a city issue," he said.

"I'm not going to argue the technicalities," Griffin said of using city clerk letterhead.

Cox questioned why political rivals would push an issue like the letter rather than focusing

on Westland's "unprecedented time of economic prosperity."

"This is a time when we should all be holding hands and going rah-rah," Cox said.

Moreover, he questioned whether Anderson is upset because other council candidates are addressing road issues.

"Anderson is sitting there and has never done a damn thing," Cox said. "He's had three years to do it ..."

Taking credit?

Anderson charged that he has long sought money for road repairs while Griffin and Cox "sat silent." Anderson accused the pair of trying to take credit at election time.

"It is a textbook example of political pandering and is just plain dishonest," he said.

Anderson strongly criticized the use of taxpayer-paid city clerk stationery as "a campaign piece" for Cox and Griffin.

"Having experienced numerous elections with these two and their ethically questionable tactics, I only wonder what they will stoop to next," Anderson

said. "I would like to think they would have demonstrated greater honesty with the voters this election, but then I'm not that naive, either. They're not fooling anyone."

Anderson suggested as recently as Monday that the council could find money in this year's budget - rather than waiting until next spring - to make Holliday Park repairs.

As the Holliday Park letter fueled the first big dispute this Westland election season, the two sides did seem to agree on one point - that City Clerk Gibbons has been pulled into a controversy even though she says she wants to remain neutral.

Gibbons said in a letter to council President Cicirelli that "for future reference, any letter that needs to be done for the city council should be done by the council secretary on council's stationery."

"This procedure," she said, "would be the correct way of sending out letters and would avoid any potential problems with Local Union 1602."

Five Star Expo set for Sept. 11

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

The second annual Five Star Expo promises residents and business owners an opportunity to meet their business neighbors - and a chance to sample some food made by local restaurants, bakeries and banquet facilities.

This year's expo is planned for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt in Westland. Chambers of commerce involved in this year's expo include those from Garden City, Redford, Westland, Dearborn Heights and Wayne.

Amelia Oliverio, executive director of the Garden City Chamber of Commerce, said 70 businesses participated in last year's expo, and 40 have signed up so far for this year's.

She said the benefits of the expo are twofold.

"It's open to the public and to residents and it allows businesses to interact and to trade with other businesses," Oliverio said.

Mary Denning, owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland, attended last year's event and also plans to attend this year. The business will be distributing coupons and pieces of cake.

"This (event) is nice because you can meet other businesses," Denning said. The event also helped her business get more patrons, including businesses, wedding customers and many others.

"A lot of businesses that were there started to order from us," Denning said.

Other local food vendors offering samples will tentatively include Dairy Queen of Garden

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City, Joy Manor and Souper Sandwich Carver, new to the event.

Linda Lee, a Young Country disc jockey, is scheduled to attend. The \$2 admission tickets will go toward hourly raffles.

Major sponsors include national Wholesale Printing Corporation, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Sign A Rama. Contributing sponsors include Barson's Greenhouse, Joy Manor, Michigan Community Newspapers, North Bros. Ford, Orin Jewelers, the Dearborn Press & Guide, Comerica Bank, Waddell & Reed and Fire Systems of Michigan Inc.

A Five Star Luncheon will be held noon Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Roma Hall in Garden City. The guest speaker will be Devin Scilian from WDIV TV 4. Tickets are \$20 for members of any of the five participating chambers and \$25 for non-members. Reservations must be made with any of the chambers by Sept. 2.

The deadline for businesses to sign up for the expo is Sept. 2. Contributing sponsorships for \$300 are available, which includes recognition in brochures, fliers, newsletters and newspaper inserts, one-time announcement at the event, display tables or space, worldwide Internet recognition, five complimentary admission tickets and a special member package.

Special member packages for \$185 will include one ticket to the Five Star Luncheon, one 8-foot expo table and the opportunity to hold a door prize raffle and offer giveaways.

Individual chamber members can purchase table space for \$200, \$275 for nonmembers. Nonprofit groups can rent a table for \$100.

To reserve an exhibition spot or to reserve luncheon tickets, call the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222, the Garden City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 422-4448, or the Redford Chamber of Commerce at (313) 535-0960.

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County buys radios for all vehicles

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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COUNTY NEWS

Wayne County took another step to avoid communication problems experienced by its road crews in last January's snowstorms.

County commissioners approved a contract Thursday of \$62,613 to purchase 155 reconditioned Motorola Maxtrac Model radios from Telepath Corp. of Fremont, Calif., the only bidder that responded to "direct solicitations."

That purchase will equip all vehicles of the county's buildings, roads and parks divisions in the Wayne County Department of Public Services with better two-way radios and assist in communications between trucks and the district yards.

Earlier this year, Cameron "Kim" Priebe, director of public services, vowed that more trucks will be equipped with two-way radios to better coordinate snow removal activities. Roads officials promised then to improve communications between county road crews and district yard supervisors after meeting with community leaders to discuss snow removal operations.

At that time, nearly 30 percent of the vehicles were not radio-equipped, Priebe said. Priebe

was unavailable for comment Friday on the purchase.

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, was pleased the county was purchasing the radios. Husk visited the district yards in January to watch snow removal operations and praised county road crews for their efforts, but saw the inefficiencies first-hand.

Some of the radios didn't work properly and district yards could not track the trucks if they were plowing, were stuck or disabled, Husk said. "There was no way of communicating that back and forth," Husk said. "That was time-consuming and it wasn't very efficient."

Morton-Taylor OK'd

In other business, commissioners approved road funds Thursday for a \$3.6 million project to create a new mile-long segment of Morton-Taylor Road from Ford Road to just north of Warren Road and construction of a bridge on Morton-Taylor over Willow Creek in Canton Township.

Nearly \$2.8 million in federal funds have been earmarked for this project to pave a two-lane roadway, along with \$694,887 in county funds and \$129,950 from

Canton Township.

Construction is expected to begin in mid-September to prepare the road area for paving, and crews will begin bridge work. Morton-Taylor will not be paved until next spring and summer, county officials said.

Commissioners also approved a contract of \$161,514 with Tony Angelo Cement Construction Co. of Novi for concrete replacement, routing and sealing cracks and sign replacements for subdivisions located in Canton, Northville and Plymouth.

Tony Angelo will subcontract with Power-Vac Service of Detroit to clean catch basins and Scodeller Construction of South Lyon for crack sealing.

Marina fees set

Wayne County commissioners set marina fees at Elizabeth Park at higher rates than were first proposed in the spring after Parks Director Hurley Coleman talked with private marina owners along the Detroit River to come to a "mutual agreement," according to Commissioner Ed Boike, D-Taylor, whose district includes Downriver communities along the Detroit River.

Commissioners approved weekly rates at \$90 for a 29-foot slip or smaller, and \$100 for a 30-foot slip and higher. The

rates first proposed were \$60 and \$70.

Boike praised the parks division for working with the local businesses. "Government is not to be in competition with the private sector," Boike said.

Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, wondered if that was a new policy of the commission in setting fees that may undermine local business.

State law prevents public marinas from competing with the private sector in docking boats on a long-term basis.

Larry Fitch of the parks division said the boats were transient. "They have to move every seven days," Fitch said. "By state law, it has to be a transient marina."

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, said a second public hearing should be held on the new fee. Beard said the first public hearing covered the earlier proposed fee and not the second, higher one.

"The public is not aware that the fees are being changed," Beard said.

Commission counsel Ben Washburn said there was no legal requirement for the second public hearing. The fees were then approved.

Grant funds innovative Schoolcraft math class

A \$90,000-plus grant from the National Science Foundation will fund a class this fall at Schoolcraft College aimed at strengthening the mathematical skills of students who plan to be elementary teachers.

The class involves problem solving, a weekly lab and journal entries.

As the world becomes more dependent upon high tech, it is vitally important the elementary teachers be well prepared to teach mathematics and give children a solid grounding in mathematical principles.

Furthermore, research indicates that elementary teachers who feel uncomfortable with math convey their negative feelings and weak understanding of mathematical concepts to their students.

With nearly half of America's elementary teachers beginning their education at a community college, a two-year institution is a logical place to house such a program.

The Schoolcraft program includes special sections of Beginning Algebra for Future Teachers (Math 051), customized for future teachers and emphasizing problem solving,

teamwork and intensive lab sessions. The new class is part of the Emerging Scholars Program for Teachers, a joint effort among Schoolcraft, Eastern Michigan University and Henry Ford Community College, funded by the National Science Foundation.


The \$90,000-plus NSF three-year grant provides a sequence of courses beginning in the two-year colleges and continuing in the four-year universities that will be a model for other institutions.

Rheta Rubenstein, Schoolcraft professor of mathematics, said the NSF was seeking proposals that would use exemplary materials with textbooks and teaching aids designed to meet the standards of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.



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Replica of Vietnam Wall on display Aug. 27-29

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
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Ed Leafdale finally saw the Vietnam Wall for the first time during a visit to Washington, D.C., in June.

"I got a couple of friends who are on that wall," said Leafdale, a Vietnam Veteran. "I was kind of apprehensive when I first walked up - I didn't know what kind of feeling to expect. It's something I really can't put into words, to tell you the truth. I think it affects everyone a little differently."

'It's something I really can't put into words, to tell you the truth. I think it affects everyone a little differently.'

Ed Leafdale
Vietnam veteran

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Now, the Vietnam Wall Experience - a replica of the famous wall - is coming to Rochester Hills.

The 24-hour exhibit opens Friday, Aug. 27, at Christian Memorial Cemetery, 521 E. Hamlin Road, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 29.

Made of a simulated granite, the traveling replica is more than three-quarters the size of the actual monument in the

nation's capital.

All 58,209 names are inscribed in it. That includes the names of 2,649 soldiers from Michigan who lost their lives in Vietnam.

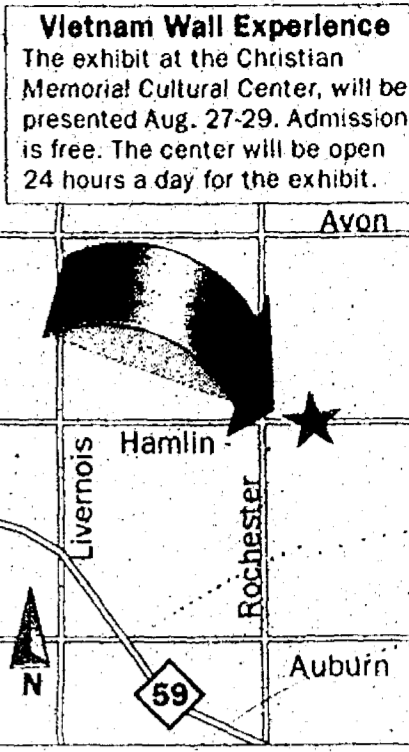
Service Corporation International, a major funeral and cemetery service provider, is sponsoring the exhibit. Admission is free.

"Not everyone gets a chance to go to Washington and see the actual monument," SCI spokeswoman Renee Felix said. "This is a way to take that experience and share it, to provide closure for many veterans."

Some 30,000 to 60,000 visitors are expected to see the Vietnam Wall Experience in Rochester Hills. It's traveling to only 11 other locations throughout the country.

Volunteers are assembling it, and members of the Vietnam Veterans Association No. 133 will guard it throughout the night. Seniors from the Older Persons Commission will man computer stations to help visitors locate names on the panels.

The actual Vietnam Wall was dedicated by President Ronald Reagan in 1982.



HELEN FURCAN / STAFF ARTIST

Area will host international science, engineering fair

SOUTHFIELD, Mich., Aug. 19 /PRNewswire/ - The International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), sponsored by Science Service of Washington, D.C., and Intel Corp., has selected Michigan as the location of the May 2000 event. Hosts for ISEF 2000 include the Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit, ESD The Engineering Society, ESD Foundation and engineering and scientific employers who will provide volunteers and funding for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

ISEF is known as the Olympics, the World Cup and the World Series of science competitions. Held annually in May, ISEF brings together over 1,500 students from all 50 states and 40 nations to compete for scholarships, tuition grants, internships, scientific field trips and the grand prize: a trip to attend the Nobel Prize Ceremonies in Stockholm, Sweden. Students compete for over \$2 million in scholarships, tuition grants, scientific equipment and scientific

trips. Each year, between 3 million and 5 million students complete science research projects at nearly 500 affiliated fairs for the prestige of competing at ISEF. An estimated 5,000 educators, sponsors, fair organizers and volunteers will converge in southeast Michigan, along with students, their families and world media.

More than 1,700 highly qualified representatives of business, industry, the sciences and academia, from throughout the country, will convene to judge the competition along with several Nobel prize winning scientists.

Awards and recognition will come from over 100 scientific associations, major scientific and technical corporations, govern-

mental agencies and universities. Major Award sponsors include Intel, AARP Andrus Foundation, Merck Research Laboratories, MCEC/Panasonic and Space News. Scholarship awards are \$3,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500 respectively in each of the 15 categories. Additional awards worth over 1.5 million include tuition scholarships, summer internships, scientific field trips and laboratory equipment provided by Intel, Science Service and nearly 70 other corporate, professional and government sponsors. The two overall winners of ISEF will receive all-expense-paid trips to attend the Nobel Prize Ceremony in Stockholm, Sweden.

On two public display days, 40,000 school children and adults will view the exhibits and

speak with the student exhibitors. Over 2,500 local teachers and administrators, parents and friends, corporate leaders and local corporations will have a golden opportunity to network with outstanding students and educators from more than 40 countries.

ISEF is held in a different city each May. The Host City Committee is responsible for securing facilities, recruiting judges, promoting volunteerism, arranging tours as well as raising over \$1.2 million for ISEF support. Additionally, Host Cities enjoy the pride of hosting an international event, and, in the process, generate close to \$10 million dollars for the local host state economy.

Special Awards sponsorship is open to scientific, mathematical, and engineering societies; agen-

cies of the federal government; colleges and universities; and corporations. Colleges and universities provide tuition scholarships to ISEF finalists.

The opportunity to meet and talk with these high caliber student finalists has proven to be a valuable recruiting tool. Representatives from special award organizations will come to Detroit to interview students for awards.

Countries participating at ISEF in 1999 were Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, European Union, Germany, Honduras, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Russia, South Africa,

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St. Mary Hospital plans gala

St. Mary Hospital's largest fund-raising gala, Hollywood Nights VII, will be held Thursday, Oct. 14, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia.

An elegant evening of dinner and entertainment, starring The Preps, will include a pre-party, dinner, concert and after-glow. The Preps feature the original lead singers of '50's and '60's groups such as The Association, The Four Preps and The Diamonds, setting the stage for St. Mary Hospital's 40th Anniversary this year.

Proceeds from Hollywood Nights VII will benefit community and family wellness programs, such as health screenings and child immunizations, as well as expansions in the Maternity Center.

St. Mary Hospital is a 304-bed community hospital in Livonia. For information, call the Hollywood Nights Hotline, (734) 655-2907.

Take your pick of golf outings

Golf enthusiasts can enjoy a variety of charitable outings throughout the months of August and September.

■ Mercy High School will hold its ninth annual Meg Mallon Golf Outing Monday, Aug. 30 at the Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. This event is open to the public. For reservations and sponsorship information, call the Development Office at Mercy High School at 476-8922.

■ Catholic Social Services of Oakland County will sponsor its fourth annual golf outing to benefit the families and children served by the agency. The event is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 27, at Independence Green Golf Course in Farmington Hills. Cost is \$75 per person or \$400 for a team of six, when payment is received before Aug. 20. Call 548-4044.

■ The National Association of Women Business Owners will hold its annual golf outing at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth. For registration information call (313) 961-4748.

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CHEERS FOR BEER



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Bring home the flavors of Jamaica

Last week my neighbor came over with a case of Red Stripe so I made him a deal. "You hold off a day mon and I make some good jerk mon." Now how could he turn that down?

Jerk refers to a cooking method from the Arawak Indians and the Maroons (runaway African slaves), of cooking heavily seasoned meat, mostly pork, in pits with hardwood lump charcoal. There were no charcoal briquettes back then. To use this cooking method on your grill, you have to buy lump charcoal. Vic's Quality Fruit Market on Southfield Road in Beverly Hills has lump maple, which is really good, but you have to be very careful because it burns much hotter.

In Jamaica mon they use fruit and hardwood coal, but you can add soaked applewood chips, or if you get really carried away, there is a company called Rastafire where you can order wood imported from Jamaica. Their number is (336) 924-9459. Visit them online at www.rastafire.com

Best beer

Of course, the best beer to go with jerk is Red Stripe or Dragon Stout from Desnoes & Geddes Ltd. Kingston. In 1918 Eugene Desnoes and Thomas Geddes got together to make soft drinks. In 1927 when English and German brewmasters came on the scene, Red Stripe was born as an ale. Then in 1938, with the arrival of reliable refrigeration, Paul Geddes and Bill Martindale came up with the present day Red Stripe lager.

Red Stripe is a nice hazy yellow, with a good head, low hops, and a slightly sweet finish. Dragon Stout is a very dark red with that nice big brown stout head with notes of licorice and a roasty finish.

The jerk rub recipe I am giving you is a wet one, and great on anything, chicken, beef, pork, lamb, fish, you get the idea, it's all up to you. Jerk is hot, sometimes real hot. Feel free to add or subtract hot peppers to your taste. The best way to use jerk is to really rub it into the meat, and let it sit overnight, wrapped, for the best flavor.

Side dish

Now, of course we need a side dish to go with it, and this Lentil Jicama Salad can be served hot or cold. For the curious, a jicama is a tuber, close to a water chestnut in taste and texture. Just peel the skin and the outer layer off, and you are ready to go.

WET JERK RUB

Makes 2 1/2 cups

- 1/2 cup fresh thyme leaves
- 2 bunches green onions
- 4 tablespoons fresh minced ginger
- 3 Scotch bonnet or habanero peppers
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 3 bay leaves
- 2 teaspoons ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Juice of 1 lime
- 2 tablespoons dark rum (my favorite is Appleton Dark)

Place everything in a food processor and blend to a dark thick paste.

This will keep for about 2 months, tightly covered, in the refrigerator.

LENTIL-JICAMA SALAD

6 — 1/2 cup servings

- 1 cup lentils
- 16 ounces chicken stock
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1/4 red onion, diced small
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper, diced

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LOOKING AHEAD

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- Home Sense
- African American Cooking

GARDEN IN A JAR



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Garden fresh: Cafe Cortina captures the essence of summer with their garden-fresh pasta sauces.

Cafe Cortina puts fresh flavors in sauces

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You don't have to grow your own tomatoes and spend a lot of time in the kitchen to enjoy garden fresh tomato sauce. Cafe Cortina has captured the flavors of summer in a jar. Since last year they've developed three sauces — Pomodoro Veneziana, Sugo Del Veneto and Aglio Del Veneto.

"People have been requesting for years that we prepare sauce for them," said Rina Tonon explaining why her popular family-owned restaurant in Farmington Hills decided to offer their pasta sauces for sale.

"They've been very successful. We've been getting wonderful feedback. People are enjoying them."

Rina credits her son, Adrian for bringing Cafe Cortina sauces to market. "It's something he's done," she said. "I never had the time."

Adrian has enjoyed working on the project. "We're trying to do a variety of sauces," he said. "These are family recipes. We want to stand out, we're known for our authentic Italian food. We want people to experience our restaurant, and the sauces are a sample of what we have to offer."

The first sauce, Pomodoro Veneziana was introduced a year-and-a-half ago. Made with garden fresh tomatoes, onions, celery, carrots, basil and bay leaves, Adrian describes the sauce as "simple, simple, simple."

To serve he recommends sauteeing a little chopped onion in olive oil, then add the sauce. You can serve it over pasta, with chicken or veal.

Sugo Del Veneto is a light tomato sauce, with a hint of cream and Parmesan cheese. Just heat and serve over pasta, nothing could be easier.

Both sauces taste homemade. Your family will think you spent the whole day in the kitchen preparing them.

In September, Cafe Cortina's newest sauce — Aglio Del

Veneto will be available. That sauce will be a flavorful blend of fresh tomatoes and roasted garlic.

Like Sugo Del Veneto, Adrian says all you'll have to do is open the jar, heat and serve.

Look for Cafe Cortina sauces at Hiller's Shopping Center Market, Westborn, Vic's, Merchant of Vino Whole Foods Market and other specialty stores. You can even find them Up North in Charlevoix. The sauces start at \$4.99 for a 16 ounce jar — four 1/2 cup servings. You can place an order online at www.cafecortina.com

The sauces are also available for purchase at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033.

In the future, Adrian would like to "maybe offer a line of pastas."

Cafe Cortina is open for lunch and dinner 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

ELENA'S

Elena's, a family-owned and operated manufacturer of gourmet pasta and pasta sauces in Auburn Hills, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

Elena's Aglio Arrostito, a pan-roasted garlic pasta sauce, was selected as a finalist in the 1999 National Association of Specialty Food Traders Product Awards Competition in the Outstanding Pasta Sauce category.

Elena's products include the popular tomato based Elena's Bread Dipping Sauce, introduced in 1990, and a Pasta Piatto "meal in a bag" line, launched in 1994.

Elena's pasta and sauces, can be purchased locally at Jacobson's, Merchant of Vino Whole Foods markets, Long Lake Market, Papa Joe's, Kroger-Birmingham, Holiday Market, and Hiller's Shopping Center Market.

Elena Houlihan is company president. To learn more about Elena, her products, and weekend cooking classes in upstate New York, go to www.greatfood.com/products/grtfood/elena, or call 1-800-72-ELENA.

RECIPES TO SHARE

Showcase your blossoms in beautiful ice bowl

BY BEVERLY A. LEN
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Are you looking for different ways to display the fruits of your flower garden labor? Here is a way to combine fruits and flowers that is sure to compliment both.

While visiting friends in England, I was invited to a casual barbecue. My hosts assured me it would be nothing fancy. Right.

After a stupefying meal of grilled pork chops, steaks, chicken Tika and sausage, plus salad, vegetables and several wines, dessert was the farthest thing from my mind.

Then my hostess made a delectable dessert presentation that no one could refuse: Marinated fresh fruit in phyllo baskets, served from an ice bowl of frozen flowers from her garden.

Light, simple and elegant; perfect for a sultry summer day.

BOWL

- 2 nested smooth sided bowls, with at least 1 inch difference in size

Flowers from your garden, preferably flat types such as pansies or daisies

Place blossoms in largest bowl, breaking off a few petals

Fill bowl half full of water

Place the second bowl into the first forcing water and flowers in between. Place both bowls in the freezer overnight until ready to use. (You may have to lightly weight the second bowl to keep it submerged.)

FRUIT MIXTURE

Two or three hours before serving, cut up 1 cup each of fresh strawberries, blueberries, pineapple and grapes. Marinate in 1/2 cup of Cointreau.

SERVING BASKETS

Place 3 staggered layers of phyllo dough in lightly greased large muffin tins to create a flared effect

Bake at 350°F until crisp. Cool and remove

Prepare whipped cream

TO SERVE

Place phyllo dough on serving plates

Sprinkle each basket lightly with powdered sugar

Spoon a dollop of whipped cream into each basket

Place several layers of paper toweling on platter, cover with cloth napkin

Unmold flowered ice bowl by running warm water inside bowl to remove, then run water on bottom of large bowl to remove ice bowl. Place on prepared platter. Surround ice bowl with clear ice cubes

Fill ice bowl with marinated fruit, garnish with a sprig of mint or a blossom

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Everyone has a recipe to share

Farmer Jack, Northwest offer 'WorldPerks'

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Farmer Jack has a new partner — Northwest Airlines. Beginning today, Farmer Jack Bonus Savings Club members will be able to earn one WorldPerks Bonus Mile for every dollar they spend at the store.

You need to accumulate at least 20,000 miles before you have enough for a trip, but Jay Yoshioka, manager WorldPerks Partner Marketing, suggests using your Northwest Airlines Visa card to pay for groceries, that way you'll earn another WorldPerks Bonus Mile for each dollar spent at Farmer Jack.

The partnership was announced Thursday at the Farmer Jack store on Big Beaver Road at John R in Troy.

"Our mutual customers will benefit tremendously from this partnership," said Craig Sturken, president Farmer Jack Supermarkets. "We are proud to partner with Northwest Airlines and reward our Farmer Jack customers with frequent flyer miles."

Farmer Jack began courting Northwest Airlines a year ago. They have a lot in common.

"We have over 1 million Bonus Club members in Southeast Michigan," said Dennis Eidson, vice president of merchandising for Farmer Jack. "Northwest has over a million WorldPerks card holders in the area. Both cards are popular. It's one more way to add value to the Bonus Club card. It's more than a card, it's a club."

By enrolling in the Northwest Airlines WorldPerks program, you'll be on your way to free travel to more than 500 destinations in nearly 100 countries on six continents. To begin earning WorldPerks Bonus Miles you need to become a member of the Farmer Jack Bonus Savings Club. Stop by any Farmer Jack Supermarket Customer Service Desk, it only takes a couple of minutes to fill out the form. There is no charge to join the club.

If you're already a member, you'll need to get a Northwest Airlines WorldPerks card. You can enroll online at www.nwa.com or call 1-800-225-2525.

Once you have both cards there are three ways to enroll in the program.

■ Enroll online at www.farmer-jack.com, or

■ Fill out an enrollment form at the Farmer Jack Customer Service Desk, or

■ Call 1-877-FLY-FREE (1-877-359-3733)

"WorldPerks Bonus Miles will start to accrue on grocery purchases about 14 days after enrollment," said Eidson. The program excludes alcohol products, and miles are based on net purchase after all applicable savings, discounts and coupons. There is a limit of 25,000 WorldPerks Bonus Miles per year allowed in the Farmer Jack program.

After a customer enrolls, grocery dollar Bonus Miles will be reported on their Northwest Airlines WorldPerks statements.

Please see **FARMER JACK, B32**



What's yours? Send original recipes for consideration in Taste to Keely Wygonik, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax 734-591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Look for Recipe to Share on the fourth Sunday of the month in Taste. If your recipe is chosen to be featured in Taste, you'll receive a cookbook along with our thanks.

Basil, cherry tomatoes make pasta sauce special

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

In Italy, I find eating is always a treat. Even in the Rome airport, I have had pasta cooked properly al dente and bathed in the correct amount of a satisfying and flavorful yet light tomato sauce better than those served in most Italian restaurants at home.

Travel beyond familiar parts of Italy and you may well find food that is more than just good. Off the beaten track, it is still easy to discover unique, local styles of cooking and truly remarkable dishes. For me, exploring the south, particularly Puglia and

Sicily, has produced many memorable culinary finds.

Sicilian dishes can often be imitated, though not truly duplicated. For example, in Autumn, we do have green and purple cauliflower similar to what Sicilians call "broccoli." A chef from the island of Pantelleria, off the western tip of Sicily, showed me how to make Pasta Arruminata, using this cauliflower. He sauteed it with pine nuts, raisins, a touch of sugar, and toasted semolina bread crumbs to make the sauce. But the rich volcanic soil and strong Mediterranean sun of Sicily give its vegetables an intense, sweet flavor ours do not approach. So I make

this dish, a healthy and unexpected way to enjoy cauliflower, accepting that, while good, it is only a fair copy of the original.

Happily, one of the most appealing Sicilian dishes I know tastes as good as the original, especially between August and October, when the ingredients for making it are at their best. Giovanna Guccione, who with her sister runs a small hotel on Favignana, one of the Egadi Islands off Sicily's coast, makes this sauce with herbs from her own garden. A kind of red-and-green Sicilian pesto made with cherry tomatoes, it is good enough to eat from a spoon, or to heap on toasted bread, as well as on spaghetti.

This uncooked sauce contains no cheese. It is best when made

with salted capers imported from the Pantelleria or Salina, another Sicilian island. (Many specialty food stores sell them.) Then find the sweetest cherry tomatoes and feast on this Sicilian dish.

SICILIAN PESTO

- 3/4 cup loosely packed flat-leaf parsley
- 1/3 cup loosely packed basil
- 1/4 cup loosely packed celery leaves
- 1/4 cup loosely packed mint leaves
- 1/4 small red onion, chopped
- 6 blanched almonds (see note)
- 1 tablespoon capers, rinsed and drained (see note)
- 1 garlic clove, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

- 12 cherry tomatoes
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 6 cups cooked pasta

Place the parsley, basil, celery leaves, mint, onion, almonds, capers, and garlic in a food processor. Pulse 6-8 times to chop them. Add the oregano and tomatoes, and chop coarsely.

With the motor running, drizzle in the olive oil. Turn the pesto into a bowl. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Let sit 30 minutes to allow flavors to meld. Toss with spaghetti, penne or spread on bruschetta, toasted slices of semolina bread. Store in the refrigerator, tightly covered. Use

within 24 hours.

Notes: You can easily skin almonds by tossing them in boiling water to loosen their skin, which takes 1-2 minutes. Drain and pop the almonds out of their skin.

Salt-cured capers are preferable to those preserved in vinegar. Simply rinse them in tepid water to remove the salt crystals.

Nutrition information: Each 1/4 cup serving of pesto with 1 cup pasta contains 299 calories and 10 grams of fat.

"Something Different" is written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by cookbook author, Dana Jacobi, who also created the recipes for AICR's book, "Stopping Cancer Before It Starts."

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Farmer Jack from page B1

You'll have to buy a lot of groceries to earn enough miles for a free trip, but don't despair. "There's very little reason not to participate in the program," said Yoshioka. "The miles don't expire."

Farmer Jack has 100 locations throughout southeast Michigan and is a market leader. "Our share of the market is over 30 percent and rapidly growing," said Eidson. "Last year it was about 27 percent."

Northwest Airlines World Perks Bonus Miles program joins the 28 other business partners who offer Farmer Jack Bonus

Savings Club card members discounts. Partners include Cranbrook Institute of Science and Cranbrook Art Museum, Blockbuster Video, and D.O.C. Farmer Jack recently introduced a Bonus Savings Club Card key chain that will fit on customer key rings.

Eight more Farmer Jack stores are under construction including one in Westland and Canton.

Farmer Jack is a subsidiary of The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., one of the largest supermarket operators in North America.

Take your hamburger's temperature to check for doneness

"Even though you've grilled your hamburger until it looks brown in the center, it's hard to really know if it is safe to eat," says Sylvia Treitman, Home Economist for the MSU Extension, Food and Nutrition Hotline.

The only safe way to check if meat or poultry is safely cooked is to use a kitchen thermometer adds Sylvia "to prevent E-Coli food poisonings."

The color of meat is not the best indicator of a safe temperature. Sometimes marinades can alter the color and also the age of the animal affects the color of the meat. "You also cannot rely on the color of the meat's juices as an indicator of doneness" adds Sylvia.

Tips for using a kitchen thermometer correctly:

Put the thermometer in the thickest part of the meat - you

may have to turn a meat patty sideways. The thermometer should read 160 degrees to be safely cooked.

Make sure the thermometer is calibrated by checking the temperature of water boiling at 212 degrees.

For a traditional "meat" thermometer: Take the temperature of meat in two or three different places and leave in 1-2 minutes.

For the instant read thermometer: Insert sideways in the foods, do not use during cooking, only after, and leave in 15-20 seconds.

If you have any questions on using a thermometer or other food and nutrition related and food safety concerns, call the Food and Nutrition Hotline 248-858-0904.

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Low-Fat Cooking: Fresno Pork Roast *Lemon-buttermilk dressing doubles as marinade for chicken*

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The inspiration for this recipe comes from the fruits of Fresno, Calif., which is known for its delicious strawberries, oranges and lemons. Using a fruit juice sauce on a lean roast makes a flavorful yet low-fat entree. The strawberry garnish adds to the appeal.

Preparation of the roast is quite simple as the oven does most of the work. It is an ideal dish to serve on a busy night or for guests. Each serving contains 3 grams of fat.

FRESNO PORK ROAST

- 3-pound lean boneless single-loin pork roast
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried rosemary leaves, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 1/8 teaspoons salt, divided
- 1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 1/4 cups canned pineapple juice
- 1 1/4 cups orange juice
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 1/2 tablespoons lemon

juice

- 1 pint strawberries
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Rub roast with rosemary, black pepper and 1 teaspoon of the salt. Place roast in a shallow pan and roast for 60 to 70 minutes at 350 degrees F until a meat thermometer inserted in center of roast reads 150 degrees F. Remove roast from oven and cover, let stand 10 minutes.

While meat is resting, combine sugar and cornstarch in a medium saucepan. Stir in pineapple and

orange juices and cook, stirring, over medium heat, until mixture bubbles and thickens. Remove from heat and stir in cloves, lemon juice and remaining salt. Slice roast and serve with sauce; garnish with strawberries. Makes 12 servings.

Nutrition information per serving, with strawberry garnish: 180 cal., 27 g pro., 12 g carbo., 3 g total fat (1 g sat. fat), 66 mg chol., 325 mg sodium.

Recipe from: *Smithfield Lean Generation Pork*. For additional free recipes, call (800) 799-LEAN.

Lemon-buttermilk dressing doubles as marinade for chicken

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This quick and easy buttermilk dressing can be served on mixed green salads, cold pasta salads, cabbage slaws, shredded carrot salads or on sliced tomatoes, avocados or cucumbers. It is also a good marinade for fish and chicken, especially when the fish or chicken is to be dredged with flour or other coating.

Almond-Crusted Marinated Chicken uses the lemon-buttermilk dressing to tenderize the meat. Almonds and Asiago cheese give the dish a roasted, nutty flavor.

There is a common misconception that buttermilk is high in fat content, but it typically is made with skim or low-fat milk. Buttermilk does not actually have contact with butter. Instead, its buttery flavor is derived from diacetyl, a compound characteristic of butter flavor and a byproduct in the fermentation process.

GARLICKY LEMON BUTTERMILK DRESSING

- 3/4 cup canola or safflower oil
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 4 to 5 large garlic cloves, pressed
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dillweed, dried
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons coarsely ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt

Put all ingredients in a jar with a tight-fitting lid and shake well, or whisk thoroughly. Keep refrigerated. Shake well or whisk before using. Spoon over salad and toss.

do not drench. Makes about 2 cups and will keep, refrigerated, for 10 days. Makes 2 cups; 10 servings.

Nutrition information per 1.6-ounce serving: 238 cal., 0.5 g pro., 8 mg chol., 3 g carbo., 179 mg sodium, 0.2 g fiber, 25 g total fat.

ALMOND-CRUSTED MARINATED CHICKEN

- 4 chicken legs with thighs
- 2/3 cup Garlicky Lemon Buttermilk Dressing (recipe above)
- 1 cup roasted, unsalted whole almonds
- 2 ounces Asiago cheese

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Skin chicken pieces carefully. Wipe with a damp cloth and dry well. Lay in a shallow dish in one layer.

Shake or whisk dressing well and pour over chicken pieces, turning several times. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes, turning in marinade two or three times.

Meanwhile, put almonds and cheese in a food processor or blender and grind into coarse meal. Transfer to a shallow bowl.

Lift chicken pieces from marinade, roll in almond mixture and lay in a lightly greased or sprayed shallow baking pan. Bake at 375 degrees F for 30 to 40 minutes, or until juices run clear. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 633 cal., 39 g pro., 115 mg chol., 9 g carbo., 427 mg sodium, 4 g fiber, 49 g total fat.

Recipes from: *California Milk Advisory Board*.

Raspberry tart makes the most of summer fruit

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raspberries may be eaten as is, with a simple dusting of sugar if needed, or treated to a rather more formal preparation as in the following recipe for Raspberry Clafoutis in a Tart.

The recipe is from "A Passion for My Provence" (Harper Perennial, \$15 paperback) by Lydie Marshall. She suggests it for July in her selection of seasonal desserts through the year, and gives the French name of the dish, Tarte aux clafoutis de framboises. Clafoutis is a dessert of fruit, most commonly cherries, baked in batter.

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Tart Shell (recipe follows)

- 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup sour cream mixed with 1 tablespoon sugar

Preheat the oven to 425 F.

Sprinkle 2 tablespoons sugar on the raspberries and let stand for 30 minutes. In a bowl, whisk the eggs and flour until blended. Whisk in 8 tablespoons sugar, cream, milk and framboise liqueur. Fold the raspberries into the mixture and pour into the partially prebaked tart shell. Place the tart mold on a cookie sheet lined with aluminum foil. Bake the tart for 15 minutes; the raspberries will be very dark. Set aside to cool.

When ready to serve, set the broiler on high. Sprinkle the tart with 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar and place under the broiler for 1 minute to caramelize the top.

Serve with the sweetened sour cream.

Makes 6 servings.

PARTIALLY PREBAKED TART SHELL (SHORT CRUST DOUGH)

- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 1 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
- Pinch of salt
- 2 to 3 tablespoons cold water, depending on the weather

Cut the butter into small pieces and place in the freezer for 5 minutes. In the bowl of a food processor, combine the flour, salt and butter. Process for 10 seconds, add 2 tablespoons water in humid weather or 3 tablespoons in dry weather. Process for another 10

seconds or until the mixture looks like cornmeal. Dump the mixture on a table or counter and bind a small amount at a time with the heel of your hand, using a sliding motion to incorporate the butter and flour smoothly.

Gather the dough into a ball and flatten it. Wrap in wax paper and refrigerate for 15 minutes, just long enough to firm up the butter. Flour a work surface and rolling pin. Roll the dough to a 13-inch circle, always making sure there is flour under the dough and on the rolling pin, otherwise the dough will stick to the pastry surface or to the rolling pin.

Line a 10-inch tart pan with the dough. Trim the excess (keep it frozen until you have enough scraps to make another tart shell). Prick the bottom and refrigerate the unbaked shell for 2 hours or freeze until ready to bake.

To partially bake: Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line the tart shell with aluminum foil and fill it with dry beans. Place the tart shell in the middle of the oven and bake for 15 minutes. Remove the beans and foil. Bake 5 to 10 minutes to dry out the bottom without coloring.

RASPBERRY CLAFOUTIS IN A TART

- 10 tablespoons sugar
- 3 cups raspberries
- 2 eggs
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup milk
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- 10-inch Partially Prebaked

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Thyroid support

The Michigan Thyroid Disorder support group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Plymouth Library. Dr. Brownstein will be the guest speaker. For more information visit the MTD support group Web site at <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>. Space is limited, please contact Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 for reservations.

Leg pain disease

Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center will be hosting a screening from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15 in Dearborn at the Adray Conference Center for individuals suffering from leg pain (Peripheral Vascular Disease). Make an appointment for the free screening at (800) 543-WELL.

40-30-30 support

Dr. Martin Tamler and Sharon Ostalecki will host the first meeting of the 40-30-30 support group in Livonia. Please bring any questions, recipes or ideas that will help others who are on the 40-30-30 nutritional program. The meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24 at the Livonia Civic Center Library (32777 Five Mile - between Farmington Road and Hubbard). There is no charge. Call (248) 344-0896 or visit their Web site <http://community.mlive.com/cc/Fibromyalgia>

Hair loss study

Men who are experiencing hair loss are being sought for a research study at Henry Ford Hospital. The study, conducted by the department of Dermatology, is investigating the effectiveness of an approved drug to treat male pattern hair loss. Patients should be 41-60 years old and currently suffering from hair loss. Medication, doctor visits and parking are free. Patients will be compensated for their time. Call (313) 916-8847 or (313) 916-9759.

Office relocates

The Wayne County Health Department has consolidated three facilities into one and will hold an open house and health fair from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at the newly renovated facility - 33030 Van Born road in Wayne. The event includes dental characters, Strengthor, Flossie and Tooth; free health screenings; a fire safety demonstration; facility tours; and giveaways. Limited transportation is available upon request for people who are pre-registered. Call (734) 727-7000 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Health screenings

Bone density (osteoporosis screening) and blood pressure will be offered at a cost of \$10 at the Hindu Temple, 44955 Cherry Hill Road in Canton from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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Prostate cancer

As in breast cancer, early detection is key to survival

BY KURT KUBAN
SPECIAL WRITER

There are situations in life when the old proverb "better late than never" just doesn't fit. Take, for example, the case of men getting checked for prostate cancer.

Of the 185,000 men that were diagnosed with the disease last year in the United States, over 39,000 will die because of it. That's roughly one in five. The reality is that of those 39,000, many, if not most, could have experienced a longer life had they gone to see their doctor sooner.

Let's face it -- most men don't like to go to the doctor. Many wait until they feel sick or are prodded by a significant other before dragging themselves into their doctor's office. With some illnesses, this "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" attitude won't have such serious repercussions.

However, prostate cancer is not as forgiving as most diseases. It, along with colon and lung cancers, is considered one of the big three. Together, they account for over half the cancer deaths in males each year, with prostate cancer the second leading killer.

The key to saving a patient with prostate cancer is to have it diagnosed before the cancer spreads beyond the prostate, which is a walnut-sized gland located just below the bladder.

The problem is that there are no noticeable symptoms until it is too late. By the time a man begins to see blood in his urine, or has related back pains, the cancer is in its later stages and has most likely spread beyond the prostate into areas such as the spine and pelvis.

"If the cancer is confined to the prostate, there are a lot of treatments available. The prognosis is quite different if the cancer has spread," said Jorge Torriglia, a urologist with Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn who specializes in prostate procedures.

Although diet and lifestyle seem to play a role in some cases, prostate cancer has no known causes. All men are susceptible to developing the disease as they get older, though for some, the risk is much greater.

The two groups of males that are at the highest risk of getting prostate cancer because of their genetic makeup are African-Americans and individuals, regardless of ethnic background, who come from families that have a history of prostate cancer.

According to Torriglia, this risk factor should be taken into account when determining at what point in one's life to begin undergoing regular checkups. "The rule is that high-risk patients should be screened beginning at the age of 40. All other men should begin to be checked at age 50," Torriglia said.

The prostate gland's main function is to pro-

duce fluid for the semen. Traditionally, males who had prostate cancer, especially in years past, were reluctant to discuss it with anybody because of the sensitivity of the issue. Plus, reproduction becomes less of an issue as a man ages.

"Prostate cancer is one of those diseases that has been around for a long time, but it is just now beginning to be talked about. Nobody would admit to having prostate cancer in the past, partly because of the gloom and doom that went along with cancer, but also because people didn't really understand the prostate gland itself," said Marianne Simancek, director of the Community Outreach program at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Another deterrent that keeps men from having regular screenings for prostate cancer is the method, known as a rectal examination, that doctors use when inspecting a patient. Most men are aware of the procedure, and many spend a lifetime trying to figure out how to avoid it.

"Men don't like the idea of a rectal exam. The idea that they have to go through that kind of an exam to find out if they have prostate cancer is kind of chilling for them," Simancek said. "But at the same time, the rectal exam and a blood test are the two best tests that can be done to determine whether or not a man has prostate cancer."

In the rectal exam, a doctor uses his finger to feel if there are any abnormalities in size or shape of the gland, and the blood test is used to determine the level of prostate-specific antigen (PSA), a substance produced only in the prostate, that is in the blood.

When the PSA level is elevated it is indicative of something being wrong with the gland. Still, despite the fears of most men, many doctors believe the rectal exam is the best tell-tale method of determining if a patient has prostate

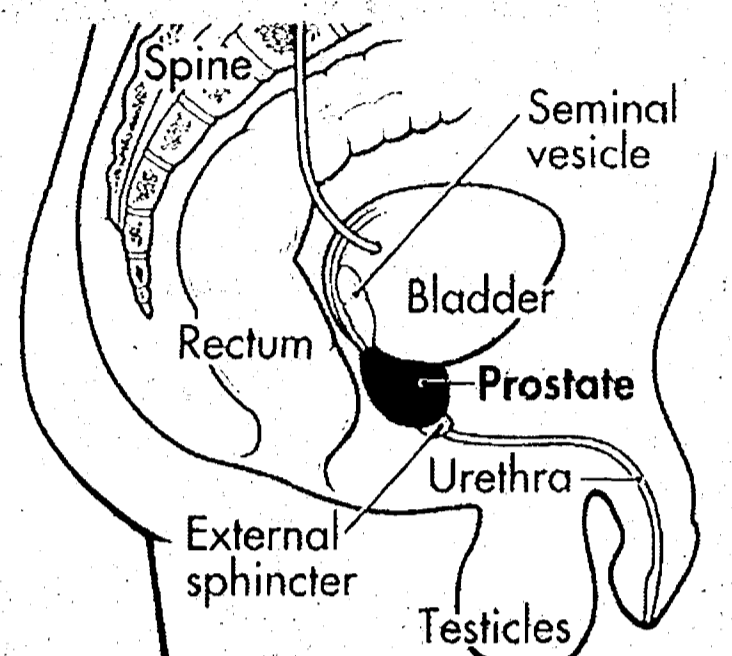
What is the Prostate?

The prostate is one of the male sex glands. The other major sex glands in men are the testicles and the seminal vesicles. Together, these glands secrete the fluids that make up semen.

The prostate is about the size of a walnut. It lies just below the urinary bladder and surrounds the upper part of the urethra. The urethra is the tube that carries urine from the bladder and semen from the sex glands out through the penis.

As one of a man's sex glands, the prostate is affected by male hormones. These hormones stimulate the activity of the prostate and the replacement of prostate cells as they wear out. The chief male hormone is testosterone, which is produced almost entirely by the testicles.

— Source, *Prostate Cancer: What is and how it is treated.* Zeneca Pharmaceuticals, 1999



Graphic courtesy of The ABC's of Prostate Cancer, Madison Books, NY

trouble. "It [rectal exam] is extremely tolerable and simple, and takes less than a minute," said Zvi Levran, a Livonia urologist who says he has performed thousands of the examinations himself. "I can tell you — any man, any age — if you have anything wrong, if it is benign, if it is suspicious or if it is positive."

Gerard Graham, a Livonia resident who learned he had prostate cancer when he was 55, agrees.

"It's not that bad. There is no discomfort and it's over in seconds," said Graham, a semi-retired lawyer who is now 68. "I recommend to all my friends to at least get the PSA test. There is no reason to hide your head in the sand, because that is not going to accomplish anything."

Considering the death toll that prostate cancer has wreaked on those who failed to get screened early enough, that is pretty sound advice.

"Remember, prostate cancer kills, so you need to be checked, especially if it runs in your family," Torriglia said. "It is very important. Any male approaching middle-age should start thinking about it. A rectal exam and a blood test can save your life."

Education is teen's goal through Web site

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Livonia teen Ryan Dinkgrave wishes he could take care of his diabetes with a pill. "I wish it was that easy," said the 16-year-old, who knows all too well the realities of being a diabetic.

Diagnosed in September 1993 at the age of 10, Dinkgrave has turned his "frustration" with the disease into a positive with the creation of a Web site for children and their families pertaining to diabetes.

Written and maintained by the Livonia Stevenson High School junior — the site "The Family's Guide to Diabetes" (<http://diabetes.cbvc.com>) offers the "DiabetiChat" chatroom and a discussion bulletin board as well as information on topics such as hypoglycemia, food, Halloween, school and diabetes and hyperglycemia.

"There's a lack of material out there for kids about diabetes," said Dinkgrave. "The site offers information and stories by a kid with diabetes and not a doctor telling you about the disease with a lot of medical terms. It's all based on experience."

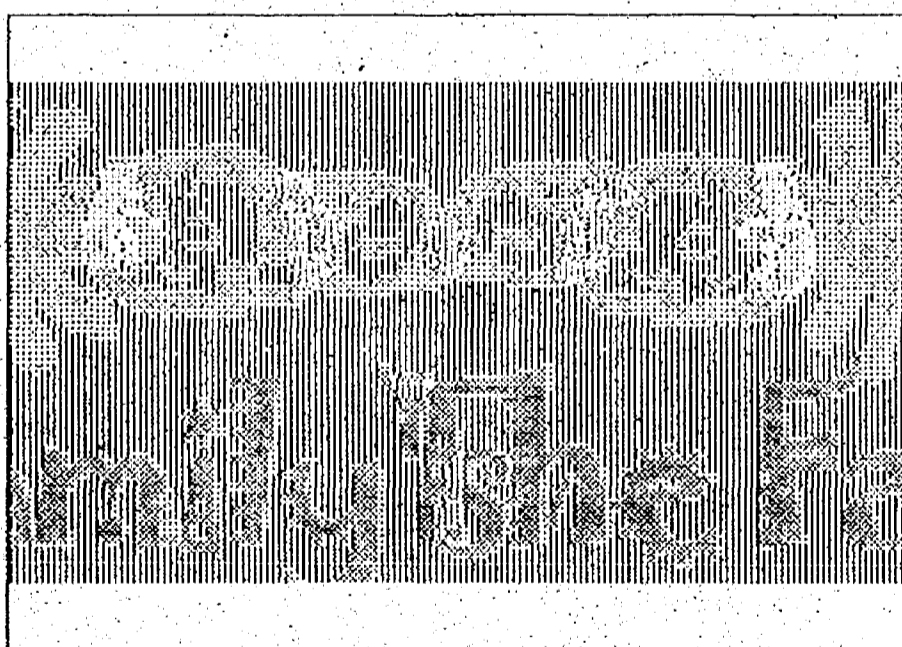
Public plea

The state of Michigan's only child-delegate, Dinkgrave recently traveled to Capitol Hill on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International at their first Children's Congress. The Livonia teenager was credited with helping to "put a face" on the disease alongside 86 other children from across the United States. The child-constituents traveled to Washington D.C. with the objective of urging members of Congress to increase funds for medical research.

"I don't plan on having this disease all my life," said Dinkgrave. "It's just a matter of getting the money together and a couple of people to decide things need to be done to find a cure."

The three-day JDF Children's Congress brought both young people and celebrities together to share their stories with members of Congress.

"One of the most important lessons these children can learn is that their voices really do matter," said JDF International Chairman Mary Tyler Moore in her opening remarks to Congress. "Taking your mes-



sage directly to your elected officials is critical in today's society. Those children represent the reason we urgently need a cure, and they are the reason we will find one."

Moore, singer Tony Bennett, composer Alan Silvestri and Miss America 1999 Nicole Johnson were among the personalities that shared their personal experiences with diabetes and the impact the disease has had on their lives.

"Diabetes is not something I must tend to a few times a day. It is a challenge that I face 24 hours a day, along with all the other children and adults with diabetes. It requires strict self discipline and a huge amount of responsibility. The time for a cure is now," said Dinkgrave.

Big change

During the five years following Dinkgrave's diagnosis, his need for insulin injections increased from one a day to four. In 1998, however, his lifestyle changed dramatically when his doctor's from the University of Michigan Hospital placed him on the insulin pump — a device the size of a pager that supplies regulated amounts of insulin to his body eliminating the need for him to administer numerous shots throughout the day.

The pump ushered in a new found freedom for the 16-year-old in that he no longer has to wake himself up for shots; he can skip meals, eat at different times

of the day and follow a less rigid meal plan. For a diabetic, one of the most inconvenient and bothersome aspects of the disease is the insulin injections followed by meal planning, blood tests and lack of sleep.

"A lot of people don't know about the pump but it's gaining interest," said Dinkgrave. "I was the fifth teenager last year that U of M gave the pump and now there's about 50 or 60 teens who use it."

Dinkgrave addresses his use and satisfaction with the pump on his Web site and is eager to discuss it with young people or families who may be contemplating its use.

"The Web site has been a positive outlet for Ryan," said Kathy Dinkgrave, Ryan's mother. "There have been times when I expected the anger to come but it never did. He's been positive from the onset and I'm very proud of him."

The Family's Guide to Diabetes has been recognized, over the last four years, as a valid source of reference by a number of individuals and organizations and has had approximately 15,500 hits since mid-January alone.

"I get e-mails from all over the world and I answer all of them," said Dinkgrave. "I've gotten messages from teachers, parents and doctors who use the site. One teacher said they were using the site to help teach their students about diabetes."

Dinkgrave says he was also contacted by an individual representing former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop's (who offers his expert advice at www.drkoop.com) Web site to talk about possibly including Ryan's site as a link exchange.

Balancing act

The high school junior said his Web site gets less attention from him during the school year because of his studies so he's been busy inputting all the stories and photographs relating to the JDF Children's Congress conference since June.

Over the next few weeks he will be focusing his attention on raising money for the "Team Ryan" crew that will walk in the annual Walk to Cure Diabetes event hosted by the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International and The Diabetes Research Foundation — Sunday, Sept. 26 at Domino Farm's in Ann

Please see DIABETES, H5

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

SUN, AUG. 22

BONE DENSITY, BLOOD PRESSURE
Bone density (osteoporosis screening) and blood pressure will be offered at a cost of \$10 at the Hindu Temple, 44955 Cherry Hill Road in Canton from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register call (734) 981-8730.

THUR, AUG. 26

BLOOD DRIVE
The American Red Cross will sponsor a Community Blood Drive at St. Mary Hospital from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26 in West Addition Conference Rooms A and B. The Red Cross encourages area residents to join St. Mary Hospital employees and volunteers to donate blood. To schedule a time to donate, call St. Mary Hospital at (734) 655-2980. Walk-ins are accepted but appointments are preferred.

WED, SEPT. 8

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
St. Mary Hospital is pleased to announce a new nutrition education program called "Food for Thought." Linda DeVore, RD, CDE, is the program instructor and the topic for the first class is Do Your Heart Good. Participants will learn about the different types of fat, sources of sodium and other nutritional

factors that benefit the heart, including heart healthy recipes. The class will be held from 7 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8 at Bentley Center at 15100 Hubbard, off Five Mile in Livonia. The cost is \$6; \$5 for those over 55. Call (734) 655-8940.

SAT, SEPT. 11

CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY
MCS (Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends) is a free support group for anyone who is hypersensitive to chemicals and/or environmental irritants such as smoke, fragrances, pesticides, cleaning supplies, new construction materials, etc. Informal monthly meetings are held at various locations. The next is scheduled from 2-5 p.m. at the Good Food Company - West at 42615 Ford Road, Canton (1/2 mile west of I-275 at Lily Road). For a newsletter call (248) 349-4972.

WED, SEPT. 15

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
St. Mary Hospital is offering a class on fast and easy meals at home. The "Food for Thought" nutrition education program will offer a cooking demonstration by professional chef Craig Brown who will also share menu ideas, recipes and short cuts for nutritious and quick meals at home. The class will be held from 7-8 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard at Five Mile in Livonia. Cost to attend is \$6 and \$5 for those over 55. Registration is requested. For more information, please call (734) 655-8940.

THUR, SEPT. 16

HEALTH SCREENINGS
St. Mary Hospital will be offering posture, vision and hearing screenings from 10 a.m.

to noon and posture and vision screenings only from 6-8 p.m. in West Addition A and B and Pavilion Room A. There is no charge to attend and registration is not required. For more information, please call (734) 655-2955.

SAT, SEPT. 18

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Immunizations provided except chicken pox. Bring your child at the most convenient time from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. No pre-registration required. Bring child's immunization records with you. Clinic held monthly at Saint Joseph Mercy Health Building, 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call (734) 414-1000.

MON, SEPT. 20

TAI CHI
Join in on a six week class of Tai Chi (movements and concentration on the breath promote health by balancing the natural flow of energy through the body). Jeff Smith, instructor. Class meets from 6:30-8 p.m. every Monday beginning Sept. 20 at the Nativity United Church of Christ's Fellowship Hall. A limit of 20 people per session. Call (734) 421-5406 and ask for Ida the parish nurse minister.

THUR, SEPT. 23

SMOKING CESSATION
Providence Medical Center - Livonia: Mission Health Medical Center, will host the stop smoking program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The two-hour session combines the power of hypnosis with behavior modification. To register call (877) 345-5500.

Guidelines set for pediatric vaccines

New information from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) about two childhood vaccines has prompted local pediatricians to change infants' vaccination schedules. Pediatricians affiliated with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will temporarily suspend providing the rotavirus vaccine and will delay inoculating babies against Hepatitis B.

■ The Hepatitis B vaccine is no longer being universally recommended for newborns because it contains a type of mercury as a preservative and bacteria eliminator.

The rotavirus vaccine has been provided to infants to guard against a disease that causes severe diarrhea and fever. However, limited data indicate there may be an increased risk of bowel obstruction in infants within three weeks of receiving the vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is currently re-evaluating the benefits and risks of the vaccine.

"The seasonal risk of natural rotavirus infection in the United States will be very low during the next few months, and the Academy believes this is the most prudent course of action," said Errol Soskolne, M.D., medical director of Pediatrics at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Soskolne said that parents of infants who have received the

rotavirus in the past three weeks should be alert for bowel discomfort or bloody stool and contact the baby's pediatrician if there are any questions or concerns.

The Hepatitis B vaccine is no longer being universally recommended for newborns because it contains a type of mercury as a preservative and bacteria eliminator. Although there is no evidence that children have had adverse effects resulting from the mercury exposure, the United States Public Health Service and the AAP have agreed that the first of three Hepatitis B shots, generally provided in hospitals, will be given only to infants born of mothers who test positive for Hepatitis B or whose status is unknown.

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"Last year we raised \$2,200 and we're hoping to raise \$5,000 this year," said Dinkgrave who has approximately 25 family members and friends walking with him. "I'm hoping to get a couple of big local sponsors."

If you are interested in making a donation or participating in the walk you can e-mail Ryan Dinkgrave at diabetes@cbyc.com or visit the Juvenile Diabetes

Foundation Web site at www.jdf.org

"I want to change the stereotype of people who think teenagers are all the same and that we don't do anything. People look at what I've done and say 'he's 16.'"

"They're so close to a cure but it's all about money and getting the right people working on this together."

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

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New medical series

Four area medical professionals, including two LASIK eye surgeons, a dentist and a cosmetic surgeon have led PBS's new medical series, "Frontiers

of Medicine," to Metro Detroit. Broadcast locally on CH-56 on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., the half-hour series explores the latest in medicine and medical technology in an exciting, understandable manner. Featured are Dr. Timothy Kosinski, D.D.S.; Dr. Fouad Tayfour of the Windsor Laser Eye Institute and Dr. Donald C. Flander of the Farmington Laser Eye Center; and Lawrence D. Castleman, M.D., founder and principal physician of the Michigan LaserGraft Center.

Program for families

Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center recently unveiled the Program for Exceptional Families, a comprehensive, coordinated family-centered service for children with developmental disabilities, acquired disabilities and chronic, complex disorders. The program serves patients with Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, muscle disorders, brain and spinal cord injuries and more.

The program provides children along with the families, a single

location to meet with a multidisciplinary team of pediatric specialists. The team includes a pediatrician, physical medicine and rehabilitation physician, neurologist, nurse, dietitian, social worker, parent advocate, psychologist, physical and occupational therapists and orthotist.

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Dr. George Stookey, director of the Oral Health Research Institute at Indiana University, advises eating sugars and starches as part of a full meal rather than as snacks. This allows our normal salivary process to neutralize the acid and "remineralize" the teeth.

Between meals, it's best to choose non-sugary, non-starchy snacks such as fruits, raw vegetables, pickles, olives and yogurt. Many people, though not all, can snack on nuts as well. Ask your dentist.

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Web sites promote weight loss

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There's very little that can be said for being big. But in very different ways, two local Web sites are offering lots of help for the physically large. Or ... let's just say it ... the fat.

A lot of us struggle with weight problems. Few of us really do anything about it. Tim Barnette did. And after losing 130 pounds,

the 28-year-old Dearborn software engineer created a Web site that offers a free program he wrote himself that he credits for shedding all those pounds.

In fact, his wife, Leslie, was so impressed by what Tim accomplished that she followed the same program and lost almost as much.

The site is called The Fitness Tool (www.fitnessool.com), and the program Barnette wrote is a great resource for someone who wants to lose weight and get in shape. There's a log to note everything you eat, a section on proper nutrition and lots of suggested exercises and weight-lifting routines.

Barnette gives his program away. He's sold some banner ads to mostly local companies and hopes eventually to recoup his costs by attracting some big-time sponsors. But it's clear from the site that Barnette's chief goal is to help people get in shape. Since January when it went online, almost

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1,000 people have downloaded his free program.

I warn you it's a huge file to download, over 10 megabytes. But one look at the before-and-after pictures of Barnette will convince you that it's worth checking out.

Another great locally based Web site that stemmed from size and girth is called The Big Page (www.thebigpage.com)

The site owes its existence to a marketing class Dave Binkowski took at Wayne State University in Detroit. As an assignment, the class was asked to create a product or service that could be useful in the real world.

Binkowski, who lives in Warren, is a pretty big guy. Let's just say, he more than fills a doorway when he walks into a room.

He thought about the assignment for a while and, as he explains on his site, realized that he was tired of having to walk miles through shopping malls to find a shirt with 38-inch sleeves, or pants with a 36-inch inseam, or size 16 shoes.

In fact, the 6-foot, 6-inch Binkowski was fed up with the whole mall experience.

Because of the difficulty he encountered in getting fitted, he had collected an extensive collection of catalogs from different mail order retailers from around the world

So, combining computer and Internet technology, his frustrating search for clothes, and his college assignment, Binkowski gave birth to a Web site that could let big and tall men shop for what they need.

His site just keeps growing. Over 55 big and tall clothing or shoe sites are currently categorized and listed, all searchable. And the site is getting close to 30,000 visitors a month.

PC MIKE SEMINAR - Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 11. That's the day, from 10 a.m. to noon, that we'll hold the next PC Mike/WXYT Radio Computer Seminar. This one is entitled "Internet 101," and it will cover the ins and outs of getting online, surfing the Web, using e-mail and protecting your kids against porn and perverts.

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Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

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IQS expands

Innovative Quality Systems of Livonia has begun construction on the state of the art training and meeting center located at their headquarters. IQS, a training and consulting firm, expects to begin providing customized training classes in their facilities later this summer. The new facility will include a 2,000 square foot training suite with conference room, study lobby, cafeteria and restrooms. A separate computer lab will include 15 workstations.

New rep

Robert Moore of Livonia has joined Superior Coffee as route sales representative. Superior Coffee produces coffee for the out-of-home/food service industry.

Sims awarded

Lillian Sims has just been awarded Meeting Partner of the Year by the Professional Speakers Association of Michigan. Sims, assistant to the Executive Director of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority in Livonia, was chosen because

of her 'extraordinary communication, collaboration and implementation skills.

Resident honored

Jeffrey Long of Westland was recently honored at a national sales and education conference sponsored by Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL). Long qualified through excellence in sales and service to AAL members. The Westland resident is an associated of the Park Jarratt Agency of AAL, Livonia, and serves Lutherans and their family members in Canton, Dearborn, Inkster, Livonia, Redford and Westland.

Innovative award

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) named **Jim Churilla** of Livonia of Follmer, Rudzewicz & Co., P.C., the winner of its highly esteemed Innovative User of Technology Award for 1999. The award recognizes the achievements of CPAs as premier providers of "business solutions through technology." Churilla is an account executive in the Computer Information Services Division of FRC.

Director of marketing

Valassis Communications, Inc. recently announced the promotion of **Paula Wygonik** to director of marketing. Wygonik joined Valassis in 1989 and has been involved in several areas of the company including ROP operations, international sales service, marketing research and development and customer service. She was most recently manager of marketing. Wygonik played a key role in the development of a centralized, client-focused marketing department. She resides in Livonia with her husband Tom and daughter Jillian.

Agents honored

AAA Michigan has named four travel agents who live or work in western Wayne County as top sales performers among more than 300 employees of AAA Travel Agency statewide. They are **Ewa Gala Bogumila** of Livonia and **Karen Zale** of Westland, who work in the central reservations center at AA Michigan's Headquarters. **Laura Schraw** and **Renee Wheat**, travel agents in AAA Michigan's Livonia branch office.

Promotion

BBDO Detroit, the advertising agency for the Dodge division of DaimlerChrysler, has promoted **Michael Pillitteri** to presentation production manager. Previously Audio-Visual Technician, Pillitteri manages the agency's presentation department and coordinates its large-scale presentations. He currently resides in Livonia with his wife.

New board member

Kathleen Lomako of Livonia, deputy executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Government, was elected to the

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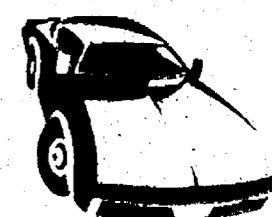
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New wireless entry
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New unit
In a strategic move to expand its product offering, Freudenberg-NOK of Plymouth has created a new organization, the Valve Business Unit -- to design and produce a wide range of valve products for the North American market -- and has appointed J. Jeffrey Hildebrand as director of the new unit.

Cost-saving measure

The Detroit Medical Center (DMC), Detroit's second largest employer, today signed a \$1 billion information services contract with Farmington Hills-based Compuware Corporation. The 10-year contract is one of the largest health care information services contracts in the nation. The contract is also designed to "create a long-term alliance and partnership between the DMC and Compuware, focusing on technological performance, economics and future growth for both organizations." Porter estimated the administrative cost savings at \$90 million over a 10-year period.

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1999-2000 Women's Economic Club (WEC) board of directors.

Budco president honored

Michigan business leaders honored William "Bud" Brian, president and CEO, Budco, as one of 10 winners at the 1999 Michigan Entrepreneur of the Year awards ceremony. His achievements matched the annual competition's nomination criteria: Outstanding entrepreneurs who make significant contributions to social and community efforts as well as increase their revenue during a two-year period.

New president

Rofin-Sinar, Inc. of Plymouth recently

announced the appointment of Curtis R. Nichols to the position of president. His new responsibilities will include directing the corporation's strategic planning, implementing programs and guiding its industry-leading research.

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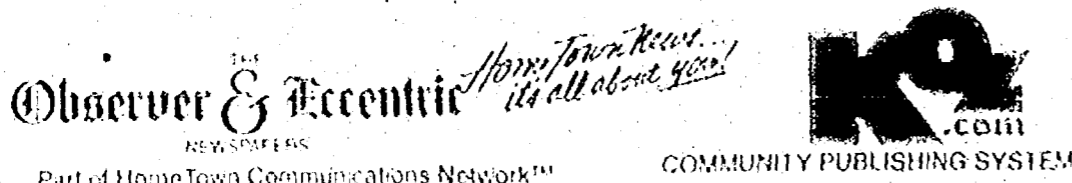
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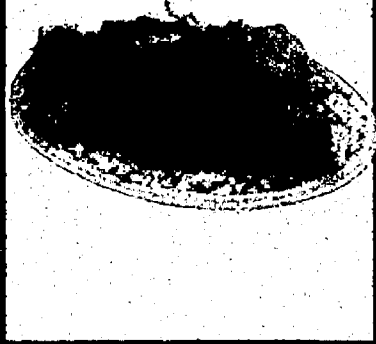
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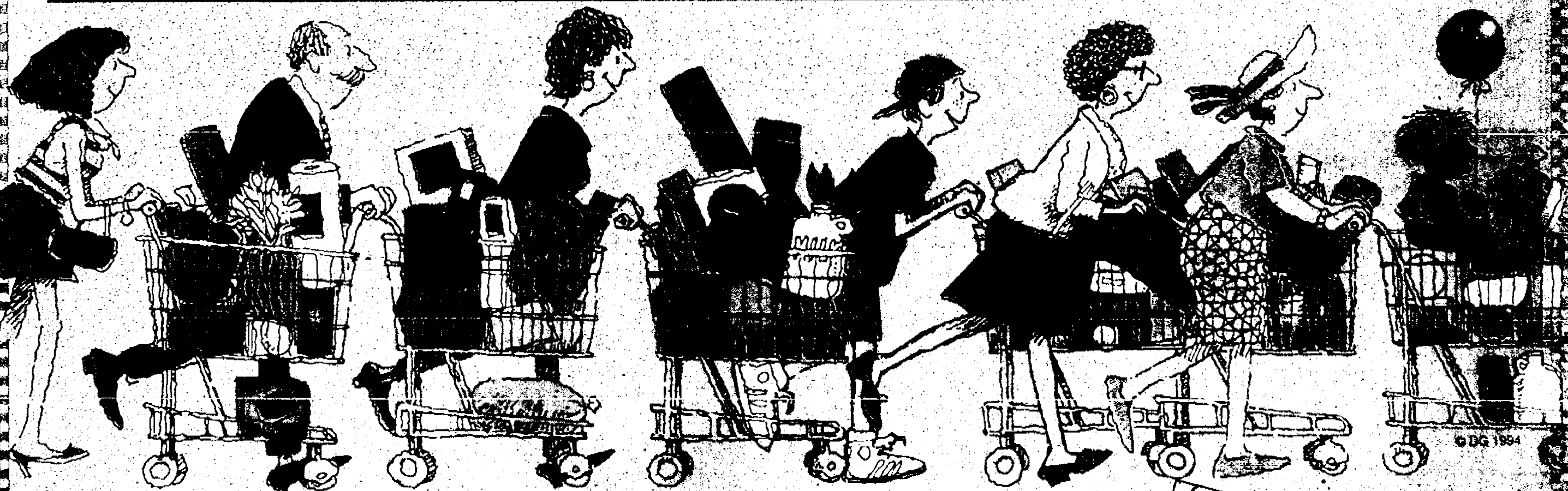


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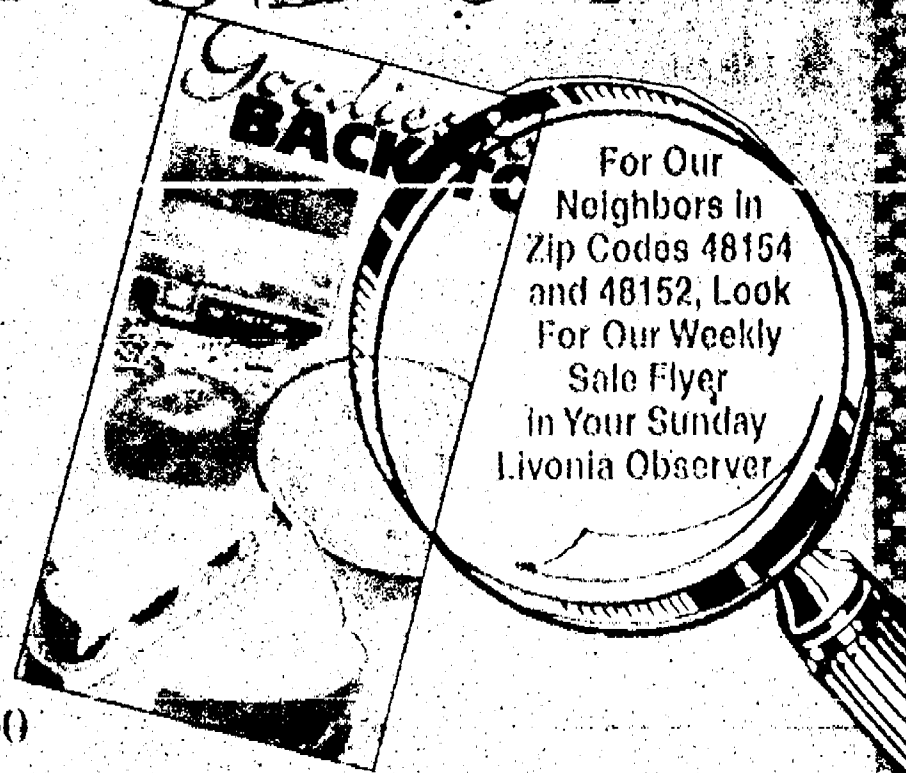
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Carver reclaims bricks to save pieces of history

Every time an old building is torn down, Paul Beaton feels a little sad. But he's not one to sit around crying about the loss. Instead, Beaton recreates the structures in brick reclaimed from the original buildings.

You'd never know by looking at the intricately detailed executive tower of the Hudson's building that Beaton couldn't even draw or paint during his early years when he lived in Livonia and then Farmington.

Whether the structure is a 1928 gas station or his old elementary school in Ontario, the carving comes to life when Beaton takes the project into his hands.

"I can't stand to see these old places destroyed," said Beaton, who now lives in Chatham-Kent. "I remember all these growing up. Especially J.L. Hudson's, I have a lot of good memories there."

Collecting bits of history

Beaton used to collect old pop bottles, some with painted labels, so preserving buildings for posterity seemed like the "right thing" to do. In the past, his interest in places and objects with a history, also led Beaton to collect advertising memorabilia.

When a car accident left him disabled several years ago, Beaton began thinking about ways to earn a living. That's when he decided to turn his talents to carving.

"I was always into art but to this day I still can't draw or paint," said Beaton. "As a teenager, I made model buildings out of board. It was part of local history."

A wall hanging depicting the ruins of an ancient brick building had stuck in his mind since visiting an art store in Chicago in 1991. But it wasn't until they demolished Cody Elementary School in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario in 1995 that the memory of that wall art began to spark his creativity. After retrieving several bricks from Cody, his old school, as souvenirs, Beaton went to work carving the features of the structure into the bricks that were once part of it.

Time-consuming art

When the Hudson's building was demolished in October of 1998, Beaton rescued 25 of the bricks. So far, he's carved seven of them. Using a dremel tool with various cutting wheels, grinding bits and diamond points, Beaton replicates the details of the architecture.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

History preserved: Paul Beaton carves bricks into miniature replicas of some of his favorite buildings including Hudson's.

"I go through the high speed tool with a five year warranty in a couple of months because of the hardness of the bricks," said Beaton, who has displayed his carvings in two galleries, including the Swann Gallery near the spot where Hudson's once stood. "I go through five diamond points per tower. I have \$50 to \$60 in each Hudson's executive tower. Using pho-

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'When I'm in the natural world and alone, I am as close as I get to God.'

—Jeff Snarey
Quoted in
The Nature of Kensington

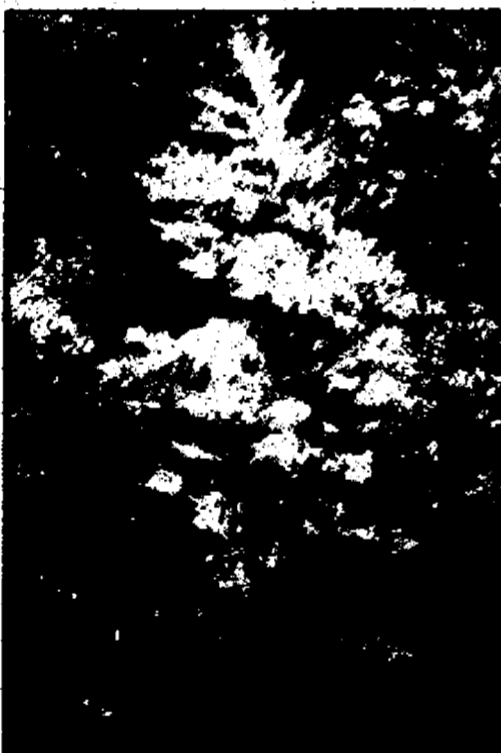


PHOTOS BY TED NELSON

Harbinger of spring: This tufted titmouse was perched on a pussy willow in Kensington.



Autumn color: (Below) The light snow on this maple caught photographer Ted Nelson's eye.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Ted Nelson had walked through the area near the Nature Center at Kensington Metropark once, and was on his way back to where he started from, when he came upon a whitetail fawn asleep in the grass and twigs.

The Canton photographer moved quietly into position, careful not to disturb the fawn.

Nelson was in Mother Nature's territory, and there was an etiquette to follow as he "shared the spirit" of the woods with wildlife.

Since retiring from his position as a science teacher for West Bloomfield High School 18 months ago, Nelson has spent day after day searching for subjects such as the fawn. It is one of 100 images published in his recently released book, "The Nature of Kensington."

"The hardest part is finding them in the woods," said Nelson. "You'd think they'd be easy to spot, but it's like looking for a needle in a haystack. I will go in an area where they'll likely be and start at one end and actually do a criss-cross pattern. I've gone in one direction and not seen it and come back the other way and there it is.

Deer are highly habituated in certain areas of the park. It takes real patience in terms of approach. The kinds of movements on my part are minimal because the fawns will get up and run. I'm careful of my hand movements."

For each of the photographs in the book, Nelson relays a story. He's learned plenty about the habits of deer while watching them in the hours after dawn.

"The does will get up and try to lead the intruder away, the fawns lay there and stay put."

One morning, Nelson was coming through a clearing when he spotted a doe and fawn crossing the pond. After spotting Nelson, the fawn laid down with only his head sticking out of the water.

"I got out of there in a hurry," said Nelson. "They'll just drop anywhere."

Early love

Since he was a child living in what was then



Ted Nelson

THE SPIRIT OF KENSINGTON

an undeveloped area, Nelson has been drawn to nature.

"As a kid I didn't have a lot to do growing up in Highland," said Nelson. "There was a lot of time spent exploring nature. That's something we are with increasing frequency unable to do anymore. You drive by a spot and come to love the beauty and the next week you come back and it's gone."

Nelson's first visit to Kensington 40 years ago aroused his desire to return time and again to the relatively untouched area. What else would you expect from a retired science teacher who lives on Lone Wolf Lane?

Nelson loves the diversity of the landscape — the marshes, swamps, streams, lakes, meadows, and ponds — and within each of these field and forest habitats and micro-habitats, the natural communities of red squirrels, pink dianthus and dragonflies. Nelson is hoping a similar bond, many people form with Kensington, will prompt the sale of the 5,000 books, he self-published.

"Two and one-half million people go there every year," said Nelson. "There's a lot of real deep spiritual connections people have with Kensington. There's 4,300 acres which are literally an oasis of nature. It's rare by virtue of the area. In the suburbs there's so much expansion and destruction of wildlife."

One-of-a-kind

Nelson came up with the idea for the photographic portrayal of Kensington while attending a meeting of the 1,500 member North American Nature Photography Association in Florida. He'd done freelance nature photography for *Audubon*, *National Wildlife* and *National History* magazines for some time but it was the encouragement of his wife Nancy and fellow photographers Bruce Montagne, Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick that helped Nelson persevere through the culling of 300 slides, and the design and printing processes necessary to assemble the book. Nelson spent many hours investigating not only Kensington but the businesses which would produce the rust-colors of the sandhill cranes. He eventually chose Precision Color of Plymouth to do the color separations, and Friesens of Altona, Manitoba for the printing.

"I thought Kensington is ripe because it's never been done. I'm an unknown photographer yes, but I didn't feel I had to be well-known if the photography was good," he

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VISUAL ARTS

Artists stretch limits and question 'what is art?'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Brian Nelson readily admits to not knowing if his works are "sculpture or even art for that matter."

Gazing around the gallery where they're exhibited, one would beg to differ.

From the video of rustling trees projected on a horizontal canvas on wheels, to a stainless steel-framed print of a perfect blue sky, the works become "a different kind of vehicle for the image or idea."

Nelson's works, frequently on wheels or incorporating circular forms, "rekindle experiences from his life and attempt to spark memories in viewers."

"My work doesn't try to dictate an experience," said Nelson, a Livonia resident who graduated from Michigan State University with a master's degree in sculpture. "It's

important that you remember your own experiences and those can be good or bad."

Nelson is one of three artists who stretch the limits and question "what is art?" in separate installations continuing through Sunday, Aug. 29 at Detroit Contemporary.

Director Aaron Timlin selected work by Nelson, Jared Wilson and Ron Ribant to arouse speculation in the viewer. In addition to Nelson's stainless steel sculptures, Wilson's "Sound Installation" is just that — sound. Beats and counterbeats throb through the brick walled space. Ribant's "New & Used Paintings" speak to the need to preserve nature. Using text with landscape imagery, Ribant's carved wood words warn of "poison" and the need for "preservation."

"Opening night, people were standing around trying to figure out what it was all about," said Timlin. "All the different senses are being affected with this show. This is where we want to take the gallery in the future."

Five works for pondering

In two of the works, "For Julie and I (Eythrocetes)" and "Monday, Jan. 10, 1985 Memory Loss,"

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Exhale: Brian Nelson makes a statement about the environment in this sculpture created from welded stainless steel, a modified oxygen tank, nasal cannula, video projection and VCR.



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said. Jack Frost painting on red oak leaves, a mute swan, red robins after a March ice storm, the vivid gold and green of a wood duck drake — colors come alive in Nelson's book revealing the many seasons of Kensington.

"From my days as a science/biology teacher, I've always been interested in the outdoors," he said. "I was a science and biology teacher for the same reasons I'm a nature photographer."

Nelson always works off a tripod with relatively long exposures.

"When the wind is blowing

you don't get the detail in the leaves," said Nelson. "I really enjoy being out there. Wandering is basically my style, being there when the conditions are right in a certain spot, on a certain day. I like to be there at sunrise or before, you get real nice light. In winter, your day extends because the sun is lower on the horizon. I like overcast days when it's very still. It's best for close-up, macrophotography."

"The Nature of Kensington" is available at Little Professor Book Centers, Borders in Farmington Hills and Novi, Barnes and Noble in Northville, or from Ted Nelson for \$32. Call him at

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■ In 'Her Breath, the Wind, to Fix the Image in Memory I Exhale (for Lauri),' Brian Nelson leads the viewer into pondering the state of the environment and life.

Nelson frames his ideas, including his interpretation of a perfect day, in stainless steel. The three other sculptures also express various experiences from his life. Mobile in nature, the images are a reminder of time passing and how our activities mark "the specific meaning of a place or event."

In "Her Breath, the Wind, to Fix the Image in Memory I Exhale (for Lauri)," Nelson leads the viewer into pondering the state of the environment and life.

The video projection of rustling trees is centered on a horizontal canvas, which is really the top of what looks like a

medical or industrial cart. Alongside, Nelson places a modified oxygen tank and nasal cannula.

"Dutifully Performed to Ward off Some Future Event" also uses the bed of a stainless steel table as a canvas for a video in which two scenarios alternate — water tediously dripping from a faucet into the sink, then someone ritually washing their

hands. Nelson created all of the works during a summer hiatus from his teaching responsibilities at Center for Creative Studies, where he also directs the metal shop and foundry. Nelson has exhibited his works extensively throughout the metro Detroit area, including the Detroit Artists Market and the Creative Arts Center in Pontiac, but these works have never been seen before.

Matters of life and death

Perhaps, it's the three years Nelson worked as a welder for a military subcontractor that instilled a sterility or coldness in his work, or maybe it's just the material itself. A steel shelf extending from one of the white walls is hooked to a chain extending to the floor. Attached to it is a heart carved from salt. Individual sculptures refer to his mother, sister and wife Lauri. These are Nelson's experiences. For him, "they have meaning, love, conviction."

"The steel tables on wheels relate to the loss a couple of years ago of my grandparents, one of whom used a walker," said Nelson.

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tographs, I carve out the ninth floor semi-arches on the Woodward Avenue side from the brick."

Each carving takes Beaton approximately 40 hours,

although he's spent as many as 70 hours on ones such as Hudson's executive tower.

"The nice thing about these bricks is that they have a previous history as part of an archi-

tectural landmark," said Beaton. "They become pieces of art, depicting architectural features of the very buildings that they were once part of."

For more information about

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'Titanic' survivor heads home with guitar in hand

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Sean McCourt has returned from yet another audition. And he's not talking. Not about the audition, at least.

"I'm kind of superstitious," he said. "There's a lot of disappointment in this business."

The 1989 Birmingham Lahser High School grad, who won critical notice for his performance on Broadway in "Titanic" two years ago, knows the unspoken rule among thespians: "Never talk about a role until you've gotten the part."

While the sirens blaring from the New York City streets can be heard in the background, he sits in his apartment, taking on the phone and barely raising his voice.

This isn't a guy who gets flustered easily.

What: Sean McCourt in concert with Dan McCourt
When: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24
Where: The Ark, 36 S. Main St. Ann Arbor. For information, call (734) 761-1451, or

McCourt changes roles with nearly slight-of-hand ease. In a couple of hours, he'll strum and pick his guitar at a nearby club.

And this Tuesday, he'll head west — back home — for a performance of songs from his recent CD, "Stick Figures Skating," at The Ark in Ann Arbor.

From his New York home, McCourt runs a recording studio. He records demos for musicians looking to catch on with a label.

Working as a sound engineer

is another way to pay the bills, along with searching for roles on stage and film.

"Diversity is my strongest weapon in making a living," said McCourt. "Many people who act can sing, too. Fewer of them can write music."

Besides his latest CD, McCourt's music can be heard in the soundtrack of "Snow Days," an Independent film that stars Bernedette Peters. Many of the songs are "romantic singalongs."

The film has been entered in the Sundance Film Festival. If it gains wide distribution, McCourt expects that he, too, will receive wider recognition for his songwriting.

After he left of the cast of the Titanic, McCourt played Woody Guthrie in a musical about the legendary folk singer. "Playing

Woody Guthrie helped me find where my heart was," said McCourt. "I knew I had to follow writing music."

While Guthrie's songs are more populist and political, McCourt's compositions also strive to tell stories and create characters in the Guthrie tradition. But clearly, the late 1990s music industry is far removed from Guthrie's dust bowl, Depression-era imagery.

"Today's music market is changing rapidly," said McCourt, who not only writes, performs and records his music, but also serves as promoter and chief marketer.

"Being from a theatre background has made me used to rejection," he said. "You learn to just keep prodding along."

Based on his acting, singing and writing ability, the day will

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Sunday, August 29

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ART SHOWS & FESTIVALS

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.

ART ON THE VILLAGE GREEN
The Village of Franklin presents Art on the Village Green, Mon., Sept. 6.

ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY
Fabulous '50s and '60s Festival Thurs. Sun., Aug. 26-29 on the campus of St. Mary's at Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads in Orchard Lake. (248) 683-0530.

RHYTHMS OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA
African World Festival Sunday, Aug. 22 at Hart Plaza. Highlights include mask-making, drumming workshops, open mic, poetry and more.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUTUMNFEST
Traditional crafters, including candle-makers, quilters, and woodworkers, sought for Autumnfest. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, Mary Thompson House and Farm, 25630 Evergreen, Southfield. Call (248) 354-5180 or (248) 424-9022 for table information.

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.

CANTON PROJECT ARTS
Canton Projects ARTS is accepting applications for the 1999 juried "Fine Arts Exhibition" to be held October 8-15 at The Summit on the Park, Canton. All work must be submitted on slides, accompanied by an application by August 25. To request an application or further information, please call (734) 397-6450.

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 Wednesday, Sept. 1. To schedule, call (313) 565-2424.

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
Applications available for talented young people to join the 1999 Youth Artists Market and also people of all ages to participate in the Banners contest. The Festival is Sept. 18-19 on the campus of WSU. To request an application, call (313) 577-5088.

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, MI, 48076-0569.

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

GM CHORUS
The General Motors Employees' Chorus is seeking new members for its Fall/Christmas season. No auditions required. Open to the public. Rehearsals begin Monday, August 30th from 6:45 to 9 p.m. Warren Woods Middle School at 12 and Schoenherr. Must be 18 to join. Accepting new members through Sept. 13th. The GM chorus will be performing with Judy Collins at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts on December 3rd. For additional information, call the GM Hotline at (810) 447-2319.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding auditions for the 1999-2000 season. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

MADISON CHORALE
Auditions 7:35 p.m., Tues., Sept. 7 at Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R., Madison Heights. The Chorale will perform two Holiday Cabaret concerts December 3 and 7. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings. (248) 879-7444.

METRO DANCE COMPANY

AUDITIONS
Auditions for performance company ages 10-15. 7 p.m. Thursday, August 26. Metro Dance, 541 S. Mill St., Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

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.

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.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Auditions for new choir members 7:30 p.m. Tues., Sept. 7 and 14 in Room 530 of the Forum Building on the campus of Schoolcraft College, Haggerty Road



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between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. To schedule an audition call (248) 349-8175 or (734) 462-4435.

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

ART MUSEUM PROJECT
The University of Michigan-Dearborn is offering public, non-credit studio art classes and workshops beginning Sept. 18. For a free brochure with fees, scheduling information, course descriptions and registration information, call (313) 593-5058.

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE
Open fall registration 5-7 p.m. Aug. 25 and 30. Classes in ballet, jazz, tap, modern, hip hop and ballroom. 5951 John R. Troy. (248) 828-4080.

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

DETROIT BALLET
Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap, and jazz. Adult beginners welcome. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile Road. (248) 474-3174.

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

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.

FREEDOM DANCE XPRESSIONZ
Open House for hip-hop dance studio. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. Aug. 28, 229 Gratiot, Detroit. (313) 964-8497.

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.

METRO DANCE
Preschool through adult classes in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop. Fall classes begin Sept. 11. Registration 7-11 p.m. August 23-26. 541 S. Mill St., Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

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

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Open registration begins August 24 for fall classes which run September 20 through November 13. Classes held at

PCCA, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

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

WORKSHOPS

ART MUSEUM PROJECT
Three-day workshop with painter Donna Vogelheim 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. on August 27-29 at U of M-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5058.

CONCERTS

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Free concert celebrating Detroit's musical talent on Thurs., Aug. 26 in Shain Park with special guests Martha Reeves and Johnny Trudell, 7 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 26, Shain Park, Birmingham. A pre-party celebration is planned from 5:30-7 p.m., and an afterglow from 8:30-11 p.m. at the Birmingham Community House. For ticket information call (248) 645-8850.

KIRK IN THE HILLS
1999 Carillon Series 10 a.m. and noon, Sunday, Aug. 29 featuring Gideon Bodden, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 661-1000.

SOUTHFIELD CONCERT SERIES
Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 25, Burgh Park, Berg Road at Civic Center Drive, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SUMMER RECITAL
Steven Libiarz and Aiden Schell perform works by Mozart, Handel and Dvorak, 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 280 East Square Lake Road, Troy. (248) 769-2550.

ORGAN RECITAL
Organist Andrew DeFabo featured at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 23, 2250 E. Stadium, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2550.

VIETNAM
Gala evening of food, culture and entertainment, featuring a preview of "Today's Vietnam" hosted by Keith Famic, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Opening VIP reception, food tasting and display of Vietnamese cultural exhibits, 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tickets \$75. VIP reception on mezzanine level, call (248) 681-0248; \$25 general admission, call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Event also features special performances by Stewart Francke, the Detroit Concert Choir, The Burton International School, and Flemming Elementary School. Event proceeds to benefit the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation, the Vietnam Veteran's Association, Chapter 9 of Detroit, and the International Children's Alliance Network.

BEVERLY SIKS
The Greater Detroit Orchestra

Haggerty Road, between Joy and Warren. (734) 455-4677.

KIDZCRAFT
For child and parent to explore the world of arts and crafts. The 10:30-11:45 a.m. mother-toddler class is for ages 2 1/2-3, the 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. is for ages 4-5. Both classes are Thursdays, beginning Sept. 2 and run for nine weeks. Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

MAGIC CLASS
Professional magician Jeff Ferreri teaches magic class to children in grades 2-5, 4-5-15 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 1 and runs for nine weeks. Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

STORYTELLING CLASS
"Movin' with Maureen and Coco" is taught through original music, movement, puppets and storytelling, 10-11:15 a.m. for ages 18 months to 3 years, 11 a.m.-12:15 a.m. for ages 3-4. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 1 for nine weeks. Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

LITERARY

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Book discussion of Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre on August 26, 7 p.m. at Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. To register call (248) 651-4110.

WRITER'S VOICE
**Crossing Borders: A YMCA celebration of urban spoken word and music 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 27, Roadrunner's Raft, 2363 Yemans, Hamtramck. (313) 873-8731.

MUSEUMS

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

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
"Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn" through Oct. 31. "Where the Girls Are: Prints by Women from the DIA's Collection" through Sept. 26. Ancient Gold: The Wealth of the Tetrarchs. Treasures from the Republic of Bulgaria through Aug. 29, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

U-M MUSEUM OF ART
Through Sept. 12 - Touchstone: 200 years of artists' lithographs; Through Sept. 26 - "Paris Circa 1900," 525 S. State, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0395.

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

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

OAKLAND GALLERIA
Opens Aug. 24 - Super Kids Arts & Learning Exhibit through October 7, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

HI-LINE GALLERY
Aug. 28 & 29 - Ninth annual African American Art Fair, North and Center, east of Looge Freeway, between 8 and 9 Mile roads. Kick-off reception 7-11 p.m. Friday, August 27. For information call (248) 269-8046.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

A.C. T. GALLERY
Through Sept. 11 - "Magnificent Obsessions" curated by local artist Sherry Moore, 35 East Grand River

Detroit. (313) 961-4336.

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PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Sept. 17 - Celebrate Michigan Artists, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

DANIELLE PELEG GALLERY
Through Aug. 29 - Recent works by Hessa Ab-Sham, 4301 Orchard Lakes Road, Crosswinds Mall, West Bloomfield. (248) 626-5810.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Aug. 26 - The annual student faculty and staff exhibit, 10125 East Jefferson, across from Waterworks Park, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Aug. 24 - Traveling exhibit of photographs taken within Oakland County parks, 24 2435C Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SWANN GALLERY
Through Sept. 11 - Michael Kula: Faces of Schizophrenia, 1250 Library Street, Detroit. (313) 965-4826.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through Aug. 28 - Norma Gray: The Five Elements, 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-2287.

ZEITGEIST GALLERY
Through Aug. 31 - Saints, Streets & Stations paintings by Vito Valdez, 2661 Michigan Ave., Detroit. (313) 866-9192.

Hadassah presents the famed soprano 11 a.m. Tues., Sept. 14 at Temple Israel, West Bloomfield. (248) 683-5030.

CALIENTE UNO
A Latin Dance Party, 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 27 at 30 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Latin food, music by La Sensational. Tickets \$35, call (248) 584-4150.

PORTRAIT OF HOPE
Celebrate the 1999 Portrait of Hope photography exhibit featuring Boys Hope-Girls Hope of Detroit, 7:30 p.m., Wed., Aug. 25 featuring singer Tony Bennett at the annex at Pine Knob Music Theatre, Clarkston.

FOR KIDS

CREATIVE DANCE
Introduces young children to basic dance movements, 10:15-11 a.m. for children 3-years-old, 11:15 a.m. noon for ages 4-5. Classes begin on Tuesday, Aug. 31 and run 9 weeks. Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

DRAMA CLASS
Improv, scene study and a study of the actual production process. Classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 1 and run for nine weeks. Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

GIRLS JAZZ CLASS
Teaches basic techniques along with improvisation. The 4:30-5:30 p.m. class is for girls in grades 1-3. The "Over-Girls Jazz Class" runs from 6:7 p.m. for grades 3-6. Classes begin Monday, August 30 and run for seven sessions. Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

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Showcase Dearborn 1-8

Michigan & Telegraph 313-561-3449

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Showcase Pontiac 1-5

Telegraph Sq. Lake Rd. W. Side of Telegraph 248-332-0241

NP MICKEY BLUE EYES (PG13) 11:15, 1:40, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45

Showcase Pontiac 6-12

2435 Telegraph Rd. East side of 248-354-6777

NP UNIVERSAL SOLDIER: THE RETURN (R) 11:55, 1:30, 3:40, 5:30, 7:30, 9:50

Quo Vadis

Warren & Wayne Pk 313-425-7700

Showcase Westland 1-8

6550 Wayne Rd. One block W. of Warren 313-729-1060

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Star Theatres

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NP MICKEY BLUE EYES (PG13) 10:05, 11:05, 12:30, 1:30, 2:55, 4:00

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Teaching Mrs. Tingle (PG13)

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United Artists 12 Oaks

inside Twelve Oaks Mall 248-349-4311

AMERICAN PIE (R) 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50

United Artists West River

2 Block West of W. of Detroit 248-388-6572

MICKEY BLUE EYES (PG13) 12:25, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

United Artists-Commerce 14

3330 Springdale Drive Adjacent to Home Depot

MICKEY BLUE EYES (PG13) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

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Muppets From Space (G)

11:45, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30

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BOOKS

Writers offer intimate views of life, work on the Great Lakes

A Sailor's Logbook

By Mark L. Thompson (Wayne State University Press, \$24.95 paperback)

By Napier Shelton

(Wayne State University Press, \$34.95 hardcover)

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

The outline of Michigan is defined by the Great Lakes.

We often forget that our heritage, prosperity and character have also been defined by the big lakes.

Mark L. Thompson is a steward (or chief cook) on lake freighters. Napier Shelton is a naturalist with a cottage on Lake Huron. They offer unusually intimate views of life and work on the water.

Thompson comes from Rogers City, where becoming a sailor on the great freighters is as normal as going to work for the Big 3 is downtown.

Thompson describes all of this with solid knowledge and deep affection. He is particularly proud of his own work as an imaginative, conscientious cook.

He says it pays well, if you don't mind being cooped up on a boat for seven or eight months with brief stops in port cities where sailors "go up the street" while cargo is unloaded.

Thompson's book is a logbook following day-by-day activities during the 1996 freighter season on the Great Lakes. During the season Thompson served on four boats (not ships) ranging from the 605-foot Calcite II to the 1,000-foot Edgar B. Speer.

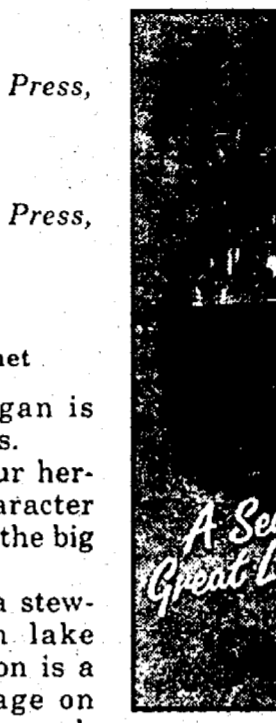
Though Thompson's book is almost too literally a diary of his work and life during the season, it is still a fascinating and colorful account of how the freighters work.

Thompson fills in his daily accounts with descriptions of the different occupations, the types of raw material hauled, the life in the various port towns and the special camaraderie of sailors.

Shelton's book is a Great Lakes variation of Thoreau's "Walden." Shelton lives in Washington, D.C., but has vacationed for many years at his in-laws cottage at Port Sanilac.

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reportage of a journalist to describe natural and human activity on and around the mighty lake.

Though anchored in Port Sanilac, Shelton travels north to the Soo and east to the Georgian Bay to provide an account of the whole lake.

Shelton begins with winter and describes in loving detail the shifting phenomenon of ice and takes the reader on a trip with an ice breaker.

He describes the migration of birds, the varieties of lake life from plankton to large fish and the work life of humans tied to the water for their survival.

He goes out with the fishing boats and describes the changing ecology of the lakes as the Michigan and Ontario governments try to stock various kinds of fish for game and commercial fishing.

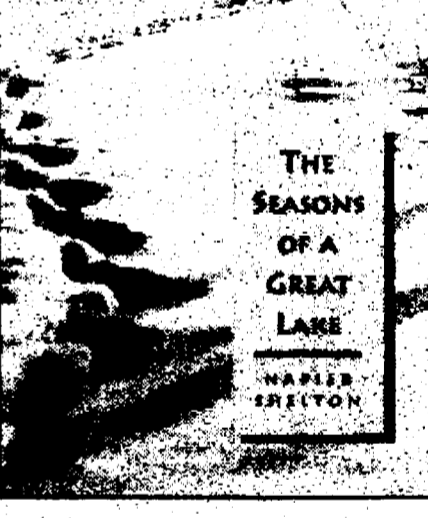
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BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings.

Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

BOOK SIGNINGS

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!"

Saturday, Aug. 28, 1-4 p.m., B Dalton Booksellers, Westland Mall.

Thursday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m., Borders Books, Southfield-13 Mile roads, Beverly Hills.

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2-4 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Rochester Road in Rochester Hills.

Thursday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Telegraph south of Maple in Bloomfield Hills.

Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-5450.

BOOKS CONNECTION (LIVONIA)

The Books Connection and Oakland County Author Bert Falbaum will contribute \$7 to a customer's favorite charity for every copy of Falbaum's new novel "A Matter of Precedents" purchased between Monday, Aug. 23 and Aug. 30.

Falbaum will be at the store, 19043 Middlebelt, to sign books 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25.

The book deals with the ethics of corporations, the media and public relations. Priced at \$19.95, the book will be discounted 10 percent for each sale.

The book can be ordered in person, or by calling the store toll-free 1-877-268-8837 or send an e-mail request to cspatt@rust.net.

As customers purchase the book they'll fill out a short form listing their favorite charity and its address and phone number.

The Books Connection and Falbaum will mail the \$7 donations to all designated charities after the drive is ended Aug. 30.

SOUTHFIELD LIBRARY

Book discussion series at the

library, 26000 Evergreen,

Southfield, features the works of Edith Wharton. Registration is required, and participants will be responsible for providing their own books.

Register at the Fiction Desk or call (248) 948-0470. Discussion date is 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26.

"The Mother's Repompense." Series is part of the Summer Humanities Program. The month of August will also feature a display ("My Wish for Tomorrow") of the vision of the future through the eyes of children and their art, on the main level.

BOOK FAIR

The Jewish Community Center will hold its annual Jewish book fair Nov. 6-14. Included in the event is the author's mini-fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7.

Deadline for submissions for the fair is Aug. 31. Books must be by a Jewish author or contain Jewish content. The fair will take place at the center's facilities in West Bloomfield and in Oak Park.

More than 30 speakers will appear, and entertainment will be provided (both free). Call the center for submission requirements. (248) 661-7048.

Local author offers words of condolence

Deborah R. Chappa's "Words for when there are No Words: Writing a Memorable Condolence Note," is an easy-to-use reference that gently educates readers about various losses.

Called "Keys to Comfort" and other remembrances. The author has requested special discounts be made available to non-profit organizations.

The book, is available for \$9.95, plus shipping and handling by calling 1-877-BUY BOOK (289-2665), or online at www.buybooksontheweb.com

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

OPERA CONCERTS

The Redford Civic Symphony performs with the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at Belle Creek Park, Five Mile and Inkster, Redford. The free program is the final concert of Wayne County Parks Summer Family Entertainment Series. For information, call (734) 261-1990.

On the program are selections from the "Barber of Seville," "La Boheme" and "The Marriage of Figaro." All time favorites "I Could've Danced All Night" and "If I Loved You" will also be sung. Performers are soprano Gina D'Alessio, tenor Razmik Papikyan and baritone Dino Valle.

The Friends of the Opera of Michigan present Puccini's entire "La Boheme" Fridays, Aug. 27 and Sept. 10 at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16501 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Tickets are \$15 and include afterglow reception. Call (313) 582-0997.

Featured vocalists are Patricia Willington, Dina Kessler, David Gordon, Quinto Milito, Guilherme Rogano, Christopher Borotwicz, Tony Lynch and John Schikora.

FINAL DAYS

Westland artist Sandra Weed and Debra Danko. Grand Blanc, paint with threads in the exhibit "Art Quilts and Other Images," continuing through Aug. 27 at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road.

These wall-warming art quilts range in subject from florals to Oriental landscapes. Sponsored

by the Livonia Arts Commission, the show runs 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic is holding auditions for the 1999-2000 season. For an appointment, call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649.

JAZZ MUSICIANS WANTED

Schoolcraft College is reviving its jazz ensemble and is looking for musicians. Rehearsals will be held 7-10 p.m. Mondays beginning Sept. 13 in the music department of the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

Director Jack Pierson is looking for students from Schoolcraft, teachers, community musicians, and outstanding high school musicians to perform with the ensemble.

The session on Monday, Sept. 13 will be a combination audition and rehearsal. For more information, call Pierson at (734) 420-8984.

WIELICZKA DANCERS

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America dancers are taking registrations Sept. 9 to Oct. 15 for students ages 4-16. Classes take place Thursdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. and run through the evening at the Tom Dooley K of C Hall, 28945 Joy Road, Livonia.

For more information, call Michele Jakubiec at (734) 591-2079.

OPENING RECEPTION

Three generations of artists exhibit a variety of media through Sept. 24 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction. Call (734) 416-4ART.

An opening reception takes place 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2. The public is invited.

Grandmother Phyllis Hochlowski, daughter Jana Conger and granddaughter Alicia Maturen represent only three branches of a sprawling artistic family tree that includes over 50 professional artists, sculptors, poets and musicians. Hochlowski, a Plymouth resident who began painting after retirement, captures the beauty of flowers in watercolor. Conger, best known for her intense portraits of wildlife, has exhibited works in gallery internationally. Maturen works primarily in clay.

Hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, until 9 p.m. Wednesday.

YOUTH COMPETITION

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December at Evola Music of Canton. In addition to orchestral instruments, piano

contestants are also being sought.

Winners will perform at the youth concerts in February of 2000. For an application or more information, call (734) 451-2112.

"SUNDAY, SONGS & SYMPHONY"

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra performs light and classical music by the orchestra plus offers tastings of foods from 25 area restaurants, bakeries and food establishments, and a silent auction, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth and Middlebelt roads, Livonia.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Call (734) 421-1111 or (734) 464-2741.

NEW CLASSES

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia is offering new classes in oil painting with Lin Baum

and colored pencil, Marsha Weigand, beginning Sept. 3 at the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, room 16, Livonia.

In September, there are also workshops in pastel with Audrey DiMarco; marbling, Al Weber, and watercolor, Donna Vogelheim.

Classes are available in watercolor, Marge Chellstorp; figurative drawing, Bob Blanchard, and designing a better painting, Al Weber.

For information, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455-9517.

AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Community Chorus is holding open auditions for new members, basses and tenors especially needed, but there are openings for sopranos and altos as well, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Evola music, 7170 N. Haggerty Rd., Canton.

Auditions will also be held by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth; (734) 455-4080.

The Livonia Civic Ballet Company auditions dancers for its 1999-2000 season 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 15619 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Auditions are open to dancers age eight and older with a minimum of three years ballet instruction. All dancers should wear proper attire: black leotards, pink tights and pink ballet slippers with hair secured in a bun. Those auditioning for the senior company should also bring pointe shoes. There is a non-refundable audition fee.

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WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission Committee on Environmental, Drains and Sewers will hold a public hearing to consider approval of the following:

1. An Ordinance that requires a septic tank inspection before a home could be sold in Wayne County
2. An Ordinance requiring companies that drains septic tanks to report to the Health Department the amount of waste they pump for each customer to prevent illegal dumping






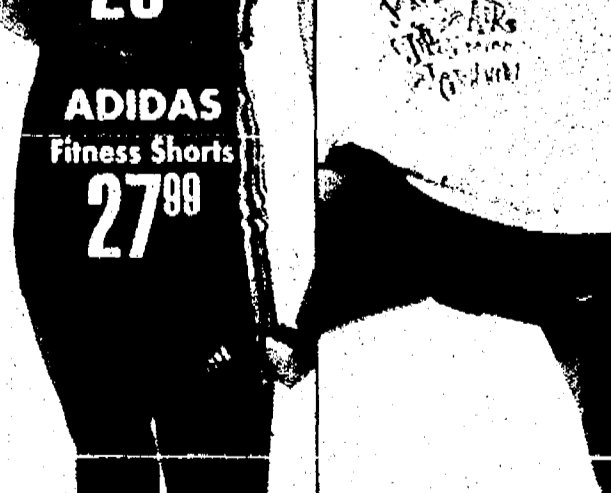

The hearing will be held:

TUESDAY, August 24, 1999
Room 402, 1:00 p.m.
Wayne County Building
600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

Copies of the proposed ordinance may be reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne county Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit, 48226. (313) 224-0903

Public Hearing

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THE JEWELRY LADY



DENISE RODGERS

While parents are privately rejoicing the return of school days, jewelry makers and designers have been like little elves working around the clock.

They're busy creating pieces that our daughters, nieces and other young double X-chromosomers will put on their "oh-please-I-gotta-have-it" fashion list.

Cornelia Poellnitz, manager of Carimar, an accessories store for teens at Northland Mall said there is one item that's inked at the top of that "must-have" list: tattoo jewelry.

Tattoo you

"Everyone's wearing it. All the teenagers and some of their parents. In fact, I've even seen Jenny Jones wearing it on TV," she said.

If you haven't noticed tattoo jewelry yet, you probably mistook it for the genuine article: a gracefully winding tattoo around the neck, arm, or ankle of an otherwise sane-looking teen or preteen.

Hand-woven of hypoallergenic waterproof nylon, these are fun, comfortable and retail for under \$5.

"They've been popular all summer, but we expect to sell even more for back to school fashions," said Poellnitz.

Barely there

Invisible wire necklaces, illusion headbands and hair jewels are other accessory-musts for the fall season.

The wire necklace looks as if a pendant is floating in air. But if you look close, you can see the microcord that holds the pendant in place. Think fishing wire with style.

"Brandy, Cher and Drew Barrymore wear them," says Poellnitz. "And Madonna wears jewels on her eyes."

Jacobson's is also showing invisible-wire cross necklaces. An 18-carat white gold double-cross necklace strung onto a barely visible microcord sells for \$120. The triple-cross invisible necklace runs \$140.

Scent of a teen

Velcro-backed hair jewelry by Melles, also at Jacobson's, are fun little iridescent crystals that stick anywhere on the hair - again and again. These are more popularly priced for teenagers at \$14 a pack.

Not surprisingly, preteens like everything the teenagers wear. But there are some styles that appeal mostly to the younger set.

"What's really hot is makeup and scented lip gloss on a chain," said Christine LaRock of Jacobson's. "The girls like anything with powder and shimmering things."

Platinum plus

If you're heading out to Somerset, stop by Tiffany & Co. and see timeless best-sellers for back-to-school fashion. The sterling silver classics include a heart-tag bracelet and a matching beaded bracelet and necklace.

With price tags of \$60 to \$125, these are less novelty fad items and more of a fashion investment. White metals - silver, platinum and white gold - have been surging in popularity because of the return of platinum as a standard in precious metal.

Platinum's comeback has had a trickle-down effect on the demand for other white metals, especially for Xers and Nexters.

Add a miniature backpack that Poellnitz says is fashion-must and your teen or preteen is ready to hit the books in style.

A Jewelry Lady note: In the last column, The Jewelry Lady suggested that costume jewelry lovers check out a special Web site.

The Web address was printed as "gcostume.com." The proper address is "atgcostume.com." The "atg" stands for "all that glitters."

Send questions to The Jewelry Lady by e-mail, roddgers@mich.com, fax (248) 582-9223, or mail c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Active look: Modeling back-to-school fashions from Just Kids Outfitters in Rochester, Annie Dauphinee in Birmingham, Guys N' Gals in West Bloomfield and Hansel N' Gretel in Birmingham are (left to right) Megan Bauman of Livonia, Lauren Brockmann of Rochester, Sarah Bauman of Livonia, Mitchell Brockmann of Rochester, Allyson Ginsberg, and Jenna Guntmacher, both of West Bloomfield, Katharine Smith of Birmingham and Nathaniel Beier of Bloomfield Hills.

Room to move

Back-to-school fashion aimed at kids' active lifestyles

BY CARI WALDMAN
SPECIAL WRITER

The overwhelming task of back-to-school shopping is almost done for Susan Luther, a mother of three school-aged daughters.

But Luther, of Oakland Township, and other mothers might be baffled by their children's fall fashion choices.

Naturally, keeping up with children's changing style preferences is difficult for any parent. But this year, the look is undeniably active, causing some parents to wonder what their children will change into for gym class.

Luther's 12-year-old daughter Amanda is on the edge of "tweendom," the time between age 10 and 12 when style is heavily influenced by teen magazines and peers' clothing choices.

Luther said that last week when she and her daughter went back-to-school shopping, Amanda picked out khaki bell-bottoms, three-quarter-length T-shirts, jeans with flares, little clips to wear in her hair and Dr.

Martens shoes.

"Trying to keep up with her is a science," she said. "12-year-olds' tastes can change like the wind."

But Amanda's choices are right on track with hip back-to-school fashion.

The look is active and, for girls, the name of the game is mixing and matching.

That means pairing T-shirts embellished with embroidered hearts or stars with flare jeans and cargo pants. T-shirts, worn alone or layered, should probably be considered a back-to-school wardrobe staple.

Strong choices are T-shirts with hoods, those made of fabric with printed graphics and solid shirts with chest stripes or funky logos.

Remember, bottoms are undeniably flared.

When the weather cools down, vests will serve as both a funky and functional alternative to standard outer wear.

Watch for vests in fleece, leather and puffy, quilted nylon. Colors will range, but look for silver and softer

shades, like baby blue. Mixing soft colors with bold, sporty apparel is an excellent way to capture the spirit of the active style.

There is no doubt that boys, too, will seek to have an athletic look in coming months. To obtain the look, mix nylon track pants and jersey crewnecks embellished by uniform numbers or contrasting, sporty arm stripes.

Also, details like bungee cords and drawstrings at the waist are important for boys.

Novelty in the form of butterflies and other embellishments is important to younger school-aged children, said Susan Brockmann, owner of Just Kids Outfitters in downtown Rochester.

"Kids are picking out their clothes at an earlier age now, so details like hearts and dinosaurs need to be there to draw a kid's attention," she said.

The active look, however, is just as popular with this age group, said Brockmann. "We have been selling many separates for back to school, as most kids of all ages want a comfortable, active look this year," she said.

Since most mothers like to put together three to four outfits for every

five to six pieces they buy, Brockmann recommends purchasing a sweater, sweatshirt, long-sleeved T-shirt and two bottoms that mix and match.

Also, to meet your children's desire for trendy clothing, try mixing better pieces, like woven sweaters and pricey cargo pants, with less expensive pieces from Old Navy or Target.

"Kids lives are so diverse. They want to be dressed like a Woodstock attendee one day, yet need to be outfitted for brunch the next," said Susan Beier, owner of newly opened Annie Dauphinee children's boutique in downtown Birmingham.

"Our approach is to cover kids' varied needs and to be a vehicle for moms to find what they want. Kids do not have to be dressed in the most expensive clothes, but they need to feel good," said Beier.

Taking cues from her own children's combination of comfort and style, Beier has filled her 1,300-square-foot store with a mix of American, European and French-Canadian fashions.

"Both the European and American lines are showing the active-inspired looks," says Beier. "It is, simply, what the kids want."



With heart: Jenna Guntmacher of West Bloomfield wears a three-quarter sleeve shirt with heart detail, \$19, and cargo flare pants, \$36, both by Tractor at Guys N' Gals in West Bloomfield.



Details: Sarah Bauman of Livonia wears Bu and the Duck's woven striped sweater, \$100, and coordinating striped pants, \$28, both at Annie Dauphinee in Birmingham. Velcro-strap navy Oxford by Dr. Martens, \$60, and grey flannel loafer by Candies, \$39, both at Hansel N' Gretel in Birmingham.

Winkelman inspired family, community

BY ALICE RHEIN
STAFF WRITER

Stanley J. Winkelman, a prominent civic leader who brought affordable fashions to career women as chairman of Winkelman's stores, died Thursday at age 76 in his Bloomfield Hills home.

He had been battling health problems, but his cardiac arrest was unexpected, according to his wife Mar-

garet "Peggy" Winkelman.

"I was with him and he died peacefully," she said. "He was the most remarkable man. We had 56 rich beautiful years together."

Indeed, the life-long love affair he had with his wife was no secret.

"It was obvious that she adored him and he adored her," said Bloomfield Hills artist Patricia Hill Burnett,

who saw Winkelman a week ago at lunch at the Franklin Hills Country Club. "He's one of the finest gentlemen I've ever known."

Winkelman was born in

Please see WINKELMAN, A7 Stanley Winkelman



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.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

KNITTING ROOM TRUNK SHOW

The Knitting Room features new colors and yarn designs from Australian Jo Sharp's new book "Knitting Bazaar." New fashions on display through August 28. The Knitting Room is located at 251 Merrill in downtown Birmingham. Hours 10-5 p.m. Monday - Friday, 10-3 Saturday. (248) 540-3623.

MEN'S DESIGNER TRUNK SHOW

Informal presentation of apparel by Austin Reed and Hart Schaffner & Marx, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Hudson's Twelve Oaks Mall and 4-8 p.m. at Hudson's Somerset.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

SALON Z

Saks Fifth Avenue and Oscar de la Renta introduce the "Oscar" Fall 1999 collection for sizes 14-24, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. for a personal appointment, call (248) 643-9000.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

BRANDEIS BOOK SALE

Half price used books August 24 and 25 at Tel-12 Mall, Southfield. Hours 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

DR. MARTENS TRUNK SHOW

Complete line of children's and adult shoes 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Greg Shoes, Orchard Mall, West Bloomfield. For further information call (248) 851-5566.

SKIN CARE SEMINAR

Experts from Beaumont Hospital will present a seminar on skin care and the anti-aging process at Jacobson's Birmingham store, lower level conference room. 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Also on Saturday, Aug. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For further information call Christine LaRock at (800) 837-5227 ext. 5273.

SAKS MAKEUP COLLECTION

Saks Fifth Avenue and Anna Sui invite you to preview the Bohemian color collection and design a fall look for you through August 28. For an appointment call (248) 614-3365.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

CINAR'S WIMZIE'S HOUSE LIVE

Characters from the PBS Wimzie's House program at Wonderland Mall in Livonia near the food court for free performances of "The Personal Trainer" at noon, 2 and 4 p.m. For further information call Wonderland Mall at (734) 522-4100.

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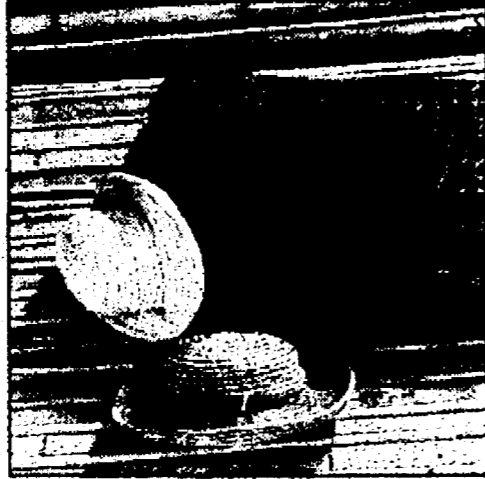
STUFF WE CRAVE



Jungle Sac: This Christian Dior shopping bag in zebra printed calf with a beaded handle is evidence that animal prints are the hot and wild fall trend, \$920 at Saks Fifth Avenue.



Pack it up: For pencils, books and after-school apparel, these city-style backpacks hold it all. From The North Face, left to right, orange knapsack, \$65; yellow carry-all, \$29.95 and khaki backpack, \$45 at Eastern Mountain Sports at the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Seasonal chapeaus: From summer to fall, these hats from Kokin are meant to go places. Flexible cotton/polyester hats pack and travel like a charm. Choose from assorted solid and two-tone colors such as hunter, raspberry, cream and silver. \$170 at Jacobson's.

BB&B raffles its wares at new Novi store

BY ALICE RHEIN
STAFF WRITER

Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi is shining a little brighter this month since it welcomed Bailey Banks & Biddle jewelry store to its upper level concourse next to Hudson's.

BB&B has three stores in Michigan including one at the Somerset Collection in Troy, downtown Birmingham and Lansing.

"The decision to open a fourth store in Michigan wasn't too difficult, according to Jan Roberts, public relations director for the Texas-based jeweler."

"The Somerset store is quite a distance from Twelve Oaks, especially in your traffic. We feel with the new store we are serving a whole different part of the community," she said.

The jeweler, which was founded in 1832 in Philadelphia by Joseph Bailey and Andrew Kitchen, is known for its classic, traditional jewelry, and luxurious dark wood exterior.

Swiss watches, gemstones set in platinum and Mikimoto cultured pearls are some of the store's exclusive offerings.

"Obviously we are very pleased to be part of this market. Our goal is to be the best place for classic, timeless jewelry," said Roberts.

With 107 stores nationwide, BB&B is a division of the Zale Corp., which topped \$1.32 billion sales last year, according to the New York Stock Exchange.

For the Twelve Oaks store grand opening, the company is sponsoring a raffle to benefit the Michigan Horticultural Society.

For \$10 a ticket or 3 for \$25, participants can enter to win four exclusive jewelry items, including a 1-carat diamond solitaire ring, a 2-carat white gold sapphire and diamond "Lady Di" necklace designed by Clyde Duner, an 18-inch strand of Mikimoto cultured pearls and a man's Omega watch.

"We are pleased to be able to assist



Fine Jewelers: The new Bailey Banks & Biddle store at Twelve Oaks Mall.

the Michigan Horticultural Society, the producer of the DTE Energy Detroit Bloomfest, in their fund-raising efforts," said Ray Stuart, president of Bailey Banks & Biddle.

The drawings will take place tomorrow, Aug. 23, at 5 p.m. at the Twelve Oaks store. Winners need not be present to win.

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Sault Ste. Marie where his father, Leon, ran a women's clothing store. The family moved to Detroit in 1928 where a young Stanley scrubbed floors and did odd jobs in the first store on Fort Street.

In 1943, he graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in chemistry and worked as a research chemist in California. During World War II, Winkelman served as a naval officer. After the war, he joined the company that his father and uncle, Isadore, founded. By 1976, he was its chairman and CEO.

Winkelman's stores had wide appeal to women looking for stylish, affordable apparel. "He brought the whole panache of importing fashions. Winkelman's came to be known for fashion at moderate prices," said Al Cohen, who worked with Winkelman for 35 years as the company's senior officer.

At its peak, the chain had 150 stores. Winkelman retired in 1984, having sold the company to Petrie Retail Inc. the previous year. After unsuccessful attempts to revive the

retail store, Petrie closed its last Winkelman's in 1998.

The Winkelmans savored all the cultural arts in Detroit and traveled extensively. For years, Winkelman covered the European fashion scene for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and wrote a column entitled "Euro Fashions."

John Reddy, retired "Birmingham Eccentric" publisher, said Winkelman understood the elements of fashion that had appeal for Midwestern women, but it was his contributions to the community that will long be his legacy.

"Stanley was a man of vast and varied interests. He made quite an impact in the city," Reddy said.

Winkelman virtually immersed himself in community affairs. He served as president of the Metropolitan Affairs Corp. and was a board member of the Jewish Welfare Federation, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Detroit Economic Growth Corp., Detroit Renaissance and the Economic Alliance for Michigan, in addition to many others.

During the 1967 Detroit riots, Winkelman was pivotal in bringing together the business and labor communities and in urging store owners not to flee to the suburbs.

"He felt it his obligation to do the best he could for everyone: for his family, for the city, for the state and for me. He had tremendous energy," said Peggy.

Fred Marx, president of Farmington Hills-based Marx Layne & Co. and a longtime friend of Winkelman said: "His family always came first, but I can't remember anything that he wasn't interested in. He was a forerunner in so many Detroit neighborhood opportunities. When you say 'Stanley' in town, it meant Stanley Winkelman."

In addition to his wife, Peggy, and two brothers, Jack and Fred, he is survived by three children, Andra Sobie, Margi Epstein and Roger Winkelman, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. today at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Township.

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TRAVEL

Couple has fond memories of honeymoon in England

By PAM HOUGHTON
SPECIAL WRITER

England - narrow roads, bad directions, roundabouts and lots of green, green grass - yes, we went there on our honeymoon. Loved it. Want to go back.

My husband, Tim, and I flew British Airways and became



Honeymooners:
Tim and Pam Houghton of Troy as they looked seven years ago.

us after our meals were in fact "sweets."

As we stood in line to get our rental car after landing at Heathrow Airport - wind and rain ripping through our hair and jackets - I remember thinking we weren't there for the weather.

No, we were there for history, the legacy of kings and queens, and the famous English countryside.

Mistakenly, we'd actually planned our itinerary ahead of time - where we were going to stay each night of our trip. As our travels progressed, we realized it would have been perfectly reasonable to wing it - there were plenty of bed and breakfast inns to go 'round.

We were supposed to drive all the way to the Cotswolds to spend the night in a B&B our travel agent had booked for us. But we were so tired from the flight and the time difference that we needed immediate rest before we figured out how to drive the car, steering wheel and transmission positioned on the wrong side of the road. For the immediate moment, we weren't terribly particular about where we stayed, we just wanted a bed to crash in.

Roundabout

We found a hotel near the airport (it wasn't in the greatest neighborhood in the world) and did the horizontal thing for few hours (that means strictly sleeping and nothing else) before we practiced our driving - into London.

We're not necessarily brave souls at heart - in retrospect, we were naive tourists who had no idea how grueling driving could be in a foreign country so dependent on roundabout intersections.

We managed to make it into the heart of London. We parked and walked around the streets of the city while the sky alternated between bleak overcast gray and then pure sunshine interrupted by a few puffs of clouds. The architecture was old and the weather not the least bit stable. Sunshine and rain appear almost simultaneously.

We were struck by the obvious fact that regular blokes lived and worked in these townhouses and office buildings that looked like they housed those of royal lineage.

These buildings were old and not just a quarter of a century old. No, they were probably 500 years old or better. If Henry the VIII revisited his old stomping grounds, he just might recognize them. We were accustomed to the idea that new is better; if you build it, we will come. But these people take great care to preserve their architecture.

As we needed our way back to our Heathrow hotel, we stopped in an obscure London neighborhood for a meal. I'm not sure what made us select a restaurant with a country-western motif, but after listening to Garth Brooks over the sound system and ordering a side of Texas fries with my burger, I felt like saying, "Hey, Ma, look at me. I'm in Dallas."

We would soon enough become accustomed to hearty English breakfasts (with an abundance of not-in-the-least-bit low-fat dairy products), bland battered and fried fish and chips and Shepherd's Pie.

Bath

On the second day, we drove to Bath. There's nothing like getting directions from a native Brit

with a thick peanut-butter-in-their-mouth accent whose "directions" were entirely un-interpretable. Once we managed to navigate our car on the narrow roads without putting dents in our hubcaps (thank God for car insurance) we did OK.

Bath was a wealthy shopper's dream with a giant Benetton store in ancient ruins. A pair of Levis cost more than a pair in Chicago and New York combined. Again, the architecture was startling: curve-shaped stone buildings set in rows of geometric perfection.

The Cotswolds - this was the English countryside so often revered by travelers complete with charming stone cottages, solicitous proprietors, early afternoon tea by the fire on an overcast, windy day (is there any other kind?).

Stratford-Upon-Avon, home of Shakespeare: what a tiny house he lived in. Obviously, mankind has grown since then. As was typical of most towns we visited, the grass was really, really green. Must have something to do with all that rain. (My knowledge of ecological science amazes me.)

Old rocks

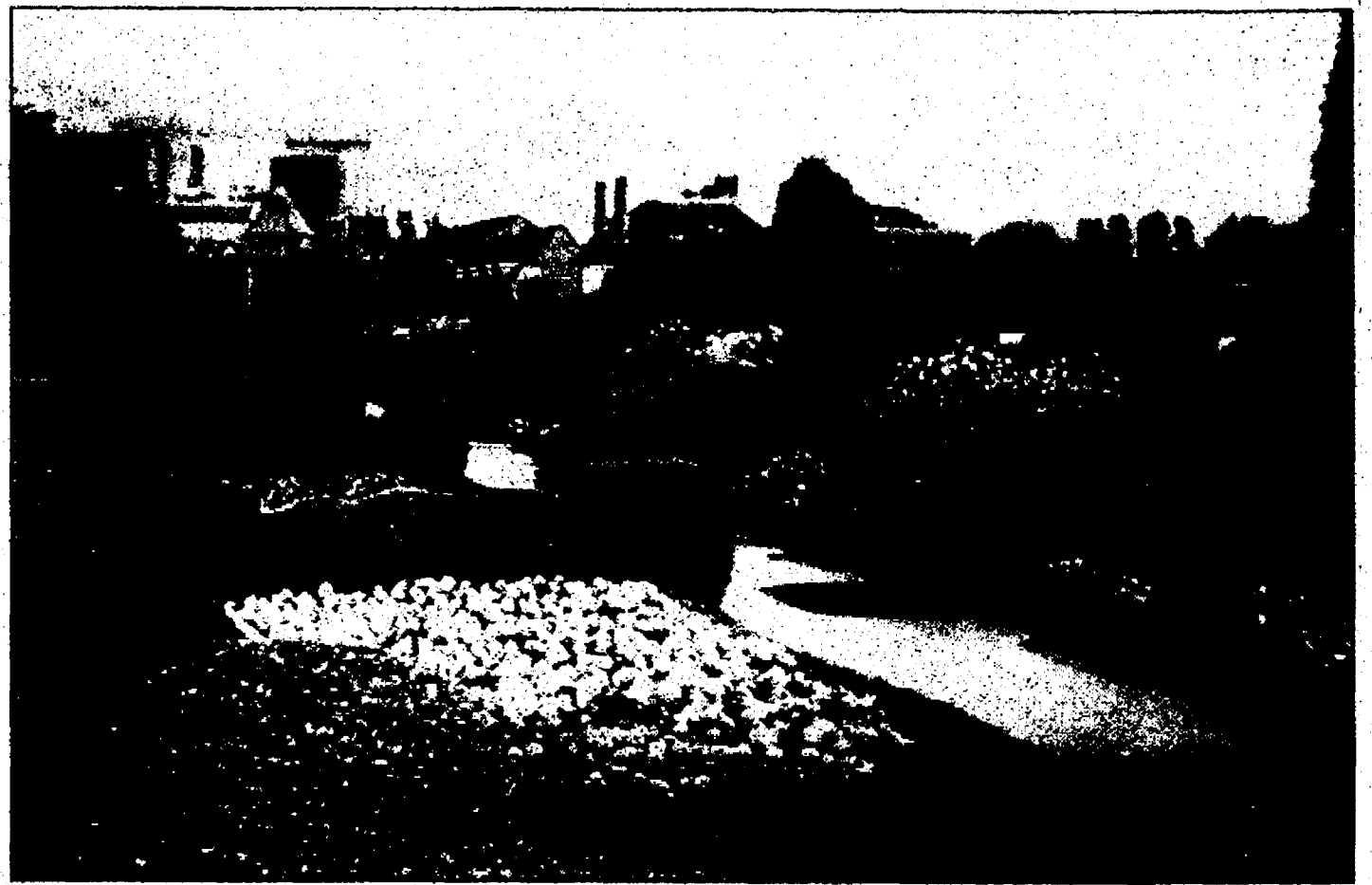
Salisbury - on our way to this tucked-away-by-itself little village, we stumbled upon Stonehenge. (How can one just stumble upon Stonehenge? Well, we did.) Our goal was to visit a cathedral in Salisbury, but we managed to drive right by Stonehenge.

Hey, look! Let's turn around.

Which we did. Hate to say it, but it was a disappointment. The rocks (which - if you want to get technical - is really what they are) were roped off from the public. You could circle around them as the wind and rain whipped through you (weather seems to be a theme here) but you could not go past the rope. Instead, you could look at the rocks (which we did), listen to a head-phone-guided tour (which we didn't) and take note of the unfortunate graffiti that had been spray-painted on the rocks.

Once we finished ravaging the English countryside, we spent our last few days in London.

After a week of B&Bs tucked away in charming places, we



Stratford: Garden and grass are well maintained in Stratford-Upon-Avon, Shakespeare's hometown.

checked into what we were led to believe (by that travel agent back in the states) was a luxury hotel. Luxury must have a different definition in London.

Our room had twin beds. Even though we were on our honeymoon, we could live with that. But, we couldn't live with the inoperable toilet. We asked for another room.

OK, the new room was a bit more luxurious. At least they had the forethought to push the twin beds together! And, hey, the toilet worked. What more could a couple of easygoing Americans ask for?

Swingin' London

As we had surrendered our car, we had to rely on our feet to get around. And get around we did. Hyde Park (with its gothic trees arranged eerily in perfect row after perfect row), Piccadilly Circle (where, as culturally enlightened Americans, we visited Madame Tussaud's Rock Circus Wax Museum; we have a

very life-like picture of my husband standing next to the prototypical young female late '70s London punk, gazing into her eyes - yuck!) and the London theater (with audience participation yet).

My husband, a lifelong Rolling Stones fan, had to visit a cafe owned by Bill Wyman.

And so, we walked. And walked. And walked. It was far away. We were certainly in no fear of gaining weight from all the bacon and cream and granola and deep-fried foods we ate while on our trip. We walked off nearly every stinking calorie.

We finally got there and, well, what do you in a cafe owned by Bill Wyman but eat? And so we did as we studied the vintage photographs of Mick and the gang. We kept hoping that maybe, just maybe, Bill was on the premises... he would have been our sole celebrity sighting. But, alas, all we managed to do was buy a memorabilia T-shirt which, to this day, I wear when I

work out. Makes me think of London every time.

Since my blow-dryer blew up at the beginning of the trip (and I had a converter - can't figure that one out) I was dependent on hotel provided hair drying equipment for styling. Once we got outside, however, it made no difference as the wind and rain created a whole new style for me.

And our pictures certainly show it as I am standing in front of Scotland Yard (hair whipped into a frenzy), Westminster Abbey (hair looking like a wet rat from unexpected downpour) and the Buckingham Palace (hair blown entirely eastward). The hair was immortalized in London.

Seven years and two kids later, I'm still waiting for that most opportune time to return to the great British Isles. But maybe this time we'll go when the weather's good.

Pam and Tim Houghton live in Troy.

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University Musical Society 1999-2000 Season advertisement. Features a photo of a violinist and a list of musical performances. Text includes: "All Tickets On Sale Tomorrow! Box Office Opens at 10 A.M." "734-764-2538 www.ums.org" "OUTSIDE THE 313 AREA CODE CALL TOLL FREE 800-221-1229"

OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Aittama wins twice

Heidi Aittama, an incoming sophomore at Livonia Churchill High School, recently took first place in the Girls 14-15 division at the Power-Bilt Junior Tour tournament stop at Treetops in Gaylor.

Aittama carded a two-day total of 161, qualifying for a spot at the Tournament of Champions event at Forest Akers (West Course) and a tie for fifth place.

Carding rounds of 75, 82 and 81, Aittama also captured first in the Girls 14-18 division at three-day Herb Fowler Junior Championships held at Huron Hills Golf Course.

Crosby stars at nationals

Brad Crosby, entering his first year at Livonia Stevenson, earned four singles victories each at the Boys 14s National Clay Court championships last month in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and Boys 14s National Hard Court championships earlier this month in San Antonio, Tex.

Crosby and doubles partner Matt Christian reached the quarterfinals of the Clay Courts, ousting the sixth and ninth seeds before losing in three sets to the No. 2 seeded team.

At the Hard Courts, Crosby and Christian reached the round of 16.

Tae Kwon Do squad

Members of the Kick's Tae Kwon Do team, led by Senior Master Ronald Rose, that participated in a recent tour of South Korea included:

Christine, Paul and Eric Rose, Connie and Dick Burnette, all of Canton; Jerry Judkins, Terri Bruno, Dave Bruno and Jenny Palmer, Westland; Mike Shepherd, Livonia; William Brackett, Garden City; Christine and Cheryl Shannon, Joshua Horsley, Jessica Beard, Wayne, Antwan and Colleen Burnett, Inkster; Herb Klimach, Aris Bruner, Ann Arbor; Russell, Trina, Stefan and Lindsay Gale, Ypsilanti; Chris Zukowski, Elizabeth Kurovicki, Angelina Bains, Teddy and Lisa Miller, Milan; Danny Phillips, Jackson; Rob Kocsis and Michel Butzlaff, Allen Park.

Rutherford wins start

Livonian Mark Rutherford, recently promoted to Reading (Pa.) Phillies of the Class AA Eastern League, won his first start last week against the Boston Red Sox affiliate by giving up only two singles, six walks and a run in five complete innings.

Rutherford, the former Churchill High and Eastern Michigan University standout, pitched 4 1/3 no-hit innings just the day after being called up from Class A Clearwater (Fla.).

Covering from shoulder surgery, Rutherford is on a 90-pitch count.

Canton Oaks go 1st-2nd

The newly formed under-10 Canton Oaks Blue and Red select soccer teams took the top two places in the 1999 Northwest Ohio Soccer Festival Aug. 13-15 in Maumee.

The Red defeated the Blue, 2-1.

Among those participating in the tournament included Cory Amble, Brett Brzys, Alex Drake, Paul Estrada, Jon Giove, Michael Hanchett, Kyle Justus, Dajon Mingo, Ryan Neu, Nicholas Plescia, Gary Rodeffer, Brad Brennan, Joe Chessman, Matt Epelman, Aaron Florn, Shayne Giordano, Alex Kemp, Robert Matar, Eric Piwowar, Brandon Roberts, Joe Thomas, Eric Thornton and Greg Wolfe.

LYSC Wings take flight

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Wings, an under-11 boys team, scored five first-half goals to defeat the Troy Youth Soccer League Strikers, 5-2, in the championship final of the St. Clair Shores Waterfront Invitational (Aug. 14).

Coached by Bruce Slater, the Wings also defeated the St. Clair Shores Sabres and the Downriver Vipers, both by 8-0 scores, along with a 4-4 tie with the Strikers.

Members of the Wings include: Evan Anton, Matthew Bessen, Joe Bowman, Jason Corey, James Eyes, Brandon Filipiak, Zach Gysel, Mike Jahn, Marc Kutylowski, Tony Leonard, Tom Lucko, Danny Martin, Ian Rust, Colin Slater and Matt Winters.

The Wings are managed by Marygrace Kutylowski.

Rocks remain solid at Best Ball

Plymouth Salem's top two golfers from last year have left but the Rocks haven't gone anywhere.

In fact, Salem's score in the John Sandmann Best Ball actually went down this year as the Rocks captured first place in the opening prep event of the local season.

Salem totaled 139 for a six-shot victory over Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson on Thursday at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth.

A year ago, Westland John Glenn served notice it had arrived as a prep golf power with a 138-139 victory over Trenton in the John Sandmann. Salem was sixth with a 149 while Churchill and Stevenson tied for third at 144.

Hosted by the Plymouth-Canton school district, the John Sandmann pairs two golfers for a round of best ball golf. Each school fields three threesomes but only the scores from the low two pair count toward the team total.

Salem's 139 easily beat out the 145 posted by Churchill and Stevenson, which was placed third by virtue of a tie-breaker. Finishing fourth was Northville at 146.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF

Remaining team totals:
5. Trenton, 149; 6. Woodhaven, 150; 7. Westland John Glenn, 151; 8. Livonia Franklin, 151; 9. Grosse Ile, 152; 10. Ann Arbor Huron, 152; 11. Plymouth Canton, 155; 12. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 155; 13. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 156; 14. Redford Union, 158; 15. Redford Thurston, 164; 16. Dearborn Fordson, 170.

Salem overcame the loss of Eric Krueger and Adam Wilson from last year's team.

The twosome of Mark Doughty and Matt Leon combined for a 69 for the low score by a twosome, one stroke better than Mike Thackaberry and Brian Gullen of the Rocks, who had a 70. A medal for the third-place twosome went to Stevenson's Mike Byberg and Chris Thomas, who combined for a best ball 71.

Salem's third team, Ryan Nimmerguth and James McCaffery, shot a 77 which did not count in the team total.

Other Observerland school scores (only the low two counted toward the team total):

Churchill: Jeff Hunter-Brad Bescoe, 72; Kevin Kasten-Will Bashara, 73; Randall Boboige-Lance Antrobus, 80.

Stevenson: Byberg-Thomas, 71; Scott Wolfe-Matt Bartnick, 74; Brian Dery-Travis Belcher, 80.

John Glenn: Jeremy Fendeleit-Rich Fudak, 72; Matt Darnell-Jason Broderick, 79; Keith Fukuda-Ryan Villemure, 79.

Franklin: Scott Warra-Cole Muncy, 73 each; Tony Fotiu-Tim Kufel, 78; Mike Wallace-Josh Garbutt, 84.

Canton: Mike Baracy-Derek Vermeulen, 77; Nick Lariviere-John Merrick, 78; Chris Pell-Andrew Wagner, 79.

Redford Union: Cody Bartlett-Justin Roof, 79; David Lee-Chris Beaman, 79; Steve Elliott-Brad Johnson, 85.

Redford Thurston: Charlie Feys-Kyle Robertson, 82; Steve Perkins-Tony Davies, 82; Sam Nagher-Eric Wilde, 93.

Madonna coach Abraham optimistic

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When Jerry Abraham modestly launched women's volleyball 13 years ago at Madonna University, he never envisioned it would become something special.

"Thirteen years later — you don't realize how fast it went," said Abraham, who came from Madonna from Redford Bishop Borgess High. "We didn't have much time that first year, actually we built it from an intramural level.

"It's taken a lot of work, but I think we've built it into a national program."

With the help of his longtime assistants Brian McClain and Tim DeBeliso, Abraham should reach 500 wins sometime early this fall.

In 12 seasons, Abraham has compiled an impressive record of 488-158, including three trips to the NAIA Nationals.

The Lady Crusaders are also two-time defending Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champions.

Coming off a 44-7 season in 1998, Madonna reached nearly all of its goals with the exception of one — going to the nationals (slated this year to be played at Fresno, Calif. Pacific University).

Taylor (Ind.) University denied Madonna a trip to the NAIA Nationals last November, ending the Lady Crusaders' 21-match winning streak in the Great Lakes Region Tournament.

"Our first goal is to repeat as conference champions," Abraham said. "This year we have a different regional setup. It's just four teams instead of 12, but we still have Taylor and Bethel (Ind.), two very good teams in our region.

"We also have four new coaches in the conference and it should be a very competitive league because everybody will be gunning for us."

Starting setter Deanne Helson, the team leader in assists (11 per game) and ace serves (79), decided last spring not to return for her senior year, while starting outside hitter Rayna Vert (team-high 528 digs) and four-year defensive specialist Jennifer Russell both graduated.

Madonna, however, returns veteran cast led by Brandy Malewski, a 5-foot-11 junior middle-hitter from Redford Thurston.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

All-America; Redford Thurston product Brandy Malewski (top), a junior middle-hitter, is a force for Madonna at the net.

The second-team NAIA All-America and WHAC MVP led the club in total kills with 589 (3.25 per game with a .403 attacking percentage). She also paced Madonna in total blocks with 467 (2.58 per game).

Senior Stephanie Uballe (Highland), a 6-1 left-hander who hits from the right side, will serve as a co-captain along with Malewski. Uballe ranked second in blocks and was tied with Vert

for third in total kills (399).

The third veteran in the equation is 5-8 junior outside-hitter Erin Cunningham (Romeo), who finished second in total kills (478).

"One of the pluses for any volleyball team is experienced players at key positions," Abraham said. "You always need three big hitters. And with Erin, Brandy and Stephanie, we should be strong in attacking."

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Malewski will take on a leadership role along with Uballe.

"We've never asked Brandy to do this before," Abraham said. "She always led by her statistics, so this is something different for her.

"Stephanie, at her position, is one of the best in the nation I feel. She's strong and powerful. She gives us a big block on the front row and the setters will be instructed to get her the ball.

"Erin is steady. She lends stability day-in and day-out."

Nicole Burns (Fort Wayne, Ind.) will mostly likely start in the middle. The 5-11 senior, who had 273 total kills, is in her second season after transferring from Coastal Carolina (S.C.).

"Nicole was bothered by a shoulder injury last year, but we hope she has a big year," Abraham said. "She's a strong defensive player and is very good at serve reception."

Another player who could start in the middle is 6-1 sophomore Donna Birkenhimer (Dearborn Edsel Ford). Meanwhile, 6-1 junior Kelly Arty-movich (Utica Ford) and 5-10 Mary Lu Hemme (Livonia Ladywood) should see considerable action as outside attackers.

"Donna has improved more than anyone since the preseason started," the Madonna coach said. "She has the ability to be an impact player as a blocker and hitter in the middle.

"Kelly played a lot last year behind Vert. She had a lot of starts and looks good. She had a nice spring.

"Hemme is one of the best defensive players and passers we have. She's ready now to compete and will bid for some front row starts. She also does a nice job on the outside."

The team's burning question mark is setter, where Abraham will use 5-7 freshman Jen Wing (Rochester Adams) and 6-0 sophomore returnee Jennie Wind (Birmingham Groves).

"Both will compete for the starting job and both bring different styles and possess different qualities," Abraham said. "We'll probably use both. I like our setters, but they don't have the experience. But I'm happy with both."

Wing was All-Region and team MVP as a setter at Adams, while Wind has

Please see CRUSADERS, D2



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Camp season: The summer is almost over, but not for basketball players at coach Carlos Briggs' camp at Schoolcraft College. Mike Tobin (right photo, left) guards Bobby Zupalski of Livonia Stevenson, while Briggs keeps a watchful shooting eye on 6-7 Tobin during last week's session.



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the ability to also play on the outside.

"Jen is a natural setter, and what she does well is that she can set the entire net," Abraham said. "She has a good set of hands and a good understanding of the game. She just needs to learn the faster style, but she has a lot of potential and talent."

Two other freshmen could also contribute — 5-9 outside hitter Katie Kotulis, a teammate of Wing's at Adams, and 6-0 freshman middle-hitter Hayley Meyers (Milford).

"Myers will be a fine player, but it might take a good college season for her to feel comfortable with the faster game," Abraham said. "She has a lot of raw talent and will be a good player down the road."

"Kotulis is a left-hander who will play outside hitter. She played the middle in high school. She's a fine athlete, a softball and basketball player. She's quick with good all-around skills. She's a good passer, defensive player and good server."

So what is the key to a successful season?

"For us it's defense and serve reception," Malewski said. "Those are always the first two things that break down."

"Our strength is our offense, but we have to have the ability to do the job on both sides."

The Crusaders open their season Friday at Mesa State (Colo.) where they will play matches against the host school, Fort Lewis (Colo.), Texas A&M University-Commerce and Bemidji State (Minn.).

"We'll see how fast it jells because we could be a strong offensive and defensive unit," Abraham said. "We have to strengthen our serve reception."

"But this is a very dedicated group, very focused. The whole purpose is to make it a banner season. I think we'll display an explosive style of volleyball. And if we pass well, we'll be a good attacking team."

During the latter stages of 1998, Madonna looked unstoppable until the Crusaders lost in three straight games to Taylor.

"We didn't bring our best game to the table," Abraham said. However, the magic 500 victory plateau looms this fall for Abraham in his collegiate coaching career.

"I don't really think about it," Abraham said. "It's important, it's a big moment, I guess. The 500th would be nice only if we go to the national tournament."

WOMEN'S SUBURBAN GOLF

Livonia's Ginny Karolak tied Karen Huebner of Grosse Ile for low gross first flight honors with 87 each at the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop Friday at Willow Metro.

Carolyn Benninger (Northville) was second with a 92.

Low net honors went to Pat Meyers (Birmingham) with a 74, while Sandy Rivers (Rochester Hills) and Dolly Vettese (Northville) tied for second with 75 each.

In the second flight, Lori Wilson (Livonia) shot a 95 to capture low gross. Jan Nelson of Canton was runner-up with a 103.

Mary Ann Kraft (Dearborn Heights) and Mary Gene Stefanec (Dearborn) tied for low net honors with 74 each. Pat Wilson (Dearborn Heights) was second with a 75.

INDIANS FINISH 3-4 AT DISNEY

The Michigan Indians recently finished 3-4 in the 11-year-old AAU National Baseball Championships held at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

The Indians opened tourney play with a 13-1 victory over Taylorsville, Utah as pitcher Shawn Little (Canton) tossed a no-hitter.

In the second round against Orlando, the Indians led 5-2 in the top of the fifth when center fielder Nick Sarkissian (South Lyon) made a shoestring catch. But Sarkissian collided with right fielder Brian Kirkendall

SPORTS ROUNDUP

(Plymouth) on the play as both players were injured and forced to leave the game.

Kirkendall broke his jaw in two places, while Sarkissian suffered a broken wrist.

Down to just eight players and utilizing two outfielders, the Indians hung on to a 5-4 lead until the bottom of the sixth when Orlando came up with a two-out, two-run single to win the game.

The Indians then lost games to Southern California, North Virginia and George before regrouping with wins over North Carolina (16-0) and Minnesota (16-0).

Rounding out the Indians roster is Sean Baker, Canton; Kyle Gendron and Greg Marrone, Plymouth; Eddie Duggan and Steve Merlo, Livonia; Shawn Dunford, Westland; and Nathan Sarkissian (South Lyon).

The coaching staff includes Jim Gendron, Nick Marrone and Dave Sarkissian.

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The Detroit Braves, a 1999 America Amateur Baseball Congress World Series participant, are setting 13-and-under players for their 2000 travel team in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation league.

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CANTON FALL BASEBALL

The Canton Community Junior Baseball Association will hold registration (ages 5-9) for fall T-ball (cost \$45) and coach-pitch (\$55), along with and 9-year-old baseball and boys 10-12 baseball through Wednesday, Aug. 25. (No softball leagues are forming at this time.)

For more information, call and registration forms for T-ball and coach-pitch, call Chris Angel at (734) 981-3007.

For boys baseball, call Bob Unis at (734) 454-5725.

YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club, members of the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation, has announced its try-out schedule for Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 28-29 at Massey Field, located at the corner of Plymouth and Haggerty roads, for the following age groups:

11s — 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 (call Mark Glover at 248-349-3392); 12s, noon Saturday, Aug. 28 (call Nick Marrone at 734-459-0695); 13s, 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 (call Bruce Price at 734-453-9180); 14s (call Gary Mancini at 734-454-1104 for time and date); 15s (call Don McNeish at 248-348-2055 for time and date); 16s (call Jeff Vancamp at 734-522-0184 for time and date).

YOUTH BOWLING PROGRAM

Livonia Parks and Recreation is offering age-group fall bowling leagues (18-and-under) beginning the week of Sept. 13. Bumper bowling leagues are also available.

The cost is \$6 per week.

For more information, call the following bowling centers:

Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Road, (734) 522-4515; Cloverlanes, 38900 Schoolcraft Road, (734) 427-6410; Wonderland Lanes, 38455 Plymouth Road, (734) 427-1060; Merri-Bowl Lanes, 30950 Five Mile Road, (734) 427-2900.

ROLLER SKATING CLASSES

Livonia Parks and Recreation is offering Saturday roller and in-line skating classes beginning Sept. 18 at Riverside Arena.

The cost is \$24 for six sessions. For more information, call (734) 421-3542.

WEEK AHEAD

PROF FOOTBALL

Friday, Aug. 27

East Catholic at Borgess, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Det. Cooley at Westland Green, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Romulus, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Willow Run, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Ferndale, 7:30 p.m.
Canton at Ypsilanti, 7:30 p.m.
P.H. Northern at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Novi at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Rosedale at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Oxford at Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
Harper Wds. at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28

Mt. Carmel at Luth. W. Sid., 1 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Port Sanilac at Ru's Kwik Field, 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs. A.A. Pioneer at Pontiac Silverdome, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Friday, Aug. 27

Thurston vs. John Glenn at Bell Creek Park, 4 p.m.
Novi at Church Hill, 7 p.m.
(Country Day Invitational)
Country Day vs. Edsel Ford, 10 a.m.
Farmington vs. Groves, noon.
Seaham vs. Franklin, 2 p.m.
Northville vs. Mt. Clemens, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28

Stevenson at Troy, 11 a.m.
N. Farmington at Milford, 12:30 p.m.
W. Bloomfield at Harrison, 12:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Riv. Richard, 1 p.m.
(Balsani Tournament of CEP)
Portage Central vs. Canton, 10 a.m.
Troy Athens vs. Salem, 10 a.m.
Consolation game, 1 p.m.
Championship final, 2:30 p.m.
(Country Day Invitational)
Losers bracket, 9 & 10:30 a.m.
Winners bracket, noon & 1:30 p.m.
7th & 5th place, 3 & 4:30 p.m.
Consolation final, 6 p.m.
Championship final, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Aug. 28

Schoolcraft vs. DuPage (Ill.) at Valparaiso (Ind.), 11 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 29

Schoolcraft at Valparaiso (Ind.), TBA.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Aug. 28

Schoolcraft at Alma College, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28

Schoolcraft at Kellogg Toumey, TBA.

Madonna at Mesa St. (Colo.), TBA.

TBA — time to be announced.

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NORTHWEST OHIO

Festival champs: The Plymouth Kicks '89, an under-11 boys select soccer team, defeated Vardar, 3-2 in penalty kicks after a 2-2 tie in regulation and 10-minute overtime to capture the Gold Division at the Northwest Ohio Soccer Festival Tournament in Maumee. The Kicks shut out three opponents in pool play including the Sterling Heights Carpathia Kickers, Canton Blue Oaks and Westerville, Ohio Premier Force. Members of the Kicks (front row, from left) include Mike Marek, Jeff Selasky, Brian Walsh, Alex Lumley, Kevin Costa; (middle row, from left) Alex Wozniak, Brett Windecker, Blaine Paden, Ryan Langdon; (top row, from left) coach Paul Lumley, Grant Blakey, Josh Hammond, Andrew Koet, Gabe Hicks, Matt Kuczynski and coach Rich Kulezycki. Not in photo are team members Paul Carbini and Nick Vella.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF PREVIEW

All-Observer pick Currie anchors Shamrock lineup

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Redford Catholic Central golf coach Bill Hayes is expecting a return trip to the Class A state meet with five starters back, including the top two.

Evan Currie, a first-team All-Observer choice last year, returns as one of only two seniors on the roster.

Joe Luna, who challenged Currie in most meets for the team's top score, is back for his junior year.

Each averaged 40.1 per nine holes and placed in the top 15 individually at the state meet in East Lansing where the Shamrocks finished 18th as a team.

The Shamrocks played second fiddle to Birmingham Brother Rice at both the Catholic League and regional meets and Hayes, in his second year, said they have a chance of unseating the Warriors.

Ryan Yost, a member of CC's Class A state championship hockey team, is the other senior returning starter.

"We started off real slow and gradually improved," Hayes said of his team that finished around .500 in dual meets. "We're going to be pretty tough

this year and probably even better next year. I would say we're top 10 material, hopefully. We have four or five players that can shoot real well. Currie is just consistent.

Luna may be a little more aggressive. Currie is more exact.

Both are going to be going head to head all year only one or two strokes less."

The Shamrocks, who play home meets at Cattails Golf Course in South Lyon, had more than 60 players come out for the team, including a large contingent among the freshman class.

Hayes plans to keep nine on the varsity and 16 on the junior varsity.

The losses to graduation were Armond Samouelian, an all-league selection who had the Shamrocks' best score (76) at the regional, and Josh Davis.

Joining Currie, Luna and Yost as returning starters are juniors Matt Davey and Zach Davis.

Hayes said Yost, Davey and Davis are comparable in talent and capable of grabbing the No. 3 slot in the lineup.

Davey ranks second among the CC junior class in grade point average and is such a

team player he gave up his spot in the lineup to Samouelian at the regional "because he said 'Adam's a senior, I have two years left,'" Hayes recalled.

Hayes thinks there will be times when five Shamrocks can break 40 and he's hoping their sixth player comes in at the low to mid-40s.

Vying for the sixth spot are juniors Brett John, Brian Peczynski, Tony Eberhart and Adam Malmin.

CC opens the season on Monday at Forest Akers Golf Club in East Lansing, the site of the East Lansing Invitational where some of the state's top teams congregate.

The first week also includes a stop at Friday's Pinckney Invitational followed by the Brighton Tournament next Monday.

"Monday (in East Lansing) is going to be a good sign," Hayes said. "This is a great bunch of guys who work hard and I expect that to continue in the meets."

"This is their second year of going through tryouts and they're at least getting accustomed to what I'm all about and what I expect."

Thurston 'homeless' for season

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Redford Thurston football coach Bob Snell will get more night games on his schedule, which he's always wanted, but not exactly where he had hoped to play them.

The Eagles will play seven of their nine regular-season games this year under the lights, but none at home because the new grass and irrigation system at Thurston's field will not be in place before the 1999 season ends.

Three of the four Thurston home games have been moved to the site of the team they were schedule to play.

The lone exception is the Eagles' homecoming game, which will be played against Taylor Kennedy at noon Saturday, Oct. 9 at Redford Union's Hilbert Junior High.

The original schedule had the Eagles playing five night games and four during the day.

A new synthetic track has been put in place but sources say there was a delay in the rest of the field renovations due to extended bidding with companies who were in line for the jobs.

The renovation project also includes plans to erect aluminum bleachers and a new press box but sources said there is no time table for when everything will be finished.

Thurston's field is one of the few in metro Detroit without lights and sources said there are long-term plans to have them installed. Snell, longing for night games in his 12 years as Thurston coach, will have to settle for lights in foreign places.

"All I do right now is coach football and just get the kids ready," Snell said. "You can't have a game with tractors, cranes and stuff half finished. I think it's going to be hard because you won't be in a comfortable environment but you can't change the way you prepare. You prepare for the opponent not the field."

The renovations will also effect the Thurston boys soccer team, which plays its games in the fall on the football field. Thurston's opener against Glenn will be played at Redford's Bell Creek

Park. The original schedule had the Eagles playing home games on Aug. 27, Sept. 3, Oct. 9 and Oct. 16. The Sept. 3 game is against Gibraltar Carlson, which happens to be the southern most school in the Mega Conference,

about 45 minutes away. No one in the South Redford administration could be reached for comment. Seven of the nine dates are night games but only one has a set kickoff time, 7 p.m. Friday at Melvindale for the season opener.



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Football special section

The high school season gets underway this week, highlighted by a special pullout football section for the Thursday, Aug. 26 edition.

All 18 Observerland football teams will be previewed.

Also look for the previews in the regular sports section on boys soccer and girls basketball.

BOWLING & RECREATION

DiLaura Brothers hold seminars for equipment

Just about every pro shop operator in the metropolitan area is supplied by DiLaura Brothers in Warren.



AL HARRISON

They have bowling balls from every manufacturer in all weights and pin configurations. This is an enormous amount of stock and supply in the fast-changing bowling industry.

They also supply the accessories that are a vital part of the bowling business.

Two weekends ago DiLaura Brothers held its annual dealer show at the Holiday Inn in Troy.

Many new items were introduced and representatives of many manufacturers were on hand, holding seminars with the pro shop people to update them on the latest products and technologies.

This knowledge enables the pro shops to serve their customers better, eliminating much of the guesswork in the science of fitting and drilling balls to attain the most effective action on the lanes.

There is a lot more to fitting than just drilling three holes for your thumb and fingers.

Modern bowling balls are made with a wide variety of coverstock material, a variety of weight blocks inside the ball and weight distribution within the ball itself.

The pro shop operator knows what these balls are all about and can make the proper drilling patterns when it comes to fitting a bowler.

Each bowler is different, so it is up to the customer to let the driller know what type of bowler you are, what kind of delivery you have and where you usually do your bowling.

There is a danger sign ahead, though, and this is the advent of merchandising on the internet, which is here to stay.

The sale of bowling balls over the internet should not be part of that expansion.

Why not? A bowling ball is not a finished product and must be taken to a skilled ball driller in order to be used. You cannot buy this service on the internet.

Internet purchases do not usually carry any warranty and it may have the incorrect pin placement for you or the wrong top weight.

In some cases the internet dealer may undercut the pro shop's price, but bear in mind that most of these sellers operate out of their garage or basement.

They have no real overhead and may be here today and gone tomorrow, leaving the purchaser holding the empty bowling bag.

Most of the guys or gals in pro shops are friendly and courteous, so it is best to get to know them better. As they get to know you, they can help you more with their extensive knowledge, applying it to your needs.

Some of the latest balls introduced at the dealer show, according to Mark Moore of DiLaura Bros.

The Matrix from Ebonite, featuring a new cover stock called pro-reactive.

Columbia has come out with the Extreme Chaos, which has the new TEC coverstock.

Faball has introduced a new Hammer called the Syntactic Sledge Hammer, their first ball with a particle-filled outer shell.

The hottest ball from Storm is the Fire Power -- and another new one will be out in a few weeks.

Brunswick has the new Danger Zone HPH and the HPD. The HPD is still three weeks from introduction. This for all the bowlers who loved the original Danger Zone, now out in a Proactive version.

AMF has the Night Hawk Menace. It is an upgrade from the original Night Hawk, which was highly successful.

Track has the TKO Contender, a radical new version of the Pro-reactive balls now coming on strong.

Every good bowler should go out and spend the next mortgage payment on some of these wonderful new balls, sure to raise the old averages. ... Oops!

It still takes a certain amount of skill to make a good shot regardless of how high tech the

ball. Many of the fall leagues started off in August. So if you are among those who are looking for a particular league spot to bowl in, better not wait too long. These spots may not be available later.

If you were not in touch with your regular teammates over the summer, it would be wise to contact them prior to the start of the season to be sure that they are returning.

Otherwise you may be out there trying to find a warm body to fill up an empty team spot.

Many leagues are looking for bowlers or teams to fill out rosters. Others have waiting lists of people just trying to get into the league.

The best thing is to call various bowling centers and let them tell you what they have to offer that might be of particular interest to you.

The traditional start of the new bowling season is the 63rd annual John P. Gavie Tournament, starting at 7 p.m. Monday at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

This year the Press Team will be comprised of three bowlers from the Observer & Eccentric including myself, circulation manager Larry Geiger and production manager Jim Jimmerson from the O & E Livonia plant. Rick Stroble of Bowler's Digest and Duane Roose of the Detroit News.

Detroit Free Press bowling writer Matt Fiorito usually bowls with us, but he is currently on the injured reserve list.

Mark Silverstein of Farmington Hills is on standby if we need a last-minute sub.

The following night, Tuesday, Aug. 24, will be the opening of the All-Stars, also at Thunderbowl.

The new sponsor is Pepsi for the Tuesday Classic.

The Thursday All-Star Traveling Classic will have Budweiser as its sponsor. That league travels to a different area establishment each Thursday.

Matt Fiorito had a great bowling write-up in last Wednesday's Free Press.

He pointed out that for the first time in 15 years, this area added more lanes than it lost. There are three new centers opening and only one closing.

Most significant is the reopening of State Fair Bowl in Detroit. In recent years, the property that bowling centers were built on became more valuable for other uses, such as when five years ago Barnes & Noble paid Larry Sisson double the value for West Bloomfield Lanes in order to build its bookstore.

At this time, I want to remind parents of youth bowlers they should think twice before allowing their kids to go bowling with grown-ups in the adult leagues.

Once the first ball is thrown, a youth taking part in an adult league becomes ineligible for Y.A.B.A. sanctioned youth leagues.

It may also make them lose amateur status, and silly as it may seem, they may be unable to play any high school sports because of eligibility rules.

There are no scores to report this week as we make the transition from summer leagues, except for one in which Dick Krupa, bowling in the Gavie Supply Senior Trio fired a 300 game. Cannot miss that one.

There was a pro regional tournament. The 5th Annual DiLaura Bowling Supply/PBA Headquarters Senior Regional Open held at Bowl One Lanes in Troy a week ago.

Bob Chamberlain of Auburn Hills defeated Roy Buckley of New Albany, Ohio 279-247 in the opening match of the stepladder finals.

Roger Workman of Kenova, W.V. then stepped past Chamberlain in a close and hard fought match 197-192.

John Hricsina of Franklin, Pa. took care of Workman, 247-200, in the semifinals. Ron Peters of Boyne City lost to Hricsina in an exciting tournament final, 203-201.

In regional play, more pro bowlers have a chance to win cash and keep expenses low, as the travel is much easier than on the national tour.

There is no TV on the regionals, therefore the purses are also lower.

Metro parks offer trail exploration

Detroit is fortunate to have a metro park system that has preserved some natural areas for residents to explore.



TIM NOWICKI

Several cities along with Oakland and Wayne counties have also preserved land in its natural state. These areas provide places for families to experience the natural world.

When growing up I was fortunate that my grandfather owned 80 acres of land outside of Gaylor.

During the summer I would spend two weeks with him exploring the woods, tending the garden, fishing, cooking, cleaning and learning the art of napping. I learned a great deal about the natural world and learned to feel comfortable in

natural areas.

Some students that visit the nature center have never had the opportunities I had, and it shows in their questions and trepidation on the trail.

Natural areas are beautiful, but if a person is fearful while visiting the forest or field, they will not enjoy the experience.

Visiting a natural area with a naturalist, or an experienced guide, will help to ease any tension. Becoming familiar with the unknown can make any experience much more enjoyable.

On our last family vacation one of the most enjoyable things we did, and my children agreed with me, was walk through the woods in northern Michigan.

My children have been in the woods enough to feel comfortable in traversing new areas and even seeing familiar areas again. They were always on the look out for signs of wildlife.

We found several monarch

caterpillars on milkweed plants and even found a beautiful jade green chrysalis. Deer tracks, woodcock, colorful fungi, tiger beetles, stars and more were all enjoyed for free.

No one knew what we would see, so part of the enjoyment was the thrill of discovery, no matter what it was.

Walking the trails in natural areas around the city can provide the same kind of enjoyment. Spotting the first turtle basking, a hawk on a telephone pole, a molted feather on the ground, these simple things can be exciting if you search and find them.

Even if you don't find something you were searching for, while you search its inevitable that you will discover other exciting things.

Just the other day I was walking with Joe Derek searching for dogbane beetles that neither of us had seen in 15-20 years.

After looking at many dog-

bane plants through the years we finally spotted some. They have a beautiful coloration that reflects iridescence and rainbow colors against a green background.

It takes time and patience to find things in the natural world, but the more time you spend on the trail the more likely you will find something of interest.

When you find a beautiful beetle, butterfly, or bird, it also makes you want to preserve the natural area where it was found so you can enjoy it again and show others.

If you take the time to introduce young people to the natural world, experience the thrill of self discovery along the trail, and develop a respect for nature based on its diversity, beauty, or power, you will have some of the most memorable experiences ever.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ARCHERY

OCSB BOWHUNTER JAMBOREE
Oakland County Sportsman's Club will host its annual Bowhunter Jamboree beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12, on its walk-through course in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

HOLIDAY 3D SHOOT
Detroit Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday through Monday, Sept. 4-6, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

DA BOWHUNTER JAMBOREE
Detroit Archers will hold its annual bowhunter jamboree beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

BROADHEAD PRACTICE
Detroit Archers will hold broadhead practice beginning at 5 p.m. every Thursday night through the month of October. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Avenue, east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SHOOTING SPORTS

SPORTING CLAYS
Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Bald Mountain range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

- BEAR**
Bear season opens Sept. 10.
- GOOSE**
A special early Canada goose season runs Sept. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula and Sept. 1-15 in the Lower Peninsula. Check the DNR's Early September Canada Goose Season Hunting Guide for special restrictions.
- GROUSE**
Grouse season opens Sept. 15.
- RABBIT**
Rabbit season opens Sept. 15.
- SQUIRREL**
Squirrel season opens Sept. 15.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

B.A.S.S. TOP 150
The first stop on the 1999-2000 B.A.S.S. Top 150 circuit will be Wednesday-Saturday, Aug. 25-28 on Lake St. Clair. Daily weigh-ins will take place at

Metro Beach Metropark in Mt. Clemens.

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS
Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team tournament on Sunday, on Aug. 29 on Lobdell Lake. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254. Oakland Bass Masters will hold its final tournament of the season on Sunday, Sept. 26, on Lakeville Lake.

CLASSES/CLINICS

WAYNE WATERFOWL CLINIC
The Wayne Waterfowl Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunter's Association is holding a waterfowl hunting clinic beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood. Call (734) 422-0583 for more information.

ULTRA LIGHT BACKPACKING
Recreational Equipment Inc. staffer Matt Duluk will discuss his hike across Isle Royale National Park during an ultralight backpacking exhibit beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at REI. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering three hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Oct. 9-10, Oct. 23-24, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313) 532-0285 to register and for more information.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL
The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for Aug. 29 and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. To register and for more information call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tiers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS
An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

ACTIVITIES

FALL HUNTING CLASSIC
Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills is holding a Fall Hunting Classic Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 26-29. The event includes seminars, a 3D pop-up tournament, vendor booths, prizes, whitetail rack scoring, a live deer display, special sales and more. Call (248) 209-4200 or visit the web site at

www.outdoor-world.com.

WEST BLOOMFIELD WOODS
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a two-hour stroll through the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve during this program, which begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29. Participants are asked to meet at the west end of the K-Mart parking lot at Orchard Lake Road and 13 Mile Road in Orchard Lake. Call Lee Becker at (810) 294-7789 for more information.

CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome). The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

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

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FLY TYING
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

NATURE CLUB
Ages 8-12 will learn about the

outdoors during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

SUMMER EVENING STROLL
Explore the park's natural and cultural history through a variety of weekly hikes and interpretive presentations during this class, which will be held at 7 p.m. each Thursday through the end of August at Maybury.

SCARECROW WORKSHOP
A short presentation on scarecrow lore followed by a chance to construct some scarecrows for display at the farm, begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Maybury.

BIRD HIKE
Observe and identify bird species seen throughout the park during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Maybury.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

TOT TALK
Children ages three to six accompanied by an adult will learn about nature through different activities during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at Hudson Mills.

CHEMISTRY IS ME
Home schooled children ages eight and older will learn all about chemicals from Dominic Crea, a teacher at Macomb Community College during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at Stony Creek.

1999 PERMITS
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

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 Pretty DWC mom, 44, 5'4", 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, is seeking happiness with an easygoing, family-oriented DWCM, under 54. She enjoys swimming, movies, bowling, and reading. Ad# 4108

FINISHING GRADUATE SCHOOL
 Very outgoing, family-oriented SWCF, 26, 5'7", who enjoys sports, the beach, and movies, would like to meet a sincere, confident SWM, 26-33, for friendship first and possible relationship. Ad# 2232

BORN-AGAIN
 This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62. Ad# 5144

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
 Attractive, personable Catholic SWF, 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM, 33-44, who enjoys tennis, sporting events, reading and horseback riding. Ad# 6684

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

VIVACIOUS
 Active, energetic DBCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBCM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad# 1103

TO THE POINT
 SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad# 2220

LOVES THE LORD
 Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad# 1956

A RARE FIND
 Sincere, compassionate SWF, 58, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, Bible studies, traveling, movies, long walks, and more, is looking for a caring, compassionate SWM, 54-62. Ad# 7141

LIFE GOES ON
 This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2652

DEDICATED
 She's a never-married SBF, 33, 5'9", N/S, non-drinker, who is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 34. Ad# 1980

HERE SHE IS...
 This caring DWCF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62. Ad# 1665

IS IT YOU?
 This friendly SBF, 39, 5'6", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. Ad# 4581

WORKS & PLAYS HARD
 Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad# 8888

JUST ONE CALL
 Picnic with this educated, churchgoing SBF, 35, who enjoys walks in the park, movies, and spending time with her son. If you're a sociable, humorous SBM, pack your basket and give her a call. Ad# 1234

ARE YOU THE ONE?
 Upbeat, Catholic DWP mom, 47, 5'9", is seeking a Catholic SWM, 38-50, who likes children, for friendship first. Her interests include camping, water sports, biking, the theater and much more. Ad# 6666

HEAVEN SENT
 This friendly SWCF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is looking to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50, who likes children. Ad# 6561

TIME TO GET TOGETHER

Her dream is sharing a romantic, long-term relationship with an outgoing, sincere, handsome, SWM, 40-55 who enjoys biking, taking walks, music, and dancing. Be sure to let this very lovely, quite charming SWF, 43, know you're interested! Ad# 9915

CIRCLE THIS

Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", who is seeking an honest, marriage-minded SWM, 30-38, who enjoys golf, fishing and dining out. Ad# 4528

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

SHARE MY FAITH

This churchgoing SWCF, 57, 5'7", wants to meet a tall, caring, sincere SWCM, 57-69, who enjoys hiking and the outdoors. Ad# 7575

THE BEST THERE IS

Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad# 6354

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Catholic DWF, 34, 5'2", with brown hair and blue eyes, loves nature, water activities, biking, sports, concerts and more. She's ISO a Catholic SWM, 30-45, N/S, without children at home. Ad# 6440

STILL SEARCHING

Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SCM, 60-69, race unimportant. Ad# 4444

END MY SEARCH

Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWF, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad# 2525

UPLIFTING

Outgoing, friendly SWF, 51, 5'4", who enjoys long walks, dancing and more, would like to meet a SWM, 46-56, with similar interests. Ad# 5614

SIMPLY PUT

Romantic SWF, 60, 5'2", 118lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a just-worthwhile SWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Ad# 5555

IS IT FATE?

Say hello to this personable SWCF, 38, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, jazz music and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible, handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad# 9455

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

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

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

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 WWWM, 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

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Never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir, enjoys children, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a SWCF, under 50, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 3580



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GOD IS FIRST

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He's a friendly DW dad, 46, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who is seeking a SWF, 35-47, to enjoy bowling, golfing, and much more together. Ad# 6569

A REAL TRUE HEART

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This friendly, intelligent SWM, 65, 5'10", 185lbs., who enjoys a variety of interests, is looking to meet a SWF, 55-62, with similar qualities. Ad# 1933

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LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

Outgoing, friendly, caring, honest DWCM, 59, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, is ISO a slender-to-medium-built SWCF, 55-65, to get to know. Ad# 6211

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Never-married, friendly SWM, 44, who enjoys Bible studies and outdoor activities, the theater and weekend getaways, is seeking a fit, pretty SWF. Ad# 4141

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WANT TO HEAR MORE? CALL
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SETTLE DOWN
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HEART-TO-HEART

Born-Again SWCM, 22, 6'4", with black hair and brown eyes, self-employed, N/S, from the Redford area, who enjoys Bible study, movies, swimming and children, is ISO a SWF, 18-25, with similar interests. Ad# 4653

MAKE THAT CHOICE

Handsome, slim SWCM, 40, 5'9", who enjoys children, the outdoors and biking, is seeking a kind, loving SWF, under 42. Ad# 4545

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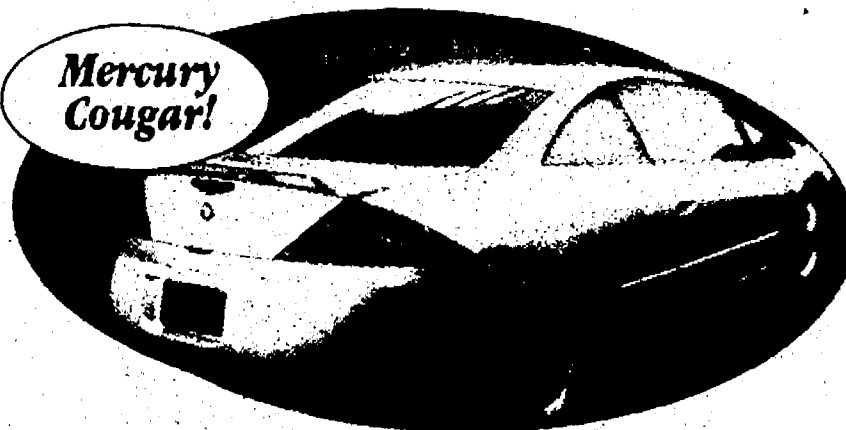
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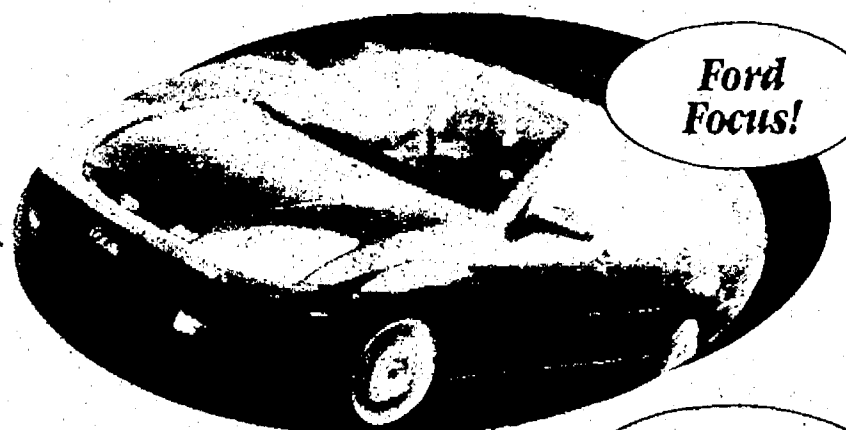
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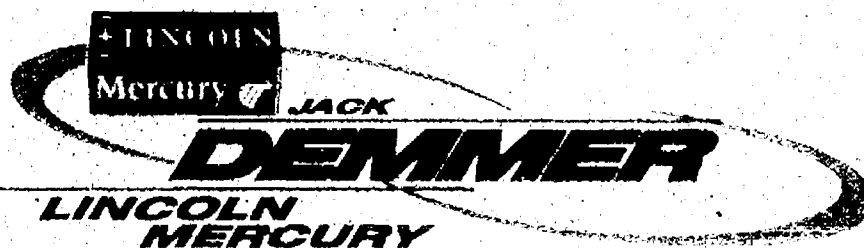
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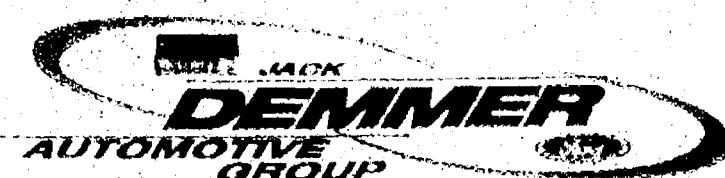
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