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Flooding angers sub residents

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Canton trustees viewed dramatic evidence of recent flooding in the River Meadows subdivision at their July 27 board meeting.

The flooding occurred after the July 23 storm that dumped over two inches of water on the Canton area in less than an hour. The subdivision, a 240-

unit, single-family condominium development on Geddes Road between Canton Center and Beck, was one of the township's hardest hit areas.

Tim Furlong, vice president of River Meadows Association, and Anne Holub, president, showed a video of nearly submerged mailboxes, flooded driveways, destroyed landscaping, and residents wading knee-high through the streets.

The video focused on the erosion taking place along the sides of the subdivision's two detention basins and the debris-blocked drains, which carry water directly to the Rouge River behind the subdivision.

"The basins are installed but have not passed inspection of Canton Township," Furlong read from a prepared statement. "They are weed-infested and overgrown. Due to improper con-

struction, one retains one to two feet of water rather than draining completely... When a Board representative phones the developer, Steven Fisher or David Darkowski (of Selective Enterprises), we receive no action."

Furlong and Holub also distributed a packet of documented correspondence the association has had with the township and Selective Enterprises from

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Auto supplier lands abatement

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Canton trustees granted Spring Engineering & Manufacturing Corp. of Livonia a 50 percent tax abatement for six years at their July 27 meeting despite the protests of a resident who referred to tax abatements as "corporate welfare."

Spring Engineering plans to open a 76,000-square-foot manufacturing and corporate office facility on an eight-acre site off Lilley Road between Joy and Warren. It plans to invest \$7.7

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million to develop the new location. Manufacturing activities include light stamping, spring coiling, slide-forming and automotive assemblies. The company plans to employ 101 people, with 80 of those positions being skilled or professional-level jobs.

"We're not here to subsidize the auto industry," said Robert McCausland, who frequently attends the meetings. "The auto industry is making a lot of money because they are taking it down on their tier one suppliers."

Elaine Kirchgatter, treasurer, acknowledged McCausland's statement in principle. "I'm not in favor of tax abatements, but this needs to be taken care of at the state level."

"Those are just guidelines," countered McCausland. "Take the high road."

Timothy Tindall, president of Spring Engineering, said his company is a "world leader" in making small fuel-injection springs. He plans to employ tool and die makers, engineers, CAT operators, quality control specialists and a variety of set-up people. The average hourly wage will be \$13.

The original request that came before the board stated Spring Engineering would add 100 jobs over the next six years. When asked for a confirmation, Tindall said the company has plans for "eight to 14 additional employees over the next few years."

Kirchgatter was unsure how much money the abatement would save Spring Engineering. She said that figure would be determined when tax assessments are made at the end of the year.

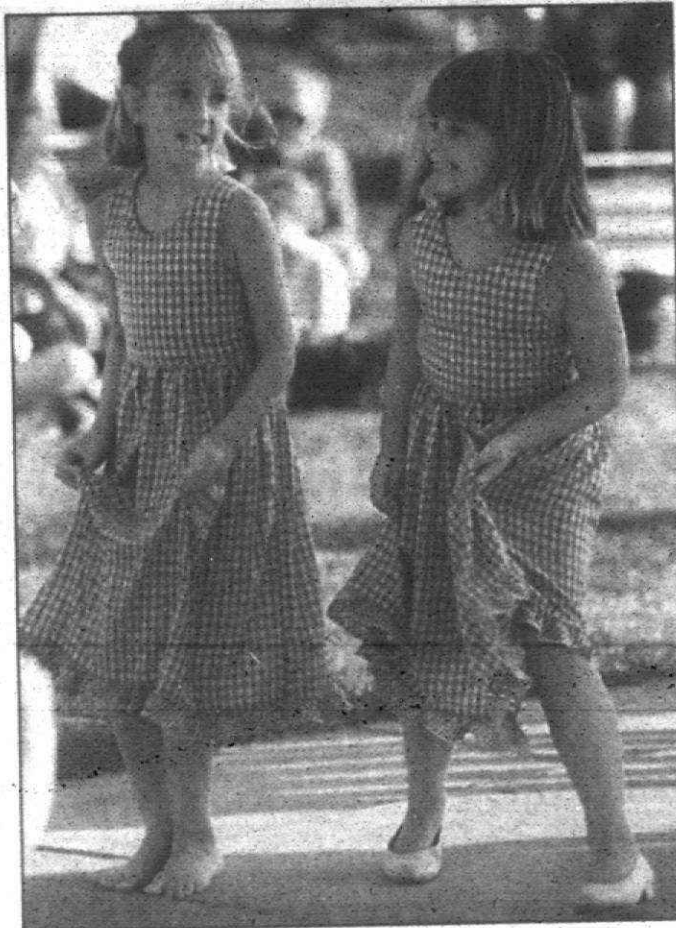
The Board granted a similar abatement to Group Antonlin Primera Automotive Systems in early July.

Ice cools Canton



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Sound of Summer: Detroit Rhythm and Blues band, Hot Ice lead singer Rachel Martin (top) performs during the groups appearance at Heritage Park Thursday evening. (Right) Holly Mykolaitis, 7, left, and sister Heidi, 5, dance to the sounds of Hot Ice. The concert is one in a series shows each week in Canton. Performances are held each Thursday evening at the park's amphitheater behind the township administration building. The series runs through Aug. 12.



1-275 construction update

- I-275's southbound traffic has been switched to the freeway's new southbound lanes. It is the first phase of the traffic shift to the southbound side. Large rectangular concrete blocks used to create a barrier wall will be moved from the northbound side of the freeway to the southbound side, then the northbound traffic will be crossed over to its three lanes in about 10 days or two weeks.
- The old northbound lanes will be closed for reconstruction as the freeway's four lanes and two shoulders will be rebuilt, along with entrance and exit ramps and bridge decks.
- The six lanes (three lanes in each direction) of northbound and southbound traffic located on the southbound side will remain there for the duration of the project, which will end no earlier than October.
- The M-5 Haggerty Connector between 12 Mile and 14 Mile is tentatively scheduled to be opened on Monday afternoon.

THE WEEK
AHEAD
MONDAY

Commission meets: Canton Township's Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

WEDNESDAY
Historic commission: Canton's Historic District Commission meets at 7 p.m. at the Cherry Hill School. The building is located at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

THURSDAY
Summer concert: Canton's Summer Concert Series will continue with "Sunset Blvd."

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Police get in business of training fellow cops

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What began as a way to save a few dollars has turned into a moneymaker for Canton's Police Department - namely, training other officers.

From basic motorcycle operation to sniper/counter sniper and defensive tactics, the department offers numerous courses year-around. To date this year, it has generated \$29,000 in revenue for township police.

"We're doing more training of law enforcement officers than any department in the metropolitan area," Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said. "We are in the training business."

Officers have come to the township from far and wide to take courses the past few years.

Livonia, Detroit, Dearborn and Northville Township are local departments taking advantage of the offerings. But officers have come from communities such as Saginaw, Ionia and Port Huron for training, too.

Lt. Pat Nemecek said Canton officers also benefit by acting as teachers. About 20 percent of the force instructs.

"It's a developmental issue," Nemecek said. "It really helps develop you as an officer and a person."

Communication, presentation and organizational skills are improved, he said. Officers' self-confidence is also enhanced.

The end result, Nemecek said, is a better Canton officer.

"To know the material is one thing."

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Cyclist: Canton Police Officer Brian Darrow is one of the department's leaders in training other officers proper motorcycling techniques. The course is the department's most popular.

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Vandals strike at Fellows Creek

Police received a call from the grounds supervisor at Fellows Creek Golf Course at 6:30 a.m. July 27 that the wooden fence around the maintenance building had been broken through and four carts driven through the course. Greens and fairways were damaged.

Police said the suspects smashed the carts, valued at \$2,000 a cart, into each other, and drove one into a pond. Suspects also damaged fences, flag sticks and garbage cans. The carts sustained major damage.

Police said they have no suspects or witnesses. At this time, total damage is estimated at \$8,325.

Gas station B & E

A Detroit Free Press delivery truck driver notified police at 4:45 a.m. July 28 that the front door windows of a Shell gas station on Haggerty Road were smashed. Upon arrival, police found no suspects. The metal cash drawer was on the floor, the cigarette dis-

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play cleaned out and lottery tickets taken.

When the owner arrived, he told police there was no alarm and the video camera was not working. Owner was told to make an estimate of stolen materials. There are no suspects.

"Pot" luck

On July 28 at 10:50 p.m. police observed a 19-year-old Canton man cross over the center line while driving eastbound on Joy Road. According to the police report, the man "appeared nervous" after he was stopped. When asked if there were drugs or alcohol in his vehicle, the man said "no." Prior to searching the vehicle, the officer asked once more. The man then said he had a bag of marijuana in the glove compartment.

The man was arrested on charges of possession of narcotics and his car towed.

Unfriendly fist

A Plymouth man flagged down a patrol officer July 29 at 11:15 p.m. and said he was punched in the face when he went to a friend's house on Willow Creek to ask for directions. The victim said the suspect opened the door and asked the victim why he was there at that time of night. The victim said the suspect then punched him with an open hand and closed the door.

Police said the suspect claimed the victim pushed him to get inside the house and talk. Police issued the suspect with an assault and battery citation and gave the victim a trespassing notice.

Police said the victim said he had just been released from the hospital and his mouth was wired. He displayed evidence of loose wiring and a possible cracked tooth.

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November 1998.

Furlong said communication with the township's engineering and planning departments and Selective Enterprises over the past two years has produced few results.

Last May, following an inspection of the subdivision by township officials and Darkowski, the association asked the township to seek a performance bond from Selective Enterprises. The funds would be held in escrow until completion of the development.

That didn't happen, and both basins remain safety hazards, said Furlong.

Furlong and Holub cited the following problems:

- Erosion continues within the basins, and the drains have not been cleaned.
- The drainage pipes contain many loose rocks and other debris, impeding drainage. The rocks were to have been cemented around drain openings.

The lower half of the Phase II detention basin is barren. The developer has not installed sod or seed mat.

After attempting to fill in the Phase II basin to create a park without township authorization, the developer used the dirt to create a berm around the basin. The berm is not part of approved plans.

Dead trees remain part of the landscaping around the basin.

The Phase III basin contains standing water.

In addition, Holub said she is concerned about sinkholes forming if the drainage system under the roads does not adequately carry the water to the retention basins.

Township concerned

During the board meeting, Aaron Machnik, director of municipal services, indicated July 23 was the first time he

learned of River Meadows' flooding problems.

He said he had spoken with different partners (of Selective Enterprises) than with whom the association has dealt. "There may be a difference in agreement of the totality of the homeowners' complaints."

However, after viewing the video, Machnik said the problem may be the grates. "I have not ruled out there's a construction defect along the route. We will get a camera in there."

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin asked about damage to the subdivision roads due to the flooding. Machnik said he drove through the River Meadow shortly after the flooding. "My reaction was the roads were in average condition for a subdivision of this age and were not affected by the floods."

Furlong disagreed. He said that while the residents pay to have their roads tarred to prevent water from seeping in, in some areas the concrete has lifted three to four inches, making

snow plowing difficult.

Machnik agreed with the association to develop a time-line for improvements. He assured Furlong and Holub that "the work has to be done within this construction season. However, he was not in favor of demanding a performance bond from Selective Enterprises."

On Thursday, Machnik said Selective Enterprises partners told him that morning they were anxious to get started on the repairs. He admitted both the township and Selective Enterprises had not been aggressive enough in handling the long-standing construction problems at River Meadows.

"It's like going to the dentist. You know you need to go, but you put it off. You have to deal with it before it gets painful. We're dealing with it."

Furlong and Holub declined an Observer interview request outside of the meeting or to provide still pictures of the flood scene made available to the board.

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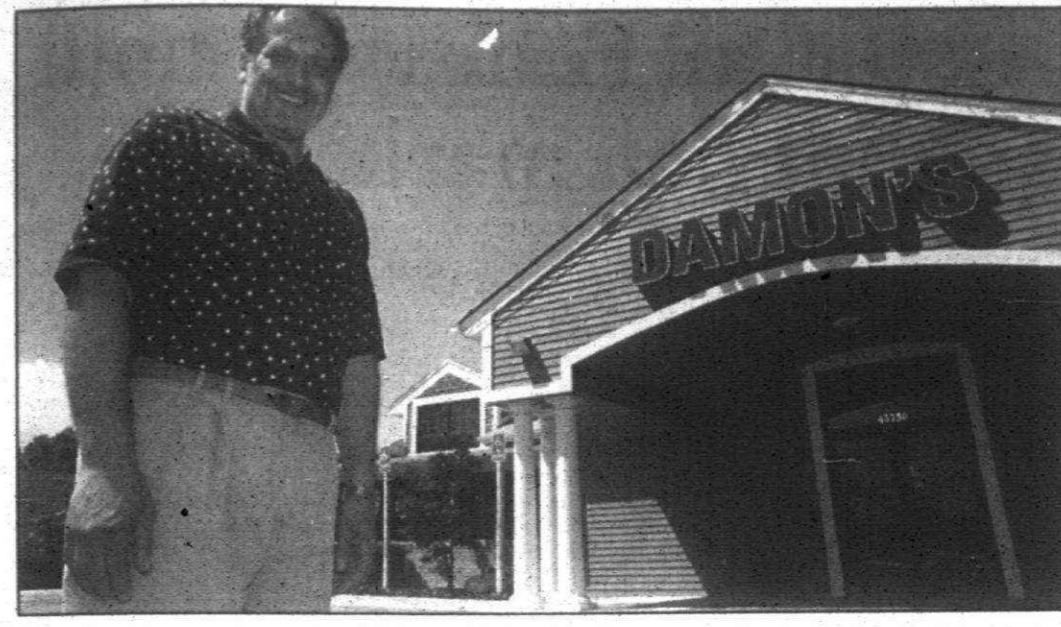
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Good market: David Khoury, owner of Damon's on Ford Road near Morton Taylor, says the restaurant industry is still booming in Canton. He plans to open a family-style restaurant at the site formerly occupied by Mesquite Creek on Ford Road.

Canton eateries in flux

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Restaurants may come and go in Canton, but there hasn't been much new activity lately, said Jeff Goulet, Canton city planner. "Restaurants go in phases. A couple of years ago, we had our boom."

David Khoury, owner of Damon's on Ford Road near Morton Taylor, disagrees. "I'm saying the restaurant industry is still booming. There hasn't seemed to be a slowdown since I opened (Big Boy's) in 1976."

Khoury still owns the former Big Boy's site on Ford and Canton Center roads. He reopened it a few years ago as the wild game-serving Misty Duck, and when that didn't make it, he leased the property to the Mesquite Creek chain.

The Mesquite Creek closed late last year, and Khoury is currently negotiating with a family-style restaurant chain. Plans should be complete in the "very near future," he said.

Nan's Garden on Ford Road between Morton Taylor and Sheldon recently closed, as did the Crow's Nest on Canton Center Road just north of Ford. However, La Shish and Leo's Coney Island opened this year in the Kroger-anchored Center Village at Ford and Canton Center roads. Bailey's Grille & Pub opened in the mall last year.

"I think the Canton market is an exceptional market," said Khoury, who owns three Damon's, including the one on Ford Road, and is in the process of buying a fourth.

Khoury said a national pizza chain plans to build along I-275 and Ford, and the property of the former Sagebrush clothing store near Meijer's on Ford Road is slated for restaurant use only.

"There used to be four or five restaurants within a two-mile radius of me. Now there's 60," Harry Ackley, a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Schweitzer/Bake in Plymouth, is currently listing the Crow's Nest. He thinks prospects of selling the property are good. "I imagine with the widening of Canton Center there, that area would be ideal for a restaurant."

Goulet said Canton's current restaurant profile is quite diverse, ranging from the major chains like Max & Erma's to family-owned independents like Rosa's and small, ethnic establishments like the Himalaya, which serves Indian cuisine.

Restaurants are permitted in most of the township's commercial zones, he said, but the township doesn't advise them on specific areas. "The restaurants depend on their own market strategies."

Goulet foresees a possible restaurant resurgence as the I-275 corridors along Ford and Lotz roads and parcels along Michigan Avenue and Canton Center Road continue to develop.

Khoury has a few words of advice for restaurant developers coming into Canton: "An eclectic, fine-dining place would not be appropriate. A moderately priced, family-style restaurant will always be successful."

"Canton was a rural community, and it's still a meat-and-potato kind of area."

While the major chains seek the high visibility properties along Ford Road, family restaurants settle in neighborhoods and depend upon word of mouth for business.

MILITARY NEWS

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GRADUATED
Keith S. Pund graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. The new lieutenant majored in environmental engineering. He is the son of David G. and Janet R. Pund of Canton. Pund is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

Andrew Short, son of Carl and Mary Short of Plymouth, has graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. He was commissioned as a

second lieutenant. He is a 1995 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central School of Redford, and majored in general management.

BASIC TRAINING
Air Force Airman Jason J. Parkinson, son of Van and Jacki Parkinson of Plymouth, completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. Parkinson studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations. The airman is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School.

DEPLOYMENT
Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph M. Miller, son of Kenneth and Gloria Miller of Can-

ton, and Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class David Nevi, son of Ray and Carolene Nevi of Plymouth, both recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise. The ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise Battle Group. Both are graduates of Plymouth-Canton High School. Miller is a 1989 graduate and Nevi is a 1991 graduate.

AWARDS
Army Sgt. Maj. Paul M. Wanshon was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States. Wanshon is the brother of Mark Wanshon of Canton.

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he added, "but to get up in front of your peers and teach it is another."

The department's involvement in training began a few years ago. Santomauro said he discovered that it would be more cost-effective to train township officers in-house. Besides the money, the director saw immediate positive results in terms of department expertise, officer development and overall morale.

It provided an impetus to expand courses to outside departments. "We decided to take a number of select topics and train our people to train others," said Santomauro.

Last year's public safety department building additions have allowed for continued growth. Instructors now have two dedicated classrooms at the police station as well as one in the township's administration building.

Course offerings vary. In coming months, for example, hunter safety, basic SWAT and drug abuse recognition will be offered. Canton is probably best known, however, for its motorcycle training. Nemecek said the department is in the middle of its sixth course this year.

The six-day program has become so popular, the department does little to promote it. "It's mostly by word-of-mouth," said Nemecek.

Tough cookies: Keebler dumps Plymouth Twp. for New Hudson

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The Keebler Elves began packing up yesterday leaving behind a Hollow Tree in the Plymouth Township business sector.

The 64,950-square-foot sales and distribution center has been located on Port Street, east of Beek, since August 1987.

The 40 employees will be transferred to their new 128,100-square-foot location in the Lyon Research and Industrial Park in New Hudson, about 15 miles away, said Dave Ashburn, distribution manager. Its corporate office is located at One Hollow Tree Lane in Elmhurst, Illinois.

"This was a great building, a great location," Ashburn said. "But we needed more space. We could have added on but then parking would be a problem. We needed to be further west."

When the company first located here, they didn't need to park tractor trailers, Ashburn said. "We need more room to park them."

The national company is known for its promotional ads touting the "elfin magic" used in creating their products.

This center will focus on its expanded Traverse City, Bay City, and Saginaw geographic (sales) area, Ashburn said.

"We didn't settle on the decision to move until last October," Ashburn said. "We have been exploring this for a couple of years. We have outgrown this building."

In September 1998, the Keebler Foods Company completed the \$450 million acquisition of President International, Inc. Keebler Foods now owns the Sunshine Biscuit Company, Famous Amos Cookies and Murray's Sugar Free food products.

Famous Amos Cookies is the leading vending cookie in the country, according to company literature.

For years, the President Company has been the largest licensed supplier of Girl Scout cookies in the country.

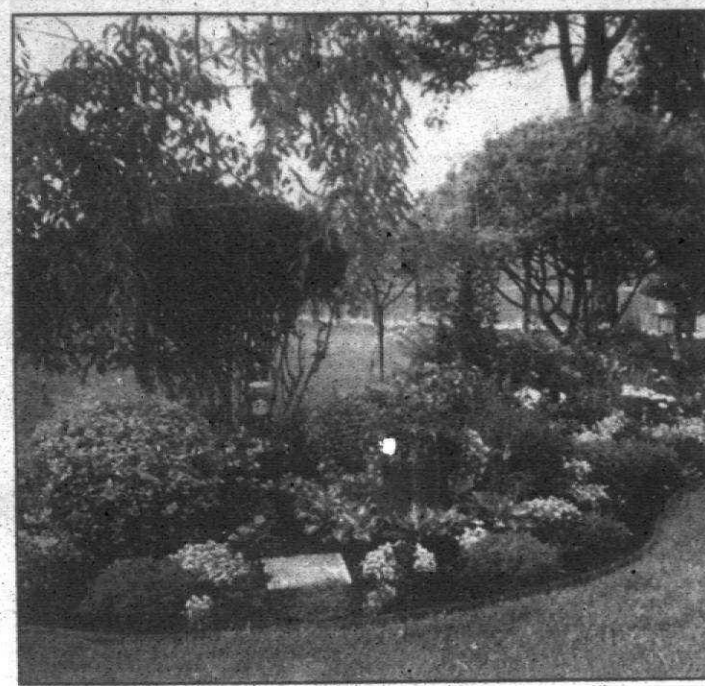
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Second Place: Kathi Lawrence of Capri Drive won dinner for two at La Shish and a \$15 gift certificate to Crimboli's Nursery for her charming "Accent Garden."



Third place: Timothy and Gail Carr of Ford Road won a gift certificate to Max & Erma's for their soul-soothing "The Water's Edge."

Garden Party

Theme contest produces beautiful results

The Canton Beautification Committee recently sponsored a "Theme-Garden of the Century" contest. The judging took place during the last week in June. Canton has changed over the years, and landscaping in the

newer subdivisions is often large-scale and elaborate. Concentrating on a "theme garden" provided all participants with an equal opportunity to demonstrate their imaginations, said committee historian Pam Swidrich.

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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'The temptation will be to get more revenue out of casinos, which may cause problems,'

Joe Cepuran
University of Michigan-Dearborn

With Thursday's opening of the MGM Grand Detroit Casino, visitors now can enjoy more than 50 gaming tables, including Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Baccarat, Mini Baccarat and Pai Gow.

The new Grand is at 1300 John C. Lodge at Abbott, one block south of Michigan Avenue.

More than 2,300 slot machines charge a range from 5 cents to \$500 to play. More than 50,000 decks of cards and 3,600 die will be used each month.

The facility will employ 2,200 people and it will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year.

But what will that cash flow mean for the region?

"What you have to look for is a spreading of the economic well-being beyond the casinos," said Joe Cepuran, a professor of public administration at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

For the most part, the MGM casino, along with the two others planned in Detroit, are being welcomed in the region for now because of the creation of jobs.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said Detroiters have watched a \$1 million a day go across the Detroit River to the Windsor casino.

"Keeping those dollars circulating on this side of the river will certainly help the businesses in downtown Detroit and throughout the region," McNamara said.

McNamara said the casinos add a new dimension to the region as a destination for many people outside of the metro area.

"They have the potential to attract visitors who may also decide to have dinner, shop and spend a night in the area," McNamara said.

"Most importantly, the casinos have already created hundreds of new jobs in Detroit with a few thousand more expected. Many of these employees come from all over the region; they also shop and do business all over the region, making the economic impact far broader than the dollars spent at a gaming table."

Steve Carter, general manager of the Holiday Inn Livonia West, believes it will be positive in the long run.

"It's been a hindrance because I've lost a few key people, but in the long run, I think it will be positive in this area, because hotels will be able to put together packages to bring people for the casinos."

Carter added that his hotel was still putting together those guest packages.

Others believe casinos will provide a mixed bag to the local economy.

Richard Fox, professor of economics in the Department of Business at Madonna University, believes the casinos will help previously unemployed people get jobs, albeit low paying ones at the \$9-\$12 per hour level for food service jobs, for example.

"If you don't have a job, it's a plus, but with a family of four, that (wage) still might put you below the poverty level," Fox said.

Fox believes good economic indicators to gauge the casinos' success are the number of jobs created, what the "real take" is in taxes for the state and city and how this revenue is used.

Those indicators should be measured against the statistics of casino-related crime that develops in Detroit.

Fox speculated that casinos may have a regressive effect, in that the poor are more likely to spend a larger portion of their income on gambling.

"It's clearly not a win-win situation," Fox said.

Cepuran said studies of Atlantic City and Las Vegas show that two different economic groups visit casinos: tourists with high disposable income and local residents with a lower or no disposable income.

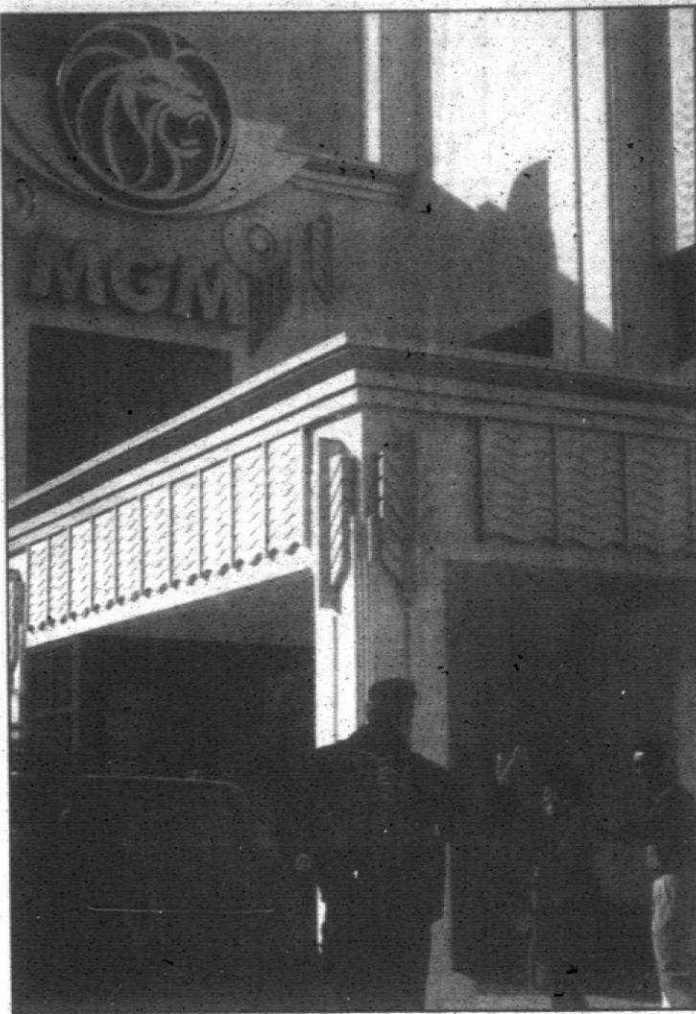
"The poor people can be spending money that is not at their disposal," Cepuran said.

Cepuran is also concerned that state and city tax revenue will be sought from other sources to replace the revenue from any of the three casinos that may close in the future. It remains to be seen whether the Detroit market can support all three, Cepuran said.

"The temptation will be to get more revenue out of casinos, which may cause problems," Cepuran said. More state regulation may be sought by lawmakers, Cepuran said.

Only time will tell whether the casinos will develop into an entertainment-type district in downtown Detroit. Most casinos are destinations where people drive to, enter and spend money, then leave and drive back home without spreading money around that casino area.

To have an impact, "you have to see the economic development spread beyond the casinos," Cepuran said.



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As we are now in summer, it is important for homeowners to note that swimming pools on their properties pose as a potential danger for children. Thus, they have the responsibility to take proper measures (such as enclosing swimming pools with a gated fence) to ensure that children will not be harmed due to unsafe conditions. The theory of "attractive nuisance" holds that a property owner must exercise reasonable care to protect children from an abject or condition on their property that children have a tendency to be attracted to and that is inherently dangerous. If a child does suffer an injury due to a lack of necessary precautions, the property owner may be held liable due to negligence.

If you have a pool, you will want to check to see what is mandated by local code. Some places require a minimum fence height and/or self-closing gate mechanisms. You should also consider that your homeowner's insurance covers any potential liability incurred as a result of pool ownership. When in doubt, check with your attorney.

HINT: An open pit or hole in a backyard is another example of an attractive nuisance from which children should be protected by property owners.

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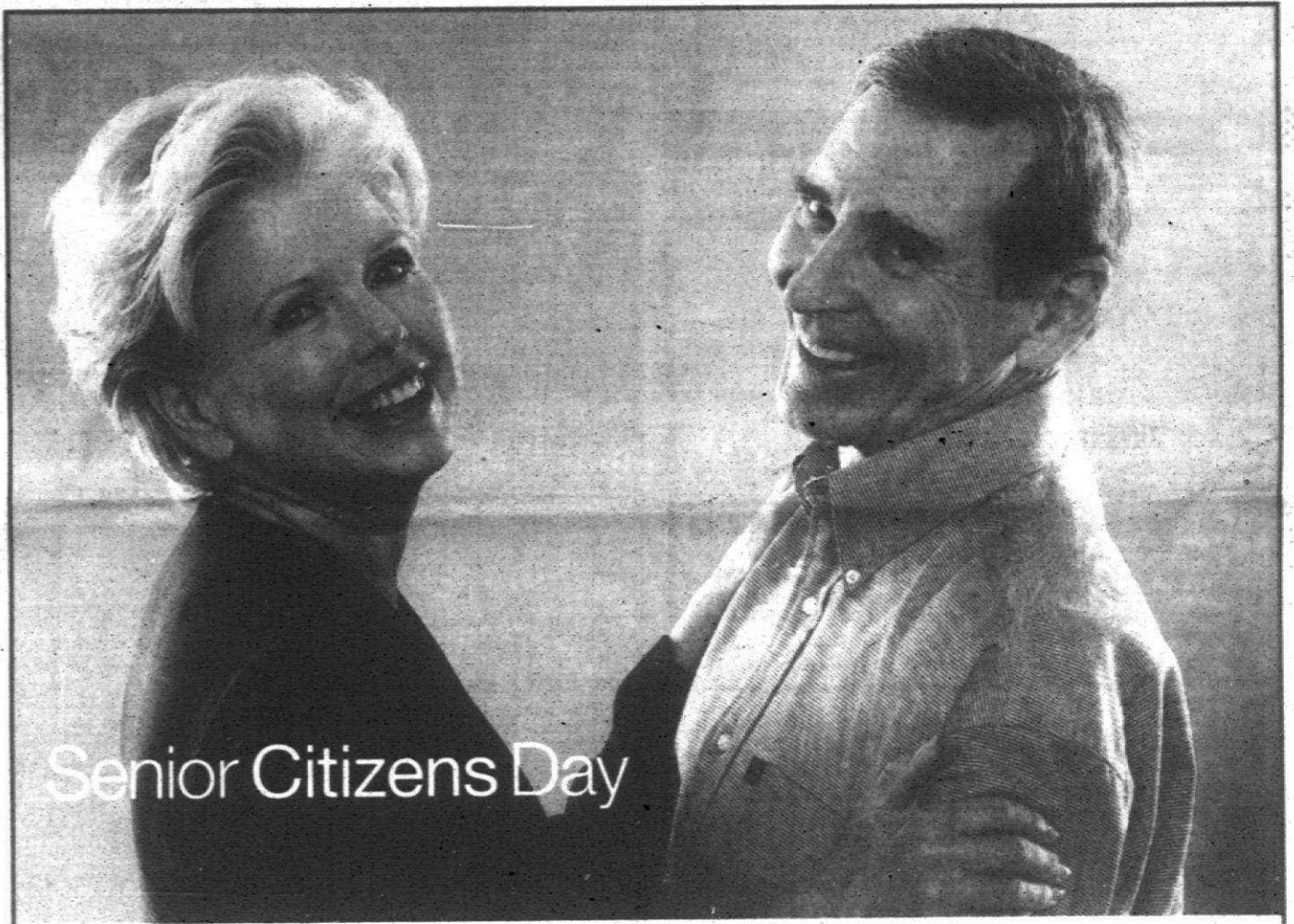
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Cardinal Maida named to European panel

Pope John Paul II has named Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, as a member of the Second Special Assembly for Europe of the Synod of Bishops. This assembly, which will be held Oct. 1-23 at the Vatican, is the last in a series of regional synods aimed at preparing the church for the third millennium.

Cardinal Maida was the only U.S. bishop named as a papal nominee. He currently serves as president of the U.S. Bishops' Committee for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. During his tenure on the committee the cardinal has traveled to Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia and Poland. And, during his years as a priest and bishop, he visited most of the countries in Europe. "I am most honored to be selected as a papal nominee to synod," said Cardinal Maida. "This certainly will allow me and

my co-workers on the Committee for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe an opportunity—a platform—to share with the Holy Father and our brother bishops what we have seen, heard and done over the past several years."

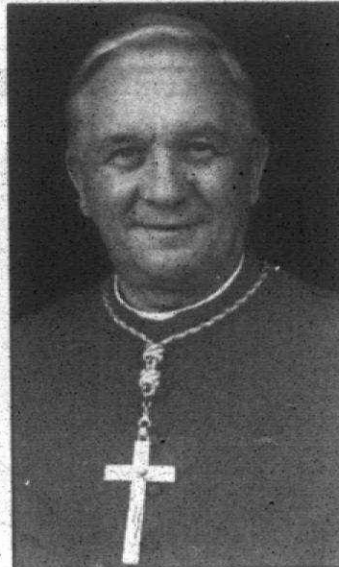
"I expect to learn more than I impart," the Cardinal continued. "And, what I am able to come home with will be most helpful in our continuing effort on the national and local level to work with the priests and people of our Church in that part of the world."

This is the second Special Assembly for Europe which Pope John Paul II has called. He will attend all of the sessions. Each of the papal nominees will be given approximately 10 minutes to deliver a speech. Each will then submit a paper. A year after the synod, the Holy Father

is expected to deliver a formal document, based on the conclusions and recommendations of the assembly, in a European location recommended by the synod members.

During his pontificate, the Pope has also called special assemblies for Asia, Oceania, Africa and the Americas. Cardinal Maida, along with several American bishops, went to the American (North and South) Synod. Fourteen months later, the Pope went to Mexico City to speak about the work of that Special Assembly for the Americas.

Bishop Raymond Roussin of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, will be the other North American representative at the Second Special Assembly for Europe, which will involve 23 papal nominees, 17 experts and 38 auditors invited by the Pope.



Appointed: Cardinal Adam Mida

Schoolcraft registers for fall '99 semester

Registration is in progress for Schoolcraft College's fall semester with classes beginning Thursday, Aug. 26.

This fall will mark the beginning of several new offerings. Four sections of English Composition 101 will be offered as computer-based instruction classes for those who want more writing experience than the traditional lecture class offers.

A new integrated humanities class, Humanities in Western Culture - Antiquity through the Renaissance, will examine Western culture through a variety of perspectives. Advanced ceramics, sculpture and watercolor painting have been added to the art department's curriculum, and stu-

dents can take Introduction to Philosophy on-line for the first time.

New students must meet with a counselor before registering. Mail-in registration continues through July 31. Phone-in registration continues through Aug. 24 by calling (734) 462-4800, except Sundays and holidays; and walk-in registration is available Aug. 9 through Aug. 24.

To register in person, come to room 200 of the McDowell Center Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Radcliff Center. Walk-in registration is Wednesday, Aug. 11 from 1 to 7 p.m.

For information, call (734) 462-4426.

CLARIFICATION

The date for Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza is Sunday, Sept. 26, not Sept. 20 as reported. The event is a fundraiser for the Schoolcraft College Foundation, which provides

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For more information, contact Schoolcraft's Office of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417.

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INFLAMMATION OR STRAINS?
A recent column discussed the importance of distinguishing between a joint that is painful because it is inflamed, from one that is painful because it is strained. If the joint is inflamed, your doctor will consider adding drugs to your arthritis regimen. If the joint is suffering strain, then medicine for pain relief and a referral to an orthopedic surgeon are in order.
Inflamed joints often are swollen because they contain excess joint fluid. Palpation of such joints brings on additional discomfort. The joints hurt all the time though less at rest, and the pain may encompass several joints to an equal degree.
In contrast, a strained joint shows a marked deformity. In the hands the digits are severely angulated, a finding known as ulnar drift. The fingers are crooked, a deformity called swan neck change. Often the joints are not swollen, but if so, firm palpation will not bring more pain.
Laboratory studies and x-rays are not helpful in distinguishing the pain from inflammation from the strain of structural impairment. An exception is the sedimentation rate test, which if normal speaks in favor of structural not inflammatory change. However, a high sedimentation rate may occur for a number of reasons, and does not confirm the presence of joint inflammation.
At times, even the most experienced physician has trouble distinguishing the cause for joint pain. In such instances, doctors treat for inflammation. They observe the results not so much to test the efficacy of their medication but to confirm the diagnosis of active disease.

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Rosé wines take sizzle out of summer

For those who like sunshine, great outdoor picnics and barbecues, this has been a glorious summer. Suspecting that it will continue, we suggest you take some of the sizzle out of summer with rosé (ro-zay) wines.

Until recently, rosé has been a wine for people who know and really love it. Those who taste it for the first time (often in southern France) invariably comment on its pretty color, fruitiness, freshness and that it's much drier than they expected. In other words, a new taste experience.

Freshness is the key to enjoyment and you should not buy anything other than a 1998 vintage now.

Rosé is not easy to make. To attain delicacy, the issues of correct color and flavor extraction, without excess tannin, need to be met. There are a number of red grape varieties chosen for a rosé. This difference impacts taste and style.

Style and taste

Joseph Phelps Vineyards Vin du Mistral Grenache Rosé \$11 has achieved style consistency. Winemaker Craig Williams says, "I prefer a style that has bright deep color, more fruit, better balance and focus. Our Grenache Rosé is more like a light red wine than a rosé. It's one of the hallmarks compared to the gamut of rosés in the market."

"Part of the rosé connection that causes consumer rejection is light color. There's still the image that rosé is a second-class citizen in the wine world. Once people try rosé, they have a different view."

Another single grape, zinfandel, defines the Pedroncelli style of rosé \$8.50. It's similar at Simi Winery with its Rosé of Cabernet Sauvignon \$10. Toad Hollow Eye of the Toad \$10 is 90 percent pinot noir.

One might believe that a unifying theme among rosés is a lack of barrel influence. Not true. Preston Vineyards Le Petit Faux \$12, a Rhone-style rosé made from cinsault, grenache and mourvèdre takes its inspiration from the salmon-colored wines of France's Bandol region.

Winemaker Kevin Hamel barrel ages Le Petit Faux to create a rich palate impression.

At Iron Horse, winemaker David Munksgard says Rosato de Sangiovese \$14 is made because it is the winery's goal to make a bigger, bolder sangiovese. He draws off a portion of sangiovese from the fermentation tank after about three days and it is

Please see WINES, B2

Wine Picks

■ Pick of the pack: 1996 Byron Estate Pinot Noir, Santa Maria Valley, \$40. If you've not discovered the Central Coast's Santa Maria Valley for fabulous pinot noir, start right here. Drinking well now, this wine is a keeper for several years if well cellared.

■ Less expensive, but still very good pinot noirs are: 1996 Benziger \$18 and King Estate, Oregon \$18.

■ Sauvignon blanc is another made-for-summer wine. Serve these well chilled: 1998 Preston Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Creek Valley \$12 and 1998 Morgan Barrel Fermented Sauvignon Blanc \$12.

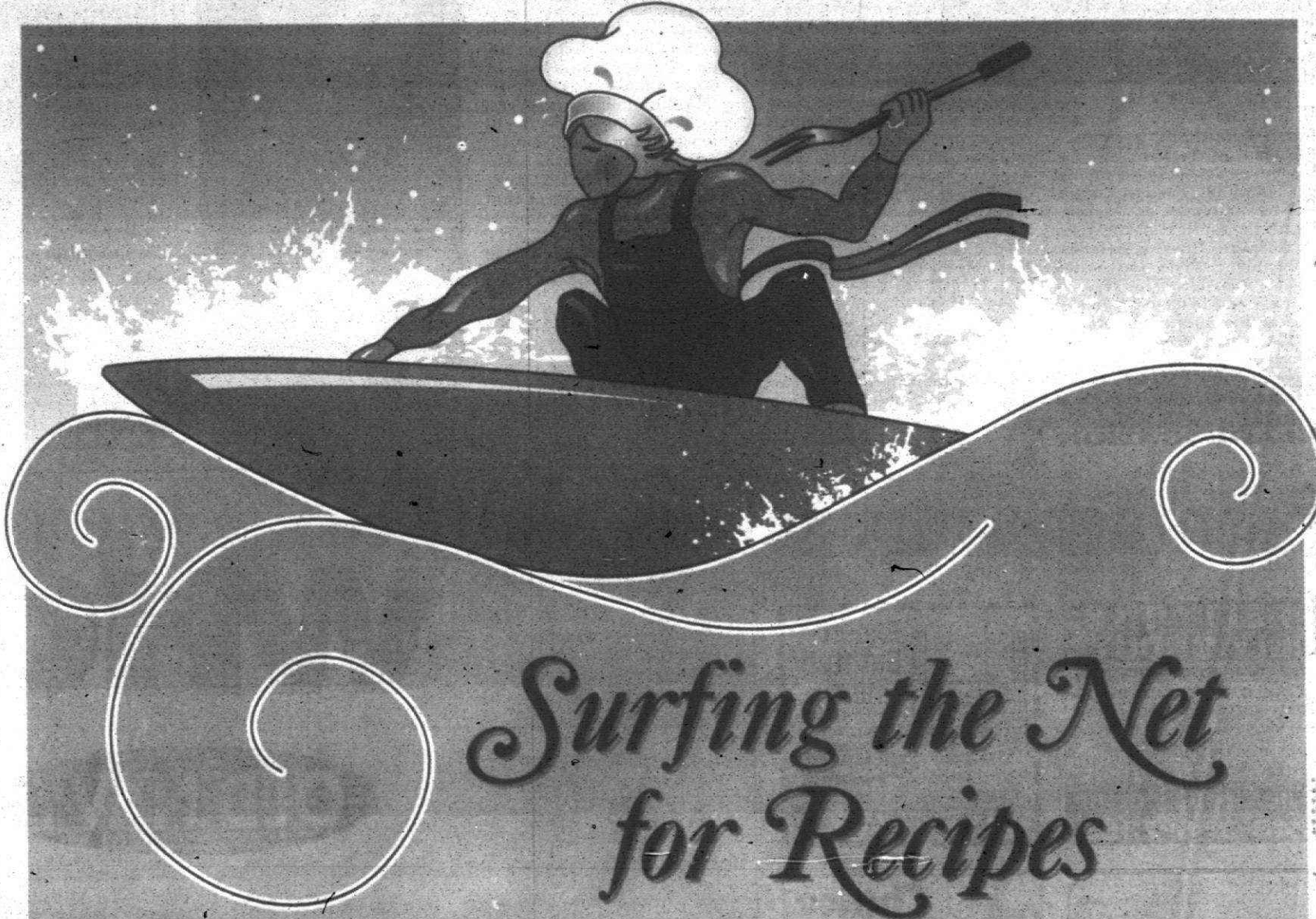
■ For maximum pleasure, serve any wine well chilled in this assortment of unusual and well-priced whites: 1998 F. Coppola Bianco \$10; 1998 D'Albora Pinot Grigio, Friuli \$10; 1998 Antinori Campogrande Orvieto \$10.

■ Wines to be served, again well chilled, for dessert: 1997 St. Supery Moscato \$13 and 1997 Castelletto Moscato \$16/375ml.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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Surfing the Net for Recipes

Great meals are just a click away

BY MAGGIE BOLEYN
SPECIAL WRITER

Looking for new recipes? The Internet is a treasure trove.

A recent trip to a search engine yielded 535,424 Web pages for recipes. Forget the kitchen television, get a computer. It could replace your cookbook shelf. Recipes can be saved on your hard drive, or printed out on paper. Here are just a few good Web sites to get you started.

Begin with SOAR-the Searchable Online Archived Recipes Web site at <http://soar.berkeley.edu/recipes>

This site has 63,000-plus recipes currently indexed and growing. New recipes are added to the site on a regular basis. From Medieval to microwave, appetizers to Vulcan Wedding Cake (a non-ritual version), you are sure to find something new and fun to try here.

Go ahead — type in an ingredient. You will be quickly presented with hundreds (thousands!) of recipes using the item. I tried "garlic" and had to stop after 400 listings. From an Alpine Mushroom Salad to Garlic Ice Cream, as well as a recipe for grilled shark, you

Cyberspace cooking

Here are some places to search for recipes on the Internet:

- SOAR-the Searchable Online Archived Recipes — <http://soar.berkeley.edu/recipes>
- American Diabetes Association — www.diabetes.org
- American Heart Association — www.deliciousdecisions.org
- Vegetarian Resource Group — <http://www.vrg.org>

could be overwhelmed. You can also search the site by clicking on one of the eleven food categories, such as main dishes, snacks, and so on.

These eleven categories are further broken down into 163 groups, such as breakfasts, salads, soups and more.

If the 55,000 plus recipes aren't enough, SOAR is part of a "Recipe Webring" — a collection of Web sites that have joined together to allow users to find other interesting sites. This Berkeley, Calif.-based site is the creation of people who "enjoy cooking and computers," and cannot provide specific information on diets or medical conditions.

Healthy matters

If you are looking for specific

information on special diets and other health matters, two very good Web sites to try are those from the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association.

The Web site of the American Diabetes Association www.diabetes.org presents information on nutrition, exercise and risk factors for diabetes. While the information is sometimes specific to persons with diabetes, nutrition basics, such as cutting fat, or handling holiday overeating, are also covered. A new recipe is posted each day. There are archives of past recipes.

Recipes list diet exchanges, calorie counts as well as protein, sugar and fat information. Each week features selections from a different diabetic cookbook. The cookbooks are available for purchase from the Web site at a discount.

The American Heart Association Web site at www.deliciousdecisions.org offers a good selection of recipes that are low in fat, cholesterol, and sodium, along with fitness tips and a dieting workshop. The site is visually pleasing, with the format presented as a spiral-bound book.

Navigate the site by clicking on tabs of the book to access a new subject. You can search AHA recipes by category, from breakfast

to desserts, or by main ingredient.

Feeling like Italian, French, German? Select from one of seven international categories. You can even select low salt, or easy to prepare options. A note of caution, if you make your request too specific sometimes the search engine will not produce a result. While the recipes are all low in salt and fat, no exact dietary exchanges or sodium and fat content measures are given.

Vegetarian

The Vegetarian Resource Group, <http://www.vrg.org> is easy to read and navigate, the site provides news, recipes, nutrition information, links and ideas for those interested in becoming or remaining vegetarians. A fun, 20-question vegetarian game is also included. Your score is tallied at the end of the test, and you can review any incorrect answers.

Online ordering of vegetarian cookbooks is provided. Calorie counts and total fat grams are provided for all recipes. A grilled portobello mushroom recipe was a good find from this site.

One warning — when you start surfing the net for recipes, make sure you stop in time to cook what you've found!

See recipes inside

TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

Consider the benefits of organically grown food

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Today, more than ever, people are inquiring about the benefits of eating organic produce. Let's explore some common questions about organically grown foods.

What is organically grown food?

In terms of produce, the National Organic Standards Board developed standards which define organic fruits and vegetables as those which are grown and harvested on farms that do not use any fertilizers containing synthetic ingredients or any commercially blended fertilizers containing natural poisons such as arsenic or lead salts.

The use of nitrogen, sulfites, or heavy metals, along with the use of any packaging materials or storage containers that contain synthetic fungicides, preservatives or fumigants is prohibited.

Standards

■ Are there standards that organic farms must meet?

A certified organic farm is required to meet national standards recommended by the NOSB, but is certified

by independent state agents. Currently, the United States Department of Agriculture is attempting to standardize the use of the term "organic."

Health benefits

■ What are the health benefits of eating organic foods?

Joyce Word of Southfield was concerned about potential pesticide residues in the large amount of juice that her two-year-old daughter, Breanna, was drinking. She now gives her daughter organic apple juice which is 100 percent juice.

With any juice, however, experts recommend limiting the amount to no more than 12 ounces per day so your child can receive a variety of nutrients from other foods as well.

Judy Miller of Oak Park buys only organic produce for her family because fruits and vegetables grown in organic soil have a larger variety of nutrients.

Because one of her children has special needs, and another is a vegetarian, Judy is always seeking information to maximize the health of her family.

She and her friends belong to an organic "co-op" where they purchase organic foods together and learn from each other.

"I do this out of love for my kids," said Miller. "I want the best for them, and for them to understand what good

nutrition is all about. Kids think and learn better when they are receiving proper nutrition. Besides, the taste of organically grown produce is so much better! My husband, Greg, now eats pears and tomatoes where he would not touch them prior to our switch to organic produce."

Purchasing

■ Where can you purchase organic foods?

Full-service, specialty grocery stores, such as Holiday Market in Royal Oak and Canton, stock organic produce and traditionally grown fruits and vegetables.

Whole Foods Market, in Farmington Hills, Troy, Birmingham, Ann Arbor and Rochester Hills, offers a full line of organic products.

Whole Foods Market is committed to foods that are fresh, wholesome and safe to eat. They seek out and promote organically grown foods along with those that are free of artificial preservatives, colors, flavors and sweeteners.

Cost

■ Are organically grown foods more expensive?

Generally, yes. But, this is a choice people make and hold as priority in their lives.

Your neighborhood can organize its own buying club through organic dis-

tributors. Check out the web at www.us.food.co-op.directory.com for an organic cooperative closest to you.

Forming a buying club can offer you a more affordable means of purchasing organic foods.

■ How do you know if organically labeled food is truly organic?

You must know and trust the farmer that you are dealing with. Since we are not dealing directly with the farmer on the consumer level, don't be afraid to ask questions of your grocer.

In addition, it never hurts to thoroughly wash any produce that you buy with a formulated soap, such as Allens Fruit and Veggie Wash, to remove wax, oily pesticides, soil and chemicals that may remain on your foods.

Hopefully, we will see more standardization of organic food production in the near future.

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," Tall Tree Publishing Company. Visit her Web site at www.nutritionsecrets.com. Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste.

Surf the Internet for new and interesting recipes

See related story on Taste front. Recipes from the Web sites: <http://soar.berkeley.edu/recipe/weird/ufeen-hushan1.rec>

VULCAN WEDDING CAKE (CARROT CAKE)
6 oz. ground almonds
1/2 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon cloves
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
6 oz. grated carrots
1 tablespoon Vulcan bitter nectar (or dark Jamaican rum)
1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
1 tablespoon lemon juice
5 tablespoons margarine
6 oz. sugar; a bit more than 3/4 cup

5 eggs
To be made as a wedding cake, many rituals would have to be performed during the making of the cake. This is a non-ritual version.
Sift the ground almonds and flour together to make a very fine mixture. Add the salt, spices and baking powder and mix well. In a separate bowl put the grated carrots and the nectar. Add the lemon rind and juice. Cover and let stand. Cream the margarine and sugar together.
Separate the eggs, putting the yolks in with the margarine and sugar and saving the whites for later. Beat the egg yolks in and then add the carrot mixture. Stir well and let sit for a few minutes. Beat the egg whites until soft peaks form, then set aside. Add the dry ingredients to the carrot mixture and mix well. You should have a thick batter.
Now beat the egg whites a little

more and fold the batter into the egg whites. Mix gently until it is just barely evenly mixed. Pour into a greased ring mold. Bake at 325°F for about 50 minutes. It is done when a skewer comes out clean. Take out of the oven and let cool for 5 minutes. Unmold onto a serving plate dusted with confectioners sugar (this prevents the cake from sticking as much).
TANGY SHRIMP DIP
16 servings/Serving size: 1 tablespoon
12 oz. small curd, reduced-fat cottage cheese
1/4 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
2 tablespoons chili sauce
1 tablespoon lemon juice
5 oz. canned tiny shrimp, drained and well rinsed
2 tablespoons diced onion
Salt to taste (optional)
Pepper to taste (optional)

Combine the cottage cheese, mayonnaise, chili sauce, and lemon juice. Beat until smooth.
Stir in the remaining ingredients. Chill thoroughly and serve with assorted crackers.
Exchanges: Lean meat exchange 1, calories 45, calories from Fat 15, total fat 2g, saturated fat 1g, cholesterol 19mg, sodium 145mg, carbohydrate 2g, dietary fiber 0g, sugars 1g, protein 5g.
Recipe from "The New Soul Food Cookbook for People with Diabetes" Recipe posted on Friday, June 4 at <http://www.diabetes.org>

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (about 2 small lemons)
Place broth, dill weed, and orzo in a large saucepan. Simmer, uncovered, until orzo is tender, about 20 minutes. Stir in the lemon juice and serve.
Recipe from <http://www.deli-ciousdecisions.org>
Serve this dish hot as a main course with a vegetable rice mixture.
GRILLED PORTOBELLO MUSHROOMS
(Serves 5)
2 or 3 large fresh portobello mushrooms, stems removed and cleaned
2 tablespoons olive oil
5 garlic cloves, finely chopped
Pinch of salt
Pinch of freshly ground black pepper
Pinch of oregano
Chopped parsley for garnish
Quarter the caps. Place them on a broiler pan pre-coated with a little olive oil, bottoms up. Cover the mushrooms with chopped garlic, salt, and pepper.
Drizzle half the olive oil over the mushrooms. Put under the broiler for about five minutes. Remove the mushrooms and probe with fork for softness.
Sprinkle with oregano and parsley and return to oven, this time for another five minutes, checking every two minutes for the perfect tenderness. They should be soft on both tops and bottoms.
Total calories per serving: 87 Fat: 8 grams
Recipe from www.vrg.org/recipes/mushroom.htm

Summer soup, salads really cool

See related Living Better Sensibly Column on Taste front.
ICED CANTALOUPE SOUP
Yield: 4 servings
1 large cantaloupe
1 1/2 cups soy or skim milk
2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3/4 teaspoon ground coriander
1/2 cup nonfat yogurt (soy yogurt is available)
Remove the seeds and rind from the cantaloupe. Cut the flesh into cubes.
In a blender, combine the cantaloupe, milk, maple syrup, cinna-

mon, and coriander. Blend well. Transfer to a bowl. Cover and chill for 1 hour. Spoon the yogurt into a cheesecloth-lined sieve. Let drain over a bowl to thicken. Whisk the yogurt into the soup.
FRUIT SALAD PLATTER WITH STRAWBERRY VINAIGRETTE
Yield: 6 servings
Kale or lettuce leaves
2 cups sliced strawberries and/or whole raspberries
2 kiwi fruit, peeled and thinly sliced
1 orange, peeled and sectioned
2 bananas, sliced
1 medium peach, plum, or nectarine sliced

1 small apple or pear, cored and sliced
2 tablespoons raspberry or red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons water
2 teaspoons brown rice syrup
Line a serving plate with kale or lettuce leaves. Arrange half of the strawberries and/or raspberries, the kiwi, orange sections, bananas, peach, plum, or nectarine slices, and apple or pear slices decoratively over kale or lettuce.
For dressing, in a blender place remaining strawberries and/or raspberries, vinegar, water, and brown rice syrup. Cover and blend or process till smooth. Drizzle a little of the dressing over salad. Serve with remaining dressing.

TOMATOES STUFFED WITH ORZO-FETA SALAD
Yield: 4 servings
2 cups cooked orzo (about 1 cup uncooked rice-shaped pasta)
1 1/2 cups sliced cucumber
1 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/2 cup (2oz.) crumbled feta cheese
1/4 cup diced red onion
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon Balsamic vinegar
1/2 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
4 large tomatoes
Combine first 11 ingredients in a bowl. Remove cores from tomatoes. Cut each tomato into 8 wedges, cutting to, but not through, the other end. Place orzo mixture atop tomatoes.

Wines from page B1

transferred to three-to-four-year-old French corksage and fermented to dryness in a cold room. The wine remains in barrel until January when it is prepared for bottling.
Reminiscent of a southern France Provencal-style rosé, Zaca Mesa's Z-Gris \$9 is made from five southern Rhone red varieties, but about 75 percent is grenache. Red wine lovers can consider it a light Chateaufort-du-Pape style for summer sipping. In France, a rosé-style wine is sometimes called Vin Gris. King Estate from Oregon makes a Vin Gris from pinot noir and Preston makes Vin Gris \$9 from Rhone varieties that's exceptional with spicy foods.
Bruno Clair of Domaine Bruno Clair in the Burgundy appellation of Marsannay notes that his family has been making one of the rare Burgundian roses \$17.50 from pinot noir since 1919. Other French roses we've tried and like a lot are: Chateau Miguel, Saint Chinian Rosé \$9; Paul Jaboulet Aine Tavel L'Espigle Rosé \$16; and La

Poussie, Sancerre Rosé \$27, pricey, but full-bodied.
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Macrobiotics

Macro Val of Garden City offers macrobiotic cooking classes. Upcoming series include beginning cooking, picnic foods, summer pasta salads, vitality foods and all naturally sweet desserts. Learn step-by-step recipes and participate — hands on. For more information and to register for an upcoming class call (734) 261-2856. Dates include Aug. 2, 6-9 p.m.; Aug. 9, 6-9 p.m.; Aug. 16, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 23, 6-9 p.m. and Aug. 30, 6-9 p.m.

Restless leg

Restless Leg Syndrome, greater southeast Michigan area support group will meet from 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at Henry Ford OptimEyes, 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland. For information call Lillian Eory at (734) 641-1135 or OptimEyes at (734) 427-5200.

40-30-30 support

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

Hair loss study

Men who are experiencing hair loss are being sought for a research study at Henry Ford Hospital. The study, conducted by the department of Dermatology, is investigating the effectiveness of an approved drug to treat male pattern hair loss.

Patients should be 41-60 years old and currently suffering from hair loss. Medication, doctor visits and parking are free. Patients will be compensated for their time. Call (313) 916-8847 or (313) 916-9759.

Smoking cessation

A smoking cessation seminar occurs Thursday, Aug. 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center on Seven Mile at Newburgh in Livonia. The first 45 minutes is free. The last 75 minutes cost \$59 and includes hypnosis, a home reinforcement audio tape and unlimited free repetitions of the seminar. Call (877) 345-5500 for reservations.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer noteworthy information including Medical Databases (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsletters (upcoming news items in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome noteworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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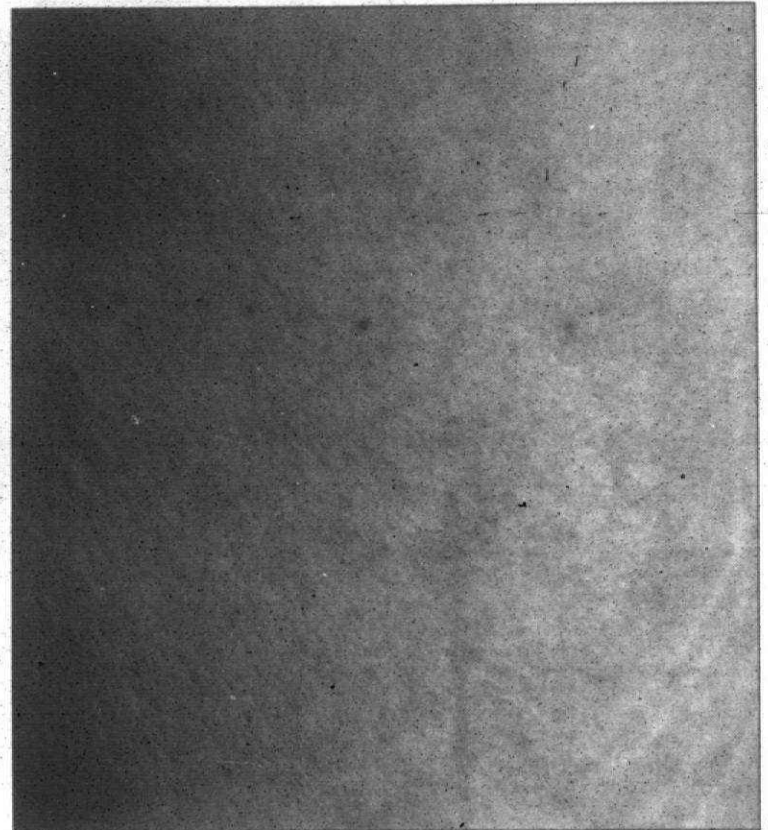
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Unightly: prominent spider veins and varicose veins mar the upper thigh of this female patient.



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Varicose Veins

Sitting or standing too long can bring on unsightly condition

BY PATSY L. LAFAVE
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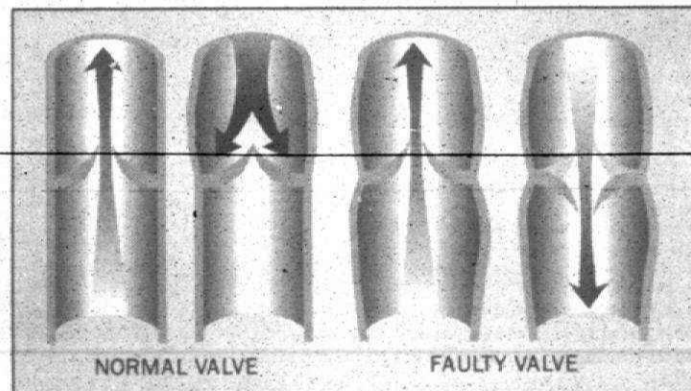
If you're a woman, it goes without saying you've been told to "keep your legs crossed." Who could guess that advice wasn't all that wise and, in fact, may be more harmful than in keeping with good manners.

We cross our legs without giving it a second thought — in fact, almost half of American women and men cross their legs nearly all of the time. It has become second nature to us, which poses this question, "Is it bad?"

Crossing your legs slows the flow of blood in the leg veins and can cause a painful and disfiguring condition called varicose veins.

After the blood has traveled all through our body in arteries, the blood reverses direction to carry the blood back to our heart through the leg veins.

Veins have one-way valves to keep gravity from



pulling the blood downward, and sometimes these valves do not work properly or the vein walls become weak. When this happens, the blood flows back into the veins, building pressure inside the leg veins. This pressure causes the blood to pool and puddle in the veins. They then become stretched and swollen, and may protrude from the surface of the skin.

Dr. John Ilijas, vascular surgeon on staff at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, says maintaining healthy legs is easy.

First and foremost, "Don't cross your legs," says Ilijas. "For nurses, hair dressers, cashiers, line workers and people who stand for hours at a time ... wearing support hose is the best measure to take to protect against this condition."

The St. Mary surgeon also encourages his patients to keep moving. A sedentary lifestyle can lead to a host of health problems and sitting down for routine and significant periods of time only lends itself to occasions where you are apt to cross your legs.

Red flag

When inflamed, the veins in your legs become tender to the touch and can hinder circulation. Tired, cramping and aching legs, ankles and feet are often the result. Varicose and spider veins are usually harmless unless they involve serious complications, such as severe bleeding, ulcers, blood clots and skin tissue damage. Once you have them, the only way to get rid of them is with medical treatment. They don't go away on their own.

It is important to keep your legs healthy, particularly if you are a candidate for varicose veins. Increasingly, men and women are working in physically demanding jobs and sitting or standing for longer periods of time than ever before. Women are returning to work sooner after giving birth. Pregnancy and heredity are the biggest causes of varicose veins. If you have a parent with varicose veins, there is a good chance that you will develop them, too.

People who have a higher risk for weak veins are those who have had multiple pregnancies, who are obese, take birth control pills, wear tight garments, get little exercise, take hormone replacement therapies or stand/sit for long periods of time.

A possible solution for some women might be switching birth control pills to a low-estrogen formulation to avoid hormonal changes.

Remedy the problem

Which medical treatment is used depends on the type, size, location and depth of the vein problem. Laser treat-

ment is good for the spider veins, but for large varicose veins the treatment may require needle injection (sclerotherapy) or surgical treatment (ligation or stripping). In advanced cases, called chronic venous insufficiency (CVI), varicose veins can lead to chronic swelling, bleeding, ulceration and pigmentation.

If you are required to sit for a long period of time — stand and walk for five minutes every hour. You should also flex and rotate your ankles, lift feet and bend your legs back and forth at the knees, and elevate your legs to hip level when resting. If your job requires you to stand, make an effort to shift your weight from one leg to the other every few minutes.

Wearing support hose and eating a high-fiber diet that includes fruits, vegetables and whole grain breads all work in your body's favor. Other suggestions include maintaining an appropriate body weight and taking up an exercise such as swimming, walking, jogging, cycling or dancing that strengthens the leg muscles and helps push

blood up the vein.

Herbal dietary supplements that contain flavonoid or standardized horse chestnut seed extract may help with leg vein circulation and protect against swelling. Vitamin D may also help reduce leg cramps and the mineral zinc can potentially further the healing process.

"Sitting for long periods of time, such as long plane or car trips, can lead to phlebitis," said Dr. Luis Navarro, director of the Vein Treatment Center in New York City.

"If a dietary supplement is taken for 10 to 12 days prior to a long plane or car trip, it may help prevent leg and feet swelling." Also, says Navarro, take short walks at least every 45 minutes when traveling.

An unsightly nuisance

Superficial vein problems are a relatively benign disease. A nuisance, a cosmetic concern, a dull ache, but almost never a life-threatening disease.

Varicose veins are usually troublesome rather than disabling, but they occasionally have serious consequences. Early care and treatment can prevent all of these complications. There are new procedures being developed today to treat the problem that might lessen the discomfort and time off work, but the first step in getting treatment for leg vein problems is to consult a specialist. Many dermatologists and plastic surgeons are trained in these procedures, but if the problem is extensive, a vascular surgeon should evaluate the condition.

For more information contact Dr. John Ilijas of St. Mary Hospital by calling (734) 462-8401 or Dr. Luis Navarro of The Vein Treatment Center in New York City, (212) 876-9284 or visit www.veintreatmentcenter.com.

HELPING YOUR LEGS STAY HEALTHY

- Avoid sitting for long periods, especially with crossed legs.
- If you must stand a lot, wear support hose and shift your weight from leg to leg while standing.
- Keep moving during the day and get daily exercise such as walking, cycling and swimming.
- Maintain a normal weight.
- When resting, elevate the legs so they are higher than the heart.

Healthy approach acknowledged by Council

Botsford General Hospital's fresh approach to Worksite Wellness has earned the hospital recognition from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports.

The Rookie of the Year Award is presented to organizations with wellness programs started within the past calendar year.

"Botsford has always been a leader in the community by making programs available which help improve lifestyles," said Deborah Orloff-Davi-

son who coordinates the Employee Wellness program for the Botsford Health Care Continuum. "The secret to the success here is the enthusiasm and support of the administration and the staff. People are really excited to be involved in these programs and are even motivating other staff members to become involved. It's nice to see happy and healthy employees helping others."

Currently included in Botsford's

Employee Wellness program are weight loss programs, healthy cooking demonstrations, a walking club, a running club, smoking cessation programs, positive living seminars, aerobics, kickboxing, tai chi, and weightlifting classes. Botsford also offers subsidies for participating in health classes and clubs, health club discounts for employees and has set up relationships with local merchants who offer discounts on home exercise equipment and exercise shoes.

One-on-one

Internet cannot replace real human interaction



MIKE WENDLAND

As you read this, I should be getting ready to enjoy a great vacation in Hawaii. And it's no thanks to the Internet.

Actually, the fact that I'll be in Hawaii and happy about it is because of Barb Redmond.

Barb is a travel agent. A regular, old-fashioned person-you-call-on-the-phone-and-ask-for-help-travel-agent. She's my hero.

Not the Internet.

If you read this column regularly, you know that I am a big fan of the Internet. I believe it has changed the way we do business. It gives consumers access to vast amounts of information and services and saves time and money.

Yada yada yada.

Not this time, folks. I did try to book my vacation online. I went to Travelocity (www.travelocity.com), one of the many big sites that let you search out low fares and book airplane tickets online. I also tried the Northwest Airlines Web site (www.nwa.com).

I did a search on the dates I could go. When I sorted the

options and asked for the lowest possible price, it kicked back a round trip fare of right around \$1075.

Fine, I thought, and booked tickets for my wife and me.

But then, just on a whim, I decided to call Fox Hills Travel of Bloomfield Hills. That's where Barb Redmond came in.

She found me a special package that Northwest offered that Travelocity didn't offer about. And if it was on the Northwest Web site, it sure was hidden.

But Barb found it and saved me big bucks. Using a travel agent, I was able to get round trip tickets for \$840 each.

I canceled my original booking

and went with Barb. But Barb did more than save me money.

She probably saved my vacation.

A couple of days later, she called me back to say that she had learned that the hotel we originally were booked at was undergoing renovation. The pool was even closed. She wouldn't hear of it and got us a room at a different resort.

If I had booked the room on the Net, I wouldn't have found out until it was too late.

I can see the fate of this column now. Travel agents, who have been hurt mightily by the great rush to cyberspace, will

circulate this as proof that they're still needed.

And you know what? They're right.

By the way, so are car salespeople.

We recently bought a new car. I tried to buy it on the Web. Or at least to get a price. I contacted two services, Autobytel (www.autobytel.com) and CarPoint (www.carpoint.com).

I described the make and model I was interested in and fired off the e-mail.

Both services promised quick responses, within 48 hours at the absolute latest, from three different local dealers.

In the end, only one dealer

called me back. The other two never did.

I ended up visiting another dealer that doesn't have a Web site and buying face-to-face.

Which just goes to show you, in-person just may be better than the Internet.

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

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

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Major contract

New Horizons Computer Learning Centers of Michigan, a Livonia-based company, has been awarded a major contract with General Motors Corporation that will result in more than 20,000 GM employees receiving computer training on an annual basis. The contract is to provide training for the new release of "GM Online One" — a global, company-wide upgrade from Microsoft® Windows 3.1 to Windows 95, and an upgrade from Microsoft® Office 6.0 to 7.0.

Detroit Diesel sponsors

Detroit Diesel Corporation has become a sponsor of the VISION 2000 program in partnership with the South Redford School District. VISION 2000 is a campaign of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Foundation designed to assure a skilled scientific and engineering work

force for the year 2000 and beyond. Their objective is to prepare professionally developed classroom materials to assist teachers at all levels, K-12.

Detroit Diesel has successfully implemented and completed the first year of SAE "A World in Motion," program in the South Redford Elementary Schools at the fourth grade level.

New office

Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. is recently opened a satellite office in Canton in the Lilley Professional Building. CEO of ALNM, Abe A. Munfah, stated the Canton office will allow them to increase capacity and expand services to their clientele in Wayne County.

Fastest growing

Livonia-based ZenaComp Incorporated was honored as the ninth fastest-growing privately owned business in Michigan. This is the fourth year the technology firm was recognized for its impressive five-year compound annual rate of revenue growth. ZenaComp is an information technology consulting company that assists businesses in formulating and implementing web-based business strategies, application development and integration and network implementations.

Outstanding recognition

The TM Group Inc. of Farmington Hills recently received recognition from Great Plains for outstanding sales achievement.

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Purchase

G B Sales & Service Inc. of Plymouth recently purchased Preppoc Lift Truck Service Inc. of Warren. The closing of the

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THUR, AUG. 5

SMOKING
A smoking cessation seminar occurs 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center on Seven Mile at Newburgh in Livonia. The first 45 minutes is free. The last 75 minutes cost \$59 and includes hypnosis, a home reinforcement audio tape and unlimited free repetitions of the seminar. Call (877) 345-5500 for reservations.

MON, AUG. 9

SAFE SITTER CLASS
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will offer a Safe Sitter Class for young people ages 11-13 on Monday, Aug. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Safe Sitter is a medically-accurate instruction series that teaches boys and girls aged 11-13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. The program includes basic life-saving techniques, safety precautions to prevent accidents, how and when to summon help and tips on basic child care. Cost of the class is \$40 per student. Registration is requested. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

TUE, AUG. 10

STOP SMOKING
If you're ready to kick the tobacco habit, St. Mary Hospital has the class for you. The four-session Smoke-Free Living Class will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, from August 10 through August 31, in Pavilion Conference Room A. The Smoke-Free Living Class is a four-week program to help individuals quit smoking. The class covers the

effects of smoking, what to expect when you quit, coping techniques and strategies on staying smoke-free. The program is designed to give you the tools, confidence and support you need to eliminate your smoking habit. The \$25 fee includes all materials and is covered by some insurances. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

WED, AUG. 11

WOMEN'S HEALTH
This informative free series is presented by Bharti Srivastava, M.D., senior health specialist. Group meets from 1-2 p.m. at the Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Call (734) 397-5444.

THUR, AUG. 12

WEIGHT CONTROL
A weight loss seminar occurs 3-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center on Seven Mile at Newburgh in Livonia. The first 45 minutes is free. The last 75 minutes cost \$59 and includes hypnosis, a home reinforcement audio tape and unlimited free repetitions of the seminar. Call (877) 345-5500 for reservations.

WEIGHT CONTROL
The Mission Health Medical Center in Livonia will host a weight control class from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 12. This program combines behavior modification techniques with the power of self-hypnosis to help change your way of thinking regarding weight loss. First forty-five minutes is a free orientation. \$59. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

SAT, AUG. 14

BREAST CANCER
Admission is free to the "International Betty Ford Breast Cancer Symposium for the Patient" 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the University of Michigan Cancer Center in Ann Arbor. Speakers from medical centers will discuss prevention, nutrition, complementary and conventional therapies and genetics. To register, call (800) 654-1772.

TUE, AUG. 17

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

WED, AUG. 18

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

OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING
Oakwood Healthcare Center Livonia will host an osteoporosis screening from 1-5 p.m. Aug. 18 at 37650 Professional Center Dr. in Livonia. Cost \$10. Call (800) 543-WELL to register.

THUR, AUG. 19

TEEN NUTRITION
How is your nutrition status — are you physically ready for school? Learn how to "feed" your body and mind without overloading on fat and calories. Meets from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Farmington Hills/Northwestern Providence Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. Call (877) 345-5500.

SAT, AUG. 21

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

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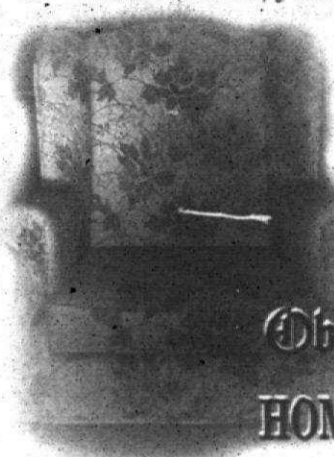
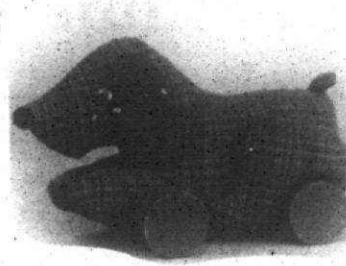
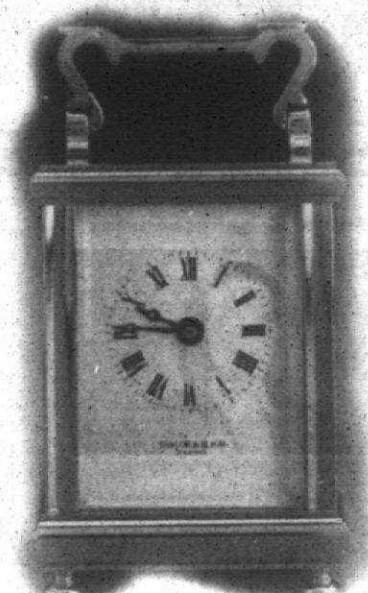
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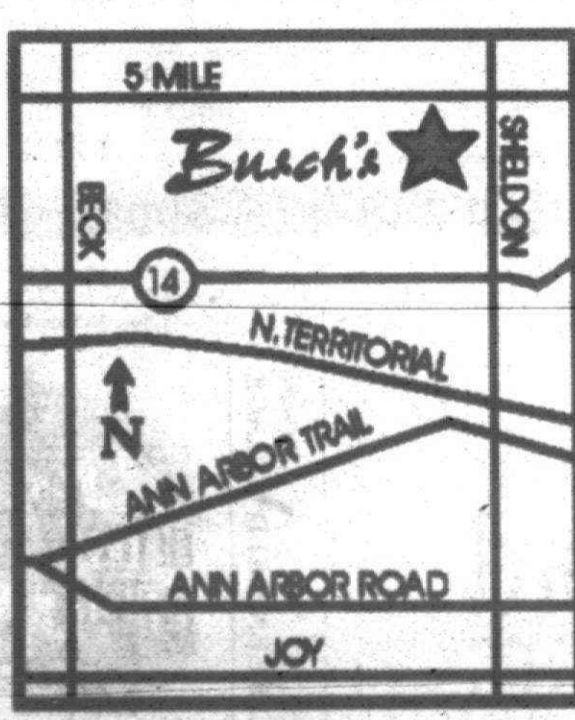
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Pianist comes full circle

Daniel Paul Horn's voice is serious as he talks about returning home to Livonia. He doesn't take the responsibility of teaching young musicians in Schoolcraft College's Summer Music School lightly.

After all, if it weren't for the summers he studied piano at Interlochen Arts Camp and Schoolcraft College, Horn probably wouldn't be a guest lecturer at the Livonia college's Chamber Music and Concerto camp for the next two weeks. The summer of 1971 when he was a 14-year-old student in Schoolcraft's summer orchestra and concerto program, along with five summers at Interlochen, influenced Horn's choice of a career in music. Thanks to teachers at both camps encouraging Horn to pursue the piano, he went on to earn three music degrees at the Juilliard School in New York City. Now he's back in Livonia inspiring the next generation of pianists.

Making music come alive

"There's a limited amount I can do in two weeks, but I want to help them understand more in depth what the music is saying, make it come alive and teach them to listen in depth," said Horn, an associate professor of piano at Wheaton College Conservatory of Music in Illinois. "It all boils down to encouraging them not to copy what other people do but make the music come to life."



Daniel Paul Horn

As a frequent guest artist at the American Liszt Society Festival and with Midwest orchestras such as the Chicago Symphony and the Detroit Symphony, Horn has acquired the knowledge young pianists need to become successful performers. The summer programs, taught by accomplished musicians at Interlochen and Schoolcraft College, provide the intense preparation to shape these young artists.

"Interlochen was important in pointing me in that direction," said Horn, who was first introduced to the piano at age five by his mother, Ann. By age 16 Horn was performing one of the children's series' concertos with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. "There was a great deal of music going on in Livonia growing up, but I was one of a relatively few in my high school who was serious about music. At Interlochen it was nice to know that other people were as interested as I was."

All Russian recital

Along with learning about making the music come to life, students at Schoolcraft, as well as the public, will be treated to hearing Horn perform Wednesday, Aug. 4. Horn programmed the recital entirely different from his recently recorded CD, "Wanderings: Fantasies of Schubert and Mendelssohn."

"I chose a program of Russian music which had not been a part of my repertoire," said Horn, a 1974 graduate of Franklin High School. "What's interesting is that with the exception of 'Pictures,' all the pieces were written between 1890-1922, the

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Summer Music Festival

WHERE: All recitals begin at 7 p.m.
WHERE: Forum Building, Rectory Hall Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia.
ADMISSION: No charge. For more information, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5218.

Schedule Piano Recitals

- Wednesday, Aug. 4 - Daniel Paul Horn
 - Monday, Aug. 9 - Sarah Mink
 - Wednesday, Aug. 11 - Anthony Bonamico
- Summer Music School Student Recitals
- Friday, Aug. 6
 - Thursday, Aug. 12
 - Friday, Aug. 13



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Supporting the arts: Noreen Desilets (left) discusses the art of Escher with a group of children at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Nicola Scott (center) looks on after presenting a check for \$5,000 to support the Art Volunteer Program. Seated (clockwise from lower center) are Cal Coplai, 7, his brother Brody, 9, Madison Derian-Toth, 8, and Cole Motley, 8. Meredith Derian-Toth, 11 and Marti Coplai are at the right.

Drawing on Businesses

ARTS ORGANIZATIONS SEEK HELP

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Everyone was smiling at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts July 22 when Nichole Scott, on behalf of Dick Scott Dodge, Plymouth, and Dick Scott KIA, Canton, presented a \$5,000 check to the Plymouth Community Arts Council for its Art Volunteer Program.

The scene is becoming more common as nonprofit organizations such as the arts council, Livonia Arts Commission and Plymouth Symphony Orchestra seek contributions from businesses and corporations to help fund programming.

The money for the arts council program means that more than 125 volunteers will carry out portfolios, bearing the name of Dick Scott dealerships, into some 308 classrooms every month during the school year.

Originally called the "Picture Lady Program," the volunteers bring art, sculpture and culture to 12,000 children in 14 Plymouth and Canton public elementary schools, five private and parochial schools, and seven schools outside the district each year. That's a lot of advertising mileage for Dick Scott's investment but for the arts council it means much more than that.

"To have what we're doing validated was heartwarming," said Stella Greene, outgoing arts council president. "To have Dick Scott say 'yes' is doing a good job in the schools was important because it gives our volunteers a boost. It's one of the significant programs we do at the schools."

"It was started 30 years ago by ladies who saw the need for supple-

mental studies in the arts," Greene said. "And because the Art Volunteers program has an image in the schools, the kids see those portfolios coming and know they're going to learn about art and culture."

Arts council executive director Jennifer Tobin, who approached Scott with the proposal for the contribution, is currently in the process of seeking funding from area businesses and corporations. Although the majority of their \$200,000 budget comes from membership fees, the group still struggles like all arts organizations.

Earnings from arts classes, concerts and rental of the facility help, but the arts council couldn't continue programming to meet the needs of the community without contributors such as Unisys, Ford Motor Co.'s Sheldon Road plant, Johnson Controls and Panasonic.

"We'd like to see more contributions," said Greene. "When you get a business or corporation to come forward, it enhances the awareness in the community."

Early years

Arts council founder Joanne Winkelman Hulce is grateful for contributions from businesses in the community. She remembers the early years of the Art Volunteer Program when exhibits were set up on folding screens in middle schools. Six months later, the Picture Lady Program would begin introducing students to art in five elementary schools.

"Volunteers would leave a picture in each of the classrooms. During the month, teachers would rotate them so students could write stories about the works. The program

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Volunteers bring art into schools

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Noreen Desilets became involved with the Art Volunteer Program when her son, Justin, came home with tales about the art lady at Fiegel Elementary in Plymouth Township. The Canton mom had seen the volunteers in the schools and began asking questions. When she found out the program taught area children to appreciate the arts and culture, she volunteered. That was five years ago. Desilets now co-chairs the Plymouth Community Arts Council sponsored program with Marti Coplai.

"It's truly an enriching program for the children," said Desilets. "You'll be in Meijer and some child will say, 'There's the art lady,' so it's fulfilling for the volunteers as well."

Desilets is especially excited about the \$5,000 donation the group received from Dick Scott Dodge, Plymouth, and Dick Scott KIA, Canton, because it means Justin, now 10, and her daughter, Danielle, 7, will continue to enjoy learning about Degas and Escher. More than 100 new portfolios containing information about art from the Renaissance to Warhol will soon be in the hands of volunteers because of the contribution.

"I'm really thankful for the donation," said Desilets. "It means we have the opportunity to update and enrich the program. The old portfo-

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New director to transform the DIA

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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The confirmation of Graham W.J. Beal as the next director of the Detroit Institute of Arts is a mere technicality.

Even in the rarefied air of museum politics, a rather common phrase can be heard regarding Beal's impending appointment - "It's a done deal."

Ten days ago, the search committee gave its unanimous recommendation to the DIA board. In the near future - possibly as early as this week - Beal's candidacy will be rubber-stamped when the Detroit Arts Commission and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer give their approval.

Time for Beal to say "So long" to LaLa Land and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art where he served as director for the last three years.

In many ways, Beal is a prototypical modern-day museum director: Well-schooled in art history, in-the-know when it comes to contemporary art, and respectful of the most powerful art of the age - the art of marketing.

Building consensus

But before Beal takes any decisive steps with the DIA, he plans to spend plenty of time learning about the museum he's about to inherit.

His first step, he said, will be building bridges - and getting in step with the ambitious plan set forth by the DIA board to make the museum more accessible to the general public.

"I believe in building consensus, getting people to 'buy into' the process," said Beal, who was initially approached last fall by the search committee.

With a 75-member DIA board made up of the Who's Who in metro Detroit, a recently initiated \$320-million fund-raising campaign, and a mandate to become even more financially self-sufficient, Beal might find that there's an endless list of people to consult.

Nonetheless, Beal's self-described "consultative leadership style" should serve him well, especially considering the past political and territorial squabbles that have beset the DIA.

New-found vitality

When the genteel, British-born Beal, 52, gets his footing at the DIA in early October, expect to see a savvy, innovative leader with a sense of what is popular and critically significant.

Since the early 1970s, Beal's approach at museums where he's been either curator or director has been to develop an expanded exhibition schedule that balances blockbuster shows with diverse exhibits aimed to appeal to many ethnic groups and artistic tastes.

Perhaps the best way to demonstrate how the DIA enhances the quality of life in the region is for Beal to create a flurry of programs and exhibits that offer something for everyone.

It seems that he innately knows the demands of his new job.

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BOOKS

History with a twist of Disney and dash of Lewis Carroll

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This mouse is neither mighty nor the object of affection for a fan club of members wearing goal-awful hats with silly ears.

Like the times in which he was created, Jody the Mouse is a 1990s-styled down-to-earth, anonymous human-looking comical character for adventurous travel throughout the Great Lakes state.

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Frankenmuth, Mackinac Island, the Upper Peninsula and northwest Michigan.

The books were planned as a supplement to the state-mandated fourth-grade Michigan history curriculums. More than 3,000 copies of the series were sold to public school districts in the first month of printing. Another several thousand have been sent to local bookstores, including Borders and Barnes & Noble.

Davio conceived the idea and edited the manuscript drafted by Arrathoon, a freelance writer who holds a doctorate

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Great Places

Jody's Michigan Adventures



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has come a long way since then. Today, volunteers carry sculpture, culture boxes, and more than 100 portfolios containing art reproductions into the classrooms every month.

"It seemed like it was always a struggle," said Winkelman Hulce. "But there was a double benefit. Many of volunteers were also learning about art while going to the classrooms."

Track record

Dick Scott Dodge has a track record of supporting community organizations such as the Livonia Heart Fund, Schoolcraft College Foundation and Plymouth and Canton schools' sports teams.

Summer Music Festival

"Horn's performance kicks off a series of recitals debuting as the Summer Music Festival. The free concerts for students and the community are something music department chairman Donald Morelock has wanted to offer for some time. In addition to recitals by Horn and Summer Music School students, Sanjay Mody, a Birmingham resident, performs Monday, Aug. 9, followed by Anthony Bonomici Wednesday, Aug. 11. The piano programs by Mody and Bonomici are also Russian inspired.

Mody, 13, has studied piano at the St. Petersburg Conservatory

the community. We'll have our name out there on the portfolios and we'll help them as well," said Nicole Scott. "The Art Volunteer Program is a wonderful opportunity for children and the volunteers. I got to observe an Art Volunteer presentation. It was wonderful to see the children say I saw that, painting before. It's a great opportunity for them and for us to be able to help."

Those are the kind of sponsors Livonia Arts Commission President Bob Sheridan plans to go after in the future. The only difficulty is finding the time to do it. All of the arts commissioners are volunteers.

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first two decades of the 20th century. Also interesting is the variety of Prokofiev thumbing his nose at the Romantic tradition to Scriabin exploring new harmonic tradition, and 'Pictures,' written a generation before, a landmark in Russian literature.

in French medieval literature. The former Catholic school language teacher teaches French and English to corporate executives.

"Great Places" is anything but academic, dryly empirical or a recitation of names and dates.

"These are children's stories with magical elements. It's a more fun, imaginative way to learn history."

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After years in academic studies, Arrathoon said she now suffers the "disease of writing" and has no plans to publish another academic paper.

Arrathoon's other published writing includes essays on medieval poetics and the influence of Chaucer on the craft of fiction. Her dissertation at Princeton University was on an obscure 13th-century poem written by an unknown author.

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"The advantage of the DIA is being the only major art museum in the region is that it's the flagship, the place where people look for leadership," said Beal.

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ART SHOWS & FESTIVALS

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

FERRAIDE ART FAIR Juried fine art show with more than 80 artists, student exhibit and children's area, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8, Ferraide Civic Center, 300 East Nine Mile.

NOVI ART FESTIVAL Fifth annual Novi Art Festival, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8 at the Novi Town Center in Novi. (248) 347-3830.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND Seeking adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and percussion players), Rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays (beginning Aug. 4) at Groves High School in Birmingham. For details call, Grant Hoekie (248) 474-4997.

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

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

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

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE Audition 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6 at WSU Dance Studio A, Old Main, 3rd Floor, Detroit. (313) 577-4273.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE Auditions for high school age dancers 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 at the ODC Center for Dance, 1541 W. Hamlin, Rochester Hills, (248) 362-9329.

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

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

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

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

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY Exhibitors wanted for the Meadow Brook Theatre Guild eighth annual "Spotlights Market," art, craft and gift show 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12 at Oakland University's Oakland Center, room 126-127, (248) 656-1170.

"OUR TOWN" CALL FOR ARTISTS Michigan artists invited to submit work for juried in the 1999 "Our Town Art Exhibit and Sale," Oct. 13-17. All work must be submitted on slides by July 30. For application, The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham, MI, 48009; (248) 594-6403.

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

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Nicole Stafford, Editor 248-901-2567 nstafford@oe.homecomm.net on the web: http://observer.eccentric.com Sunday, August 1, 1999

Risk involved in repairing some jewelry



DENISE RODGERS

Dear Jewelry Lady,
Your advice regarding losing diamond earrings at the beach may be correct, but my daughter recently lost one of hers in a pool while vacationing in Florida. Being that the pool was speckled at the bottom, it was impossible to see whether the earring was down there. One man suggested we wait until night time and search under the pool's lights. Low and behold, there it was, sparkling at the bottom - but near the drain - of the pool. My daughter dove in and retrieved the earring, but never will she wear them near a beach or pool again!
Cautious Mom

Dear Cautious,
The Jewelry Lady must render an apology immediately. She was biased by her own perspective on beach and pool activities. Some people, such as The Jewelry Lady, regard the beach and pool deck as areas to sit in a bathing suit, long-sleeved pastel shirt, large floppy hat and gallon of sunscreen.
She failed to consider the consequences of swimming or, heaven forbid, diving. So The Jewelry Lady stands corrected. If you or your daughter contemplate doing any swimming, sky-diving, bungee jumping or any other strenuous sporting activities, remove all delicate and vulnerable jewelry immediately. And, have a great time.

Dear Jewelry Lady,
I have a piece of jewelry that belonged to my grandmother. It was a wedding gift from my grandfather to my grandmother on their wedding day.
The item is very old, and was made in Italy. Unfortunately, a small leaf has come off the piece, so I took it to a jeweler for repair. I was told because the material in the item was not gold, the piece could not be repaired. (The broken piece could not be soldered.) While it may not be of great monetary value, the piece has great sentimental value to me. Can you recommend how I might get this item repaired?
Sentimental

Dear Sentimental,
Most jewelers are goldsmiths or silversmiths and do not have the proper tools or inclination to repair costume or antique jewelry.
However, there is hope. Your best bet is to call an independent jewelry store with a jeweler on the premises and ask whether they restore or repair antique or costume jewelry.
The Jewelry Lady checked out her area Yellow Pages and called the first two ads that included the words "expert repairs." Both jewelers said they would perform the repairs. However, both also said the repair would have to be done at the customer's risk and asked that the piece be brought in for an accurate estimate. Make some calls. You'll be wearing your heirloom again in no time.

Dear Jewelry Lady,
I love to collect old costume jewelry. I have many pieces that I enjoy wearing.
Tiffany pins, necklaces and earrings are the ones I like the most. I have several sets and individual pieces from the 50s and 60s. I have pieces of jewelry from the 20s through the 70s that I keep separated in plastic containers. I keep a typed inventory of the pieces and what I paid for them. Will the signed pieces that I own ever increase in value?
Costume Collector

Dear Collector,
The Jewelry Lady is impressed. She's also relieved you cannot see her messy desk.
You had many other questions, but alas, The Jewelry Lady must confess to being less than properly informed in the area of vintage costume jewelry. If you have access to the Internet, check out costume.com, a site that specializes in the sale of signed costume jewelry. The web site also has a page where you can ask questions by e-mail.
Send questions to the Jewelry Lady by e-mail, rodders@nich.com, fax (248) 582-9223, or mail, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple Birmingham, MI 48009.

Walk, talk, hang out

Laurel Park Place offers more than just shopping

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Malls were made for shopping. But they serve higher purposes, too.

Livonia's Laurel Park Place mall, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary in August, for example, practically serves as the community's downtown.

Unlike Birmingham, Plymouth, Clarkston and many other area communities, Livonia is without a downtown shopping and business district, so residents and business people turn to the friendly, intimate mall to fill the void.

"I'm here everyday," says Bob Zygal, a Canton resident and employee of nearby Vistone while having lunch and reading a newspaper at Max & Erma's, one of Laurel Park Place's anchor restaurants.

In the morning, Zygal visits Mrs. Fields to fuel up on coffee before going to work. And, if he doesn't return to the mall for lunch, he usually stops by later to take a stroll, clear his head and take note of store sales.

Zygal's co-worker Amy Byrne not only frequents the mall as a break from work but also relies on it much like a neighborhood drug store, often stopping by, for instance, to pick up a birthday card she forgot to purchase earlier.

"Yesterday, my glasses broke on me," says Byrne. "But I was able to come down here and get them fixed immediately," she says.

Judy Wombel, a Southfield resident who works nearby and comes to the mall every day, says she relies on the mall to purchase last-minute gifts. She also eats at one of the mall's

restaurants every work day. Although Wombel doesn't consider Laurel Park Place the equivalent of a downtown area, she's hard-pressed to describe it as a conventional mall. "It's a mini-mall. It's something in between."

Others come to Laurel Park Place for social reasons. Lifelong friends Nettie Ahverkatte of Livonia and Marie Ptak of Redford Township visit the mall together twice each month.

While their itinerary always includes a morning browse through Jacobson's and a leisurely lunch between noon and 12:30 p.m., the primary reason for their visit is "to be together," says Ptak, settling beside Ahverkatte on a cushioned seat in one of the mall's rest areas to catch up on each other's lives and talk about old times.

"We have a few good laughs and talk about our families," says Ptak. "Sometimes, we buy." The mall has several cozy spots where patrons pause to talk and relax, including a greenery-lined row of park benches near the center's movie complex.

There, Frances Sanders of Dearborn Heights and her daughter, who is visiting from Illinois, retreat from shopping to savor a cup of coffee and talk mother to daughter.

The diversity of visitors and reasons for coming to the mall is astounding, says Laurel Park Place's marketing director Karen Susalla.

In the morning, older adults and non-working women come to the mall to walk, talk and read the newspaper, says Susalla, describing the daily cycle of



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Catching up: Lifelong friends Nettie Ahverkatte (left) of Livonia and Marie Ptak, of Redford Township, sit and talk about their families and old times at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia before having lunch.



Lunch time: Erica Shy (left), Amanda Anderson and Amy Seavittie stop for pizza at the mall.



Coffee break: Gail Mirnik (left) and Frances Sander plop down on a mall park bench and sip.

Objects of desire displayed at Tiffany & Co.

Objects of desire. You can't have them, but you can look. That's the idea behind Tiffany & Co.'s Objects of Desire show, a dazzling collection of diamond and colored gemstone rings.
On display for viewing now through Aug. 22 at Tiffany & Co.'s store at the Somerset Collection in Troy, the extraordinary group of rings includes a 4.15-carat, cushion-cut, Burma ruby; a 3.75-carat, emerald-cut, Colombian emerald; and a 4.81-carat, cushion-cut, Kashmir sapphire, all set in platinum or platinum and 18-karat gold.
All the stones shown meet Tiffany & Co.'s rigorous standards for clarity, color, brilliance and cut.

An array of diamond rings set in platinum, as well as Tiffany & Co.'s classic, six-prong, Tiffany diamond ring, will be available for viewing.
And for those in search of a few truly unobtainable objects of desire, a 15.12-carat, emerald cut, intense yellow diamond ring and a rare 0.93-carat, intense purple-pink diamond ring will also be shown.
The collection is a true find for devotees of rare and important colored gemstones and those who are simply mesmerized by such works of art and beauty.
For additional information about Tiffany & Co.'s Objects of Desire ring collection, call (248) 637-2800. Tiffany & Co. is located at Somerset South.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to *Malls & Mainstreets*, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.
MONDAY, AUGUST 2

FRENCH RAGS TRUNK SHOW
French Rags sweaters, formerly available at Bonwit Teller, are available for purchase through a local consultant/trunk show running through Aug. 7. For information or an appointment, call Phyllis Strome, (248) 646-2092, or Ms. Gilman, (248) 738-1380.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

CHANNEL ACCESSORIES SHOW
View Chanel's fall 1999 special order collection of accessories at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Channel Accessories Boutique, first floor.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

MELINDA ENG SHOW
The fall 1999 collection of Melinda Eng comes to Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Aug. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Couture Salon, third floor.

CINDERELLA STORY TIME
Oakland Mall in Troy presents the story of Cinderella as part of the center's Giggie Grog summer theater series, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Center Court.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

ST. JOHN KNITS SHOW
Jacobson's Laurel Park Place in Livonia, hosts a showing of St. John Knits fall 1999 collection, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Salon.

BEREK TRUNK SHOW
The Apple Tree Room in Franklin hosts a trunk show of Berek's hand-knit cotton sweaters with refreshments and 10 percent savings on special orders through Aug. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For additional information, call (248) 851-9862.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

GARFIELD & MARKS TRUNK SHOW
All new fabrics, suiting, jackets, skirts, trousers and sweaters from the Garfield & Marks fall collection are shown at Sally's Designs, Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield, through Aug. 7, Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For information, call (248) 626-0886.

ANTIQUA AUTO SHOW
The Veterans Motor Car Club of America brings an antique auto show to Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills through Aug. 8, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., throughout the mall.

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE

Color coded: New Splitz lenses change from one color to the next when activated by light and are available for wearers of both prescription and non-prescription glasses, about \$89 at D.O.C. optical store



Direct route: For those too stubborn to ask for directions, try the "I'll Never Get Lost Again" book, \$12.95, an electronic cross-country navigator, \$299, and an electronic map measurer, \$19.95, all at Rand McNally, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



French basics: Natural ingredients and essential oils are combined in L'Occitane's recently introduced line of basic skin care products, \$15-34 at L'Occitane, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Skin serum: Recently introduced by Osmotic, Kinetin serum contains a plant growth factor isolated from the stems of green, leaf-bearing plants, \$75 at Saks Fifth Avenue.

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visitors.

In the afternoon, new mothers take a break from the home and ramble through the mall's corridors pushing baby strollers, as if they were walking in a neighborhood park.

Later, business professionals congregate at the mall to eat dinner and families unite to shop and walk.

"It's funny," says Susalla. "We used to say of the mall 'come take a walk in the park.'"

For additional information about Laurel Park Place mall's 10th anniversary and celebration events, please call (734) 462-1100.

Anniversary events

■ **Disney Spectacular:** authentic Disney productions including a Mickey & Minnie Mouse meet and greet, 1-5 p.m., Aug. 6-8.

■ **Back-to-School Fashion:** Jacobson's presents fall fashion for kids, 2 p.m., Aug. 7.

■ **Cookie Decorating:** Mrs. Fields holds a cookie decorating event for kids, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Aug. 7.

■ **10 Days at 10% Off:** Sale: coupons allow you to

take 10 percent off any regularly priced item at participating stores, Aug. 9-19.

■ **Food Tasting:** Sweet Lorraine's restaurant, coming soon to the Livonia Marriot, gives away free food samples, Aug. 9-19.

■ **Cooking Demo:** master chef gives demonstrations at Williams-Sonoma, 1-3 p.m., Aug. 14.

■ **Parisian Fashion Show:** Parisian previews fall fashion, 1 p.m., Aug. 21.

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) 901-2555 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:

- The game Password can be purchased at Toys R Us stores.

- Mastectomy products can be bought through several catalogs available at Advanced Orthopedics on Greenfield Road in Southfield.

- A collector for a reader's tea bag tags.

- Zoot suits are sold at Jokers Costumes on Dixie Highway in Waterford, (248) 673-2320, and on the Internet at www.zootsuits.com or through the Seigel Clothing Company in California. To rent a Zoot suit, try Lynch's on Dequindre in Warren.

- A Hux towel is available through the Herschers catalog, (800) 713-1239.

- A reflective sign for post boxes is available at some local fire departments. Also, there is a store in Caseville, Mi. with the signs.

- New Haven and Cuckoo clocks can be repaired at Northville Watch & Clock, 132 W. Dunlap in Northville, (248) 349-4938.

- We were able to locate a Ziggy doll.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A potato grater with a handle, but without sharp edges for Marie.

- Plastic Lego train tracks for Lynn.

- A Maidenform Heart Strings bra for Diane.

- A store that sells Cherry Burgers in the Livonia area for Lenore. (She had Cherry Burgers, which are made in Cedar, Mi., at a restaurant in Three Rivers).

- A Redford area location or retailer where beer-making classes are held for Leo.

- A sprinkle remover product called Spray Press by Maid of Honor. (Kmart formerly carried the product).

- Daniel Green slippers in a size 8 narrow for Grace.

- A 1973 solid state magnet for a 7 1/2 horsepower Escalade boat motor for Jim.

- A Hamilton collectors plate called "Sara" made by Maude Humphrey Bogart and a 1959 Commerce High School yearbook for Carol.

- A musical weight scale (formerly carried by Sears) for Dorothy.

- A used desk-cabinet sewing machine with drawers on both sides with or without the machine for Wanda, who lives in Garden City.

- A book about the Anne Jillian story for Toby.

- Peanut butter pretzels for Justine.

- Sweet & Low's butter toffee hard candy for Ruth.

- A Weebie Wobble tree house from the '70s with Weebie Wobble people for Kristin.

- A person who would like old vocal sheet music and songbooks from a reader willing to donate them.

- A 1944 Lake Orion High School yearbook and a canvas cover for a child's metal butterfly chair for Judy.

- Perma Soft Fresh Control cream.

- Coy's Country Incredible corn bread mix.

- Wicked Wahini perfume for Lisa, a resident of Commerce Township.

- Coty 24 lipstick in any color for Diane in Lake Orion.

- A machine-washable polyester shirt dress without a waist (size 16) for Jean.

- A Macomb County location for recycling plastic grocery bags.

- A Rainbow Britte doll from the '80s for Diane.

- A Victorian style Crazy Quilt machine for Pat.

- Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" video made with Leslie Ann Warren in 1964 for Sharon.

- A used "Little Tyke" Playhouse log cabin for backyard use and a Childcraft changing table in the honey oak finish for Leslie.

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TRAVEL

Santa Fe proves to be ideal for mother-daughter long weekend

BY CAROL GIES
SPECIAL WRITER

Day 1

Up at dawn, I shuffle through the mountain of brochures on my bed in the Hotel Loretto. There are 250 attractions in Santa Fe, and in the next four days I want to see every one of them. My 24-year-old daughter, Maureen, still under the covers, wants to sleep - and then go shopping.

I chirp through the day's itinerary, which happens to include a visit to a "Miraculous Staircase" in a chapel right next to our hotel.

Why, we could do it before breakfast.

From under the bedspread she mumbles: "And this staircase is supposed to change my life - how?"

Somehow, Maureen and I had managed to clear our insane schedules - hers in Chicago and mine in Michigan - to spend the weekend away for her 24th birthday.

The question was, where. What place could possibly entertain a Gen X Big City girl, born to shop and be pampered and her hyperactive, tomboy mother? We settled on Santa Fe, New Mexico. But we would need

more than opera and art to please this Odd Couple. Back to our story.

Assuming rejection of the staircase idea, I gather up my guidebooks and head over to the Loretto Chapel alone, armed with my camera and audio walking tour headphones.

Legend has it that in 1873, when the choir loft was built, there was a slight oversight - no staircase.

The nuns prayed and mysteriously, an old carpenter arrived on a donkey with a handsaw and hammer. Eight months later, a startling new staircase floated up to the choir loft.

In 33 steps (the same number of Christ's years on earth), it makes two complete 360-degree turns with no visible means of support. No one knew where the wood came from - it was not native to New Mexico. Then the carpenter vanished as strangely as he had appeared. Go figure.

I bought Maureen a postcard at the gift shop, which was larger than the entire chapel and full of miniature staircase souvenirs. The legend was even available on video.

From there, on to one of many tourist stops flanking Santa Fe's famous Plaza - the oldest public building in America - called the Palace of the Governors. The Spanish named the city "La Villa de Santa Fe" (The City of the Holy Faith) in 1598, as part of their grand mission to convert the Americas to Catholicism. (Santa Fe is the oldest state capital in the United States.)

The Palace of the Governors is really a cluster of grand adobe houses built for the string of Spanish officials that followed. It now houses more than 17,000 historical objects for tourists to behold. I saw 13,412 of them.

I made it back to the hotel room before noon to find the Birthday Girl asleep, just like that cheeky, black-haired baby of 24 years ago. I prod. She groans. "Does room service deliver cappuccino?" she groans. So much for history.

Day 2

It's a glorious, arid day of 73 degrees in The City of the Holy Faith. Well, actually, that was the climate-controlled environment of J. Crew. And Banana Republic. And Eddie Bauer - sniffed out by our city shopping maven just a block from the his-

toric Plaza.

Outside, we brush by a silver-and-turquoise parade of Native American rugs, jewelry and crafts displayed in front of the Palace of Governors.

"Too touristy," she says.

And so we're off to find the real thing - the flea market in the Pueblo of Tesuque about seven miles north, next to the Santa Fe Opera. About 200 vendors in dusty stalls, with every conceivable art form, basket and bauble. Maureen negotiates a classic silver Hopi ring. I get an exquisite 50-year-old Navajo rug, both at a fraction of the prices we saw at the shops in town. "Only the tourists buy retail," she pronounces.

Then on to Canyon Road, famous for over 200 shops and galleries, just a 15-minute walk from our hotel. The artists are Native American - and worldwide. Contemporary and traditional. A courtyard of bronze life-size sculptures of children at play looks eerily like Pompeii immortalized in lava. Flowers fill fences, walkways and artsy containers everywhere.

We split up to find our personal treasures. I buy a silver Navajo bracelet.

Maureen adopts a yak. That's right. A yak.

At Project Tibet, a courtyard of shops at 403 Canyon Road, it seems you can adopt a whole yak for \$99. Or half-a-yak, or even just a head or tail, depending on your budget and body part preference. The yaks are used by the nomadic Tibetans for milk, meat, blankets and clothing.

By donating \$99 to Project Tibet, you can add your name to the Yak Plaque in the courtyard - and support a Tibetan family for one year. I am a bit confused as to how you pack a yak if you choose to ship it - but Maureen assures me it stays with the Tibetan family. Santa Fe shopping? Done with that.

Day 3

OK, my turn to please her. Or was that beg? "Come on, Mo, it's only a 1-1/4-mile hike." I need a nature fix. We vector up Artist's Road in our rent-a-car toward the Santa Fe National Forest, about 20 minutes out of town, in search of the Borego Trail.

Along the way, we pass a large rambling adobe structure that is typical of the Navajo dwellings dotting the Santa Fe foothills.

"Look Mo, a pueblo!"

Maureen, with bored glance: "That would be a condo. Two

bedrooms, starting at \$179,000."

Carol, with heavy sigh: OK, let's go with "pueblo-inspired."

About 10 miles and several switchbacks later, the scruffy greenery morphs into seven-story pines and occasional aspen. Mo's hiking gear is a black designer halter, a bit sparse for the 10-degree drop in temperature - but always fashionable. The Borego Trail, canopied by monster pines, drops quickly to a frisky stream and heads straight back up again.

Over three hours later, at an altitude of about 8,000 feet, we return to the car, puffing wildly. Somewhere along our route, the 1-1/4-mile Borego Trail became the six-mile Aspen Trail. I score no points with the Birthday Girl for orienteering. Under pressure, however, she admits to loving the scenery and pure, un-urban mountain air.

Later

It's 10:30 p.m. We are alone in the thick, silent darkness. Our rented car is groaning up a steep, twisted grade toward the mountains. We are in search of "Ten Thousand Waves." I am thinking of an episode of the Twilight Zone and she knows it. "No worries, Mom. You're going to love this place," she promises.

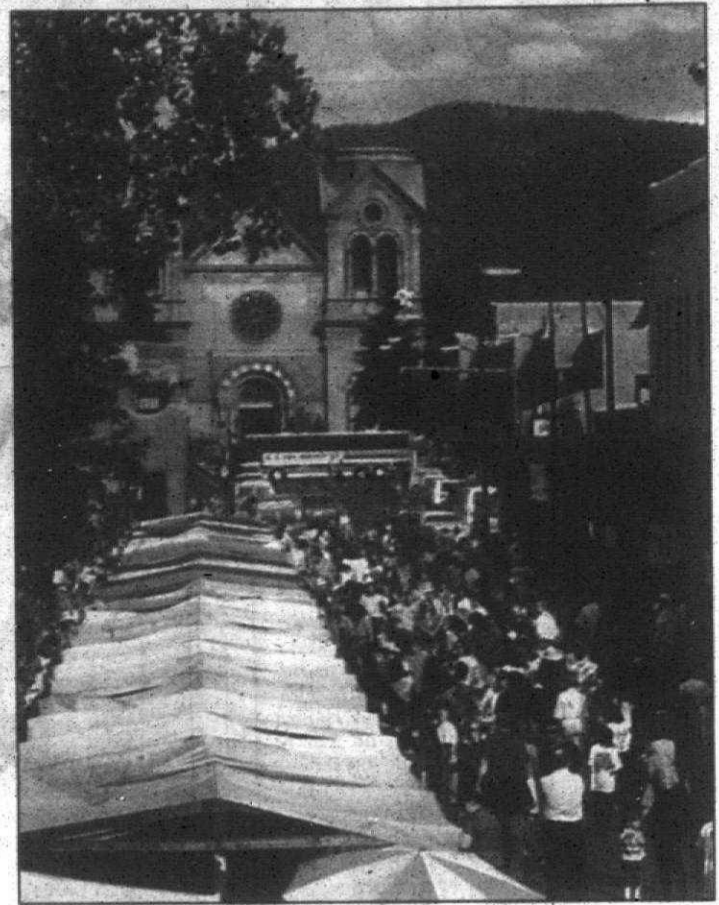
I did love this place. A true Japanese spa set in the foothills of the Santa Fe National Forest. (The princess is nothing if not consistent.)

We soak in an ichiban - a private room with hot tub. We have a late-night massage with dueling therapists in a double room that overlooks the mountain night. We are dressed in matching kimonos and turbans. I smell like cedar and look like Gloria Swanson. Native lute music and howling mountain wind compete with the slather and slap of Giana and Leena's talented fingers on our tired hiking bodies.

The Royal One finally coos, "Now this is more like it."

Day 4

Back at the Hotel Loretto the next evening, we're showered and ready for our farewell dinner. "Let the Birthday Girl pick," she says. We begin our stroll through town looking for



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Native American arts: Travelers can spend hours in the open markets of Santa Fe.

the perfect place. Walking with

the Girl from Ipanema is a surreal experience. Horns blow, waiters appear in doorways to invite you in, doors magically swing open - the whole environment becomes hyper-responsive. We pass the famous Coyote Cafe and end up at "The Cowgirl Hall of Fame." Far from another museum, it is a feisty old haunt at the edge of town. We are way overdressed.

We burrow into a back booth in the open patio and scan the crowd. I look down at rather weird assortment of feet that includes dusty, torn cowboy boots, large black dog paws, naked, tattooed toes - and Maureen's straw designer mules.

Well, at least mules are western. The booth creaks as we lean in to read our dog-eared menus. The decor is Early Chippendale, trimmed in rusty wagon wheels.

We order a barbecued chicken that looks like it stepped on a landmine - but is incredibly delicious. "Sorry the band ain't out here yet - I think the boys is still in there drinkin'," laughs our crusty waitress. We toast The Big 24 with a radioactive

Cowboy Margarita.

During our four days, the princess had been buffed and polished, adorned with silver Hopi ring and became parent to a step-yak. The tomboy got sunburned and mosquito-bitten, but acquired a vegetable-dyed rug and a video of the Miraculous Staircase. We called it a somewhat unusual - but wonderful weekend in Santa Fe.

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CLARIFICATION

The phone number for the West Michigan Tourist Association listed in Great Escapes in mid-July was wrong. The correct numbers are (800) 442-2084 and (616) 456-8557. They offer a variety of publications and free trip planning services.



CAROL GIES

Mountain air: Maureen Gies takes in the pine-scented air and the wondrous scenery around Santa Fe on the Borego Trail.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Davey gets traded

Plymouth Salem graduate Tom Davey is now property of the Seattle Mariners.

The 25-year-old Davey, a 6-foot-7, 230-pound right-handed pitcher, was traded Wednesday from Toronto along with pitcher Steve Sinclair to the Mariners for first baseman David Segui.

Davey is a former first baseman who helped Salem win the 1991 state Class A baseball championship. He later became a pitcher under the direction of coach Stu Rose at Henry Ford Community College and was a third-round pick of the Blue Jays.

He split time this year between the Blue Jays and Class AAA Syracuse.

In 29 appearances with the Blue Jays, Davey was 1-1 with one save and a 4.70 earned run average. At Syracuse, he was 1-2 with a 3.48 ERA.

Davey has been assigned to AAA Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League where he'll be reunited with Westland John Glenn grad Aaron Scheffer, also a right-handed pitcher who spent 12 days in the Majors back in June with Seattle.

Another area pitcher in the Seattle system is 6-foot-10 left-hander Ryan Anderson, a former first-round pick who is playing for AA New Haven in the Eastern League.

Bucks face Soccer Waza

The Mid-Michigan Bucks, 20-2 overall and 18-1 in the Premier Development League, will face the Waza All-Stars in an exhibition match beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Schoolcraft Community College.

The Bucks, co-owned by Livonia natives Jim and Dan Duggan, reached the third round of the U.S. Cup before losing to the Tampa Bay Mutiny, 2-1, of the Major League Soccer.

The Bucks will host the PDL Central Conference championship Friday and Saturday, Aug. 6-7 at White Pine Middle School Stadium.

Playoff teams include the Twin Cities Tornado (13-1) and the Sioux City Breeze (10-3), the Bucks and either the Chicago Sockers (10-4) or the Wisconsin Rebels (9-3).

For more information, call (517) MMBUCKS.

Titans sign Charger

Livonia Churchill discus thrower Guy Diakow, a 1999 state Class A qualifier, has signed an NCAA Letter of Intent in track and field with the University of Detroit Mercy, according to UDM coach Guy Murray.

Diakow, a second-team All-Observer selection, had a personal best of 157 feet, 10 inches. He also competed in the shot put with a season-best toss of 48-11½.

Area golf divots

Chris Tompkins, a recent graduate of Westland John Glenn headed to Eastern Michigan University, won the Power-Bilt Junior Tour stop last week at Eagle Crest with a 73.

A total of 82 players competed in his age division. He also qualified for the Power-Bilt Junior Tour Tournament of Champions event Friday and Saturday at Forest Akers in East Lansing.

Tompkins has finished in the top four in four of his five Power-Bilt events.

The final Power-Bilt Junior Tour stop is Wednesday at Pheasant Run in Canton.

Using a 7-wood, Robert Vargo of Commerce Township scored his first ace on the 171-yard, No. 12 hole last week at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia. Vargo shot 42 for nine holes.

Women's Suburban golf

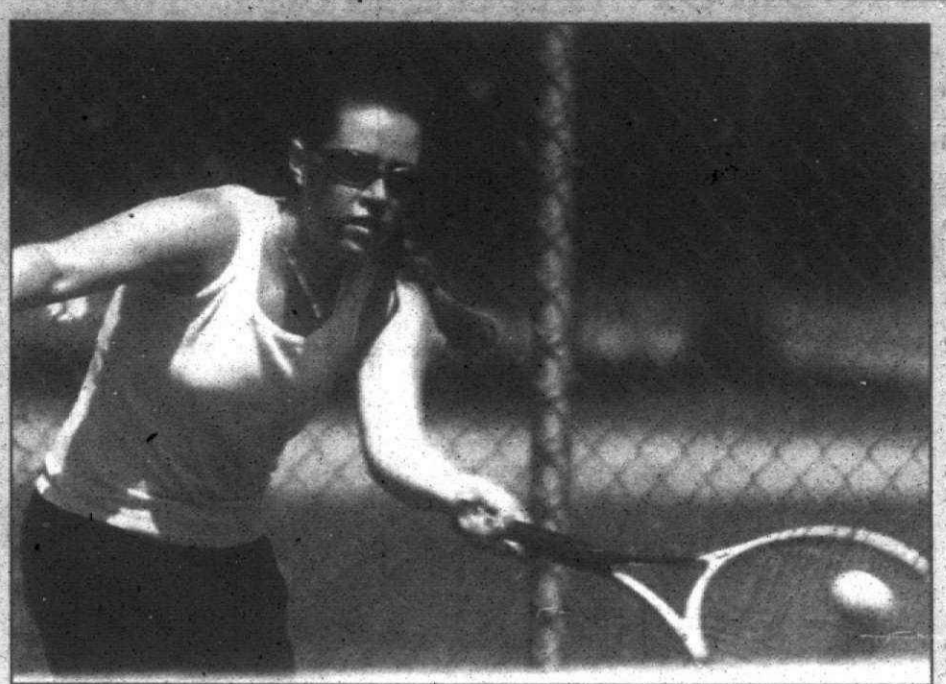
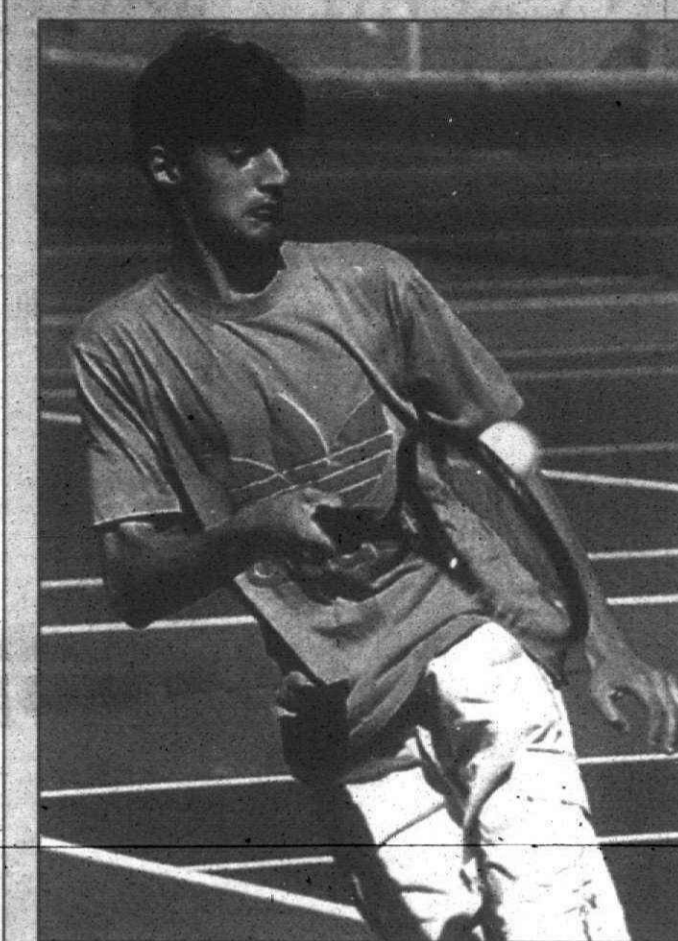
Sandy Rivers of Rochester Hills shot an 86 Friday to win first flight low gross honors at the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop at Pine View.

Carolyn Benninger (Northville) and Karen Huebner tied for second low gross with 91 apiece.

Lillian Vandenberg (Dearborn Heights) edged JoAnne McVicar (Livonia) for low net honors, 74-75.

In the second flight, Bernie Evans (Franklin Village) shot a 93 to win low gross. Jan Nelson (Canton) was runner-up with a 99.

Low net went to MaryAnne Kraft (Dearborn Heights) with a 68. Gloria Hudson (Southfield) was second with a 70.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Livonia Open Tennis: It was scorching hot Friday at Sheldon Park as the junior players took the courts. Vimleh Shukla (left photo) tries to save a shot back on his heels in a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Nick Reale to win the Boys 14-and-under title. Meanwhile, Andrea Holonecky (top photo), 15, captured the Girls 17-and-under crown with a 6-1, 6-0 triumph over Anne Kemp. Complete results of the Livonia Parks and Recreation Tournament will appear in subsequent Observer editions.

Ex-Salem cager writes 1st novel

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Tim Van Wagoner admits he'd probably never do a marathon again, but his first venture as a novelist certainly goes the distance.

The Plymouth native, who was once a deadly shooter when he played high school basketball for the Salem High Rocks, covers a lot of ground in his self-published book "In the Long Run."

Van Wagoner intricately weaves a variety of interesting subjects, including civil war history, along with childhood and family friends from small-town northern Michigan into his debut print, which is available on Amazon.com or at the Little Professor Book Store in downtown Plymouth (cost \$12).

Van Wagoner is a 1973 Salem graduate who earned a Telecommunications degree from Michigan State University in 1977. He has resided in Milwaukee the past 15 years.

Van Wagoner joined the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club in 1989 and

currently serves as director of broadcasting, working with the team's TV and radio sales and operations areas. He also worked in the Detroit News' advertising department and Miller Brewing Company's sports marketing division.

"In the Long Run," printed by Smiling Dog Press of Detroit, a Van Wagoner venture, had a first print of 1,000 with 300 copies already sold.

"The famous sports writer Red Smith said, 'You should sit at a typewriter, tap a vein and let your feelings come out,'" Van Wagoner said. "This story, I believe, remains timeless and could apply to any number of places."

"Basically, there are three major themes — approaching your first marathon, your flashes back to youth and a Civil War relative comes back and becomes a mentor.

"There's also the girl next door, the women you're always to be destined with."

Van Wagoner says his book "is a veiled autobiography."

Actually, Van Wagoner began his bookwriting quest while doing the 1995 Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. The ideas and storyline began to percolate during his arduous 26.2-mile trek.

"My longest training run was 18 miles and going eight miles beyond that is certainly something I wasn't

prepared for mentally or physically," he said. "The first one you basically see if you can do it. But anybody who comes back and chooses to run another certainly has my admiration."

The book's protagonist is Joshua Chamberlain, great-great grandson of an acclaimed Civil War hero.

"The Colonel," a Medal of Honor winner at Gettysburg, manages to instill his own influence, enlightening Josh as to the real reason he's running the race.

"When I visited my grandfather out east, we usually visited battlegrounds, those tours remain vivid recollections," Van Wagoner said. "I just started jotting down things on a legal pad and eavesdropped a lot. It became an interesting storyline. During the run, the colors, the flavors and the scenery became a good distraction."

Van Wagoner spent his summers near the resort area of Frankfort. His uncle George Van Wagoner, who recently passed away at age 70, was a successful high school basketball coach at Gobles (where he won a state championship) Allegan and Livonia Stevenson, while piling up an impressive 493 wins.

Tim Van Wagoner weaves a "Hoosiers" chapter into the book, placing a small town high school basketball team against a bigger and more formidable big city squad.

"You don't have to grow up in Indiana to like the story Hoosiers," Van Wagoner said. "You make your own rules when you're a fiction writer."

Three other characters also stand out, "Gram," the grandmother and town librarian; the mischievous, but loyal childhood chum "Slip," and Autumn Andrews, the object of his desire.

"It's magical being on Lake Michigan, summers up there are the golden months," Van Wagoner said. "I wanted a small town flavor. There's always been a sense of belonging in a small town."

"And everybody knew a guy back in high school like Slip. Then there's the elusive art of finding the right woman."

Whether Van Wagoner decides to give fiction writing another try remains to be seen, but he already has experienced one golden moment.

"The last time I was up north I dropped by the public library in Benzonia and I met a librarian just like Gram," Van Wagoner said. "I dropped off one of my books and she put it next to 'A Stillness at Appomattox.'"

Of course, that made Van Wagoner's day, placing "In the Long Run," next to one of America's most-renowned Civil War authors — Bruce Catton.

"If I never write another book I feel honored just to be placed on the same shelf," Van Wagoner.

Punter finds his way from San Jose

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FOOTBALL

Some day Seth Carriere would like the chance to be invited to an NFL training camp.

"It would be kind of neat just to have an opportunity and hang out with those guys," said the 1997 Livonia Stevenson High graduate, who will suit up this fall as a scholarship punter for Southeast Missouri State.

Carriere, who played soccer most of his youth and wrestled for Stevenson, played only one year of football as a senior (1996) for the Spartans.

He wanted to kick, but was inconsistent during his attempts at practice and he couldn't unseat Tony Dattilio as the team's punter.

"In practice a lot of times I'd just kick the coverage when they wanted somebody just to kick the ball up high 25 yards," said Carriere, who played some offense. "But playing football at Stevenson was by far the best three hours of the day in my life."

"I went out for football my senior year because my best friends were in it, Mike and Matt Allison, and I wanted to spend time with those guys."

"I really enjoyed it and coach (Tim) Gabel really helped me out a lot. He's a really good guy."

The 5-foot-11, 175-pound Carriere believes he has finally found a home. His journey to Cape Girardeau, Mo., located between St. Louis and Memphis, is certainly a strange one.

Carriere first had his sights set on walking on and competing for a punting job at Central Michigan University, but

just before reporting to Mount Pleasant, he hurt his kicking foot wrestling around with a friend.

"I had practiced all summer, I was just fooling around," he said. "I couldn't kick until September. Then I found out and didn't have enough credits from one class from high school, so I went to Schoolcraft (Community College) for a semester."

Carriere's older brother Adam, a 1991 Stevenson grad who played on the Spartans' 1991 state Class A championship boys soccer team, moved to Redwood City, Calif. to take a job as a kindergarten teacher after graduating from the University of Michigan.

Seth followed his brother to Redwood City, located 10 miles south of San Francisco working as a teacher's assistant and taking night school classes at nearby San Mateo Junior College.

He continued to practice his craft and eventually moved to his fourth school in less than two years — San Jose Junior College.

"Through mutual friends I ended up at San Jose," Carriere said. "California junior college football is really competitive. There are about 87 schools."

Despite San Jose's 5-5 record, Carriere sparked in his first collegiate football season, averaging 42 yards per punt, including a school-record 78-yarder.

He made honorable mention JC All-America honors.

He gained confidence going into the 1999 season after spending time at pro

kicking camp last summer in Reno, Nev., run by Ray Pelphey, father of Cincinnati Bengal punter Doug Pelphey.

"I had been working with guys at the camps who were the punters from Syracuse, USC and Oregon, there was also Jeff Banks from Washington State," Carriere said. "Just being around those guys helped tell me I could do it."

During camp competition against some of the best collegiate punters on the west coast, Carriere won five of six competitions.

"The one I lost I missed my longest field goal (attempt) when it hit the crossbar," Carriere said.

Last December, an assistant from Texas Tech came calling and offered a scholarship, only to have it rescinded by the head coach Spike Dykes.

"I had my heart set on Texas Tech, they were playing Arizona State on TV (Sept. 4) on Saturday night," Carriere said. "They probably really didn't want to scholarship a punter."

"I wanted to go to a PAC-10 school, I talked with Stanford and UCLA, but they wanted me to play another year at San Jose."

"I took 21 credits last semester and I was on track to graduate and get my associate's degree, so I didn't really want to stay in San Jose."

Four months ago, Southeast Missouri coach John Mumford began calling Carriere weekly.

He convinced the kicker/punter to make a visit to the Division I-AA school (a member of the Ohio Valley Conference and coming off a 4-6 season).

Please see CARRIERE, D6

Race announcer Lindahl covers track like a sport

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Gary Lindahl's career as a race car public address announcer began 17 years ago by accident, thankfully not the kind that occurs on the track.

Lindahl was covering races every Friday night at the Spartan Speedway in Mason for the Jackson Citizen Patriot newspaper. The regular announcer, Dennis Castele, was leaving on a three-week vacation and volunteered Lindahl for the job.

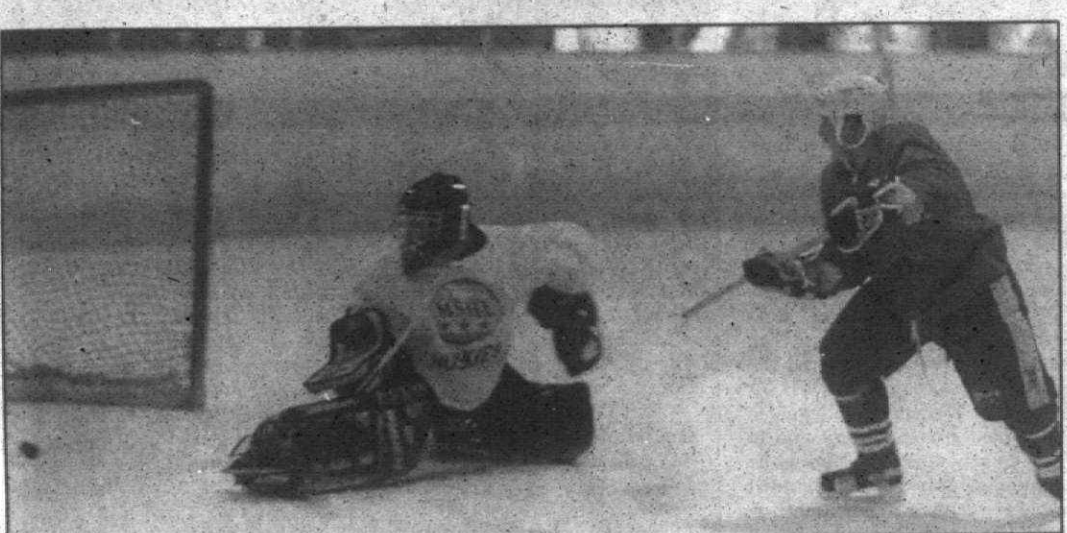
"Dennis had to go on a trip to the east coast and told the promoter I'd fill in announcing, unbeknownst to me," Lindahl recalled. "I said 'You told him what?' He said 'You know cars, you know the racers.'"

"The promoter was excited he had a fill-in. I never had a chance to say no. It took me five times to turn the microphone on because I was shaking so bad. I made it through the first night, the second night was a little bit better. The third night I said 'I kind of like this.'"

Lindahl, 47, a Plymouth resident who works days as an account executive for Inland

Please see ANNOUNCER, D3

Lakers, Wildcats pull off MSHL upset wins



Coach Dimitriou has led Schoolcraft College to 12 league titles and regional playoffs in 15 years as head coach. He was named Coach of the Year in 1997 and 1998. In 1997 he was named National Coach of the Year. Schoolcraft College finished third in the nation in 1997 and 1998 in 1998.

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Talk about going to the limit. Chris Libett's sudden-death penalty shot goal and goaltender Lanny Jardine's sudden-death penalty shot save gave the Lakers and upset 4-3 Metro Summer Hockey League semifinal playoff victory Wednesday over the first-place Bulldogs at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Lakers will play the upstart Wildcats in a battle of third- and fourth-place teams for the MSHL championship 8 p.m. Sunday at the Cultural Center.

Ironically, the Bulldogs-Lakers game marked the lowest number of goals this summer in the Metro circuit as both teams were tied at the end of regulation, 3-3. It was 1-1 after one period. Mike Vigilante scored from Eric and Scott Dolech with 40 seconds left to give the Lakers a 1-0 lead, but Corey Swider answered 12 seconds later from Kevin Swider and Eric Bratcher.

The Bulldogs then scored with 2:24 left in the second period. Kevin Swider from Bratcher and Troy Milam. But the Lakers' Brian Jardine tied it with 3:22 left in the period from Matt Frick and Tony Ferrero. With 6:16 left in the third, Jardine notched his second of the night from Libett and Ferrero, but Kevin Swider sent the game into overtime with an assist from his brother Corey with 4:20 remaining.



The victors: Wildcats defenseman Darrin Silverster (left) congratulates teammate Vic Decina (right) on a 13-7 victory as the Huskies' Ron Pietila skates off.

An attacker from each team was dropped after one minute, creating four-on-four, three-on-two, two-on-two and one-on-one situations. During a three-on-three, Bratcher was sent off for hooking, but the Bulldogs successfully fought off a 30-second penalty. During a five-man penalty shootout, the two teams remained tied, setting the stage for Libett, who beat Bulldogs goaltender Phil Oaser.

Jardine and Brandon Hothem split time in goal for the Lakers. **WILDCATS 13, HUSKIES 7:** Brent Thomas (six goals) and Sean Kass (seven assists) teamed up to lead the Wildcats into the MSHL championship game with a semifinal playoff victory over the Huskies Thursday at the Cultural Center.

Simon named new WSU coach

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COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Outside of the Wayne State University mascot, no one in the school's athletic department has assumed a more drastic identity change than Bob Simon.

An assistant coach for the WSU men's basketball team the last five seasons, Simon was recently appointed the school's new head women's basketball coach.

His appointment coincides with the school's announcement that it has changed its nickname from Tartars to Warriors.

This is Simon's first head coaching job in college. It's also the first women's coaching job, at any level, for Simon, 36, a graduate of Redford Thurston.

He interviewed for a men's head coaching job within the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference a couple seasons back but was passed over for someone else.

"I got an interview, things went well, the school chose someone else and that person is doing well right now," the Redford Township resident said, regarding the men's head coach's job he pursued.

The WSU men and women share the Mathei Building for practices and games and sometimes travel together so Simon may feel like he never left men's coach Ron Hammy's side.

Hammy gave Simon his start in college coaching eight seasons ago, bringing him in as a part-time assistant before promoting him to full-time. Simon coached for six seasons at Thurston, two as a varsity assistant and four as a junior varsity head coach, and four years as the head coach of the Southgate Anderson varsity before coming to WSU.

"It makes for a good relationship," Simon said. "We've worked together for so long now and can continue to help each other out. It's a great relationship that will continue and I'm excited to be coaching the women."

"I've been coaching boys or men for 18 years. The game is not much different. You coach it the same way, do the same thing you do with men - try to rebound, defend, shoot free throws."

"There's no special potion because it's women. I had a meeting with the girls, a lot are looking forward to already getting started. They know me. I've been around the gym."

The biggest change may be in tradition. The men have won four of the last eight GLIAC championships and the women have struggled to play near .500. The Warriors won only seven games last year and return better and more seniors.

Simon replaces Karen Hall who resigned and took another coaching position at North Carolina A & T. Simon said he has retained one of Hall's assistant coaches, Bryant Hobbs, and is adding former WSU player Fawne Allosery to the staff.

WSU is adding men's hockey as a varsity sport and there is talk the athletic program will move from NCAA Division II to Division I in the next three to five years, Simon said. The change in nicknames was made more for better name recognition than anything else, according to Simon.

The biggest difference is WSU won't hear anymore "Tartar Sauce" jokes. "Tartar was a warrior, so we went along the same path," Simon said. "It's a real, nice logo and we kept the same colors (green and yellow and white)."

The WSU women's team has a scholarship allotment of 10 per season and Simon is eager to hit the recruiting trail, starting with the high school season in the fall.

"My contacts will be different but I'm not afraid to get on the phone and call people, get in my car and watch a game," Simon said. "Coaches will see me out and my staff. We'll work hard to try to start doing something with the program."

"Women's athletics are on an upswing. A trend is going right now. Some things that have happened in women's sports every one knows about: The Olympic gold women's hockey team just won (at the 1998 Winter Olympics), the World Cup of women's soccer team won. The WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) is getting better and I don't believe all the best players are in the WNBA right now. Women in college see a goal past collegiate ball and to play professionally, so that league can only get better as it gets more franchises, promoting, endorsements."

Simon's family, which includes wife Donna, daughter Bobbie, 10, and son Devin, 8, is all for the move.

"My family is excited about it," Simon said. "My wife just wanted to make sure I'd be happy."

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Youth soccer champs



Tourney winners; The Canton Strikers, an under-12 boys soccer team, captured the Portage Invitational (July 17-18) with four straight victories. Members of the Strikers (front row, from left) include Steve Mischung, Jason Houdek, Kenny Coppola, Corey Bugeja, Ross Heidenreich, Ryan Lenahan; (second row, from left) Brian Stevanovic, Manny Palazzolo, Brad Marsh, Cody Newcomb, Chris Rowe, Joe Gauci, Chris French; (back row, from left) coach Paul Palazzolo, Kyle Gismond, Jeff Morency, Kevin Thornton, Andrew Cortellini and coach Mike Coppola. Not pictured is team member Michael Yates.

CANTON COMMUNITY JUNIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

White Sox capture best 2-of-3 World Series crown vs. Reds

It was another comeback effort. After losing the opener of the best two-of-three series, the White Sox came back to win the Canton Community Junior Softball Association (ages 11-13) World Series with a 17-9 win over the Reds in the deciding game July 27 at Plymouth Canton High School.

The Reds won the opener at the Canton Softball Center, 15-12, but the White Sox evened the series in the next round.

Using a combination of strong hitting and excellent defense, the White Sox roster included Sarah Amann, Jessica Bonello, Stephanie Herman, Emily Maletic, Jackie Perino, Christine Rovet, Kelli Szepanski, Rebecca Woodman, Rachel Sokira, Colleen Whately, Aletha Sturk, Jamie Hutchinson and Shata Parks-Ellis.

The White Sox, American League champions, are managed by Dan Amann.

For the Reds, National League champions, it was the third consecutive championship game appearance for three players—Laura Brunett, Brook Posler and Rebecca Horste.

In 1997 they were part of the Yankees team that captured the World Series and last year they helped the same team win the tournament title.

In the one-game elimination tournament, featuring 10 teams, the Braves pulled out a last-inning victory over the Cardinals to cap a strong late-season run.

Able anglers: Ken Rosbury (left) and Darren Lear, both of Canton, opened the bass season last month with a victory in the Motor City Charity Bass Classic on Lake St. Clair. The duo combined to catch an eight-fish limit that weighed 34.8 pounds, an unofficial Lake St. Clair record. The two also teamed up to win three other tournaments and pocketed \$4,500 in winning the Tri-State Bass Super Team Tourney on Lake St. Clair.



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A nine-week broached league begins Thursday, Aug. 5, at Royal Oak Archers in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

TUNS 3D SHOOT
Ted Nugent United Sportsmen of America Area 3 will hold its annual 3D shoot and family picnic on Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-8, at Royal Oak Archers in Lake Orion. The event features free beginner instruction, novelty shoots, games for the kids and a yard sale. Entry fee is \$8 and kids age 11-and-under will shoot free. Prizes will be awarded. Proceeds from the event benefit Ted Nugent's Kamp for Kids. Call (248) 627-8172 or (810) 254-2493 for more information.

3D SHOOT
Detroit Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

ORE 3D
Oakland County Sportsman's Club will host a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, on its walk-through course in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

TOP BASS
The final stop on the Top Bass Tournament Trail is Aug. 14-15 on Wixom Lake. Registration is \$60 and the pay back is one place cash for every seven contestants. Boaters and non-boaters are welcome and there is no pre-registration. Call Elmer Daniels at (734) 729-1762 or Steve Randles at (734) 422-5813 for more information.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsman's Club will be offering several hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Aug. 28-29, Oct. 9-10, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313) 532-0285 to register and for more information.

METRO BASS 'N GALS
Metro Bass 'N Gals will hold the Linda Carruthers Memorial, a two-person team open bass tournament, on Sunday, Aug. 15, on Lake St. Clair. Call Mary Arshenau at (313) 981-3367 to register and for more information.

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS
Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team tournament on Sunday, Aug. 8, on Orchard Lake. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254. Oakland Bass Masters will hold additional tournaments Aug. 29 on Lobdell Lake, and Sept. 26 on Lakeville Lake.

CLUBS

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.

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.

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

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meet

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

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.

CLASSES/CLINICS

HUNTER EDUCATION
Oakland County Sportsman's Club will offer a hunter safety Aug. 9-14 at its clubhouse and grounds in Clarkston. Class size is limited. Call (248) 623-0444 to register and for more information.

PADDLE CAMPING ESSENTIALS
Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) in Northville is holding a class on the basics of paddling camping beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at REI. Those in attendance will learn how to plan a trip, how to transport a canoe or kayak, how to select travel partners and paddling safety. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SAGINAW BAY WATERFOWL CLINIC
Tri-County Michigan Duck Hunter's Association and the Bay City State Recreation Area are co-hosting the fourth annual Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Clinic on Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Bay City State Recreation Area's Saginaw Bay Visitor Center. Call (517) 667-0717 for more information.

WAYNE WATERFOWL CLINIC
The Wayne Waterfowl Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunter's Association is holding a waterfowl hunting clinic beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood. Call (734) 422-0563 for more information.

ULTRA LIGHT BACKPACKING
Recreational Equipment Inc. staffer Matt Dulak will discuss his hike across Isle Royale National Park during an ultra-light backpacking exhibit beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at REI. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SUMMER EVENING STROLL
Explore the park's natural and cultural history through a variety of weekly hikes and interpretive presentations during this class, which will be held at 7 p.m. each Thursday through the end of August at Maybury.

ANIMAL TRACKS
Learn about animal tracks then make tracks on a t-shirt during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Highland.

GARDEN HERBS
A discussion on how to use and grow various kitchen herbs begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Maybury.

FARM STORIES
Listen to a short story about crows then join in a fun activity during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at Maybury.

FISHING FOR BEGINNERS
Learn the basics of fishing during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Highland.

NATURE FOLKLORE
Take a look at nature from a different angle and learn about legends and folklore during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Maybury.

BATS OF MICHIGAN
Learn all about bats during this slide presentation, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Maybury.

METROPARKS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advance registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

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ACTIVITIES
FISHING DERBY
Get hooked on fishing during a fishing derby, sponsored by Bass Pro Shops in cooperation with Oakland County Parks and Orion Township Parks and Recreation. Activities include several contests such as dry casting, smallest fish, largest fish, ugliest fish, best fishing hat and biggest frog. Activities begin at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. Call (248) 391-0304 for more information.

WATERLOO HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club and explore Heritage Park in Farmington Hills during this program, which begins at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8. Call Tom LaFrancoise at (734) 464-7899 for more information.

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During the hot weather we all need to drink water more frequently.

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Water in the bird bath is very helpful in hot weather. Besides staying in shaded areas, birds will compress their feathers to cool their body.

This eliminates the air trapped under the feathers that acts like an insulator. Birds also pant to cool themselves.

Evaporation from the moist lining of the throat and lungs helps to cool them. This also results in a loss of water that needs to be replaced.

When most birds drink they put their beak into the water, scoop water into the mouth and then raise their head to allow the water to trickle down their throat.

Doves can drink by keeping their bill submerged in the water and sucking to swallow water. Drinking water is only one use for a bird bath.

Watching birds bath in the bird bath can be quite entertaining.

When they get into the water for bathing they really flap, splash, rock, dip and flutter. Water seems to spray everywhere.

Starlings and robins are great wing flappers in the water. Bathing in water helps to keep those very important feathers in excellent shape. As dirt and oils accumulate, they need to be removed.

Periodic bathing also removes mites and other parasites. There is also some evidence that water evaporating from the skin has a cooling effect.

Our bird bath is less than a foot above the ground. This low position also allows squirrels to take a drink, but it's elevated enough so birds can escape the approach of a ground predator.

A little elevation helps birds rise out of reach from a predator during takeoff.

Two other features of a bird bath to keep in mind is depth and texture.

Birds do not like deep water. Bathing in deep water would make it difficult to take flight if a predator should attack. They are already vulnerable with their wet feathers, a moment too long in the deep water could mean death.

While bathing birds splash, flap and flutter, they need a rough surface for their nails to hold on to.

This correlates with a hasty escape from a predator. They don't want to be slipping and sliding while taking flight.

If you're keeping these factors in mind, you can attract birds to a bath in your yard.

During these hot days, I'm sure they will appreciate your effort.



TIM NOWICKI
NATURE NOTES

Freden ace golfer, bowler at 77

How high are the odds of someone bowling a 300 game and coming back with a hole-in-one golfing only four months later?

How high would you think the odds of that happening are at the age of 77?

It really happened this year, with Alvar Freden of Farmington Hills accomplishing this rare feat with his 300 on Dec. 30, 1998 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford in the Wednesday Senior Men's Classic League.

I was there and witnessed the perfect game.

Last season he bowled in five leagues, averaging as high as 191. The ace took place on April 28, 1999 at the Marlon Oaks Golf Club, on the 10th hole, which is 153 yards in distance, against a strong wind and using a 17 degree Triquetra.

Alvar is a retired math teacher from the Detroit Public Schools and some of my more mature readers might have even had him if they went to Cody High.

Being a math teacher, he was able to figure out that if you had 12 strikes in a row, it would add up to exactly 300, but when you would have a hole-in-one, the total strokes for that hole is... duh... one.

A special note of thanks to Dutch Seneberger for the golfing story. He brought it to my attention.

League officers will be receiving their supplies from the local associations just about this time of the year.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association (GDBA) will be giving out the supplies consisting of an annual yearbook with all of last seasons facts, figures and official averages of each and every bowler.

Each purchaser will receive two free games on Westland Bowl's new Brunswick Avianlites, which have just been recently installed.

Each purchaser will also be eligible for door prizes to be drawn at 6 p.m. next Sunday at the end of the sale.

You can also win cash prizes in the 50-50 drawing for a charity.

For sellers, it's a great chance to clean out the basement. For buyers, it's a one-time opportunity to get some really good equipment without having to mortgage the house.

Lee Snow of Farmington Hills has been named to succeed the retiring Ken Charrette as executive director of the Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association.

Charrette, who founded the MMBA in 1967, has held the position of Executive Director for 33 years.

Snow has been on the MMBA board of directors for more than 15 years, serving as president for the past eight years.

The MMBA features monthly scratch tournaments, which are run all over the state with the best amateur bowlers in competition for some pretty healthy prize money.

August is traditionally the get-ready month for the upcoming bowling season.

There are league officers meeting the bowlers in for a get-together and appreciation day with free practice.

The 63rd annual John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament will be Monday Aug. 23 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

This is considered the official kick-off of the season.

There are still openings for the event, call (313) 928-4688 for details.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Cloverlanes (Livonia)
Tuesday Seniors Drop In: Hank Zajac, 204; Tony Rye, 240/666; Bruce Wahl, 213; Joe Bluniger, 214; Lavonia Johnson, 210; Howard Simon, 235; John Gordon, 223.

Dynasty Bowlers Club (Redford)
Steve Boyce, 244/683; Eddie Hushan, 268/669; Josephine Hampton, 253/635; Sam Woods, 257/625; Kaseem Saiki, 242/633; Lawrence Roberts, 248/642.

United True Vintage Bowlers (Dearborn)
Glenway, 645; Connie Cleveland, 256/615; Ali Khan Harper, 658; Chris Blevin, 241/667.

Friday Foursome
Mary Ann Jackson, 230/695; Patrick Martin, 242/617; Lorretta Smith, 220/686; Tony Altano, 223/596; Joe Mack, 234/559.

Thursday Trio
Ali Khan Harper, 216/612; Jim Wilson, 222/635; Roosevelt Arbutnot, 223/618; Loraine Cole, 207.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia)
Kegnotes: Ruth Wilson, 206/587; Linda Baker, 223.

Afternoon Delights
Ana Pierce, 208; Robin Machesse, 218; Lon Angiano, 203; Cynthia Loren, 211.

Senior Seniors
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

CANTON-SALEM HOCKEY CAMP

Session II of summer conditioning camps for the Plymouth-Canton and Salem high school hockey teams for students in grades 9-12 for the 1999-2000 season.

The cost is \$45 per camp (checks should be made payable to the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Boosters Club). Players should attend their school's session, but may attend either due to conflicts.

Canton sessions will be from 8:30-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at Arctic Pond and 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Salem sessions will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 at Arctic Pond and 9-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17 at the Cultural Center.

For more information, call newly appointed Salem coach Fred Feller at (734) 451-0924 or Canton coach Dan Abraham at (313) 383-2846.

GIRLS HOCKEY TRYOUTS

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association has expanded its girls hockey program.

Tryouts for the new girls 16-and-under team will be from 4-5:20 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 and 8:30-9:50 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8 at the Plymouth Cultural Center; also 8-9:20 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at the Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor for those 15 before Dec. 31.

Tryouts for the girls 12-and-under team will be from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 and 10:30-noon Sunday, Aug. 15; also 8-9:20 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18 at the Yost Ice Arena.

Tryout skates cost \$15.

For more information, call Shawn Rowley at (734) 981-0120 or Larry Skonieczny at (734) 459-0584.

GLENN GOLF PRACTICE AUG. 16

Westland John Glenn High boys golf coach Dan Burtka announced that practice begins at 1:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16 at Fellows Creek in Canton Township.

For more information, call Burtka at (734) 981-1752.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CAMP

A volleyball camp for players ages 9-13 will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Aug. 5-7, at St. John Center in Plymouth.

Players will be grouped according to skill level. The camp will concentrate on overall development of basic offensive and defensive play.

Doubles, triples and six-on-six competition complement this camp in a fun, but competitive manner.

For more information, call (734) 453-9180.

LIVONIA YMCA REGISTRATION

The Livonia YMCA is accepting registrations for fall 1999 youth sports programs.

Teams are available for girls and boys in basketball (ages 6-12), cost \$50 members or \$70 non-members, and inline hockey (ages 5-13), members \$50, non-members \$65.

Also coming this fall is NFL flag football (ages 6-14).

Teams fill up quickly, so please register early.

The YMCA youth sports philosophy stresses everyone plays, everyone wins. All programs are character development initiated.

For more information, call (734) 261-2161, Ext. 3324 or 3309.

RED HACKER HOOP TOURNAMENT

The Red Hacker 3-on-3 and 4-on-4 basketball tournament will be held Aug. 21 at Schoolcraft College.

Postmark deadline for the tournament is Aug. 7 with late registration being accepted through Aug. 15.

Pick up registration forms at Schoolcraft College or call (734) 844-8315 for more information.

YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

South Farmington Baseball Inc. will have tryouts for its Little Caesars travel baseball teams on Saturday, Aug. 21, Sunday, Aug. 22, will be the makeup date in the event of rain.

Tryouts begin at 10 a.m. and end at 1 p.m.

Tryouts for all ages will take place at Founders Park. Ages 10 and under will be on field No. 4, age 11 on field No. 3, age 12 on field No. 2, age 13 on field No. 1 and ages 14 and 16 on field Nos. 5 and 6.

Travel teams play approximately 35 to 60 games, including tournaments. League games are usually Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with tournaments on weekends.

Athletes are usually experienced ballplayers and have advanced skills.

Question may be directed to Geoff Scott, ages 9-10, 478-1971; Rick Tuyn, 11, 474-8895; Jay Cummings, 12, 477-3523; Greg Anderson, 13, 477-5096; Al Zatkun, 14, 477-4537; Ken Chesney, 15, 471-3347; and Mike O'Connell, 16, 476-6178.

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Looking for somebody with hang time, Mumford eventually signed Carriere on the dotted line.

"He (Mumford) is a classy guy, a good family guy," Carriere said. "They have the political science

curriculum I need because eventually I want to go to law school.

"Right now I'm optimistic more than excited. I have three years eligibility left."

Seth Carriere will report three days late to preseason camp in

order to attend his brother Ryan's upcoming wedding.

"I expect to punt, but they have a senior kicker who's a pretty good one," Carriere said. "He had a 65-yarder (field goal) last year.

"But two years from now I

think I can do both."

Gabel said Carriere is a lesson in perseverance.

"He's really done it on his own," the Stevenson coach said. "You want to see him do well because he's such a good kid."

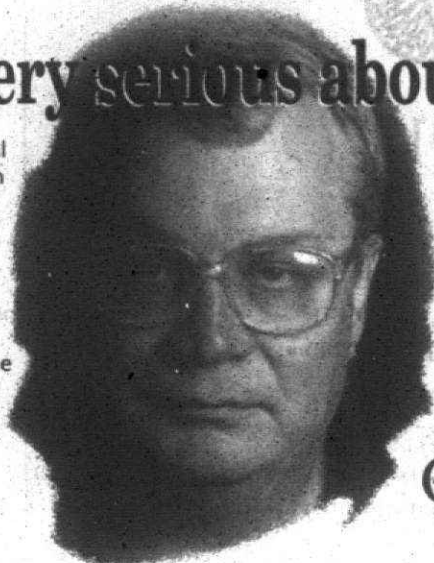
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