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THE WEEK AHEAD

Tune time: Catch the Motown sound at Liberty Fest with a live concert by The Contours. The free concert is set for 2 p.m. Sunday at the Heritage Park amphitheater.

WEDNESDAY

Senior self-defense: Canton Public Safety Officer Kevin Rise will talk about senior self-defense and awareness at 1 p.m. in the senior center at the Summit. To register for the free program, call the senior center, 397-5444.

THURSDAY

Tai chi: Improve your balance, flexibility and body awareness. Take tai chi classes at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, which holds classes 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a charge. For more information, call (734) 416-4ART.

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Blaze leaves family homeless

A smoke alarm saved Steve Kelly, Vicki Hearney and their 2-year-old daughter early Friday. But their mobile home was destroyed in the 3:30 a.m. fire, which remains under investigation.

Steve Kelly and Vicki Hearney reported that they were awakened by the sound of their smoke alarm minutes before a fire engulfed their home at Holiday Estates Mobile Home Park and spread to a neighbor's trailer.

Both escaped safely with their 2-year-old daughter, Shelby, five kittens and cat. The trailer and all their personal belongings were destroyed.

The fire broke out about 3:30 a.m. Friday starting in the living room where an air conditioning unit was located in a window, said Fire Marshal Dave Champagne. The cause is still under investigation.

"By the time I got my kid out and

grabbed the fire extinguisher it was out of control," Kelly said.

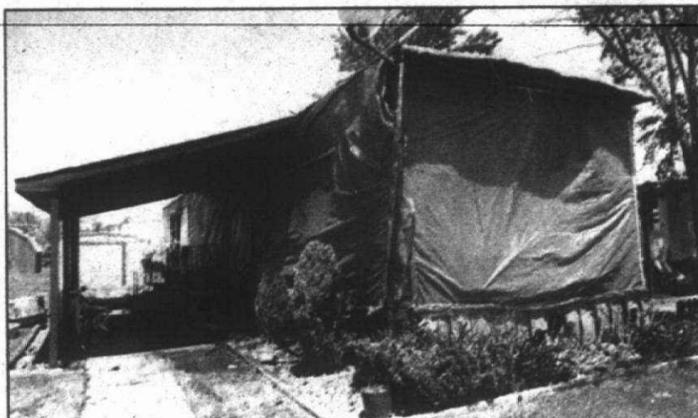
"I'd say within two minutes it went up in flames," said Hearney.

Hearney said she started banging on neighbors' window when she saw it was spreading to their awning. "They didn't hear me at first. I had to bang on their bedroom window to wake them up," she said.

Canton firefighters stopped the flames before they reached the neighbor's trailer, although their awning was destroyed.

The heat from the fire also melted the grills on Kelly's and Hearney's cars

Please see **FIRE, A2**



Totaled: A tarp covered what was left of Steve Kelly's and Vicki Hearney's mobile home on Friday.

Pie one on at Liberty Fest



On your marks... Randy Warren (above) is ready to dig into his first pie. At left, Randy didn't win the contest, but not because he didn't try hard enough. The annual contest is one of the kickoff events at Liberty Fest, which runs through today in Heritage Park.

Eating contest is a (s)cream for kids

The eighth annual Canton Liberty Fest began Thursday evening with 20 kids face down in chocolate cream pies trying to gobble their way to the winner's circle.

One contestant, Nick Morency, 12, prepared himself for the event by dieting all day long. In fact, all the Pioneer Middle School student ate was some cereal for breakfast, he said.

Adam Gillikin, 10, also of Pioneer

Middle School, primed himself for the third-annual pie eating contest sponsored by The Observer Newspapers by exercising his stomach lining.

"I had some Lee's Chicken, doughnuts, milk and I had a couple of sandwiches at the (Red Wings) parade," Gillikin said.

The children had two minutes to wolf down as much as they could. The only rule was they had to keep their hands behind their back while engaged in the pie.

Morency went at it with such ferocity, he nearly knocked his pie off the table.

When it was all over most of the contestants looked like mimes of whip cream.

"I couldn't breath," said Chris Michael, 11, of Canton.

It was a close call for the judge since a handful of them virtually cleared their pie plates.

Morency was in the final running, but was beat out for third place by

Cami Devey, 11, of East Middle school.

Michael took second place honors. The top gobbler was Gillikin.

Afterwards, the Plymouth Salem Rockettes warmed up the crowd at the Heritage Park amphitheater.

Families were scattered on blankets, lawn chairs and bleachers set up around the amphitheater in anticipation of the movie "Hercules" being shown on the big screen.

Please see **LIBERTY FEST, A3**

Father's Day winner really counts on dad



Call it a Ringing endorsement for fatherhood.

We're not sure we can count that high, but it's apparent from reading her letter that Kristina Ring loves her dad a lot.

The 10-year-old Applewood Street resident was selected by the Observer as the winner of our Father's Day contest for writing about her "specialist" dad. The Ring family wins four tickets to see the Detroit Tigers take on Ken Griffey Jr. and the Seattle Mariners on Friday, Aug. 7.

Kristina's letter is reprinted here and followed by other contest entries:

Why My Dad is Special.

My dad is the best! He does everything for me. He helps me with every-

Please see **FATHER'S DAY, A3**

GM strike worries dealer, suppliers

Sales of cars and trucks at Bob Jeannotte Pontiac-GMC Truck and Lou LaRiche Chevrolet are going well as incentive leases, retail incentives and employee purchase programs kept the two Plymouth Township dealerships busy.

However, that could soon come to a screeching halt if the strikes by 9,200 union workers at two General Motors plants in Flint don't end soon.

"We've just received news of delayed shipments for the hot-selling GMC Sierra," said John Jeannotte, general manager of the dealership with his family name on Sheldon Road near Five Mile. "We were supposed to get 20, and about half of those were already sold."

Jeannotte is concerned that if the strike heats up into July, he won't be able to deliver.

"The effect of the strike has started, and if it isn't settled this coming week we'll really start hurting," said Jeannotte. "This certainly isn't good for customer relations."

That last thought is echoed by Ron Chaudoin, general manager of LaRiche Chevrolet on Plymouth Road.

"Every day the strike goes on, we lose production time, and eventually customers," said Chaudoin. "If the strike goes on much longer, there won't be enough new cars and trucks to sell. And those who ordered new vehicles might never get them."

Chaudoin agrees that next week is critical for the dealerships.

"New vehicles won't be shipped to replace what we've sold off the lot, and inventories will get low," admitted Chaudoin. "It's been a very strong market, however the supplies of the hot-selling vehicles will soon dwindle."

The general managers of both dealerships also know that as the strike continues, and the availability of new cars and trucks remains uncertain, many prospective buyers may delay their purchases or ... even worse ... move on to other nameplates.

It's also a tentative time for automotive suppliers.

Pat Williams, general manager of Bodycote Michigan Induction Inc. in Canton, said thus far they've been able



Still working: Bodycote Michigan Induction employee Jon Ferrari operates an induction heat-treating machine that produces parts for General Motors.

to dodge the bullet. But, the longer the strike goes the more likely his company will be affected.

"We've been fortunate that the two plants we deal with, the Warren Stamping plant and one in Virginia

Please see **GM STRIKE, A2**

3 hospitalized after chemical reaction

Three employees of Village Squire Apartments were taken to Annapolis Hospital Wednesday afternoon after they were exposed to a mix of pool chemicals that created a toxic vapor.

One employee, a 52-year-old Westland man, was in severe respiratory distress when firefighters arrived on the scene about 11:30 a.m. It is unknown how long he was exposed to the chemical mixture.

As of Friday, he was listed in stable condition, according to Jennifer George, spokesperson for Annapolis Hospital.

One gallon of muriatic acid was poured into a 30-gallon holding tank of chlorine, according to Fire Marshal Dave Champagne.

"Both chemicals are for pool maintenance, but shouldn't be mixed directly together," said Sgt. Jim Davison of Canton Fire Department.

Muriatic acid is typically used in small doses and diluted with water for cleaning purposes. The mixing of the chemical with chlorine "created an obnoxious toxic cloud," Davison said.

"(The mixture) could have caused some serious lung damage," he said.

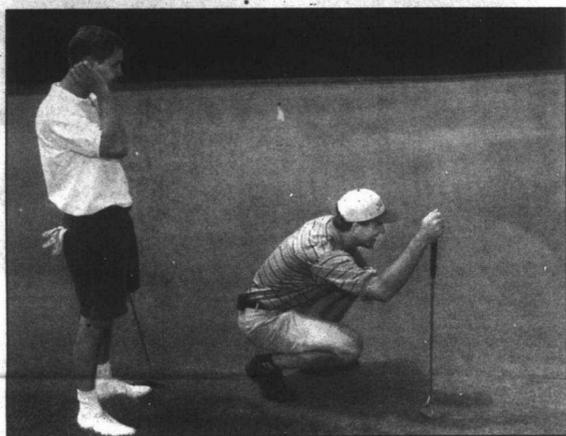
Please see **CHEMICAL, A2**



St. Joseph Mercy Canton Golf Outing



For interactive health: Sheila Rissman (above, right) decides which club to use while partners Lois and Iris Lewiston look on at Wednesday's inaugural St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building golf outing at Pheasant Run Golf Course. At right, Tim Stojak lines up a putt while Mark Holowicki ponders his shot during the putting contest. The golf outing raised some \$100,000 for the Interactive Health Center, a hands-on educational experience at the medical building on Canton Center Road that opened in March.



Salem Quiz Bowlers finish 8th in Florida

The Plymouth Salem High School Academic Quiz Bowl team finished eighth in the country in nationwide competition held in Orlando, Fla. this week. Team coach Scott Beaman said the top 6 teams out of the 44 vying for the title advanced to the final round. "We felt pretty good about the experience," said Beaman. "It was an exciting trip, the team played well, and we got to have some fun at Disney World." Beaman also coached the 1993 Canton High School Academic Quiz Bowl team which went to the national championships. This year's team consisted of Chris Macknacki, Michael LaMasse and Nathan Roller of Canton, along with Tim Bodnar, Andy Merrick and Ben Heller of Plymouth Township.

GM strike from page A1

Even if the strike continues, Williams said he doesn't expect to lay off any of the company's 100 employees. "We try to spread our work to other automakers and companies so we can weather storms such as the GM strike," said Williams. "We've all been here before, it's just the nature of the beast. You have to take the good with the bad."

Chemical from page A1

Two of the employees reportedly found the Westland man lying near the pool shed and carried him outside. Although both men were exposed to the mixture of chemicals for only 15 minutes, they complained of eye and lung irritation, said Davison. They were taken by Canton Fire Rescue to Annapolis, where they were treated and released. A manager at Village Squire declined comment.

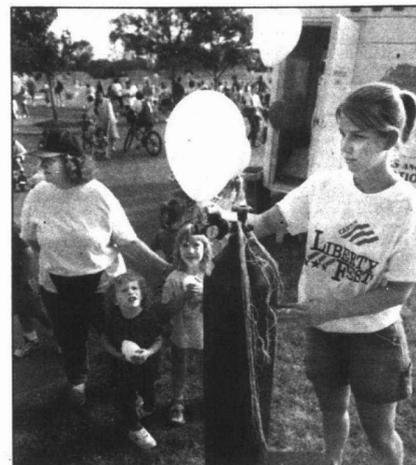
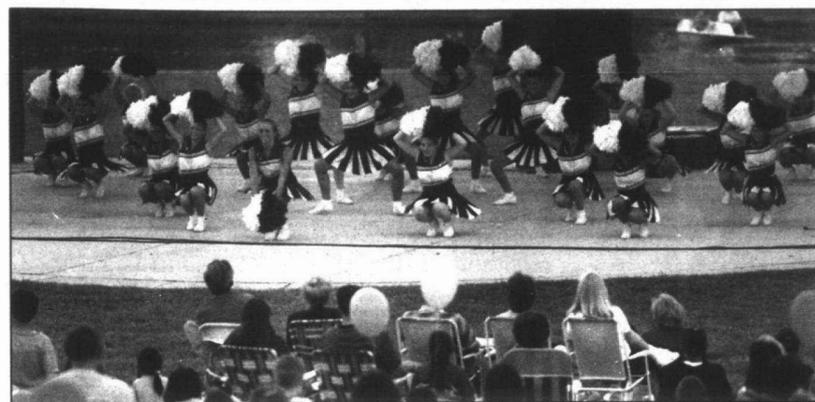
Fire from page A1



Meltdown: Aluminum siding melted and dripped onto the branches of a heat-seared bush.

parked in front of the trailer. The front windshield on Hearney's Grand Marquis also cracked from the heat. Hearney said they lost everything, including several hundred dollars in cash that Kelly had set on the dresser before going to bed that night.

"We asked the police to see if it was still there and when the officer brought it out all that was left was ashes," she said. They were able to dig out their car keys from the charred remains of the trailer. Donations can be sent to 29922 Avondale, Inkster, Mich. 48141.



Liberty Fest scenes: Activities on Thursday night included (clockwise): The Plymouth Salem Rockettes performing a routine they will take to their next competition; Little Tramp, a Charlie Chaplin impersonator wandering through the crowd; Bob Dates, Canton recreation supervisor and unofficial Liberty Festmeister, who wore a Red Wings logo for opening night; and Tara Biro filling balloons for Audra and Roxana Gamble. Mom, Robyn Gamble, looks off toward the next attraction.

Liberty Fest from page A1

"We decided to come early to get a good spot," said Lisa Sullivan of Livonia, mother of Nora, 3, and Natalie, 6. Sullivan remembered the crowds that gathered last year for "101 Dalmatians" so she set up her blankets in front of the amphitheater before 7 p.m. for the dusk performance of "Heracles."

She was joined by a Liberty Fest newcomer, Lisa Burczyk, also of Livonia, and her three children Kristin, 8, Jonathan, 6, and Matthew, 3. Despite the array of performances at this year's Liberty Fest that included the Grand Illusion Magic Show, juggler Ben Spitzer and The Spoon Man, not everyone enjoyed all of the entertainment.

A timid Nora Sullivan, 3, was afraid to stray too far from mom in fear of one of the strolling performers. Before stepping off of the family's blanket, she carefully took a panoramic view of Heritage Park and cautiously asked mom, "Where'd that bad clown go?"

Today's schedule of events includes: a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m.; the ALPO-Canine Frisbee disc championship from 9-11 a.m.; The Fine Arts Exhibition and Arts and Craft Show from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Storyteller Jack Hickey at noon; the Classic Car Show; the Plymouth Fire & Drum Corps at 1 p.m. and the Contours at 2 p.m.



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MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS advertisement for a 2-week free trial family fitness program. Includes contact information and details about the program.

Father's Day from page A1

thing. He's the best! He's a great handy man too. I Love him very, very much! He's a little hairy but, he's the best out of all the men in the world! He should be everybody's dad because he's the best! He works at Ford and makes a ton of money to buy me anything I want. He's a super, super, best dad anyone in the entire world could have! He's the specialist because he's my dad! He does anything you could possibly imagine. P.S. I love him higher than 1,999,906,134,578,910,111,213 skies. Kristina Ring

Dad, you're always there for me. Helping me and caring for me. Never losing your faith in me. Dad, you're the best. Daniel Coogan

From Kathie Hattie, a Canton resident and mom. What a great idea to honor dads! I watch children, so I took a poll and here's why we have some of the best dads. My dad, Gary Hattie, is the best. He reads books and plays with me. I love him more than anything in the world. XOXO Jillian Hattie

Gary Hattie is the best because he taught me to read and love soccer. He also painted my room really COOL! I love him a lot. Brian Hattie

Our dad, Pat Randall, is great. He reads to us, helps us, takes us out to eat and takes us to Disney World! We love him. Ryan, Adam and Kristen

My father has been one of the best things that has happened to me in my life. Dad, you have always been there through thick and thin and for that I can never repay you. Although I will not be able to reimburse you for the things that you have done for me in my life, there is something that I know that I can do for you throughout the rest of my life. What I want to do is live my life as a reflection of yours. Seeing you make your own decisions in life and simply choosing them for the best possible outcome has to be one of the hardest things you have had to do in your life. Through choices and decisions that you have chosen you have shown me the light. With the guidance that you have given me in my life I know that as long as I try with the best of my ability then I know I will always successfully persevere in anything I attempt to do. Thank you, dad, for everything and then some. Happy Father's Day. I love you, dad. William Power Jr.

Why Our Father Is The Best? Throughout all of our life, our father has been there for us. He would do his all to make sure he

attended work, and yet still had time in his day to come to our soccer games, school events, or just to be home with us. We cannot say enough as to how much he has given up in order to make life better for the both of us. We love our father deeply and could never thank him enough for all he has done for us. Tracy and Derek Rutkowski

Why My Dad's Special To Me. My Dad's special for many reasons, but the Number One reason is he'll take time to attend my games. He's always there for me. Melissa Gunnell

My dad is a very special guy. Sweet, kind, fun to be around with, all those things represent my dad. I know my dad is the best because he loves me and that's what really counts! Jessie Eimers Dad: Mike Eimers

My dad taught me many things about life, but having him at my daughter Zoe's birth, seeing their special bond, I love him even more.

NATIONAL HIV/AIDS TESTING DAY: JUNE 26 YOU NEED TO KNOW. Includes information about the test, where to get it, and contact information for the Michigan Department of Community Health.

FOR THE LOVE OF FOOD



CHEF RICK HALBERG

Chefs gather to cook at Tapawingo

Nine or ten years ago, a tradition started at Tapawingo, a really great restaurant in Ellsworth, a beautiful little town in Northern Michigan. The event is called "The Michigan Chef's Dinner," and each year a group of chefs from around the state are asked to come and prepare one of several courses for this truly great dinner.

For all of those years I have been asked to participate, and for all but one, I have. The one year I couldn't was the year I opened Emily's. Tapawingo is owned and operated by Chef Pete Peterson who is one of our country's finest chefs. In recent years "Tap" has received many national awards including "Gourmet" magazine, and "Zagat".

For the last years, Pete has been a finalist for the James Beard award for best chef in the Midwest.

The restaurant is on a rolling expanse of beautifully manicured lawns and gardens that stops at a pristine, calm, tiny lake. All dining room tables have a view of this tranquil setting.

Tapawingo is a really romantic dining haven. The food is called "Modern American Cuisine," and under that umbrella they are able to take the best products available and turn them into some of the finest dishes available anywhere.

Host

Pram Acharya is the host and cellar master. His sincere warmth and hospitality will set you at ease immediately. His impressive knowledge of the wines in his extensive cellar will enable even the novice wine drinker to find just the right bottle. Many of the well trained wait staff at Tapawingo have been with Pete since he opened 15 years ago. Executive Chef Rich Travis has also been with Pete for several years. Rich is one of the many unsung heroes in our culinary world. During the busy season, Rich has to manage a kitchen staff that seems to grow every year. With the level of cuisine being what it is at Tap, this is no easy feat. Each dish leaves the kitchen on impeccably clean and perfectly garnished plates. My hat goes off to all of you.

Fun work

This year's dinner was held Sunday, June 7, and I must say it was one of the best, and most fun ever. Returning chefs included Brian Polcyn from Five Lakes Grill in Milford, Tanya Fallon from Tribute in Farmington Hills, Michael Tuma, the only one of us to have never missed a year, from Cafe Edward in Midland, and Joseph and Mary Stetson, back for their second year from Cafe Apparell in Bay City. Joining us for the first year were Christian Schmidt from the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn and Ali Barker from The Bistro on the Boulevard in St. Joseph.

We are all invited to come up north on Saturday evening with our spouses or a guest, for a special dinner with great wines at the restaurant, and our lodging is taken care of for a couple of nights in Charlevoix.

Usually, all of the chefs and their helpers show up in the kitchens by noon Sunday to get ready for the always sold-out crowd of about 100 guests who will be arriving for hors d'oeuvres by 5 p.m. Brian brings his son Alex to help, and my assistant was my pastry chef Michael Laiskonis.

The mood is generally pretty relaxed, but electrified. For me, because I have done this so many times, I know what to expect, and I am always pretty well prepared. The new guys are usually more nervous. There is always a good deal of teasing and kidding about course selection and ingredient choices, with no one

Please see FOOD, B2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Recipes to Share
- Cheers for Beer

COUPLE EXPANDS THEIR PASTABILITIES



Industrious couple: James and Lisa Fahlman of L&J Imports are the exclusive national distributors of Mama Mucci products. They offer more than 300 items.

Problem is just another word for challenge, and sometimes finding solutions to other people's problems can solve your own problems, too.

That's what James and Lisa Fahlman of Canton, founders of L&J Imports, the exclusive national distributor of Mama Mucci's products, are discovering.

James is the product manager for Mama Mucci's Pasta, a Canton based business that manufactures a variety of fresh, frozen and dry pasta products, pasta sauce, virgin olive oil, and other products. Most of Mama Mucci's customers are restaurants.

A former chef, James knows a lot about restaurants. In fact, he and Lisa met at Ernesto's in Plymouth. They married, and have three girls ranging in age from 10 months to 3 1/2.

"I wanted to be home to see them grow, and the restaurant hours were killing me," he said. "Frank and Vince Mucci needed

L&J Imports

WHAT: Exclusive national distributor of over 300 Mama Mucci products.
FOR INFORMATION: Call (734) 394-1620 or (888) 422-1620 for product/price list. You can also visit their web site <http://members.aol.com/lfahlman/index.html>. Their e-mail address is LJImports@aol.com
MINIMUM ORDER: Products available from 2 pound packages up to 10 and 20 pound package sizes (depending on choice of item). Sent UPS. Mastercard and Visa accepted.

someone to manage production. I've known the family for nine years, and have worked for them for almost a year."

James is interested in new technology, and thought the Internet would be a great tool to market Mama Mucci's Pasta Products to consumers. A limited number of products are available at Vic's, Westborn, Plymouth Marketplace, and other special-

ty markets, but most of them are sold to restaurants. He and Lisa buy the product wholesale, and pass the savings along to customers.

"James has always been eager to do something," said Frank Mucci, vice president of operations. "We didn't have enough time to set up a web site. James presented his idea, and was more than willing to help me so we can concentrate on what we do best, make pasta. James knows all of our pasta products."

Lisa graduated from Sienna Heights College, but because of the high cost of day-care, it wasn't feasible for her to work outside the home, after her children were born. With L&J Imports she can focus on her girls, and use her business skills.

"It's good for our girls growing up to see mom and dad working together," said Lisa

Please see PASTABILITIES, B2

Work up an appetite for 'Gone With the Wind'

Southerners are known for their old-fashioned hospitality. Margaret Mitchell describes some of the balls and barbecues in her famous novel, "Gone With the Wind," which David O. Selznick made into a film in 1939.

The film is being re-released Friday, June 26 by New Line Cinema with state-of-the-art innovations that improve the color, sound, picture quality and theatrical presentation.

To celebrate the event, Janis Levin-Gorelick and Chef Jeff Swider of Classic Cuisine Catering in Farmington Hills are catering a sold-out, by-invitation-only Southern tea party and pre-

miere screening at the Star Southfield Theatre. The Star Theatre is one of 200 theaters nationwide to feature the restored film. The event is being hosted by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and WOMC Oldies 104.3 FM, Tiffany Florist and the Star Southfield.

"Gone With the Wind" is four hours long - make a day of it - and plan to have your own Southern style tea with friends afterward to discuss the movie.

"They used a lot of mint," said Gorelick. Food presentations also included pecans, maple syrup and lemons. "They tried to be very genteel: Women didn't appear to eat, that was proper. They

copied what they thought was sophisticated and polite English society and incorporated it with what they had."

Classic Cuisine Catering's tea menu includes Cucumber Mint Tea Sandwiches, Smoked Turkey & Ham with watercress Butter Tea Sandwiches, Maple Pecan Scones, Bourbon Balls, Pecan Tartlets with cinnamon cream, Chocolate Truffle Cookies, Miniature Lemon-Poppy Muffins, Lemon-Mint Iced Tea and Fresh Fruit Punch.

Scarlett O'Hara, if you remember from the movie, didn't hide her

Please see APPETITE, B2



Center of attention: Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara is the center of attention at a party at Twelve Oaks, the nearby Wilkes Plantation in "Gone With the Wind."

Alsace wines complement lighter summer foods

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Alsace in eastern France, not far from the Rhine River and the German border, is a picturesque wine region. The Wine Route winds for 75 miles along the eastern slopes of the Vosges mountains, over hillsides and along deep valley floors. It is a light-hearted land of contrasts with flower-decked villages steeped in history. Here, grapes ripened on sunny hillsides make perfect summertime wines.

In Alsace, mysterious castles overlook the plain where paths run right through the vineyards. Wine taverns in half-timbered buildings and ancient cool cellars create a poetic atmosphere



Proud tradition: The name Schlumberger proudly marks one of its domaine vineyards in the Alsace region of France.

that is somehow magically transferred to the wines of the region. In this idyllic setting, one finds the ancient vineyards, originally planted by the Romans, and ageless traditions of Domaines Schlumberger.

After the French Revolution, a small

land holding was purchased by local mill owner Nicolas Schlumberger. Today, sixth-generation heirs own and cultivate 334 acres of vineyards, spread contiguously over four miles on the steep flanks of the Vosges Mountains. The Schlumberger vineyards are the largest in Alsace and one of the largest contiguous vineyard blocks in France. Schlumberger is also distinguished as owner of the largest acreage of Alsace grand cru vineyards.

Alsace wines are the French exception. They are labeled by grape name just like domestic wines. This makes them easy to understand, but this is

Please see WINES, B2

Join Redford Symphony for pops in the park

If you love the music of "Showboat" and are proud to be an American, you won't want to miss the Redford Civic Symphony's June 30 concert in Capitol Park.

Drama, singing, opera—this program has it all, and, best of all, it's free. The concert is part of a summer park series sponsored by Redford Township and the parks and recreation department in conjunction with the Detroit Federation of Musicians and the Music Trust Fund.

During the June 18 rehearsal, guest soprano Dina Kessler put her heart and soul into singing "Can't Help Lovin' That Man." Kessler will be joined by baritones Dino Valle and Quinto Milito for this special evening featuring Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" and

"Don Giovanni." Guest clarinetist Jennifer Shirley, a senior at Thurston High School, will also perform.

"It's a varied program just in time for the Fourth of July," said John Gajec, conductor.

Gajec, who played violin and oboe with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra for more than 10 years before forming the Redford Civic Symphony, is hoping for good weather for the concert. Last year, the orchestra kicked off the program, as it will June 30, with the "Star Spangled Banner." But before they finished, torrents of rain chased musicians from the stage.

"The last two years we were rained out," remembers violinist Cecelia Chernick of

South Rockwood. "Before we could end it we were getting our violas and everything else rained on."

Longtime members

Nonetheless, longtime orchestra members like oboist Warren Liljegren and Bob Zimmerman love playing with the Redford Civic Symphony. Of course, Zimmerman loves playing flute and saxophone whenever he can. The Redford resident also directs the Franklin Village Band and will play with the Big Band Express featuring Del Kaufmann Tuesday, July 7 in the second concert of the summer series in Capitol Park.

"I enjoy playing," said Zimmerman, just before conducting "Kiss Me Kate" during the June 18 rehearsal. "Everybody gets along in the orchestra and does it for the enjoyment of playing."

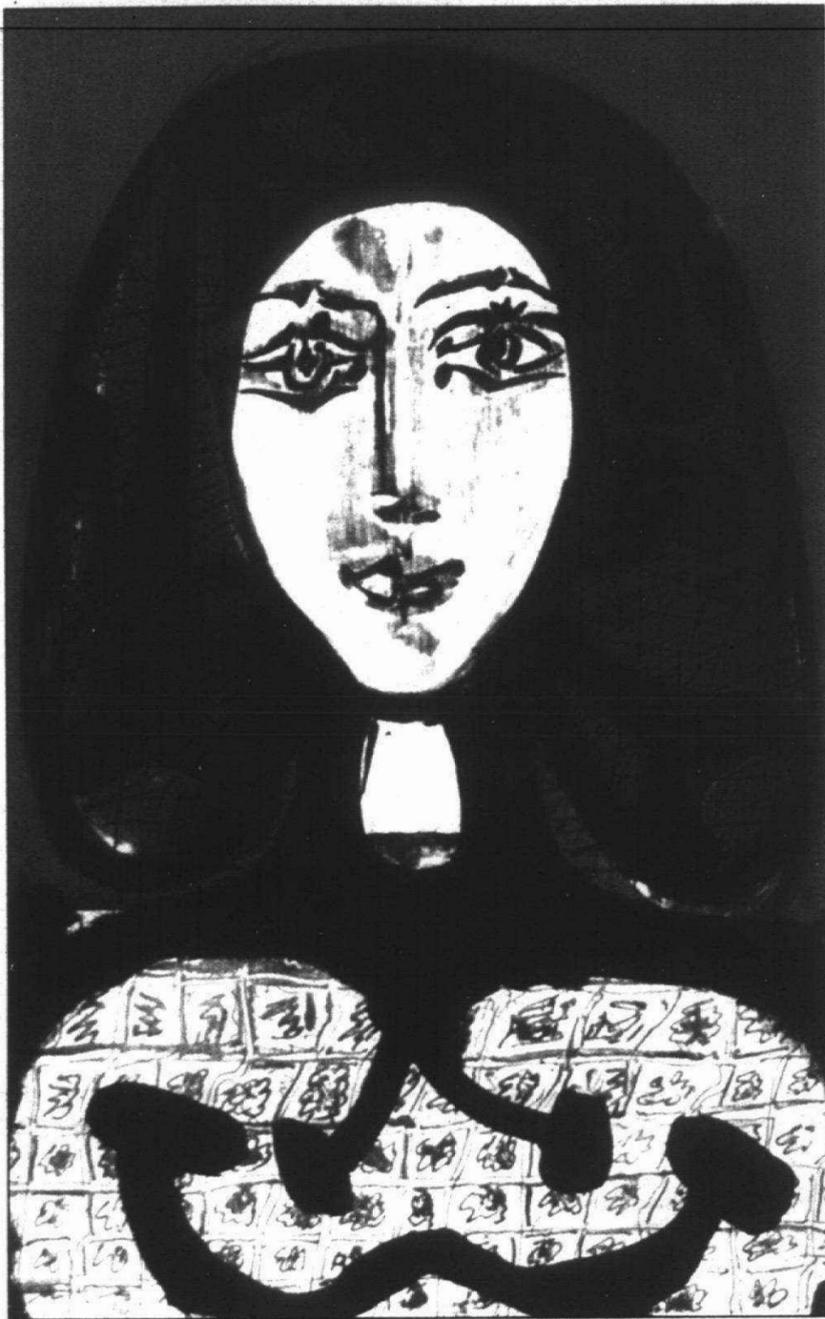
Gajec founded the Redford Civic Symphony in 1956. Known as the

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In the park: Dina Kessler sings "Can't Help Lovin' That Man" for a Redford Civic Symphony concert featuring Broadway and patriotic songs June 30.

THE 20TH CENTURY: FILLED WITH TURMOIL AROUND THE WORLD



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

20th century prints: (Left) "Woman with Hairnet" (1949) is one of the lithographs part two of an exhibit celebrating the 200th anniversary of perfecting the medium. (Above) Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky titled this 1922 lithograph "Composition."

WHAT: Part two of "A Celebration of Lithography" continues with an exhibition focusing on "Twentieth-Century Expansion and Exploration."

WHEN: Through Aug. 16. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, and until 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

WHERE: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue. For information, call (313) 833-7900.

COST: Free with recommended museum admission \$4 adults, \$1 children. Founders Society members free.

Related activities:

■ Gallery Talk and tour of the exhibition with Pamela DeLaura, contemporary lithographer and associate professor in the art and art history department at Wayne State University, 2 p.m. Sunday, July 19 and Saturday, Aug. 15 in the Schwartz Graphic Art Galleries.

■ Lithography video features demonstration of techniques on stone and metal plates by artist Harvey Daniels 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 27-28 and Sunday, July 26 in the Lecture Hall.

20th century exhibit carves history from stone

PART TWO
Lithographs of a dove used to promote peace after World War II by Picasso, an American flag from the Vietnam War era by Jasper Johns, and a portrait of abolitionist John Brown by John Steuart Curry, record life since the turn of the century. The images assembled in "A Celebration of Lithography: 20th Century Expansion and Exploration" at the Detroit Institute of Arts were meant as a tribute to the bicentennial of the perfection of lithography in 1898.

Associate graphic arts curator Nancy Sojka chose the prints by Matisse, Dubuffet, Kandinsky, Marc Chagall, Joan Miro, George Bellows, Robert Rauschenberg, Louise Nevelson, Jim Dine, Frank Stella, and Joan Mitchell to show the advances made in lithography in this century. Inadvertently, the prints give us a look back at the 20th century, one filled with turmoil around the world, and the chance to reassess where we're headed in the year 2000 and beyond.

All of the lithographs are from the DIA's permanent collection with the exception of Emil Nolde's "Dancing Girl" on loan from Alan and Marianne Schwartz of Bloomfield Hills. In 1913, the subject matter and techniques were considered radical. Prints by Nolde and fellow German Expressionist Otto Mueller are among the most innovative of the early 20th century.

Several of the lithographs were acquired by the Detroit Institute of Arts within the last few years. The newest acquisition is Picasso's 1933 "Model and Back of a Large Sculpture," a gift from the Unisys Corporation in honor of Alan Schwartz's retirement from the board of directors in 1998.

"I want visitors to come out astounded by the ways a lithograph can be made," said Sojka. "The show reflects the versatility of the medium and reflects the imagery of the 20th century."

Upon entering the Schwartz Graphic Art Galleries visitors encounter Ameri-

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TAP FESTIVAL

Feet a-stompin', hopes aboundin' at tap fest

WHAT: "The Detroit Tap Festival: Rhythm in Motion III," a series of workshops, panel discussions and a showcase performance

WHEN: Master Classes - 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday & Saturday, June 26-27; Performance - 4 p.m. Sunday, June 28

Featured performers: Robert L. Reed, Dianne Walker, Fred Kelly (brother of Gene Kelly), Lane Alexander, Danny Wooten, Bruce Bradley, Jennifer Strickland, Yvette Glover & the St. Louis Hooper's Club

TICKETS: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door; seniors/children under 12 - \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door

WORKSHOPS: For information or to register for workshops, call Gwen Smith, (248) 223-1011.

CO-SPONSORS: Artistry in Motion Dance School, Creative Expressions Dance Studio, Julianna's Academy of Dance, Mary Skiba Dance School, Rebecca Crimmons Dance Factory, Robert Lee Studio of Dance, Swing City Dance Studio, and Troy Dance Connection.

The rapid-fire pounding emanating from the performance stage at the Southfield Centre for the Arts sounds a lot like ongoing construction. Or maybe the birth of a movement.

Inside, you won't find cranes, bells or whistles. Just an endless stream of emphatic tapping and clickety-snap of hoofers in rehearsal for "Detroit Tap Festival: Rhythm in Motion III," held this Friday-Sunday.

For now, the stage might be filled with student-performers attempting to synchronize each strut, strike and stride, but there's nothing amateurish about these serious young-legged hoofers.

More than 200 toe-jammers from eight local dance studios will participate in the three-day festival, which culminates in performances by the area's top dancers and tap masters, including Fred Kelly, Robert Reed and Danny "Toe Jamm" Wooten.

"There's a renewed interest in tap dancing," said Gwen Smith, founder of the festival and owner of Artistry in Motion Dance School of Southfield.

"We're trying to expose students to the knowledge of established dancers and offer a more advanced level of dance," she said.

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Stardust: Jennifer Hawkins of Southfields rehearses for an upcoming performance in the Detroit Tap Festival.

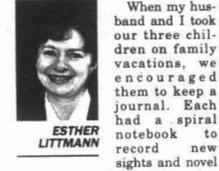
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TRAVEL

Land of the Vikings offers surprising contrasts

BY CORINNE ABATT
SPECIAL WRITER

Lois Kozlow of Birmingham, owner/founder of Lark Tours, switches continents as easily as others switch hats. Hardly had she shaken the last grains of Sahara sand from her shoes when she was fine-tuning details for a brand new Lark Tours adventure to the Land of the Vikings, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, Sept. 3-16.

The trip to Morocco and the Sahara was her sixth time leading a group to that exotic location.

The Land of the Vikings is a first. However, she and her husband, Richard, spent three weeks there last September making arrangements. Kozlow, who believes trial runs eliminate surprises, says, "We did the whole thing. This trip has everything."

One of her most important finds on the trail run was Jan Olofson, an excellent professional guide who will be part of the tour. "His English is perfect and his knowledge of his homeland is extraordinary," she notes.

The trip begins with a two-day stay in Copenhagen at the SAS Royal Hotel overlooking the dazzling Tivoli Gardens. The hotel, itself a work of art by architect Arne Jacobsen, is considered an outstanding example of Danish Modern design.

It is the dramatic contrasts that the travelers will experience throughout the two weeks that Kozlow finds particularly fascinating. For instance, after enjoying the urban beauty of Copenhagen, the travelers will spend a day in the countryside visiting castles of North Zealand including Kronborg Castle, the setting for Shakespeare's "Hamlet" and the fishing village of Gilleleje, made famous during World War II.

Kozlow calls the overnight ferry trip by sea to Oslo, Norway's capital and famous harbor city, "so appropriate." The city, framed by magnificent tree-clad hills, retains its great Viking tradition. Here, at the Bygdoy Ship Museum are displays ranging from the ships of early mariners to Thor Hyerdahl's Kon Tiki and Amundsen's polar ship, Fram.

Oslo, too, is a city of contrasts. There will be a chance to see the 1,000-year-old wooden Stave Church as well as many examples of modern art, architecture and design, in particular the



Sculpture park: Richard Kozlow, left, and Jan Olofson, a guide, enjoy a leisurely walk through Millesgarden, the sculpture park containing works by Carl Milles.



Old World charm: Stockholm dates from the 13th century. The city's Old Town, pictured, is a popular tourist stop.

Munch Museum with its huge collection of paintings by this famed artist, and the Vigeland sculptures in Frogner Park. Reportedly, it took the internationally recognized sculptor 40 years to complete the more than

100 larger than life human figures in granite and bronze.

While in Oslo, the travelers will re-establish a Michigan connection when they visit the American embassy. It was designed by the famous Finnish-

born, Michigan-based architect, Eero Saarinen. It is now home to Ambassador David and Mrs. Hermelin of Bingham Farms. The Hermelins will host a reception at the embassy for their fellow Michiganders.

After that, Kozlow says, "We'll do the land. We'll have four full days of the land itself."

However, that means hotels at night and majestic scenery during the day. Stops along the way to Geilo include Gol, a summer and winter tourist center, and Torpo with a 12th century church, which is the oldest building in the Hallingdal Valley. The next day the road to Bergen offers views of the countryside and mountains. In the Mabo Valley the travelers will stop to see Voringfoss Waterfall.

After a 15 minute ferry ride to Bruavik there will be more breathtaking scenery along the Hardangerfjord with a stop at Steindalsfossen Waterfall before the drive through the Kvamskogen mountain region to Bergen.

Before they leave Norway, the travelers will have what Kozlow calls "one of the greatest attractions of the trip, the journey down the wild Flam Valley." After lunch they will take a steamer through the narrowest fjord in all of Norway. "In some places, the walls are so close you can almost touch them," she says.

They will fly from Bergen to Stockholm, often called the Venice of the North. Contrasts



Colorful harbor: Copenhagen's brightly painted buildings are perfectly maintained in its old harbor.

galore can be found in this capital city of Sweden. One of the most important contemporary landmarks is the Swedish Renaissance style City Hall (1923). The Nobel Prize banquets are held there. In the Golden Hall, the walls are covered with 25 million gilded mosaic tiles. Stockholm, like Oslo, has beautiful modern sections as well as charming historic areas.

The Michigan connection will surface once again with a visit to Millesgarden, a sculpture park filled with a lifetime of works by Carl Milles. He lived and worked at Cranbrook Educational Community during its early, formative years and there are exam-

ples of his sculpture on the grounds of the Bloomfield Hills complex.

Kozlow says, "At Millesgarden, you see all the different periods of Milles' work from his very earliest to his last. His house is there. He's buried there. The terraces go all the way down to the sea."

The price is \$4,395 double occupancy. For reservations, call Lark Tours, (248)642-5512. An optional extension trip to St. Petersburg, Russia, is available.

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LITTLE TRAVERSE FESTIVAL

The Little Traverse Bay His-

toric Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, in Petoskey. Festival-goers will have a "Taste of the North" when area restaurants offer a sampling of their famous foods. Visitors will also enjoy re-creation of the former Petoskey Midway, which was the "open air" shopping district that occupied Petoskey streets in the early part of the century. The Midway will feature demonstrations by exhibitors such as weavers and potters. Tours of Petoskey's his-

toric downtown and waterfront will be given, and arts and entertainment will go on throughout the day. The festival runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call the Little Traverse Historical Society at (616)347-2620.

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