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Snag could chill ice arena deal



A dispute over food and beverage service has frosted parties negotiating an operating agreement for the proposed ice arena at the Canton Softball Center. The developer faces a Wednesday deadline for finding an operator.

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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The township has settled on a developer/operator for its upcoming ice arena at Canton Softball Center.

Well, maybe. Southfield-based Griffin Properties met its Wednesday deadline for supply-

ing the township with a suitable arena operator. But the operator, whom Canton officials declined to name, wants to include a bar and restaurant in the arena.

The rub comes with Diamond's Bar & Grill. The facility, formerly known as Cleats, has exclusive food and beverage rights at the softball center with the

township.

Diamond's officials and the proposed arena operator were to meet late Friday. A deal between the two is key, Canton Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack said. "They indicated that (a restaurant) was a very important part of the project," he commented. "They said the numbers probably won't work without it."

Any deal between Diamonds and the operator likely won't be complete until Tuesday.

"I don't think anything will be final until then," said Durack.

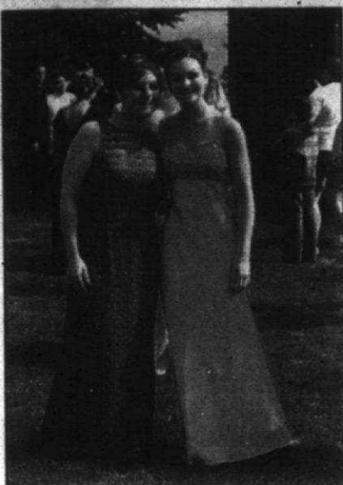
Griffin Properties has helped Canton develop ice and soccer arenas as well as a golf dome at the softball center on Michigan Avenue east of Beck Road.

Trustees approved a \$25 million agreement between the township and Griffin in early March.

It included moving the project, which was to have been at Michigan and Haggerty roads, and scaling it down from Griffin's original \$100 million "Sportstown USA" concept.

In return, Griffin got the right to purchase a 19.4 acre parcel on Hagger-

Please see ICE ARENA, A2



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

A year in the life: Canton resident Katie Tolbert poses with best friend Beth Wargin of Plymouth, 18, before going to dinner prior to prom May 14. The Observer has been chronicling the Canton High School student's senior year since last October. For more photos, please turn to Page A4 in today's Observer.

SHAPING OUR YOUTH

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

An essential component to a healthy lifestyle



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Coordination: First and second graders in Ron Callison's Physical Education class at Gallimore Elementary perform fun exercises with a parachute. Callison said that in addition to enhancing motor skills within a group, the parachute works nearly all of the muscles in the body and provides a fun method of teaching and learning.

School district promotes lifelong exercise

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Michigan children are some of the most obese in the country, according to several recent studies. That's attributed, in great part, to the lack of physical activity in their lives.

It's really no wonder. Michigan is one of eight states in the country that have guidelines, instead of mandates, for time spent by students in physical education classes.

In the Plymouth-Canton school district, administrative emphasis has been placed more on core curriculum than physical education, forcing students to get only an introduction to physical skills and lifestyle choices.

"Because of the lack of time available for physical education, our goal is to introduce students to a number of activities and skills," said Brian Wolcott, district athletic director. "Especially at the elementary level, it's hard to develop skills in one period a week.

"What we're hoping to do is show kids the standard motor skills and get them interested enough to further develop them through a recreation program or with their parents."

In kindergarten through fifth grades, students get one 40-minute physical education class per week.

In the middle schools, sixth-eighth grades, students may take from zero to 40 weeks of gym classes.

At the high school level, students are

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BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Maintaining a healthy body weight throughout the period prior to and during puberty can be a challenge for young people. With the advent of the Internet, other technology related entertainment and an average decline in physical activity by school-age children, the result has led to a significant number of sedentary adolescent.

Nationally the prevalence for overweight youth is increasing. Experts have determined that a natural predictor of adult obesity is childhood obesity — underscoring the importance of maintaining a sensible, well-balanced diet and routine exercise program. According to the American Heart Association, inactivity contributes to risk factors such as obesity, high blood pressure, respiratory disorder, diabetes, elevated blood cholesterol and early heart disease.

Local public school districts, acquainted with the current health status of its youth have taken active steps to encourage healthy eating and exercise habits in school, as a hobby and in the home-setting. A curriculum developed in the fall of 1998 under the guidance of Governor John Engler's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports and a consortium of Michigan colleges and universities, provides physical education teachers with tools to develop young students (K-2) both physically and intellectually on the way to life-long learning and fitness.

Unfortunately, Michigan is one of eight states with no mandated time for physical education which creates an opportunity for students to substitute interscholastic athletic, band or unrelated non-aerobic activities for physical education.

"New findings show that the risk factors associated with cardiovascular disease in adults, high blood pressure, obesity, high cholesterol levels and insulin resistance, might be mitigated by slowing the rate of weight gain during childhood and adolescence," as reported in *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association* by Alan R. Sinaiko, M.D., and professor of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Medical School Minneapolis.

KEEPING KIDS FIT

Please see LIFESTYLE, A3

THE WEEK AHEAD

Must see TV: Plymouth-Canton school board candidates square off in a forum taped May 20 at the Plymouth District Library. Showtime is 2 p.m. today (Sunday) on Channel 25 for Media One subscribers. The forum will be repeated June 5 and 6.

MONDAY

Memorial Day rites: The Canton Veterans Memorial Association will hold a Memorial Day service at the Canton Veterans Memorial at 1:30 p.m. Monday. The memorial is in Heritage Park, just west of the Canton municipal building parking lot.

WEDNESDAY

Newcomers: The Canton Newcomers will meet at 7 p.m. at Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center, for dinner and to close out the year's activities. The next regular meeting will be in September. For information call (734) 451-5426.

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State school funding concerns candidate



BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Mark Slavens said his concern about the future of the Plymouth-Canton school district is the main reason he wants a seat on the Board of Education.

Slavens, 44, of Canton, is running for one of two four-year seats on the board in the June 14 election.

"I'm concerned where we'll be at in the near future," said Slavens. "We're starting to hit the financial problems that have hit us from the changes in state funding."

Slavens is the chairman of Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, a group which is lobbying the state legislature for fair and equitable funding.

"I don't think we can continue to



Mark Slavens

compete with the surrounding districts if we have less money," said Slavens.

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High fees meant to deter sex shops from Canton

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Opening and maintaining a sexually oriented business will be an expensive proposition in Canton.

Township trustees set application fees at \$1,200 for businesses such as adult bookstores and movie theaters at its Tuesday meeting. Additionally, operators must pay \$100 to license each new employee.

"It's similar to what we charge for a liquor license," Canton Clerk Terry Bennett said. "The fee is probably more stiff than in other communities."

The fees are tied in with the township's new sexually oriented business ordinance. The ordinance, which went into effect May 20, was initiated by Canton's public safety department about a year ago.

Township officials sought the restrictions as a way to legally deter such

businesses from locating in Canton.

Prior to the ordinance, sexually oriented businesses only had to meet zoning requirements to begin operating.

Now, new businesses will have to meet strict standards including licensing, special land use and site plan approvals, among others. The ordinance also limits sexually oriented businesses to areas with heavy commercial usage.

Parts of Michigan Avenue and Ford near I-275 are examples of where this "C-3" zoning exists. Such businesses can't be within 1,000 feet of any building used for religious worship, educational and day care facilities or residential districts.

Before they can open, sexually oriented businesses must have received a township license. The \$1,200 fee for application of that license is warranted based on the amount of staff time need-

Please see SEX SHOPS, A2

Blasting off for Space Camp



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL BERENSON

Camping out: Fifth-graders from Hoben School (above) and Allen School gather before their trip to Space Camp this week. Five Plymouth-Canton schools are making the trip this week.



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Courting trouble: in-line skaters anger residents

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.homecomm.net

Would-be Steve Yermans and Sergei Federovs are causing a problem at Canton's newest park. Tennis courts at Freedom Park have become targets for roller hockey games of youths and adults, according to angry residents. The 20-acre facility, which will hold grand opening ceremonies on Friday, July 9, is located at the corner of Sheldon and Palmer roads.

"They're causing damage to the tennis court. I've called the police six times," said the resident. Canton Parks and Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates said measures have been taken to keep hockey players off the courts. "We've put locks on the court twice," he said. "But both times they've been vandalized."

The township will consider adding a barrier around the roller hockey court, Dates said. He thinks a solution to the problem isn't far away, either. Nets will be added to the tennis court within a few days. That should stop the pick-up hockey games, Dates said.

OLGC student expelled for weapons

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

A 13-year-old Plymouth Township boy has been expelled from Our Lady of Good Counsel school in Plymouth for carrying knives. According to Plymouth police Lt. Wayne Carroll, the seventh grader was showing the weapons on the bus while on the way to school Tuesday.

'Both were over 3 inches long, which is the threshold to be considered a dangerous weapon.'

Lt. Wayne Carroll, Plymouth Police

OLGC principal Ted Behn said the knives were found in the student's book bag after he arrived at school. "The student made a poor choice, but the policy here is pretty clear, expulsion," said Behn. "In light of what's happening around the U.S., anything with weapons is a serious charge."

Physical Therapy UPDATE Hands On Center. TREATMENT FOR TENNIS ELBOW. Tennis elbow is inflammation of the tendon on the outside of the elbow due to overuse.

Sex shops from page A1. To review it, she said. The fee wouldn't likely act as a deterrent, Bennett said. "For one of these types of businesses, this is nothing."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SPECIAL JOINT PROCEEDINGS SYNOPSIS. A Special joint Meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton was held May 17-19, 1999 at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton, MI at 8:30 A.M.

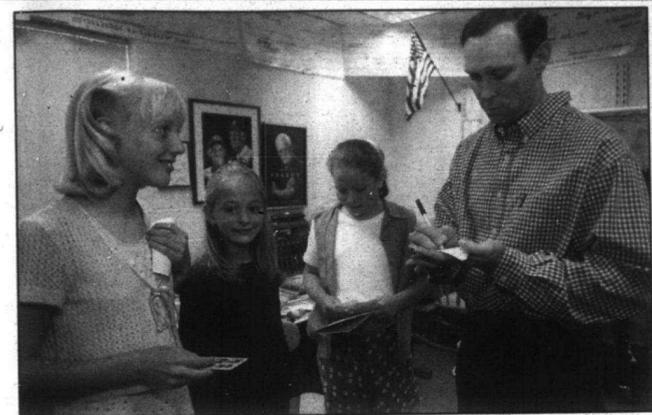
Ice arena from page A1

The parcel will likely be used for research and office development. But the deal was contingent upon Griffin supplying a suitable ice arena operator by Wednesday.

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Sign here, please: Janet Hanchett 11, (from left), Kayla Coleman, 10, and Laura Schulz, 11, all from Canton, wait patiently while former Detroit Tigers shortstop (and current team hitting coach) Alan Trammell signs autographs for them after their class (below) presented a check to charity.

Giving CATCHes on with Bentley students, teacher

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

Edsel B. Ford II, after he was presented a check for \$12,235.36 by Edwards' fifth grade students

Edwards said he is extremely proud of his students for their efforts in raising money by collecting pennies, pop cans, doing chores, donating allowances and a couple of CATCH raffles.

Bentley Elementary School teacher Dave Edwards knew he wanted to somehow get involved after reading about CATCH, a charitable organization dedicated to helping sick, needy and injured children organized in 1987 by former Detroit Tigers manager Sparky Anderson.



"When I read about CATCH, I asked if we could help," said Edwards, who lives in Plymouth. "Sparky embraced the idea ... and from there it just blossomed."

It blossomed so much that Edwards' classes at Field, and now Bentley, have raised nearly \$70,000 for CATCH. And the efforts of Edwards and his students are taking center stage.

"We have modeled your program and have taken it around to other schools in the metro Detroit area," said CATCH Board of Trustees Chairman

Edwards' message wasn't lost on his students. "It was fun because you knew you were helping kids in hospitals," said Nicole Widrosky, 11, of Canton.

Lifestyle from page A1

Sinai's research furthers the notion that an overall lack of physical activity at an early age can have a rippling effect throughout one's lifetime. It is estimated that obesity accounts for nearly six percent of all medical costs related to illness from orthopedic to emotional (low self-esteem) problems.

lifestyle from as early as elementary school can lead to an overall reduction in illness, time off from work and significant financial savings. The gradual paring down of the physical education component in an elementary and secondary education program could have serious ramifications on the student as a whole.

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required to take one year of physical education plus one semester of health. Students can substitute some extra-curricular activities for a half credit of the physical education requirement. John Demick has been an elementary physical education teacher for 22 years in the Plymouth-Canton district.

Demick is also quick to point to a California study that shows taking physical education every day increases MEAP scores. "While it takes away from some of the other areas of learning, the time students are in those classes they're thinking better because of oxygen to the brain," said Demick. "Students are thinking clearly and making better decisions."



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Blasting off: Students at Eriksson (above) and Gallimore Schools in Canton this week gathered before their scheduled departure for Space Camp in Titusville, Fla. All fifth-graders in the Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren and Taylor school districts will visit the camps in Florida, California or Alabama thanks to a \$2.5 million gift from an anonymous donor.

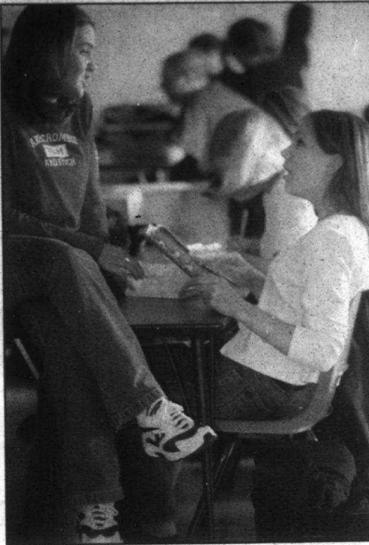


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Katie Tolbert's senior year comes to a close

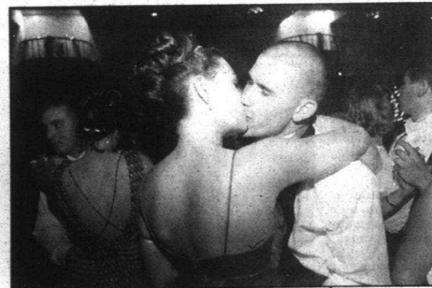
Class act: Katie reacts to Krista Skillman as the two friends look at a photo album while a substitute teacher fills in during their astronomy class April 23.



Spring break: Canton High School senior Katie Tolbert laughs with friends Colleen Crowe of Plymouth, 18, and Joe Wagner of Plymouth, 18, between classes April 23.

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Moving on: Katie changes cassette tapes during the Chiefette tryouts for next year's squad April 23. Stephanie Richter is at right.



Prom night: Katie and her boyfriend, Alex Meissner, share a smooch on the dance floor during the Canton High School senior prom at Laurel Manor in Plymouth May 14.

Canoe livery opens

Canoeing began this weekend on the Rouge River near Newburgh Lake.

The Wayne County Parks canoe concession opened Saturday, and will be open today and Monday. Next week the concession starts a five-day schedule each week, Thursdays through Mondays, from noon until 8 p.m.

The Wayne County Parks Livery is located on Hines Drive between Joy Road and Stark Road in Livonia. Canoe rates are \$10 per canoe for the maximum two-hour rental for each canoe route, \$15 per canoe for both routes and \$4 for each additional half hour. There is a \$20 deposit required for each canoe rented.

Two canoe routes will be available.

The first route starts at Newburgh Lake and finishes at Nankin Lake, both of which are impoundments of the middle branch of the Rouge River. Parks officials estimate the travel time at 90 minutes. Canoeists will be transported from the canoe livery (Nankin Lake) to Newburgh Lake and will row back to the livery. Rest rooms and a picnic area will be available at the halfway point of the journey.

The second route runs from Nankin Lake to Merriman Road. This route is approximately 1 1/2 miles and travel time is 90 minutes. Canoeists will be transported back to the launch area, east of the Nankin Lake Dam, picked up and transported back to their vehicle at the completion of the journey.

"We have made great strides in our efforts to clean up the Rouge River," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "Canoeing is an excellent way for people to enjoy it."

Learn about wetlands wildlife

Nature lovers of all ages can learn about creatures of the wetlands at Scoping Out Wetland Wildlife from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 5, at Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township.

Participants will learn about the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians that inhabit the marsh. In addition, they can learn to make aqua scopes to observe underwater creatures. Materials for the scopes will be provided.

All are encouraged to dress for the outdoors and bring boots as the area may be muddy.

Suitable for ages 6 and up, the cost is \$2 per person and advance registration is required. This program has been made possible through the parks property tax.

Participants will meet at the screened pavilion at Crosswinds Marsh, which is located at the corner of Haggerty and Will Carleton/Oakville Waltz Road in Sumpter Township.

For information, call (734) 261-1990.

County to take over Head Start program

Wayne County will take over Head Start from Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency starting Sept. 1.

Wayne County will serve more than 3,700 low-income, 3- and 4-year-olds. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services notified Wayne County that it was awarded \$20.6 million with \$16 million in federal funds, the balance in in-kind services from schools, social service agencies and other programs.

County officials announced the change at a press conference Tuesday.

When RESA officials decided they did not want to operate the program any longer last year, the federal government sent out a notice asking any qualified organization to bid on running the programs. Wayne County was selected from a pool of nearly 12 parties. Children attending Head Start programs receive assistance with education, health, nutrition and literacy concerns.

Ten percent of enrollees must be diagnosed with disabilities.

County Executive Edward McNamara called the switch a "momentous occasion" for the county and for thousands of children and family members that Head Start serves. "Having the responsibility for this vital, early childhood development program means Wayne County has yet another way to enhance many lives and communities."

County officials said Head Start not only serves its young clients, but assists the families of children.

"If a Head Start parent needs a service such as health care, or employment or even housing assistance, Head Start staff are trained to either provide that service or refer them to the right agency," said Carolyn Gray. Wayne County's director of children and family services, the office that will oversee operations for the county.

"When you add in parents and other family members, our program actually will assist a total of 10,000 people."

Gray stressed that Head Start will not just be a preschool or day care center. "School systems love Head Start because it helps children

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the father of two elementary students and a Canton High School graduate. "The school board needs to take an active role with state legislators, contacting them to assist the school district with funding. Not only per pupil, but in areas where the state mandates programs without funding them."

While Slavens said he wants to maneuver the state for more funding, he also believes the private sector needs to do its share in helping schools.

"It's important we get the business community involved with the school district," added Slavens. "I repeatedly hear that we have kids coming out of high school that aren't adequately trained for the workforce. I would like to get the business community involved in the process ... and help the teachers with incorporating those ideas in the curriculum."

"There also comes an obligation from the business community to give voluntary contributions," continued Slavens. "And it's important to get someone on the staff whose job is to get contributions and corporate sponsorships to bring in alternative funding."

Slavens is aware about "the possibility and probability that a charter school located in the district will take funding away. We need to take that into consideration when making budget decisions."

Slavens said the best way to prepare for charter schools is to improve the quality of Plymouth-Canton schools.

"I still haven't heard an articu-

lated reason why we need a charter school here," he said. "However, the best way to prepare for charter schools and vouchers is to let the public know about the quality of education and discipline we have. If they're still dissatisfied, then we need to improve."

If elected to the school board, Slavens would be part of the group which will eventually select a new school superintendent to replace Chuck Little.

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Candidate profile

- Name: Mark Slavens
- Age: 44
- Residence: Canton
- Occupation: Attorney
- Family: Slavens and wife, Dian, have three children. Darney is a graduate of Canton High School, and Patrick and Molly both attend Isbitzer.
- Offices held: None
- Civic memberships: Cub Scout Cubmaster, Sunday school teacher, chairperson of Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, chairperson of Summit on School Equity, chairperson of Building Level Campaign for Discovery Middle School.

County arts group honors Joan Winkleman Hulce

Joanne Winkleman Hulce was recently honored at the Second Annual Recognition and Awards Program, sponsored by the Wayne County Council for Arts, History and Humanities.

Hulce was selected by Wayne County Executive, Edward H. McNamara to receive the 1999 County Executive's Award. From her days as a professional vocalist in opera, concerts and radio, she became an active board member of the Plymouth Symphony, a member of the Artrain Committee and was a force in creating the Plymouth Community Arts Council in 1968.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 83.99

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING ZONING MAP THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAIN:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 110, attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance.

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS
PARCEL 'A' - R78-010-99-0010-00
That part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, T1S, R8E., Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan described as follows: To find the place of beginning commence at a point on the North line of said section distant

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1999

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held to consider the following:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
New Office Building - Planned Unit Development
104 N. Main St.
Zoning: Planned Unit Development
Applicant: Warren Bradburn
New Office/Residential Building - Planned Unit Development/ Site Plan Approval
827 W. Ann Arbor Tr.
Zoning: B-2, Central Business
Applicant: Tri-Mount Corporation, Inc.
SITE PLAN APPROVAL:
New Office/Residential Building
861 Penniman
Zoned: B-2, Central Business
Applicant: Tri-Mount Corporation, Inc.

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201 S. Main Street
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All interested persons are invited to attend.
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Plymouth, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED 1999-2000 OPERATING BUDGET

PUBLIC ACT NO. 43 OF 1963 REQUIRED SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGETS. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD:

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1999 - 7:00 P.M.
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The purpose of this hearing is to review the proposed operating budgets, receive testimony, and comply with the formal legal requirements prior to adopting the 1999-2000 operating budgets.

Copies of the proposed 1999-2000 budget are available for public inspection in the office of the Executive Director for Business and Operations at 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

ELIZABETH M. GIVENS, Secretary
Board of Education

Publish: May 30, 1999

Local agencies team up to stop speeding drivers

Law enforcement agencies in 10 communities have launched the Greyhound Blitz, a special enforcement and public awareness initiative aimed at stopping speeders.

"During the Greyhound Blitz, which extends through June 1, 403 officers will patrol streets, highways, city streets and rural roadways, looking for people who speed," said Executive Lt. Maggie Cesnick, project director of Drive Michigan Safely in Wayne County. "With that many officers on the road, speeders should expect to be stopped and ticketed."

The Greyhound Blitz will focus its efforts in Wayne County on Six, Seven and Eight Mile Roads, I-275, I-75, I-96 and I-94. Officers will target speeders on Ford Road, Inkster Road, Merriam Road, Michigan Avenue, Middlebelt Road, Telegraph Road, Wayne Road and other roads.

The Blitz is designed to motivate motorists to adopt safe driving habits. Speed is a factor in

McDowell wins praise, contract extension

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@ho.comcast.com

The Schoolcraft Board of Trustees gave college President Dick McDowell high marks again for his job for the 1998-99 school year.

Trustees said McDowell's enthusiasm and commitment to excellence "continue to be remarkable."

"He hasn't wavered in his ability to move the college forward," said Patricia Watson, board chairwoman.

McDowell, now in his 18th year at the college, exhibits "strong financial, marketing and planning skills," according to a statement issued by the seven members of the board after they conducted his evaluation in a closed session. After that session McDowell then received a contract extension through 2002 with a pay raise for the 1999-2000

fiscal year of 3.25 percent, the same the raise the college's four unions received for this year, to place McDowell's salary at \$114,098.

Board members said McDowell's strengths include his fiscal management skills. "The college remains debt-free and has managed to keep tuition cost competitive. The increase in grant revenue is indicative of the college's efforts to 'tap' any and all available state and federal dollars."

Trustees also said McDowell maintains an "open, direct and honest" working relationship with the board.

"He continues to develop innovative programs which are not typically attempted by community colleges," Watson said.

Watson said enrollment had declined in recent years at other community colleges, but

McDowell had developed benchmarks and objectives for enrollment credit management. Last year the number of credit hours increased by 2.32 percent, or about 2.9 percent per student, Watson said.

Continuing education class enrollment increased by 12 percent. "I thought it was very ambitious on his part to establish an objective in this area," Watson said. "It's crucial for us financially, and I've never seen anyone do this."

The board will receive a list of objectives from McDowell by the next meeting in late June, Watson said. One concern raised was the college's relationship with the K-12 districts, but overall McDowell received accolades from the board.

"We're pleased to have him at the college," Watson said.



High marks: Schoolcraft College President Dick McDowell, now in his 18th year at the college, received a 3.25 percent raise and contract extension through 2002.

Head Start from page A5

become emotionally and socially ready to learn."

Head Start also helps parents to become more self-sufficient, officials say. They, with the governing board and administrative staff, set policy for their own Head Start programs. Parents also can earn a GED degree or child development associate certification by being involved with Head Start.

Wayne County will contract with three nonprofit agencies to operate the Head Start program: Downriver Guidance Clinic in Southgate, Starfish Family Services in Inkster and Wayne Metropolitan Community Services Agency in Ecorse.

Head Start programs will continue to be located in 16 Wayne County communities, including the western Wayne communities of Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland.

With 30,000 eligible children in Wayne County, one of the county's goals is to increase enrollment.

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LEGAL SENSE

By Mark Slavens, P.C.
Attorney at Law

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Apart from seeking to recover damages resulting from another person's negligence, injured parties may also seek to hold wrongdoers liable for their intentional acts, which typically include libel and slander of reputations, assault and battery, false imprisonment, or intentionally inflicting mental distress. In all such cases, the wrongdoer intentionally causes injury. And, while certain type of these torts (such as assault and battery) may also constitute criminal activity, aggrieved parties seeking to legally address these wrongs in civil court do so with the intention of being compensated for their injuries. Recent cases have brought national attention to the fact that a person can be found not guilty of an act in criminal court, but still be found responsible in civil court.

HINT: Loss of consortium is an element of damages that can be recovered in a wrongful death case brought by a surviving spouse.

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Planners seeking a different look

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Belle Tire learned that, as the spokeswoman in its popular commercials might say, it didn't know "jack" about where Canton Township is headed architecturally before a recent planning commission meeting.

"We're moving away from the '90s strip-mall look" and toward a colonial appearance for new township businesses, Canton planning commissioner Melissa McLaughlin told the company as commissioners considered a request for a proposed Belle Tire store.

The company, which claims to be the leading tire and auto service chain in metro Detroit, runs clever radio and television commercials in which a woman says her boyfriend thinks girls "don't know jack about tires," then proves him wrong.

When the firm's project architect, Christopher Enright of Birmingham, protested that the company had already dropped its standard all-white exterior to meet Canton's brick-and-glass requirements, McLaughlin responded that claiming a standard design "doesn't hold any water with this bunch at all," especially not with requests for special land-use permits.

She mentioned the colonial style of the AAA office on Canton Center, just east of the new Centre Village Shopping Center in which Belle would locate, as opposed to the center's present look. She said the new Rite Aid pharmacy going in at Canton Center and Ford also will have a colonial appearance.

The 9,500-square-foot Belle store, planned just north of Kroger, would be the company's first in Canton. Construction would begin in the fall, with the

BELLE TIRE

opening late this year.

In granting its approval of the permit May 3, the planning commission conditioned it upon the Allen Park-based retailer not only considering the facade changes, but also including Downtown Development Authority elements and the construction of a passing lane along the north side of Ford Road.

The township board of trustees was expected to approve the conditional recommendation May 25. The next step will be site-plan approval by the two township bodies.

The entrance to the store's parking lot would be off the existing shopping-center drive.

DDA elements include lighting, brick garden walls and similar landscaping.

The township would work with the state highway commission to get the passing-lane built.

McLaughlin said the commission appreciated that the 10 service-bay entrances would be to the rear, facing west, and that a 6-foot-high wall will border that side.

Commissioners Ron Lieberman, Bob Wade, Catherine Johnson and Karl Zarbo supported McLaughlin's suggestions about the store's facade.

Belle Tire claims 47 percent more market-share than second-ranked Sears in metro Detroit and double the share of No. 3 Discount Tire, the only other top retailer now in Canton.

The Canton store would be open no later than 8 p.m. and would be closed Sundays.

Belle Tire's nearest store is on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

A 30-year-old Ypsilanti man was the victim of road rage May 24.

According to township police reports, the man and a companion were patrons at Don Pablos Restaurant on Ford Road. At some point during the meal, the Ypsilanti man complained about his waiter to the restaurant manager.

The Ypsilanti man left Don Pablos at about 9:20 p.m. at which time the waiter also left, reports said. He drove west-bound on Ford Road and was tailgated by the waiter, who was driving a red Firebird, according to reports.

The waiter, who was described as a 17- to 19-year-old, finally passed his vehicle. Reports said he then repeatedly changed lanes, cutting in front of the Ypsilanti man.

Reports said the reckless driving continued to Sheldon Road.

At that point, the Ypsilanti man exited Ford into a bank parking lot.

The waiter followed and bumped the 30-year-old's vehicle with his car and then drove off. Canton police are investigating the incident.

Retail fraud

A 41-year-old Plymouth man was arrested by Canton police after attempting to steal food from Farmer Jack on Joy Road May 25.

Reports said the man walked past cash registers with food stuffed in his pants. Store employees stopped him before he could get out the door, however.

Police arrived minutes later and arrested the man. He attempted to steal about \$20

COP CALLS

worth of food items, including steak, olives and vegetables.

Simple assault

A 35-year-old Plymouth woman was assaulted at a Canton child care facility May 25.

The woman, a worker at the child care center on Joy Road, got into an argument with another employee at about 9:15 a.m. Reports said that the Plymouth woman threw a small cup at the woman, 26, of Westland.

The Plymouth woman was then thrown to the ground and hit several times by the 26-year-old. Reports said that neither woman would seek prosecution.

B & E

More than \$700 worth of damage was done to a 45-year-old

Canton man's home as the result of a break-in on May 25.

Reports said that an unknown person pried open a metal entry door from the Creeks Bend Street home's garage to the interior. Once inside, a dishwasher and garbage disposal were stolen.

Scratch marks were left on a linoleum floor and mud on the home's carpet.

Larceny

More than \$14,000 worth of equipment was stolen from a work site on Hereford May 25.

Police reports said an unknown person took a 1990 Bobcat vehicle valued at \$12,000, a \$2,000 trailer and chains from the site. The equipment belongs to R & L Wall Co. of Livonia.

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Herbs are a wonderful fat-free, salt-free way to add flavor and zest to your meals. Be creative and bold with new seasonings in your favorite dishes.

Many herbs can be purchased fresh year-round. If you have a choice, use fresh herbs. One tablespoon of fresh herbs is equal to one-third to one-half teaspoon crushed or dried herbs.

Dried herbs have more concentrated flavor than fresh. If you are unfamiliar with the flavor of a certain herb use a small amount, you can always add more later.

Herbs are generally added toward the end of the cooking time. For soups or stews, add herbs the last 45 minutes of cooking. Extended cooking destroys the taste of many herbs. For cold foods, add herbs several hours before serving to allow flavors to blend.

Strong flavors

There are strong or dominate flavored herbs. These flavors really stand out so handle them with care. Bay, cardamom, curry, ginger, hot pepper, mustard, pepper, rosemary and sage are all strong flavors.

Here are some ways to try some of these herbs:

- **Bay** - beets, carrots, potatoes, tomatoes, fish, meats
- **Cardamom** - poached apples, curries, rice pilaf, stews, sweet potatoes
- **Curry** - chutney, chicken, fish, soups, mayonnaise
- **Ginger** - beets, carrots, squash, meats
- **Mustard** - chicken, pot roast, snap beans, Brussels sprouts
- **Rosemary** - turnips, potatoes, beef and pork roasts, oranges
- **Sage** - peas, Brussels sprouts, chowders, meats

Medium flavors

Medium flavored herbs are basil, celery seed and leaves, cumin, dill, fennel, French tarragon, garlic, marjoram, mint, oregano, winter and summer savory and thyme.

- **Basil** - potatoes, spinach, eggs, pasta, fish
- **Celery seed** - tomatoes, cabbage, meat stock
- **Cumin** - sauerkraut, beans and rice, tomato sauce
- **Dill** - broccoli, potatoes, fish, cheese dishes
- **Fennel** - bread, salad, squash, rice
- **Tarragon** - lima beans, cauliflower, fish, meats
- **Marjoram** - carrots, spinach, potatoes, fish
- **Oregano** - beans, potatoes, tomatoes, salad dressings
- **Savory** - peas, stews, meats, lentil soup
- **Thyme** - lima beans, beets, carrots, chicken

Delicate flavors

Delicate flavored herbs are used in larger quantity or combined with other herbs. These include burnet, chervil, chives and parsley.

- **Burnet** - salads (has a delicate cucumber flavor)
- **Chervil** - omelets, chicken, veal
- **Chives** - salads, potatoes, salmon
- **Parsley** - Use on almost anything

When using herbs with meats, work the herbs into the meat by rubbing them on with your hands. The flavors will penetrate better. If you accidentally "over herb" a dish, add a peeled raw potato to the dish. It will help absorb excess flavor.

Fresh herbs are perishable so use them shortly after purchase. Fresh herbs can be stored in a container of water (like flowers) except cover the whole container with a plastic bag secured with a rubber band.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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An eye for potatoes

STORY BY RENÉE SKOGLUND • PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

From start to finish, these chips are 'Better Made'

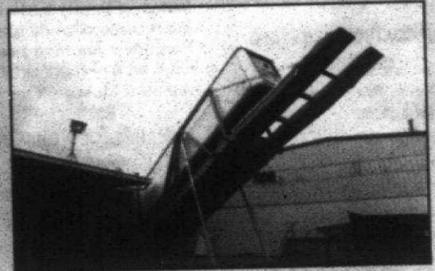
I thought I'd died and gone to potato chip heaven. First, there was that wonderful aroma wafting down Gratiot Avenue in Detroit that told me I was nearing the Better Made potato chip factory. Then, there was the sight of that glorious sea of bouncing blonde chips rushing along the conveyer belt on their way to being packaged.

Finally, there was the taste of a perfectly shaped, warm, crisp chip ... ah, heaven. "When you're driving down the freeway (I-94) about 6:05 a.m., you can smell the chips. It's actually a very good smell," said Chris Mocer, vice president of Cross & Peters Co., which makes Better Made potato chips. Mocer is the grandson of Cross Mocer, who founded the company in 1930 (the company moved to its present location in 1940) with partner Peter Cipriano.

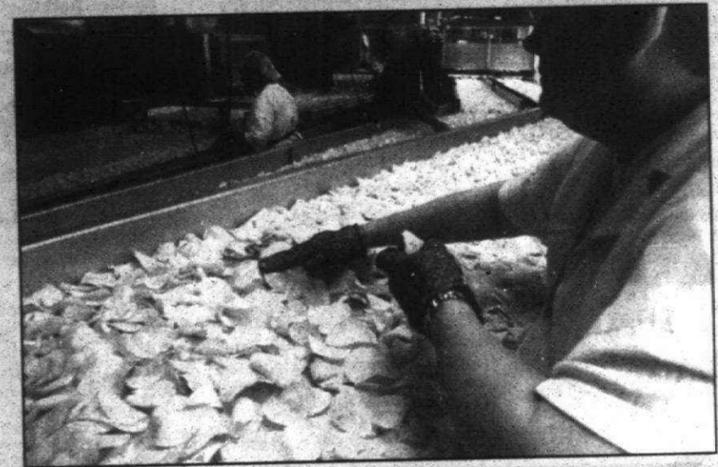
Cipriano was a chip-loving milkman and Mocer already had experience working in a potato chip company. Both men wanted to make a better potato chip, hence the brand name, Better

Please see BETTER, B2

Unloading spuds: Truckloads of up to 85,000 pounds of potatoes roll into storage bins at the Better Made potato chip factory in Detroit. Most potatoes are processed into chips the same day.



One potato, two potato: After being washed, millions of potatoes lose their skins in automatic peelers. Peeler blades are constantly cleaned and sharpened. Next stop is the slicer.



Chip heaven: Sorters pick out "bad" chips before they reach the bagging process. The chips, still warm from being fried, have already been salted.



Ready for stores: Workers box bags of chips according to size. From beginning to end, a potato's transformation into a potato chip is often no more than 25 minutes.

Potato Chip History

- **1853** - Potato chips are created. Railroad magnate Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, dining at a resort in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., didn't like the fried potatoes he ordered for dinner. He sent them back to the kitchen, complaining they were too thick. Taking offense, chef George Crum sliced more potatoes paper thin, fried them to a crisp in boiling oil, and salted them. Vanderbilt loved the "crunch potato slices," and "Saratoga Chips" became a restaurant fad with the resort's socialite patrons.
- **1890** - William Tappenden of Cleveland starts delivering his homemade chips to neighborhood stores in a horse-drawn wagon. Orders increase, and his barn becomes the first potato chip factory.
- **1926** - Chip-maker Laura Scudder of Montgomery Park, Calif., invents the first potato chip bag by ironing sheets of wax paper into bags. She fills the bags with chips and irons them shut. Before this, retailers kept chips in cracker barrels or glass displays.
- **1937** - The National Potato Chip Institute (now the Snack Food Association) is founded to educate retailers and consumers on the proper use of potato chips. They can't be used like soap chips to wash clothes. They are not good poured into a bowl with sugar and cream.
- **1943** - During World War II, production of potato chips continues but ingredients are firmly rationed.
- **1948** - Fifteen-year-old Dornhea Fagnano of Yonkers, N.Y., is crowned the first Potato Chip Queen for her "Potato Chips a la Gorton" casserole made with potato chips, carrots, onions and cheese.
- **1949** - The Vincent Lopez Orchestra and the Martin Sisters record a song for the National Potato Chip Institute titled "Potato Chips," which aired along with tunes like "Rum and Coca Cola" and "The Popcorn Poika."
- **1970** - Potato chip sales reach \$1 million.
- **1973** - Chip industry takes a beating as prices for gas, used to fire their cookers, soar. Potato prices also go through the roof after a bad growing season.
- **1983** - Thicker, ridged chips made especially for dipping are introduced.
- **1995** - Low- and no-fat potato chips sales increase.

Information from the Snack Food Association, snax.com on the Web

Save some chips for these delicious recipes

Recipes compliments of Better Made potato chips. From "Prize Winning recipes starring potato chips," published by Potato Chip International, Cleveland.

CHIPPY CHEESE STRAWS

- 1 package pie crust mix
- 2/3 cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup finely crushed potato chips
- 1 egg white
- Salt and cayenne pepper

Prepare pie crust according to package directions and roll very thin in a square shape. Combine cheese with potato chips and

Please see CHIPPY, B2

Use fresh herbs to bring out the flavor of foods

BY MELANIE POLK
SPECIAL WRITER

When health experts recommend that we eat more plant foods, they don't mean just fruits, vegetables and grains. Herbs are also an important source of phytochemicals, those substances in plants that are not vitamins or minerals, but possess a wealth of health-protective benefits.

Herbs have always been prized for a variety of healing properties, and in recent years cancer prevention has been added to the list of potential benefits. The compounds that produce flavor in rosemary and sage, for example, possess strong antioxidants which help fight cancer. Chives, along with garlic and onions, belong to the Allium family and are rich in sulfurides and other cancer-protective substances. Using herbs to bring out the flavor in recipes is also a great way to reduce your use of fat for flavoring.

When purchasing fresh herbs, look for unblemished leaves and avoid those that are wilted, bruised or discolored. Store sturdy herbs like rosemary, thyme, sorrel, marjoram or sage wrapped in paper towels inside a plastic bag in the refrigerator. More delicate herbs including basil, chervil, tarragon or mint, can be stored in the refrigerator

CRACKED WHEAT AND BASIL PILAF

- 1 cup cracked wheat or bulgur
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups thinly sliced mushrooms
- 1 large tomato, seeded and diced, or 1Tbs. each tomato puree and water
- 8 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 4 tablespoons sliced almonds

1/2 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper to taste

Prepare cracked wheat or bulgur according to package directions.

In heavy frying pan, heat oil. Add onion and cook, stirring, over medium heat until tender. Stir in garlic and mushrooms and cook until mushrooms are tender, about 2 minutes.

Stir in tomato, cracked wheat, basil, almonds, salt, and pepper to taste; stir until mixed and heated through.

Nutrition information: Each of the 6 servings contains 172 calories and 6 grams of fat.



Savory side dish: Cracked wheat and basil pilaf is a delicious way to enjoy basil.

Melanie Polk is Director of Nutrition Education for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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AP — Falafel is a Middle Eastern tradition, as popular in many countries as hamburgers and hot dogs in the United States. And the dish, breaded garbanzo bean croquettes, is a favorite of many vegetarians.

Today, more and more Americans are discovering the delights of such once-exotic foods from other countries. Falafel is already on menus in restaurants other than those devoted to ethnic specialties. In cities, it's a familiar offering on fast-food carts patronized by sidewalk diners.

The following version of Falafel has only 4 grams of fat per serving. It goes well with a tangy Tomato Cucumber Relish (recipe follows), and with pita bread as an optional extra.

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FALAFEL

- 15-ounce can garbanzo beans, rinsed, drained
- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup packed parsley leaves
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 3/4 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 2 to 3 teaspoons lemon juice
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup dry plain bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup chopped raisins
- 1 egg yolk
- Olive oil cooking spray

Process garbanzo beans, onion, parsley, garlic, cumin and oregano in food processor until smooth; season to taste with lemon juice, salt and pepper. Stir in 1/2 cup bread crumbs, raisins and egg yolk. Form bean mixture into 16 patties, using about 1 1/2 tablespoons for each. Coat patties with remaining 1/2 cup bread crumbs. Spray large skillet with cooking spray; heat over medium heat until hot. Cook falafel until browned on the bottom, 2 to 3 minutes. Spray tops of falafel with cooking spray and turn; cook until browned on the bottom, 2 to 3 minutes. Arrange 4 falafel on each plate; serve with Tomato-Cucumber Relish. Makes 4 servings.

TOMATO CUCUMBER RELISH

- 1/2 cup chopped tomato
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- Salt and pepper, to taste

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Sprinkle half of mixture over half of dough. Fold over. Sprinkle remaining mixture on one-half of folded dough. Fold again. Roll out to one-quarter inch thickness. Brush with egg white and sprinkle with salt and cayenne. Cut in strips 1/2-inch by 6 inches. Bake at 450°F until crisp and golden brown.

CHIP-COATED OVEN-FRIED CHICKEN

- 1 1/2 cups finely crushed potato chips
- 1 teaspoon salt (may eliminate)
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Dash of paprika
- 2 to 3 pound fryer (cut in pieces)
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine

Combine crushed potato chips, salt, pepper, and paprika. Combine egg and milk. Dip chicken first in egg and milk mixture, then in chip mixture.

Melt butter in baking dish. Add chicken (do not stack) and bake at 325°F for 45 minutes or until tender.

TUNA CASSEROLE

- 3 tablespoons chopped onions
- 3 tablespoons chopped green pepper
- 1 tablespoon melted butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons diced pimiento
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup (can substitute cream of spinach or cream of asparagus soup)
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 cans (7-ounces each) tuna, drained and flaked

Mix condensed milk and peanut butter. Add the coconut and potato chips. Drop the mixture by spoonfuls on greased baking pan. Bake at 375°F for about 15 minutes.

SAVORY CHIPPER LOAF

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 can condensed vegetable soup
- 2 cups crushed potato chips

Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Blend together. Shape into a loaf and bake uncovered in a shallow pan at 350°F for 1 1/2 hours. Serves 6-8.

Better from page B1

But that's history. The real story remains the process by which potato chips are made, the potato's journey from field to bag of chips.

Spuds to chips

Everything starts when a truck carrying 45,000 to 85,000 pounds of potatoes arrives at Better Made and backs onto a lift. The lift raises up the entire truck at an angle, allowing the potatoes to tumble into a conveyor, which shakes off excess dirt.

The conveyor then feeds the potatoes into storage vats that hold up to 50,000 pounds. From the vats, it's a short ride on a hopper to the water-filled "destoner." All stones and field debris are then removed.

MAGIC POTATO CHIP COOKIES

- 1 1/3 cups sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup crumbled potato chips

Mix condensed milk and peanut butter. Add the coconut and potato chips. Drop the mixture by spoonfuls on greased baking pan. Bake at 375°F for about 15 minutes.

BARBECUED CHIP BURGERS

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 package onion soup mix
- 1/2 cup crushed potato chips
- Barbecue sauce for basting

Combine all ingredients and shape into 1-inch thick patties. Place on grill about 2 inches from flame. Baste with barbecue sauce.

After a short fry, the chips are salted and whisked along a vibrating conveyor belt under sharp eyes of a chip inspector to the final bagging process.

Lots of potatoes

Better Made processes 200,000 pounds of potatoes a day, or 40 million pounds a year. The potatoes are specially grown varieties, like Atlantic's or Snowdens. "More solid, less sugar, which keeps them nice and white," said Mocerri.

Best chips

Redford resident Margaret Cartier, 80, who grew up near Gratiot, remembers bringing many of her 11 siblings (Arehie,

the starch. Afterward, the slices are blown dry and ready to be fried. The oil (90,000 pounds a week) is pumped into the fryer through overhead tubing from huge heated vats in an adjoining room.

"We use nothing but cottonseed oil. It's the most expensive now because of the draught in Texas, but we refuse to change our formula," said Mocerri.

After a short fry, the chips are salted and whisked along a vibrating conveyor belt under sharp eyes of a chip inspector to the final bagging process.

The entire frying process, from peeler to salting, takes seven minutes, said Mocerri. A truckload of potatoes can be transformed into chips in just 25 minutes.

Stir-fry combines veggies, pork

AP — A serving of Vegetable Pork Stir-Fry contains only about 6 grams of fat.

VEGETABLE PORK STIR-FRY

- 1 pound lean boneless center-cut pork loin
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 2 1/2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger root
- 2 teaspoons wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 carrots, peeled and cut diagonally into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 sweet red or green pepper, cut into 1/4-inch strips
- 2 small yellow squash, sliced
- 2 small zucchini, cut into julienne strips
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions
- 6 ounces fresh or thawed frozen Chinese pea pods
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 2/3 cup beef bouillon
- 1/3 cup dry white wine
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar

Hot cooked rice (optional)

Freeze pork for 30 to 45 minutes for ease in slicing; cut across grain into 1/4-inch strips.

Combine 2 tablespoons soy sauce, garlic, ginger, vinegar, 1 teaspoon cornstarch and pepper; mix well and pour over pork.

Cover and marinate in refrigerator 4 hours or overnight. Pour oil around top and sides of preheated wok; heat for about 2 minutes at medium-high. Add marinated pork (undrained) to wok; stir-fry for 3 minutes.

Add carrots and red pepper; stir-fry for 2 minutes. Add yellow squash, zucchini and green onions; stir-fry for 3 minutes. Add Chinese pea pods and broccoli and continue stir-frying for 2 minutes. Combine cornstarch, remaining 1/2 tablespoon soy sauce and sugar; pour over vegetables and pork. Stir-fry over medium heat for 3 to 5 minutes until sauce is thickened and bubbly. Serve immediately over hot cooked rice, if desired.

Recipe from: Smithfield Lean Generation Pork.

Herb from page B1

Besides flavoring foods, many herbs have medicinal value. Eating rosemary, basil and parsley may reduce lung cancer. Ginger fights nausea and motion sickness. Because it fights inflammation, ginger helps arthritis patients. It may also help thin the blood preventing blood clots.

Sage, dill, anise and fennel help prevent intestinal gas and aid digestion. The menthol in peppermint can be a soothing muscle relaxant.

Herbs can be grown on your window sill. They need a lot of light so place pots in a south or west window. Herbs don't take up a lot of space and don't require a lot of care.

The fragrance of fresh herbs in the house is wonderful. Water the soil when the pot begins to dry out, you may want to fertilize your herbs once a month.

The advantages of having "herb" in your life continue to add up. They give food flavor, require little space or care, and their health benefits cannot be denied.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Chemical sensitive

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends, a support group for anyone who is hypersensitive to chemical/environmental irritants such as smoke, fragrances, pesticides, cleaning supplies, new construction materials. The next meeting is from 2-5 p.m. Sunday June 6 at Island Lake State Park (exit 151 off I-96 near Kensington Lake). For a newsletter or information call, (248) 349-4972.

Health inside/out

Henry Ford OptiEyes will host a Health Inside & Out program from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Westland Supervision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway. Free blood pressure checks, body fat analysis, "Brown bagging your medications: Ask the Pharmacist," and guest speakers from Henry Ford will discuss dermatology and nutrition.

Market nutrition

During two sessions, participants will learn to make wise food choices, find low-fat alternatives to favorite foods and read food labels. Second session scheduled at Kroger in Westland (31300 Michigan Ave.). Classes are from 7-8:30 p.m. June 8 and 15.

Host casual day

Get Casual for a Cause, is United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit's Eighth Annual Casual Day. Monday, June 21 is a suggested date but UCP will help your company host a Casual Day on any business day between June 21 and July 16. Employees are asked to make a voluntary contribution of \$5 to UCP. Participants will receive a button, discount coupon to Harmony House and a raffle ticket for a drawing to include a Las Vegas vacation, Mongolian BBQ dinner, \$100 gift certificate to Harmony House, etc. For information call (248) 557-5070.

Menopause support

"Food is good. Food tastes good. We need food to live and grow. Stop hating food and stop hating your body!" For more information or to register, call the Marian Women's Center, (734) 655-1100. Free of charge. The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia in the West Addition Conference Room B. There is no charge to attend the meeting but registration is required, call 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

Scleroderma event

Magic, an auction and an ice cream social are all part of the Walk and Auction for Scleroderma on Sunday, June 13, 1999 to raise funds to support patient services and medical research. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. on the lawn of the Royal Oak Library. T-shirts, sweatshirts and other awards will be given to persons raising money. For a brochure, information, and to pre-register, call the Scleroderma Foundation office, (248) 349-2899.

'INSIDIOUS' DISEASE

Support group helps members unmask thyroid symptoms

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Tracy Green of Plymouth initiated a thyroid support group after her circle of friends and acquaintances consisted of several women who were also being treated for thyroid disorders and whose symptoms sounded all too familiar to her.

"A neighbor and one of my best friends also have thyroid problems," said Green. "I thought there were probably a number of other people out there who could benefit from knowing their problems weren't in their head as a lot of us have been told at one time or another."

Green's support group, numbering approximately 30 members, some traveling from as far as Rochester Hills, Hartland and Ann Arbor, meets monthly at the Plymouth District Library. Each session includes a discussion from a guest speaker such as an endocrinologist, nutritionist or chiropractor. The next meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. Monday, June 7, at the library.

"I think I offer a lot to the group," said Deborah Allgeier, 49. "I've had every treatment possible and I've been dealing with this disease for more than 30 years."

Running the gamut of symptoms for a hyperactive thyroid, Allgeier, a Plymouth resident, started to think there was something psychologically wrong with her at the age of 15 when she lost a significant amount of weight, had trouble sleeping and an excessively fast heart rate.

"My doctor told me it was adolescence," said Allgeier, "and it was psychological." Several months passed before she was diagnosed with a hyperactive thyroid and began to take oral medication to control her hormone levels.

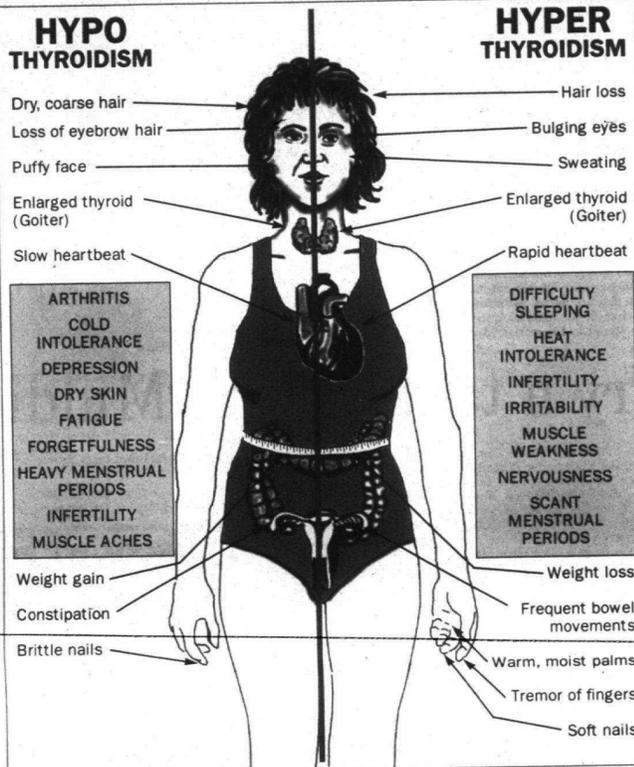
After a few years the Plymouth resident says she was weaned off the medication but began to experience symptoms again while she was in college. "My symptoms came back in full force. I was down to about 98 pounds, couldn't sleep and so on. My doctor prescribed what they call the atomic cocktail — you drink radioactive iodine — and that took care of things for about 20 years."

Allgeier refers to thyroid disorders as "insidious" diseases because the symptoms mask themselves as "all kinds of other things," and are often more dangerous than seems evident. "I don't think thyroid problems are taken as seriously as they should be," said Allgeier, who found it difficult dealing with doctors and hospitals who wanted to blame the source of her symptoms on something psychological or stress-related.

Approximately three years ago Allgeier's hyperactive thyroid developed into an underactive thyroid and she began to experience weight gain, hives, fatigue, and significant sweating. Last year her TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormones) levels were "out of control" and she was diagnosed with Graves disease. Finally she opted to have a thyroidectomy (surgical removal of the thyroid gland) in October 1998.

"I feel so much better and haven't had a hives since. I'm just too fat now, but I know once the medication gets regulated that will change."

Graves disease causes your thyroid to produce an overabundance of thyroid hormone and you become hyperthyroid. One classic symptom is a goiter, or an enlarged thyroid gland that can be detected by pressing or palpating the region of



your neck where your thyroid is located.

Thyroid disorders are also believed to be hereditary. Allgeier says numerous women on both her mother's and father's sides of the family suffer from thyroid problems. "Your chances of developing a thyroid disorder are significantly higher if members of your family such as a parent, aunt and uncle or sibling have also been diagnosed," said Green.

Allgeier says you have to keep your sense of humor about you or the disease, and its symptoms, can take over your life.

"I have four different sizes of clothing in my closet," laughed the Plymouth resident. "I won't have to go shopping for a while."

Source of support

Green says the Internet also offers a wealth of information and should be used as both a resource and as a support system for those sufferers who frequent chat rooms and sites maintained by thyroid patients.

The Plymouth resident warns, however, that the information and advice gleaned online should not take the place of a visit to your physician or

endocrinologist.

Here is a list of suggested sites including the address of a Web site maintained by Green.

- Endocrine Web
www.endocrineweb.org
- Gland Central
www.glandcentral.com
- The American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
www.aace.org
- The American Thyroid Association, Inc.
www.thyroid.org
- Thyroid Foundation of America
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- National Graves Disease Foundation
www.ngdf.org/
- The Endocrinology Society
www.endo-society.org
- Tracy Green's Web site
http://community.mlive.com/co/thyroid

Thyroid disorders can be difficult to diagnose

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Approximately 14 million Americans, predominantly women, suffer from an under (hypothyroidism) or over active (hyperthyroidism) thyroid. The disorder can be challenging to diagnose based on the wide variety of symptoms, sufferers report.

The thyroid gland, which governs our metabolism, affects every cell in the body and collaboratively works to maintain the body's functions. Variations in hormone production can have significant ramifications on a person's energy level, heart rate, organ function, weight and vision. Tracy Green of Plymouth was diagnosed with hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid) four months after the birth of her third child.

"I was having a hard time functioning and I was tired all the time," said Green. "My doctor told me it was stress."

The 35-year-old said ironically she recently read an article about thyroid

disorders and suggested to her physician that he test her hormone levels while he was drawing blood for a cholesterol screening.

"My thyroid was so underactive the doctor said he was surprised I wasn't in a coma," said Green. Green's blood work also indicated an elevated cholesterol level. In the past she also experienced depression, dry skin, low blood pressure, muscle tightening and hair loss. The final diagnosis was Hashimoto's Disease — a condition in which the immune system attacks the thyroid gland.

Routinely, infections are fought by a person's immune system as it makes the distinction between the body's own cells and those carried by viruses and bacteria.

Antibodies and protector cells are distributed throughout the body to battle these foreign cells before they wear down the immune system. Hashimoto's disease causes your immune system to send protector cells to your thyroid as it inadvertently identifies them as foreign cells.

According to Knoll Pharmaceutical Company, the manufacturer of a thyroid medication, "This is called autoimmune condition, which simply means that your immune system is attacking your own cells. In an autoimmune condition, the immune system continues to act just like it's fighting something foreign and it produces protector cells against the thyroid cells."

Not alone

Peggy Kremer of Plymouth said several physicians she saw were also quick to blame her busy lifestyle and the stress associated with raising three children on her physical problems that included extreme fatigue, thinning hair, muscle aches, digestive problems, depression and anxiety. "Some people have more physical problems relating to their thyroid — mine are more mentally terrible," said Kremer. "The whole last year has been really bad."

The 36-year-old Plymouth resident says she was diagnosed in 1998 with

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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TUE, JUNE 1

GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES
Hospice of Washtenaw will begin their next five-week Grief Recovery Series from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Hospice office in Ann Arbor. Participants are encouraged to attend all five sessions and preregistration is required. (734) 327-3409.

WED, JUNE 2

DIABETES SUPPORT
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. You must RSVP to Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

An Alcoholics Anonymous meeting is held every Wednesday beginning at noon at the Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188.

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 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

"Food is good. Food tastes good. We need food to live and grow. Stop hating food and stop hating your body!" For more information or to register, call (734) 655-1100. Free of charge. The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital in the West Addition Conference Room B. The support group provides in-depth information, education and

emotional support to help women lead fuller lives during their mid-life years.

CHILD CPR

Offered monthly at 6 p.m. Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three hour class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330.

THUR, JUNE 3

LUPUS SUPPORT
The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter will gather at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty St., Farmington. Parveen Qazi, M.D., rheumatologist will discuss "Lupus and overlapping diseases that mimic lupus," such as fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, Epstein Barr, RA. Call Andrea Gray (734) 261-8714 for more information.

PRE MARITAL COUNSELING

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will offer a Pre-marital Counseling Class from 7-8 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room A. Those who wish to marry in Michigan are required to receive information about sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS before applying for a marriage license. Certificates are valid for 60 days. Registration is required. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Call (734) 655-1100.

SAT, JUNE 5

PITUITARY SUPPORT
The next Pituitary Disorders Education and Support Group Meeting will be held in West Bloomfield, Michigan, at the Henry Ford Medical Center on 6777 West Maple Rd from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meeting will be held in the lower level conference rooms. The Topic will be "Drug interactions for medications commonly prescribed for patients with pituitary tumors." Feel free to attend and bring your family or friends Dr. Jack Rock will be at each meeting for questions.

MEDICAL NEWS

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New administrators

St. Mary Hospital recently announced the addition of three new members to the hospital administration. They include Michael DeRubeis, vice president, Finance, Chief Financial Officer; Judith Johnson, vice president, Patient Care Services; Chief Nurse Executive; and Kathleen Kittle, vice president, Network and Continuum Development.

DeRubeis, previously from William Beaumont Hospital, has been Chief Financial Officer of St. Mary Hospital for the past five years. DeRubeis' responsibilities include overseeing Financial Services, Information Sys-

tems, Medical Information Services, materials Management and Patient Support Services. In his new position, DeRubeis assists hospital management in developing plans and programs to insure financial viability for St. Mary Hospital.

Johnson's responsibilities include overseeing the Laboratory, Case Management, Cardiovascular, Anesthesia, Perioperative Services, Radiology, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Oncology, Pharmacy, Performance Improvement, Behavior Medicine, Emergency Center, Women's Center, Medical-Surgical and Critical Care Services. In her new position she plans to focus on service line development and continuum of care in the areas of women's health, oncology, orthopedics and pulmonary services.

Kittle's responsibilities include overseeing Community Relations, Physician Services, Managed Care, Planning, Marketing,

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Home Health. In addition to the development and implementation of specific services to enhance the continuum of care provided by St. Mary Hospital, Kittle will provide strategic focus and leadership in managed care strategy and network growth opportunities.

High-tech health

A new addition to the Livonia area is "Vita-Market," a health food store that gives customers the unique opportunity to use a computer-based research program that offers non-biased and detailed information regarding specific use of herbs, vitamins and minerals.

A purchase is not necessary to use the computer and assistance is available if you have questions. The store also offers ayurvedic and homeopathic medicine, hard to find items can be ordered, a full-line of vitamins, herbs, specialty teas, healthy snacks, grocery items and cosmetics. The store is located at

8996 Middlebelt Road, in the Mid-Plaza, between Joy and Plymouth Road. For information call (734) 524-9500. Twenty-percent off purchase through June 30.

Accreditation

St. Mary Hospital has achieved accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) for the survey process in March. The hospital received a score of 94 out of 100 on the Joint Commission representatives who evaluated standards pertaining to the governing body, administration, medical staff and hospital departments.

Chiropractor honored

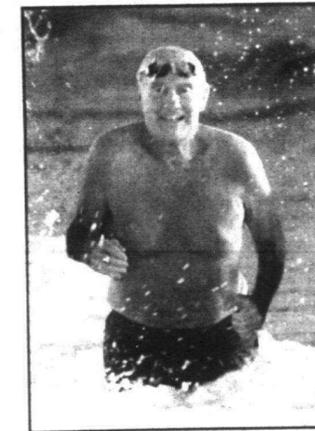
Dr. John O'Connor of Livonia was presented with the Walden S. Derfield, D.C. "Pioneer Award" at the recent Michigan Chiropractic Society (MCS) convention. The MCS honored O'Connor for the hundreds of hours he has unselfishly given to improve his profession over the years. "He has been a pioneer in the profession by serving in many different capacities in his state association."

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Computers in space offer convenient, portable links to Earth



MIKE WENDLAND

PC MIKE The first thing you notice about watching a space launch from the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla. is that as soon as the huge Saturn rocket ignites, it blasts off the pad a lot faster than it appears on television.

The second thing you notice is the noise of the rockets. It's awesome. It hits you like a wave and is so loud that, I swear, the bones in my chest rattled for a good 30 seconds. Very cool.

On TV, the powerful cameras zoom in and follow the rocket as it climbs into the sky. It seems to take forever to disappear from view. In person, it doesn't "climb." That's too lame a word. It leaps into the clouds and is gone from the naked eye in just a couple of seconds. Really, as I watched the launch of Discovery from America's Space Port Thursday, I thought that it was like a bottle rocket. That's how fast it goes when you see it up close and personal.

Up close is about three miles away. That's as near as the NASA officials will let anyone be to the launch pad. Three miles is still in the official blast zone, which, we were told, means there's a bit of danger. It seems a powdery residue from the solid rocket booster exhaust is composed partially of hydrogen chloride. And, in combination from moisture, it can form droplets of hydrochloric acid.

Thus, under certain weather conditions and if the wind is just right, we journalists watching from the Complex 39 Press Site could have been covered with the stuff. We were told that we should be prepared to run into a nearby building or our vehicles if warned.

That, fortunately, didn't happen Thursday.

Instead, I was able to witness the launch of what NASA calls STS-96, a 10-day supply mission by the Space Shuttle Discovery to the still under assembly International Space Station, 250 miles above the earth.

The reason I was there this week was to learn about the use of computers in space.

For in the 5,000 pounds of gear and material brought up to the International Space Station by the seven-member crew are a whole bunch of laptop PCs.

You'd think that the NASA space engineers would be implementing all sorts of sophisticated, powerful and very secret proprietary computer systems. Instead, I was surprised to learn, that they're taking up a bunch of IBM ThinkPads ... the same kind of PC's many of us lug back and forth from the office to the home.

"Personal computers are now so powerful and sophisticated that it's easier and more cost-effective for us to do just what the consumer does, order them up from a PC vendor," says Andy Klausman, an engineer with United Space Alliance, the main contractor for the NASA Space Shuttle program. "I don't think the average PC user realizes how powerful today's machines really are."

The shuttle crew plans to

leave five ThinkPads on the International Space Station for use next year by the crew that will eventually move in and constantly staff the orbiting extraterrestrial base camp.

Aboard the Discovery shuttle vehicle right now, the crew is using nine ThinkPads. If you watch the TV coverage of the mission, you'll always see one of the laptops floating around in zero gravity. "Actually, to keep them from bumping into them, they often have to Velcro them to the walls," IBM's James Sciales told me on my visit to the Kennedy Space Center.

Klausman, the engineer, has

in his Houston office an IBM ThinkPad that served aboard the Russian Mir space station. When Mir had an accident a couple of years ago, the laptop was in the portion of the cargo bay that was seriously damaged. The bay was so damaged that there was a leak and the ThinkPad was exposed to a the vacuum of space. When Mir was eventually repaired, the laptop was retrieved and brought back to earth.

The only damage was the backlight for the screen, which popped in the vacuum. It was fixed and the laptop still works. I told the IBM folks they ought to

copy the old Timex watch commercial: "Takes a licking and keeps on ticking."

The laptops in space have actually replaced the typical cockpit-mounted "rack" computers that we used to see on our spacecraft. The ThinkPads are used by the crew for all sorts of functions, from managing command and control systems to sending e-mail back to their families on earth and NASA engineers in Houston.

In one of the more unusual applications, when the robotic space "arm" is extended from Discovery to do some welding work on the International Space

Station, the exterior camera is plugged into a ThinkPad and the operation is monitored by the Shuttle crew inside Discovery on the laptop screen.

"These laptops just make everything more efficient," said Klausman. "They're all networked together and hooked up by the communications system to the NASA system back on earth."

"When the crew sleeps, the laptops are awake. They're as much a part of the mission as the radio and telemetry systems."

If you want to learn more about the mission and see what

is happening up there in space, visit the Kennedy Space center Web site at www.ksc.nasa.gov

This weekend, I'll be talking about the use of computers in space on my PC Talk Radio Show on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT.

Thanks to the people at a company called AltiTalk, you can now listen to my radio show on the Internet at www.pcmike.com. I tape-recorded the Thursday launch, and you'll be able to hear that incredible blast off noise yourself.

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BUSINESS NEWS

President honored

Bank One President **Walter C. Watkins Jr.**, a graduate of Wayne State University, was recently honored by the University for his business achievements. Watkins, a Livonia resident, earned an MBA degree from WSU in 1977. In addition to the duties of president, Watkins is responsible for the corporation's small business strategy in Michigan, Indiana and Illinois.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra names new conductor

Nan Washburn said it may be hard to believe, but her decision to leave sunny California for a conductor/music director position with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra was an easy one. She'll be unpacking boxes of music scores the first week of August in time for the first rehearsal for the 1999-2000 season.

"I'm really excited about the new position," said Washburn during an interview from her home in Pacifica. "The skill of this orchestra puts it up to a semi-professional or professional orchestra. When I was here to audition in November, I talked with the orchestra and they think of themselves as a family."



PHOTO BY CATHERINE BYRD

New Ideas: Nan Washburn has been appointed as the music director/conductor of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Washburn, who prefers the term community-based orchestra to community orchestra, will ease her way into the position. There'll be no drastic changes in the orchestra led by conductor/music director Russell Reed for the last 12 years. Reed retired in April to pursue his love of travel, golf and woodworking.

"The first year is a little challenging because I need to get to know the orchestra and they need to get to know me and then we can begin working on increasing performance skill," said Washburn.

The announcement of Washburn as new conductor/music director signals an exciting time for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra as well. One of the reasons Washburn was chosen for the position is because of her innovative programming. Winner of 13 ASCAP awards for adventuresome programming from the American Symphony Orchestra League, Washburn began studying past Plymouth Symphony programs last year to get a handle on the type of repertoire favored by area audiences.

Washburn plans to introduce composers who are not household names especially women and others from multi-cultural backgrounds. She'd also like the composers to attend the concert. In the works for the new season is an accordion concerto by Janica Vandervele, Washburn premiered the work, "Cafes of Melbourne" in March 1998 and would like to bring it to Plymouth for the 1999-2000 season. Washburn is also hoping to program Harold Farberman's work for a jazz drummer. It would be part an all-jazz program.

Familiar works will not be left behind. Themes will play a big part because Washburn believes they put the music in context.

Expanding education

Washburn's interest in expanding education and concerts for kids was another reason the orchestra chose her from the final two candidates. Washburn applauds board president Don Soenen's initiative to bring the orchestra into public and private schools in Plymouth and Canton. Last fall, he and his wife Colleen funded a \$40,000 grant to introduce third and fourth grade students to the wonders of Chopin and Schostakovich over a two-year period.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to link with the community," said Washburn. "I'd like to see us get into more family

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Detroit Women Writers kick off year-long celebration

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Alice Elinor Bartlett would have probably gasped in horror over the graphic language and sexual descriptions in Julia Grice's suspense novel "Jagged Light."

In 1905, Bartlett, a founding member of Detroit Women Writers, was writing flowery poems about the parson coming to tea.

Ninety-nine years to the day, the Detroit Women Writers will kick off a year-long celebration of their 100th anniversary with a literary evening. The Birmingham Village Players and Cranbrook Writers Guild will present both works along with selections by Margaret Hillert, Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli, Naomi Long Madgett, Kathleen Ripley Leo, Joyce Carol Oates, Linda Nemec Foster, Ruth Ryan Langan and S.K. Wolfe of Livonia.

Bob Carington's job is to put the authors of the Detroit Women Writers recently published anthology "Century of Voices" on stage and "make it entertaining." As director of the Birmingham Village Players production with his wife, Jerri, Carington realized his biggest challenge was to trim the selections chosen for "Authors on Stage" on Saturday, June 5. The book stands on its own when it comes to taking the reader through a roller coaster of emotions from laughter to surprise.

"There's everything from tough hard-hitting stuff to fun things. From soup to nuts, there's a lot of variety," said Carington of Bloomfield Village. "We're making them into little one acts. From Julia Grice's hard hitting 'Jagged Light' to a poem by the first president (Bartlett) that's very old-fashioned and charming. We try to mix the evening up."

Evolution of a project
Originally "Century of Voices" was intended to chronicle 100 years of Detroit Women Writers history. Marion Tuttle Marzolf had been taking oral accounts from older members for a decade. Carolyn Vosburg Hall, who calls herself an idea person because of the 12 published crafts books she's orchestrated, came up with the concept of combining history and the writings. Archives of the Burton Collection at the Detroit Public Library

were combed for material. Current members were asked to submit selections as well. Then the work began for co-editors Vosburg Hall, Corinne Abatt, Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli, Tuttle Marzolf and Doris Scharfenberg.

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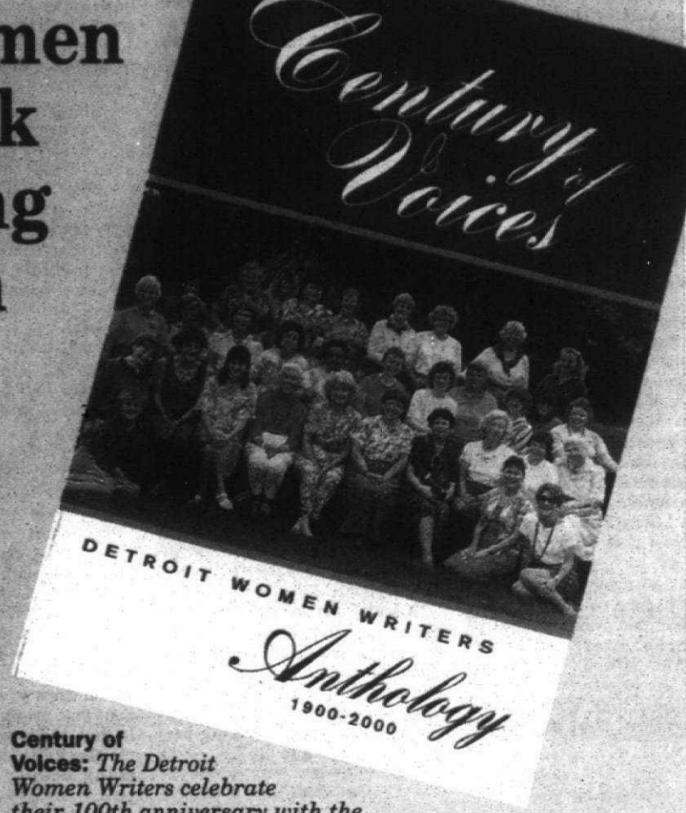
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Where: Birmingham Village Players Theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham.
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Jazz lovers to gather for brunch

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Larry Nozero's memory of his father playing clarinet around the house from the time he was a child is a powerful one. Nozero, a saxophonist with 40 years in the music business, never learned to play the Italian folk songs of his father's native country. But he did learn to love music.

Nozero is bringing his jazz quartet and guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell to the Father's Day Brunch at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The brunch is a benefit for the July 18 Michigan Jazz Festival which has been moved this year from the Botsford Inn to Schoolcraft College.

"My father was a natural player. There was always music around the house," said Nozero. "He taught me the basic reasons for being a musician. He taught me about expression. That it's a way to express your feelings."

The first jazz record he heard, by Benny Goodman, hooked Nozero for life. Before long, he was listening to Art Pepper and Charlie Parker, and finally his own career took off. In the early years, he toured with a number of legendary jazz musicians including Stan Kenton, Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, and Henry Mancini. Nozero's own group was the first American quartet to play the Montreaux Jazz Festival in Switzerland when it originated 19 years ago. In 1997, he was inducted into the Legends of Jazz International Hall of Fame. In December he was a featured guest with the Birmingham

Father's Day Brunch

What: A fund-raising gourmet brunch featuring the music of the Larry Nozero Quartet with guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell.
When: Noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20 (brunch served noon to 1 p.m.).
Where: Upper Waterman, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, (between Six and Seven Mile Roads), Livonia.
Tickets: \$25, call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454. No tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds help offset costs of the admission-free Michigan Jazz Festival to be held Sunday, July 18 at Schoolcraft College.

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Fund-raiser: Larry Nozero and his quartet will be joined by guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell at a Father's Day brunch to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival.

OPERA

Bloomfield Hills resident stars in MOT's 'Samson & Delilah'

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On an unexpectedly cool, blustery afternoon in late May, Irina Mishura sits demurely in the Madison Lounge on the first floor of the Detroit Opera House. Rehearsal has ended early, and the mezzo-soprano whose passionate performances in "Carmen," "Aida" and "Madame Butterfly" won her international critical praise settles in to a reflective mood.

There is little hint of the defiant seductresses, Delilah, who Mishura will portray in Michigan Opera Theatre's "Samson & Delilah," opening this Saturday.

Not long ago, Mishura may have been content to just sit in the lobby of any opera house and talk about her aspiration for the stage.

So much for inevitability. For the last three years, the Bloomfield Hills resident has strapped her career to a rocket headed to



PHOTO BY SCOTT SALZMAN

Hair today, gone tomorrow: Irina Mishura, (left), performs the role of Delilah in all six performances of MOT's "Samson and Delilah." The role of the long-haired Samson will be performed by Mark Lundberg, (right), and Ian Denolfo.

the operatic stratosphere, performing in opera houses in San Francisco, Toronto, Vienna, Lisbon and Brussels. Next fall, Mishura will make her debut at the Met.

Ask her about her schedule for the next six months, and in her heavy Russian accent with near-perfect English diction, she'll explain that she'll have to get back to you.

Busy? There's probably an itinerary just to schedule the itinerary. Mishura has just returned from trips to Helsinki and Munich. After her upcoming Detroit Opera House performances, she'll head to Lisbon to perform "Aida."

For the moment, however, Mishura is content to be home — both in Bloomfield Hills and the Detroit Opera House, where she initially performed three years ago at the gala opening celebration, which fea-

tured Luciano Pavarotti.

"That was one of the most amazing moments of my life," she said. "Watching Pavarotti sing, I had tears rolling down my face."

Wait until you hear Mishura.

A bad-hair day

In February of last year, Mishura first performed the role of Delilah in Tel Aviv as part of the 50th-year celebration of the state of Israel. She has also performed the role earlier this year at the New Orleans Opera.

The allegory of Samson is ideally suited for the extravagant spectacle of opera. The myth, mystery and passion finds a seductive expression in Camille Saint-Saens' opera, first performed in France in 1890.

As the curtain rises, the Philistines in Gaza are forcing the Israelites to

What: "Samson and Delilah," a three-act opera presented by the Michigan Opera Theatre. Music by Camille Saint-Saens, conducted by Christian Badea, directed by Dejan Milandinovic.
When: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 5, Wednesday, June 9, Friday Saturday, June 11, 12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 6 and June 13.
Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway (one block east of Woodward Ave.), Detroit.
Tickets: \$18-\$95, call (313) 237-SING or (248) 645-6666

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Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra and plans to do more appearances with community orchestras in the 1999-2000 season. In fact, his latest CD "Warm" was recorded with full orchestra. Nozoro began recording his own music 15 years ago. For decades before that, he was a studio musician with Motown. After 40 years in the business, Nozoro is still proud of his roots. "I was a little kid in the early '50s in Detroit listening to Kenny Burrell and Yusuf Lateef on the street corners," said Nozoro, a faculty member in the Wayne State University Jazz Studies Program since 1982. "Jazz music for me is a viable thing even though we don't have the music (recording) industry any more in Detroit. During those days at Motown we were making a lot of music." Even though Nozoro enjoys playing club dates (he'll be at La Bistecca Italian Grille in Livonia on June 7), he thrives on performing in the jazz festivals because they're usually day/weekend-long events which spotlight a variety of styles. This year, in addition to the Michigan Jazz Festival, Nozoro will play at the Birmingham Jazz Festival and the Ford Motor Jazz Festival in Detroit. "The festivals are important to us musicians and also the jazz folks that we have venues to be together," said Nozoro. "It's difficult. Jazz music is not often well represented in area venues. The Michigan Jazz Festival helps keep the music exposed plus the

music is free." Midge Ellis plans to keep it that way, but she's worried because the fifth annual Michigan Jazz Festival will cost more to produce than in the past due to the change of venue. She's hoping the Father's Day Brunch will raise part of the estimated \$22,000 to \$25,000 it will take to produce the festival. "It's a great event for people to take their fathers to and hear the music they grew up with and love," said Ellis of Livonia who is helping coordinate the brunch and festival. "Some people will buy a table of eight so the whole family can go." During the festival there will be four stages with continuous music, the same as at the Botsford Inn. Both the upper and lower level of the Waterman Center, Forum Recital Hall, and an outdoor stage in the heart of the campus will treat jazz fans to the music of Bess Bonier, George Benson, Matt Michaels with Jack Brokensha, Scool Jazz and Prime, the Janet Tenaj Trio, and Big Bands such as the Brookside Jazz Ensemble, Eddie Nuccelli, and the Larry Teal Saxophone Octet. New this year is Sheila Landis. "We're moving it mainly to house a bigger audience," said Ellis. "We just plain ran out of room. Schoolcraft College is accessible. There's unlimited parking. At Botsford the crowd ran around 5,000. We feel we'll get more than that at Schoolcraft."

Funding

Ellis expects staging, sound and lighting to cost around \$2,000 per stage. Add to that fees for set-up, security and the more than 170 musicians. Half of the total cost for musicians will be paid for by the Music Performance Trust Funds through the U.S. Recording Companies, as arranged by Local No. 5, American Federation of Musicians. Figures aren't in yet from the Clarenceville Jazz Series held this spring, but the fund-raising concerts, which featured tributes to jazz greats, will help with some of the cost. Proceeds from the Father's Day Brunch and a Givingthanksforjazz Brunch in November help pay for printing fliers and other expenses. Major backers, including the Lear Corporation, have already promised support, but Ellis is still looking for sponsors. "We're trying to raise more money," said Ellis. "It's going to be a great event. The American Harvest Restaurant will be open for gourmet dining, the food will be absolutely fantastic. A food court will be located near the outdoors stage." Ellis hopes jazz lovers attend the Father's Day Brunch Sunday, June 20. "A lot of people have a conception of jazz that it calls for a cellar and smoke-filled rooms," said Ellis. "Jazz belongs on the concert stage. Those of us who love it we're aging and if we don't get the word out to the young people, jazz is going to die."

Professionals, students perform at the Ferndale Jazz Fest '99

BY KEELY WYONIK STAFF WRITER kwyonik@oe.homecom.net

When Dave Coleman was 9 years old he saw Louis Armstrong on TV. "He was on stage having so much fun. I decided that's what I wanted to do," said Coleman. "I learned how to play trumpet." Now assistant music director at Ferndale High School, Coleman, who also teaches at Coolidge Middle School, is passing the tradition of jazz onto the next generation. On Saturday, June 5, his bands will be among the 13 professional, high school and middle school jazz bands playing at Jazz Fest '99, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Ferndale High School Courtyard, 881 Pinecrest, between Coolidge and Livernois, south of 9 Mile Road. All day admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students, children under 6 free. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on. Call (248) 547-1700 Ext. 5115 for information. "The event evolved from a concert to a longer concert to an all day come and go as you please jazz festival. Food and beverages will be offered for sale in the courtyard throughout the day. "Last year was incredible," said Coleman about the festival which drew professional and student jazz groups. "My only regret is that there were only 150 people there. We're hoping to get as many people as possible this year."

It's wonderful for kids, it's more fun to have a jam session than to be in the street and get in trouble. Music stimulates their brain big time.

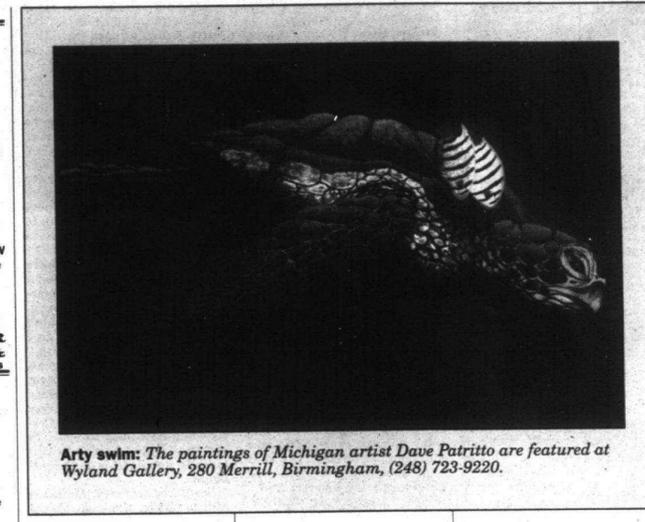
Dave Coleman Ferndale High School

The festival offers an opportunity to hear local youngsters and professionals such as drummer Miguel Gutierrez and his group, Truth. For the students, it's a chance to shine. "The kids love to perform at the end of the year when they're at their best," said Coleman. The Ferndale Jazz Combo, which consists of five members of the jazz band, has been invited to perform at the 1999 Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival. Here's the JazzFest Schedule: 11-11:30 a.m. — Best Middle School Jazz 11:40 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. — Southfield Lathrup Jazz Quintet 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. — Best Vocal Jazz Ensemble 1:10-1:50 p.m. — Keith Gamble 2-2:40 p.m. — Tim Flarity Trio 2:50-3:30 p.m. — Berkley High School Jazz Band 3:40-4:20 p.m. — "Truth" featuring Miguel Gutierrez 4:30-5:10 p.m. — Detroit High School of Performing Arts 5:20-6 p.m. — The Jamie Hughes Quintet 6:10-6:50 p.m. — Pine Quest 7-7:40 p.m. — Ferndale High School Jazz Ensemble 7:50-8:30 p.m. — Ferndale High Vocal Ensemble 8:40-9:20 p.m. — Staff/alumni

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CRANBROOK CHAMBER MUSIC ACADEMY Adults, June 14-18; High school/college, June 21-25. Entrance based on taped audition. Deadline for application is May 14. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3678.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details, (313) 833-4249, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE Classes for age 3 and up. All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz. 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills; (248) 852-5501.

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

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

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

MACOMBE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS Three summer workshops: Drama Workshop for Youth, July 19-23; Choir Workshop, July 25-31; register by May 28. 15th Annual Piano Workshop, Aug. 1-6, register by June 1. Call (810) 286-2017.

PAINT CREEK CENTERS Summer semester runs July 19 through August 20. Classes for preschoolers to adults. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; For a brochure, call (248) 651-4110.

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

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik, watercolor monotypes beginning June 1. Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia; (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP June 3, 8 p.m. Spring Concert, main sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El, 14460 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park No charge. CARILLON SERIES May 23, 10 a.m. and noon. Rededication service of the Kirk Pavilion, Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills. DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA June 4-5, Horacio Gutierrez performs Beethoven with the DSO, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 576-9111.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY June 4, 8 p.m. DOS performs works of Estonian composer Arvo Part, Kirk in the Hills, Reformatory in Bloomfield Hills; (248) 650-2655.

MUSICA VIVA 12th annual International Festival of World Music and Dance, June 4, 8 p.m. at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, Farmington Hills; (248) 471-7667.

MUSEUM DAY CAMPS The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm sponsors "Summer on the Farm Day Camps" (ages 9-11) from July 12-16 and July 26-30, and "Archaeology Day Camp" (ages 12-15) from June 23-25. 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester Hills; (248) 656-4646.

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

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

TINDERBOX ART CAMP Grades 1-12 Performing Arts Summer Camp July 19-30. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Latch key available. Placement auditions June 6 & 7. 14 p.m. Masonic Temple, Detroit; (313) 535-8962.

VFW - CALL FOR ARTISTS Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards, open to high school students, \$1000. For application contact VFW Post 2645, 24222 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48034; (248) 225-4679.

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH June 6, 3 p.m., pianist Kazimierz Brzozowski performs music of Chopin, Liszt and Rachmaninoff. 36520 W. Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills; (248) 966-0272.

SPRING VOCAL MUSIC CONCERT June 3, 7 p.m. Vocal concert with music teacher of the year Robert A. Martin. Southfield Lathrup Senior High School, 19301 W. 12 Mile, Lathrup Village; (248) 746-7294.

UNISYS AFRICAN AMERICAN COMPOSERS' READINGS Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents the annual Unisys African American Emerging Composer's Readings 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 30 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Admission free, open seating. Call (313) 576-5167 for information. Reception follows readings.

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CRANBROOK WRITERS GUILD sixth annual "Writers on Stage" honoring 100 years of Detroit women writers, June 5, 8 p.m. Village Players, Woodward and Chestnut, Birmingham; (248) 646-0658.

GLASS BEAD JEWELRY WORKSHOPS Palm Creek Center for the Arts offers glass bead workshops through June: 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

JEVISH COMMUNITY CENTER June 3, 7:30 p.m. lecture "Becoming Modern: American Jewish Women in the 20th Century," Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park; (248) 967-4030.

CAMP BORDERS The Farmington Hills location presents singing along with Gus Miller, June 6, 2 p.m. 30995 Orchard Lake Road; (248) 737-0110.

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

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART June 4 - Masami Teraoka's "The Lovers combines woodblock with pop art through June 26. Opening reception June 4, 7-10 p.m. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6038.

NETWORK June 4 - "Incomplete Notebooks," functional art created by Cranbrook Academy of Art alumni and students through August 21. Opening reception June 4, 7-10 p.m. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS June 4 - Group exhibition of art created by the Colored Pencil Society of America through June 25. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

WU COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY June 3 - The only U.S. showing of "Contemporary Japanese Crafts" curated by Shiroshi Masam of the Tokyo National Museum of Modern Art.

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Local Announcements, National Announcements, and various movie listings for theaters like Showcase, Star Line, and United Artists.

BOOKS 'Lucky Man, Lucky Woman' tells a heart-wrenching story

Lucky Man, Lucky Woman By Jack Driscoll (Pushcart, \$24.50) morning to costly shots of a fertility drug, administered by Perry himself, although he's not even really sure anymore that he wants children. Maybe it's too late already, he silently reasons, imagining himself "a grandfather father, some little tyke fatiguing, in fifteen hyperactive minutes, this gray-haired guy with an inhaler and a smoker's cough." But Marcia, who he loves deeply, is willing to do almost anything, to make almost any sacrifice in order to give birth to a child. And so, he acquiesces to her wishes.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

- Book Happenings features various events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279 or e-mail to hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

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Heart of Passion: Cheryl Conlin brings her paintings to Art on the Avenue.

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

CLARIFICATION

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia freelance writer who specializes in book and theater reviews. You can reach her by voice mail at 953-2045, then press 1854.

Call Marian West at (734) 663-5907. Performing the concert are the Donald Bryant Singers, American Choral of Sacred Music, Ypsilanti High School Chamber Choir, Ann Arbor Youth Chorale, and the Boychoir of Ann Arbor.

The Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory presents their Theatre Performance Ensemble in "Jack and the Beanstalk" Fridays-Sundays, June 4-8 and 11-13 at 5701 N. Canton Center and Mabon Road, Canton. Hours are 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays.

A representative of DK Publishing will offer a selection of books for all ages before and after each performance. Redford Township artist Cheryl Conlin has been painting up a storm since January.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering botanical imagery lecture and a garden stepping stone workshop in June at the Joanne Winkelman Hall in Livonia.

6:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, June 4 at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall on Center Street in Livonia. Tickets are \$25, and all proceeds go to fund the European jazz tour.

Make your own personalized outdoor stepping stones (at least three) with ceramic tile pieces and cement. 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19. Students will break the tiles, design a mosaic, mix cement and pour into a rectangular form.

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Poison singer happy to be back with group

By CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net "Poison lead singer Bret Michaels can't express how excited he is to be back on tour with his band's core line-up.

Deville did just that. Instead of releasing "Crack a Smile," Poison's former label, Capitol Records, opted to put out "Great Hits 1986-1996," a album that eventually turned gold, selling more than 500,000 copies.

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Nicole Stafford, Editor 248-901-2567 nstafford@oe.homecomm.net on the web: http://observer.eccentric.com Sunday, May 30 1999

Engrave jewelry for a sentimental Father's Day gift

Dear Jewelry Lady,
I'm stumped. I don't know what to get my dad this Father's Day. I don't think he needs another tie and he already has every gadget under the sun. Furthermore, he obviously doesn't wear as much jewelry as my mother does. Do you have any suggestions?
DENISE RODGERS
Stumped

Dear Stumped,
Dads do create a gift-giving dilemma because, unlike moms, a new charm or a bunch of flowers just won't do it for them. If you're looking to give your dad this year, think luxury. If your dad is typical, you'll probably be getting him something he would never buy for himself, and that's a good thing. Does he have a money clip? How about one of those fine writing instruments (code words for pens over \$50), or a new tie tack for all those ties you've given him? What about a new watch? They're a great gift for dads since they have gadget appeal but are, essentially, jewelry. For a special touch, choose something you can have engraved. Dad might be more sentimental than he lets on. If those ideas don't appeal to you, stop by your jeweler and poke around a little bit. Chances are, the sales clerks will have a slew of Father's Day gift possibilities to show you.

Dear Jewelry Lady,
Cartier put out a cigar-band ring approximately 20 years ago. Would you know where I could purchase one in this area?
Cigar Aficionado

Dear Cigar Aficionado,
With all the new smoke shops around town and plethora of cigar smoking these days, you would think The Jewelry Lady would have the answer at her fingertips. But, alas, her search was to no avail. Worse yet, jewelers at Cartier at The Somerset Collection informed her there was no such ring currently available. On the other hand, Cartier would be delighted to special order the ring. (The Jewelry Lady's search, including one on the Internet, also failed to yield information about finding a similar ring. So, if there are jewelers out there who can help the Cigar Aficionado, please contact The Jewelry Lady.)

Dear Jewelry Lady,
I have some costume jewelry that is older than me, 39, and I would like to find out its worth, and where to sell it. I also have pieces of religious jewelry that I would be interested in having appraised. Can you help?
Faux but Beautiful

Dear Faux,
Costume jewelry is an entirely different animal than fine jewelry, and The Jewelry Lady is not as knowledgeable about it as she is about fine and precious baubles. However, she does know that unless costume jewelry has antique or collectible value, it won't be worth much. Most antique dealers buy and sell it - how else would they get new stock? - and there are several antique dealers in the metropolitan Detroit area. Visit at least three dealers for an appraisal. They may offer to buy your jewelry or to sell it on consignment. If your religious jewelry is 14K gold, go through the same process with jewelry stores that carry estate jewelry.

Consider pink jewelry, too
Think pink, says The Jewelry Lady. Basic black is boring, especially compared to the colorful pastels making their way down fashion runways this season. Pink gems, like pink tourmaline and pink pearls, are in vogue this season but so is, you guessed it, pink gold. Generally called rose gold in the United States, pink gold is quite popular in Europe, but growing in popularity as a precious metal of choice here.

Send your questions to The Jewelry Lady by e-mail, rogers@nich.com, fax (248) 582-9223 or mail, The Jewelry Lady, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Gifts for graduates



Cool and collected: The Sharp Image's Palm V electronic organizer fits in the palm of your hand and tracks schedules, to-do lists, e-mail messages and more, \$449.

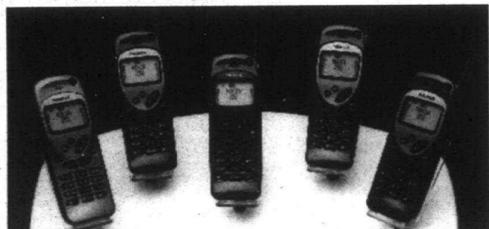
High-tech gadgets enhance college days

BY LARRY RUEHLIN
STAFF WRITER

For parents of children who like hi-tech gadgets, graduation gift ideas abound. To begin with, what college-bound student wouldn't like a wireless phone with distinctive style. Nokia has teamed up with AirTouch Cellular to offer phones in radical colors for students. Each lightweight model has 75 memory locations, up to 2 hours and 45 minutes of talking time or 40 hours of standby time, dedicated voice mail key for one-touch retrieval and caller identification capabilities. Retail price of the phones is \$129, but Air Touch often runs promotions that are tied to service contracts so interested parties should call 1-800-AIR-TOUCH to find the best deal.

The Sharper Image at The Somerset Collection in Troy has several high-tech products well-suited for high school graduates who plan to continue their studies. Just about every college-bound student should have, for example, a capable micro-cassette recorder. Sharper Image offers a Sony version for \$75. It is equipped with an especially sensitive, voice-activated microphone capable of capturing lectures from long distances for up to 19 hours on

two AA batteries. Sharper Image also offers a way for students to organize their schedules, addresses, to-do lists, expense accounts and e-mail messages. The device, which fits in the palm of the hand, is called the Palm V and retails for \$449. The sleek, battery-operated organizer also allows students to exchange information with home personal computers. An optional modem, for \$169, adds e-mail capabilities. The Palm V's rechargeable batteries last up to a month, and information can also be



Cellular style: Lightweight, sleek and colorful, these cellular phones by Nokia and AirTouch Cellular retail for \$129.

beamed to other Palm platform devices using the unit's infra-red port. Another nifty gadget for students comes from A. T. Cross Pens, which recently introduced the First Portable digital notepad. The CrossPad bridges the gap between paper and personal computer by allowing users to write in ink on a standard pad and then upload handwritten notes directly on to a computer. Once transferred to a computer, handwritten notes can be filed, reorganized, faxed, e-mailed and even

searched by keyword or date. Available at major retail computer stores including Staples and CompUSA, the CrossPad retails for about \$299. For students who like to sing in the shower, Sharper Image suggests their new waterproof compact disc player with AM/FM radio. The CD Shower Companion runs on four C batteries in the shower or with a \$9.95 optional AC adapter. It comes with a countertop stand and hanging hooks and a wall-mount bracket for the shower. Radio features include 10 preset buttons and the ability to play broadcast television stations. The retail price is \$189. Small dorm rooms often prevent students from taking their home stereos with them to college. But most students simply want something that sounds good, is compact and looks like it belongs in the next millennium. Fisher has come up with such a product, the Fisher Slim Stereo, which is available for \$199 at Sharper Image. Only 19 inches wide, 14 inches high and 3 inches thick, the stereo mounts on a wall, looks good and delivers quality CD and AM/FM radio sound. It also has a SUREWAKE alarm, which is designed to rouse even the sleepest student in time for exams.

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Somerset hosts first Art With A Heart event

The Somerset Collection in Troy was built for shopping, but it's about to become an art gallery, too. Art work created by more than 150 children from 65 metropolitan Detroit schools will be displayed and available for purchase through a silent auction June 5 and 6 at the Somerset Collection North to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. The mall's first Art With A Heart event recognizes the 20th anniversary of the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, a home away from home for families of sick children. About 1,000 families annually stay at the house on Beaubien Street near Children's Hospital.

Among local students who submitted artwork are 11-year-old Birmingham student Courtney Young. Courtney's mother and brother stayed at a Ronald McDonald House in Minneapolis when her brother was undergoing treatment for a serious illness. Their sibling did not survive, and, since Courtney was never able to meet her uncle, she decided to create a painting for Art With A Heart in his honor. Walled Lake Elementary School student Haley Mitchell, who recently lost her father, also conveyed personal feelings in her painting. Haley's classmates

raised money to have a tree planted in Israel in honor of Haley's father. Although Haley has difficulty talking about her loss, her painting of a girl sitting underneath a newly planted tree is clearly an expression of her feelings. Art With A Heart will culminate in a free, carnival-style celebration from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 6 in the North Grand Court of The Somerset Collection. Also, three pieces from the art exhibit have been selected for reproduction on an outdoor mural at the Ronald McDonald House. *By Special Editor Nicole Stafford*

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.
TUESDAY, JUNE 1
BILL BLASS FOR FALL
The Fall 1999 special order collection of Bill Blass will be presented at Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection in Troy, through June 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor.
THURSDAY, JUNE 3
BADGLEY MISCHKA FOR FALL
Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection in Troy, presents the Fall 1999 special order collection of Badgley Mischka through June 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor.
GIORGIO ARMANI TRUNK SHOW

ADDED ATTRACTIONS
View Armani's Fall/Winter 1999 collection for women at Neiman Marcus, The Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with informal modeling 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Galleria, third floor.
FRIDAY, JUNE 4
JENNE MAAG TRUNK SHOW
Scott Gregory, 6525 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, hosts a trunk show of Jenne Maag's Fall 1999 collection through June 5, Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
JOANNA BARATIA APPEARANCE
Jacobson's in Birmingham hosts founder of Giovanni-Italy skin care products Joanna Barattia through June 5. Limited consultation appointments are

available, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Cosmetics Department. For an appointment, call (248) 644-6900.
LINDA BERGMAN APPEARANCE
Meet jewelry designer Linda Bergman and view her latest collection, featuring Tahitian, South Sea and cultured pearls at Neiman Marcus, The Somerset Collection in Troy, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor.
SATURDAY, JUNE 5
SOCK HOP
Wonderland Mall in Livonia holds a sock hop with DeZine Intent as part of its Dine & Dance series, 5-9 p.m., Food Court.
SUNDAY, JUNE 6
LEATHER FURNITURE SHOW
Art Van Furniture presents a trunk show of Italian leather furniture with presentations by experts who will answer questions, 1-3 p.m., all stores.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2565 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

WHAT WE FOUND:
(A clarification: reasonably priced maternity clothes are available at Saver's on Wayne Road between Warren and Ford roads in Westland.)
Alexandra DeMarkoff products are carried at the Fairlane Lord & Taylor. Both Yardley English Lavender products and Almay Moisture Renew can be purchased through the Beauty Boutique catalog, (440) 826-3008. **Matrix Amplified** root lifter is carried by BoRies Salons in Michigan. **Monica Lewinsky** wore a lipstick by Club Monaco Cosmetics called "Glaze" with a lip pencil called "Bare." To order, call (888) 580-5084. Also, Sephora, a new store at Lakeside Mall, carries Club Monaco products. **Sam's Club** stores carries **Dundee's** grilling seasoning. The company **Wearever Aluminum** is now called **Miro Company**, (800) 343-2376. The school library or the central office of **Highland Park schools** (ask for Greg) might be able to provide school yearbooks. **Frank's Nursery** and the **Solution catalog**, (800) 342-9988, carries pantry moth traps. **Call DDS Dymat**.

(800) 348-4696, to obtain a **Jeep Wagoneer owner's manual** (the cost is \$6.00 plus shipping). We found: a 1964 **World's Fair** ashtray, a **Fisher Price** dollhouse and garage, lyrics and music of the "50 Nifty United States" and a **Detroit Tigers 1984 World Series** flag. **WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:** **Tereze** is looking for **Alexander Julian** perfume and powder and **Orlane** makeup. **Henrietta** would like to find **folding Jaylis plastic draperies** made in 1970. **Liz** wants **Shiara** cologne in cherry vanilla. **Joyce** is looking for the **Wacoal Bra**, as advertised on the **Oprah Winfrey Show**, and a **Barbizon cotton batiste** nightgown. **Veda** is looking for a **video tape of Elton John's "The One"**. **Sharon** is looking for **Chanel nail polish** in "Iridescent" and **Revlon** refillable eyebrow pencil in "Black" or "Charcoal."

Jim needs **three posts and two rails for a two-rail split fence**. **Fam** is looking for a "Graduation Barbie" doll, preferably wearing orange and blue school colors. **Roberta** is looking for **Soft & Dry** cool breeze deodorant. **Grace** wants a 1939 **Detroit Commerce High School yearbook**. **Mona** would like to find **blackberry wine vinegar** for salads. **Katy** is looking for **five pairs of red Adidas Gazelle** tennis shoes in size 9 1/2 and larger. **Barbara** is looking for **Decor Plus** bathroom accessories. **Ruth** is looking for **His-**

toric America dishes by **Hancock House** of Boston and **Johnson Brothers** of England. **Hudson's** carried them in 1933. **Marguerite** is looking for a **wind bonnet** made of net/nylon, not plastic, that ties in the back and **GEL hair** products. **Marcie** is looking for **Family Circus Christmas ornaments** made about 10 years ago. **Kelly** is searching for **Clinique Touch Base** eyeshadow in "Brown Grape." **Jennifer** is looking for **Victoria Secret's Raspberry Glaze** lotion. **Betty** needs **plano sheet music** for "I Dream of Lilac Time." **Marilyn** wants a 1950 **Central High School yearbook**. **Lori** would like to find **1997 Stanley Cup** baseball caps in black with beige leather bills. **Lois** is looking for a **decorator Scotch tape dispenser** but not with a **Walt Disney** or **Warner Brothers** motif. **Faye** wants a 1953 **Central High yearbook**. **Pamela** is looking for a **washable Quartrine couch** at a bargain price. **Julia** is looking for a **blue Millstream** gravy boat. **Elaine** would like to find **Moondrops lipstick** in "Little Red Red."

Judy is looking for **Revlon lipstick** in "Suitably Ruby." **Mrs. Hamilton** is still looking for **Scaletrick** model cars on tracks. **Evelyn** is looking for a 1952 **Dearborn Fordson yearbook**. **Mike** would like to find **1968 and 1969 Clarenceville yearbooks**. **Nancy** is looking for a **product that stops children's thumb-sucking**. *Compiled by Sandi Jarackas*

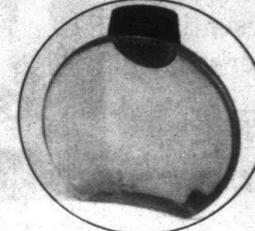
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STUFF WE CRAVE



Beaded charm: Simple in design and high on style, Nikki B's beaded jewelry is available exclusively at Tender in Birmingham, \$35-110.

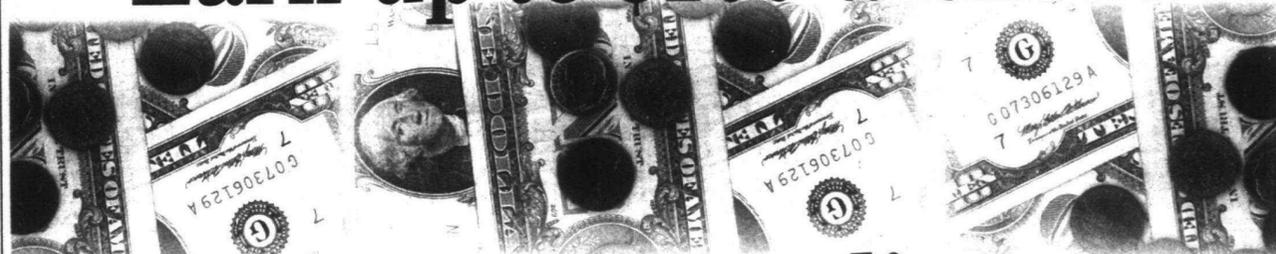


New in town: Beauty retailer Sephora has opened a store at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights and has plans to open another location later this summer at The Somerset Collection in Troy. Sephora not only carries Monica Lewinsky's famous Club Monaco "Glaze" lipstick but also tenders a full line of skin, cosmetic and bath products in a unique hands-on, self-serve retail environment. Sephora's own "Note Rose" bath gel, \$10.

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TRAVEL

Writer spends Christmas with Antarctica's penguins

(Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part story on an unusual Christmas vacation this past year to Antarctica. Chris Lillesand lives in Rochester Hills.)

BY CHRIS LILLESAND
SPECIAL WRITER

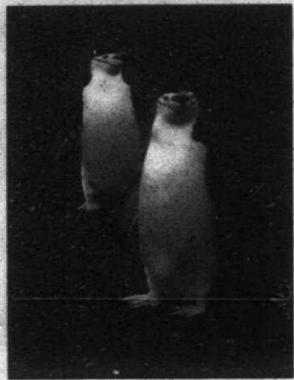
Dec. 19: It was 64 degrees in Detroit. Hardly felt like Christmas was coming! I headed for Detroit Metro for my 3-hour flight to Miami. I was met at the gate by a Clipper Cruise Line representative and directed to a courtesy lounge with refreshments until my 8-hour American Airlines flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Dec. 20: We landed about 10:45 AM and boarded buses for the hotel. The English-speaking guides gave us an overview tour of the city as we drove.

The official city tour was in the afternoon. Sundays are pretty quiet in Buenos Aires so we were able to tour around without much traffic.

Dec. 21: We drove to Susannah ranch. The owners were very welcoming as we toured their Estancia (home), admired their 50 horses, watched their equestrian skills during carrera de sortijas (a gaucho horse display where two teams gallop at full tilt, under a goal post, and try to pass a pin through a small ring hanging from the arch), and ate their authentic Argentinean delicacies.

Dec. 22: We were up bright and early for our flight to Ushuaia, the worlds southern most city. After a rainy tour of the National Park, we embarked the Clipper Adventurer. Our thoughts went back to the previous passengers that we had seen



Adorable couple: Chinstrap penguins get their name from a little black line that runs under their chin.

through the Plexiglas partition at Ushuaia Airport. They were all making rolling wave motions with their arms while laughing uncontrollably. It wasn't clear to me what their actions meant until around 10 p.m. as we entered the Drake Passage. I will just summarize that portion of the trip this way. Take plenty of anti-motion medication and don't look out the window.

Dec. 23: A lost day in bed.

Dec. 24: Finally! Normalcy. I made it upstairs for the lecture on Antarctica explorers and marveled at their fortitude. Here I was on a cruise ship and I could hardly stand! The Captain soon announced the sighting of finback whales (also known as razorback whales. The second largest whale, these were about

80 feet in length) playing around the ship. He was able to slow down so we could get a better look. That's the beauty of small cruise ship travel.

When we came back inside, our free red parkas were distributed. Red is easy to see against the landscape so our expedition staff can keep track of the wanderers. Even though it is the austral summer, temperatures are expected to be 30-40 degrees and there is always a wind-chill.

The captain had a Christmas Eve welcome dinner, which allowed us to get dressed up in our Christmas finest.

In the evening, we watched the first two parts of the BBC series "Life in the Freezer," complete with popcorn.

Dec. 25, Christmas Day: We are finally in the Antarctica. The Antarctica peninsula where we spend the majority of our time used to be an extension of the Andes Mountains! Scientists have found fossils 200 million years old which lends weight to the theory that Australia, Africa, South America, India, New Zealand, and Antarctica once made up a single land mass referred to as Gondwanaland. Ten million years later, Gondwanaland began breaking up into the continents and islands that we recognize today.

The Drake Passage opened, and Antarctica became its own continent. Forty five million years ago, Antarctica began to cool dramatically.

The Antarctica Treaty governs the Antarctica. This treaty states that the land can only be used for peaceful purposes, it can't be claimed by any country, scientific research can take place but is under the auspices of each respective government, nuclear explosions can not occur, and the treaty will be reviewed in 30 years. That time frame has occurred (1991), and the treaty has been renewed. Some countries claim to have ownership, but it's not true, nor valid.

Antarctica's winter population is around 1,200 people; about a third are scientists and the rest are support personnel. During the winter months, there are approximately 44 stations operated by 18 countries doing research. In the summer, the population increases seven-fold.

During breakfast, the captain slowly made his way through some ice patches to Hannah

Point on Livingston Island, our first landing site. We donned our knee-high black rubber boots (for wet landings), red parka, waterproof pants, sunblock, life vests and other assorted winter gear and went to the Zodiac loading site. The Zodiacs arrived on the beach and deposited us into the wondrous world of Gentoos, Macaroni and Chinstrap penguins. They were everywhere. I didn't know where to point the cameras (video and regular)! I hoped my 36 rolls of film would be enough (it was).

The penguins were nesting for the most part. Some chicks had been born; some were still in their eggs. The harsh reality of nature came to light when we learned that the penguin chicks that weren't born within the week were not going to survive. Chinstrap penguins are very abundant in this area and breed farther north than the rest of the penguins. The Chinstraps are so named because of the little black line that runs under their chins, like a chinstrap.

The Gentoos are identified by the white patch on their heads and their bright coral bill. Penguin diets are 50 percent krill and 50 percent fish. The four Macaroni penguins that we saw were actually out of their natural element. They weren't supposed to be this far south, but lucky for us they were. Macaronies weigh about 8.8 pounds.

As we walked along the rocky terrain, we were careful to adhere to the 15-foot rule. We weren't, if possible, to come within 15 feet of the penguins. If they, however, decided to come near us, it was OK. And many did. What a thrill that was.

Farther down our path we could hear the most amazing cacophony of sounds, like musical belching. A group of elephant seals were grouped together, sunbathing. They are like pack animals, trying to keep warm and commune with each other. One of our lecturers called them blubber seals and it was easy to see why. Elephant seals are the world's largest seal. The bulls can weigh up to 3 tons



A chilly dip: Chris Lillesand, in pink swimsuit, and her cruise mates enjoy a Christmas Day swim in heated waters.

and reach 12-15 feet long. Their blubber is at least 6 inches thick. When they crawl, you can see the ripples of blubber the whole length of their bodies.

When we got back to the Clipper, we cleaned up for our Christmas brunch.

The captain moved the Clipper down four miles, while we were eating our cookies, to Pendulum Cove, still on Deception Island. Actually, the harbor is the collapsed cone of the volcano. There used to be a Chilean research station here but the volcano destroyed it in 1967. We came here to do what Jason (expedition staff) calls STTTD (stupid touristy things to do). It has become a tourist tradition to don one's swimming suit and sit in the Antarctica waters in that small-defined area where the hot meets the cold. And when I say

hot, I mean hot. I had water shoes on and I stepped too far into the hot water and it was scalding. We found the right spot to sit and gently swirled the waters together to form a quite lovely spa scenario. I truly expected to have a blue body from the cold and chattering teeth during and after this experience, but I never felt cold! The water was lovely. I would say about 20 people got in, guys and girls, and actually sat and communed for quite a while! Clipper provided us with towels and when we returned to the Clipper, hot apple cider was waiting for us. Those brave souls who swam got a Clipper diploma.

The Clipper crew provided us with the most wonderful home-spun Christmas show after dinner. What a unique way to spend the holidays.



Hub of activity: Some Gentoo penguins sing while others nest

Tell us about your Up North

Every summer, regular as the season's turn, residents of south-east Michigan head Up North for recreation, relaxation and inspiration.

We'd like to know where you go when you go Up North. Tell us about your favorite Up North spot. Is it a beach house on Lake Michigan, a resort around Traverse City, a cabin in the deep woods, a river cottage near Lake Huron, a bed and breakfast on Mackinac Island or a hideaway in the UP? Do you enjoy boating on the Great Lakes, golfing on the designer courses, hiking the rugged trails, biking the back roads, antique hunting, fudge eating or simply watching the sunset on a beautiful beach?

Tell us in 50-75 words about your favorite Up North place and if you have a photograph send it along for a travel story about Michigan's special paradise.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Rampage run rampant

The Canton Rampage, an under-14 girls premier soccer team, rolled to their division title at the Sidney Mayfest Soccer Tournament May 23-24, winning their first three games by scores of 6-0, 4-0 and 2-0. In the final, the Rampage blasted the Lady Trojans, from Ashland, Ohio, 5-0 to claim the championship.

Team members are Michele Boothroyd, Janae Bucks, Ellen Cappel, Katie Cooper, Meghan Depp, Deanna DeRoo, Diana Kaip, Kristal Kilgore, Katelyn Lee, Kara Marsh, Shannon McTear, Lindsay Miglio, Janelle Miller, Alyssa Montalvo, Danielle Shepard, Shana Smith and Ashley Wilson. The Rampage is coached by Dale Garrish, Ernie Bucks and Phil Smith.

Cheerleading tryouts

The Plymouth Salem co-ed cheerleading team will conduct tryouts for all male and female students who will attend Salem in the fall. Tryouts will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday. All tryouts will be in Salem's gymnasium.

The squad performs co-ed partner stunting, so candidates must be strong and athletic. This past year, the Salem team finished 12th in the nation at the National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Fla.

Soccer tryouts

The following is a list of tryout information for the Northville Premier Football Club, which has a new director in Pete Alexander, currently the Madonna University men's soccer coach.

Boys teams

- Under 9 (two teams; birthdate after Aug. 1, 1990): 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 16 and 18 at Northville Downs Race Track;
- Under 10 (two teams; birthdate after Aug. 1, 1989): 6-8 p.m. June 17 and 18 at Northville Downs;
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Northville Downs is located on Sheldon Road/Center Street, north of Seven Mile; Northville Community Park is on Beck north of Five Mile. For more information, call Alexander at (734) 432-5607.

Defensively dominant Salem shuts out Canton to capture district title

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It took determination. Perseverance. And a good measure of good fortune.

Plymouth Salem had all three in its showdown with rival Plymouth Canton. Which is why the Rocks prevailed, 1-0, to win their second-straight Division I girls soccer district championship Saturday at South Lyon Junior HS.

At stake was a trip to the state regional tournament, which will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, again at South Lyon Junior HS (located at Nine Mile and Pontiac Trail). Salem, now 12-5-2, will play the winner of the Temperance Bedford district. Canton bows out with a 14-3-3 record.

Analyze and examine and dissect Saturday's game again and again, but no better reason for the final result will be found than that supplied by Canton coach Don Smith: "You've got to put it in the net to win."

Salem did. The Chiefs, despite all sorts of chances, couldn't.

The Rocks got the game's only goal late in the first half. Until then, Canton had the better opportunities. But a couple of diving saves by keeper Jill Dombrowski on Anne Morrell helped keep the match scoreless early on.

With less than seven minutes left in the half, Salem's Jami Coyle lined a corner kick to Jeanine Edwards in the middle of the box. Edwards' header got past Canton keeper Amy Dorogi, and with 6:45 left the Rocks were up 1-0.

"When we were up by a goal at half-time, I said one goal won't win it," Salem coach Doug Landefeld remarked.

Fortunate for the Rocks, he was wrong. Because they generated little offense in the second half, instead falling deeper into a defensive mode.

The Chiefs kept attacking and, as usual, their attack went through Morrell. But their star scorer was neutralized for most of the game by



Marked: Canton's Anne Morrell (in red) could find little room — and no goals — with the Rocks' defense, led by Christen Shull (left) wrapped around her. Jeanine Edwards (12) scored the game's only goal, on a header in the first half.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Christen Shull, who on Thursday night had switched defensive assignments with Andrea Weinman and proceeded to mark Northville's Brigid Bowdell out of the game.

Which means, in the space of two days, Shull went up against the two best forwards in the Western Lakes Activities Association and shut them out.

But she needed help against Morrell. And she got it — from Weinman.

With 35:25 left in the second half, Shull got a yellow card for her slide tackle of Morrell, putting her out of the game for 10 minutes. Weinman took over the responsibility of marking Morrell.

Five minutes later, Canton's Stephanie John-

son took possession of the ball in the right corner and centered a pass that got through Dombrowski — to Morrell, who was standing less than 10 yards in front of a goalie-less goal.

Her shot was on target, except for Weinman, who somehow managed to block it.

"I just ran at the ball and hoped it would hit me," the senior defender said.

Such plays, and there were several, energized the Rocks and deflated Canton. On a day with the temperature approaching 90, energy was at a premium.

The Chiefs, who had beaten Salem 3-1 nine days earlier and had also tied the Rocks 1-1, kept battling. But

with Salem in a double-sweeper defense for the last eight minutes, getting shots was difficult.

Their last, and one of their best, scoring chances came with just under a minute to play. Abi Morrell got control of the ball near midfield, dribbled to within 35 yards and launched a shot that sent Dombrowski drifting back into her net. She leapt at the ball and managed to deflect it over the crossbar with 55 seconds left.

"Yeah, we got a few breaks, but we played well," said Landefeld. "We had some chances, they had some chances. We capitalized on ours."

Or, as Smith summarized: "It just didn't seem like it was meant to be."

Strong finish is enough to lift Salem to OT win

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The final kicker, the Plymouth Salem player who had her team's fate in her hands, was Christen Shull.

Which is the way it should have been. As her coach, Doug Landefeld, put it: "She deserved it. She was the best player on the field for us."

Shull, a junior defender, was the Rocks' fifth shooter in the penalty kick round of overtime. Three of her four teammates had converted; Northville, which was hosting this Division I district

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semifinal Thursday, had put two in the net behind Salem keeper Jill Dombrowski.

Which meant if Shull made it, Salem would win. She did.

"We found a way to win," said a relieved, although not particularly pleased, Landefeld. "And that's what it's all about, isn't it?"

The victory, which improved the Rocks' record to 11-5-2, put them into

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STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Big save: Keeper Julie Dombrowski helped keep Salem in the game against Northville during regulation, then was a major factor in the penalty kick OT.

A determined effort takes Salem to the top

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It's really not out of the ordinary. Nothing too surprising.

Livonia Stevenson was the better girls track team at the Class A state regional. Plymouth Salem ruled the Western Lakes Activities Association championships.

Last season, the story was nearly identical. The Spartans won the regional, Salem won the league. The only difference this season: The Rocks beat Stevenson in their dual meet.

One surprise from Wednesday's meet, co-hosted by Salem and Plymouth Canton, was the point totals. The Rocks won rather easily, piling up 140.5 points to runner-up Stevenson's 108. Last season, the meet was decided by just two points.

Walled Lake Western was a distant third (74.5), with Westland John Glenn fourth (69) and Walled Lake Central fifth (65). See statistical summary.

WLAA TRACK

"I think it was a combination of two things," said Salem coach Mark Gregor after his team had collected its third-straight WLAA title, and fifth in eight years. "No. 1 is, the athletes who really extend themselves in the regional have a hard time coming back in another big meet a few days later. I think that's what happened to Stevenson."

"We experienced that two years ago. We won the regional, then we really struggled at the league meet. We were fortunate then that we had enough depth to pull it out. Last year we were fairly close but lost to Stevenson at the regional, then came back and had a great league meet and won it."

No. 2 had to do with the Detroit Cass Tech factor. At regional, Cass hurt the Rocks — whose strength has

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Strong contributor: Salem's Aisha Chappett was fourth in the 100 hurdles and fifth in the 300s.

BASEBALL

Late rally sends Rocks past Chiefs

Round three goes to Plymouth Salem, but round four is just around the corner against baseball rival Plymouth Canton.

On May 22, Canton and Salem split a double-header.

On Wednesday, the two teams went at it again in a battle of three-place teams in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover. Salem rallied for five runs over the final two innings to gain a 5-2 win over the host Chiefs.

Salem is 14-15 overall, while Canton is 19-8.

Ironically, the two teams will meet again in the Division I district semifinals this Saturday (11 a.m.) at Salem.

Canton jumped out to a 2-0 lead

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on Steve Lueck's two-run single in the third inning.

Joe Rizzo's two-run double in the top of the sixth inning tied it 2-2 for the Rocks.

Corey Whacker and Chris Longpre opened the seventh for Salem with singles. Steve Stiles followed with the game-winning RBI single. Jason Lukasik added an RBI sacrifice fly and Mike Hoben also brought home a run with a single.

Salem out-hit the Chiefs, 11-3. Ben Tucker, who pitched six innings for Canton before giving way to David Winter, was the losing pitcher. Tucker is now 7-3.

Salem used three pitchers. Chris Trout started and did not record a hit over two innings. Brandon Bray gave up two runs

on three hits in the next three innings. Lukasik pitched the final two innings to pick up the win.

Rizzo and Stile each went 3-for-4 to pace the Rocks' offensive attack. Longpre collected two hits.

PCA 21, Baptist Park 9: When two teams are meeting with each other in their league at stake, a close, low-scoring game is anticipated. That's not what happened Thursday at Taylor Baptist Park.

Plymouth Christian Academy made quick work of the Wildcats, scoring nine runs in the opening inning to roll to an easy victory. It was the eighth-straight win for the Eagles and raised their overall record to 13-

9; they finish 7-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Baptist Park was 10-8 overall, 6-3 in the MIAC with one game left, against league-leader Southfield Christian. However, even if the Wildcats win that game, PCA finishes second by virtue of the tiebreaker (head-to-head competition).

Much of the offensive damage inflicted by PCA came from the bottom of the lineup. Travis Yonkman collected four hits and drove in four runs; Nick Conti had three hits and three RBI. Jim Morrison had two hits and one RBI, and Derric Iseense finished with three hits and two RBI. Evan Gaines totaled two

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Saturday's district final against Plymouth Canton. Northville ends its season at 10-4-2.

"You can't let Salem have throw-ins deep in your end of the field," said Mustang coach Doug Lyon. "It'll cost you. But our players played well. We just had that one bad stretch."

Both teams had those types of spells. But until the overtime penalty kicks, Salem never had a lead.

The game's first goal was scored by Nichole Gellner on a well-placed shot taken from the right wing. Gellner kicked Salem defender Rachel Berzak, downed the ball down the wing and lofted a shot over Dombrowski. The ball hit the far goal post and bounced into the net, putting Northville up 1-0 with 21:38 left in the first half.

"We didn't play well," said Landefeld. "They were all over us in the first half. We were lucky we were only down by one."

The Rocks had chances, in particular sophomore Suzi Towne. She got off two hard shots in the first half, but both were stopped by keeper Alexandra Katona.

The Mustangs continued to get the better of the play in the second half, with senior Bridg Bowdell breaking in on Dombrowski and launching a shot that took a diving save to stop. But it was Salem that struck

first.

What's hurt the Rocks throughout the season isn't getting into scoring position — they've done that often enough. But all too often they've failed to get off a solid shot.

Five minutes into the second half, Salem's Jeanine Edwards intercepted a pass and started a counter that went deep into Northville's end. When Jami Coyle's advance was halted, she pivoted and sent a pass back to Kristina Senich. Senich's shot from 20 yards out was on target, and with 34:26 left in the half it was 1-1.

It didn't stay that way for long, not with a game-breaker like Bowdell on the field. Salem's Andrea Weinman had tried to mark Bowdell throughout the game, and had done so fairly well — but it wasn't easy. With 29 minutes left, the Duke-bound senior received the ball at midfield and was able to turn with it and get past Weinman. She then sped past two more Salem defenders and beat Dombrowski, making it 2-1 with 28:43 left.

It was about then that Landefeld made a defensive change, taking Shull out of her sweeper position and putting her on Bowdell.

The move worked well. Although much shorter than Bowdell, the Rocks' junior kept her contained the rest of the game — including the two 15-minute sudden-death overtime periods.

To get there required some dramatics. They were supplied by Towne, who had had a rough game. Shortly after Bowdell's goal, she was leveled deep in the Northville end with a blow to the

head and had to exit. She returned with just over 20 minutes to play and her team still trailing.

With the pressure mounting for an equalizer, Edwards set up a great opportunity, centering a pass into Towne with 19:15 left. But she misfired badly, putting the ball over the goal.

Perseverance pays, however. With less than eight minutes left in regulation, the Rocks continued to apply the pressure. Senich won a ball in the corner to the left of the Northville net and sent a cross into the box. Towne was at the end of it, heading the ball into the goal.

Although each team had chances in the sudden-death OTs, neither could cash in. Northville's Larisa Fil launched a dangerous shot from 25 yards out that got over Dombrowski, but hit the crossbar with 6:10 left in the second OT.

Which meant penalty kicks — and in this best-of-five scenario, it was Salem that dominated. Towne scored on the Rocks' first attempt, and they never trailed. Dombrowski had a lot to do with that, stopping Fill with a diving save with the Rocks up 2-1.

Salem failed to open up a two-goal lead when Kelle Mullin's shot sailed over the goal, and when Bowdell converted, it was tied again at 2-2 with the fourth shooters coming up.

Edwards buried her chance into the left corner to give Salem a one-goal advantage; when Northville's Lindsay Dunnead put her shot off the crossbar, the game was in Shull's hands.

Which was appropriate. And, for the Rocks, fortunate.

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The offered product is actually a Roper top-mount refrigerator for \$379.92. All other advertised information about this product is correct.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

CLASSES

BACKPACKING ESSENTIALS I

The first of a two-part course introducing beginner backpackers to the joys and essentials of backpacking, begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at REI in Northville. Participants will learn how to plan a trip and how to choose the right gear. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

BACKPACKING ESSENTIALS II

The second of a two-part course introducing beginner backpackers to the joys and essentials of backpacking, begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL

The River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metromora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for June 6 and 19, July 11 and 25, Aug. 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.

FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tiers. Classes will be held at various times in May, June and July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS

An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

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SEASON/DATES

The season opens Saturday, June 19, on Lake St. Clair and in The St. Clair and Detroit rivers.

FREE FISHING

Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

CLUBS

FLY TYING

The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

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Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. There will be a salmon fishing seminar, covering trolling, dodgers, spoons, down-riggers, Loran and GPS units at a 10 a.m. meeting. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

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The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

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.

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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 7800 Gale Road. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

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COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

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WONDROUS WATERSHEDS

Take a "stomp in the swamp" and discover the Clinton River watershed in celebration of River Day 99, during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at Independence Oaks.

ARCHERY

LIVONIA RANGE

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost

is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

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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.

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STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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BIRD IDENTIFICATION

A naturalist-led hike in search of resident birds begins at 8 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, at Maybury.

FARM STORIES

Join a park naturalist for a session of farm stories during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 5, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at Maybury.

TRAIL DAY

In association with SOLAR and REI, volunteers are needed to maintain the hiking trails at Maybury State Park beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 5.

STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

GIRLS SOCCER

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

DIVISION I

at SOUTH LYON

Tuesday, June 2: Livonia Stevenson vs. Dearborn district champion, 5:30 p.m.; Tempe Bedford district champion vs. South Lyon district champion, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 4: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals Wednesday, June 9 at Jackson's Metal Field vs. Rockford regional champion.)

DIVISION II

at LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Tuesday, June 2: Livonia Ladywood district champion vs. Monroe Jefferson district champion, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 2: Tecumseh district champion vs. Fenton district champion, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 5: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals Wednesday, June 9 at Fenton High School vs. Bloomfield Hills Andover regional champion.)

STATE TOURNAMENT DISTRICT SOFTBALL

DIVISION I

at PLYMOUTH CANTON/SALEM

Tuesday, June 2: (A) Livonia Stevenson vs. (B) Farmington at Canton, 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 5: Plymouth Salem at Plymouth Canton, 10:30 a.m.; North Farmington vs. A-B winner at Canton, 10:30 a.m.

Championship final: 12:30 p.m. at Salem. (Winner advances to the Brighton regional semifinal Saturday, June 12 vs. South Lyon district champion.)

DIVISION II

at PLYMOUTH CANTON/SALEM

Tuesday, June 2: (A) Livonia Stevenson vs. (B) Farmington at Canton, 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 5: Plymouth Canton at Plymouth Salem, 11 a.m.

Championship final: 1 p.m. at Salem. (Winner advances to the Brighton regional semifinal Saturday, June 12 vs. South Lyon district champion.)

DIVISION III

at OXFORD

Tuesday, June 2: (A) Garden City vs. (B) Westland John Glenn, 5 p.m.

Saturday, June 5: Livonia Franklin vs. A-B winner at Canton, 11 a.m.

Championship final: Approximately 2:45 p.m. (Winner advances to the Southgate Anderson regional semifinal Saturday, June 12 vs. Taylor Center district champion.)

DIVISION IV

at BIRCH RUN

Friday, June 4: Livonia Clarenceville vs. Redford Bishop Burgess, 10 a.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Dearborn Heights Robchad, 20 minutes following.

Championship final: 20 minutes following second game. (Winner advances to the Erie-Mason regional semifinal Saturday, June 12 vs. Erie-Mason district champion.)

DIVISION V

at GRIFPER PARK

Tuesday, June 2: (A) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran at (B) Redford St. Agatha, 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 5: Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Redford Bishop Burgess, 10 a.m.; Dearborn St. Alphonsus vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.

Championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the Whitmore Lake regional semifinal Saturday, June 12 vs. Grass Lake district champion.)

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WLAA track from page D1

been in the sprints this season — more than the Spartans. Also, losing to their biggest WLAA rival motivated the Rocks.

"At regional, they wanted to qualify as many girls for state meet as possible. But not winning it didn't shatter them," said Gregor. "They came out a very determined group at conference meet."

One thing that did separate this Salem team from its previous two league champions was firsts. The Rocks won three events this time; they only won a total of two the last two years.

Tiffany Grubough accounted for two of those wins, easily capturing the shot put (39-feet, 10-inches) and discus (137-11) titles. The junior standout, who also won both events at the regional, won the shot by more than five feet and the discus by better

than 26 feet. She'll go into the Class A meet as a contender for a state title in both.

The Rocks' third first came in the 200-meter dash. Rachel Jones, who was edged at the finish in the 100 (she and winner Crystal Kuzma of Western were both clocked at 12.7), sprinted to a first in 26.7.

The team with the most firsts was John Glenn, winner of two relays and four individual events. Two of the individual wins came from the meet's other individual event double-winner: Nicolette Jarrett, who won the 400 (1:01.3) and long jump (18-1 1/4).

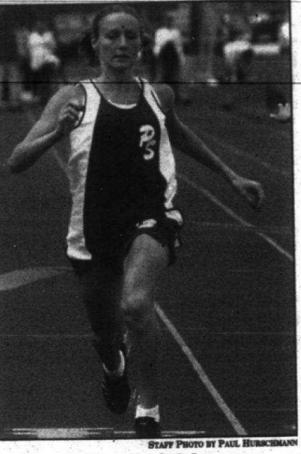
The Rockets' other wins were recorded by LaToya Chandler in the high jump (5-5) and LaTasha Chandler in the 100 hurdles (15.3). LaTasha Chandler, Jarrett, Felicia Barnett and LaToya Chandler

teamed to win both the 4x100 (51.5) and 4x200 (1:47.9) relays.

Stevenson managed two victories, getting one from Andrea Parker in the 1,600 (5:23.0) and another from Jennifer Hardacre, Katie Sherron, Christy Tzilios and Parker (10:04.1).

Canton, Livonia Churchill and Western also had two wins apiece. The Chiefs' Crystal Alderman captured the 300 hurdles (48.4) and Kristen Schilk, Terra Kubert, Alderman and Meredith Fox were first in the 4x400 relay (4:14.6).

Churchill's Ashley Filion was a winner in the 3,200 (12:04.3) and Kari Cezat won the pole vault for the Chargers (9-3), while Western got wins from Kuzma in the 100 and Lindsey Janisse in the 800 (2:20.9).



A winner: Salem's Rachel Jones was edged in the 100, but bounced back to win the 200.

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Big year ahead

Plans in motion for major tournament



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The Greater Detroit Bowling Association recently held its annual meeting and the full slate of officers was elected for the 1999-2000 season.

Anita Marvel was named Director of the Year.

With the Michigan State Tournament next season being held in the Detroit area, the association plans to be involved, working toward a goal of getting 3,000 teams to compete in it — or, as they dubbed it, "3000 in 2000".

The rest of the meeting was pretty much routine, with league delegates in attendance being kept up-to-date on GDBA functions, events and financial status.

Sunday's meeting followed Saturday night's Wayne-Westland Men's Bowling Association annual banquet and dance, in which awards were presented.

Bill Peacock got the President's Award for outstanding service and Wes Klocke took the Bud Mach Award for director of the year.

The city championship at Vision Lanes in Westland was won by the Val's Catering team with a 3,179 total by Michael Kirby, Ronald Wagner, Sr., Donald and Claude Warrington.

James Smith and Tony Loehle won the doubles crown with 1,581, while Lee Salinque took singles with a 775. The all-events went to Ken Paczas (2,244).

The 17th annual 700 Singles Tournament, with a field of 64 bowlers, was won by Daniel G. Wilson.

Red Holman Pontiac and D.B.T. Awards & Graphics were event co-sponsors.

Bowler of the Month awards went to Mr. October, William Udall (Super Bowl); November, Michael Paul (Town n' Country); December, Brandon Cherry (Super Bowl); January, Robert Dorsey (Westland Bowl); February, Robert Dobransky (Westland Bowl); and March, David Lethbridge (Super Bowl).

The association recorded 160 300 games, sixty-seven 299 games, twenty-one 298 games and forty-three 800 series this past season.

Association team high game was 1,358 rolled on Feb. 5 at Town n' Coun-

try Lanes by the Lodge Pro Shop Team No. 1 with Bob Pittaway scoring a 277, Don Jewell, 267; Pat Engenbreter, 267; Gary Duarard, 267; and Aaron Staples, 267.

The high average in the association was by Mitch Jabczynski with 237, not bad for a guy who uses a 14-pound ball.

There even were two occasions where association bowlers converted the dreaded 7-10 split, so don't say it can't be done.

"The meeting and elections weren't the only highlights of the GDBA annual gathering.

Guest speaker Bob Jarlenski, president of Creative Marketing Specialists (CMS), gave an uplifting talk on alternative systems of sanctioned league play.

Jarlenski, who lives in Fort Myers, Fla., said that the traditional format has flaws and also is not always competitive or motivating to all league bowlers.

His plan: The Ultimate Bowling League (UBL) format, which he believes can make any league, small or large, more interesting and also will help leagues to better retain their bowlers.

It follows closely the schedule used by most major professional and amateur sports around the world:

Divide leagues into two or more conferences, then sub-divide those into divisions, with the 32-week season divided into four quarters of eight weeks each in duration, featuring a playoff at the end of each quarter.

Thus is created a structure for a play-off system at the end of the regular season. The same scheduling system as in the past would be used, but now there would be several teams in contention all through the season.

The traditional league champions are almost always the teams with the better bowlers: They are guaranteed a mathematical advantage, due to the length of the season.

No one can dispute that the team that generally wins a scratch tourney has the best bowlers. This also holds true in 70-percent, 80-percent and 90-percent handicap leagues as well.

The UBL format is not for everyone, but leagues suffering shrinkage from dropouts likely would benefit the most.

This format has been tried and tested successfully in many parts of the coun-

try and it has proven beneficial, even in leagues with as few as six teams.

For some, it is a means of survival. And when applied according to format, it means more bowlers having more fun, with better attendance, new members and better competition.

There are many variations of the UBL format; it has several different options.

The GDBA is probably going to be part of a local committee to work on this project jointly with the national committee.

But it is also up to the proprietors to pursue it, if they want to be more creative. Meanwhile, any league can choose, before the start of the new season, to use this method.

It is time to break away from the old traditional system and put new life into league bowling. For more information, call (810) 773-6350, or e-mail Jarlenski at Bob@Bob@AOL.com.

*In case anyone missed the story that ran a couple weeks ago in Matt Fiorito's column: Five Detroit-area bowlers set an all-time record for high series in a three-game set, shooting a 3,970 in the Shaggy Burt Tournament in Toledo.

The feat focused nationwide attention on the Just Us Tree Service team of captain Earl Justice (799), Verlin Terry (738), David Boyd (774), Steve Bradley (761) and Carleton Chambers (805). Their score edged past Hurst Bowling Supplies' 3,868 in 1994.

Before that, the honor belonged to the fabled 1958 Budweiser team of St. Louis with a 3,858 — a team that consisted of American Bowling Congress hall of famers Dick Weber, Don Carter, Ray Bluth, Tom Hennessy and Pat Paterson. Their record stood for nearly 36 years.

*I attended the induction ceremonies for the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame May 19 at Cobo Hall and had a chance to see all the greats.

But I also was able to renew acquaintances with the legendary Eddie Lubanski — one of only three bowlers ever inducted into the state hall. The others are Marion Ladewig and George Young.

Really, there are many more who should qualify — if not now, then sometime soon.

As any rate, Lubanski promises to give my readers a good pro bowling tip soon.

Long jump: 1. Nicolette Jarrett (JG), 18.1 1/4 (meet record); 2. Tonya McCarty (WLC), 16.4 1/4; 3. LaTasha Chandler (JG), 16.2 3/4; 4. Kate Bouscher (F), 16.0 1/2; 5. Leyna Kasparek (LS), 15.7; 6. Amy Driscoll (PC), 15.6 3/4; 7. Brynne DeNeen (PS), 15.0; 8. April Aquino (PS), 14.7 1/2.

Pole vault: 1. Kari Cezat (LC), 9-3; 2. Ashley Richmond (WLV), 9-0; 3. Jane Peterman (LC), 8-9; 4. Lauren Turner (NF), 8-9; 5. Andrea McMillan (LF), 8-6; 6. Kelly VanPutten (PS), 8-3; 7. Jaclyn Finn (WLC), 8-0; 8. Nicole Simonian (JG), 7-6.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Jennifer Hardacre, Katie Sherron, Christy Tzilios, Andrea Parker), 10:04.1; 2. Walled Lake Central, 10:16.0; 3. Northville, 10:22.8; 4. Farmington, 15: 11; Livonia Franklin, 12: 12; Farmington Harrison, 8.

FINAL RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Tiffany Grubough (PS), 39-10; 2. Mary Tanski (N), 34-7; 3. Jenny Sciberras (PC), 34-0; 4. Emily Yambasky (LS), 33-11 1/2; 5. Tasha O'Neal (NF), 33-4 1/2; 6. Paula Tomlin (PS), 33-1 1/2; 7. Michelle Bortz (WLC), 32-0; 8. Lisa Bakro (LF), 32-0.

Discus: 1. Grubough (PS), 137-11; 2. E.Yambasky (LS) 111-9; 3. Bortz (WLC), 106-11; 4. Jenny Hefer (LC), 104-11; 5. Erin Allen (F), 104-8; 6. Miranda White (PS), 102-11; 7. Julie Yambasky (LS), 97-8; 8. Tomlin (PS), 96-3.

High jump: 1. LaToya Chandler (JG), 5-5; 2. Amy Kiefer (WLV), 5-4; 3. Autumn Hicks (PS), 5-1; 4. (tie) Nykesen Williamson (WLV) and Aina Chappell (PS), 4-11; 6. Emily Needham (N), 4-11; 7. Bridget Sheridan (WLC), 4-11; 8. Andrea Polasky (LS), 4-11.

400 relay: 1. Westland John Glenn (LaTasha Chandler, Nicolette Jarrett, Felicia Barnett, LaToya Chandler), 1:47.9; 2. Plymouth Salem, 1:48.1; 3. Walled Lake Central, 1:49.9; 4. Walled Lake Western, 1:51.1; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 1:53.5; 6. Plymouth Canton, 1:54.2; 7. Livonia Churchill, 1:54.6; 8. Northville, 1:56.5.

1,600 team: 1. Andrea Parker (LS), 5:23.0; 2. Ashley Filion (LC), 5:37.7; 3. Kim McNamee (LS), 5:38.1; 4. Stephanie Skivers (LC), 5:38.9; 5. Kim Wood (PS), 5:41.1; 6. Heidi Frank (NF), 5:44.2; 7. Breanna Turcayev (WLC), 5:44.3; 8. Alison Filion (LC), 5:44.7.

400 relay: 1. Westland John Glenn (LaTasha Chandler, Nicolette Jarrett, Felicia Barnett, LaToya Chandler), 5:15; 2. Plymouth Salem, 5:15; 3. Walled Lake Western, 5:16; 4. North Farmington, 5:35; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 5:37.6; 6. Northville, 5:38; 7. Walled Lake Central, 5:38.8; 8. Farmington, 5:39.

800 team: 1. Jarrett (JG), 1:03.3; 2. Hicks (PS), 1:01.4; 3. Laura Kaznecki (WLV), 1:01.5; 4. Rita Malec (LF), 1:01.6; 5. Fox (PC), 1:03.8; 6. Jacqueline Stern (WLC), 1:04.9; 7. DeNeen (PS), 1:05.3; 8. Tekia Bude (PC), 1:05.8.

300 hurdles: 1. Alderman (PC), 48.4; 2. Ehlers (LS), 49.2; 3. Christy Tzilios (LS), 49.4; 4. Lindsay Merritt (WLC), 49.7; 5. Chappell (PS), 50.4; 6. Katie Sherron (LS), 50.6; 7. Melissa Loomans (WLV), 50.8; 8. Valerie Brown (PS), 50.9.

800 team: 1. Lindsey Janisse (WLV), 2:20.9; 2. Parker (LS), 2:27.1; 3. Lynn Pesta (WLC), 2:33.5; 4. White (PS), 2:34.7; 5. Becky Pheon (PS), 2:35.3; 6. Kristen Balla (F), 2:35.5; 7. Susan Duncan (LC), 2:35.8; 8. Sarah Rucinski (PC), 2:37.2.

200 dash: 1. Jones (PS), 26.7; 2. Dayna Clemons (NF), 27.1; 3. Erica Elliot (WLC), 27.3; 4. Emily Howland (N), 27.6; 5. Melissa Drake (PS), 28.2; 6. Melissa Bottke (WLV), 28.6; 7. Theresa Chermakoff (LS), 28.7; 8. Audrie Lin (N), 28.7.

3,200 team: 1. Ashley Filion (LC), 12:04.3; 2. Heather Vandette (LS), 12:16.2; 3. Skivers (LC), 12:19.9; 4. McNamee (LS), 12:26.0; 5. Lisa Jasnowski (PS), 12:31.9; 6. Frank (NF), 12:35.5; 7. Ashley Prince (WLC), 12:40.4; 8. Amy Dupuis (PC), 12:43.7.

1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth Canton (Kristen Schilk, Terra Kubert, Crystal Alderman, Meredith Fox), 4:14.6; 2. Plymouth Salem, 4:15.2; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 4:15.9; 4. Walled Lake Western, 4:17.9; 5. Walled Lake Central, 4:21.1; 6. Livonia Churchill, 4:34.0; 7. Livonia Franklin, 4:34.5; 8. North Farmington, 4:35.0.

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Parent/Youth: Kirk Herman, 260/670; Paul Koenig, 223/638; Lynne Wegener, 199/547; Joann Koenig, 176; Howard Hardy (Youth), 236/610; Keith Herman (Youth), 215/539.

Wednesday Night Doubles (Youth): Tony Vitale, 239; Leon Walsh, 236; Christina Howard, 251; Kim Williams, 219; Howard Hardy, 268; Jake VanMeter, 265; Jenny Chism, 201.

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WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)
Early Birds: Lori Scally, 203; Sally Van Atta, 201; Fran Carlson, 535; Laura Sakata, 203/503; Beth Sammut, 223/570.

Senior House (Premium Bowling Products): Ken Kubit, 300; Arnie Goldman, 264/739; Parrish Capel, 276/760.

Happines Is: Shirley Struzik, 279.

WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)
Summer Trio Classic (Four-game format, using PBA gold pins): John Hurley, Jr., 247/919; Glenn Swine, 299; Ken Bashars, 864; Murray Hoie, 832; Ron LeChevalier, 827.

Saturday Nite Live: Jerry Shippo, 266/740.

MERRI BOWL (Livonia)
Senior Lads & Lassies: Stephen Miller, 222-277/688; Jack Hauswirth, 243.

K of G Men: League Champs: No. 5 Livonia Magnetics (Ron Eldson, captain Mike Lanning, John Hoffman, Wayne Lanning, John Stephens, Pat Ostrosky).

Jiff's Gang: Steve Hoeger, 279; Bill Swain, 793; Debbie Blanchard, 247-621.

Men's Mile Out: Cheryl Majeske (Youth), 180; Kyle Shtara (Youth), 188.

Monday Longnecks: Rick Sloan, 275/736; Jeff Ellenwood, 259/722; Ken Nikkila, 279.

Lads & Lassies (Seniors): Stephen Miller, 277/688; Doy Prieb, 203; Jack Hauswirth, 243/573; Audrey Homminga, 183/532.

MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)
Monday Seniors: Team No. 12 Pizz Hut (league champions), Jim Rossi, Dick Brown, Walt Filipowski, Ted Mack and Bill Britton.

Friday Seniors: Team No. 5 Pizz Hut (league champions), Jim Rossi, Ted Mack, Wally Huzar, Ken Schell and Fred Federico.

COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)
Parent/Youth: Kirk Herman, 260/670; Paul Koenig, 223/638; Lynne Wegener, 199/547; Joann Koenig, 176; Howard Hardy (Youth), 236/610; Keith Herman (Youth), 215/539.

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Getting better ball action

BY AL HARRISON
SPECIAL WRITER

Roland Snodgrass, owner of Roland's Bowling Pro Shop and immediate past-president of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, has some advice for any bowler needing to power-up the ball.

Roland, whose shop is in Fairlains Bowl on Stephenson Highway, between 12 and 13 Mile roads, is an excellent bowler as well as an expert on setting-up and drilling balls.

He says that some bowlers who are perhaps older or who are slightly built may not be generating enough power in their shot.

"They seem to be hitting the pocket a lot, but not getting many strikes," he says. "It may be the seven or eight ten pin usually, or both. These bowlers are not getting the rotation or turn on the ball that they should."

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Temperatures are up, so blue gill are biting



BILL PARKER

The small rubber spider jittered as it touched down on the smooth, calm surface of the lake.

After letting it rest for a moment I began creeping it ever so slowly toward shore until suddenly it disappeared in a swirl of water.

After setting the hook with a quick snap of my wrist a truculent battle ensued with a fat, feisty blue gill.

With warm weather infiltrating southeastern Michigan, the water temperature on local inland lakes is rising and the best blue gill bite of the season appears to be hitting stride.

Throughout the months of May and June, depending on the arrival of spring-like weather, shallow water along the shore of nearly all inland lakes gets overrun with nesting (bedding) blue gills. The males show up first and each will fan out a circular nest (bed) in the sand or gravel bottom.

After making the nest the male waits around in anticipation of the arrival of a female, who will deposit eggs in the nest then disappear back into deeper water. The aggressive male then fertilizes the eggs and stands watchful guard over the nest for the next few weeks.

offering rest for a minute then begin a slow, jerky retrieve. This lively action on the surface of the water is irresistible to a hungry blue gill.

Hook and worm anglers can let their bait float to the bottom, then drag it through the nesting area.

If the fish seem reluctant to bite, drop your worm right in the middle of a nest. The male standing guard will immediately remove the intruder. Tear drops tipped with a wiggler or a wax worm are also deadly in the spring.

Big fish, little fish

The smaller fish will bed in shallow water (two to four feet) while the bigger fish will be bedded in slightly deeper water (four to eight feet).

If you've had a notion to pick up the sport of fly fishing, but haven't quite taken the plunge, this spring fishery provides a great opportunity to give it a try.

It's also a great time to take a child fishing. Action is often sizzling and you don't need any fancy, special equipment. Any medium to light - or better yet ultra light - spinning combo will work.

A long cane pole is even effective at this time of year as long as the angler using it can remain quiet and not spook the fish while getting bait into the water.

The lighter the line the better. Four-pound test will work, but I prefer two-pound test so I don't spook the fish.

A friend of mine swears by one-pound test, which isn't much more than sewing thread, and always catches his fill.

I prefer to tie my hook directly to the line, bypassing a snap swivel. This allows me to offer my bait with a more natural presentation.

Although the daily creel limit is 25 you don't have to fill your bucket each time you go out.

Don't overharvest the fish. You'll only hurt the fishery for years to come. Instead, keep just enough fish for a meal or two and return the rest to swim another day, especially if you catch a fat, spawning female.

Heavy concentrations

With so many fish concentrated in the shallows they are especially vulnerable to anglers during this period.

Blue gill are the bread and butter fish of most inland lakes in the state.

Some lakes are so overrun with them that the fish are actually stunted and never reach more than five or six inches in length. In other lakes, with a healthy predator/prey ratio, gills can reach in excess of 10 inches in length and sometimes weigh over a pound.

The secret to catching spawning blue gills is to be cautious in your approach. Gills are easily spooked while bedding in the shallows. Whether fishing from shore or from a boat, be exceptionally quiet and light-footed as you approach the shoreline.

Don't cast your shadow on the water, as it will surely scare the fish.

Small rubber spiders, flies, poppers and the old reliable hook and worm are top producers at this time of year.

If you're surface fishing, let your

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors_805_E_Mapsle_Birmingham_MI_48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecom.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

NATURE NOTES

As more and more people explore the natural world, new species will be discovered, new populations of a rare or extirpated species may be found, or new behaviors may be noted.

In order to know what is new, we have to know what is usual, or common.

Our information-oriented world has allowed more people to become familiar with species of plants or animals that may be encountered in a particular area. Field guides and local lists generated by special interest groups can be very helpful.

What adds more excitement to discoveries is that they can be made in familiar areas, like Belle Isle.

Not long ago a naturalist on the island was exploring the wet woods and discovered a healthy population of pumpkin ash trees.

According to Edward Voss, it was not until 1992 that this tree was first discovered in Michigan.

The first population was found in Hillsdale County and later another population was discovered in Berrien County. Wet woods are difficult to explore, so these trees went unnoticed until just recently.

Michigan is north of where pumpkin ash usually grows.

Typically found along the Atlantic and gulf coasts, and in the southern Illinois area, Belle Isle is not where botanists would have expected to find pumpkin ash.

That is one feature that makes it an exciting discovery.

A more widespread and common oak to the south, the Shumard oak was also discovered on the island.

It, too, prefers to grow in wet woodlands and was not discovered because of its inaccessibility, though it had been growing for an estimated 200 years.

This species hybridizes with other oaks and may have been easily dismissed as another red oak. Qualified botanists have verified the identification of both tree species.

In the birding community there is a committee that rules on the validity of rare bird sightings.

Since birds are mobile and infrequently caught, allowing close, careful verification, photos, videos and written descriptions of the circumstances which are all used in the judges' determination.

Without material documentation it is harder for the judges to decide if the sighting is valid.

Recently, two new birds were added to the list of birds seen in the state throughout the years.

The boat-tailed/grate-tailed grackle was added to the list after review by the committee.

They were not able to distinguish if it was the boat-tailed grackle, or the grate-tailed grackle because they are so similar, but they acknowledged that the bird seen at Whitefish Point in the Upper Peninsula was one of these two species.

A Brewer's sparrow, also seen in Whitefish Point, was another new species for the state.

After these two additions, the state list stands at 409 different species of birds.

Undoubtedly more new birds will be seen in the state, as well as, new species of plants, insects, fish, snails and other groups.

It will continue as long as observant people look carefully while enjoying the natural world.

Getting better ball action

BY AL HARRISON
SPECIAL WRITER

that your hand fits the ball properly so you can get the roll and turn on the ball.

"Secondly, I would get you out on the lane and look at axis rotation and axis tilt. That means to look for the positive axis-point on the ball to see how much it rotates and where the break-point occurs. This tells me how much the ball will flip when it gets to the back-end of the lane. By setting it up by pin position, I can set up a different reaction to incorporate the fit, the turn and the rotation that you need in order to carry."

Q: What can you do for older bowlers?

"If you are a senior, one of the things I look at is ball-weight. Personally, at my age of 56, I have gone to a 14-pound ball, and I get much more turn, better speed on the ball and I can bowl many more games without losing energy. Those are the first things I would look for to help somebody who is not getting the ball to finish and is leaving a lot of corner pins."

Q: Do you have a specific purpose in mind when you drill balls?

"My philosophy — and I have been drilling-up balls since the

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BRAINS AND BEAUTY
Very attractive DWPF, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'8", lit, outgoing, N/S, N/D, seeks FF. Seeking tall, intelligent, WPM, 38-48, for fun and dating. **37377**

LOOKING FOR FUN
Attractive SWF, 31, 5'10", blonde, who loves long walks, holding hand, movies, etc. Seeking tall SM, 35-43, who has morals and is looking for a fun relationship. **33369**

FIRST TIME ADI
Personable, fun loving SWF, who enjoys movies, swimming, jazz, seeks outgoing male companion, 30-35, N/S, with similar qualities and interests. **40526**

ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE
Petite DWPF, 34, brunette, mother of two, seeks honest, sincere, fun-loving, responsible guy, who isn't afraid of a challenge. **40116**

IRRESISTIBLE
With beautiful eyes, Sensuous, easy SWF, 26, seeks tall, dark, and handsome SM, 30+, smoker/facelift, who is fun for fun and dating. **33980**

YOUTHFUL
Versatile, creative, spiritual, romantic, adventurous, blondy-minded SWF, 41, N/S, enjoys organic gardening, ethnic and vegetarian cuisine, traveling, swimming, canoeing, bon-fires, horses, motorcycles, billiards. **33306**

SUMMER DREAMS
SWF, 35, seeks to share a special, down-to-earth guy with sense of humor, to share camping, picnics, ball games, and the summer. **33642**

SOFT INTROVERT
Artistic SWF, 31, 5'7", 120lbs, N/S, no dependents, seeks cultured, extroverted SM, 30-35, who is proportionate, no dependents, for friendship and/or marriage. **33644**

HUMOROUS & PASSIONATE
DWPF, 28, 5'3", blonde, N/S, HW proportionate, loves good times, laughs, seeks SWF, 28-38, who loves children, for friendship, possible LTR. **33644**

IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE?
SWF, 25, 5'7", single mom, enjoys outdoors, movies, dancing, and someone special. Seeking honest, caring, employed SM, 27-34, 5'10", for LTR. No games. **33431**

BEST KEPT SECRET
Attractive SWPF, 30, sports drinker, who enjoys golf, social, boating, travel, seeks attractive SM, 28-35, for LTR. **33372**

TALL
STATUESQUE BRUNETTE
Female, 35, with dog, seeks tall (6'+) active intelligent, classy, kind-hearted S/DW/M with good moral character and a ready wit. Must be healthy, fun, and attractive. Interests: N/S, N/D, N/Gs. **33832**

BROWN-EYED GIRL
Attractive SWF, 28, brown/brown, enjoys skydiving, camping, outdoors, movies, active SWM, 25-33, who knows what they want and is willing to try anything once. **33420**

LET'S MAKE LIFE COMPLETE
Health care professional, classy, slender, youthful SWF, 5'4", blonde/brown, N/S, homeowner, seeks SWF, 30-40, who is fun and informative. **33832**

LET'S START WITH COFFEE
Widowed SWF, 60, 5'11", blonde, blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/mentally secure, enjoys dining, theater, golf, playing cards. Seeking honest man, 58-60, who is good, fun, and shares the golden years with. **33381**

AMERICA'S ANGEL
Slim, educated, financially secure, blue-eyed blonde, nifty 50s 5'7", Jewish, visionary dreamer, optimistic with distinctive qualities, attractive, fun and informative. How about you? Seeking active gentleman who is sweet and warm. Age unimportant. **32059**

LOOKING FOR A HERO
Attractive, kind, affectionate, down-to-earth DWPF, 36, 5'7", 128lbs, blonde/brown, N/S, one child, enjoys running, warm sweater, music, biking. Seeking nice, financially secure SWM, 40-55, N/S, to enjoy life with. **32629**

STABLE, SWEET
Attractive blonde, 41 (looks 31), 5'8", nice figure, love to smile/laugh, love to keep an active lifestyle. Seeking attractive, fun, handsome, intelligent man with handsome personality. Scrabble is the only game I play. **30979**

MALE WANTED
By pretty, blue-eyed blonde, youthful-looking 48, bright, warm, and full-figured. Seeking attractive, warm man, 35-55, for romance. Troy, area. **33627**

AMABLE WIDOW

Pretty, slender, tall, intelligent SWF, 53, refined, yet fun, smoker, seeks cozy dining, conversation, movies and more, with gentleman, 55-65, who's tall, more cerebral than physical, who dislikes country music. **33312**

DESIRING SOUL
Parker, petite, youthful, honest SWF, blonde, very thoughtful, non-smoker, into high-tech gadgets, Mac computers, cats, collecting stuff, lake-living. Seeking SWM who can give 100% for the same. **33750**

PROFESSIONAL AND SEXY
N/S, yes that's me, looking for the same. SF, 5'5", 120lbs, blonde/brown, seeks SM, 50-65, must be in good shape and love life. Talk to you soon. **32903**

SPARKLING BLUE EYES
Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", blue-eyed blonde, medium build, sexy tan, WM, 50-60, honest, fun-loving, commitment-minded, for LTR. **24444**

ANGEL ON EARTH/A RARE GEM
Pretty inside/out, petite, party SWF, youthful 44, blonde/brown, seeks S/SW/M, under 30, 3'7", for possible relationship. Your mom would be proud of me. **32739**

FANCY GIRL
Happy-go-lucky, slender, cute, tuddly SF, 22, 5'4", 115lbs, brown/brown, seeks SM, under 30, 3'7". **33737**

WORTH THE CALL
Attractive SWF, late 40s, 5'2", blonde, who enjoys dancing, boating, traveling, seeking WPM, financially secure S/D/M, late 30s to 40s. For dating. **33589**

WIT, STYLE & GREAT LEGS
Do you open doors? Seeking professional, intelligent, active, independent, attractive SF, 40s (looks 30s), 5'8", Birmingham resident, seeks professional, witty, fit, handsome, unnumbered male counterpart, 6+, for romance and adventure. Birmingham area. **33538**

SPRING FEVER
SWF, 57, 5'3", 125lbs, long blonde hair, enjoys reading, dining out, craft shows, movies. Seeking very humorous S/DW/M, with similar likes. **33459**

SHOW ME YOUR WORLD
Gorgeous, down-to-earth SWM, who loves to laugh. Seeking WPM, 45+, for possible LTR. **33376**

LET'S GO WORLD TRAVELING?
Pretty, slender, sophisticated, smart, secure sweetheart, seeks professional, refined, fit, handsome, nice guy, 55-65, for travel and companionship. **33382**

SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL
Yes-please! Good-looking professional, 40, medium build, enjoys getaways, plays tennis, and the unexpected. Desires handsome professional, N/S, with balance, acceptance, and boundaries. **33304**

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Do you open doors? Heels with her coat? Let her choose her favorite places? Willing to go forward in life? If so, give this attractive DWPF, 55, a call. **33598**

VERY ROMANTIC
Attractive easygoing, humorous DWPF, 49, 5'4", medium build, likes dining, movies, outdoors and Florida. Seeking tall gentleman, who is honest, nice, kind, romantic, a one-woman man. **4073**

UNCHAINED MELODY
Slim, attractive DWPF, 51, N/S, with an active lifestyle, seeks professional S/DW/M 50-60, 5'10", who is fun, intelligent, fun-loving, hanging out, Lavonia area. **32534**

SOUTHERN GIRL IN DETROIT
DWPF, 27, just relocated, childless, seeks caring, understanding SM, who loves people, WPM, NTR No LTR. **33596**

LOVE & COMPANIONSHIP
This active, attractive, caring, senior SWF, 55+, seeks honest, dependable, sincere gentleman, N/S, with many interests, to get to know for possible LTR. Age unimportant. This is the spirit that counts. **33527**

CREME DE LA CREME
Widowed female, 55, likes the outdoors, theater, home cooking. Seeking tall, attractive WPM, 6+, for friendship, possibly more. **33580**

IRRESISTIBLE
Intelligent, pretty, passionate DWPF, 44, seeks handsome, smart, funny, romantic SWM, 38+, N/S, for great, one-on-one relationship. Are you ready? This could be it. No games! **2633**

SINGLE CANADIAN
Attractive SWPF, 35, 5'5", 150lbs, N/S, social drinker, with healthy lifestyle, enjoys traveling, jazz music, theaters, and dining out. Seeking marriage-minded SWM, 35-50, with similar interests for LTR. **33588**

LET'S MAKE THIS WORK
SWF, 38, 5'10lbs, medium build, loves rollerblading, movies, dining out, long walks, and just about anything with the right person. Seeking SM for loving relationship. **33424**

I LOVE DOGS!
They're loyal and protective and unconditional. Do you have these attributes? Attractive, independent, passionate, hard-working SWF, 35, N/D, dog-free, seeks S/DW/M, 40-53, for friendship. LTR interested? Come, bark up my tree. **33425**

911
DWPF, 47, financially secure, health care professional, seeks dependent, seeks monogamous, loving, affectionate, S/DW/M, 40-52, for long-term, candid friend, and possible companionship. Seeking SWM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, for possible LTR. **33799**

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN

SWF, 49, with varied interests, needs friend and companion to share life with. Possible LTR. Give me a call. **33389**

WANTED: ROMANCE SPECIALIST
Easygoing, romantic, friendly, outgoing, attractive SWF, 44, 5', reddish, N/S, social drinker, employed homeowner, no dependents with many interests. Seeking attractive, honest, sincere, romantic, tallish SWM, 40-50, for friendship leading to possible LTR. **33891**

CHRISTIAN CUTIE
Cute SWCF, 33, medium build, seeks attractive, well-built, tall, professional, friendly, kind-hearted, intelligent SWCM, 28-43, I live near water, so bring swimsuit. Sincere, Christian need apply. **33833**

BEAUTIFUL...
Thin, spunky, unique, loving SWF, 44, 5'7", long naturally curly hair, steel blue eyes, into self-growth, meditation, nature, yoga, natural health, laughing, speaking truth and life. Seeking soul connection. SWM, N/S. **33723**

DESIRABLE, HAPPY, HOPEFUL
Passionate, outgoing SWF, 36, 5'5", 112lbs, loves life, laughter, seeks stable spontaneous S/DW/M 35-65, who is open minded, fit, and eventually looking for monogamous involvement. **33750**

I DARE YOU...
To call this dependent yet DWF, 40+, smart and challenging, this shapely brunette desires passionate, intelligent SWM, 45-55, for weekend escapes, star gazing, dining, North Oakland county. **33749**

33 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR
Frustrated, successful, humorous, charming, interesting, young female, 53, enjoys movies, plays, seasonal, witty, fit, handsome, soulmate in a successful, sincere WM, 45-75. Please reply. **33738**

SPRING DANCING?
This classy romantic, attractive, fun-loving SWF, 60, 5'2", blonde, honest, sensitive, fit SWM, 55, to share my heart and passion for life. **33192**

DOWN-TO-EARTH/POLISHED
Youthful, kind-hearted SWF, 50, blonde, who loves to laugh. Seeking SWM, 50-63, who has interests in golf, boating, theater, home life. **33368**

FROM CHICAGO
Witonly SWF, 37, 5'6", 115lbs, brunet/ginger, advanced degree professional, very attractive, degreed, trim, attractive, films, non-fiction, travel. And if you could count on me for LTR. **33757**

BEST FRIEND WANTED
SWF, 44, N/S, looking for honest, caring S/DW/M to share hugs, kisses, and fun. **33641**

LET'S LAUGH
Physically fit, attractive, intelligent, affectionate, outgoing, energetic, humorous DWPF, 49, N/S, seeks tall, fit, attractive, degreed, professional, fit, handsome, N/S, who is fun, intelligent, fun-loving, hanging out, Lavonia area. **33598**

OUTGOING DWPF
52, 5'5", brown/blue, medium build, N/S, social drinker, enjoys dancing, dining, movies, outdoors and Florida. Seeking SM, similar interests, long/short term romance or just for friendship. **33376**

SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY
WF, single mother with 11 year-old daughter, seeks a man, not a boy, 34-40, with no dependents. Responsible behavior need only apply. **4023**

GIVE ME A CALL
Beautiful, intelligent BF enjoys movies, trips, dining out, quiet romantic evenings at home. Seeking tall, attractive, fit, honest, emotionally secure, for possible LTR. **33890**

SERIOUSLY LOOKING
Attractive, fun SWF, 35, with two dependents, likes camping, the outdoors, movies, dining, cuddling, hand-holding, romance. Seeking tall SWM, 38-50, HW proportionate, with same interests for serious relationship. **33673**

FLORIDA BEAUTY
SWF, dark red hair, 5'4", living in Fort Lauderdale considering relocation to hometown in Detroit area. Seeking tall, attractive WPM, 6+ for friendship, possibly more. **33580**

JOIN ME
SF, 34, 5'4", brown/brown, vegetarian, professional, physical therapist, holistic healer, love life, my children, nature, hiking, camping, yoga. Values integrity, accountability, emotional maturity are non-negotiable. For friendship first. **33522**

QUIET STORMS
SBF seeks sincere SWF, 35-47, for long walks, outdoor sports, candlelight dinners, music, romance. LTR. **33525**

ANGEL LOOKING
Outgoing, friendly SWF, 45, 160lbs, enjoys music, movies, concerts, reading and conversation. Seeking SWM, 35-45, HW proportionate with similar interests. **33473**

LAUGHING AND LOVING
Active, happy positive SWPF, 53, business owner, health club schedule and retirement plans in two years. Seeking humorous, kind, considerate, lively man for fun and more. **33310**

911
DWPF, 47, financially secure, health care professional, seeks dependent, seeks monogamous, loving, affectionate, S/DW/M, 40-52, for long-term, candid friend, and possible companionship. Seeking SWM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, for possible LTR. **33799**

WANT TO DANCE?

Professional SWCF, 46, 5'8", medium build, no dependents, loves doing/watching all sports, traveling, reading, and dancing. Seeking romantic, tall, drug-free man, N/S, who is not intimidated by an independent woman. **33374**

ONE MORE TIME!
Spontaneous SWF, 5'7", red/green, smoker, looking for honest relationship with SM who doesn't want to play games. **33370**

COFFEE, ANYONE?
DWPF, 50, 5'5", Auburn/green, N/S, active lifestyle, enjoys movies, concerts, dining, travel. Seeking honest, sincere, SM, 40-60, N/S, for companionship leading to relationship. **33363**

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Gender DWPF, 43, 5'5", blonde/green, enjoys movies, dancing, vacations, romance. Seeking fit, outgoing S/DW/M, 34-46, 5'10", with good sense of humor. Possible LTR. N/S. **4078**

GROUNDING CONSERVATIVE

Spent time with professional SWM, 35, dark brown, who enjoys cultural activities, sporting events, day tips, dining out, hanging out. Seeking attractive SWF, 28-35, N/S, with similar interests. **33300**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Down-to-earth, family-oriented SWM, 30, 5'10", 145lbs, interested in sports, bowling, fishing, wrestling. Looking for down-to-earth SWF, 21-30. Kids welcome. **4111**

DO YOU HAVE CLASS?
I do! Very handsome, affectionate DWM, 38, 5'9", athletic build, college professor, well-built, petite, attractive S/DW/F, 30-40, N/S, a degreed professional, who loves hugs and kisses. **33429**

XXX'S & OOO'S!
Affectionate, attractive SWM, 43, enjoys culture, current events, traveling, seeks radiant, responsive romantic lady with charm, for dating, possibly more. **41107**

ADAM LOOKING FOR EVE

Sensitive, honest, athletic, outgoing, 35-year-old SWM, likes indoor and outdoor activities. Seeking SWF with similar interests and qualities for LTR. No baggage. **33331**

RICHARD GERE EYES
Considered very attractive, romantic, educated business owner, 33, 6'100bs, athletic build, enjoys golf, tennis, travel. Seeking sexy, educated, adventurous lady, mid-20s to early 30s, with active lifestyle for LTR. **33751**

ONE-OF-A-KIND
Honest, down-to-earth SWM, mid-30s, brown/blue, who is clean-cut, SBF, 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship. I like movies, concerts, social events together. **33754**

LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT ONE
Easygoing SWM, 28, 5'8", 158lbs, enjoys boating, the outdoors. Seeking S/DW/F, 25-38, medium build, no kids, for possible LTR. **33745**

BROTHER WITH DENZEL-APPEAL

SBM, 28, chocolate brown skin, black hair, college-educated, seeks SF for friendship only, at least for the moment. By the way, I don't look like Mr. Denzel Washington. **4019**

UNCLAIMED TREASURE
Sensitive, caring, fun-loving, unique, friendly, tall, handsome SWPM, 40ish, dark blonde/grey gorgeous blue, seeks attractive, outgoing SWF, under 45, N/S, with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. **33954**

GREAT HUGGER/ISSUER
Spiritual, tall, dark, handsome DWM, 50, looks younger, 5'11", 185lbs, homeowner, with hair, mustache, plays tennis, works out. Seeking honest, fit WF, under 50. **33892**

STOP AND SALUTE!
Patriotic, all-American, handsome SWM, 44, successful businessman, with comesture lifestyle, who appreciates the arts, fine entertainment. Seeking SWF with a romantic flare. **33606**

SAVE THE BEST FOR LAST
Nice-looking, trim DWM, 60, 5'10", 150lbs, jogger, designer, artist. Seeking attractive, trim lady, 50-60 to share concerts, dining out, travel, and just hanging out. **4024**

RUGGED, MUSCULAR...
Well-looking, trim DWM, 60, 5'10", 150lbs, jogger, designer, artist. Seeking attractive, trim lady, 50-60 to share concerts, dining out, travel, and just hanging out. **4024**

SUMMERTIME FUN
Do you like long weekends up north? Looking for a nice, attractive, fun-loving, outgoing SWF, 25-45, for adventure and fun. **32823**

RESPOND IN WATERFORD
DWM, 51, 5'10", 180bs, brown/green, enjoys movies, dining out, travel, cooking for family. Seeking family oriented woman, with values and personality. **33743**

WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves late activities, enjoys movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. **33830**

INTERESTING SWM, 36...
Divorced with 2 children, enjoys fun outdoors, talking, listening, and quiet times. Seeking special, honest S/DW/F, 25-40, with similar interests, to date, get to know, possibly more. **33587**

WIDOWER
CPA, 60, medium build, blond blue, with varied interests, seeks fit, very attractive, personable lady with whom to share life's offerings. **33801**

FIRST TIME AD
Witonly, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWCM, 38, 5'10", 150bs, brown/blue, non-religious, dad of two, smoker, light drinker, seeks outgoing, fit, fun, compassionate WF, 30-45, for mental/spiritual intimacy first, one-on-one relationship. **33786**

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You're interesting, active, gal, 40-60, with traditional values. Boating, travel, music, conversation, and a general like for other people are pluses. **33835**

YOU'RE A BUSINESSWOMAN
Tall, mature businesswoman seeks interesting, intelligent, active gal, 40-60, with traditional values. Boating, travel, music, conversation, and a general like for other people are pluses. **33835**

YOU ARE THE ONE!
Divorced with 2 children, enjoys fun outdoors and being active. Seeking affectionate, fit, loving sweetheart, who enjoys movies, dining, and a general like for other people are pluses. **33865**

NEW BEGINNING
DWM, 37, 5'10", 170bs, enjoys outdoors and being active. Seeking affectionate, fit, loving sweetheart, who enjoys movies, dining, and a general like for other people are pluses. **33865**

LOOK NO FURTHER
Sexy SWM, 26, built to last, seeks SF, 18-30, who can tame me. **41118**

ARE YOU SENSUAL?
Very attractive, balanced and secure DWPF, 35, seeks very attractive S/DW/F, 25-30, with no children for fun, fun! Are you waiting for the right guy? Then respond to me. **41114**

DREAMER
I can dream about you if I can't hold you gently at night. DWPF, 46, 5'7", 190lbs, long brown hair, N/S, social drinker, seeks tall, 40-50, petite to medium build. **41110**

HANDSOME, ROMANTIC
Stagnant, honest, The humor out of my head, I'm looking for a lady, 40-50, who is fun and hot. **41103**

SADDLE ON MY HARLEY
Muscular DWM, 46, 6'00lbs, fit, shaved (Yul Brenner), goes to the gym, seeks fit lady, under 40, who looks good on and off my Harley, for fun and hot. **41103**

LEAN ON ME
Friendly, handsome, supportive SWM, 46, has nice shoulder to lean on, willing to communicate and understand, seeks to bring out the best in a lady, 35-45. **4014**

ARTIST SEEKS MUSE

Eccentric, creative, honest, sensitive, brown-skinned SWM, 35, 5'7", 160lbs, brown/blue, enjoys art, music, movies, good conversation, open to new experiences, seeks lady, 27-36, race unimportant, for friendship, leading to LTR. **33920**

BAFFLEFOOT ON THE BEACH
Warm weather, outdoorsy SWM, 46, 5'9", 180bs, dark brown/blue, spiritual, sensual, sensitive, enjoys boating, volleyball, tennis, outdoor cafes, hiking. Seeking soulmate SF, 29-44, sense of humor a plus. **33922**

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SENSITIVE ATHLETE?
Nice-looking, college-educated, honest, sensitive DWPF, 59', 180lbs, athletic, enjoys travel, skiing, biking, working out, and Harley's. Seeking easygoing, attractive, fit, funny female, 25-40, for companionship, possible LTR. **33740**

IN CONTROL/ROMANTIC
Romantic SWPM, 39, enjoys movies, dancing, dining out, theater, seeking feminine, passionate SWF, 25-45, for adventure and fun. **32823**

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