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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sticky wickets: The Salem area historical society hosts a croquet and ice cream social, 2-6 p.m. today at the old Jarvis School on the northwest corner of Territorial and Curtis Roads. The historical societies of Salem and Northville will renew their century old croquet rivalry. Admissions is by donation. Proceeds will be used in the restoration of the school building and grounds.

MONDAY

Local government: The Canton Planning Commission holds its regular meeting 7 p.m. at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The agenda includes site plan approval for the proposed Farmer Jack shopping center on Canton Center at Cherry Hill.

THURSDAY

Rhythm nation: Canton's free summer concert series in Heritage Park continues with the Immunity Reggae Band performing at 7:30 p.m. in the park amphitheater. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair. Refreshments and concessions will be available. Call 397-5110 for more information.

FRIDAY

Chuckle alert: Comedians Bill Thomas and O.J. Anderson headline the second annual Comedy Night at Heritage Park. The free, family-oriented program includes a disc jockey from Silver Sounds and begins at 7:15 p.m. Concessions will be available. Call 397-5110 for more information.

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Unfinished home called hazard



A partially-built ranch on Canton Center Road is a health and safety hazard say neighbors. The homeowner, who has been ticketed by the township, says health problems have prevented him from finishing the project.

Looking across the street from his Canton Center Road home, Ray Ybarra points to the dozens of newly constructed homes creeping closer to the west side of the road in the Sunflower subdivision, between Warren and Ford. "It took six months to build that," he

said. However, next door to his home on the east side of Canton Center is one partially-built brick ranch. It's been under construction since July of 1996. The home was moved to the property from Taylor in three pieces and sat on

high beams over the open basement for several months, Ybarra said.

"I was afraid one of the kids would be hurt if it wasn't blocked off," he added.

Later, the construction crew brought stacks of bricks to rebuild the house. "It was like a mice condo. You could see their heads sticking out of the holes," Ybarra said.

Neighbors took their complaints to the Canton Township Board of Trustees Tuesday.

Chris Garner said one brazen opossum wasn't scared off as she and her

husband, Mark, attempted to shoot it away from their dog's food bowl. They flicked their porch light on and off, yelled for it to get away and threw objects nearby.

Unfazed by the commotion, the opossum just sauntered up to the food bowl and helped itself, she said. Then, it arrogantly walked away with a full belly, not paying attention to either of them standing within a few feet.

"We both have kids and you know

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Wine tasting 101



PHOTO BY RON FONKEY

Nice bouquet: Charlotte Boeck (left) and Sandy Irwin use their sense of smell to get acquainted with a new wine.

Students 'grapeful' for the help

It's your anniversary, and you and your significant other are seated in the poshest restaurant around.

After selecting what you know will be a fabulous dinner, it's time to pick a bottle of wine that will complement the meal. That's when you glance at

the wine list and realize you don't know a chardonnay from a sauvignon blanc or a merlot.

The waiter, whose nose is stuck up in the air just slightly lower than the ceiling, stares at you in disgust. Finally, you concede and ask:

"What would you recommend?"

If avoiding the above scenario seems more palatable, Jim Greene may have a solution. About 30 Canton and local residents took part in the parks and recreation-sponsored Wine 101 class Tuesday at Summit

Please see WINE TASTING, A4

Wayward adventure sets off massive search

A search for three missing youngsters ended happily Thursday afternoon with many lessons learned particularly for Kasey Kasprzak, 8, and twins Jeremy and Alex Poli, 7.

The trio was lost in a heavily wooded area along the lower branch of the Rouge River for almost an hour although the search by police lasted a bit longer.

The kids were looking for frogs and crayfish with their bug nets when they lost their way.

As Kasey explained, they combated thick brush, "trees that were real poky," mosquitos and at times waded waist deep through the polluted Rouge River. They found refuge at a woman's home nearly a mile away.

Their parents cringed with thoughts of what could have happened as they told the story the day after.

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said about 15 police officers and firefighters were called in to search the river for the missing kids.

Maverick and Shi-Lo, which make up the department's K-9 unit, were hot on their trail.

"When it comes to missing kids it's really a top priority," said Officer Leonard Shemanske. "The firefighters were called in and canines were out there tracking them."

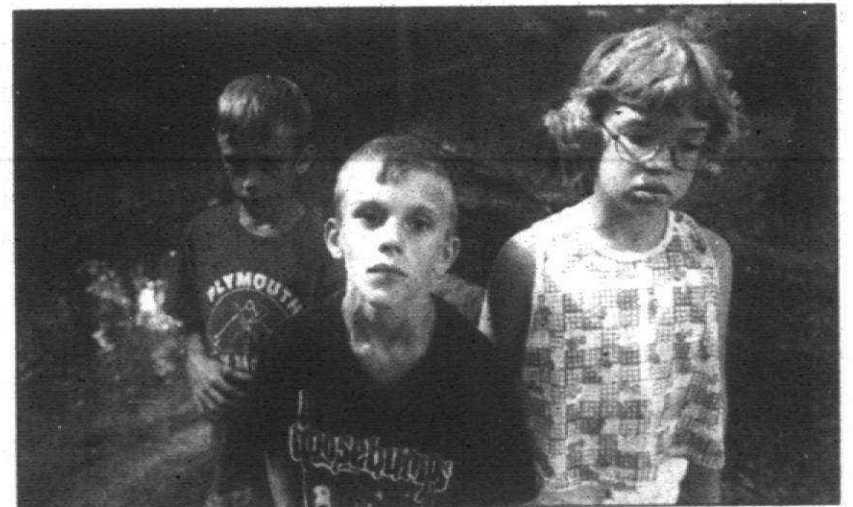
Police were first called to a home on Rivermeadow in the Meadow River subdivision at Geddes, west of Canton Center Road.

Brenda Killgrove told police she saw three youngsters enter the woods and several minutes later heard screams for help. She went in after them but only heard the yells getting farther and farther away.

Police began canvassing the area. "We figure the search started about the same time they got home," said mother Teri Poli.

The trio saw light coming through the dark forested woods and came to a subdivision. They crossed "three rivers"

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Lost and found: Twins Jeremy (left) and Alex Poli retrace their steps with friend Kasey Kasprzak. The trio got lost Thursday while looking for frogs along the Rouge Riverbank.

5-way bond will pay for courthouse construction

The five communities which support 35th District Court in Plymouth will soon be asked to help pay a multi-million dollar bond issue to build a new courthouse.

The exact amount of the bond issue has yet to be determined by the 35th District Court Authority, although a financial advisor has given the group preliminary figures. The court authority comprises representatives from the five communities the court serves, including the cities of Plymouth and Northville and the townships of Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

"Taxpayers would not pay the bonds off with an increase in taxes," said Kerry Erdman, court administrator. "The money would come from excess court revenue which is given back to each community."

Most of the communities put the excess revenues into their general fund. Since the court burned down last year, the communities have not been receiving any of the excess revenues.

Some of the future revenues could be funneled back to the court to pay construction costs, which could lower the bond issue. The bond issue could increase if there are additional costs as architects finish plans for the new three-story courthouse.

Preliminary figures from Robert Bendzinski and Bendzinski & Co., a municipal finance advisor, indicate the courthouse will cost \$7,675,000. Subtracting

Please see COURTHOUSE, A2

35th District Court Bond Issue Payments by Community

If the 35th District Court Authority asks for a bond issue, all 5 communities which the court serves will help pay the bill. A finance advisor says currently the authority would need a \$4,875,000 bond to cover costs of construction of a new courthouse. It's only a preliminary figure and could be changed.

* Note: Figures for the bond are preliminary
Source: Kerry Erdman, 35th District Court Administrator

Community	Case-load percentage	Cost of bond issue to municipality over a 20-year period*	Annual revenues from court to each municipality (based on one million dollars of excess revenues before the bond)
Canton Township	47.15%	\$2,298,562	\$471,500
Northville	5.1%	\$248,625	\$51,000
Northville Township	12.11%	\$590,363	\$121,100
Plymouth	10.3%	\$502,125	\$103,000
Plymouth Township	25.34%	\$1,235,325	\$253,400

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insurance claims totaling \$2.8 million brings the bond issue to \$4,875,000 to be paid over 20 years.

The cost to each community will depend on the municipality's caseload percentage. Canton Township has the lion's share of the caseload at 47.15 percent, and the highest share of the bond issue payment at \$2,298,562. Canton also receives the biggest share of the excess court revenues. Based on

approximately \$1 million dollars a year, Canton received just over \$470,000 annually in excess revenues before the fire.

Plymouth Township has the second-highest caseload of the five communities at 25.34 percent, which calculates to \$1,235,325 of the bond issue.

Plymouth accounts for 10.3 percent of the caseload at 35th District Court, meaning it would be responsible for \$502,125 of the bond issue.



Setting traps: Neighbors Ray Ybarra (center) and Mark Garner check traps for raccoons or other rodents around the unfinished house on Canton Center Road. They are concerned about pests and dangerous debris around the property.

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kids, this is a big attraction. It's dangerous and it's a safety hazard," said Ybarra.

A trash bin sits on the front lawn of the home with mounds of dirt that have been there so long it's overgrown with grass and weeds. The backyard also has several mounds of dirt with overgrown weeds.

Besides the opossum, they've seen field mice and raccoons. Insects also are lured to the 4 inches of standing water in the

basement.

A permit was issued in July 1996 to move the brick ranch from Taylor to the site on Canton Center Road, according to Canton Building Inspector John Weyer.

A second permit was issued at the same time to Atlas Construction Company of Southfield for building an addition for a bathroom and utility room. Joe Terrio owns the property and the construction company.

"I was sick. I had a heart attack," said Terrio. "In fact, I had two of them."

He plans to have the work completed within five weeks, he said.

The building department has issued five tickets to Terrio.

Two of the charges were settled in 35th District Court in November of 1997. Terrio was found guilty of having debris on the property and grass higher than 6 inches. He was fined \$100 for each offense.

Three other charges are pending for violating the property standards ordinance, having weeds higher than 6 inches tall and dumping the dirt piles on the property. An Aug. 11 court date is set.

The Varnit Police, an animal control service contracted by Canton, was summoned to the property within an hour of the township board meeting.

"There's a couple of vents knocked out of the basement, probably a family of 'coons living there," said William Sutherland of the Varnit Police. "The trash bin probably has an opossum or skunk living underneath."

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR meeting Tuesday, July 21, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, July 22, 1998
TIME OF MEETING: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE OF MEETING: 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, in the Meeting Room located in the east wing of Plymouth Township Hall

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Election of Officers and authorizing modification of the Plymouth Building Investors loan

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976, as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (5) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

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Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Plymouth Township by writing or calling the following: Plymouth Township Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone Number: (313) 453-3840 x 201.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL BOARD MEETINGS.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

By-Law Nos. 0164.1: Regular Meetings - Time, Place and Notification

Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (except on the fourth Tuesday in December) at 7:00 p.m. at the following location (except as agreed herein) unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of the members:

E.J. McClelland Educational Center
454 South Harvey Street
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

It is agreed by the Board to hold fourth Tuesday meetings at school sites and start at 7:00 p.m. whenever appropriate and possible. No further notice of such meetings shall be given to the members.

By-Law No. 0164.2 Special Meetings - Time, Place, and Notification

Special meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, and place of such special meetings, or by a majority vote of the Board.

Service of the notice shall be by:

1. Delivering the notices to the members personally at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place, or
2. Leaving the notice at the member's residence with a person of the household at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place, or
3. Depositing the notice in a government mail receptacle enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly addressed to such member at his/her last known address at least forty-eight (48) hours before such meeting is to take place.

Service as above described may be made by a member of the Board or any employee of the Board.

PUBLIC NOTICE of each special meeting and of each rescheduled regular or special meeting shall be given by posting a copy of the NOTICE on the message board by the front entrance to the E. J. McClelland Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time of the meeting.

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A three-month old raccoon was trapped Thursday night.

The house itself isn't responsible for all the rodents, Sutherland said. The new subdivision across the street could have added to the problem since animals are being squeezed out of their habitats due to construction and find refuge wherever they can.

Terrio said he made plans for the trash bin to be taken off the property this week, and new top soil is to be delivered to grade the front and back yards.

"We should be through in about five weeks," he said.

An Aug. 5 hearing date is set for Terrio at the building department for having a dangerous or abandoned building. A hearing officer will set a deadline for completion, Weyer said.

If no action is taken the matter will be brought to the township board for further action.

Driver faces weapon, drug charges

Plymouth Township police are seeking charges against a Canton man after a July 5 traffic stop turned up a concealed handgun, cocaine and open alcohol in his vehicle.

According to the report compiled by township police, officers at 5:06 p.m. were watching traffic at I-275 and Ann Arbor Road when a driver entering westbound Ann Arbor Road from southbound I-275 disregarded a no turn on red sign.

After pulling over the man, 47, driving a Mercury Mountaineer, they noticed the smell of alcohol. The man failed a sobriety test, and police found an open vodka bottle, folded paper containing cocaine and a .25 caliber pistol in a paper bag, according to the report on the incident.

Police arrested the man and are seeking to charge him with driving under the influence of alcohol, violating drug law and carrying a concealed weapon.

Deck builder charged as angry clients watch

As seven unsatisfied customers sat in 35th District Court on Friday, Canton builder Roy Mason pleaded not guilty to charges of failing to take out permits before he began building two decks in Plymouth Township.

Canton Police have said he faces possible similar charges in that community.

Some of Mason's customers claim he collected down payments and then disappeared without finishing the work. Several have filed suit against the builder.

"I haven't seen him until today when I saw him in court," said John Bowler of Northville.

Bowler said he paid Mason \$2,400 on April 1 to build a deck on his Northville home. The deck was to be completed by May 15, according to the contract.

Northville police are investigating but have not filed charges.

Canton police are investigating several reports of fraud but have not filed charges.

Detectives for both departments were unavailable for comment.

"If they can't bring fraud charges against this guy, then the police should just go out of business," said Ed Stempien, who claimed Mason accepted \$1,000 but never finished a brick walkway at Stempien's Canton home.

Mason never returned to get his wheelbarrow or tools, according to Stempien.

Others in court Friday included Adonna Wright of Canton, who said she paid \$12,313 for two decks at her mother's house and her own home.

After the arraignment, Mason declined comment. Earlier in the week he told the Observer, "I understand a lot of people are angry with me. I'm very, very behind. I'm not denying that."

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The search couldn't end until police could determine the kids were safe. Officers canvassed the River Meadow neighborhood until they found the black car, which led them to the three kids. That was about 3:30 p.m., said Kasprzak.

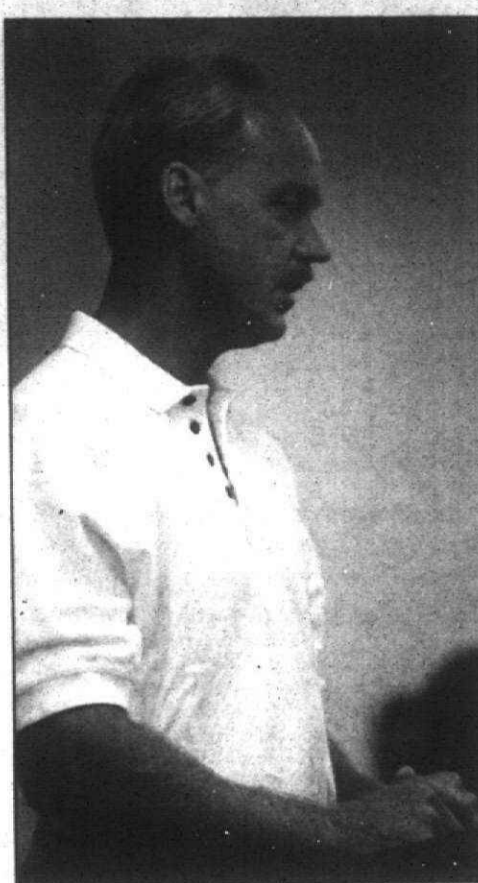
Police and parents gave a stern warning to all three youngsters.

In fact, the warnings caught the attention of Kasey's six-year-old brother Tyler, who asked an Observer reporter the next day, "Are you the police? Are you going to take my sister away?"

"The police went above and beyond searching in the river for three hours," said Kasprzak.

She didn't even know the river was so close to their home after living in the neighborhood for four years.

"My children are not allowed to leave the backyard, let alone



In court: Roy Mason pleaded not guilty to charges of failing to take out permits before he began building decks for clients in Plymouth Township. Mason is also facing possible criminal charges in Canton and civil suits from Canton residents for taking deposits and failing to complete their decks.

with his workmanship.

"It's a matter of biting off more than he can chew," he said.

"You're never going to please everybody, and my guess is there's an unfair ratio of unhappy to happy. People are just too lawsuit-happy nowadays."

Brooks said he's been in business for seven years. He also said he's never had a lawsuit filed against him.

Five small claim suits are pending in 35th District Court against Mason for unfinished work.

There also have been seven complaints filed with the Department of Consumer and Industry Services. One was closed without disciplinary action taken by the board. The Observer requested the informa-

Singing in the sunshine



Good time: Maddie Johnson, 4 of Canton (left) and Karlyn Hewitt, 4 of Westland scream with The Music Lady, Beverly Meyer of Belleville at the Willow Creek Cooperative Pre-school picnic on Tuesday in Westland.

Police say e-mail message on sex assaults unfounded

Plymouth Township police say reports of women being attacked and sexually assaulted in the vicinity of M-14 and Sheldon Road have thus far proven unfounded.

Detective Sgt. Jim Jarvis said he's received calls from residents and other police departments about the alleged attacks.

"It started with someone spreading an e-mail message at Parke-Davis in Ann Arbor, and has spread throughout the Ann Arbor, Plymouth and Canton communities," said Jarvis. "I've even received calls from police officials in Dearborn, Redford, Northville and the state police concerning the alleged attacks."

According to the e-mail, someone

has been deliberately running women off the road in the area of M-14 and Sheldon Road. The man blocks the driver's side door with his sport utility vehicle, smashes the passenger side window, then drags the women out of their vehicles, reportedly beating and raping them.

The e-mail notes at least seven women have been attacked and left in the woods in similar attacks.

While the note also claims the police have been keeping reports of the incidents from the public, Jarvis said he can't find any evidence to support the e-mail message.

"I've investigated the facts of the e-mail and haven't been able to substantiate it," said Jarvis. "Anyone with information concerning this type of incident can call Plymouth Township police at 453-3869."

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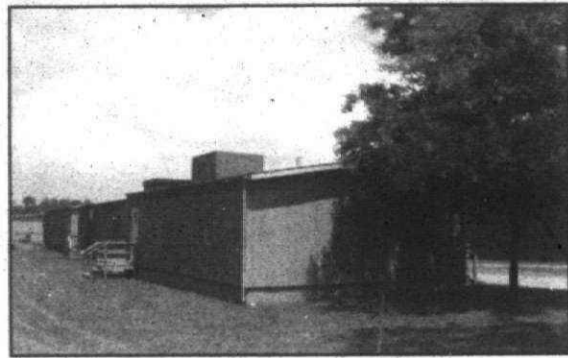
Revvin' on the Rooftops '98

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"The portables at the high schools are over 30 years old and were purchased second-hand by the school district more than 24 years ago," said Little. "These portables are literally worn out. It costs more to maintain them than it would have cost to build rooms in the first place."

Little invites anyone in the community who has doubts about the need for additional space to visit the high schools.

"Anyone in the community ought to go visit the portable classrooms, especially while classes are being held, and see the urgency of why we need to



Poor condition: Portable classrooms like this one outside the PCEP are beyond repair, officials say.

have new school buildings," said Little.

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Wine tasting from page A1

Under Greene's direction, "students" got a chance to sample six wines and learn everything from how to read a label to what temperature red wines should be served at. Township resident Sharon Hildebrandt said it was an informative two hours.

"I wanted to try a few new wines, and I also wanted to learn a little bit more about wine and how to read a label to what temperature red wines should be served at. Township resident Sharon Hildebrandt said it was an informative two hours."

"I just don't know much about the different kinds of wines," she said. "I'm afraid I'm going to get something I don't like and have to end up drinking it."

Greene started Tuesday's affair by telling students to relax. Instead of learning to make pretentious, meaningless statements about wine, they would study tastes, spices and smells, he said.

A trio of white wines were first on the menu. Greene gave students four guidelines before opening the first bottle of vino. Swirling the wine in the glass allows oxygen to mix with it to "release all of the flavors," he said. Students were then to smell the wine and try to pick out different fruity or flowery odors.

"Each individual wine has the distinct characteristics of where the grapes were grown," Greene added. "That's the charm of wine."

Finally, the instructor said students should let the wine roll around on their tongues and let it linger in their throats to get the most out of it.

Reactions to the white wines were mixed.

Students liked the light Riesling, which was the first wine tasted. Greene said it had a "floral" aroma.

A chardonnay sampling drew fewer praises. Some said it had a slight oak taste.

As for the red wines, which are generally less popular, students were pleased with what they tried.

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Hildebrandt agreed. The wine, which Greene said was "red wine with training wheels," hit the spot, she said.

"It was very good, very refreshing," she added. "I would definitely buy it."

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'We want to take the snootiness out of wine drinking.'

Instructor Jim Greene

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Redilla said that's in his price range at this point.

"Since we're in the experimental phase," he said, "we really haven't been able to equate dollars with taste yet, so we're trying not to go overboard."

The township resident would like to try more expensive wines eventually.

"Seven to 10 dollars is something we're willing to pay for a bottle of wine," Redilla said. "When you get up into the 20s or above, we hope we're selecting a wine where we know what we're going to get for the price. We are somewhat price conscious."

As did Hildebrandt.

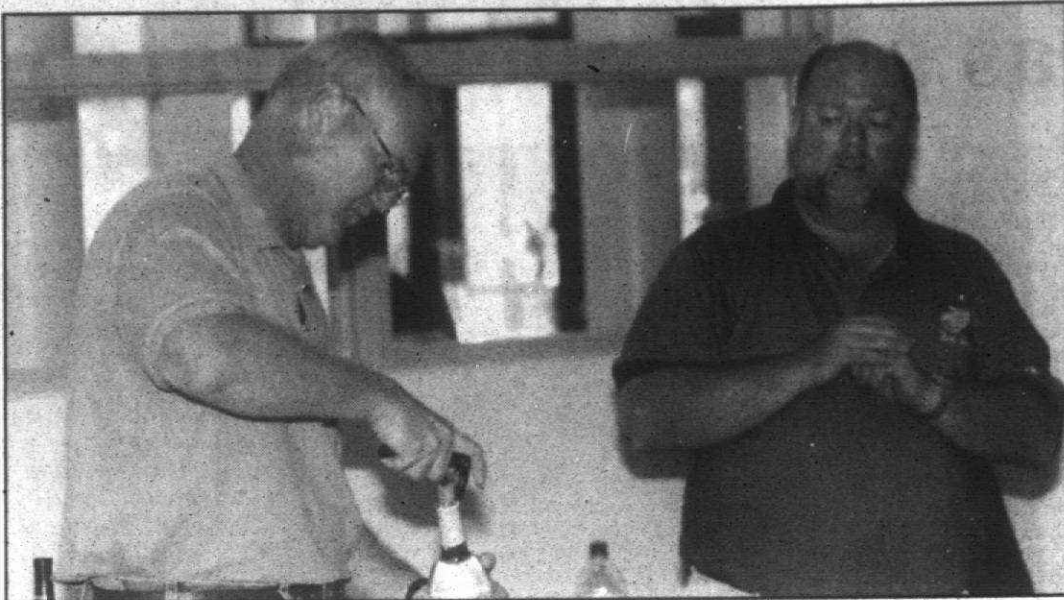
"It was more of a group discussion," she said, "which I thought was very educational. Everybody felt comfortable discussing wine."

Chris Redilla said she learned a lot in the class.

"I was able to try different wines and get a taste for each individual wine," she said. "So now if I were going to a restaurant, I wouldn't order a glass of wine that I didn't like or order a bottle of wine I don't like. I think I'll feel a little more comfortable about trying different wines."

Her husband agreed. Nick said buying wine will be a bit easier from now on.

"We learned that you should go to a good wine shop and talk to someone that knows their business," he said. "Have them tailor it to your price range and taste. It's not such an overwhelming endeavor to go out and buy a bottle of wine."



Learning: Phil Applegate opens a bottle as instructor Jim Greene looks on. Greene's sense of humor was evident later in the class when he referred to one of the samples as a red wine "with training wheels."

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The township resident would like to try more expensive wines eventually.

"Seven to 10 dollars is something we're willing to pay for a bottle of wine," Redilla said. "When you get up into the 20s or above, we hope we're selecting a wine where we know what we're going to get for the price. We are somewhat price conscious."

As did Hildebrandt.

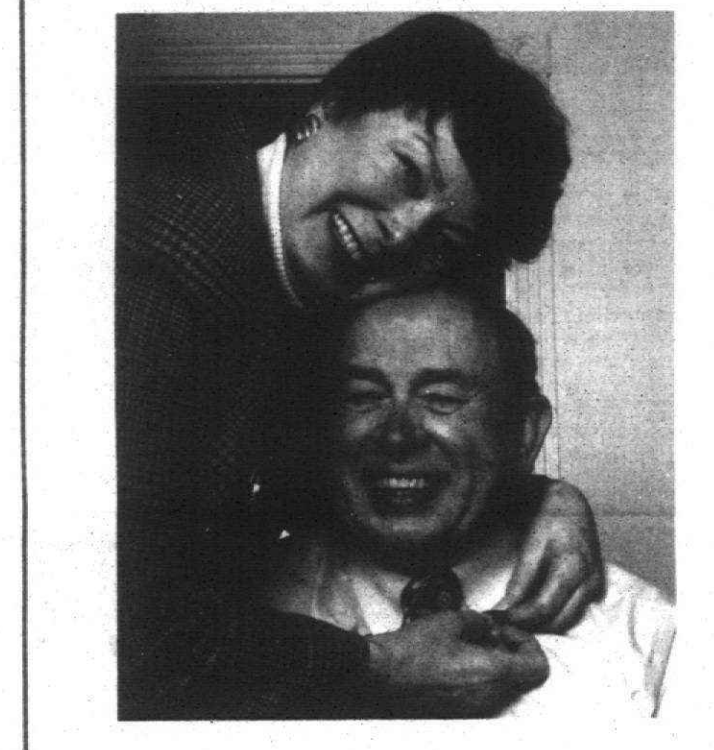
"It was more of a group discussion," she said, "which I thought was very educational. Everybody felt comfortable discussing wine."

Chris Redilla said she learned a lot in the class.

"I was able to try different wines and get a taste for each individual wine," she said. "So now if I were going to a restaurant, I wouldn't order a glass of wine that I didn't like or order a bottle of wine I don't like. I think I'll feel a little more comfortable about trying different wines."

Her husband agreed. Nick said buying wine will be a bit easier from now on.

"We learned that you should go to a good wine shop and talk to someone that knows their business," he said. "Have them tailor it to your price range and taste. It's not such an overwhelming endeavor to go out and buy a bottle of wine."



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	July 30, 1998	10:00 AM, Room A

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Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
ELIZABETH M. GIVENS, Secretary

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JULY BOARD OF REVIEW TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1998 12:30 P.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

The July Board of Review will convene in the Conference Room located on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, July 21, 1998 at 12:30 P.M.

The Board will review the following appeals: Homestead, Hardship, Clerical Errors and Mutual Mistake of Fact.

No appointments are necessary.

All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the Board of Review.

MARK A. CHRISTIANSEN
City Assessor

Published: July 19, 1998

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

PRIMARY ELECTION ON AUGUST 4, 1998

Notice is hereby given that a PRIMARY ELECTION will be held in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1998, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

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PROPOSITION "A" - Wayne County Proposal

Applications for absentee ballots may be requested from the City of Plymouth, Office of the Clerk, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, telephone number 453-1234 X234.

Absentee ballots will be handed to qualified absentee voters in person at the City Clerk's Offices from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, August 1, 1998. On Monday, August 3rd, absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m.

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LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

Published: July 19, and July 30, 1998

McPhail versus McNamara

Challenger criticizes county executive 'Mac' cites jobs, economy as successes

Sharon McPhail says County Executive Edward McNamara's management of the Wayne County Youth Home — and resulting U.S. Department of Justice investigation in 1994 — angered her enough to challenge McNamara in the Democratic primary election.

"While it was the youth home that first fueled McPhail's desire, conditions of other county facilities and infrastructures have pushed her through her campaign as well."

"Wayne County is home to the worst roads, the worst airports and the worst morgue," McPhail said.

McPhail added: "Ed's a nice guy, but he's not here. He's leaving it to people who just are not getting the job done."

McPhail, 49, hopes voters will place their faith in her on Aug. 4 in the primary election when the Detroit resident faces off against Edward McNamara in the county executive race. Detroit resident Wallace Serylo is also listed on the Democratic ticket, while Herb Scott of Canton Township will run against Edward Romanowski of Detroit on the Republican ticket.

The primary winners from each party will square off in the Nov. 3 general election.



Sharon McPhail
—county executive candidate

McPhail, a Detroit mayoral candidate in 1993, is now an attorney and partner with the Detroit law firm of Feikens, Stevens, Kennedy, Hurley & Galbraith.

In 1993, McPhail beat out a field of more than 20 candidates to become the first woman to ever win a Detroit mayoral primary. McPhail lost to Dennis Archer in the general election. Prior to that campaign, she ran the warrants division in the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

The youth home is just one example of McNamara's mismanagement, McPhail says.

McPhail believes there isn't enough competition between the airlines at the airport. She says competition was gutted with the control Northwest has over the expansion.

"Wayne County transferred the governmental functions to Northwest. Now, they are cleaning the airport and in charge of security," McPhail said. "People need protection, from qualified law enforcement personnel."

McPhail also said contracts are not competitively bid.

Please see MCPPHAIL, A6

Edward McNamara has some business to finish.

That's why the Wayne County executive and Livonia resident is running again to serve a fourth four-year term, particularly to oversee the expansion of Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport and the two sports stadia.

"We just have so much going on," McNamara said. "I think about Denver (airport) turning into a \$4 billion project, and it isn't functioning that well."

"I'd like to be there, and if it's screwed up, I guess it's my fault. We have a great deal going on."



Edward McNamara
—county executive

Livonia's own

McNamara, 71, has served as Wayne County executive since 1986.

McNamara grew up in Detroit, graduated from Redford High School, and attended the University of Detroit where he received a degree in philosophy in 1959.

McNamara joined the Navy at 17. He also worked briefly in an auto plant, then at Michigan Bell for 25 years as a service engineer, sales manager, supervisor of field operations and manager of customer relations. He served on the Livonia City Council in the 1960s for eight years. McNamara was elected mayor of Livonia in 1970 and served for 16 years until he was elected county executive in 1986.

McNamara proudly points to Wayne County's economic revival, touting Wayne County's unemployment rate of 3.7 percent.

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"The airport represents 61,000 jobs, and it will add at least 10,000 jobs. That airport is the best job generator we have ever seen." Those jobs range from airport staff, airline personnel and service industries, including fast-food eateries.

He also points to other accomplishments:

- Wayne County added 233 new business locations. Wayne County had more businesses build or expand than any other county in the state, according to Site Selection magazine.
- McNamara also points to the new stadiums as a \$485 million project, coordinated between Wayne County, the city of Detroit, the state of Michigan and the Detroit Lions and Tigers. The project will create 5,000 jobs and have a \$200 million economic impact.

Please see MCHAMARA, A6

Register now at S'craft

Registration is in progress for fall semester at Schoolcraft College as classes officially begin Thursday, Aug. 27.

This fall marks the beginning of several new offerings:

- The mathematics department will begin offering some introductory classes entirely on computers using interactive, instructional software, listed in the schedule as CBM (computer-based math) in a redesigned computer classroom.
- The first students in the Schoolcraft Scholars honors program will begin their studies, incorporating community-based experiences.
- For the first time, selected language classes will be offered via interactive television.

Schoolcraft offers a variety of ways to register, including phone-in, mail-in and walk-in. Registration forms are available in the fall schedule or through the Office of Admissions. New students must meet with a counselor before registering.

Schoolcraft College offers 65 career programs with specific job-related skills, ranging from accounting to welding. More than 50 transfer programs prepare students to go on to a four-year university.

For information, call (734) 462-4426.

Knollenberg aims at lawsuits, Kyoto Protocol

By TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg has planted two fishhooks for the Clinton administration in an innocent-sounding funding bill for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Rather than write separate laws, Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Hills, won Appropriations Committee amendments to the funding bill to:

- Block the president's executive orders implementing the 1997 Kyoto protocol on world energy consumption.
- Halt EPA suits over "environmental justice" under the Civil Rights Act.

The Kyoto protocol was a set of binding targets to cut energy consumption 30 percent," said Knollenberg in his 11th Congressional District office in Farmington Hills. "It would affect auto, farmers, utilities — \$2,500 costs per family per year."

"Before the Kyoto accord was reached, the Senate voted 95-0 to tell the administration I do not exempt the developing nations and 2) do not do anything that will harm the U.S. economy."

"They wimped. They signed an accord that was exactly the opposite, exempting China, Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico — 40 percent of the world's population."

"Well, it's not signed because the president won't sign it and won't even send it to the Senate (for ratification). In the meantime, he's trying to implement it bit by bit by executive order."

The House Appropriations Committee backed Knollenberg's amendment June 25 on roughly a party-line vote, Republicans for, Democrats against.

The Kyoto Protocol was endorsed by the Clinton administration and 167 other countries last Dec. 11 in Kyoto, Japan. Ratification deadline is 1999. It is designed to address the reported effects of global warming.

The funding bill — which also covers the Veterans Administration and the Department of Housing and Urban Development — is due on the House floor in mid-July.

A second Knollenberg amendment blocks EPA from moving further on "interim guidance"

rules designed to tie anti-pollution efforts to allegations of racial injustice.

"EPA created a solution looking for a problem; they're trying to build a bridge where there is no river," Knollenberg said.

They suggest that minorities were being adversely affected by being located in communities where there was a pollution-type problem.

"Their own data showed just the opposite — more whites and upper middle-income people were affected."

Added his chief of staff, Paul Weiday: "EPA gave grants to special interest groups so they could file complaints of racial injustice under title VI of the Civil Rights Act."

Knollenberg said his amendment applies to everything except 15 cases EPA already has filed. "It says, 'Stop what you're doing. Don't file any more complaints.' They admit they made mistakes."

He noted that Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, The Environmental Council of the States, the National Association of Counties, the National Association of

Black County Officials, 14 states attorneys general, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors also have objected to EPA's racial action.

Those groups fear EPA actions may stymie redevelopment of "brownfields" — abandoned industrial sites in older cities.

Area businesses fear EPA's rules will force them to jump through more hoops in order to get EPA permits for such things as an asphalt plant in Belleville.

As Michigan approaches a shortage of skilled workers, Gov. John Engler has created the Governor's Career Scholarships to encourage students to pursue careers in high tech fields for which they do not necessarily need a four-year degree.

The scholarships will be awarded beginning in the fall 1998 semester, and the deadline for applying is Friday, Aug. 7.

Students enrolling in computer-aided drafting, computer graphics technology, computer information systems or micro-

computer software technology at Schoolcraft are eligible for the scholarship.

Students must apply now for the fall semester. Scholarship applications are available in the Office of Financial Aid. Candidates who have filled out applications must make an appointment with a counselor to discuss their academic program by calling (734) 462-4424. For more information, call the Office of Financial Aid at (734) 462-4433. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

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McNamara said. More than 3,500 displaced workers have been trained and placed in new jobs and community block grants have put \$36 million in public investment into 30 communities.

Airport will improve

McNamara readily admits the airport has its problems. A recent survey ranked it the worst in the United States.

The facility was built in 1954, and needs a facelift, McNamara admits. Some \$5 million will be spent to redo 109 bathrooms by the end of the year.

The expansion will be completed by the end of 2001, McNamara said, and include 44 moving walkways, 125,000 square feet of retail space, and 30,000 square feet of luggage handling space.

McNamara responds

McNamara disputed McPhail's charges of giving control of the airport to Northwest Airlines, that he doesn't competitively bid contracts and has county appointees who "do nothing" and drive taxpayer-subsidized vehicles. She also criticized his administration of the youth home, citing a Justice Department investigation of the facility in 1994.

On McPhail's charge that McNamara eliminated qualified bidders through the bid procedure: "That's baloney. You try to limit the contracts to qualified people." The contracts also must be approved by the 15-member county commission, which reviews the contracts during committee meetings.

On Northwest Airlines' control of Metro Airport, McNamara said Wayne County owns a "piece of land, the building and offices." With airport security, McNamara also said he has a "problem" in giving something as crucial as security to a contract-

McNamara does not believe Wayne County's taxes are too high for the services the county delivers.

ed private company. "Every one of these gates have a sworn deputy sheriff," he said.

McNamara said the new juvenile detention facility is slated to open in November and will focus on housing juveniles, yet the county will continue its programs designed to keep students out of trouble.

Since the investigation, the state of Michigan has re-licensed the youth home. McNamara said the new facility will open in November and plans new and expanded programs aimed at youths.

"We had a problem with the feds, because the old facility was a school. They felt the school was inadequate."

"Our youth home only holds preadjudicated kids," McNamara said. McNamara wants to expand a diversion program used for adults to juveniles, but he said he is having difficulty with UAW employees who pressured a state lawmaker to hold up the revision.

McNamara also defended his appointed employees. "Most of them work very hard," McNamara said.

Ballot proposals

McNamara "absolutely" supports the 1/3-mill transportation ballot proposal for the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation.

McNamara believes the county jail — also on the ballot for 0.95 mill renewal — is part of the reason why crime is down 12 percent.

He also supports the so-called

Supermajority ballot proposal, but had no idea that it would carry the racial overtones that it has on the county commission.

"The city of Detroit pays less property tax than Dearborn and Livonia combined," McNamara said. "The suburban mayors have a point."

McNamara was asked why the juvenile detention facility was not completed until this year, scheduled to open in November.

"We take a bad rap for that," McNamara said. McNamara said Wayne County decided to put money into programs aimed at youths.

Wayne County took non-violent adult prisoners and created a diversion program for them. "Our jail population is down because of diversion. Guys are getting GEDs. We felt this thing was so successful, we wanted to do this thing with kids."

But McNamara blames UAW employees who blocked legislation. "Sixty-three percent of kids in the system end up in Jackson Prison. Engler called for 5,200 new jail beds. We will bankrupt this state, we will bankrupt this county, if we keep building jail beds."

Defends tax base

McNamara does not believe Wayne County's taxes are too high for the services the county delivers.

"In the state of Michigan, we're one of the lowest with the number of employees per 1,000," McNamara said. "We probably have half the indigents in Wayne County. We have a larger prosecutor's office. We have three major jails and 4,000 beds that need to be supervised."

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pointing to Torre & Bruglio's contracts to plant flowers and landscape. Torre & Bruglio are contributors to McNamara's campaign. McPhail believes McNamara's administration eliminated qualified bidders in an arbitrary fashion through contract extensions in letters of understanding and the process of reviewing requests for proposals.

McPhail said she will remove the "laying around, doing nothing" county officials. McPhail said 274 county employees drive Broncos "all over the county." She said she could cut that number in half.

In 1994 a U.S. Justice Department investigation found roaches, worms and rocks in food and inappropriate staff behavior at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility. Problems began there before McNamara, but also continued under his watch, McPhail said.

The new facility also hasn't been built, although the millage has been in place for 10 years.

McPhail highlights plans

"I don't like where we're spending our money," McPhail said. It was a "big thing" to take on a 12-year incumbent, McPhail said.

McPhail also wants to expand after-school programs for children using some of the \$600 million in block grants Wayne County receives. "Nothing prevents juvenile delinquency than

McPhail also wants to expand after-school programs for children using some of the \$600 million in block grants Wayne County receives.

to have kids have something to read," McPhail said.

She also said county spending increases because the county bypasses competitive bid processes. She would like to see contracts extended to Wayne County companies and county residents who pay taxes and employ residents.

The administration also needs to be a "strong challenge" to Gov. John Engler over road money. McPhail promised to conduct a national search for key departments, such as the airports.

McPhail promises to start a citizen oversight panel, and a records room for residents to examine public records. "I think it's important to have people at all processes and levels," McPhail said.

Ballot proposals

McPhail supports the SMART millage proposal.

Wayne County also needs a bus system "that works," McPhail said, but she didn't know if Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson would be open to a merger between

Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation and Detroit Department of Transportation.

"We have to pass the transportation millage," McPhail said. McPhail said the metropolitan Detroit area actually needs a light rail system.

McPhail called the Supermajority ballot proposal "an election year ploy to divide people." "I'm not going to be involved in that," McPhail said.

McPhail said she grew up in Cambridge, Mass. When she moved to Detroit, it was "like a time warp."

"The (racial) polarization is incredible. It's very difficult to deal with," McPhail said she can work with suburban communities, if elected.

"I could care less what color you are, or what religion you are. You are a citizen of Wayne County and you're not getting anything (in county services). They didn't care if Bill Lucas was black, they don't care if I am."

McPhail also was encouraged with poll numbers, showing that McNamara is not the overwhelming favorite and that 46 percent of Wayne County voters were still undecided.

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Pair wheat beer with cold, savory soup, noodles

I'm still giving the grill a workout, but lately I've been making some nice cold stuff to go along with my favorite summer beer, wheat beer from Bavaria - Privatbrauerei G. Schneider and Shon.

The Schneiders acquired the brewery in the 1850s in Kelheim. The brewery had been making wheat beer since 1607 by royal decree from the Prince of Bavaria.

Malted wheat makes up 60 percent of the grist, Hallertau-Hersbrucker hops are used and the same yeast is used to ferment and prime in the bottle, hence, the cloudiness and layers of yeast in the bottom of the bottle. This beer has a huge head, mild fruitiness going to classic wheat beer spiciness, light body, well carbonated, with a tart finish.

For those who would like a bigger beer they make a Weizen Doppelbock called Aventinus. It's a big beer made with wheat, pale, crystal and dark malts that has a very big head, a deep rich color, malt, chocolate, fruit and spice on the nose, a medium full body and a clovish finish with a respectable 7.5 percent A.B.V.

American microbrews

I am not really a fan of American micro wheat beer, but there are I really like - Pyramid Hefeweizen from Kalma, Wash., and the wheat beer from Kings Brewery in Pontiac.

Try to make it to the Michigan Brewers Guild Summer Festival at Greenmead in Livonia on Saturday, July 25. It should be a lot of fun. Hopefully, I will be there, and if you see me walking around, feel free to stop me and say hi, or ask a question.

On to food. Here are two nice cold dishes that pair up great with wheat beers. A chilled fruit soup and Oriental noodles with sweet hot sauce.

CHILLED FRUIT IN SPICE BROTH

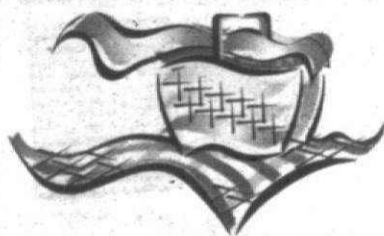
- 1 vanilla bean, cut in half lengthwise
- 1 1/4-inch thick slice of fresh ginger
- 1 star anise, crushed
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 quart water
- 1/2 cup fresh orange juice
- 1/2 cup cranberry juice
- 1 cup of berries - your choice of blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, thimbleberries, gooseberries, marionberries, or red currants. If you can find them, use them.

Combine the vanilla bean, ginger, star anise, cinnamon, sugar, water, and orange juice in a 4-quart pot with a tight fitting lid. Bring the temperature up to 170°F and hold for 15 minutes.

Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature. Strain through a fine mesh strainer. Reserve vanilla bean.

Scrape the seeds from the inside of the bean halves and stir into broth. Add fruit and chill in the refrigerator for 2

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What's your perfect picnic?

A wicker basket filled with delectable deli or carry-out treats, and a bottle of wine? or an ice filled cooler containing pop, beer, fried chicken and salads? Please send us your favorite picnic menus, recipes and suggestions for best places to picnic in metro Detroit by Wednesday, Aug. 6. Be sure to include a daytime telephone number.

We'll feature your ideas and recipes in Taste on Sunday, Aug. 16. Send recipes, menus and suggestions for consideration to Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI or e-mail, kwvgnik@oe.homecomm.net

HEAD TO HEAD

Ferment event yields top hops

Michigan has one of the largest contingents of homebrewers in the country. On Saturday, July 25, homebrewers and microbrewers will gather at Greenmead Historical Park 1-6 p.m. to celebrate this growing industry, and showcase Michigan products during the Michigan Brewers Guild Summer Festival.

"In the last few years, over four dozen craft beer establishments have opened to serve a fresh locally produced beer to Michigan residents and visitors," said Rex Halfpenny, an award-winning homebrewer, editor and publisher of the Michigan Beer Guide, a monthly newsletter, and executive director of the Michigan Brewers Guild. "The festival is a unique opportunity to try outstanding beers produced in Michigan."

The Michigan Brewers Guild Summer Festival will showcase the beer and food of guild members. The Michigan Brewers Guild is a non-profit trade member organization dedicated to the promotion of Michigan brewed beer and consumer education. Twenty-seven microbreweries and brewpubs will be represented at the festival with over 100 different beers.

Greenmead is a 92-acre national historic landmark operated by the City of Livonia. "It seemed like a good fit," said Halfpenny. "There's been a revival of craft beers not seen since the turn of the century."

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Michigan Homebrew Clubs

- **Ann Arbor Brewers Guild**, Ann Arbor - Meets the second Friday of each month at various locations; Rolf Wucherer (734) 662-8476.
- **Detroit Car Boys**, Warren - Meets second Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at various locations; Ed Marsh, (248) 399-4186.
- **Fermental Order of Renaissance Draughtsmen (FORD)**, Warren - Meets monthly alternate third Tuesday or Wednesday; (810) 558-9844.
- **Pontiac Brewing Tribe**, Pontiac - Meets second Tuesday of each month at King Brewing Company; Craig Spicer (248) 625-6093 or kegg@usa.pipeline.com

Local Homebrew Supply Outlets

- **Brew & Grow** - 33523 W. 8 Mile Road, Livonia, (800) 734-4195
- **Michigan's Vino Marketplace** - 2789 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, (734) 769-0900
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- **Atwater Block Brewery** - 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit, (313) 393-2443
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Festival Information

What: The Festival will showcase the beer and food of Michigan Brewers Guild members. The Michigan Brewers Guild is a non-profit trade member organization dedicated to the promotion of Michigan brewed beer and consumer education. Event proceeds benefit the Michigan Brewers Guild.

When: 1-6 p.m. Saturday, July 25.

Where: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh at Eight Mile Road, Livonia.

Admission: Tickets are \$25 per person, available at the door, and all 33 Michigan Brewers Guild Breweries, Merchant's Fine Wine locations, and Greenmead. Call Rex Halfpenny (248) 628-6584, or Merchant's Fine Wine (248) 546-7770 for more information, or <http://www.michiganbeerguide.com> on the web. Non-drinking, designated drivers will be admitted at no charge.

Mark your calendar:

■ July 27-Aug. 7 - Michigan State Fair Homebrew Competition entries accepted. AHA sanctioned. Best of Show judged on Aug. 29 at the fair. Sponsored by the Ann Arbor and FORD Homebrew Clubs. Call Stephen Klump (313) 207-7570 before 8 p.m. for information.

■ Nov. 6-7 - The Ninth Annual Taste of Great Lakes Homebrew Conference in Frankenmuth, Beer Feast, Speakers, Microbrew & Specialty Beer Tasting, Homebrew Competition and more. Call 1-(800)-FUN-TOWN for information.

Dievole dedicated to preserving a heritage

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Agriculture is the heart of grapegrowing and wine-making. That's too often forgotten. Dievole in Tuscany's Chianti Classico region may be the best reminder. Dievole (translated as valley of the gods) is not just a story about wine. It is a documentation of people and vision.

In 1989, Dievole released its first wine since 1090. That's not a misprint! In between, nine centuries of sharecropping 16 parcels of land by outmoded methods, failed. The new vision, first conceived in 1979 by

Dievole's founder Mario Schwenn, revitalized the land, the wine, its people and in the process, created a modern village dedicated to preserving a heritage.

Let's put Dievole in perspective. Within Italy, Tuscany is a region of about a half million acres. The Chianti zone as a whole is about 50,000 acres with its heartland, Chianti Classico, about 14,000 acres. Within this lies the 200 acres known as Dievole and its two-square-mile private estate near Siena. It is one of the larger estates among the 970 in Chianti Classico.

Liquid geography

To 32-year-old owner Mario Schwenn's way of thinking, memorable wine is as much a map as a taste - a place where man, plant and planet meet. To him, it's a kind of liquid geography. Dievole, he says, is a "biological arena of 16 different microclimates, each with its own somewhere-ness," not just a 200-acre parcel of land.

Sixteen unique vineyards have been created from the 16 different microclimates. Wine derived from each is different, even though they are all Chianti Classico. But in some wines, by blending the uniqueness, Dievole can indeed make a whole greater than the sum of its parts.

But this is where the people of Dievole make their

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Harvest celebration: Dievole vineyards celebrates the harvest in the heart of Italy's Chianti Classico zone.

Wine Picks

- **Pick of the Pack:** 1995 Geyser Peak Reserve Alexandre \$28 gets highest marks for its quality to price ratio. Many Bordeaux-style blends from this vintage are twice the price and more.
- **More delicious cabernets:** 1995 Charles Krug Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley \$15; 1995 Dry Creek Vineyard Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$30; and 1995 Iron Horse Cabernet Sauvignon \$26.
- **Rose is a great summer refresher:** 1997 Iron Horse Rosato di Sangiovese, Alexander Valley \$15 and 1997 Preston "Le Petit Faux" \$12 are among the tops.
- **Drink what they do in Paris bistros during summer,** ample and harmonious Beaujolais! The price doesn't get much better than this for flavorful reds. Try these 1997s from Georges Dubouef: Beaujolais-Villages \$7; Julienas \$10 or Morgon \$10. From Maison Louis Jadot, 1997 Beaujolais Villages is also yummy at \$9.

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Festival attendees will be able to visit historic buildings, and interact with volunteers to learn more about Livonia's past. A special beer tent will feature Michigan microbrewed beer, food, beer-related exhibits and demonstrations.

"It's a family event," said Halfpenny. "Children can still enjoy an afternoon at Greenmead."

Tickets are \$25. Non-drinking designated drivers will be admitted at no charge. Tickets will only be sold to those 21 and older, and includes a commemorative cup, and punch-cards for up to 42 three-ounce tastings.

Food produced by Michigan Brewers Guild members including bratwurst sandwiches, ribs, hot dogs and other pub grub will be sold at nominal charge. Acoustic, roaming musicians will provide low key entertainment.

"This will be an exciting event for all Michigan residents and a great opportunity to try the best beer brewed in Michigan," said Halfpenny. "Never before have this many Michigan Breweries been brought together in one forum."

If you're interested in homebrewing, you might want to visit a place like Brew & Grow in Livonia that sells homebrewing supplies, and talk to owner Scott Day.

"It's a real easy, fun hobby. If you enjoy drinking good beer, it's a great way to expand on that."

Brewing beer at home is not real expensive. You can get started for \$65 to \$165, said Day. That includes equipment, ingredients, and a book. The

equipment is reusable. The ingredients such as malt, hops and yeast cost \$25 to \$35 per batch.

"There's about four to five hours of labor involved," said Day. "It takes one month to make. A five gallon batch yields two cases of beer."

Often people get interested in brewing their own beer after visiting a microbrewery. "They get familiar with more styles of beer. Homebrewing allows more diversity," said Day. "People are realizing that beer can actually taste good and get interested in how easy it is to make."

Joining a club is another way to learn more about homebrewing, and representatives of local clubs will be at the festival.

"It's the camaraderie of having a hobby in common," said Half-

penny explaining the advantages of belonging to a club. He is a member of the Pontiac Brewing Tribe. "It's an opportunity to learn from each other, and a venue to further your education and make better beer."

Competitions are not about being the best, but making better beer, and the Pontiac Brewing Tribe homebrew club is hosting an American Homebrewers Association sanctioned homebrew competition "Brew-Wow" in conjunction with the festival.

The first round judging took place July 18 after the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper went to press, at King Brewing Company in Pontiac.

Best of Show judging will take place at the Michigan Brewers Guild Summer Festival at 4 p.m.

Craig Spicer, president of the Pontiac Brewing Tribe said the response to the Brew-Wow has been great. "We've gotten entries from California, Washington State, and Texas," he said.

Beer is sometimes associated with rowdiness, but this isn't about that. "Treat it as a tasteful festival," said Spicer. "It's an opportunity to experience beers you've never tried - stout, porters, pale ales, they all carry a lot of history. The food products at the festival should be really good too. The brewers know what foods go well with beer."

Spicer enjoys cooking. "We do a lot of canning, and make our own cheese and bread," he said. "My buddy started brewing beer, and I got interested," he said.

Pontiac Brewing Tribe members come from all walks of life. "We have doctors, lawyers, garbage men, and computer technicians," he said. Of the membership, 85 percent are men, 15 percent women.

"Beer just being a more of a sort of thing," he said. "We're not sexist. Women are welcome. A lot of the men bring their wives to the meetings."

"I think beer has been boring for years," said Halfpenny. "I think that's why women didn't like it. Now that beer is becoming more interesting, because of its wine-like aroma and flavor complexities, I think we'll see more women get involved in the industry. My wife hated beer, but she's developed a taste for microbrewed beer."

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- hours. Serve in chilled bowls. Serves 6.
- COLD NOODLES WITH SWEET HOT SAUCE**
- 1 pound Lo Mein or Soba Noodles
 - 2 tablespoons plus 2 tablespoons sesame oil
 - 2 tablespoons minced ginger
 - 1 tablespoon minced garlic
 - 6 tablespoons cider vinegar
 - 1/4 cup brown sugar (not packed)
 - 1/2 cup molasses
 - 2 tablespoons dry sherry
 - 1/2 cup Lite Soy Sauce
 - 1 or 2 minced red or green hot chili peppers
 - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 - 2 1/2 tablespoons cold water
 - 1 red bell pepper, julienne
 - 1 orange bell pepper, julienne
 - 1/2 small red onion, julienne
 - 3 green onions, cut diagonally
 - 1 handful of bean sprouts
 - 4 ounces sliced mushrooms (carrot sliced into thin coin size pieces)
- In a stock pot bring lightly salt-

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ed water to a boil and add noodles. Cook according to package directions. Drain and rinse with cold water to cool. Drain well. Add 2 tablespoons sesame oil to noodles and toss in a bowl to coat and set aside.

In a 1-quart saucepan add 2 tablespoons sesame oil and heat over a medium flame. Add the ginger and garlic and cook until light brown (don't burn, it!) Add soy sauce, vinegar, sherry, molasses, brown sugar and chili peppers. Turn down heat, and simmer for 5 minutes.

Mix cornstarch and water well and whisk into sauce to thicken. Remove from heat and chill. Add vegetables to noodles and toss well. Add one cup of sauce and toss well again and serve. You will have leftover sauce, but it's great on chicken or pork chops on the grill. Serves 4.

Chief Joseph Styke is sous chef at the Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth, and an award-winning home brewer. Look for his column on the last Sunday of the month in Taste. We made an exception this month to coincide with the Michigan Brewers Guild Summer Festival.

impact. Each of Dievole's 16 estate vineyards is tended by its own master-vintner whom Schwenn calls "tutors." Wine emanating from these vineyards reflects the soul of a man and marvelously is not self-expressionism at any cost. Ego is put aside and old vines are nursed, given the dictates of nature in a given vintage.

"The work of a good vintner is the result of observation," Schwenn noted philosophically. "The wine is a summation of his thoughts. He must know what questions to ask and the options opened up by possible answers. At Dievole, we do not make a wine, we raise it."

Chianti Classico

To begin to experience Dievole, head straight for the Chianti Classico. The 1995 at \$13.50 is a good introduction, hallmarked by berry aromas and brown spice notes. The 1994 Chianti Classico Riserva \$19.50 is all of the above, just bigger and better and well worth the extra cost.

The bar is raised with 1995 Broccato \$25.50 which is 100 percent sangiovese. Sangiovese is Italy's most planted red vari-

ety at more than 10 percent of all Italian vineyards. Today, there is an increased interest, not only in Tuscany, but in California to understand the large number of clonal variations and which one grows best on a given site. "Because of this, Dievole's Broccato is a work in progress, but its evolution has been phenomenal."

Today's so-called Super Tuscan wines are often blended with high percentages of cabernet sauvignon overshadowing the fruit generosity of sangiovese. This supposedly, puts some meat on the bones of sangiovese. Shortly, with the appearance of wines like Dievole Broccato, a sangiovese with meat, the new generation of Super Tuscan wines ever made.

Wines like Broccato are only born in vineyards with strict growing practices and low yields. Ripe, healthy fruit is hand harvested then scrupulously vinified by the gentlest methods.

The fabulous 1994 Dievole Rinascimento \$15 is not only well priced, but a great wine with ripe plum aromas and layers of generous complexity. It honors the vineyard "tutors." The faces on the label are those of the real people tending the vineyards - the people that create the greatness of Dievole.

And this story is one you can experience first hand. Dievole rents double rooms in the Villa for as little as \$100 per day to a Casa (house) accommodating up to eight to 10 people for \$235 per day. These are high season rates and require a two-day minimum stay. To inquire or reserve, phone direct from the U.S. 011 39 5 77 32 26 13 or 011 39 5 77 32 27 12 or Fax 011 39 5 77 32 25 74.

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- 1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup water
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- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 cup half & half cream
- 3/4 cup plain nonfat yogurt

1 cup pureed blueberries
1/2 cup banana-orange frozen juice concentrate or pineapple frozen juice concentrate

Sprinkle gelatin over water. Let stand for 5 minutes to soften.

In a saucepan, combine honey with gelatin mixture and heat to a boil, stirring to dissolve gelatin. Remove from heat and cool. Whisk in the lemon juice and the half & half cream.

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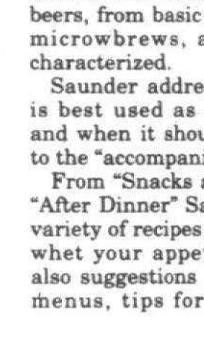
Discover new ways of 'Cooking with Beer'

Lucy Saunders calls her cookbook "Cooking With Beer: Taste and Creative Ideas for Matching Beer & Food" (Time-Life Books; November 1996; \$12.95/paperback) a map to be used to "explore the combined flavors of beer and food."

Saunders introduces readers to beer - where it came from; how it has evolved; and how beers, from basic lagers to exotic microbrews, are made, and characterized.

Saunders addresses when beer is best used as an ingredient, and when it should be relegated to the "accompaniment" role.

From "Snacks and Starters" to "After Dinner" Saunders offers a variety of recipes that are sure to whet your appetite. There are also suggestions for beer-tasting menus, tips for handling and



Try ful, an Egyptian dish for everyday

By DANA JACOBI SPECIAL WRITER

Every neighborhood has its local charms. When I first moved to the Upper East Side of Manhattan, I was enchanted to discover an Egyptian restaurant. The food was impeccably fresh, the prices modest, and Mustafa, the owner, most gracious.

From my trips to Greek and other Mediterranean restaurants I recognized almost all of the dishes on the menu, like stuffed grape leaves and various kabobs. When I bravely tried ful medames, one that was not familiar, it was love at first bite.

This humble dish, sometimes simply called ful, is eaten throughout Egypt. It is made by mixing partly mashed beans with olive oil, lemon juice, parsley, and sometimes, the creamy sesame paste called tahini. Egyptians say you eat ful for breakfast if you are rich, for lunch if you are of modest means, and for dinner if you are poor. For me, it is a perfect example of peasant food that is fit for a feast anytime.

Ful is both the name of the dish and of the type of fava beans used to make it. These round, brown beans have a definite skin and a soft interior. When I asked Mustafa about cooking dried ful from scratch, he suggested using canned beans sold at most Middle Eastern food stores because the dried beans take hours to cook.

One summer I had a craving for ful while vacationing in a beautiful and somewhat remote part of Massachusetts. Experimenting with the different types of canned beans available at the local market, I discovered that pinto beans worked nicely. Since pinto beans have more flavor than ful, I made Ful Eskandarani, in the style of Alexandria, as opposed to Ful Medames, which is popular in Cairo. Combining beans, chopped onion, diced tomato and cucumber, and served on shredded

Roast hot pepper sauce

Blend the 1/4 cup beer, the 1/3 cup olive oil, and the roasted garlic in a blender. Place in a gallon-sized zip-seal bag with the flank steak, and refrigerate at least one hour, or overnight to marinate.

Wash and slice the mushrooms very thin (this can be done in a few seconds, using the 2 mm slicing blade of a food processor and the wide feed tube).

Rub a heavy, non-stick 10-inch saucpan with the 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Place over very low heat and gently saute the mushrooms, sprinkling with onion and a bit of salt. Stir constantly to prevent sticking, and saute until the mushrooms are almost dehydrated and crisp.

Stir in the 6 ounces of beef and the thyme and let simmer; the mushrooms will absorb the beer and return to tenderness.

While the sauce simmers, pan-sear the marinated steak in a heavy skillet over high heat; a rare steak requires 8-10 minutes per side, while a well-done steak requires 15 minutes per side. Let the steak rest before carving; slice thin, across the grain.

Season the mushroom sauce to taste with salt and pepper sauce and serve a spoonful over each thinly sliced portion of steak. Serves 6. Pair with Maibock or Well-Hopped Bock.

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- 1 tablespoon olive oil (for saute)
- 2 tablespoons finely minced onion
- Salt to taste
- 6 ounces bock beer
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme

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Meatless meal: Pinto Bean Ful is a satisfying no cook meal for hot summer nights.

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per to taste

4 pieces warm pita bread

Arrange the lettuce to cover a serving plate and set aside.

In a medium, non-stick skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion until slightly soft, about 4 minutes.

Add the beans, mashing about half of them coarsely with a fork. Add the tomato, cucumber and parsley. Mix until some of the mashed beans are creamy and the mixture is warmed through, but not hot. Remove from heat.

Mix in the lemon juice. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Spread the beans over the lettuce and serve immediately. Pass the warmed pita bread separately.

Each of the 4 servings contains 328 calories and 5 grams of fat.

Written for the American Institute of Cancer Research by Dana Jacobi, author of "The Best of Claypot Cooking," and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!"

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Child immunizations

In preparation for the new school year, St. Mary Hospital is offering two Infant and Child Immunization Clinics from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 17 and 24. Cost is \$5 per child no matter how many immunizations are given. Health care professionals from St. Mary Hospital will be available to answer questions and administer pending availability of serum, including hepatitis B and H. Influenza type B, for children under age 18. Please bring all available immunization records with you. No registration is required. Children need 12 to 16 doses of different vaccines before their second birthday to be protected from serious childhood diseases. These shots can be administered in about five visits to a health clinic or private physician. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

Menopause Support

Women learn to live fuller lives during your mid-life years. The Marian Women's Menopause Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at St. Mary Hospital in the West Addition Conference Room B. The group provides in-depth information, education and emotional support. Exercise specialist Patricia Haney of the hospital's Cardiovascular Services will be Wednesday's guest speaker. There is no charge to attend and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1650.

Child I.D. clinic

St. Mary Hospital is sponsoring a free Child Identification and Teddy Bear Clinic on Saturday, August 8, from noon to 4 p.m. at Wonderland Mall, at Plymouth and Middlebelt in Livonia. Staff members from St. Mary Hospital will obtain height and weight on each child. Photos will be taken, and a Livonia Police Department officer will fingerprint each child. Children are invited to bring their "injured" stuffed animals to be cared for by St. Mary staff members. Call St. Mary Hospital's Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

Grief support

Angela Hospice July grief support groups will meet Tuesday, July 28 at 1 and 6:30 p.m. All groups are free-of-charge and open to the community. For more information call (734) 464-7810. Angela Hospice is located at 14100 Newburgh Road in Livonia.

Prostate cancer

CNN reporter Bob Novak, a prostate cancer survivor, will be the keynote speaker for the International Prostate Cancer Symposium for the Patient on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 1-2, in the Power Center on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Alternative and conventional treatments will be discussed. Topics include diet and nutrition, sexual issues, women's issues, using the Internet to get prostate cancer data and gene therapy. Call (800) 835-7633.

We want your health news

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

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COMPUTER VISION SYNDROME

Doctors warn against future eyestrain epidemic

Eyestrain, blurred vision, headaches and tense muscles are universal complaints among workers who put in long hours in front of computer screens. Although many computer users, and their employers, figure these annoying discomforts are just something to put up with as part of the job, one million new patients each year are seeking professional help for computer-related eye problems according to the American Optometric Association.

Eye doctors, alarmed by the steady stream of new patients, see the potential for an eyestrain epidemic in the 21st century if the problem is not addressed by U.S. businesses. Computer-related vision and eye problems, known as Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS), are already reaching crisis proportions in the workplace.

A study conducted by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health indicated that 88 percent of the people who work at computers more than three hours a day suffer from symptoms of eyestrain. And the number of CVS sufferers seeking help is on the rise, growing from 10 million in 1992 to 15 million in 1995. American companies and employees now spend close to \$2 billion each year to diagnose and treat CVS, according to the American Optometric Association.

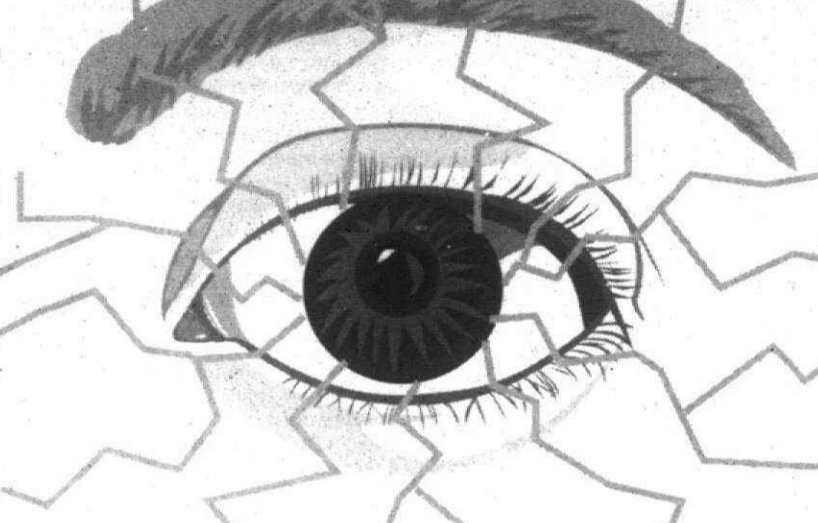
Since more people are using computers, it's no wonder that a Harris Poll found that computer-related eyestrain is the number one office-related health complaint in the United States. And CVS will continue to increase as people increase their dependence on computers, on-line services and the Internet.

By the year 2000 nearly 75 percent of all U.S. employees will be in front of a computer screen for several hours every day according to the Journal of Behavioral Optometry. Then, of course, many of them will log in a few more hours in front of their computers at home every evening, thereby heightening their chances of visual problems as well as sore necks and shoulders.

Employees at greatest risk for CVS use computers intensively for two or more hours on a daily basis. They are the engineers, stock brokers, administrative assistants, editors, accountants, graphic artists, software developers, architects, telemarketers, customer service representatives — the valuable business and professional people whose productivity and good health are so crucial to a company's bottom line.

Beyond the issue of keeping those employees comfortable and happy, addressing computer-related vision and eye problems makes economic sense. Far from a minor irritations, the symptoms of CVS are severe enough to cause fatigue and stress, increase error rates and time spent taking breaks away from the computer, and to employee dissatisfaction with the job, absenteeism, and become potential health insurance and disability issues.

The adverse effect of CVS has been documented with examinations of computer users' visual performance. A study cited in the Journal of the American Optometric Association found that in the presence of very little visual degradation, such as glare on a monitor, employees show an efficiency decline of 4 percent to 19 percent in accomplishing



standard tasks. Translating that percentage into dollars, just a 4 percent improvement in efficiency of an employee earning \$30,000 per year would be worth \$1,200. Consider the costs for employees at much higher pay scales.

Providing optimum conditions for computer users impacts health costs, too. To understand the potential for CVS to become a financial burden to American businesses, consider its similarities to carpal tunnel syndrome. Carpal tunnel syndrome now costs over \$8 billion in medical bills and lost work days annually. If CVS-related conditions begin to qualify for medical treatment under guidelines similar to those used for carpal tunnel syndrome, employee health and disability costs could easily escalate.

For years, ergonomics designers have studied how to adapt computers to the human anatomy to make computing as comfortable as possible. As a result, ergonomic keyboards and mice, tilting computer screens, wrist supports and other devices to relieve physical stress have become the norm. Yet even though it's well-known that reading a computer display is not the same as reading a printed page, human factors engineers have failed to successfully address the eye problems of computer users.

What can be done to help computer users who suffer from CVS?

Assorted remedies such as anti-glare screens, special glasses, visors, eye drops specifically for computer users, restructured workspaces, and ergonomic furniture help in the short term. There are even new software programs that advise users when to take breaks. But according to experts in various fields — optometrists and medical professionals, computer manufacturers, ergonomic consultants and lighting designers — a primary factor in computer-related eye problems is improper lighting and a primary solution in alleviating CVS is good light distribution.

Good light distribution is accomplished when all of the objects in the field of view have approximately equal brightness. Typically, that is not the case in standard office settings. Most office lighting, which was designed for working on paper on a flat, horizontal desk surface, is about twice as bright as it should be for computer work.

The constant, bright lighting and glare from overhead fluorescent lighting produces washout, veiling reflections and an uncomfortable brightness ratio.

— Washout, or uniform glare is the ambient light that falls across the computer screen. Light washes over the entire screen and lightens it, robbing the image of sharp contrast. For example, black objects or letters become dark gray and closer in color value to the lighter objects or backgrounds on a screen. The eye must work harder to see the characters on the monitor.

— Veiling Reflections are objects that can be seen on the screen in addition to the screen image. Examples are reflected documents, the user's clothing and silhouette, furniture, objects hanging on the wall, and lighting fixtures. Intensity: this multiple image is not a problem, but after two or more hours, it becomes very tiring as the eye always filtering out the reflected image from the screen.

— Brightness Ratio is the difference in the overall brightness of the computer screen compared to the brightness of the surrounding surfaces in the workstation. When there are marked differences in brightness, the eye is forced to constantly adapt, causing strain and fatigue.

Parabolic fixtures which direct fluorescent light downward over an employee's work area, indirect lighting techniques which focus lighting upward, screen filters, wall and window coverings — anything that addresses good lighting distribution — will help to reduce the symptoms of CVS.

Some CVS specialists advise unscrewing a light bulb or two to achieve lower light levels, but then what does the computer user do when more light is required to read a report or check through a paper file?

One of the most effective and practical remedies to the lighting environment problems is to give computer users individual control of their own overhead fluorescent lighting.

It is now possible to adjust fluorescent lighting with a hand-held remote control. With the remote, the employee can adjust the fluorescent lighting to his or her personal comfort level for various tasks at different times of the day — dimmer for computer work, brighter for reading or paper work. Each employee can fit the lighting to his or her own needs without affecting the lighting of employees in adjoining workstations. Each person sets his or her own lighting level depending on his or her own visual requirements and tasks. This economical, individualized fluorescent lighting control system — PerSONNA from Lutron Electronics Co., Inc. — is a small investment to alleviate a problem that affects employees' physical and mental well-being on a daily basis.

If not addressed, Computer Vision Syndrome will continue to raise healthcare costs and deteriorate worker satisfaction and productivity. The symptoms of CVS can be remedied. Individual lighting control puts the remedy in the computer user's hand. It not only creates a visual environment that is conducive to work, it also minimizes liability and health-related expenses and saves energy as light levels are reduced.

For more information on PerSONNA, the individual fluorescent lighting control, please call the Lutron Hotline: 800-523-9466 or visit Lutron's Web site at www.lutron.com.

Items for Medical Databook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Databook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.

TUE, JULY 21

LOSS OF A LOVED ONE
Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is encouraged to participate in GranCare's free support group the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m. at GranCare, 38955 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, Call (734) 432-6565 ext. 115.

TUE, JULY 22

SAFE SITTER CLASS
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will offer a Safe Sitter Class for young people ages 11-13 July 22 and Friday, July 24 from 8:30 to 9 p.m. Safe Sitter is a medically-accurate instruction series that teaches boys and girls aged 11-13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. Cost \$40 per student, registration required. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

ADULT CPR
Learn about the risk factors, signs and symptoms of heart attack, airway obstruction relief and CPR techniques. Cost \$15. Free to authorized Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members. Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne from 6-9:30 p.m. Call (800) 543-WELL.

THUR, JULY 23

COOKING DEMO
Berried treasures - fresh berry desserts. Classes begin at 7 p.m. Sponsored by Botsford General Hospital. Pre-registration and \$6 fee. Information, call (248) 477-6100.

TOPS CLUB
TOPS Club, Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Thursday from 9:15-10:30 a.m. at Church of the Holy Spirit, Newburgh.

Road north of Joy in Livonia. For more information please call Elsie at (734) 522-5444.

TUE, JULY 28

CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION
A six-week course beginning at 6 p.m. providing information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care. Weekend classes and two session refresher class are also available. Register early in pregnancy by calling Garden City Hospital, 458-4330.

FIBROMYALGIA, NUTRITION
Dr. Martin Tamler specialist in fibromyalgia will present: The Role of Nutrition in Proper Health Maintenance. Tuesday, July 28 from 7-9 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium 32777 Five Mile Road - south side. There is no charge and you do not need to register.

WED, JULY 29

BREASTFEEDING CLASS
A Breastfeeding Class is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration required. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT
St. Mary Hospital will offer a course on Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers from 7-10 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. This refresher course includes one and two-person rescue of the adult victim, one-person rescue of the child and infant during a cardiac emergency. Course fee, \$25 per person. Call St. Mary Hospital (734) 655-8940.

THUR, JULY 30

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HEART PALLS
Support offered for cardiac

FRI, JULY 31

PROSTATE CANCER SYMPOSIUM
The First International Prostate Cancer Symposium for patients will be held July 31 through August 2 at the Power Center in Ann Arbor. Participants will hear a keynote address by prostate cancer survivor Bob Novak of CNN. Medical experts will offer objective and unbiased medical information on alternative and conventional therapies. Space is limited. Register by calling (800) 835-7633.

SAT, AUG 1

UNIQUE CAMPS
Two special camps will be hosted by Angela Hospice pediatric program, My Nest is Best, in August. Camp Lakota will be a day camp Aug. 1-7 from 9-3 p.m. each day at Madonna University. Children ages 7-10 who are dealing with death of a loved one are invited to attend. Activities include arts/crafts and hiking. Cost \$25 per child; \$35 per family. Explorer Camp in the woods of Camp Tamarack, near Holly, will run from Aug. 21-23. Explorer Camp is unique because it works with the entire family and campers spend time getting to know each other, sharing experiences about their loss and participating in fun, healing activities. An \$80 fee covers all costs for the family to attend the weekend camp. Call Leslie Feret at (734) 464-7810 for more information.

MON, AUG 3

TOPS CLUB
TOPS Club, Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Monday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh in Livonia. For more information please call Marlynn at (734) 464-2844.

FIGURINE MEETINGS
Meets every Monday (ongoing) at St. Paul Presbyterian Church (5 Mile, one block west of Inkster). Club for men and women who need to take off a few pounds or a lot. Call Doris Knobel, (422-7595 for more information).

HEART PALLS
Support offered for cardiac

patients and/or significant others which will meet at 7 p.m. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call 458-4330, Garden City Hospital.

TUE, AUG 4, 6

SAFE SITTER CLASS
The Marian Women's Center will offer a Safe Sitter Class for people ages 11-13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday, August 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Safe Sitter is a medically-accurate instruction series that teaches boys and girls aged 11-13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. Cost, \$40 per student. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

WED, AUG 5

PATHWAYS TO PARENTING
Offers the opportunity for new mothers to network, share concerns and gain information. Free. Aug. 5 program: "Reading to your Baby." Meetings held monthly from 12:30-2 p.m. Call Botsford at (248) 477-6100.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP
The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet on from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia in the West Addition Conference Room B. The guest speaker is Patricia Haney, Exercise Specialist, Cardiovascular Services, St. Mary Hospital. There is no charge to attend the meeting but registration is required.

CANCER SUPPORT
"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 655-8940 or toll free 1 (800) 494-1650.

CHILD & INFANT CPR
Offered monthly at 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital approved by the American Heart Association. Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in three hour class. Call 458-4330 to register.

DIABETES SUPPORT
Meets the first Wednesday of

each month at 2:30-7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support at Garden City Hospital.

THUR, AUG. 6

MY BODY, MYSELF WORKSHOP
Two-hour workshop for women only. Thursday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. Pre-registration and \$50.00 fee. Information: call Botsford at (248) 477-6100.

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SAT, AUG. 8

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TUE, AUG. 11

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT
Meetings provide mutual aid and support as well as affording the opportunity to share problems/concerns. Meet at 7 p.m. in Classroom #1 of Garden City

HOSPITAL MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING
Call 458-4330 for information.

MOTHER POSTPARTUM SUPPORT
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will offer a Mother-Baby Support Group from 10-11 a.m. Mothers and their babies are invited to attend this free support group that provides information and emotional support for new moms. Call (734) 655-1100.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
St. Mary Hospital's Marian Women's Center offers a Breast Cancer Support Group that is a free, self-help/education group that provides women the opportunity to share experiences and discuss subjects of mutual concern relating to breast cancer. The support group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT
St. Mary Hospital will offer a course on Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday in the Auditorium. Fee, \$25. Register at (734) 655-8940.

WED, AUG 12

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
Join other adults with diabetes and family members to ask questions and share problems at the St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Hospital Auditorium near the Five Mile entrance. There is no charge to attend the meeting and registration is not required.

THUR, AUG 13

CANCER SUPPORT
A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. Group meets in the Medical Office Building and is free of charge. Call 458-3311.

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Coverage of Web sex story is reprehensible

PC TALK



MIKE WENDLAND

The porn pushers and sex exploiters have suckered the nation's media into hyping an XXX-rated adult Web site that promises to show two California teenagers lose their virginity ... live... on the Internet.

Tasteless people will do anything for attention. And the saddest thing is ... an equally tasteless audience is out there eagerly awaiting. The Web site (NO ... I won't give out the address) was so jammed with people anxious to see and hear more that site promoters are gleefully reporting they'll have to add more servers when the actual "event" happens in the next three weeks.

It's no secret, of course, that the Internet has plenty of junk sites. But this new site is so sleazy that it sets a new low for the Internet. Yet the mainstream media keeps giving the site millions of dollars in free publicity.

And therein, I submit, is a much larger story. Is this site typical of the Internet? Or, is it and all the accompanying attention it's getting another indication of a mainstream media totally out of touch with the Internet's ... and society's ... norm?

The story of the teen-sex site is being bantered all over the world, on TV and in newspapers. All the news accounts seem to treat it as a real story, attributing it to a Los Angeles lawyer who claims the 18-year-old teenagers, identified only as Mike and Diane, want to show the act of making love is "beautiful."

"Act" is a very accurate word here. It's all a sham, a publicity stunt for a network of sex sites. The creator of the site said he wasn't yet selling ads on the page but hoped that he'd get some attention and maybe some clients for his Web design business. The more traffic his business gets, the more subscriptions he'll eventually be able to sell.

Since faces of the two people shown on the site are blocked out, and since their real or complete names are not used, we're left to trust the word of a pornographer that this is for real. Right. The two alleged teenagers may be porn models for all we know. The actual "act" is not going to happen for weeks ... giving the site managers time to lure online voyeurs with serial-type accounts that purport to follow the "teens" as they prepare for their encounter with AIDS counseling, buying condoms and the like.

I find myself amazed and depressed. Not at the way the porn pushers exploit sex on the Internet. They're in it only to make a buck. And they're just taking advantage of gullible people. What amazes and depresses me, however, is those gullible people are my colleagues in the mainstream media.

Most newspapers and TV reports covered this story as if it were real. Scanning the papers, there was precious little skepticism. On the Internet, though, it was another story. A much more accurate story. Newsgroups postings quickly exposed

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the site's connection to a condom company. Other posts showed how someone had forged e-mail and flooded some of the on-line chat rooms with purported "protests" about the site.

But the posts, which appeared to be signed from the Christian Coalition, were fakes, or what "Netizens" call "trolls," deceptive messages that are used to create a "buzz," or controversy, that make it look like someone was trying to shut the site down.

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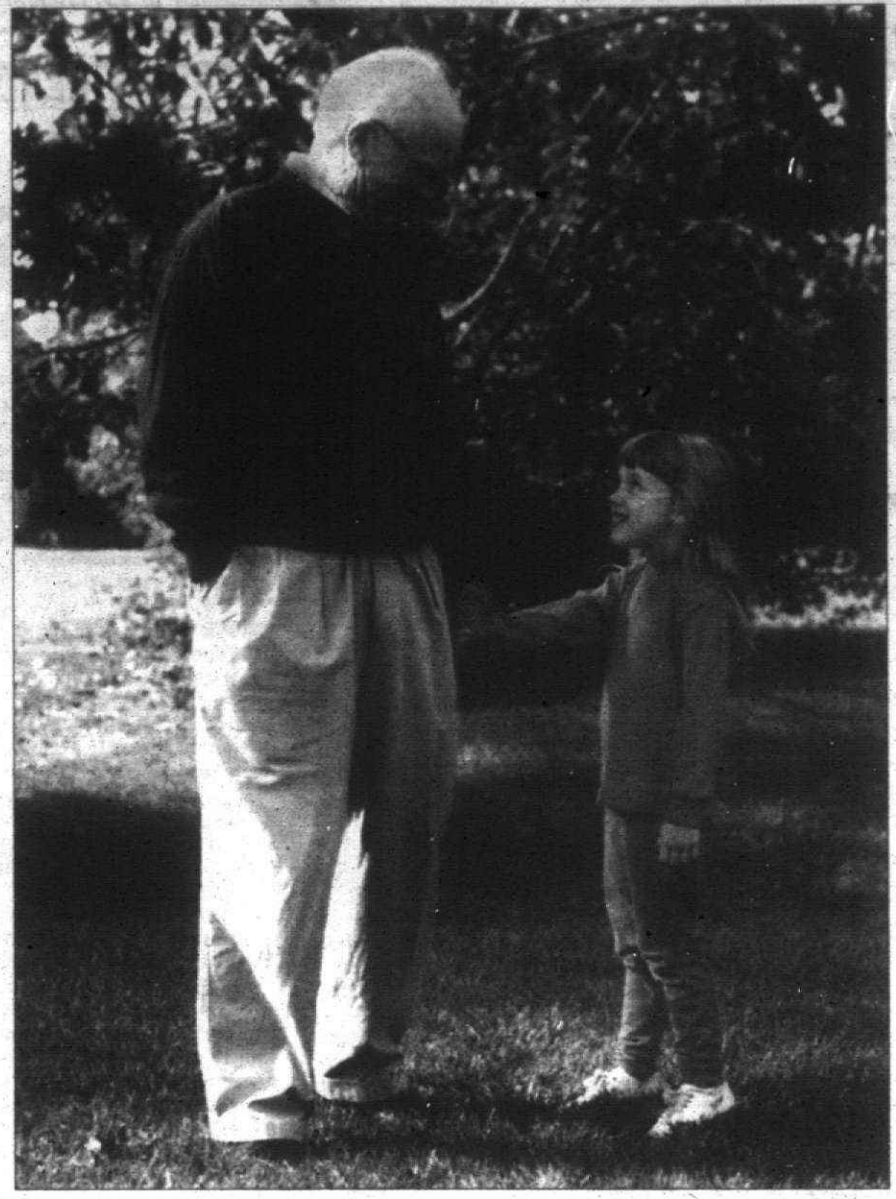
The Internet is like a city. Most of it is safe and livable. But there are bad parts of town, dangerous and dirty streets populated by pretty despicable people. It is up to the decent people to do all they can to shed light on those dark streets. But at the very least, if they can't clean them up, they can avoid them. For if nobody travels them, then the exploiters have no one to exploit.

For new media, the "city" is still being built, still expanding. To be sure, tough freedom of speech issues and debates over Internet censorship are to be waged. As zoning laws regulate a city's neighborhoods and development, cyberspace will similarly evolve.

But for the vast majority of people offended by the teenage sex site and the shameless hype that accompanies it, the best way to deal with it is ... simply ignore it. That, I submit, is what really is happening. For no matter how the "old media" reports on the "new media," no matter how they hype this site as if it's the hottest thing in cyberspace, the majority of those who regularly use the Internet are no more interested in the teenage sex site than the majority of people are interested in the Jerry Springer Show.

Yes, the sex site will get a couple of million hits. That's a lot. But with 62 million Americans regularly using the Internet, it's clear that the twisted are very much in the minority and that part of town is not reflective of the whole "city."

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM1270. His latest book "The Complete No Geek Speak Guide to the Internet" is available in book stores or through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>.



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BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

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Lisa Bradshaw

Account supervisor
Lisa Bradshaw of Plymouth has joined D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles/Detroit as an account supervisor for events marketing for Cadillac. She resides in Plymouth with her husband Mark.

Tennyson adds staff
Tennyson Chevrolet of Livonia recently welcomed Richard Mathes as their newly appointed salesman. His responsibilities include new and used car sales and leasing, where he uses his talent to ensure customer service and satisfaction. Mathes has had many years of experience working in dealerships and is excited to be part of the Ten-



Lori Eldridge

nyson family.
Designers named
Lori Eldridge has been promoted from computer artist to senior graphic designer at Eisbrenner Public Relations, according to Ray Eisbrenner, firm president. Eldridge designs brochures, slides, overheads, newsletters, on-screen presentations and trade show graphics for a variety of the firm's automotive and service clients. She resides in Livonia.

Recent shareholder
Kevin N. Summers of the Haisch and Boyda, P.C., law firm has become a shareholder. Summers and his family reside in Livonia. The firm maintains its offices in Southfield.

Organizational change
Anil Selby of Canton has been named the new director of customer attainment and retention at Valassis Communications, Inc. of Livonia. He joined the company in May of 1998 from Dialogue Marketing, where he was vice president of sales. His marketing experience will be an asset to the retail services area.

BUSINESS DATEBOOK

Business-related calendar items are welcome from the Observer, area and should be sent to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

TUE, JULY 21
CAREER WOMEN
The National Association of Career Women, West Suburban Chapter will host their monthly networking meeting from 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth. Camille Procassini will be the guest speaker and discuss using intuition in the workplace. She is a clairvoyant and certified hypnoterapist and teacher of intuition development and dream interpretation at Schoolcraft College. Call Judi (734) 453-7272 ext. 223 for more information.

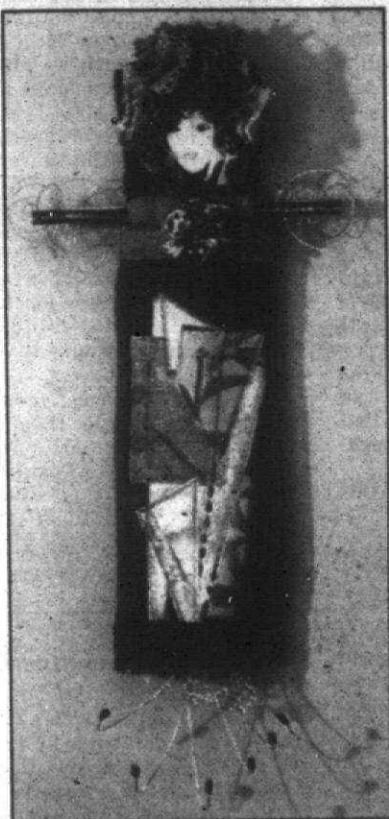
WED, JULY 22
BUSINESS NETWORK INT.
The regular meeting of BNI, 7-8:30 a.m., at Laurel Park Chapter, Richards Restaurant, Plymouth Road and Newburgh. Call (734) 397-9939.

FRI, JULY 24
BUSINESS NETWORK INT.
The regular meeting of the Livonia Chapter of BNI, 7-8:30 a.m., will meet at Senate Koney Island, on Plymouth Road, near Stark. Call (734) 397-9939.

TUE, AUG 4
WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS
The Women Business Owners of Southeast Michigan will feature

"Women's Business Solutions Roundtable." This will be an opportunity discuss current topics relating to women in business. 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the cafe on the first floor of the 777 Building on Eisenhower at State Street in Ann Arbor. Call (734) 332-9300, JoAnne Barron or visit Web site at www.wobo.org

TUE, SEPT 1
WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS
The Women Business Owners of Southeast Michigan will feature Mary Valerie in a program titled, "From Aching Back - to Healthy Back." She owns Body Works Fitness and Massage Therapy Center in Ann Arbor. 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the cafe on the first floor of the 777 Building on Eisenhower at State Street in Ann Arbor. Call (734) 332-9300.



Off the wall: Barb Gibson exhibits her art dolls in the Novi Art Festival Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 15-16.

Fairs track art trends

Every year I look forward to covering the Ann Arbor Art Fairs as a way to gauge trends and movements in the art world.

This year, pottery and glass artists seemed to be everywhere because artists realize homeowners want to personalize their surroundings. Booths of whimsical art dolls seem to be breeding in all three of the fairs. There were also more print makers offering everything from intaglio to silk-screens in the fairs which ran Wednesday-Saturday, July 15-18.

Buyers seem to be tiring of abstracts so fewer are being created. Artists are replacing non-subjective themes with more people and animals — dogs, cats, horses and birds, We do love our pets — and our cars. Tom Hale's classic car paintings never fail to attract admirers. Though the Farmington Hills artist will undoubtedly sell a larger volume of the acrylics at the Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance Invitational Art Exhibition 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at Oakland University in Rochester. A preview of the art works in the invitational remain on exhibit through July 30 at the Somerset Collection in Troy, and the Chrysler Corp. Technology Center in Auburn Hills. The Invitational Artists Preview and Reception takes place 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 31, at the Tech Center. The black tie art auction and reception takes place 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, on the Meadow Brook Hall lawn. For information, call (248) 370-3140.

Guide to upcoming fairs

Many of the artists in Ann Arbor exhibit in art fairs full time. There are still a number of summer and fall shows so if you missed the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, State Street Area Art Fair and Summer Art Fair this summer, read on.

Plymouth painter Tom LeGault arrived in Ann Arbor exhausted from painting his way through Art in the Park in Plymouth July 11-12. He was planning in Ann Arbor to pace the on-site painting he does at art fairs. LeGault will do 30 shows this summer and fall. That's a grueling schedule. LeGault runs and works out to stay in shape.

"I'm looking forward to after Ann Arbor," LeGault said at the Summer Art Fair on July 15. "It signals the end of the hot shows for me. My best sellers in Plymouth were traditional lighthouse scenes. In Ann Arbor it probably will be boating themes because even if customers aren't headed for the cabin they're wishing they were there."

LeGault takes his paints, brushes, traditional northern Michigan landscapes, and impressionistic works to the Northfield Hills Art on the Lake 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, at Long Lake Road between Crooks and Coolidge in Troy, (248) 641-9070. He will also be at the Romeo Peach Fest 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Monday, Sept. 5-7, Crosswell School grounds.

Please see FAIRS, C2



Monet inspired: (Left) S. Kay Young's photograph of the wildflower plantings, planted along the I-275 and I-96 interchange in Livonia, is part of an exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts. (Below) The wildflower plantings at three metro Detroit freeway exchanges create a micro-environment where bees pollinate flowers in the circle of life.

Photographer captures beauty of live paintings

Wildflower Paintings

WHAT: An exhibit of photographs featuring wildflower plantings alongside metro Detroit expressways last summer. Sponsored by Chrysler-Plymouth Superstores, the wildflower paintings were inspired by French Impressionist Claude Monet's gardens in Giverny, France.

WHEN: Through Sunday, Aug. 2. 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 Ave. For information, call (313) 833-7900.

ADMISSION: Free with recommended museum admission of \$4 adults, \$1 students/children, Founders Society members free.

Motorists stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic along three metro Detroit freeway exchanges, including the I-275 and I-96 interchange in Livonia, will have something of beauty to calm their frazzled nerves this summer — wildflower paintings.

Just as S. Kay Young enjoyed photographing the living art last summer, this year's colorful landscape will brighten travel for an estimated 1.5 million motorists daily thanks to Chrysler-Plymouth Superstores, sponsors of the project.

Ann Arbor landscape architects Johnson, Johnson & Roy designed the wildflower paintings to continually change, most significantly in July, late August and mid-October, so



motorists never tire of the scene. Expect a more spectacular show of color this summer because perennials planted last year will bloom for the first time.

If you'd rather steer clear of the traffic jams, but still want to enjoy the wildflower paintings, the Detroit Institute of Arts has a photography exhibit of last year's display of 20 different species of wildflowers, annuals and perennials, at the nine sites covering nearly five acres.

Every Sunday from the end of May to the first week in October, Young, a founding member of Woodland Indians Trading Center and Gallery in Redford Township, rose before

Please see LIVE, C2

Sea coast sparkles in oil paintings

The magical shorelines of Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts come to life in an exhibit of oil paintings by Arthur Parquette through Thursday, July 30, in the lobby of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, at Five Mile and Farmington Roads. The show is sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission.

Parquette's paintings romanticize the trawlers, tug boats and wooden lobster traps found on the East Coast. The 84-

year old Livonia resident began vacationing there more than 25 years ago. Fishing boats in Gloucester, a Vermont scene, the surf at Otter Cove, and harbor scenes appeal to anyone cherishing a moment of tranquility.

Boat enthusiasts will love the show. Sure to be favorites even with land sailors are the slate gray and dark blue paintings titled "Gloucester #1" and

Please see COAST, C2



Gloucester fishing boats: Arthur Parquette exhibits East Coast shoreline paintings in a one man show sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission.

MUSIC

Art Garfunkel walks on, remembers past fondly



Art Garfunkel

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The Voice is a high, light tenor. It's not a rock voice, no rough edges, no blue notes. It's a choir boy's voice, warm, comforting, a bridge over troubled water.

Art Garfunkel has been honing that voice for more than 30 years, often in the service of preserving the legacy of his partnership with his boyhood friend Paul Simon and the songs they made world famous.

When Garfunkel performs Thursday at Meadow Brook Music Festival about half the program will be Paul Simon songs.

"If I do 20 tunes, about 8 or 9 tunes are Simon & Garfunkel," he said by phone from his New York City home. "I would like to get it down lower to show I don't lean on

WHO: Art Garfunkel
WHERE: Meadow Brook Music Festival
WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 23
TICKETS: \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. At the Palace and Pine Knob box offices and by calling (248) 645-6666.

the past, but then I think — well I've got to do 'Scarborough Fair,' I've got to do 'Cecilia,' and 'Bridge Over Troubled Water.'"

But over the years since the famous duo officially parted company in 1970, Garfunkel has had some hits of his own including Jimmy Webb's "All I Know," "A Heart in New York," and the theme song for "Water-ship Down," "Bright Eyes." And he also enjoys singing the songs of other contempo-

raries such as Randy Newman and his friend James Taylor.

He is currently in the middle of a European-American tour. He said the European phase went well.

"The show I do, what with all the hits and all that has started to move into a satisfying flow. We do 'Cecilia' in the middle and my wife (Kim Cermak Garfunkel) and I take it really up tempo," he said.

But this devotion to the Simon & Garfunkel legacy is deceiving. Garfunkel is not an "oldies" act. His voice is nearly as pure and sweet as it has ever been. He travels with a backup band of top performers (Eric Weissberg, Warren Bernhardt).

Please see GARFUNKEL, C2

TRAVEL

L.A.'s Getty Museum is great place to view art, city

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

For some months, we had planned a trip to California around two major themes: taking a couple of days to drive with our San Francisco-based daughter south on U.S. 1 to Los Angeles, and, once in L.A., visiting the new Getty Center.

But a week before we got hit with a double whammy.

Our daughter called to report that El Nino had washed out the most scenic part of Route 1 — south of Carmel to San Simeon.

And the New York Times served warning that at the Getty — "the hottest cultural attraction in the nation" — restrooms were few and far between. In fact, according to the Times, just two of the nine sets of restrooms are in the museum proper.

Next week I will detail our derailed drive along the coast. Meanwhile, let me assure you that with a little planning "getting to the Getty" and "going at the Getty" both can be handily accomplished.

Ads run in the Los Angeles papers urging residents to "... look ahead, plan ahead, call ahead ... and visit the Getty a little later." Yes, they admittedly have been overwhelmed by the number of visitors flooding their gates since the high-profile complex opened in December.

Parking reservations are a necessity. They are your only guarantee of getting into the museum proper. But our experience was that if you go on a

What: The Getty Center
Where: Los Angeles
Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday; and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday.
Closed Mondays and major holidays.
Admission: Free, but may be denied to those without a parking pass when more than 5,000 visitors are on site.
Parking: By reservation only, \$5 charge.
Information: (310) 440-7300

weekday and arrive well ahead of the museum's 11 a.m. opening — by either car, bus or bike (there are bike racks) — you won't encounter lines at the tram, which whisks you to the hilltop site, or be turned away at the museum.

Once on top, you are overwhelmed by the site itself, from which on a clear day you can get breath-taking views of the Pacific Ocean, the San Gabriel Mountains and the Los Angeles street-scapes.

We, in fact, had a parking reservation for 9 a.m. The early hour allowed us to zero in on a rest room, which — as we were warned — was small and tucked into an out of the way spot. But once you know where it is, you just factor it into your museum-going (pun intended!).

Also, if you are planning to eat at the Getty Center restaurant,

you should make a reservation as soon as you arrive. Even if you choose to eat at any of the numerous carts offering drinks and light refreshments, stop into the restaurant to see the intriguing artwork which spans several walls by L.A. collagist Alexis Smith. Entitled "Taste," it explores images associated with the word "taste" and its definitions — from culinary to aesthetic.

An important part of our Getty experience was that 9-10 a.m. hour we spent in the 134,000-square-foot Central Garden, the site-specific work of artist Robert Irwin. My husband, daughter and I were the only visitors, along with a couple of gardeners. In the quiet of the morning, the gurgling sound of water, as it streamed downward along a mosaic-tiled river-bed toward the heart of the garden, where it cascaded over a stone waterfall and into an azalea pool, seemed as important to this three-acre garden as its more than 500 varieties of plants and trees.

And we were completely dazzled as the six low-slung Getty Center buildings, designed by American architect Richard Meier and constructed of 1.2 million square feet of beige-colored, cleft-cut, Italian travertine stone, caught the bright morning sunlight. I don't know of another city where the light is such an incredible factor. If you leave even the smallest smidgen of space between your draperies, the resulting razor-thin ray of sunlight will light up your entire hotel room.

The use of that light is key both to the outside architecture and the inside design of the Getty Center. Travertine panels cover not only the retaining walls and bases of all buildings, but also serve as paving stones for the arrival plaza and museum courtyard, as well as on indoor walls in transitional spaces between galleries.

Sky lights and other glass elements allow the California sunshine to light the interiors. The



Sky high: The Getty Museum sits on a hill overlooking Los Angeles.

JOHN STEPHENS

galleries on the museum's upper level are all naturally lit, using computer-assisted louvers and shades to adjust the intensity and quality of light.

Ah yes, the museum itself. We found it one of the most enjoyable settings to look at art we had ever experienced. Made up of five interconnected two-story pavilions, you have the opportunity to move through a series of intimate galleries, and just at the moment that you need a break, you can step out onto an exterior courtyard and drink in the world below.

Major collections of paintings and decorative arts take up most of the permanent exhibition space. The paintings are displayed on walls of muted color, rather than the usual museum white. And each decorative arts gallery resembles an actual

room, with the walls lined in rich fabrics appropriate to the furnishings.

The Getty Center is renowned for its photography collection, so we were disappointed that those galleries were closed the day we were there. Considering the value of the collection, we were surprised that just three galleries were devoted to photography. By comparison, 20 galleries display paintings, 16 show decorative arts and five are committed to sculpture. We left the sculpture for a future visit.

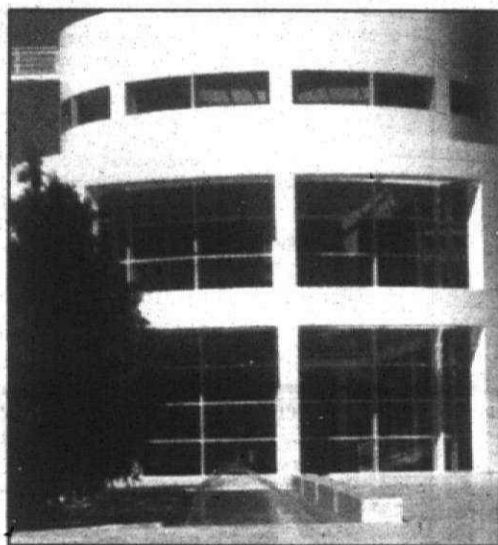
The adjacent Getty Research Institute for the History of Art and the Humanities has a small space for rotating exhibits, including photography. We were enchanted by the current exhibi-

tion of photographs taken by Europeans working in the Ottoman Empire. From July 28 to Oct. 25, the space will be devoted to the photography of three artists whose work examines the Alameda Corridor, an area south of downtown Los Angeles.

It's been 15 years since I spent any time in Los Angeles. I had no real desire to go back until the Getty opened. It's ample reason to return.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the Eccentric Newspapers. Now that she has time to travel, she is a frequent contributor to this section.

Entrance rotunda: This view is from the museum's courtyard.



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The second-annual Redford Shoot For Our Youth 3-D archery shoot will be held 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 25 at Capitol Park in Redford.

The event is hosted by the Ted Nugent United Sportsmen of America Area "A" members, The Sports Authority and Timber Wolf Tavern.

Course fee is \$8 (an additional \$4 for Ted Nugent United Sportsmen of America state championship).

Proceeds go to Ted Nugent Kamp for Kids and D.A.R.E.

Call Bryan Boyadjian at (313) 937-1218, Andy Surowiec, (313) 538-1966 or Randy Collick, (810) 231-3843 for more information.

Making like Bandits

The Wayne Bandits Sandy Koufax (14-under) baseball team won a tournament the weekend of July 10-12 to earn a berth to the AAU World Series, held either in Concord, N.C. or Orlando, Fla.

They went undefeated, defeating the Ann Arbor Black Sox, Huron Braves and Dearborn Heights Astros.

The team includes Seth Baldwin, will Massey, Ricky Verville and Ryan Ybarra of Westland, David Cicotte, Tommy Collop, Greg Laws, Aaron Lindon, George Rodriguez, Marc Townsend, Tommy Tyler and Adam Zimmerman of Wayne; Marco DiMichele of Garden City; and Brandon Lightle of Livonia.

The team manager is Bill Grove. His assistants are Tim Lightle, Mike Massey and Rick Verville.

The Bandits' overall record is now 23-10.

If you are interested in donating to help the Bandits cover costs to go to the World Series or want information on any of the age groups that Bandit Baseball offers, please call (313) 595-6643.

Winning wheelchair athlete

Walter Runchey of Garden City won a bronze medal in table tennis competing for the Ann Arbor VA Wheelchair Team at the 18th National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Ann Arbor team returned home with 39 medals - 17 gold, nine silver and 13 bronze - in 58 events they entered.

The Ann Arbor team, made up of men and women in Michigan and northern Ohio, has competed in the Games since they began in 1981.

3-on-3 champs

A team comprised of boys from Westland and Canton won the Under-15 Competitive Division at the 3-on-3 Soccer Shootout July 11-12 at Birmingham Groves.

The team, which has qualified for the regional tournament in Indianapolis in August, included Jason Emrich and Corey Dahn of Westland and Doug Radcliffe and Evan Malone of Canton.

Emrich, Dahn and Radcliffe are members of the Michigan United-Copa Little Caesars Premier League team and Malone is a member of the Canton Hornets.

PCJBL champs

The Blue Jays completed a perfect season in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League's Girls Junior League (11-13 years old) by sweeping the Phillies in a best-of-three-games championship series, 16-11 and 21-11. The Jays were American League winners with a 13-0 record; the Phillies won the National League with a 9-4 mark.

Members of the Blue Jays are Alana Abdal, Jaclyn Brandt, Jessica Brandt, Amy Cave, Nina Cimino, Melissa Franz, Kim Gula, Heather Jones, Chloe Kind, Hillary Kind, Lauren McGinnis, Megan Palmer, Michelle Roelofs, Shannon Stott and Kelly Vanston. Team coaches are John Palmer, Tom Roelofs and Jeff Kind.

Coach needed

Detroit Catholic Central needs a freshman boys soccer coach for the upcoming fall season. Call athletic director Bob Santello at (313) 534-2798 or fax him at (313) 534-7110 if interested.

Cards an ace

Brian Hayes, 9, of Livonia, made a hole in one using a pitching wedge on the 11th hole at Oasis Golf Course on Thursday, July 16.

Many happy returns?

Former Salem star hopes to jump-start Starzz

Remember your 10-year high school reunion?

How hard you worked to look your best. And why? Because you were so looking forward to it.

Dena Head had a 10-year reunion of sorts last Friday, when the team she plays for in the WNBA - the Utah Starzz - paid a visit to the Palace of Auburn Hills, to take on Detroit's first-year team, the Shock.

But there was no celebration. Not for the Starzz, anyway, nor for Head.

"I haven't played in this area since I was in high school," Head, a 1988 Plymouth Salem HS graduate, said after her current team fell to the Shock for the second time in five days, 79-67. "It's always good coming home."

Maybe so, but her demeanor wasn't too convincing. She hardly looked happy, although she played well enough. Coming off the bench, Head finished with six points (2-of-5 from the floor, 2-for-2 from the line), three steals and two assists while playing both point and shooting guard.

"It's always nice seeing your friends and family," she continued, then added, "but for us, this is just another game."

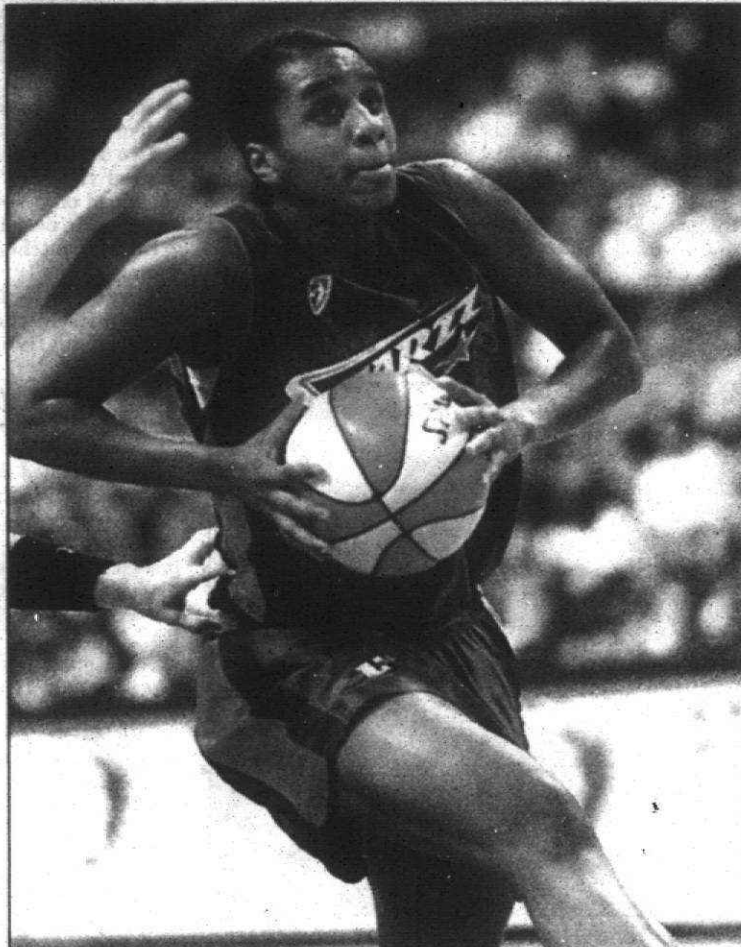
And the Starzz have had a tough time finding wins. With Friday's loss, they are just 4-12 - the worst record in the WNBA's Western Division. The bad news doesn't end there, either.

"It's been kind of tough," Head admitted. "Especially since we've lost eight or nine games by less than 10 points. Last year when we lost, it was by a lot more."

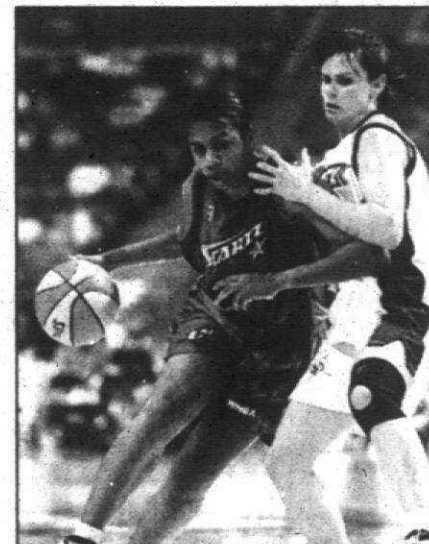
Bigger, and better, things were anticipated this season after the Starzz drafted Margo Nydek with the first choice in this season's draft. The 7-foot-2 Nydek, from Poland, is the tallest player in the league - by six inches.

But the results haven't changed appreciably. And there are differing opinions as to why.

Head won't offer any. But it's apparent Utah coach Denise Taylor wants to



Within sight: Salem graduate Dena Head had a basket in mind (left) as she drove to the hoop Friday against the Shock. This one didn't fall, but Head did well enough, scoring six points and defending well against Detroit guards Korie Hlede and Sandy Brondello (below right).



run her offense through Dydek, to try to take full advantage of her size.

"Well," Head replied, after some hesitation, "the post player has to touch the ball. That's what the coach wants, an inside-out (offense). But you've got to take what the defense gives you."

It's apparent that Taylor and Head are not completely in tune with each other. Which is probably why Head started the first eight games this sea-

son, but has been coming off the bench the last eight. Her playing time is down to 15 minutes a game; she played 18 against the Shock.

And it would be difficult, even for Taylor, to argue with Head's performance. Two plays in particular stood out:

•Two minutes after entering the game in the first half, with Utah down a point, the Shock got possession and

started a 3-on-1 fast break, with Head the lone defender. But Head anticipated a pass from Cindy Brown, stepping in and making the steal to thwart a sure Shock basket;

•Then, with 13:31 remaining in the second half and the Starzz really struggling, particularly on offense (Detroit outscored them 16-2 in the first 6:30 of the half), Head anticipated again, pick-

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In-line hockey attracts all ages

In-line hockey has become a popular summer pastime for youngsters and it's arguably safer than some famous water sports.

For instance, Livonian Scott Macdonald, 8, lost a tooth last summer and it didn't happen while playing for his 10-under in-line hockey team on the tennis courts behind the Livonia Family Y.

Macdonald was tubing on a lake when one of his front teeth fell out and another was knocked loose after a wave bounced his mouth into the tube.

"I said 'Are you OK?' And he said 'Yeah, but I lost my tooth in the water and now I can't leave it under my pillow,'" laughed his father, Dave Macdonald, who has another son, Danny, 9, also playing in-line hockey for a team called the Sharks.

The younger Macdonald is either a tough guy or, like his dad, a future businessman.

Losing a tooth isn't a concern for youngsters while playing organized in-line hockey, what with all the head gear they're required to wear.

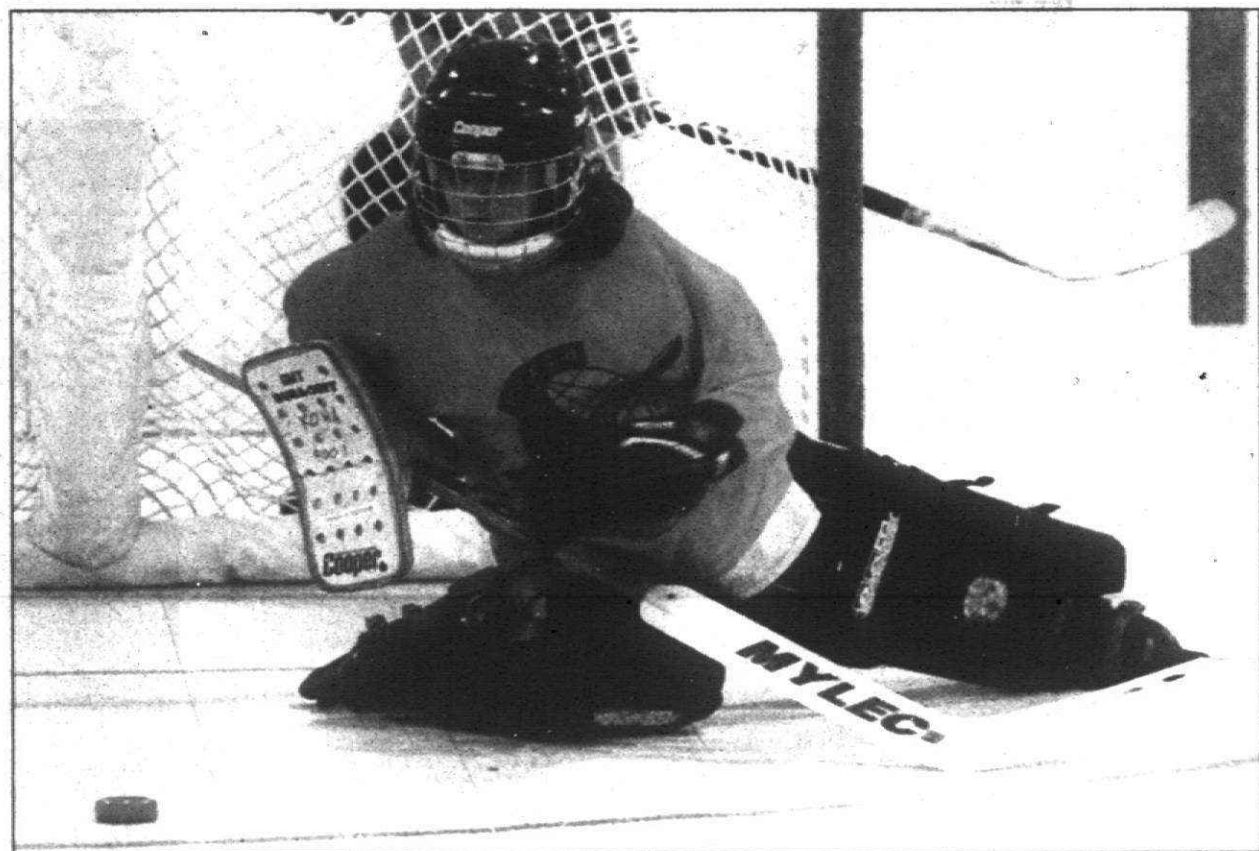
The most troubling element playing outdoors in the summer is the heat, leaving tubers with an argument that their's is the sport of choice.

But avid in-line youth hockey players, who must wear a helmet and cage, elbow pads, gloves, knee and shin pads, and chest protector if they're playing goaltender, probably figure there's plenty of time to head for the beach.

Want to talk about popularity?

The sport's getting so big it can be played year-round at indoor venues, and in the fall, spring and summer outdoors.

New equipment, including the



Flawless in net: Samantha Scott of the Livonia Leopards keeps the puck out of the net in a recent coed game played at the Novi SoccerZone.

Where to play?

Livonia
Family Y, (734) 261-2161
Farmington
Heritage Park, (248) 473-9570
Novi
SoccerZone, (248) 374-0500
Canton
DekHockey, Inc., (313) 397-8900
Westland
Family Y, (734) 721-7044

skates, can cost as much as \$300. Used equipment, which can be purchased at some sporting goods stores, can cut the cost in half.

Entry fees for most leagues cost less than \$100 per season per player, making the sport considerably less expensive than ice hockey.

A water-filled ball that hardly bounces or a puck resembling the one

used in ice hockey, but not as hard, is typically used in in-line hockey.

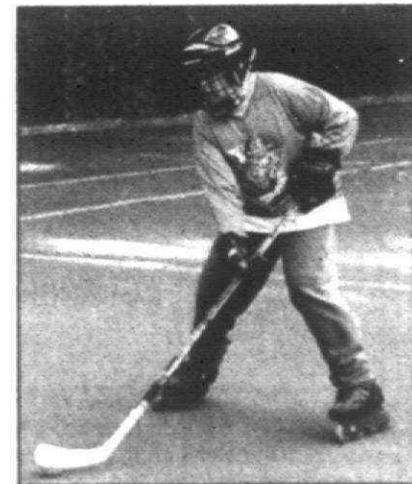
In-line hockey rules are similar to those in ice hockey, although no checking is allowed and there's no offsides or icing. Players 18 and over aren't required to wear face cages.

Attracting all ages

The sport has even become popular among the older set. At DekHockey, Inc., on Michigan Ave. in Canton, there are leagues for players 30-over and even a league for couples.

"We play every other Sunday so in case there is a big argument, you have another week to make up," said co-owner Amy Mueller, half joking.

In-line hockey and Dekhockey - hockey played on tennis shoes instead of ice skates or in-line skates - is played seven nights a week 5:30 p.m. to midnight for all age groups at the Canton rink.



Practice makes perfect: Matt Diebel, who plays for a team at the Livonia Y, works on his stickhandling during practice.

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RECREATION

In-line Hockey *from page D1*

The facility at DekHockey is perhaps the most impressive outdoor one of its kind in metro Detroit, featuring a 160-foot by 80 foot surface and a plastic Sport Court that drains well when it rains, Mueller said. The walls look like those in the National Hockey League, minus advertisements.

At the Livonia Y, leagues are available for boys and girls ages 5-13. Practices are held five nights a week and on Saturdays games are played from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Those 8 a.m. starts give youngsters an idea of what their parents go through trying to get them up for school. Mom and dad would like a chance to sleep in on the weekend.

"They like the 10, 11 or 12 o'clock games because the 8 o'clock games they have to get up early," said Ross Valore, 10, of Redford, a member of the Kings.

"You're burning hot for 12 o'clock games, but at least you're awake," said Jeremy Phelps, 12, one of Valore's teammates.

Look out, soccer

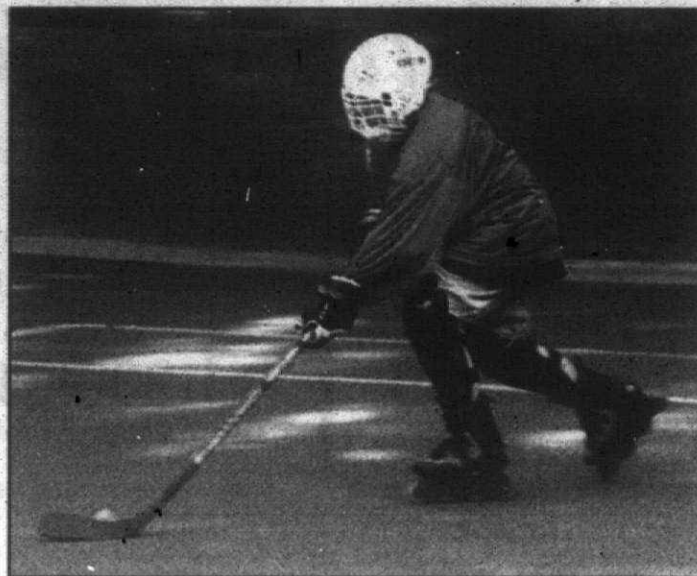
This is the third year co-ed outdoor in-line hockey leagues have been held at the Livonia Y and the growth has been considerable, according to Livonia Y youth sports director Chris Noland.

The first season of in-line hockey at the Livonia Y attracted only 23 players across all age groups. The number grew to 48 in the second year and 180 in 1996-97 before doubling this year.

Noland compares the popularity to soccer which is saying something since soccer has been king in Livonia for some time.

"It's tied with soccer and soccer is enormous," said Noland, who credits Red Wings mania for some of the growth. "It will probably take over soccer."

The Livonia Y court is much



Smooth operator: Ross Pashkot brings the ball up the court in a recent in-line hockey practice at the Livonia Y.

smaller than a regulation in-line hockey court, spanning 80 feet by 50 feet. This is the first year games are played on the shaded tennis court after previously being held on an unshaded parking lot. The parents couldn't stand the heat out there, and they weren't even wearing equipment.

"There was absolutely no shade out there, the heat was unbelievable," said Livonian Mark Whalen, whose son Nicholas, 8, plays for the Sharks. Noland estimates there are about 20 girls in the Livonia Y league. Girls don't just stand around and watch the boys play.

"On a couple of teams, girls are the best players, definitely," Noland said.

Other popular local in-line hockey venues can be found at Heritage Park in Farmington, at the Westland Y and at the SoccerZone on Grand River Ave. in

Novi.

First time league

This is the first year of in-line hockey in Farmington and organizer Bryan Farmer said there are 12 teams, four for players 13-under and eight for those 10-under.

The court surface is a little longer than that of the Livonia Y, measuring 110 feet in length by 55 feet wide.

The Farmington League plays 4-on-4 with a goalie, opposed to the 5-on-5 with a goalie.

Farmer said increased popularity of the sport has caused him to create a 16-under league in the fall to go with their two current age groups.

A water filled ball that barely bounces is used instead of a puck. Players seem to have no trouble with it, according to Farmer.

"You can throw it as hard as



Fancy stickwork: Frank Scarpace of the Westland Leopards stickhandles past Tony Ascenzo of the Novi Greyhounds in an in-line hockey league game at the Novi SoccerZone.

you want and it might bounce a quarter of an inch," Farmer said of the water-filled ball. "If you got hit in the stomach you may get a little stinger."

At SoccerZone, like DekHockey, Inc., a puck is used instead of a water-filled ball.

"It's easier to control, doesn't bounce as much," a SoccerZone's

in-line hockey representative said. "The game is more controlled with a puck than a ball."

The Heritage Park court is occupied even when no leagues are played, Farmer said.

"Where there's a rink they're going to go," Farmer said. "They just drop in any time they want."

Heritage Park will be the site

of both an accuracy shooting and fastest shot competition later this summer, Farmer said.

SoccerZone, open since last September, has open and house in-line hockey leagues (about 90 teams) for all age groups, 6-under to 18-over.

They have 40 men's teams in the summer league.

Outdoor Calendar

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: *Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to barker@oe.homecomm.net*)

ARCHERY

BOWHUNTERS RENDEZVOUS

The Michigan Bow Hunters Rendezvous will be held July 25-26 at the Springfield Oaks Fairgrounds in Davisburg. The show offers seminars, shooting exhibitions, MUCC's live encounters show, Yoder's Big Game Exhibit, free archery shooting and instruction for the kids, a 3D course and much more. Admission is \$5 for both days and children 15 and under will be admitted free. Springfield Oaks is located on Andersonville Road, one mile south of Davisburg.

SAFARI 3D

Detroit Archers will hold a Safari 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, July 25-26, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call 661-9610 for more information.

BROADHEAD LEAGUES

Broadhead leagues are forming and will begin the first week of August at the Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston. There will be evening leagues on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and a morning league on Wednesdays. Call 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 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.

CLASSES/

CLINICS

WINGSHOOTING SCHOOL

Hunters Ridge Hunt Club in Oxford will host the Fieldport Wingshooting School in three upcoming sessions. The first session will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 18-19, the second session will be offered Tuesday

and Wednesday, July 21-22, and the third session will be offered Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13. Master gunnifer and certified instructor Bryan Bilinski, who is credited with bringing sporting clays to the United States, will lead the school, which will cover all aspects of proficient shooting. Call (616) 933-0767 (daytime) or (248) 637-2446 (evenings) for more information.

DNR OPEN HOUSE

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will host a Public Listening and Outreach Open House, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the Southgate Civic Center, 14700 Reaume Parkway, Southgate. The public is encouraged to attend and share their views and meet with DNR wildlife and fisheries biologists, foresters, conservation officers, and state park, recreation area and real estate division staff. For more information or to arrange for special accommodations call Denise Mogos at (734) 953-1528.

WATERFOWL CALLING

Michigan Duck Hunters Association and the Wayne Waterfowlers are offering a duck and goose calling class beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Wayne Waterfowlers clubhouse in Brownstown Twp. Cost is \$10 per person. Call (734) 453-8315 or (313) 422-0583 for more information.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 941-9688.

CLUBS

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.

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 at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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.

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.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold its fifth annual Tournament for Toys benefit bass tournament on Sunday, July 19, on Lake St. Clair. A portion of the proceeds from this two-man team tournament will benefit the pediatric patients at William Beaumont Hospital. Registration is \$75, and \$80 after July 15. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the

state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 12-13, at the Holiday Inn-Petoskey, 1444 US 131 S., Petoskey. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

DEER

August 1 is the deadline to apply for an antlerless deer permit.

TURKEY

Aug. 1 is the deadline to apply for a fall twild turkey permit.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and noon-dusk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 8000 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

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) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

FISHING IN THE PARKS

Learn the basics of fishing including how to bait a hook, basic knots, casting and fish ecology during this weekly program, which is offered Tuesday's at 6:30 p.m. through August 11 at Metamora-Hadley, Pontiac Lake and Island Lake.

WETLAND WILDLIFE

A nature hike in search of critters that inhabit the swamp, begins at 11 a.m. Saturday at Proud Lake.

HAVEN HILL HISTORY

Learn some of the natural and cultural history of the area during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Proud Lake.

SUMMER GRAIN HARVEST

Learn how harvesting was done before the age of modern machinery during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday at Maybury.

BIRD HIKE

Learn to identify some of the area's birds during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, August 8 at Maybury. Participants should meet at the riding stable parking lot off Beck Road, 1/4-mile south of Eight Mile Rd.

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.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 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.

FRIDAY NIGHT CANOE

Help paddle the 34-foot Voyageur Canoe and learn some

local history during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Friday at Stony Creek.

COUNTRY FAIR

A weekend of events featuring face painting, Rosco the Clown, kids contests, candle dipping and much more will be offered during this program, which will be held Saturday and Sunday at Kensington.

AMAZING ANIMALS

Ages six and older will learn about birds, snakes, frogs and bugs while they make a project and participate in an activity during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday at Stony Creek.

BIRDS OF PREY

An indoor slide presentation followed by a naturalist-led hike to learn about birds of prey, begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

BUCKHORN TAVERN

Walk the old farm lane to the site of Benjamin Crissman's pioneer trading post and learn a little history about the time when Michigan was still just a territory during this program, which begins at 6 p.m. Sunday at Stony Creek.

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.

FREE WOOD CHIPS

Free wood chips from the Oakland County Parks Christmas tree recycling program will be available on Saturday, July 25, at Orion Oaks at the Clarkston Road entrance. Individuals are asked to provide their own shovels and to load the chips by hand. No motorized equipment is allowed and no commercial haulers. Additional wood chip dates are scheduled for August 29, Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.

GARDEN TEA PARTY

Enjoy stories, crafts, herbal treats, garden tours, puppets and more during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Independence Oaks.

CAMPFIRE PRIMER

Learn the proper way to build a fire, how to enjoy and cook campfire treats and sing campfire songs during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 25, at Independence Oaks.