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update

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

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

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

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

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY

Economic Club: Make your reservation for the Sept. 8 meeting of the Canton Economic Club. Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus is the featured speaker at the luncheon, which begins at noon at the Summit. Tickets are \$15. For reservations or information call the Canton Chamber of Commerce, (734)453-4040.

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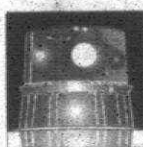
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Salem student killed in crash



Rachael Maurer died early Wednesday when she lost control of her car on I-77 in West Virginia while returning from a summer vacation. Two passengers, one of them an 18-year-old Canton woman, were injured in the crash.

BY SCOTT DANIEL
AND TONY BRUSCATO
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No matter how tough things got or how busy she was, Rachael Maurer always found time for her family and friends.

Considering she was actively involved in student government, athletics and television, that was saying a lot. Tragically, the 17-year-old Plymouth Salem senior was killed early

Wednesday morning in a West Virginia traffic accident.

"Her friends meant the world to her," said brother Michael Maurer, 15. "She was always with them."

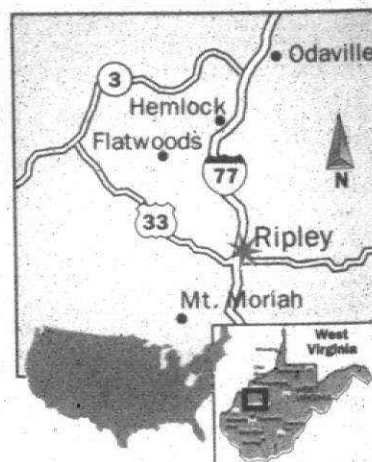
Rachael, he added, got him out of more than a few scrapes with their parents.

"She always helped if I got in trouble," Michael said. "She was the kind of person that if you needed anything she



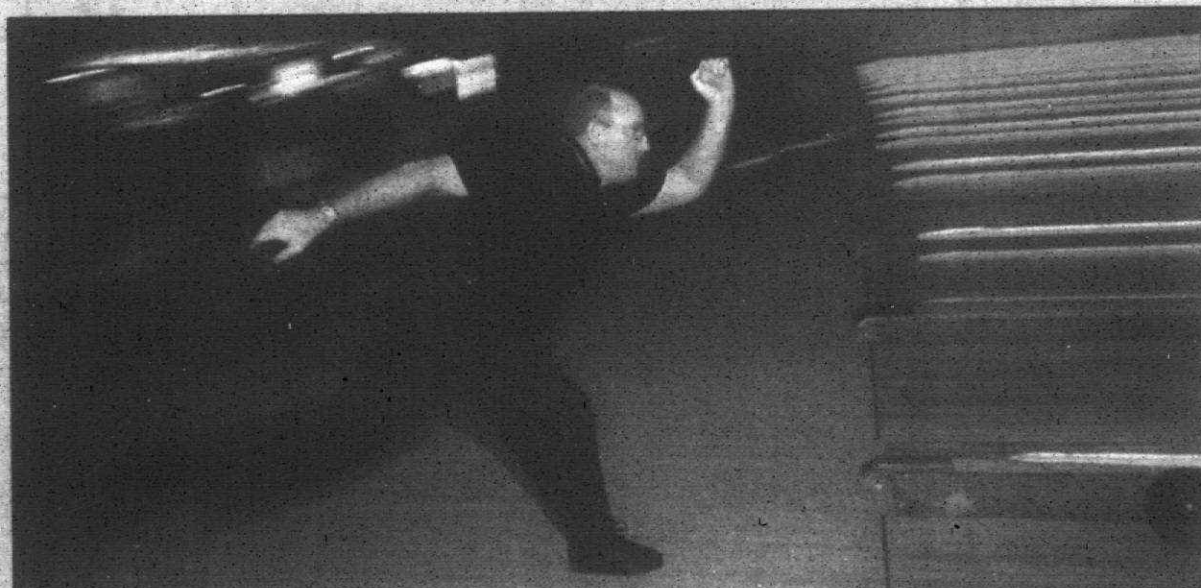
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Rachael Maurer



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Bowlers' spare change benefits seniors



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Roll 'em: Canton Police Officer Leonard Schemanske shows his form during this month's benefit for the Helping Hand Fund at the Super Bowl on Ford Road. At right, Canton Place manager Ginny Hauck and Schemanske watch as bowlers enjoy themselves. The fund helps seniors living at Canton and Sheldon Place apartment complexes.



Ford Road tops dangerous driving list

Canton's Top 10 High-Crash Intersections

Intersection	1994-1998 Crashes Fatalities Injuries	A-Level
1. Ford/Haggerty	297 0 3	3
2. Ford/Lilley	214 0 5	5
3. Ford/Sheldon	213 0 5	5
4. Ford/Canton Center	168 1 4	4
5. Warren/Canton Center	149 1 5	5
6. Sheldon/Joy Rd.	109 0 4	4
7. Ford/NB I-275	105 0 3	3
8. Ford/SB I-275	103 0 6	6
9. Canton Ctr./Cherry Hill	99 1 11	11
10. Warren/Lilley	95 0 6	6

SOURCE: SEMCOG



BY SCOTT NEINAS
STAFF WRITER

Keeping your eyes on the road, using turn signals and being aware of traffic are all things that help prevent accidents.

In Canton, however, the best thing to do is stay off of Ford Road.

Ford Road locations took up six spots in a top-ten list of Canton's most accident-prone intersections, according to SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments).

"That's no surprise to us," said Lt. Pat Nemecek of Canton's Department of Public Safety. "We're trying to be proactive in patrolling all our intersections. At this point, we don't have any way to relieve the pressure on

Ford Road."

Proposals to build on-ramps to I-275, at either Warren or Cherry Hill Road, have been temporarily scrapped.

"The latest I've heard, it's not gonna happen," Nemecek said.

During the years 1994-98, Ford Road and Haggerty saw the most accidents in Canton with 297 crashes. Three of them were "A-level" crashes, meaning that someone was incapacitated as a result of the collision.

A high number of crashes at a particular location, however, doesn't necessarily mean an intersection is unsafe.

SEMCOG officials quickly point to the fact that the report doesn't take into account traffic volumes.

Please see INTERSECTIONS, A6

Earthquake in Turkey devastating for local family

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

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

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

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

"She said they had bad damages to

lots of buildings," Kerimouski said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Ford Motor Co. employee, his seven-week stay used up all his vaca-

tion time. He thinks it's unlikely he'll be able to go back to Turkey.

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

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

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

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

"The top priority is to rescue and

treat the injured," Detroit chapter Emergency Response Director Peter Amos said.

As for money, he said it'll be used to buy goods overseas.

"We get a lot better value than shopping and shipping from the U.S.," said Amos.

Those wishing to contribute can do so in two ways.

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

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

OBITUARIES

CORNELIUS "BUD" BRENKERT

Services for Cornelius "Bud" Brenkert, 77, of Plymouth were Aug. 10 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with Robert Boardman of the Navigators officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, Mich.

He was born July 25, 1922, in Detroit. He died Aug. 6 in Superior Township. He was a labor relations supervisor for General Motors. He served in the Marines and in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Brenkert of Plymouth; three daughters, Barbara Ann (Dan) McCarthy of Birmingham, Susan Elizabeth (Jim) Holmes of Ann Arbor, Joan Catherine (Bruce) Carroll of Farmington; and seven grandchildren, Courtney, Patrick, Ryan, Matthew, Chandler, Catie, and Christian. Memorials may be made to The Navigators, P.O. Box 6000, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80934.

BROCK P. LECHVALIER

Services for Brock P. LeChevalier, 20, of Plymouth were Aug. 9 in Charles R. Step Funeral Home, Redford, with the Rev. Thomas Belzack officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

He was born on Feb. 9, 1979, in Dearborn. He died Aug. 6 in Redford. He was a landscaper. Survivors include his parents, Odell and Kathleen; two sisters, Lacey, Rebecca; and two brothers, Brett, Paul.

ROBBIE L. WEBB

Services for Robbie L. Webb, 68, of Canton were Aug. 16 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton with the Rev. Eric N. Moore of Canton Community Church officiating.

She was born Feb. 1, 1931, in Ceredo, W.Va. She died Aug. 13 in St. Mary Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Charles W. Dear; three children, Sherry L., Robin C. (George) Stine, Carol K. Karen; one brother, David Turner; and nine grandchildren.

CATHERINE A. COONAN

Services for Catherine A. Coonan, 65, of Plymouth were Aug. 13 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Ortman officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born Sept. 17, 1933, in Detroit. She died Aug. 11 in Plymouth. She came to the Plymouth community in 1961 from Detroit. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Survivors include her sisters, Margaret Churchman of Westland, Eileen Faunce of Plymouth, Alice Fedewa of Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

FRED W. SWAN

Services for Fred W. Swan, 70, of Plymouth were Aug. 10 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. David D. Owen officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

He was born May 19, 1929 in Dearborn. He died Aug. 8 in Livonia. He was a technician. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. He was a member of the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by

his parents, Fred and Myrtle Swan; and one daughter, Karen Lynn Swan. Survivors include his wife, Kay L. Swan of Plymouth; one daughter, Kimberley D. (Thomas, Jr.) Fugabaker of Royal Oak; three brothers, Ralph (Shirley) Swan of young, Ariz., Ronald (Nancy) Swan of Wayne, Wayne (Cindy) Swan of Rockwood; and one grandson, Cameron Fugabaker of Royal Oak.

ARTHUR G. EDLER

Services for Arthur G. Edler, 72, of St. Roberts, Mo. were Aug. 19 in a chapel service at the cemetery with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born March 10, 1927 in Detroit. He died Aug. 13 in St. Roberts, Mo. He was in the military.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence J. and Elsie Elder. Survivors include his brother, Gilbert (Cora) Edler of Laguna Hills, Calif.; three nephews, John (Jean) Hunsaker of Wolverine, Mich., Ralph Hunsaker of Detroit, Robert (Barbara) Hunsaker of Canton; three nieces, Carol L. Warren of Canton, Mary Jo (Robert) Naski of Shelby Twp., and Linda Timko of Mt. Pleasant.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association West Metro Region P.O. Box 721129, Berkeley, MI 48072-0129. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

LILLIAN JANOWSKI

Services for Lillian Janowski, 75, of Westland were Aug. 18 in St. Richard Catholic Church with the Rev. Terence Trappa officiating. Burial was in Michigan

Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

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

Survivors include her husband, Adam Janowski of Westland; two sons, Adam Janowski, Jr. of Naples, Fla., Jim (Kim) Janowski of Farmington Hills; three daughters, Felicia (Curtis) Gull of Commerce Twp., Barbara (Paul) Bortell of Plymouth, Kathryn (Robert) Jones of Fremont, Calif.; one sister, Sophie Wacht of Michigan; one brother, Vincent (Mary) Wacht of Dearborn Heights; and eight grandchildren.

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

"The Kroger Co. recognizes that their customers' tastes have broadened and their expectations have grown," said Hope King of Marx Layne, the public relations firm handling the event.

The old Kroger store, also

Revamped grocer to open Wednesday

BY SUE BUCK

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A sushi bar, store chef, and carving station will bring upscale grocery shopping to the new Kroger store in Plymouth Township.

A VIP reception is 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday. The ribbon-cutting opening of the new 63,511-square-foot store, 44525 Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon, is scheduled for 7:45 a.m. Wednesday.

"The Kroger Co. recognizes that their customers' tastes have broadened and their expectations have grown," said Hope King of Marx Layne, the public relations firm handling the event.

The old Kroger store, also

located in the center, closed about two weeks ago and is being torn down.

The Kroger store at Ford and Sheldon Roads in Canton Township will close the day before the Plymouth Township store opens, according to a manager at the new Plymouth Township store.

A new Kroger store at Canton Center and Ford Roads in Canton Township opened about a year ago.

The store will strive for quality, freshness, selection, personal service and convenience.

"Our size and design offers the latest and greatest in quality, selection and value to our Kroger customers," said Bob Szczodrowski, a manager in the Plymouth Township store.

Ribbon cutting a relief, says center merchant

BY SUE BUCK

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Businesses and customers are negotiating parking lot construction in the southwest shopping center at Ann Arbor and Sheldon Roads.

"They look forward to the new Kroger store anchor as they negotiate their way around the barrier barriers and tape."

"It's been difficult, but it has-

n't impacted sales," said David Pohl, manager of the Kinko's store. "A lot of customers have commented about the hairpin turns."

Pohl said customers come into the store with an exaggerated statement like, "Somebody is going to have an accident here."

"We're making the best of it," said Pohl, an Ann Arbor resident.

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

Watch your road manners or you might get a ticket

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The unit was established because the department received several complaints. "They would be excited, calling on their car phones, and they would not have a license plate number," Ficano said.

"With all the construction that is going on, people's tempers are shorter. People need to give themselves a break time."

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

enforcement agency."

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

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

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

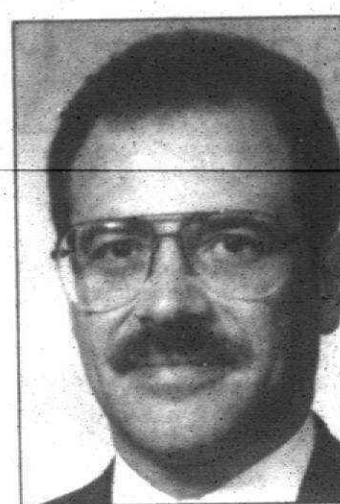
Ficano finds it troublesome that children learn to express anger by watching adults. "Peo-

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

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

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

People need to share the road and show patience, Ficano said. "It could be a neighbor, friend or your doctor," Ficano said. "Or it could be a deputy sheriff."



Sheriff Robert Ficano

Madonna offers 'Nurse as Educator' workshop

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

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

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

tial Center's Commission on Accreditation. Workshops speakers will be registered nurses Mary Mitsch and Cathy Griffin, both assistant professors of nursing and coordinators of the nurse educator certificate program at Madonna.

The event is sponsored by the College of Nursing and Health and the College of Continuing & Professional Studies at Madonna University. To register or for information, call (734) 432-5731 or fax (734) 432-5364. Madonna is at 1-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

Free health screenings at Wayne Center

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

Free health services offered to

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

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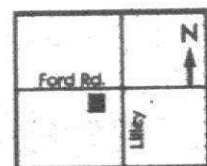
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Yasser M. Awaad, MD, MSc
Director, Pediatric Neurology and Movement Disorders Program
Oakwood is pleased to welcome Yasser M. Awaad, MD, MSc, and the new Pediatric Neurology and Movement Disorders Program. Dr. Awaad brings his medical expertise and more than 21 years of experience to Oakwood where he will care for infants, children and adolescents with a variety of neurological problems including: headaches, seizures, head trauma, learning disorders, cerebral palsy and many other diseases. Dr. Awaad also specializes in the evaluation and management of children and adults who experience tic, Tourette syndrome, dystonia, spasticity and other movement disorders.
Dr. Awaad is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Movement Disorders Society and the National and International Child Neurology Associations. He completed his Pediatric residency and Child Neurology fellowship at New York University Medical Center and comes to Oakwood from Children's Hospital of Michigan. He utilizes state-of-the-art therapy to treat children with spastic muscle disorders, including oral medications, Botulinum toxin injections and intrathecal Baclofen pumps.
In addition to his pediatric neurology practice and role with the Movement Disorders program, Dr. Awaad is also joining Oakwood's new Program for Exceptional Families - a multidisciplinary program that provides comprehensive, coordinated care for children with chronic, complex disorders and disabilities. He is currently seeing patients at his office in the Oakwood Waterworks Building on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn. To schedule an appointment today, please call 313-791-4323.
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Replica of Vietnam Wall on display Aug. 27-29

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

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

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

Ed Leafdale
Vietnam veteran

"But you saw all those names - there was a hell of a price to pay."

Rows and rows of names,

remembering 58,209 soldiers who died in the war, forever inscribed on a solemn wall of black granite.

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

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

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

nation's capital.

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

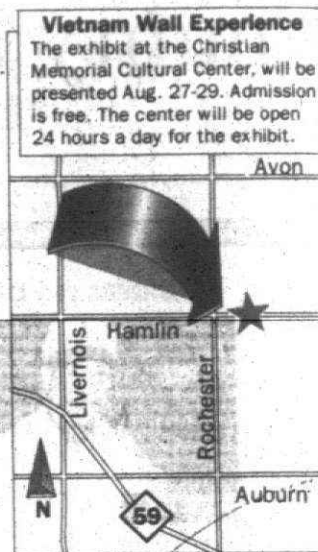
Service Corporation International, a major funeral and cemetery service provider, is sponsoring the exhibit. Admission is free.

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

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

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

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



HELEN PURCHAN / STAFF ARTIST

Area will host international science, engineering fair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

South Korea, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Venezuela.

Founded in 1895 as the Association of Graduate Engineers of the University of Michigan, ESD has evolved into the largest multi-disciplinary engineering & scientific society of its kind with members throughout the Great Lakes Region. ESD achieves its mission of enhancement of the vitality of the engineering profession through technical conferences, expositions, training courses, and published materials. For membership information call 1-800-659-2559 or to register on-line, visit the ESD web site at www.esd.org

St. Mary Hospital plans gala

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

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

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

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

Take your pick of golf outings

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

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

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

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

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CHEERS FOR BEER



CHEF JOSEPH STYKE

Bring home the flavors of Jamaica

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

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

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

Best beer

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

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

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

Side dish

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

WET JERK RUB

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

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

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

LENTIL-JICAMA SALAD

- 6 — 1/2 cup servings
- 1 cup lentils
- 16 ounces chicken stock
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1/4 red onion, diced small
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper, diced

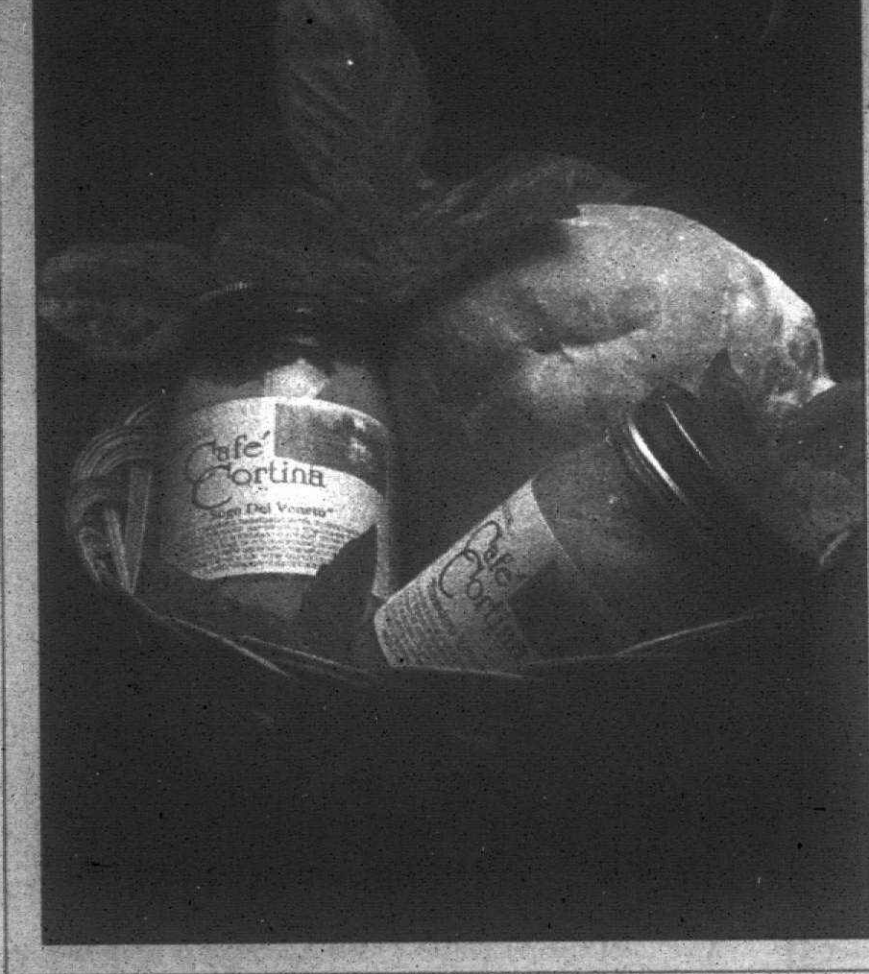
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LOOKING AHEAD

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GARDEN IN A JAR



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

Cafe Cortina puts fresh flavors in sauces

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

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

"They've been very successful. We've been getting wonderful feedback. People are enjoying them." Rina credits her son, Adrian for bringing Cafe Cortina sauces to market. "It's something he's done," she said. "I never had the time."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELENA'S

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

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

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

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

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

RECIPES TO SHARE

Showcase your blossoms in beautiful ice bowl

BY BEVERLY A. LEN
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

BOWL

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

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

Place blossoms in largest bowl, breaking off a few petals

Fill bowl half full of water

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

FRUIT MIXTURE

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

SERVING BASKETS

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

Bake at 350°F until crisp. Cool and remove

Prepare whipped cream
TO SERVE

Place phyllo dough on serving plates

Sprinkle each basket lightly with powdered sugar

Spoon a dollop of whipped cream into each basket

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

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

Fill ice bowl with marinated fruit, garnish with a sprig of mint or a blossom. Beverly Len is a Livonia resident and freelance writer.

Everyone has a recipe to share.



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

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

Farmer Jack, Northwest offer 'WorldPerks'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ Enroll online at www.farmerjack.com, or

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

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

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

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

Please see FARMER JACK, B2

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Thyroid support

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

Leg pain disease

Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center 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/co/Cfibr/omyalgia>

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Hair loss study

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

Office relocates

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

Health screenings

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

We want your health news

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

As in breast cancer, early detection is key to survival

BY KURT KUBAN
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The prostate gland's main function is to pro-

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

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

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

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

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

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

trouble.

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

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

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

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

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

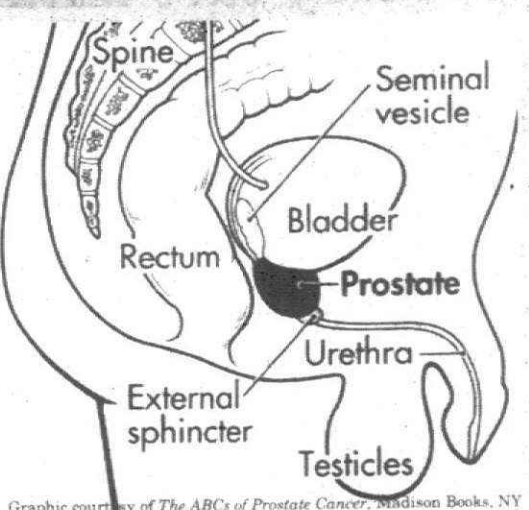
What is the Prostate?

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

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

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

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



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SUN, AUG. 22

BONE DENSITY, BLOOD PRESSURE

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THUR, AUG. 26

BLOOD DRIVE

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

WED, SEPT. 8

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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

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

SAT, SEPT. 11

CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY

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

WED, SEPT. 15

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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

THUR, SEPT. 16

HEALTH SCREENINGS

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

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

SAT, SEPT. 18

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

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

MON, SEPT. 20

TAI CHI

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

THUR, SEPT. 23

SMOKING CESSATION

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

Guidelines set for pediatric vaccines

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

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

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

Sokolne said that parents of infants who have received the

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

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

Diabetes from page B4

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

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

Foundation Web site at www.jdf.org

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

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

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Education is teen's goal through Web site

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

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

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

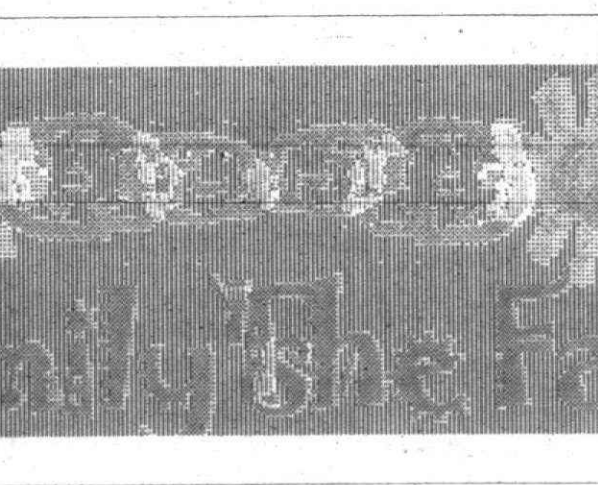
"There's a lack of material out there for kids about diabetes," said Dinkgrave. "The site offers information and stories by a kid with diabetes and not a doctor telling you about the disease with a lot of medical terms. It's all based on experience."

Public plea

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Big change

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Balancing act

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

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

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

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

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Web sites promote weight loss



MIKE WENDLAND

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

A lot of us struggle with weight problems. Few of us really do anything about it. Tim Barnette did. And after losing 130 pounds, the 28-year-old Dearborn software engineer created a Web site that offers a free program he wrote himself that he credits for shedding all those pounds.

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

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

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

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1,000 people have downloaded his free program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The seminar is free, but you MUST get advance reservation. Call (248) 5423-2721. The seminar will be at Lawrence Technology University, 21000 W. 10 Mile near Evergreen in Southfield.

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

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Items for Business Newsmakers are from business and companies throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted to: Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. E-mail: kmortson@oe.com. homecomm.net or fax (734) 591-7279.

IQS expands

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

New rep

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

Sims awarded

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

of her extraordinary communication, collaboration and implementation skills.

Resident honored

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

Innovative award

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

Director of marketing

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

Agents honored

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

Promotion

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

New board member

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

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New wireless entry

Sprint PCS recently announced the introduction of the Sprint PCS Wireless Web Browser. It will allow you to connect to the Internet through your wireless phone, Wireless Web

Updates from Yahoo! — direct updates from Yahoo! to your wireless phone and Wireless Web Connections — connecting your laptop online using your wireless phone.

New unit

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

Cost-saving measure

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

Newsmakers from page B6

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

Budco president honored

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

New president

Rofin-Sinar, Inc. of Plymouth recently

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

Free delivery

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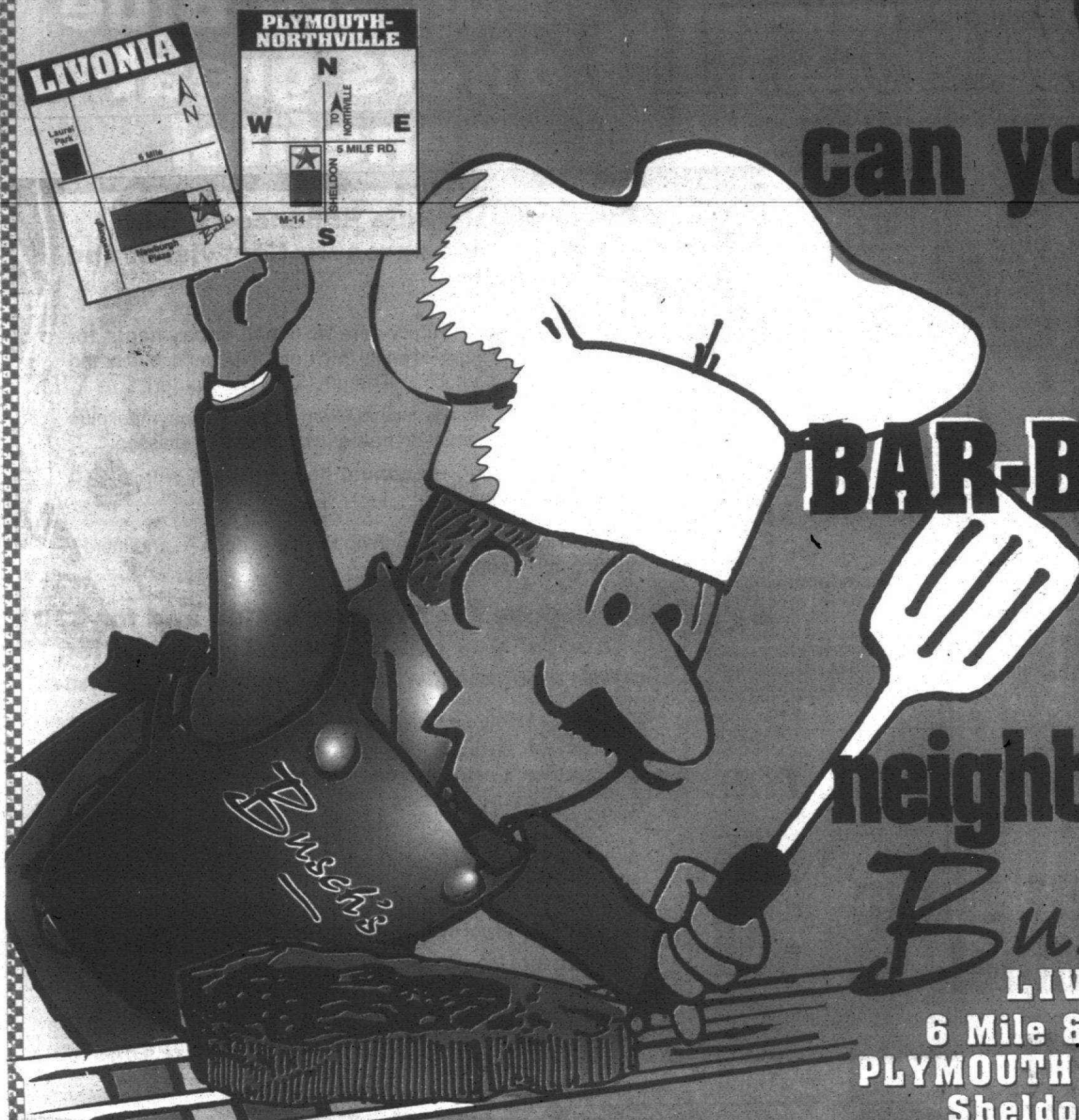
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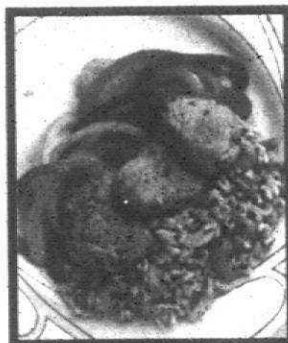
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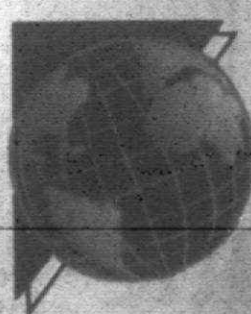
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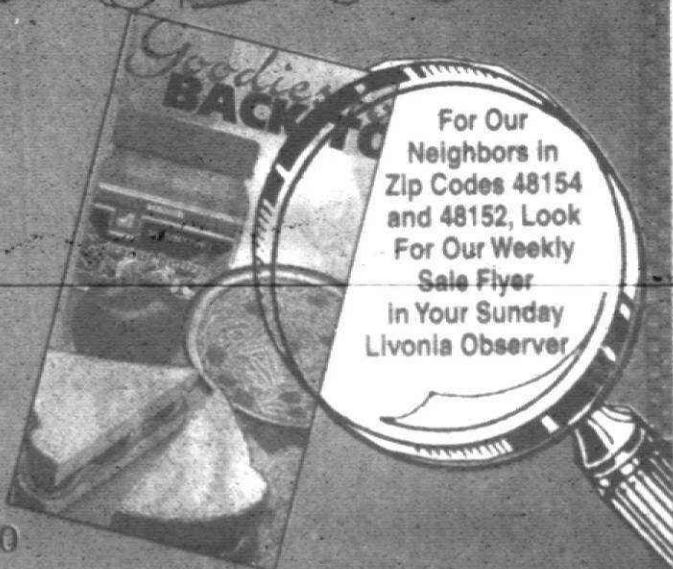
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LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Carver reclaims bricks to save pieces of history

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

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

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

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

Collecting bits of history

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

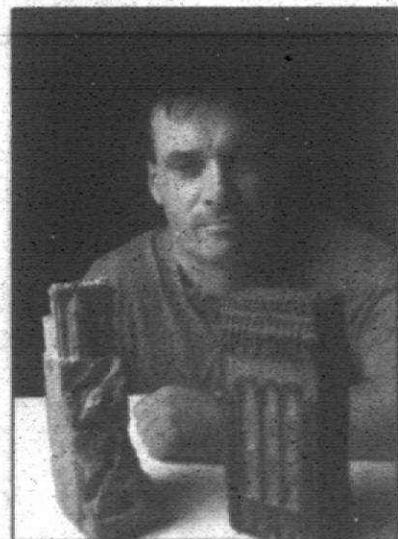
When a car accident left him disabled several years ago, Beaton began thinking about ways to earn a living. That's when he decided to turn his talents to carving.

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

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

Time-consuming art

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



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

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

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

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

—Jeff Snarey
Quoted in
The Nature of Kensington

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



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



Kensington Metropark
Where: 2240 W. Buro Rd., Milford. Take I-96 to Kent Lake Rd. exit 153 then follow the signs.
What: Experience the beauty of Kensington during three programs at the Nature Center. Pre-registration required. call (248) 685-0603 or (800) 477-3178. A Metropark vehicle entry permit is required — annual \$15, \$8 seniors, or daily \$3 weekends and holidays, \$2 weekdays except Wednesdays, which are free entry days.
■ "Creature Comforts," 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, join an interpreter for a 1 1/2 hour walk to seek out the haunts of local residents.
■ "Deer Through the Seasons," noon Sunday, Sept. 5, explore the life history of these animals then join in a short hike.
■ "Sensory Safari," 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 6, indulge your senses as you travel the trails. Wear "safari gear" (old clothes) for this fun outing.



PHOTOS BY TED NELSON

THE SPIRIT OF KENSINGTON

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

The Canton photographer moved quietly into position, careful not to disturb the fawn. Nelson was in Mother

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Early love

Since he was a child living in what was then

an undeveloped area, Nelson has been drawn to nature.

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

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

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

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

One-of-a-kind

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

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

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Ted Nelson

VISUAL ARTS

Artists stretch limits and question 'what is art?'

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

Gazing around the gallery where they're exhibited, one would beg to differ. From the video of rustling trees projected on a horizontal canvas on wheels, to a stainless steel-framed print of a perfect blue sky, the works become "a different kind of vehicle for the image or idea."

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

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

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

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

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

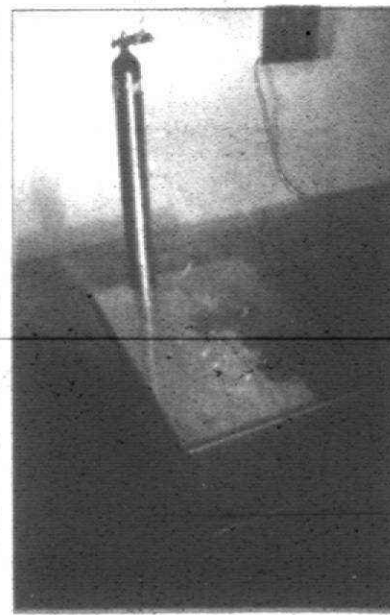
"Opening night, people were standing around trying to figure out what it was all about," said Timlin. "All the different senses are being affected with this show. This is where we want to take the gallery in the future."

Five works for pondering

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

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



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

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

Nelson always works off a tripod with relatively long exposures.

"When the wind is blowing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Each carving takes Beaton approximately 40 hours,

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

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

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

For more information about

Beaton's carvings write him at P.O. Box 611861, Port Huron, MI, 48061-1861.

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'Titanic' survivor heads home with guitar in hand

By FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

This isn't a guy who gets flustered easily.

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

McCourt changes roles with nearly slight-of-hand ease. In a couple of hours, he'll strum and pick his guitar at a nearby club. And this Tuesday, he'll head west — back home — for a performance of songs from his recent CD, "Stick Figures Skating," at The Ark in Ann Arbor.

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

Working as a sound engineer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Wreath Laying Ceremony—6:00 p.m.

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

ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY
Fabulous '50s and '60s Festival Thurs. - Sun., Aug. 26-29 on the campus of St. Mary's at Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads in Orchard Lake. (248) 663-0530.

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

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUTUMNFEST
Traditional crafters, including candle makers, quilters, and woodworkers, sought for Autumnfest, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, Mary Thompson House and Farm, 25630 Evergreen, Southfield. Call (248) 534-5180 or (248) 424-9022 for table information.

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

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

DANCE AUDITIONS
Michigan Theater and Dance Troupe holds auditions for 15-year-old and older dancers on Saturdays through August by appointment only. (248) 552-5001.

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

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
Applications available for talented young people to join the 1999 Youth Artists Market and also people of all ages to participate in the Banners contest. The Festival is Sept. 18-19 on the campus of WSU. To request an application, call (313) 777-5088.

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.

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

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

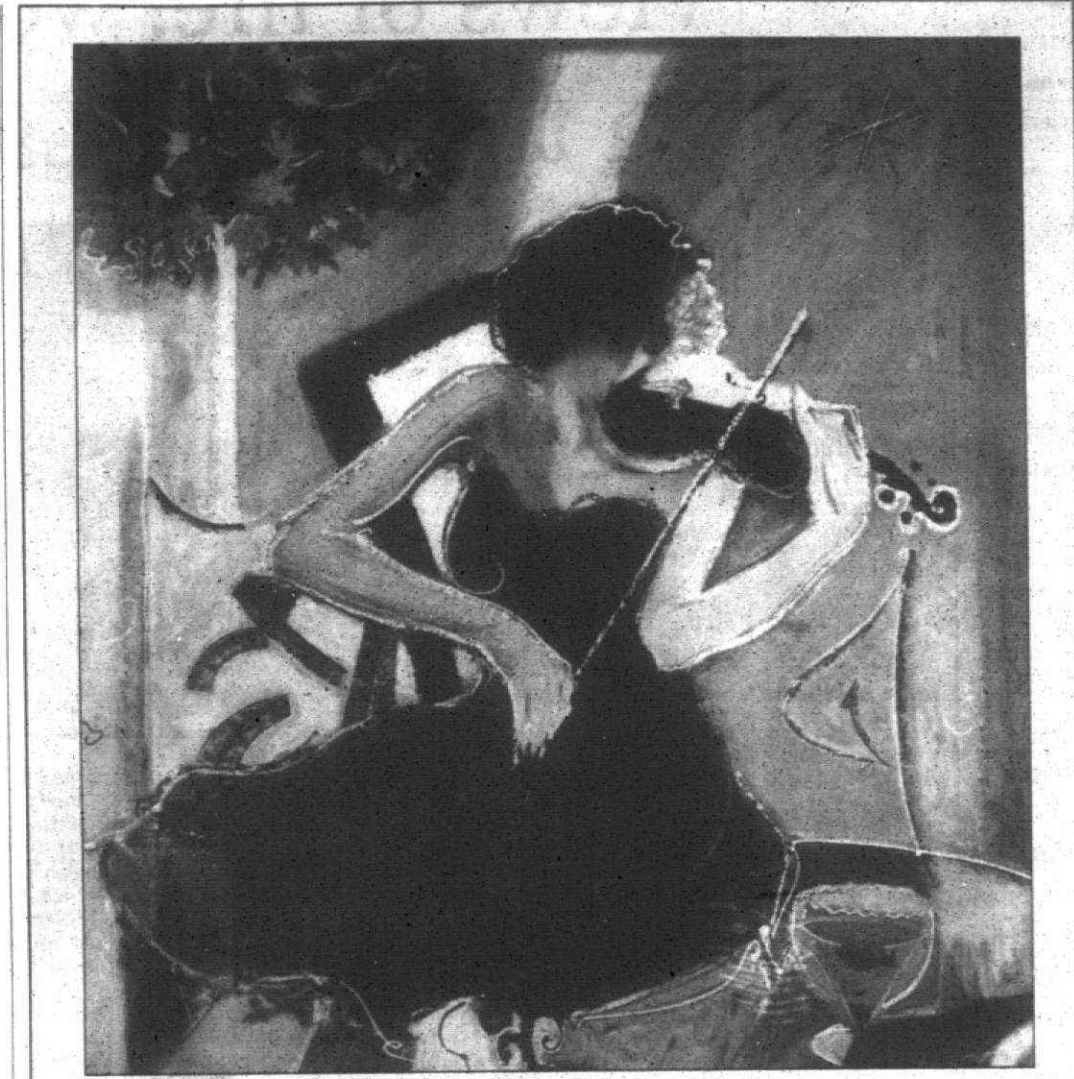
MADISON CHORALE
Auditions 7:35 p.m., Tues., Sept. 7 at Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R. Madison Heights. The Chorus will perform two Holiday Cabaret concerts December 3 and 7. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings. (248) 879-7444.

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

METROPOLITAN SINGERS
The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pop, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Binney Middle School, 21000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. (248) 354-3444.

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

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



Melodic stroke: The works of Sabzi are on exhibit through Tuesday, Aug. 31 at Art Leaders Gallery, 33216 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. (248) 539-0262.

between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (248) 651-4110.

TRANSFORMING VISIONS
Swords into Plowshares Gallery, 33 E. Adams St., Detroit. Is seeking entries for its seventh juried annual in the fall. (313) 965-5422.

CLASSES

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

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE
Open fall registration 5-7 p.m. Aug. 25 and 30. Classes in ballet, jazz, tap, modern, hip hop and ballroom. 5551 John R. Troy. (248) 828-4080.

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

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

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

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older, at the studio, 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Liverios roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

FREEDOM DANCE XPRESSIONZ
Open House for hip-hop dance studio, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat., Aug. 29, 229 Grandt Street. (313) 964-4497.

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Newly refurbished dance studio, 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills. Open for new enrollment. (248) 334-1300.

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METRO DANCE
Preschool through adult classes in ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, ballroom, and modern, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. August 23-26, 541 S. Mill St., Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 W. Woodward, Livonia. Mode session 9:30 a.m. noon, every third Tuesday of the month. (734) 416-4278.

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

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

WORKSHOPS

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

CONCERTS

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

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

SOUTHFIELD COUNTRY SERIES
Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 25,burgh Park, 11000 Woodward Ave., Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SUMMER RECITAL
Steven Blazis and Aiden Schell perform works by Mozart, Handel and Dvorak 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 280 East Square Lake Road, Troy. (248) 661-1000.

ORGAN RECITAL
Organist Andrew DeFabo featured at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 23, 2250 E. Stadium Ann Arbor. (734) 969-2550.

EVENTS

VIETNAM
Gala evening of food, culture and entertainment featuring a preview of "Today's Vietnam" hosted by Keith Famine, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Opening VIP reception, food tasting and display of Vietnamese cultural exhibits, 6:45 p.m. Tickets \$75. VIP reception on mezzanine level, call (248) 681-0748. \$25 general admission, call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Event also features special performances by Stewart Francke, the Detroit Concert Choir, The Burton International School, and Fleming Elementary School. Event proceeds to benefit the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation, the Vietnam Veterans Association, Chapter 9 of Detroit, and the International Children's Alliance Network.

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

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

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

FOR KIDS

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

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

GIRLS JAZZ CLASS
Teaches basic techniques along with hip-hop. The 4:30-5:30 p.m. class is for girls in grades 1-3. The "Older Girls Jazz Class" runs from 6:15 p.m. to grades 3-6. Classes begin Monday, August 30 and run for seven sessions. Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

KINDERMUSIC
Evian Music of Canton presents the musical interactive classes for new borns through 7 years. Open House, 6-8 p.m. Wed., Sept. 11. Call (248) 661-1000.

p.m. Wed., Aug. 25, 7170 N. Haggerty Rd. between Joy and Warren. (734) 455-4677.

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

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

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

LITERARY

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

WRITER'S VOICE
"Crossing Borders: A YMCA celebration of urban spoken word and music" 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 27, Roadrunner's Raft, 2363 Yemas, Hamtramck. (313) 873-8471.

MUSEUMS

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

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

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

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

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

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

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

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

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

ZEITGEIST GALLERY
Through Aug. 31 - Saints, Streets & Stations paintings by Vito Vales, 2661 Michigan Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-9192.

DANIELLE PELEG GALLERY
Through Aug. 29 - Recent works by Hessa Abishman, 4301 Orchard Lake Road, Grosse Pointe Park, West Bloomfield. (248) 626-5810.

PEWAB POTTERY
Through Aug. 28 - The annual student, faculty and staff exhibit, 10125 East Jefferson, across from Waterworks Park, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Aug. 24 - Traveling exhibit of photographs taken within Oakland County parks, 24 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SWANN GALLERY
Through Sept. 11 - Michael Jack, Faces of Schizophrenia, 12501 Library Street, Detroit. (313) 965-4826.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through Aug. 28 - Norma Gray, The Five Elements, 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

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VOLUNTEERS

ANIMATION NETWORK
Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Claver, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, Mich. 48325-1651. (248) 626-2285.

FAR CONSERVATORY
Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for "at-risk" through adults with disabilities, weekly evenings, Saturdays. (248) 646-3347.

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Greenfield Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. The village, at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia, is open May, October and December. (734) 477-7375.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Contact MCBB, Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. (248) 349-0376.



Final days: Audrey DiMarco exhibits a variety of media from raku to painting and collage through Aug. 31 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Hours for the show, sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission, are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

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Tattoos aren't forever with woven nylon

THE JEWELRY LADY



DENISE RODGERS

While parents are privately rejoicing the return of school days, jewelry makers and designers have been like little elves working around the clock. They're busy creating pieces that our daughters, nieces and other young double X-chromosomes will put on their "oh-please-I-gotta-have-it" fashion list.

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

Tattoo you

"Everyone's wearing it. All the teenagers and some of their parents. In fact, I've even seen Jenny Jones wearing it on TV," she said.

If you haven't noticed tattoo jewelry yet, you probably mistook it for the genuine article: a gracefully winding tattoo around the neck, arm, or ankle of an otherwise same-looking teen or preteen.

Hand-woven of hypoallergenic waterproof nylon, these are fun, comfortable and retail for under \$5.

"They've been popular all summer, but we expect to sell even more for back to school fashions," said Poellnitz.

Barely there

Invisible wire necklaces, illusion headbands and hair jewels are other accessory-musts for the fall season.

The wire necklace looks as if a pendant is floating in air. But if you look close, you can see the microcord that holds the pendant in place. Think fishing wire with style.

Brandy, Cher and Drew Barrymore wear them," says Poellnitz. "And Madonna wears jewels on her eyes."

Jacobson's is also showing invisible wire cross necklaces. An 18-carat white gold double-cross necklace strung onto a barely visible microcord sells for \$120. The triple-cross invisible necklace runs \$140.

Scent of a teen

Velcro-backed hair jewelry by Melies, also at Jacobson's, are fun little iridescent crystals that stick anywhere on the hair, again and again. These are more popularly priced for teenagers at \$14 a pack.

Not surprisingly, preteens like everything the teenagers wear. But there are some styles that appeal mostly to the younger set.

"What's really hot is makeup and scented lip gloss on a chain," said Christine LaRock of Jacobson's. "The girls like anything with powder and shimmering things."

Platinum plus

If you're heading out to Somerset, stop by Tiffany & Co. and see timeless best-sellers for back-to-school fashion. The sterling silver classics include a heart-tag bracelet and a matching beaded bracelet and necklace.

With price tags of \$60 to \$125, these are less novelty fad items and more of a fashion investment. White metals - silver, platinum and white gold - have been surging in popularity because of the return of platinum as a standard in precious metal.

Platinum's comeback has had a trickle-down effect on the demand for other white metals, especially for Xers and Nexters.

Add a miniature backpack that Poellnitz says is fashion-must and your teen or preteen is ready to hit the books in style.

A Jewelry Lady note: In the last column, The Jewelry Lady suggested that costume jewelry lovers check out a special Web site.

The Web address was printed as "gostume.com." The proper address is "agostume.com." The "ag" stands for "all that glitters."

Send questions to The Jewelry Lady by e-mail, rogers@mtch.com, fax (248) 582-9223, or mail c/o Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48069.



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Active look: Modeling back-to-school fashions from Just Kids Outfitters in Rochester, Annie Dauphinee in Birmingham, Guys N' Gals in West Bloomfield and Hansel N' Gretel in Birmingham are (left to right) Megan Bauman of Livonia, Lauren Brockmann of Rochester, Sarah Bauman of Livonia, Mitchell Brockmann of Rochester, Allyson Ginsberg, and Jenna Guntmacher, both of West Bloomfield, Katharine Smith of Birmingham and Nathaniel Beier of Bloomfield Hills.

Room to move

Back-to-school fashion aimed at kids' active lifestyles

BY CARL WALDMAN
SPECIAL WRITER

The overwhelming task of back-to-school shopping is almost done for Susan Luther, a mother of three school-aged daughters.

But Luther, of Oakland Township, and other mothers might be baffled by their children's fall fashion choices. Naturally, keeping up with children's changing style preferences is difficult for any parent. But this year, the look is undeniably active, causing some parents to wonder what their children will change into for gym class.

Luther's 12-year-old daughter Amanda is on the edge of "twendom," the time between age 10 and 12 when style is heavily influenced by teen magazines and peers' clothing choices.

Luther said that last week when she and her daughter went back-to-school shopping, Amanda picked out khaki bell-bottoms, three-quarter-length T-shirts, jeans with flares, little clips to wear in her hair and Dr.

Details: Sarah Bauman of Livonia wears Bu and the Duck's woven striped sweater, \$100, and coordinating striped pants, \$28, both at Annie Dauphinee in Birmingham. Velcro-strap navy Oxford by Dr. Martens, \$60, and grey flannel loafer by Candies, \$39, both at Hansel N' Gretel in Birmingham.

When the weather cools down, vests will serve as both a functional and a standard outer wear.

Watch for vests in fleeces, leather and puffy, quilted nylon. Colors will range, but look for silver and softer

shades, like baby blue. Mixing soft colors with bold, sporty apparel is an excellent way to capture the spirit of the active style.

There is no doubt that boys, too, will seek to have an athletic look in coming months. To obtain the look, mix nylon track pants and jersey crewnecks embellished by uniform numbers or contrasting, sporty arm stripes.

Also, details like bungee cords and drawstrings at the waist are important for boys.

Novelty in the form of butterflies and other embellishments is important to younger school-aged children, said Susan Brockmann, owner of Just Kids Outfitters in downtown Rochester.

"Kids are picking out their clothes at an earlier age now, so details like hearts and dinosaurs need to be there to draw a kid's attention," she said.

The active look, however, is just as popular with this age group, said Brockmann. "We have been selling many separates for back to school, as most kids of all ages want a comfortable, active look this year," she said.

Since most mothers like to put together three to four outfits for every

five to six pieces they buy, Brockmann recommends purchasing a sweater, sweatshirt, long-sleeved T-shirt and two bottoms that mix and match.

Also, to meet your children's desire for trendy clothing, try mixing better pieces, like woven sweaters and pricey cargo pants, with less expensive pieces from Old Navy or Target.

"Kids lives are so diverse. They want to be dressed like a Woodstock attendee one day, yet need to be outfitted for brunch the next," said Susan Beier, owner of newly opened Annie Dauphinee children's boutique in downtown Birmingham.

"Our approach is to cover kids' varied needs and to be a vehicle for moms to find what they want. Kids do not have to be dressed in the most expensive clothes, but they need to feel good," said Beier.

Taking cues from her own children's combination of comfort and style, Beier has filled her 1,300-square-foot store with a mix of American, European and French-Canadian fashions.

Both the European and American lines are showing the active-inspired looks," she said.

"It is, simply, what the kids want."

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TRAVEL

Couple has fond memories of honeymoon in England

BY PAM HOUGHTON
SPECIAL WRITER

England - narrow roads, bad directions, roundabouts and lots of green, green grass - yes, we went there on our honeymoon. Loved it. Want to go back.

My husband, Tim, and I flew British Airways and became



Honeymooners:
Tim and Pam
Houghton of Troy
as they looked
seven years ago.

us after our meals were in fact "sweets."

As we stood in line to get our rental car after landing at Heathrow Airport - wind and rain ripping through our hair and jackets - I remember thinking we weren't there for the weather.

No, we were there for history, the legacy of kings and queens, and the famous English countryside.

Mistakenly, we'd actually planned our itinerary ahead of time - where we were going to stay each night of our trip. As our travels progressed, we realized it would have been perfectly reasonable to wing it - there were plenty of bed and breakfast inns to go 'round.

We were supposed to drive all the way to the Cotswolds to spend the night in a B&B our travel agent had booked for us. But we were so tired from the flight and the time difference that we needed immediate rest before we figured out how to drive the car, steering wheel and transmission positioned on the wrong side of the road. For the immediate moment, we weren't terribly particular about where we stayed, we just wanted a bed to crash in.

Roundabout

We found a hotel near the airport (it wasn't in the greatest neighborhood in the world) and did the horizontal thing for few hours (that means strictly sleeping and nothing else) before we practiced our driving - into London.

We're not necessarily brave souls at heart - in retrospect, we were naive tourists who had no idea how grueling driving could be in a foreign country so dependent on roundabout intersections.

We managed to make it into the heart of London. We parked and walked around the streets of the city while the sky alternated between bleak overcast gray and then pure sunshine interrupted by a few puffs of clouds. The architecture was old and the weather not the least bit stable. Sunshine and rain appear almost simultaneously.

We were struck by the obvious fact that regular blokes lived and worked in these townhouses and office buildings that looked like they housed those of royal lineage.

These buildings were old and not just a quarter of a century old. No, they were probably 500 years old or better. If Henry the VIII revisited his old stomping grounds, he just might recognize them. We were accustomed to the idea that new is better; if you build it, we will come. But these people take great care to preserve their architecture.

As we needed our way back to our Heathrow hotel, we stopped in an obscure London neighborhood for a meal. I'm not sure what made us select a restaurant with a country-western motif, but after listening to Garth Brooks over the sound system and ordering a side of Texas fries with my burger, I felt like saying, "Hey, Ma, look at me. I'm in Dallas."

We would soon enough become accustomed to hearty English breakfasts (with an abundance of not-in-the-least-bit low-fat dairy products), bland battered and fried fish and chips and Shepherd's Pie.

Bath

On the second day, we drove to Bath. There's nothing like getting directions from a native Brit

with a thick peanut-butter-in-their-mouth accent whose "directions" were entirely uninterpretable. Once we managed to navigate our car on the narrow roads without putting dents in our hubcaps (thank God for car insurance) we did OK.

Bath was a wealthy shopper's dream with a giant Benetton store in ancient ruins. A pair of Levis cost more than a pair in Chicago and New York combined. Again, the architecture was startling; curve-shaped stone buildings set in rows of geometric perfection.

The Cotswolds - this was the English countryside so often revered by travelers complete with charming stone cottages, solicitous proprietors, early afternoon tea by the fire on an overcast, windy day (is there any other kind?).

Stratford-Upon-Avon, home of Shakespeare: what a tiny house he lived in. Obviously, mankind has grown since then. As was typical of most towns we visited, the grass was really, really green. Must have something to do with all that rain. (My knowledge of ecological science amazes me.)

Old rocks

Salisbury - on our way to this tucked-away-by-itself little village, we stumbled upon Stonehenge. (How can one just stumble upon Stonehenge? Well, we did.) Our goal was to visit a cathedral in Salisbury, but we managed to drive right by Stonehenge.

Hey, look! Let's turn around.

Which we did. Hate to say it, but it was a disappointment. The rocks (which - if you want to get technical - is really what they are) were roped off from the public. You could circle around them as the wind and rain whipped through you (weather seems to be a theme here) but you could not go past the rope. Instead, you could look at the rocks (which we did), listen to a head-phone-guided tour (which we didn't) and take note of the unfortunate graffiti that had been spray-painted on the rocks.

Once we finished ravaging the English countryside, we spent our last few days in London.

After a week of B&Bs tucked away in charming places, we



PHOTOS BY PAM AND TIM HOUGHTON

Stratford: Garden and grass are well maintained in Stratford-Upon-Avon, Shakespeare's hometown.

checked into what we were led to believe (by that travel agent back in the states) was a luxury hotel. Luxury must have a different definition in London.

Our room had twin beds. Even though we were on our honeymoon, we could live with that. But, we couldn't live with the inoperable toilet. We asked for another room.

OK, the new room was a bit more luxurious. At least they had the forethought to push the twin beds together! And, hey, the toilet worked. What more could a couple of easygoing Americans ask for?

Swingin' London

As we had surrendered our car, we had to rely on our feet to get around. And get around we did. Hyde Park (with its gothic trees arranged eerily in perfect row after perfect row), Piccadilly Circle (where, as culturally enlightened Americans, we visited Madame Tussaud's Rock Circus Wax Museum; we have a

very life-like picture of my husband standing next to the prototypical young female late '70s London punk, gazing into her eyes - yuck!) and the London theater (with audience participation yet).

My husband, a lifelong Rolling Stones fan, had to visit a cafe owned by Bill Wyman.

And so, we walked. And walked. And walked. It was far, far away. We were certainly in no fear of gaining weight from all the bacon and cream and granola and deep-fried foods we ate while on our trip. We walked off nearly every stinking calorie.

We finally got there and, well, what do you in a cafe owned by Bill Wyman but eat? And so we did as we studied the vintage photographs of Mick and the gang. We kept hoping that maybe, just maybe, Bill was on the premises... he would have been our sole celebrity sighting. But, alas, all we managed to do was buy a memorabilia T-shirt which, to this day, I wear when I

work out. Makes me think of London every time.

Since my blow-dryer blew up at the beginning of the trip (and I had a converter - can't figure that one out) I was dependent on hotel provided hair drying equipment for styling. Once we got outside, however, it made no difference as the wind and rain created a whole new style for me.

And our pictures certainly show it as I am standing in front of Scotland Yard (hair whipped into a frenzy), Westminster Abbey (hair looking like a wet rat from unexpected downpour) and the Buckingham Palace (hair blown entirely eastward). The hair was immortalized in London.

Seven years and two kids later, I'm still waiting for that most opportune time to return to the great British Isles. But maybe this time we'll go when the weather's good.

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Aittama wins twice

Heidi Aittama, an incoming sophomore at Livonia Churchill High School, recently took first place in the Girls 14-15 division at the Power-Bilt Junior Tour tournament stop at Treetops in Gaylor.

Aittama carded a two-day total of 161, qualifying for a spot at the Tournament of Champions event at Forest Akers (West Course) and a tie for fifth place.

Carding rounds of 75, 82 and 81, Aittama also captured first in the Girls 14-18 division at three-day Herb Fowler Junior Championships held at Huron Hills Golf Course.

Crosby stars at nationals

Brad Crosby, entering his first year at Livonia Stevenson, earned four singles victories each at the Boys 14s National Clay Court championships last month in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and Boys 14s National Hard Court championships earlier this month in San Antonio, Tex.

Crosby and doubles partner Matt Christian reached the quarterfinals of the Clay Courts, ousting the sixth and ninth seeds before losing in three sets to the No. 2 seeded team.

At the Hard Courts, Crosby and Christian reached the round of 16.

Tae Kwon Do squad

Members of the Kick's Tae Kwon Do team, led by Senior Master Ronald Rose, that participated in a recent tour of South Korea included:

Christine, Paul and Eric Rose, Connie and Dick Burnette, all of Canton; Jerry Judkins, Terri Bruno, Dave Bruno and Jenny Palmer, Westland; Mike Shepherd, Livonia; William Brackett, Garden City, Christine and Cheryl Shannon, Joshua Horsley, Jessica Beard, Wayne; Antwan and Cold-eeen Burnett, Inkster; Herb Klimach, Aris Bruner, Ann Arbor; Russell, Trina, Stefan and Lindsay Gale, Ypsilanti; Chris Zukowski, Elizabeth Kurowicki, Angelina Bains, Teddy and Lisa Miller, Milan; Danny Phillips, Jackson; Rob Kocsis and Michel Butzlaff, Allen Park.

Rutherford wins start

Livonian Mark Rutherford, recently promoted to Reading (Pa.) Phillies of the Class AA Eastern League, won his first start last week against the Boston Red Sox affiliate by giving up only two singles, six walks and a run in five complete innings.

Rutherford, the former Churchill High and Eastern Michigan University standout, pitched 4½ no-hit innings just the day after being called up from Class A Clearwater (Fla.).

Covering from shoulder surgery, Rutherford is on a 90-pitch count.

Canton Oaks go 1st-2nd

The newly formed under-10 Canton Oaks Blue and Red select soccer teams took the top two places in the 1999 Northwest Ohio Soccer Festival Aug. 13-15 in Maumee.

The Red defeated the Blue, 2-1.

Among those participating in the tournament included Cory Amble, Brett Brzys, Alex Drake, Paul Estrada, Jon Giove, Michael Hanchett, Kyle Justus, Dajon Mingo, Ryan Neu, Nicholas Plescia, Gary Rodeffer, Brad Brennan, Joe Chessman, Matt Epelman, Aaron Florn, Shayne Giordano, Alex Kemp, Robert Matar, Eric Piwowar, Brandon Roberts, Joe Thomas, Eric Thornton and Greg Wolfe.

LYSC Wings take flight

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Wings, an under-11 boys team, scored five first-half goals to defeat the Troy Youth Soccer League Strikers, 5-2, in the championship final of the St. Clair Shores Waterfront Invitational (Aug. 14).

Coached by Bruce Slater, the Wings also defeated the St. Claire Shores Sabres and the Downriver Vipers, both by 8-0 scores, along with a 4-4 tie with the Strikers.

Members of the Wings include: Evan Anton, Matthew Bessenes, Joe Bowman, Jason Corey, James Eyes, Brandon Filipiak, Zach Gysel, Mike Jahn, Marc Kutylowski, Tony Lenardon, Tom Lucko, Danny Martin, Ian Rust, Colin Slater and Matt Winters.

The Wings are managed by Mary-grace Kutylowski.

Rocks remain solid at Best Ball

Plymouth Salem's top two golfers from last year have left but the Rocks haven't gone anywhere.

In fact, Salem's score in the John Sandmann Best Ball actually went down this year as the Rocks captured first place in the opening prep event of the local season.

Salem totaled 139 for a six-shot victory over Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson on Thursday at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth.

A year ago, Westland John Glenn served notice it had arrived as a prep golf power with a 138-139 victory over Trenton in the John Sandmann. Salem was sixth with a 149 while Churchill and Stevenson tied for third at 144.

Hosted by the Plymouth-Canton school district, the John Sandmann pairs two golfers for a round of best ball golf. Each school fields three threesomes but only the scores from the low two pair count toward the team total.

Salem's 139 easily beat out the 145 posted by Churchill and Stevenson, which was placed third by virtue of a tie-breaker. Finishing fourth was Northville at 146.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF

Remaining team totals:

5. Trenton, 149; 6. Woodhaven, 150; 7. Westland John Glenn, 151; 8. Livonia Franklin, 151; 9. Grosse Ile, 152; 10. Ann Arbor Huron, 152; 11. Plymouth Canton, 155; 12. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 155; 13. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 156; 14. Redford Union, 158; 15. Redford Thurston, 164; 16. Dearborn Fordson, 170.

Salem overcame the loss of Eric Krueger and Adam Wilson from last year's team.

The twosome of Mark Doughty and Matt Leon combined for a 69 for the low score by a twosome, one stroke better than Mike Thackaberry and Brian Gullen of the Rocks, who had a 70. A medal for the third-place twosome went to Stevenson's Mike Byberg and Chris Thomas, who combined for a best ball 71.

Salem's third team, Ryan Nimmerguth and James McCaffery, shot a 77 which did not count in the team total.

Other Observerland school scores (only the low two counted toward the team total):

Churchill: Jeff Hunter-Brad Bescoe, 72; Kevin Kasten-Will Bashara, 73; Randall Boboige-Lance Antrobus, 80.

Stevenson: Byberg-Thomas, 71; Scott Wolfe-Matt Bartnick, 74; Brian Dery-Travis Belcher, 80.

John Glenn: Jeremy Fendeleit-Rich Fudak, 72; Matt Darnell-Jason Broderick, 79; Keith Fukuda-Kean Villemure, 79.

Franklin: Scott Warra-Cole Muncy, 73 each; Tony Fotiu-Tim Kufel, 78; Mike Wallace-Josh Garbutt, 84. Canton: Mike Baracy-Derek Vermeulen, 77; Nick Lariviere-John Merrick, 78; Chris Pell-Andrew Wagner, 79.

Redford Union: Cody Bartlett-Justin Root, 79; David Lee-Chris Beaman, 79; Steve Elliott-Brad Johnson, 85.

Redford Thurston: Charlie Feys-Kyle Robertson, 82; Steve Perkins-Tony Davies, 82; Sam Naghen-Eric Wilde, 93.

Madonna coach Abraham optimistic

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When Jerry Abraham modestly launched women's volleyball 13 years ago at Madonna University, he never envisioned it would become something special.

"Thirteen years later — you don't realize how fast it went," said Abraham, who came from Madonna from Redford Bishop Borgess High. "We didn't have much time that first year, actually we built it from an intramural level."

"It's taken a lot of work, but I think we've built it into a national program." With the help of his longtime assistants Brian McClain and Tim DeBeliso, Abraham should reach 500 wins sometime early this fall.

In 12 seasons, Abraham has compiled an impressive record of 488-158, including three trips to the NAIA Nationals.

The Lady Crusaders are also two-time defending Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champions.

Coming off a 44-7 season in 1998, Madonna reached nearly all of its goals with the exception of one — going to the nationals (slated this year to be played at Fresno, Calif. Pacific University).

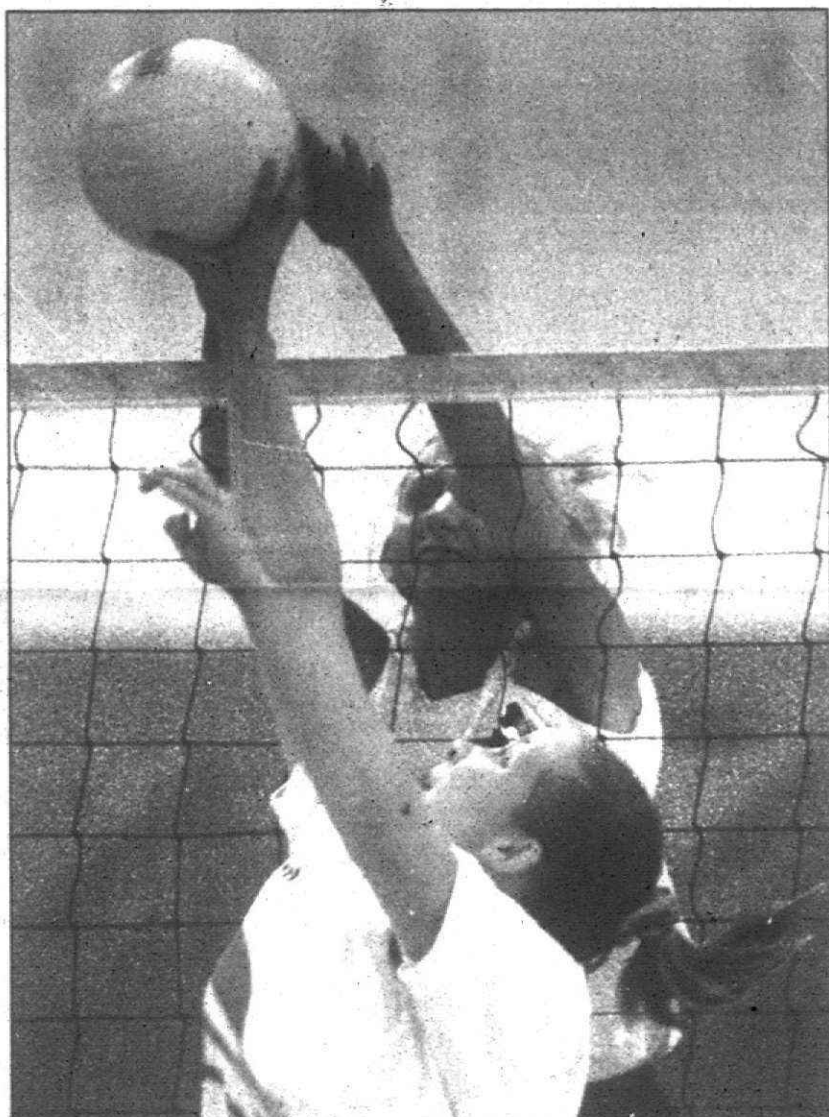
Taylor (Ind.) University denied Madonna a trip to the NAIA Nationals last November, ending the Lady Crusaders' 21-match winning streak in the Great Lakes Region Tournament.

"Our first goal is to repeat as conference champions," Abraham said. "This year we have a different regional setup. It's just four teams instead of 12, but we still have Taylor and Bethel (Ind.), two very good teams in our region."

"We also have four new coaches in the conference and it should be a very competitive league because everybody will be gunning for us."

Starting setter Deanne Helsom, the team leader in assists (11 per game) and ace serves (79), decided last spring not to return for her senior year, while starting outside hitter Rayna Vert (team-high 528 digs) and four-year defensive specialist Jennifer Russell both graduated.

Madonna, however, returns veteran cast led by Brandy Malewski, a 5-foot-11, junior middle-hitter from Redford Thurston.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

All-America: Redford Thurston product Brandy Malewski (top), a junior middle-hitter, is a force for Madonna at the net.

The second-team NAIA All-America and WHAC MVP led the club in total kills with 589 (3.25 per game with a .403 attacking percentage). She also paced Madonna in total blocks with 467 (2.58 per game).

Senior Stephanie Uballo (Highland), a 6-1 left-hander who hits from the right side, will serve as a co-captain along with Malewski. Uballo ranked second in blocks and was tied with Vert

for third in total kills (399).

The third veteran in the equation is 5-8 junior outside-hitter Erin Cunningham (Romeo), who finished second in total kills (478).

"One of the plusses for any volleyball team is experienced players at key positions," Abraham said. "You always need three big hitters. And with Erin, Brandy and Stephanie, we should be strong in attacking."

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Malewski will take on a leadership role along with Uballo.

"We've never asked Brandy to do this before," Abraham said. "She always led by her statistics, so this is something different for her."

"Stephanie, at her position, is one of the best in the nation I feel. She's strong and powerful. She gives us a big block on the front row and the setters will be instructed to get her the ball."

"Erin is steady. She lends stability day-in and day-out."

Nicole Burns (Fort Wayne, Ind.) will mostly likely start in the middle. The 5-11 senior, who had 273 total kills, is in her second season after transferring from Coastal Carolina (S.C.).

"Nicole was bothered by a shoulder injury last year, but we hope she has a big year," Abraham said. "She's a strong defensive player and is very good at serve reception."

Another player who could start in the middle is 6-1 sophomore Donna Birkenhiser (Dearborn Edsel Ford). Meanwhile, 6-1 junior Kelly Artymovich (Utica Ford) and 5-10 Mary Lu Hemme (Livonia Ladywood) should see considerable action as outside attackers.

"Donna has improved more than anyone since the preseason started," the Madonna coach said. "She has the ability to be an impact player as a blocker and hitter in the middle."

"Kelly played a lot last year behind Vert. She had a lot of starts and looks good. She had a nice spring."

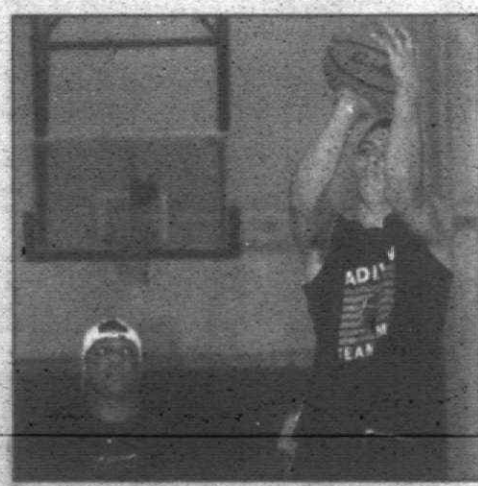
"Hemme is one of the best defensive players and passers we have. She's ready now to compete and will bid for some front row starts. She also does a nice job on the outside."

The team's burning question mark is setter, where Abraham will use 5-7 freshman Jen Wing (Rochester Adams) and 6-0 sophomore returnee Jennie Wind (Birmingham Groves).

"Both will compete for the starting job and both bring different styles and possess different qualities," Abraham said. "We'll probably use both. I like our setters, but they don't have the experience. But I'm happy with both."

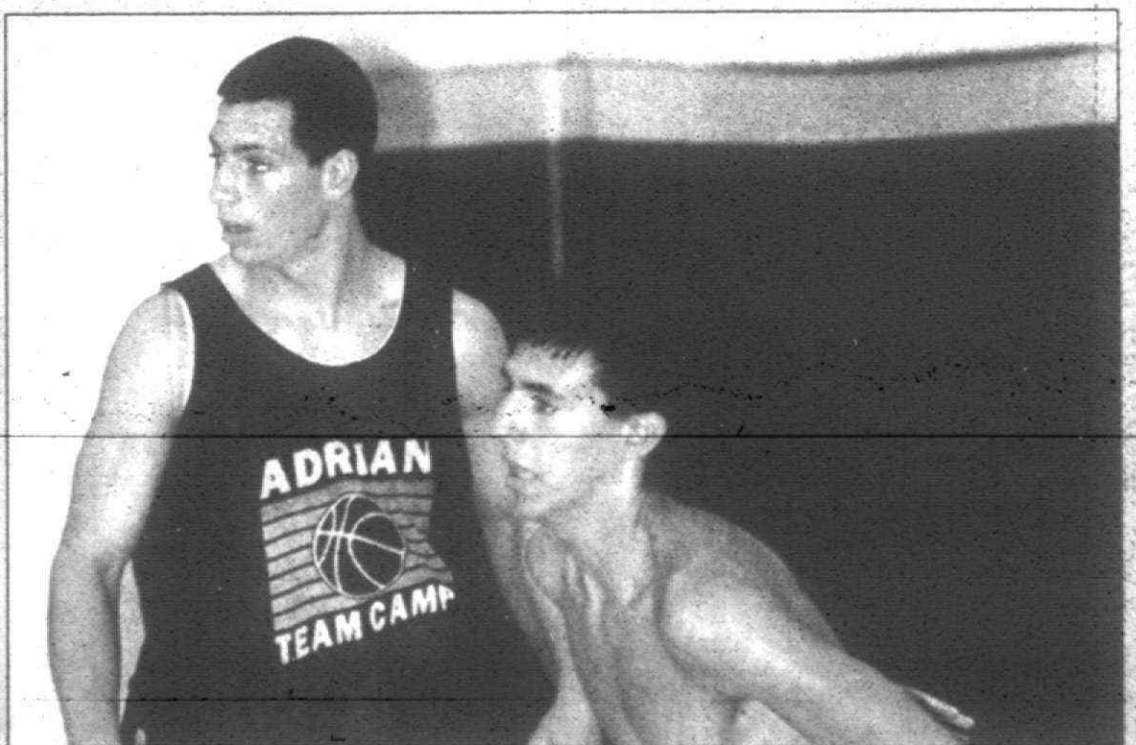
Wing was All-Region and team MVP as a setter at Adams, while Wind has

Please see CRUSADERS, D2



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Camp season: The summer is almost over, but not for basketball players at coach Carlos Briggs' camp at Schoolcraft College. Mike Tobin (right photo, left) guards Bobby Zupalski of Livonia Stevenson, while Briggs keeps a watchful shooting eye on 6-7 Tobin during last week's session.



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the ability to also play on the outside.

"Jen is a natural setter, and what she does well is that she can set the entire net," Abraham said. "She has a good set of hands and a good understanding of the game. She just needs to learn the faster style, but she has a lot of potential and talent."

Two other freshmen could also contribute — 5-9 outside hitter Katie Kotulis, a teammate of Wing's at Adams, and 6-0 freshman middle-hitter Hayley Meyer of Millbrook.

"Meyer will be a fine player, but it might take a good college season for her to feel comfortable with the faster game," Abraham said. "She has a lot of raw talent and will be a good player down the road."

"Kotulis is a left-hander who will play outside hitter. She played the middle in high school. She's a fine athlete, a softball and basketball player. She's quick with good all-around skills. She's a good passer, defensive player and good server."

So what is the key to a successful season?

"For us it's defense and serve reception," Malewski said. "Those are always the first two things that break down."

"Our strength is our offense, but we have to have the ability to do the job on both sides."

The Crusaders open their season Friday at Mesa State (Colo.) where they will play matches against the host school, Fort Lewis (Colo.), Texas A&M University-Commerce and Bemidji State (Minn.).

"We'll see how fast it jells because we could be a strong offensive and defensive unit," Abraham said. "We have to strengthen our serve reception."

"But this is a very dedicated group, very focused. The whole purpose is to make it a banner season. I think we'll display an explosive style of volleyball. And if we pass well, we'll be a good attacking team."

During the latter stages of 1998, Madonna looked unstoppable until the Crusaders lost in three straight games to Taylor.

"We didn't bring our best game to the table," Abraham said. However, the magic 500 victory plateau looms this fall for Abraham in his collegiate coaching career.

"I don't really think about it," Abraham said. "It's important, it's a big moment, I guess. The 500th would be nice only if we go to the national tournament."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

WOMEN'S SUBURBAN GOLF

Livonian Ginny Karolak tied Karen Huchner of Grosse Ile for low gross first flight honors with 87 each at the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop Friday at Willow Metro.

Carolyn Benninger (Northville) was second with a 92.

Low net honors went to Pat Meyers (Birmingham) with a 74, while Sandy Rivers (Rochester Hills) and Dolly Vettesse (Northville) tied for second with 75 each.

In the second flight, Lori Wilson (Livonia) shot a 95 to capture low gross. Jan Nelson of Canton was runner-up with a 103.

Mary Ann Kraft (Dearborn Heights) and Mary Gene Stefancic (Dearborn) tied for low net honors with 74 each. Pat Wilson (Dearborn Heights) was second with a 75.

INDIANS FINISH 3-4 AT DISNEY

The Michigan Indians recently finished 3-4 in the 11-year-old AAU National Baseball Championships held at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

The Indians opened tourney play with a 13-1 victory over Taylorsville, Utah as pitcher Shawn Little (Canton) tossed a no-hitter.

In the second round against Orlando, the Indians led 5-2 in the top of the fifth when center fielder Nick Sarkissian (South Lyon) made a shoestring catch. But Sarkissian collided with right fielder Brian Kirkendall

(Plymouth) on the play as both players were injured and forced to leave the game.

Kirkendall broke his jaw in two places, while Sarkissian suffered a broken wrist.

Down to just eight players and utilizing two outfielders, the Indians hung on to a 5-4 lead until the bottom of the sixth when Orlando came up with a two-out, two-run single to win the game.

The Indians then lost games to Southern California, North Virginia and George before regrouping with wins over North Carolina (16-0) and Minnesota (16-0).

Rounding out the Indians roster is Sean Baker, Canton; Kyle Gendron and Greg Marrone, Plymouth; Eddie Duggan and Steve Merlo, Livonia; Shawn Dunford, Westland; and Nathan Sarkissian (South Lyon).

The coaching staff includes Jim Gendron, Nick Marrone and Dave Sarkissian.

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The Canton Community Junior Baseball Association will hold registration (ages 5-9) for fall T-ball (cost \$45) and coach-pitch (\$55), along with and 9-year-old baseball and boys 10-12 baseball through Wednesday, Aug. 25. (No softball leagues are forming at this time.)

For more information, call and registration forms for T-ball and coach-pitch, call Chris Angel at (734) 981-3007.

For boys baseball, call Bob Unis at (734) 454-5725.

YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club, members of the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation, has announced its try-out schedule for Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 28-29 at Massey Field, located at the corner of Plymouth and Haggerty roads, for the following age groups:

11s — 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 (call Mark Glover at 248-349-3392); 12s, noon Saturday, Aug. 28 (call Nick Marrone at 734-459-0695); 13s, 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 (call Bruce Price at 734-453-9180); 14s (call Gary Mancini at 734-454-1104 for time and date); 15s (call Don McNeish at 248-348-2055 for time and date); 16s (call Jeff Vancamp at 734-522-0184 for time and date).

YOUTH BOWLING PROGRAM

Livonia Parks and Recreation is offering age-group fall bowling leagues (18-and-under) beginning the week of Sept. 13. Bumper bowling leagues are also available.

The cost is \$6 per week. For more information, call the following bowling centers:

Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Road, (734) 522-4515; Cloverlanes, 38900 Schoolcraft Road, (734) 427-6410; Wonderland Lanes, 28455 Plymouth Road, (734) 427-1060; Merri-Bowl Lanes, 30950 Five Mile Road, (734) 427-2900.

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Livonia Parks and Recreation is offering Saturday roller and in-line skating classes beginning Sept. 18 at Riverside Arena.

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Crestwood at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Willow Run, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Canton at Ypsilanti, 7:30 p.m.
P.H. Northern at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Novi at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Roseville at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Oxford at Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28
Mt. Carmel at Lodi, 1 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Ford Country at St. Agatha, 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs. A.A. Pioneer at Portage Central, 2 p.m.
Northville vs. Mt. Clemens, 4 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Friday, Aug. 27
Thurston vs. John Glenn at Ball Creek Park, 4 p.m.
Novi at Churchill, 4 p.m.
(Country Day Invitational)
Country Day vs. Edsel Ford, 10 a.m.
Farmington vs. Groves, noon
Searsville vs. Franklin, 2 p.m.
Northville vs. Mt. Clemens, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28
Stevenson at Troy, 11 a.m.
N. Farmington at Milford, 12:30 p.m.
W. Bloomfield at Harrison, 12:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Riv. Richard, 1 p.m.
(Balsani Tournament at CEP)
Portage Central vs. Canton, 10 a.m.
Troy Athens vs. Salem, 10 a.m.
Consolation game, 1 p.m.
Championship final, 2:30 p.m.
(Country Day Invitational)
Losers bracket, 9 & 10:30 a.m.
Winners bracket, noon & 1:30 p.m.
7th & 8th place, 3 & 4:30 p.m.
Consolation final, 6 p.m.
Championship final, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 28
Schoolcraft vs. DuPage (Ill.) at Valparaiso (Ind.), 11 a.m.
Sunday, Aug. 29
Schoolcraft at Valparaiso (Ind.), TBA

Saturday, Aug. 28
Schoolcraft at Alma College, 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28
Schoolcraft at Kelllogg Tourney, TBA
Madonna at Mesa St. (Colo.), TBA
TBA — time to be announced



Festival champs: The Plymouth Kicks '89, an under-11 boys select soccer team, defeated Vardar, 3-2 in penalty kicks after a 2-2 tie in regulation and 10-minute overtime to capture the Gold Division at the Northwest Ohio Soccer Festival Tournament in Maumee. The Kicks shut out three opponents in pool play including the Sterling Heights Carpathia Kickers, Canton Blue Oaks and Westerville, Ohio Premier Force. Members of the Kicks (front row, from left) include Mike Marek, Jeff Selasky, Brian Walsh, Alex Lumley, Kevin Costa; (middle row, from left) Alex Wozniak, Brett Windecker, Blaine Paden, Ryan Langdon; (top row, from left) coach Paul Lumley, Grant Blaine, Josh Hammond, Andrew Koet, Gabe Hicks, Matt Kuczycki and coach Rich Kulczycki. Not in photo are team members Paul Carhini and Nick Vella.

Thurston 'homeless' for season

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Redford Thurston football, coach Bob Snell will get more night games on his schedule, which he's always wanted, but not exactly where he had hoped to play them.

The Eagles will play seven of their nine regular-season games this year under the lights, but none at home because the new grass and irrigation system at Thurston's field will not be in place before the 1999 season ends.

Three of the four Thurston home games have been moved to the site of the team they were scheduled to play.

The lone exception is the Eagles' homecoming game, which will be played against Taylor Kennedy at noon Saturday, Oct. 9 at Redford Union's Hilbert Junior High.

The original schedule had the Eagles playing five night games and four during the day.

A new synthetic track has been put in place but sources say there was a delay in the rest of the field renovations due to extended bidding with companies who were in line for the jobs.

The renovation project also includes plans to erect aluminum bleachers and a new press box but sources said there is no time table for when everything will be finished.

Thurston's field is one of the few in metro Detroit without lights and sources said there are long-term plans to have them installed. Snell, longing for night games in his 12 years as Thurston coach, will have to settle for lights in foreign places.

"All I do right now is coach football and just get the kids ready," Snell said. "You can't have a game with tractors, cranes and stuff half-finished. I think it's going to be hard because you won't be in a comfortable environment but you can't change the way you prepare. You prepare for the opponent not the field."

The renovations will also affect the Thurston boys soccer team, which plays its games in the fall on the football field. Thurston's opener against Glenn will be played at Redford's Bell Creek

Park.

The original schedule had the Eagles playing home games on Aug. 27, Sept. 3, Oct. 9 and Oct. 16. The Sept. 3 game is against Gibraltar Carlson, which happens to be the southern most school in the Mega Conference,

about 45 minutes away.

No one in the South Redford administration could be reached for comment. Seven of the nine dates are night games but only one has a set kickoff time, 7 p.m. Friday at Melvindale for the season opener.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF PREVIEW

All-Observer pick Currie anchors Shamrock lineup

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Redford Catholic Central golf coach Bill Hayes is expecting a return trip to the Class A state meet with five starters back, including the top two.

Evans Currie, a first-team All-Observer choice last year, returns as one of only two seniors on the roster.

Joe Luna, who challenged Currie in most meets for the team's top score, is back for his junior year.

Each averaged 40.1 per nine holes and placed in the top 15 individually at the state meet in East Lansing where the Shamrocks finished 13th as a team.

The Shamrocks played second fiddle to Birmingham Brother Rice at both the Catholic League and regional meets and Hayes, in his second year, said they have a chance of unseating the Warriors.

Ryan Yost, a member of CC's Class A state championship hockey team, is the other senior returning starter.

"We started off real slow and gradually improved," Hayes said of his team that finished around .500 in dual meets. "We're going to be pretty tough

this year and probably even better next year. I would say we're top 10 material, hopefully. We have four or five players that can shoot real well. Currie is just consistent."

Luna may be a little more aggressive. Currie is more exact.

Both are going to be going head to head all year only one or two strokes less."

The Shamrocks, who play home meets at Cattaits Golf Course in South Lyon, had more than 60 players come out for the team, including a large contingent among the freshman class.

Hayes plans to keep nine on the varsity and 16 on the junior varsity.

The losses to graduation were Armond Samouelian, an all-league selection who had the Shamrocks' best score (76) at the regional, and Josh Davis.

Joining Currie, Luna and Yost as returning starters are juniors Matt Davey and Zach Davis.

Hayes said Yost, Davey and Davis are comparable in talent and capable of grabbing the No. 3 slot in the lineup.

Davey ranks second among the CC junior class in grade point average and is such a

team player he gave up his spot in the lineup to Samouelian at the regional because he said "Adam's a senior, I have two years left," Hayes recalled.

Hayes thinks there will be times when five Shamrocks can break 40 and he's hoping their sixth player comes in at the low to mid-40s.

Vying for the sixth spot are juniors Brett John, Brian Peczynski, Tony Eberhart and Adam Malmin.

CC opens the season on Monday at Forest Akers Golf Club in East Lansing, the site of the East Lansing Invitational where some of the state's top teams compete.

The first week also includes a stop at Friday's Pinckney Invitational followed by the Brighton Tournament next Monday.

"Monday (in East Lansing) is going to be a good sign," Hayes said. "This is a great bunch of guys who work hard and I expect that to continue in the meets."

"This is their second year of going through tryouts and they're at least getting accustomed to what I'm all about and what I expect."

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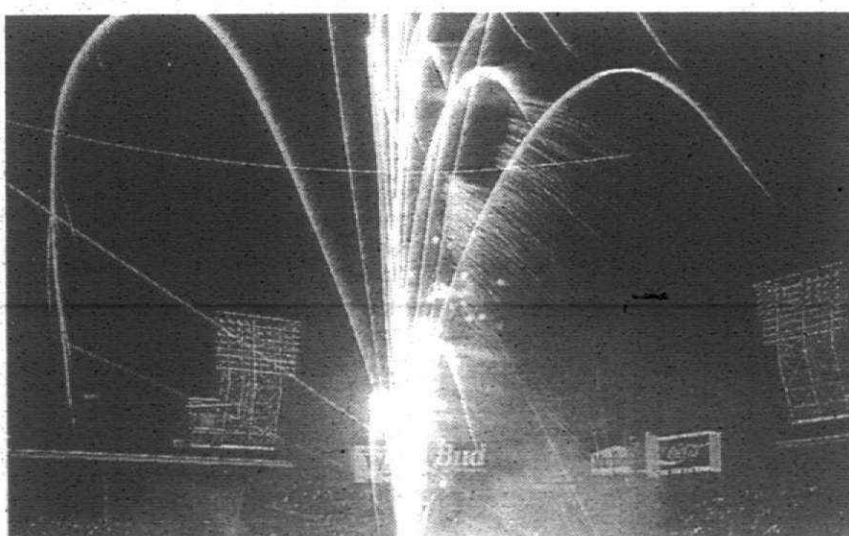
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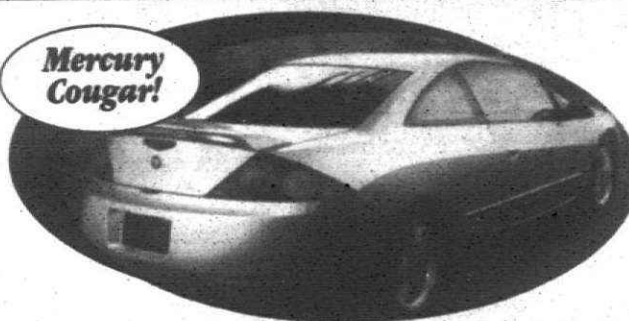
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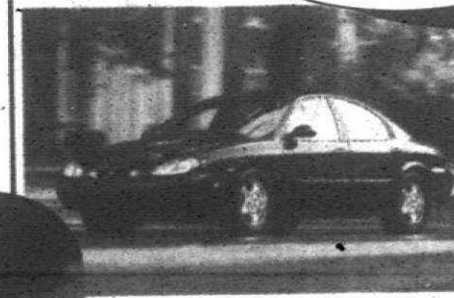
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