

Election results

The Observer will provide the results of Monday's Plymouth-Canton school board election on its Web site Tuesday morning. Please look for them at: hometownnewspapers.net

THE WEEK

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SUNDAY

Graduation and party:

Canton and Salem high schools will hold respective commencement exercises at 1:30 and 5 p.m. today at Hill Auditorium on the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor campus. The schools will host an all-night senior party beginning at 9 p.m. at Salem. The party is open to all P-CEP graduating seniors. Tickets are \$35.

TUESDAY

Local government: The Canton Township Board of Trustees holds a regular meeting 7 p.m. at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

SATURDAY

Tutor training: The Community Literacy Council Inc. will hold its last volunteer tutor training session of the 2000 spring/summer season 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. For more information call (734) 416-4906.

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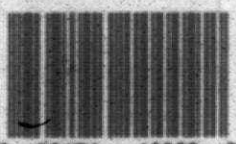
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Township hall grows cramped

■ Canton officials are studying an expansion of the township's 22-year-old administration building.

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Expanding the township's administration building isn't a question of if, but when, according to Canton officials. Nearly every square inch of the 22-year-old facility is being utilized for personnel and storage. Without additional space, the township's ability to

serve will ultimately be affected, Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack said.

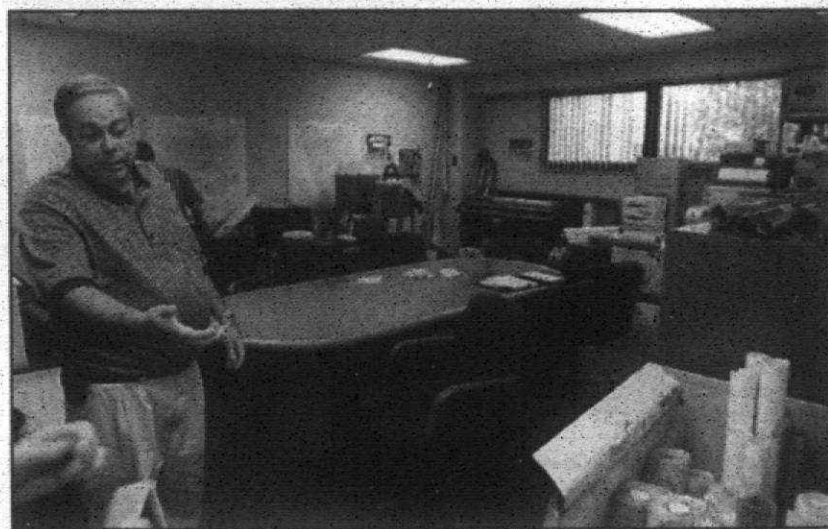
"We're not in an immediate crisis," he added. "But we're quickly approaching capacity. We're running out of ideas of where to put people."

The lack of room at township hall is already impacting hiring practices, Durack said.

"At this point, the first question is where are you going to put this person," he commented.

The township has had to take a creative approach to fully utilize its current

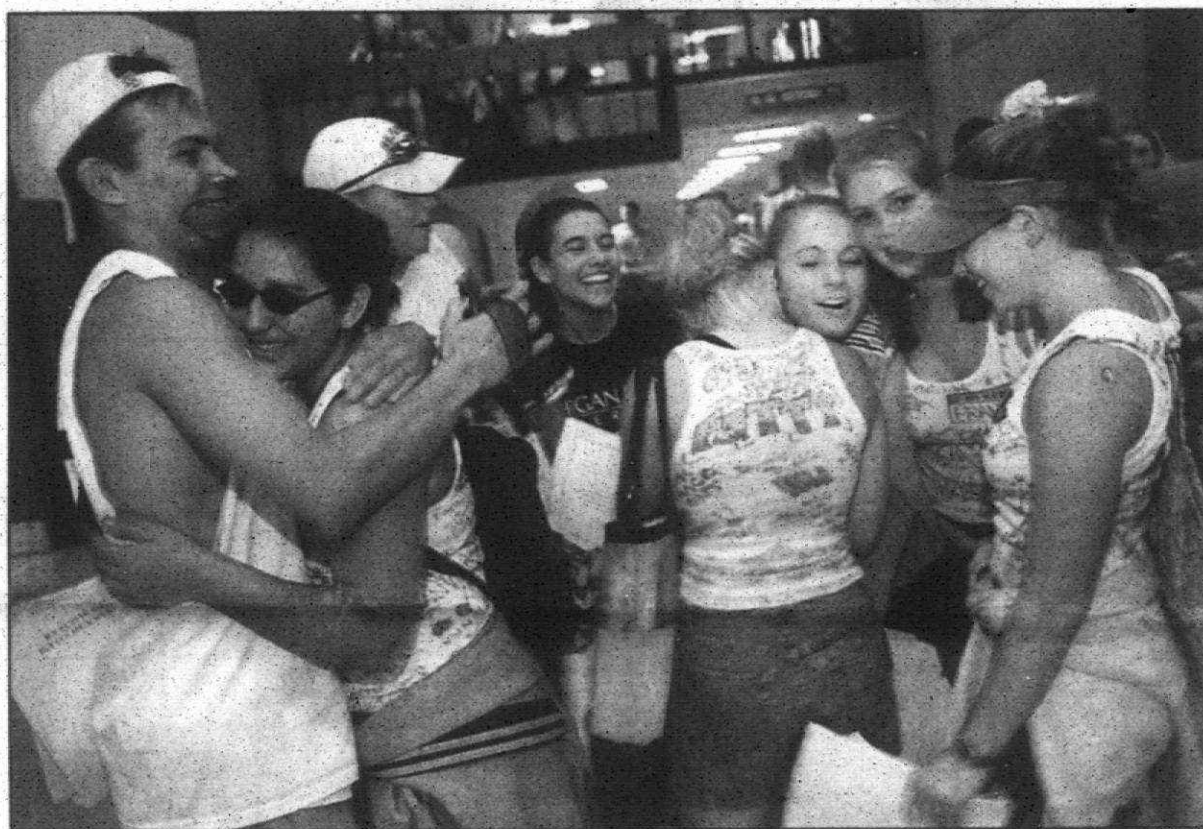
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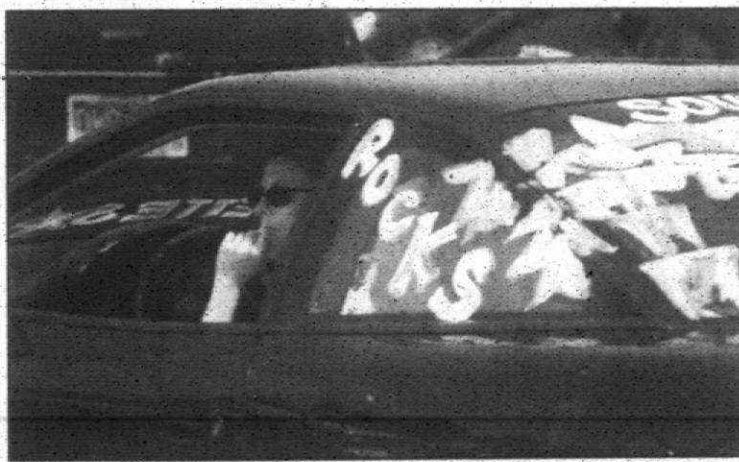
Crowded: Dan Durack, Canton's administrative and community services director, shows space that used to be his office and is now a conference room and storage for the engineering department

Saying goodbye at Salem



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Last day: Ryan Silva and Amanda Suder, both of Canton, embrace among a group of their friends following the end of classes for the class of 2000 at Plymouth Salem High School Wednesday. In the photo at right, Kristen Dillenbeck waits in traffic to exit the Salem parking lot.



District open to charter idea

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The question about whether the Plymouth-Canton district opens up its own charter school will be best answered by parents and other members of the community, not school district officials.

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That's according to Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Kathleen Booher, who remarked during Wednesday's Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon about opening a district-chartered school.

"The board (of education) has been interested for some time," Booher said of the charter school issue.

Ideally, charter schools provide an opportunity for specialized education, she added. Most charter schools incorporate a particular theme, such as technology and fine arts, or gear curriculum toward gifted and talented students.

"We'd have to look at what type of charter would best suit the needs of the community," Booher said. "I think that nationwide, we're in an environment where education choice is very high on people's agendas."

She said meeting with parents and other community members is the best way to determine what type, if any, charter school should be opened.

"It's only an idea at this point," Sue Davis, board president, said Plymouth-Canton.

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Landlord: Township still owns 200 acres

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While developable land is quickly disappearing in Canton, the township is sitting on more than 200 acres.

Many of the parcels lay south of Ford Road, according to public records. The township, for example, owns all four corners at Michigan Avenue and Sheldon roads - worth an estimated \$7.5 million.

Finance Director Tony Minghine said the township buys and holds land for several reasons. Chief among those is addressing future community needs.

"When we buy land it's typically as an insurance policy for future facility needs," Minghine commented.

Canton must be aggressive in pursuing land, he adds, or be left out in the cold.

"It's being developed so quickly," Minghine said, "that if we don't act, it will be gone."

The township acquires land by vari-

ous methods. Tax sales are common, Minghine said. Others come as swaps or at no charge. Canton received a small parcel for allowing the Sauk Trails landfill to expand, for example.

Land purchases are almost always done with cash, Minghine said. Canton's Board of Trustees must sign off on any deal.

Most of the parcels are 20 acres or less.

-Tony Minghine,
Canton finance director

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Summer concert series gets off to early start

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Music lovers are in for an extra treat this year with Canton's summer concert series.

The program is starting a week early with "The 3 of Us" taking the township amphitheater stage on Thursday. The group will perform a variety of rock and roll classics starting at 7:30 p.m.

"It's grown and become one of our most popular events," said Canton Parks and Recreation Manager Bob Dates. "It's not unusual for us to have over 1,000 people on a nice summer night."

The concert series began in the early 1990s with the opening of the amphitheater. It has expanded each year since, according to Dates.

"We get a lot of families that come out and enjoy the park and the music," he added.

In years past, the series started a week after Canton's annual Liberty Festival in late June.

"We felt the time was right to start earlier," said Dates.

The concert series will run for eight weeks. Besides music, residents can enjoy food and other entertainment.

Light concessions, such as soft drinks, popcorn and candy, are sold by the township. Local restaurants like Central City Dinner and Max & Erma's also provide free food samples, Dates said.

Paddleboat rides are another popular feature of the event, he added. For \$1, concert-goers can paddle around township ponds. Besides the rides, Dates said children receive free balloons.

Here's a list of concerts coming up this summer:

■ June 15 - "The 3 of Us" sings

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Woman robbed at McDonald's

A 43-year-old Canton woman was the victim of a strong-arm robbery at a Michigan Avenue McDonald's late Monday, according to township police reports.

A man described as being 19 years old, 5-foot 6-inches tall and about 175 pounds stole the woman's purse, which contained \$400 cash, reports said. The woman told police she went to the Canton restaurant at about 11:15 p.m. to pick up a neighbor who works as a manager at the establishment.

Reports said she was waiting near an exit door when the man came up from behind her and grabbed the purse. He then fled out the door and jumped into a vehicle described as a late 1980s blue hatchback.

The Canton woman's neighbor witnessed the event, reports said. He told police he knew the suspect, who had worked at the restaurant a year earlier. He said the suspect came into the restaurant shortly before it was to close, reports said.

The manager also provided police with a description and other information about the teen, according to reports. The case is open and Canton police are investigating.

Home invasion

Police are looking for a 17- to 20-year-old white male believed to have broken into a Willow Creek street resident's home Monday afternoon.

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Booher focuses on education challenges in chamber speech

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Growth, charter schools and per pupil funding are key issues facing the Plymouth-Canton Community School District over the next few years, according to Superintendent Kathleen Booher.

That's what the district's top administrator told a modest gathering Wednesday at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Economic Club luncheon. Booher said funding could be cut if a charter school opens at Ford and Ridge roads this fall.

"If the charter school opens in Canton," she commented, "there's a potential for some of our students to leave. It would be less money going into our coffers."

Booher briefly outlined the state of the district in her 45-minute talk. While charter schools present a threat, she said Plymouth-Canton's student population is still on the rise.

"We've been in a growth mode for the past several years," said Booher. "The major growth is happening in the ear-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

Speaker: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher delivers her keynote address at the Canton Chamber of Commerce Economic Club meeting Wednesday at the Summit.

lier grades." Booher began her stint as superintendent in January. She previously served as superintendent of the Berkley School District in Oakland County. Booher began as a middle school teacher of English and social studies. She later became

thought.

She took a challenging job. Plymouth-Canton is Michigan's seventh largest district with more than 16,000 students. With nearly 900 teachers, 650 support personnel and 45 administrators, the district is by far the largest employer in Canton.

Staffers have a diverse and challenging student population to deal with, Booher said. "Children today are bringing more issues to school than 25 years ago," she added.

The district is exploring new ways to work with its students.

Nearly 800 students receive special education or English as a second language services, said Booher. The district has also actively sought business partnerships in the community, she said.

"They provide special experiences for our young people," Booher commented.

In terms of charter schools, she said "they do constitute competition." But she said Plymouth-Canton is ready to fight back.

"The school district is interested in starting its own charter school," Booher said.

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mouth-Canton and other school districts, like any other businesses, are driven by the need to compete.

"Charter schools are going to be our competition," Davis said. "We should find out what type of charter school people want."

But developing charter schools costs money. Some districts find they don't have the resources to do it on their own and team up with other districts. That could be a possibility with Plymouth-Canton, Davis said.

"We want to be able to figure out what kind of school the community would support and

lottery system. Charter schools are public schools and are open to all students. Like public schools, they receive per-pupil funding from the state, the teachers must be certified and state standardized tests like the Michigan Educational

Assessment Program must be administered to students.

Phyllis E. Robinson, director of learning services for Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, said Inkster and Detroit are the only county districts to charter their own schools. Inkster has one and Detroit has 11.

RESA has chartered eight schools, mostly geared toward special needs students. Most are in Detroit.

Cost is the biggest prohibitive factor, Robinson said. "Fiscal operation of schools is an issue," she said.

Let's Talk SKIN SENSE with Dr. Audrey Bruell

AGE SPOTS

The flat brownish spots commonly referred to as "liver spots" have nothing to do with the liver. Their medical name, solar lentigo, gives a better indication as to their origin. "Solar" refers to the sun, while "lentigo" refers to a skin-like shape. And, indeed, these spots result from years of sun exposure. They are larger than freckles and appear in fair-skinned people on sun-exposed areas, such as the face, hands, and arms. Age spots, as they are also known, are more of a cosmetic concern than a medical one. If treatment is desired, the dermatologist may lightly freeze them for several seconds (cryotherapy). Skin-lightening creams may also be used in the form of prescription (4%) hydroquinone cream.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION



Candidate profiles

Carl Battishill
Occupation: Music teacher in West Bloomfield.
Community Involvement: Former teacher at Canton High School; former Plymouth-Canton School Board member.
Married, two children
— **Endorsement:** Teachers' union.

James Donahue
Occupation: Law enforcement consultant.
Community Involvement: Former Canton Township treasurer.
Married, two grown children

Elizabeth Givens
Occupation: Marketing and public relations for a religious organization.
Community Involvement: Incumbent school board member; labor-relations committee.
Endorsements: The Observer newspapers and the teachers' union.

Judy Mardigan
Occupation: Co-owner of a third-party health insurance support organization.
Community Involvement: Incumbent school board member; committee on class sizes.
Married
Endorsement: Observer newspapers.

Kathleen Payne
Occupation: Law professor at Michigan State University.
Community Involvement: None specified.

What issues will you bring to the table as a school board member?

Concerns about student achievement; slipping MEAP scores; per-pupil foundation money; employee satisfaction. "I think there are good things we could be doing if we work hard together and make good decisions."

Concerns about board performance, particularly involving student discipline; the board's handling of district finances; accountability of school board members.

Getting the new schools — Dodson Elementary — Discovery Middle School and Plymouth High School — built; increasing the state foundation grant; improving the labor-management system.

State funding; school vouchers; district-wide growth; continuing the efforts started over recent years.

Quality and totality of the facility at the new Plymouth High School, most notably the absence of a pool and an auditorium; lack of leadership.

What effect would charter schools have on the public district?

"I think (charter schools) drain a lot of resources and a lot of kids from public schools. They don't have the same expectations for reporting that (public schools) do."

Doesn't public school dollars should be spent on private school students. "We already have an outstanding base in this district with good, creative programs. We just have to focus on the customer."

The district's foundation grant. "I've been very involved in lobbying for more money from Lansing. I've helped with local legislative summits and attend meetings ... to dialogue on how to find more money."

The quality of facilities at the new high school. "The vote on the third high school was split because many wanted a full facility. Others believe there needs to be a bond issue to make it a full high school."

What would be among your top priorities?

Employee satisfaction. "In my conversations, I sense there are people who are unhappy working here. There is so much push to improve that sometimes we do things that are counter-productive."

Handling of district finances. "The board is wasting ... blowing ... millions of dollars a year. Nobody is authorizing the bills before the money is spent. What authority does the staff have to spend it without approval?"

Getting the new buildings done. "We have three schools in progress, and it's important the money is spent properly. We also have some redistricting issues to address at the elementary level."

Voting precincts open until 8 p.m.

A fairly average turnout of voters is expected in the school board election Monday, according to district officials.

Voters will choose two candidates among a pool of five for four-year terms. The candidates include challengers Carl Battishill, James Donahue and Kathleen Payne and incumbents Elizabeth Givens and Judy Mardigan. There will be no ballot proposals before voters. The election will run from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday.

Absentee ballots must arrive by 8 p.m. Monday. They can either be hand-delivered or must come with Monday's mail.

Last year's election drew about 3,800 of the district's 73,000 registered voters, or about 5 percent, Adams said.

"The turnout's probably going to be pretty similar to last year," she said.

The polling places are:

- Precinct 1, Central Middle, 650 Church, Plymouth.
- Precinct 2, Gallimore Elementary, 43721 Harford Rd., Canton Twp.
- Precinct 3, Isbister Elementary School, 43725 Sheldon Rd., Canton Twp.
- Precinct 4, East Middle School, 1042 S. Mill St., City of Plymouth.
- Precinct 5, Allen Elementary School, 11100 Haggerty, City of Plymouth.
- Precinct 6, West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Tr., Plymouth Twp.
- Precinct 7, Farrand Elementary School, 41400 Greenbriar Lane, Plymouth Twp.
- Precinct 8, Fiegel Elementary School, 39750 Joy Rd., Plymouth Twp.
- Precinct 9, Miller Elementary School, 43721 Harford Rd., Canton Twp.
- Precinct 10, Hulsing Elementary School, 8055 Fleet St., Canton Twp.
- Precinct 11, Eriksson Elementary School, 1275 N. Haggerty, Canton Twp.
- Precinct 12, Field Elementary, 1000 S. Haggerty, Canton Twp.
- Precinct 13, Canton High, 8415 Canton Center, Canton Twp.
- Precinct 14, Bird Elementary, 220 Sheldon, Plymouth Township.
- Precinct 15, Pioneer Middle, 46081 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township.
- Precinct 16, Tonda Elementary, 46501 Warren, Canton.
- Precinct 17, Hoben Elementary, 44680 Salt, Canton.
- Precinct 18, Bentley Elementary, 1100 Sheldon, Canton.

■ Precinct 4, East Middle, 1042 S. Mill, Plymouth.

■ Precinct 5, Allen Elementary, 11100 Haggerty, Plymouth.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Precincts

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- Precinct 17: HOBEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 44680 Salt Rd., Canton Twp.
- Precinct 18: BENTLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1100 Sheldon Rd., Canton Twp.

Canton student displays research project at CMU

Several area students displayed research projects at a Central Michigan University exhibition. Among those individuals were Margaret Grose of Canton, a senior at CMU majoring in English.

The purpose of her research was to discover the effectiveness of using young adult literature in the classroom as a supplement to the classics. Also Nicole Packard of Canton, a senior at CMU majoring in dietetics, designed a four-week menu cycle for Central Michigan Community Hospital in Mount Pleasant.

The seventh annual Student Research and Creative Endeavors Exhibition featured poster displays, computer and video demonstrations and creative performances. Students also presented case studies and internship experiences.

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 ■ July 6 - "Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band" sings the greatest hits of the 1970s, '80s and '90s.
 ■ July 13 - "Kentucky Blue

Birds" sings today's hottest country sounds.
 ■ July 20 - "Secrets."
 ■ July 27 - "Sun Messengers" presents a powerful 12-piece Motown sound.
 ■ Aug. 3 - "Quiet Storm" features hot sounds of today.
 ■ Aug. 10 - "Moose & Da

Sharks" presents oldies music and a variety show.
 All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and are free.
 The Canton amphitheater is behind the township administration building at 1150 Canton Center Road.

Volunteers cited for work with vets

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Ann Arbor Healthcare System honored its corp of dedicated volunteers for their work helping veterans and staff. Last year, more than 800 dedicated individuals contributed approximately 67,000 hours of their time at the medical center; the equivalent of 32 full-time employees. Each volunteer was honored in recognition of their many hours of dedicated service

to area veterans.
 Among these volunteers were: Abgel Cruz of Canton with 8 years of service to the Paralyzed Veterans of America organization; Chester Zaydel of Canton with 7 years of service to American Legion; Everett Houk of Canton with 8 years of service to the Submarine Veterans of WW II organization; Karl McNulty of Canton with 300 hours of service to the Marine Corps League

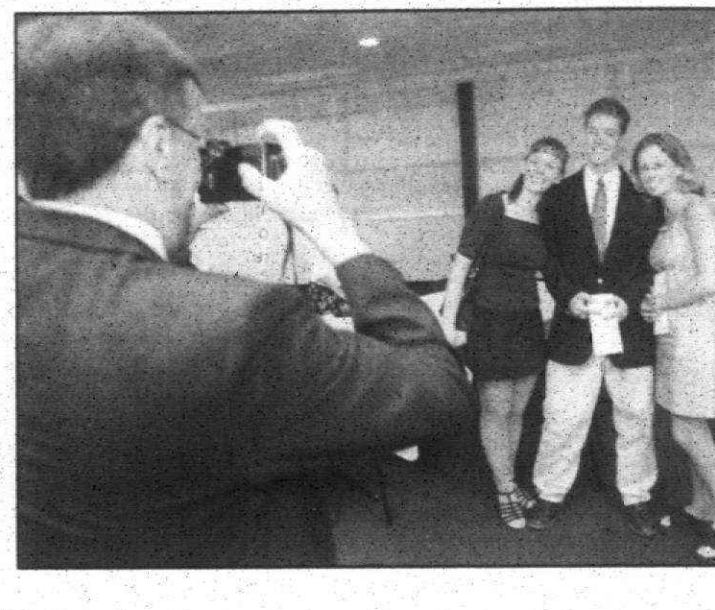
organization; and Geraldine Townsend of Plymouth with 1,000 hours of service to the Military Order of the Purple Heart organization.
 At the medical center in Ann Arbor, volunteers perform a number of important duties such as transporting patients to their appointments, serving as ambassadors to visitors, hosting recreational activities, assisting with mailings and other office tasks.

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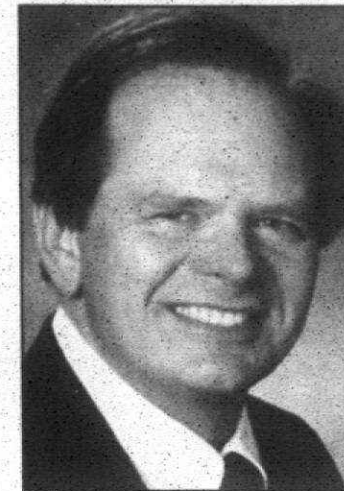
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Achlevers: Bridget Zalewski picks up her scholarship award from Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks during the foundation's annual scholarship reception Wednesday evening at the Yazaki Learning Center on Haggerty in Canton. At right, Luke Williams is flanked by fellow scholarship winners Rachel Brown (left) and Angela Space for a picture for dad following the program.



Critics say Dunaskiss stall will cost consumers \$8 million

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Sen. Mat Dunaskiss

Utility watchdogs pointed the finger of blame at one man Thursday, June 8, for delaying legislation that would cut local telephone bills in Michigan 5 percent - Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion.

The delay last week, when Dunaskiss called off several committee hearings, will cost Michigan consumers \$8.3 million, \$7 million from Ameritech customers alone, according to Dave Wayne, of Marketing Resource Group, Inc.

And it will continue to cost consumers that much each additional month passage of the bill is delayed, Wayne said.

"House Bill 5721 will provide reasonable alternatives to Ameritech's unregulated monopoly in Michigan," said Barry S. Cargill, vice president of Government Relations for the Small Business Association of Michigan. "It is unconscionable that one senator has been able to delay that."

Dunaskiss "is a slavish devotee of SBC," said Richard McLellan, a Lansing attorney and lobbyist for the Michigan Competitive Telecommunications Providers Association. SBC is the company that recently merged with Ameritech.

Ameritech calls the senator "burned" when Dunaskiss "misled" them twice before in previous attempts to reform telecommunications law, in 1991 and 1995.

break. He said the senator was using "every trick in the book" to stall the legislation, including delays and "poison pill" amendments.

But McLellan predicted that ultimately lawmakers will approve the bill, because they now understand they were "burned" when Dunaskiss "misled" them twice before in previous attempts to reform telecommunications law, in 1991 and 1995.

Dunaskiss furious

Dunaskiss was furious when he heard of the verbal barrage Friday morning.

"That's absolutely untrue," he said. "Those numbers are coming out of the air."

The alleged monthly cost of delay to consumers is unfounded, Dunaskiss explained.

ed, Dunaskiss explained, because the current telecommunications act doesn't expire until the end of the year. Any new law could not be effective before next April. And the lack of votes from Democrats for this bill means it could not win immediate effect.

Dunaskiss said he called off the committee hearings because Gov. John Engler would not allow members of the PSC to testify. Engler spokesman John Truscott denied that charge.

Dunaskiss had said earlier in the week he intended to slow down the bill.

"The important thing is to get telecommunications reform right, not to get it done by an arbitrarily set deadline," Dunaskiss said.

Furthermore, Dunaskiss says he neither misled nor burned other lawmakers in '91 and '95. Those bills, which he sponsored, were "model legislation" that served as the blueprint for similar bills in 23 other states.

"I just spent the last three and half years working on electric deregulation," Dunaskiss said. "Everybody seems very happy with that bill. They are giving high fives all around and taking credit. They forget I was the sponsor of that bill." And McLellan had said the same things about him then.

"Richard McLellan is a highly paid lobbyist for AT&T who apparently doesn't want to talk about the issues but wants to engage in character assassination. He knows that if he talks about the issues, he'll lose," Dunaskiss responded.

Indeed, McLellan confirmed Thursday that AT&T is a member of MCTPA.

"This is a fight between major corporations, a clash between giants," Dunaskiss said. "You can't leave one side handcuffed and leave the other unregulated, not if you want competition." That's what McLellan is after, putting regulation on Ameritech while allowing AT&T to come into the local market uncontrolled, Dunaskiss said.

House Bill 5721, sponsored by Reps. Mary Ann Muddaugh, R-Paw Paw, and Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, has already been approved in the House. It contains that 5 percent cut in local telephone rates, but McLellan, Cargill and Wayne all argue it is only a minor aspect of the bill.

Competition is key

The key point is to spur competition among local providers, HB 5721 would do that by restoring the authority of the Michigan Public Service Commission to act if Ameritech or GTE, Michigan's largest local phone service providers, engage in "anti-competitive behavior." The PSC would retain that power until it concludes true market competition has been achieved here in Michigan.

The bill would also give the PSC specific authority to rule on whether the levying of a \$3.28 "universal connectivity" charge is justified and adjust it as it sees fit. Utility watchdogs say that charge mirrors a fee allowed by federal law, essentially allowing the phone company to double dip.

The entire issue dates back to the break up of the Bell system in the 1980s. The federal deregulation of telephones brought about competition among long distance companies, but there has been no real competition for local phone service despite attempts by the state legislature to open the market in '91 and '95. Court decisions also concluded the PSC had little authority left over telephones after the last rewrite of the law.

Rep. Shulman has argued that the lack of competition is due in part to Ameritech's uncompetitive practices.

Dunaskiss agrees that competition has not come about after the previous attempts to open the market, but he agrees with Ameritech about the reason. Ameritech President Bob Cooper has argued the lack of competition is because AT&T won't enter the local service market. Neither have MCI, Sprint or other large long distance providers, although federal law would allow them to do so.

The solution, Dunaskiss and Cooper contend, is to let Ameritech get into the long distance market. Invading AT&T's market would force that long distance company to come into Michigan and compete against Ameritech for local service.

Shulman agrees "that has been the effect" in other states.

In fact, Dunaskiss predicts that is what will happen when the Federal Communications Commission reviews Ameritech's application to get into long distance.

"As soon as the FCC rules eight months from now, you'll see all this competition flooding into the market here," the senator said.

McLellan disagrees. Federal law blocks a local provider from entering the long distance market unless it has already opened its local market to real competition, he said. And Ameritech and GTE could compete against each other now for local services in each other's areas, but choose not to, McLellan noted.

He also said SBC is using Ameritech to "bleed Michigan consumers," to support its operations in other states and to finance its entry into new markets, such as DSL, Digital Subscriber Lines.

Senate majority leader Dan DeGraw, R-Port Huron, said he had received a commitment from Dunaskiss to report the bill out of committee, allowing for a vote on floor, when the legislature returns for a one-day meeting Thursday, June 20.

Dunaskiss said he would indeed report out that bill if meetings between now and then can produce a version that is fair to both sides.

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U11 A&B	Randy Prescott/ Sanders, Thomas	(734) 451-7211 (734) 453-0857	6/15 6p-8p, 6/16 6p-8p	Canton HS	
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U12 Select	TBA				
U13 Premier	Sean Bowers	(734) 455-9946	6/15 6p-8p, 6/16 6p-8p	Canton HS	
U13 Select	Morrison	(734) 981-2775	6/15 6p-8p, 6/16 6p-8p	Canton HS	
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U14 Premier	Cox	(734) 454-9072	6/22 6p-8p, 6/23 6p-8p	Canton HS	
U15 Premier	Randy Prescott/deVries	(734) 397-8953	6/19 6p-8p, 6/20 6p-8p	Madonna Univ.	
U15 Select	Krajovic	(734) 459-7849	6/21 6p-8p, 6/22 6p-8p	Canton HS	
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U16 Select	Masters	(734) 844-1104	6/21 6p-8p, 6/22 6p-8p	Canton HS	
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U11 A	Rodrigo Gorzales/Cleary	(734) 397-3947	6/21 6p-8p, 6/22 6p-8p	Flodin Park	
U12 Premier	TBA/Mattarella	(734) 455-9462	6/15 6p-8p, 6/16 6p-8p	Flodin Park	
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Township hall from page A1

rent home. Conference rooms have been converted to storage areas. The human resources department, for example, relinquished its meeting room so that finance could have a place to store its documents.

Such switches have become commonplace. So has fitting more people in less space. Canton's engineering department provides an illustration.

"Our space was originally designed for nine people," said Engineer Kelly Kelly. "Now we're up to 14."

Where to store records has also become a problem. The township recently purchased a track storage system to help address the issue.

"We'll be able to get twice as many files in here," said Durack. "That will help a lot."

A committee comprised of Durack and other township leaders was recently formed to study expansion. Finance Director Tony Minghine said the committee is in the very early stages of planning.

"We need to seriously look at

what we're doing here," he told Canton Trustees in a board study session last week.

Among ideas being discussed are:

■ Adding 12,000 to 14,000 square feet of office space to the building's south end. A small landscaped area between the building and a parking area would be removed.

Minghine said such a move would cost in the neighborhood of \$3 million. He thinks it would be enough space to satisfy the township's needs for the foreseeable future.

"We think if we add the work space it should do us," said Minghine. "We hope when we're done it will last for many years."

■ A building reorientation. The facility currently faces Canton Center Road, but the bulk of parking is located in the rear.

A new entrance and expanded parking on the Canton Center side would accomplish that goal, said Durack. It would also keep residents and service people from using same the entrance, he added.

While some municipalities

have several service buildings, Durack said Canton is resisting the idea.

"We like to have a centralized office for one-stop shopping," he added, "where people can get all their business done at one location."

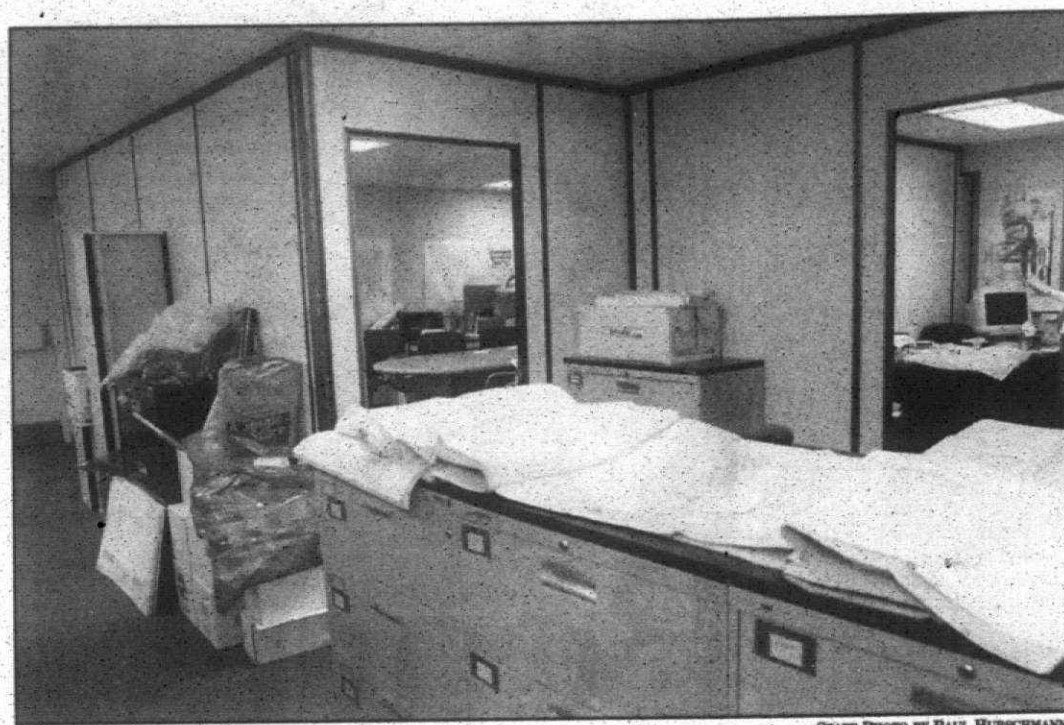
Minghine said design and architectural work will be budgeted for next year. The project would likely take at least two years to complete once construction begins, he said.

The building has already undergone one makeover. Canton's Public Safety Department expanded in 1997 with administrative offices and training rooms added.

Director John Santomauro said he is not facing the same space crunch.

"We think we're in good shape," he commented.

The only question for public safety is where to store police reports and documents. Because such records must be kept for decades, Santomauro said it may make more sense to go to digital storage.



Storage Issues: Maps and other documents are stored on top of file cabinets in the township administration building. Officials are looking at a building expansion and could eventually go to converting paper documents to digital ones.

Land from page A1

The township owns seven acres at Canton Center and Cherry Hill roads. Then there are 17 acres at Canton's Softball Center.

While much of the land will be used for township facilities, others will be sold. Minghine said the point isn't for Canton to make big money, but to control the type of development.

"If we own the property," he added, "we get to ask the questions. As a government body, we have little control over other parcels. As long as they meet the zoning ordinance (developers) can build whatever they want."

Minghine said the township is currently looking to buy in what will be Cherry Hill Village in Canton's western end.

"That probably will be it," he

said, noting that significant chunks of land are nearly gone.

Besides Canton's 221 acres in holding, the township owns hundreds more in parks and municipal facilities. The township stands alone in the amount of land it owns.

Salem Township currently has about 40 acres total. A small portion is currently used for administrative, police and fire departments.

Supervisor Michael Penn said the balance, approximately 35 acres, is open. The township will use the land for recreation, police and fire facilities as it continues to grow.

"We're strategically placing property throughout the township for the entire public's benefit," Penn said. "We're trying to think about the future of the township. You can't think about just today."

Salem's population is a little more than 4,000 currently. Penn said the township is trying to purchase more land to make sure future needs are met. It's not about making money, he added.

"That's not our objective," said Penn. "Property is a good investment, but we're not a speculative entity."

Like Canton, Northville Township is a growing community. While it currently has 22,000 residents, upwards of 40,000 are projected at build-out.

Northville Township owns 280 total acres. The vast majority of that land, about 85 percent, is currently in use, Interim Supervisor Dick Henningson said.

About 40 acres are left, he added, and are earmarked for recreation and municipal buildings. Henningson wishes his township had purchased more land years ago before the price shot through the roof — \$40,000 to \$60,000 per acre.

"We lost a lot of opportunities now that I look back at it," he commented.

Henningson thinks Canton has approached land purchases the right way and is realizing great benefits as a result.

"It's a fantastic complex they have there," he said of the township's administrative building, library, Heritage Park and Summit. "They should be proud of what's happened out there."

Schoolcraft names grant winners

Bethany Biallas, a graduating senior at Starkweather Education Center in Plymouth, received a \$1,200 Schoolcraft College Trustee Scholarship for 2000-2001.

Also winning scholarships were Plymouth seniors Mark Coates, Kristen Kukhan and Christopher Schrieber. These seniors will receive \$1,000 scholarships; Jennifer Berzel, Lori Perry, John Putala and Teresa Strang.

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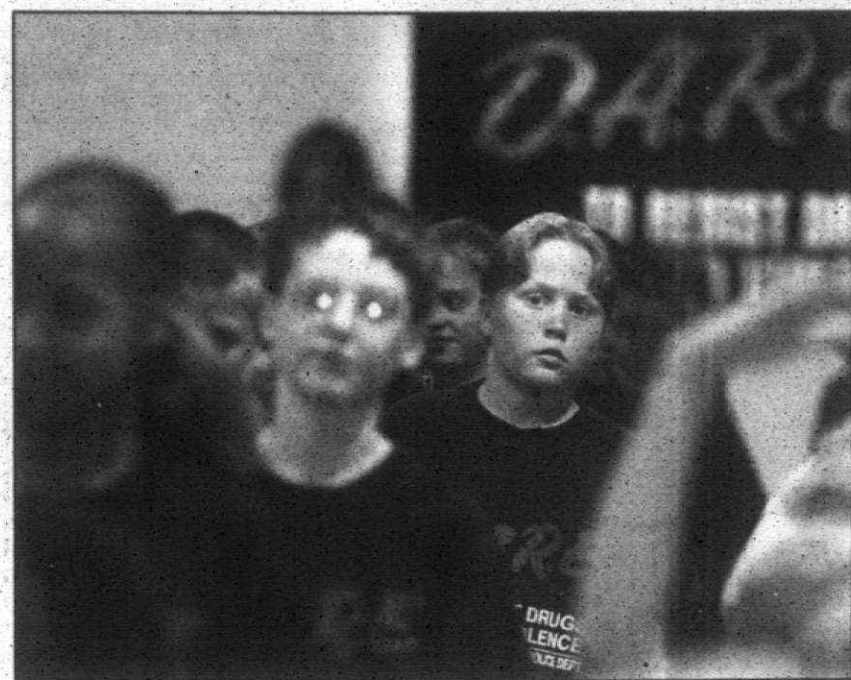
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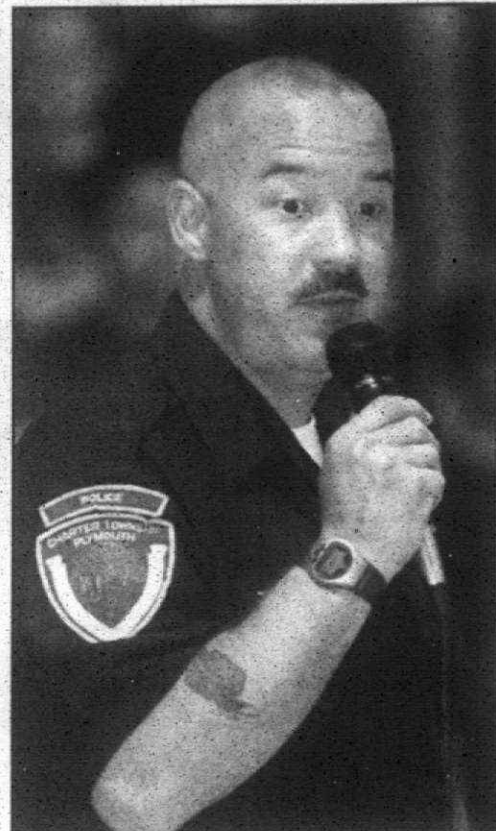
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Commencement time for D.A.R.E.



New graduates: Students from Allen Elementary file into the gymnasium as the D.A.R.E. graduation ceremonies begin. At right, Plymouth Township police Detective John Drake welcomes students and their families to the ceremony.



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OBITUARIES

WAYNE C. LUSK

Services for Wayne C. Lusk, 74, of Plymouth were June 8 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dennis M. Bux officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

He was born May 28, 1926, in Kalamazoo. He died June 5 in Superior Township. He was an administrative law judge and deputy director of the Department of Licensing and Regulation for the State of Michigan.

He was in the United States Navy in World War II. He was a member of the Michigan State Bar Association and Hope Lutheran church for 15 years. He currently was attending Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia.

He was a graduate of Wayne State University and Detroit College of Law. He ran for Michigan State Senate in the 1950s. He retired in 1989. He lived 22 years in Plymouth following 29 years in Redford Township.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Jennie Lusk. Survivors include his wife, Alda Jean Lusk of Plymouth; three sons, David W. (Lou) Lusk of Redford, Craig J. Lusk of Canton and Robert G. (Mary) Lusk of Hamburg; and five grandchildren, Robert, Susan, Nicholas, Jessica and Jonathan.

Memorials may be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

WILVA IRENE MARKHAM
Services for Wilva Irene Markham, 88, of Vicksburg, Mich., (formerly of Plymouth) were June 8 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Norman Long officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly, Mich.

She was born Dec. 10, 1911, in Davisburg. She died June 6 in Leonidas, Mich. She lived 75 years in the Plymouth area and 13 years in the Holly area. She graduated Plymouth High

School in 1929. She was a former member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. She loved to sew. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry H. and Jessie Mae Norris. Survivors include her daughter, Irene M. (Donald) Carson of Vicksburg, Mich.; one son, Ronald N. (Mariann) Markham of Clinton; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Three Rivers, 633 S. Erie Street, Three Rivers, MI 49093 or to Birch Adult Foster Care, 153 W. Street, Leptomas, MI 49066.

GORDON R. JEWELL
Services for Gordon R. Jewell, 83, of Plymouth were June 10 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Kip Harris officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery Mausoleum.

He was born Aug. 11, 1916, in Crosby, Minn. He died June 8 in Livonia. He was an automotive product engineer for Ford Motor Company. He was retired. He came to the Plymouth community in 1950 from Speedway, Ind.

He was a member of the Motor City Theater Organ Society. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He loved working on automobiles. He was an excellent woodworker, building furniture and cabinet making were two of his favorites. He held several patents for inventing automotive parts.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Frank Denkhous; and one brother, Russell Jewell. Survivors include his wife, Mary (Bonnie) Jewell of Brighton, Glen (Sandy) Jewell of Plymouth, Tom (Connie) Jewell of Westland, Mollie Denkhous of Westland; three sisters, Maxine Fisher of Sterling Heights, Eleanor Sullivan of Byron and Of Cadell of Cadillac; six grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Forum features candidates in hot prosecutor race

BY RICHARD PEARL
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The hottest political contest in Wayne County this election year — the Democratic Party primary race between the five candidates vying for prosecuting attorney — will take center stage via a public forum in Livonia on Thursday, June 22.

The five — political veterans Michael E. Duggan, George E. Ward, Virgil C. Smith and Sharon McPhail and political newcomer Jennifer L.M. Colthirst — will participate in the forum 7:30-10 p.m. at the Livonia Library, Five Mile between Farmington and Merriman.

The Aug. 8 primary will actually decide the successor to long-time Prosecutor John D. O'Hair because there are no Republican candidates. O'Hair is retiring from office.



Colthirst



Duggan



McPhail



Smith



Ward

Retired Judge Marvin Stempin will moderate the forum, which is being co-sponsored by The Observer Newspapers and The Northville Record, cable television companies Comcast, Media One and Time Warner; and by the Community Democratic Club.

The format will feature questions posed by Stempin, questions the candidates ask each

other, and queries from the audience.

"The Observer Newspapers is pleased to co-sponsor this important election event," said Susan Rosiek, publisher of The Observer Newspapers. "The office of Wayne County Prosecutor is a key position for residents throughout our circulation area. The Observer is committed to providing our readers with as

much information as possible on the candidates and the issues in the upcoming primary election.

"We are pleased to partner with local cable companies and the Community Democratic Club in an effort to inform voters about candidates and issues in the race for Wayne County Prosecutor. Since no Republicans are running in this race, the primary is the election. Voters can either

attend the event or watch the Observer for dates and times when the forum will be broadcast on their local cable station."

Dynamic changes

The prosecuting attorney's race originally seemed to be a battle between Duggan, the Livonia resident who is County Executive Edward McNamara's deputy chief, and Ward of Plymouth, O'Hair's chief assistant prosecutor.

But all that changed when first Smith, a veteran state legislator from Detroit who is being term-limited from office, and then McPhail, a former prosecutor in O'Hair's office who has run against both McNamara and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, tossed their political hats into the ring.

Smith, who has served 24 years in Lansing, lost to O'Hair

four years ago. McPhail, an attorney in private practice in Detroit, lost to Archer in 1994 and McNamara in '98.

Colthirst, a first-time candidate for political office, has practiced criminal trial law in Detroit since 1996 and also has civil and probate experience.

She also has a weekly radio talk show on WHPR FM 88.1. A brother is a prosecutor in O'Hair's office.

A San Francisco, Calif. native, Colthirst graduated from both UCLA and the Thurgood Marshall Law School at Texas Southern University.

Stempin, a Plymouth resident who retired in 1995 following 12 years as a Third Judicial Court judge, was a Livonia-based trial lawyer for 22 years prior to his judgeship. He also served three terms in the state House of Representatives.

Planners meet Mondays

The Canton Township Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Meetings are open to the public and agendas are available from the township planning department.



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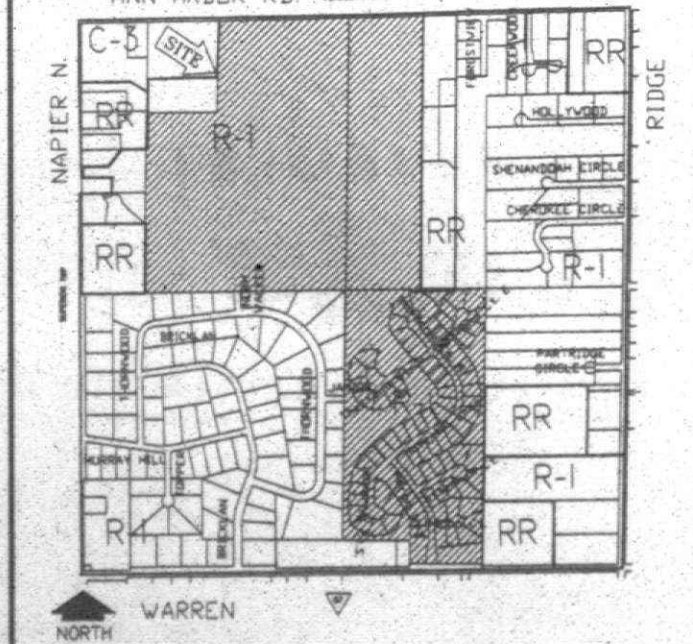
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1945 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 19, 2000, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

HERON RIDGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - AMENDMENT #1 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AGREEMENT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 021 99 0018 700 022 99 0001 701 024 99 0002 000. Property is located between Joy and Warren Roads east of Napier Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, June 15, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF PLYMOUTH

The City of Plymouth will be conducting a Public Hearing for discussion concerning the Recreation Master Plan. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 19th, 2000 in the City Commission Chambers at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan at 7:00 p.m.

The project is being funded 100% with Community Block Grant Funds and the Contractor on the project is Langworth, Strader and LeBlanc Planning from Royal Oak. Public input is invited during this hearing, or prior to the meeting.

Plymouth City Hall does meet ADA Standards for being handicapped accessible. Any Questions prior to the public hearing can be addressed to Paul Sincoc, Assistant City Manager at (734) 453-1234 ext. 238.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

Published: June 11, 2000

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Plymouth, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED 2000-01 OPERATING BUDGETS

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.
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454 SOUTH HARVEY STREET, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

The purpose of this hearing is to review the proposed operating budgets, receive testimony, and comply with the formal legal requirements prior to adopting the 2000-01 operating budgets.

Copies of the proposed 2000-01 are available for public inspection in the office of the Executive Director for Business and Operations at 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

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

JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary
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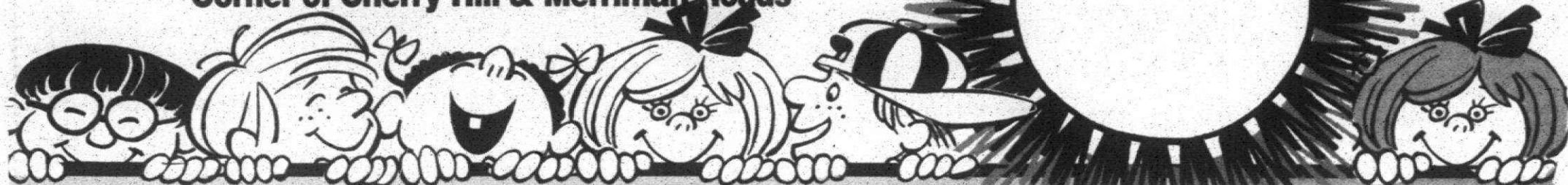
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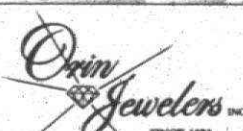
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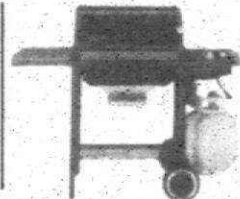
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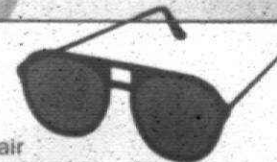
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Hoop all-star

Derrick Isensee, who just graduated from Plymouth Christian Academy, has been selected to play in the Class C-D all-star basketball game to be played June 24 at Brighton HS.

The 6-foot-4 forward was a three-time captain for the Eagles, twice leading them to the Class D regional finals. As a senior, he averaged nearly 15 points and seven rebounds a game. PCA was 19-5 this season.

Isensee is headed for Grace College in Winona Lake, Ind., on a basketball/baseball scholarship.

Two other teammates are also headed to colleges with scholarships. Dave Carty, a 6-3 guard and the team's leading scorer last season, will attend Oklahoma Christian.

Mike Huntsman, a 6-5 forward, is headed to Madonna University.

Sonnanstine lauded

Amy Sonnanstine, a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton HS now attending Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio, has been inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma national college athlete honor society.

To qualify, members must be of junior class standing, have a 3.4 or higher grade-point average, be of good moral character and have earned a varsity letter in an intercollegiate sport.

Sonnanstine has lettered three times in track and currently holds the school record in the pole vault.

Junior Crusaders 2nd

The Madonna University Junior Crusaders 12-and-under girls volleyball team took home the silver medal in the Elite Division at the State AAU Tournament last weekend in Adrian. The Junior Crusaders entered the final match having won 10-straight games in five matches.

They advance to play in the National AAU Tournament in Chicago, Ill.

Coached by Kim Price, team members are Marissa Bober, Teresa Coppellie, Jansen Falcus, Ashton Judis, Amanda Lenart, Madison McCoy, Trisha Morrill, Lauren Price and Terry Rhodes.

Soccer sign-up

The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will take fall youth soccer registration during business hours throughout the month of June at the Recreation office, located at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

All registrations must have a birth certificate. Cost is \$45 for 6-8 year olds who are city of Plymouth residents, \$65 for non-residents. Cost for those 9-and-over is \$50 for city of Plymouth residents, \$80 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620 or check out the web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Basketball camp

Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Karen Lafata will conduct a pair of girls basketball camp at SC.

From 9 a.m.-noon on June 19-23, there will be a camp for grades one-through-six. Cost is \$70 and includes a T-shirt.

From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on July 31-Aug. 3, there will be a camp for grades 7-12. Cost is \$110 and includes a T-shirt and basketball.

For further information, call Lafata at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5249.

Simon hoop camps

Wayne State University women's basketball coach Bob Simon will hosts two sessions of fundamental summer camps for boys and girls — 8:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, June 26-30 (grades 2-5) and July 10-14 (grades 6-9) at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic School, located at the corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly in Redford.

The cost for each session is \$115.

For more information, call Bob or Donna Simon at (313) 534-6992.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Salem grad gets All-American status

BY C.J. RISAK
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Well — now what?

Certainly Stefanie Volpe has surpassed a lot of expectations, has reached a lot of goals. And she's just completing her sophomore year at the University of Michigan.

Last month, Volpe — who was already named to the all-Big Ten Conference second team and to the conference's all-tournament team — was named third team All-American.

"Not too bad," said Volpe, a 1998 Plymouth Salem HS graduate, of her season. "It was a good year. I liked it. I thought me and Hutch (Carol Hutchins, Michigan's head coach) really bonded. She was teaching me a lot."

In turn, Volpe came through with a superb season. She led the Wolverines in hitting with a .363 batting average; she also tied for first in doubles with 14, had a team-best five home runs, drove in 36 runs (tied for second on the team), scored 34 runs (third) and had team-highs in on-base percentage (.485) and walks (34).

"My role changed this year," she noted. "Last year I was catching. This year, I was DHing (designated hitting) more."

"I liked my role. I was real focused this year. I zeroed in on learning the pitching."

It was a labor of love for the former Salem star.



Stefanie Volpe
All-American

Hitting is something Volpe does extremely well. As a freshman, she said Michigan's coaching staff "wasn't really looking at me for anything."

That was before the season. They ended up getting quite a bit. Volpe hit .345 with 10 doubles, two triples and 43 RBI in her first season.

"If there was anything she figured she could do better this season, it was improve her power hitting. 'Last year I hit the fence something like 14 times,' she said.

Not this season. After going homerless as a freshman, Volpe hit five this season — including one in her first at-bat with a new bat.

"I owe it all to my assistant coach, Jennifer Brundage," she said. "I was using a different bat last

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No giving up
Canton battles back to clip Stevenson in OT

BY C.J. RISAK
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Oh, that little rascal.

Stephanie Johnson — nicknamed Spanky, a tag she's carried since childhood when someone thought she resembled that character from the Little Rascals — twice did just what she had to do in a Division I regional final against Livonia Stevenson Friday in Novi.

She found the open ground.

The result: With the Spartan defense converging on Anne Morrell as she sped down the wing, Johnson went to the net, took a centering pass from Morrell and put it in the goal.

It added up to a 3-2 overtime victory for the Chiefs and a trip to the state semifinals against the winner of the Brighton/Holt match. The semifinal — Brighton, ranked No. 1 in the state most of the season, was a heavy favorite over Holt — will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Mehall Field in Jackson.

The state final is slated for Canton's field at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Canton improves to 20-1-2. Stevenson bows out at 13-4-3.

The look of relief on the face of Chiefs' coach Don Smith after the game said enough. Twice Canton trailed in the match, but the Chiefs never surrendered.

"It was a great comeback," said Smith. "I was feeling very desperate. I was getting worried out there."

After a scoreless first half, Stevenson opened the second with fire, applying more offensive pressure than it had throughout the first 40 minutes. It led to a goal by Dana White, who took a feed from Deanna



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Congratulations in order: Canton's Stephanie Johnson (smiling) and Anne Morrell are swarmed by teammates after Morrell set up Johnson's game-tying goal. Stevenson's defenders, like Andrea Sied (3, below left), tried to swarm Morrell but that opened things up for Johnson.

McGrath after a defensive deflection and put it past Canton keeper Amy Dorogi with 33:40 left in the second

half.

Canton kept trying to spring Morrell, who moved from one wing to the other looking to break free from the defensive double-team she was subjected to.

Then, with 23:53 left in the second half, Johnson sent the ball down the right wing to Morrell, and with a burst of speed she managed to turn the corner on the Spartan defender and nail a shot into the corner of the net over keeper Lesley Hooker's hands.

It was tied at 1-all, and with leading scorer Lindsay Gusick sitting out an MHSAA-mandated three-game suspension, Stevenson's chances didn't look good.

But the Spartans, state finalists the last three years, weren't giving in. They kept attacking down the wing, where Canton's defenders could do little more than knock the ball out of bounds. With 22 minutes left, Stevenson's Danielle Lewis forced such a play, getting her team a corner kick.

Megan Urbats took the corner and, when a scramble in front left several Chief defenders on the ground, Lewis finished to put the Spartans in front

2-1 with 21:47 left.

"If you were to tell me we would get two goals on that team, I would have thought we would win," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble, who finishes the season with 99 career wins.

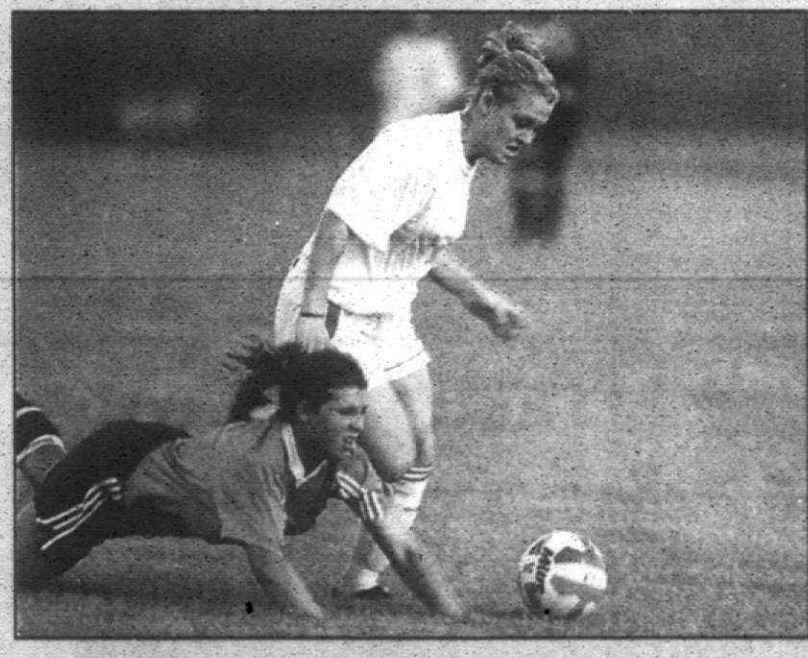
Why not? In two previous meetings this season, the two teams had totaled two goals — playing to a 1-1 regular-season tie and a scoreless draw in the Western Lakes Activities Association title match.

Kimble admitted he made a mistake by not altering his defense and dropping his top defender, Andrea Sied (voted the state's Miss Soccer as a junior), back into a more defensive roll after the Spartans got their first lead. He wouldn't repeat that mistake.

But it didn't matter. The Chiefs proved as determined as their opponents in a game that started with temperatures hovering in the mid-80s.

"We never really got down," said Johnson, sounding every bit as optimistic as her "ancestor," Spanky of the Little Rascals. "We kept our chins

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Ocelots keep stockpiling top players

BY BRAD EMONS
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He may never be a Larry Legend, but this Bird may well suit the needs of the Schoolcraft College men's basketball program for the 2000-01 season.

Derrick Bird, a 6-foot-4 shooting guard out of Ypsilanti, is the latest recruit for coach Carlos Briggs.

Bird, who played in 19 games last season, including three starts for Central Michigan University, joins an already talented incoming class for Briggs.

Also set to play next season for Schoolcraft is 6-8 center Sam Hoskin, a Redford Bishop Borgess High product

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who averaged a team-high 15 points and eight rebounds per game as a freshman for Eastern Kentucky; 6-6 All-Observer forward Emir Medunjanin of North Farmington; 6-2 guard Colin Wilkinson of Dearborn, a transfer from Hillsdal College; and 6-6 forward Keanan Weir, another transfer from ECU.

Bird, who averaged 3.1 points per game at CMU, sat out his freshman year because of knee surgery.

"Derrick is an All-State player, a National Honor Society student who

already has 53 credits and a 3.16 grade-point average," Briggs said. "He's a good kid, a good student and a good basketball player."

"It's win-win situation for both Derrick and Schoolcraft if he does what he is supposed to do."

At Ypsilanti High, Bird played three years on the varsity. He averaged 19 points, five rebounds and five assists per game his senior year.

"Derrick provides consistent outside shooting, something we haven't really haven't had in awhile," said Briggs, who is 74-19 in three seasons at SC. "He gives us a double threat with Sam (Hoskin). It gives us an inside-outside presence."

Bird, looking to leave CMU, landed at Schoolcraft through former Chippewa teammate Rob Brown, another CMU transfer who led the Ocelots in scoring and rebounding last year. (The 6-4 Brown recently signed with Buffalo.)

"I knew Coach Briggs has a good program and I like their style of play, which is to get up and down the floor," said Bird, who plans to pursue a degree in Education with aspirations to coach some day. "He (Briggs) is also people person, and that's important."

Bird's signing may signal that Briggs may be staying at Schoolcraft after all, although he is still considering an offer

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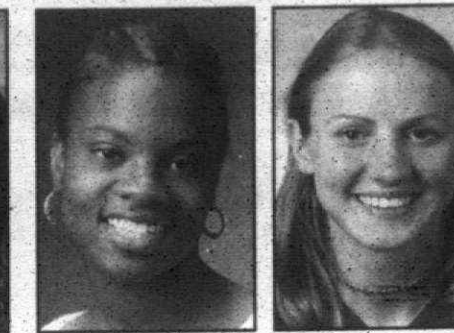
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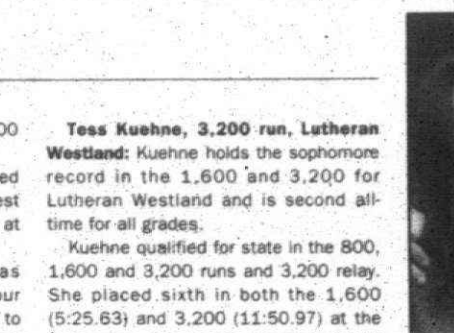
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2000 ALL-AREA GIRLS TRACK TEAM

2000 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Tiffany Grubbaugh, Sr., Plymouth Salem; 2. Tasha O'Neal, So., North Farmington; 3. Lisa Bello, Jr., Livonia Franklin.

Discus: 1. Judy Telford, Jr., Farmington Hills Mercy; 2. Jenny Heimer, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; 3. Andrea Deed, So., North Farmington.

Long jump: 1. Jessica Shamberger, So., Plymouth Salem; 2. Alexis Noel, So., Livonia Ladywood; 3. Andrea Polasky, Jr., Livonia Stevenson.

Pole vault: 1. Kim Wise, Jr., Garden City; 2. Jane Peterson, Sr., Livonia Church Hill; 3. Karl Cezar, Jr., Livonia Church Hill.

Relay Teams

400 relay: 1. Plymouth Salem (Michelle Bapko, Susan Woodward, Jessica Shamberger, Rachel Jones); 2. Livonia Ladywood (Laura Tates, Kelly Prodnemsky, Kelly Cargy, Brianna Watson); 3. Westland John Glenn (LaTasha Chandler, Felicia Barnett, Elizabeth Easter, Sha-Nelle Brown).

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500-meter hurdles: 1. LaTasha Chandler, Jr., Westland John Glenn; 2. Aisha Chappell, Sr., Plymouth Salem; 3. Lisa Rothenberg, Jr., Farmington Hills Mercy.

800 hurdles: 1. Cassie Ehlerdt, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; 2. Kristi Sticker, Jr., Farmington; 3. Valerie Brown, Sr., Plymouth Salem.

1,000 dash: 1. Brianna Watson, Sr., Livonia Ladywood; 2. Michelle Bapko, Jr., Plymouth Salem; 3. Angela Mikalisen, So., Livonia Stevenson.

200 dash: 1. Rachel Jones, Sr., Plymouth Salem; 2. Dayna Clements, Sr., North Farmington; 3. (tie) Alexandra Mesashi, Jr., Farmington Hills Mercy; Rita Mesashi, Jr., Livonia Franklin.

400 dash: 1. Autumn Hicks, Jr., Plymouth Salem; 2. Meredith Fox, Sr., Plymouth Salem; 3. Dominique Whitner, Jr., Bopas.

800 run: 1. Andrea Parker, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; 2. Sarah Westrick, Jr., Livonia Church Hill; 3. Tessa Tarole, So., Livonia Ladywood.

1,600 run: 1. Heather Vandette, So., Livonia Stevenson; 2. Tessa Tarole, So., Livonia Stevenson; 3. Holly Stevenson, Jr., Livonia Stevenson.

3,200 run: 1. Tessa Kuehne, So., Lutheran Westland; 2. Susan Duncan, So., Livonia Stevenson; 3. Tessa Tarole, So., Livonia Stevenson.

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There are more than just a few familiar faces on this year's All-Observer girls track team, which was selected recently by area coaches.

Repeat selections include Tiffany Grubbaugh (Plymouth Salem), Judy Telford (Farmington Hills Mercy), Kim Wise (Garden City), LaTasha Chandler (Westland John Glenn), Autumn Hicks (Livonia Stevenson) and Heather Vandette (Stevenson).

It was also an outstanding year for several area teams.

Salem, coached by Mark Gregor, pulled off a "four-peat" in the Western Lakes Activities Association, while Livonia Ladywood, coached by Lee Shaw, captured its first-ever regional title at Algonac in Division I.

The Lutheran High Westland girls won both the Metro Conference and Division IV regional crowns under coach Dave Brown. Salem and Livonia Stevenson finished a close second and third behind Detroit Cass Tech in the Division I regional at Redford Union.

Introducing the 2000 All-Observer girls track team.

FIRST TEAM

Tiffany Grubbaugh, shot put, Ply. Salem: Grubbaugh is a two-time state champion who holds the Salem record in the shot put (41.11.5) and discus (143.6). She is the sixth all-time leader in varsity points scored with 1,407 and was selected as a captain during her junior and senior years.

Grubbaugh was the shot put and discus champion in the regional and Western Lakes Athletics Association the past two years as well as several other invitational meets and was undefeated in dual meets.

"Tiffany is an extremely hard worker

and is not satisfied until she accomplishes her goals for the day," Salem coach Mark Gregor said. "She is a tremendous role model and is well respected by her teammates, classmates, coaches and teachers."

"Tiffany has been a coaches dream for the past four years and shares her accomplishments with her throwing coach, Jay Blaylock."

Judy Telford, discus, Farm. Hills Mercy: Telford set school records in the shot put (38-3/4) and discus (126-7), bettering her own records in both. The old shot put record (37-1/2) was held by Charese Sanders (1988) until Telford broke it in early May with a toss of 37-7/8.

In the final area rankings, only Plymouth Salem's Tiffany Grubbaugh was better than Telford in each event.

Telford was the Catholic League champion in both. She also won Oakland County and regional titles in the discus.

She qualified for the state meet for the first time and finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 122-1.

"She was second to Kristy Ramsey in team scoring, and that's pretty good for only being in two events," Mercy coach Gary Servais said.

"She has improved every year for three years in a row. She's at rest on her laurels; she keeps going after it. I'm hoping she goes after the state (title) next year. She went to state for the first time and did very well."

Jessica Shamberger, long jump, Ply. Salem: Seven times this season, Shamberger jumped more than 16 feet and prior to an injury at the regional meet would have become a threat at the state finals.

"Her ability to convert exceptional speed and jumping ability into several long distance jumps this season has made the event very competitive for the Rocks," coach Mark Gregor said.

Despite the injury, Shamberger was able to compete in two relay events at the state finals in Rockford and returned with a state medal.

"The future for Jessica is very bright," Gregor said. "She can be one of the better sprinters/long jumpers to ever come out of Salem."

Kristy Ramsey, high jump, Farm. Hills Mercy: Ramsey, a four-year basketball and volleyball player, had quite a year in

her first and only season of track and field.

She was a standout in every field event but the pole vault and was ranked among the top 10 in the four.

Her best was the high jump in which she had the area's highest jump at 5-5 and placed seventh in the Division I state meet.

Ramsey also threw the shot put 32-10 and the discus 109-0, and her best effort in the long jump was 16-5 1/2.

Performances like that have Mercy coach Gary Servais believing Ramsey could be a good heptathlete (seven-event person) in college, but her original plan was to play volleyball.

In addition to being Mercy's MVP, Ramsey shattered the school record for single-season scoring with 252.66 points, breaking Amy Buhl's 1995 record of 195.57.

Ramsey also won regional and Operation Friendship titles and was runner-up in the Catholic League in the high jump.

"She had a heckuva year for a first-year kid," Servais said. "I would like to have seen what would have happened if she had competed four years in track and field."

Kim Wise, pole vault, Garden City: Wise was league and regional champion this season and finished seventh at the state meet.

"Kim is a very consistent vaulter," Garden City coach Rob Phillips said. "She is technically one of the best in the state. She is a great athlete with tremendous potential."

LaTasha Chandler, 110-meter hurdles, Westland John Glenn: Chandler scored points in every meet this season and lost only once. Her best time was 14.8 seconds. She finished second in the 200 and 60.2 in the 400.

"The 25.8 in the 200 ties a 15-year old record at Salem and the 12.4 in the 100 is the fastest since 1990," coach Mark Gregor said.

In addition, Jones ran the finishing leg on some extremely fast and successful relays.

"The team captain is the hardest worker we have had in the sprints at Salem and has made her teammates, better every day at practice and in meets," Gregor said. "Rachel has accomplished a great deal in her four-year career at Salem and has raised the standards in work ethic, competitiveness and in leadership."

Jones is academic all-state in track and field with a 3.755 grade point average.

Autumn Hicks, 400 dash, Ply. Salem: An extremely tough competitor, Hicks saved her best for the big meets. At the WLA meet, she placed second in the 400 dash, 200 dash, 400

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400 relay: Salem's foursome includes (left to right) Michelle Bonior, Susan Woodward, Jessica Shamberger and Rachel Jones.



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dash and in the league champion 800 relay.

In the regional meet, Hicks finished third in the 400. She recorded her best time of the season (59.1 seconds) at the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions.

"For three seasons, Autumn has become a very important part of our program and has a chance to lead us to greater heights in the future," coach Mark Gregor said.

After this season, Hicks is seventh in all-time varsity points at Salem.

Andrea Parker, 800 run, Liv. Stevenson: The Spartan distinguished herself again this year as the top distance track performer in the area.

Parker paced Overland with area best times in the 800 (2:25.8), 1,600 (5:19.5), 3,200 (11:45.8) and was part of the best 3,200 relay team.

Parker was WLA and regional champion in the 1,600 and 3,200 and finished second in the league and third in the region in the 800. She was a state qualifier in the 1,600, 3,200 and 3,200 relay.

At the state final meet, Parker ran the lead off leg of the 3,200 relay in 2:22.

Parker was part of the 1997 Stevenson record-setting 3,200 relay (9:29.4). She is the Spartans' leading scorer and MVP for the last two years.

"Andrea sacrificed personal goals and records for the team," coach Paul Holmberg said. "She ran four races in nearly every meet."

In the WLA and regional meets, she ran the maximum allowed (3,200 relay, 1,600, 3,200 and 800) and finished first or second in all but one where she was third.

"She recovers better than any runner I have ever coached and has been a joy to work with for four years."

Heather Vandette, 1,600 run, Liv. Stevenson: Vandette ran a season best time of 5:23.4 in the 1,600 and was near the top of the list in the 3,200 (11:51.2).

At the WLA meet, Vandette finished second in the 3,200, third in the 1,600 and second in the 3,200 relay. She placed second in all three events at regionals.

A state qualifier in the 1,600, 3,200 and 3,200 relay, Vandette ran the 3,200 in 11:51.2 and a leg of the 3,200 relay in 2:27.

"Together with Andrea (Parker), Heather gives Stevenson a 1-2 punch in the distance events that not many teams can challenge," coach Paul Holmberg said. "She has made great strides in two seasons, but her best races are still to come."



3,200 relay: Livonia Stevenson's quartet consists of (left to right) Tessa Tarole, Heather Vandette, Andrea Parker and Erin Mazzoni.

a time of 1:45.5 at the regional meet and finished ninth at the state final (1:45.7). This group was also undefeated in dual meets and was the WLA champion.

"Each member of this relay did an outstanding job throughout the season and knew that to retain their spots, they had to work hard to perfect their exchanges and to improve their speed from beginning to end," coach Mark Gregor said. "Being honored 'All-Observerland' is a just reward for a fine group of young ladies."

1,600 relay, Salem (Autumn Hicks, Brynne DeNeen, Aisha Chappell, Rachel Jones): This group, comprised of a junior and three seniors, were the fifth fastest 1,600 relay in school history. They clocked their fastest time of 4:06.4 at the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions against some top flight competition in which they finished second to eventual state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"Each of these young ladies knew that when a big meet came around, they could be called upon to bring home a victory for the team," coach Mark Gregor said.

"It is a tribute to the discipline and hard work that each of these athletes committed themselves to this season that they are being recognized as 'All-Observerland.'"

3,200 relay, Stevenson (Andrea Parker, Erin Mazzoni, Heather Vandette, Tessa Tarole): Stevenson's 3,200 relay team led the listings all year and their time of 9:46.9 at the state final meet was the fastest area time since 1996 (Stevenson, 9:39).

The Spartans used several combinations of runners during the season and was undefeated in dual meets. This foursome combined together to qualify for the state meet and post the area's best time.

"We have always made the 3,200 relay a priority event and Stevenson and have qualified for the state meet practically every year," coach Paul Holmberg said.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2000, 10:00 a.m.
Wayne County Commission Chambers, Room 400
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Each of the leagues has its own particular history and identity.

For this tournament, the leagues have one team each of boys, girls and mixed.

The highest aggregate score wins the championship. In this event they all battled hard, and as the smoke cleared, the winner and new champion turned out to be Ward with a total of 11,334, originated by the late Cecil Ward about a half-century ago.

According to Ypsi-Arbor Manager, Barbara Buhler: "This was one of the

most exciting of all youth tournaments, they all bowled great." Among the highlights, Myron Lee of Ward rolled a 259 game with a 696 series for high individual honors.

Anthony Wright shot a 604, Fred Effinger, 608; and Jeff Edwards fired a 238 game and 624 to help seal the victory for Ward.

The S.Y.C., with a total of 11,206, took second with a 240 game from Tony Vitale, a 611 series by Tom Hughes, a 596 by Jeff Novak, a 587 series by Tom Shellman and a 577 with a 238 game by Keith Moore.

The W.W.Y.T.C., third with 10,851, had Scott Barnack leading with a 255 game and 576; Roy Hixson 224 and 587; and Ryan Mortenson with a 589.

Lane conditions were pretty dry in the back end, resulting in a more difficult shot for the cranks, big hookers and the players with more aggressive balls.

Difficult (very dry) lane conditions mean that sometimes you would have to aim at the 10-pin in order to hit the No. 7.

The 64th annual John P. Gavig Memorial Tournament will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21.

This year's honorees include bowling center proprietors Mark Voight of Farmington Hills and Jim Strobl, owner of Royal and Thunderbowl Lanes, along with Marguerite "Peggy" Satko of Garden City, who is the first vice-president of the Detroit Women's

Bowling Association, and 86-year-old Jarvis Weehike of Dearborn. The Gavig is always considered to be the kick-off of the new bowling season. It is a team event and many of the entrants will be sponsored by local businesses, some by their own bowling center, and others by industrial supporters.

Many others enter on their own, a very reasonable cost for the team entry, which is just what John Gavig wanted done.

This tournament always turns out to be a nice social event, as old friends get together to have a good time.

There will be a men's, women's and senior division. Cash prizes will be awarded in each division and there will be optional jackpots and brackets.

The tournament committee also announced there will be a youth scholarship award given out each year starting next season.

Every entrant comes away with a variety of souvenir gifts.

Entry forms will go out shortly, so plan ahead.

For TV fans of the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour, the next event is schedule for 10:30 p.m. Monday on ESPN 2.

Last week, Michelle Feldman had a nasty fall and injured her bowling thumb. As she was seeded in the No. 1 spot, she only had to bowl one game, toughed it out with a lot of pain and still bowled well enough to win the

tournament.

Our local gals are not doing too well right now, and one more of the All-Stars Bowlerettes has joined the tour, that is Novella White of Detroit, who has been one of our areas top female players for quite some time.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association will hold its annual Awards Banquet jointly with the Detroit Women's Bowling Association this Thursday, June 15 at the Warren Chateau.

This is where everybody gets to eat and then see the awards handed out for the accomplishments and all-city team selections. The recipients will be made public in next week's edition.

I never win any of the awards, but I do get to eat, always seated with the bowling press corps consisting of Matt Fiorito, Rick Strobl, Larry Paladino and Bernie Kennedy and our wives. I always look forward to this, as Paladino, who is now our Birmingham Eccentric News Editor, never fails to have the latest jokes at the table.

Larry, I hope everybody enjoys your sense of humor as much as I do.

It's bargain time Summer fare at Town 'n Country Lanes on Wayne Road in Westland.

You can bowl from 10 p.m. to midnight Fridays at Pizza & Bowl for \$24 per lane; All U Can Bowl from 10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturdays at \$25 per lane; Rent-a-lane 10 p.m. to midnight Sundays at \$15 per lane.

HONOR ROLL

Men's Bowl Lanes (Livonia)

Club Fifty John Paul, 279/621; John McFeters, 253/630; Bill Spray, 257/629; Stan Felthaus, 253; Ben Krupp, 230; Wil Soukas, 212.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia)

Summer Trio: Chuck Dobrick, 278/757; Brent Landis, 695; Dan Filipp, 691; Alan Bohne, 690; Rob Schepis, 279/732; Stu Levy, 686; Scott Malusky, 681; John Schultz, 682.

Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland)

Wednesday Trio: Chris Klicinski, 702; Mark Robertson, 278; Ron Bruesewitz, 279; Alicia Campbell, 233; Sandy Clark, 212/552. Battle of the Sexes: Don White, 256/692; Fred McBride, 248/658; Stan Black, 248/687.

Westland Bowl

Thursday Summer Trio (May 25): George Fineran, 245/661; Dick Beattie, 266/643; Jon Reed, 287/708; Chris Klicinski, 277/725; Linda Batke, 213/608; Terry Norman, 222/634; Brian Heyza, 254/689; William Gallagher, 268/716; Dick Batke, 245/705; Lee Snow, 234/654; Rob Schepis, 237/640; Gary Duard, 258/732.

Thursday Summer Trio (June 1): Joe Jacobs, 257/671; Jeff Roche, 241/650; Rob Schepis, 257/680; George Fineran, 238/685; Tim Meyer, 242/645; Dan Frazier, 222/645; Dick Batke, 227/663; Kurt Potulski, 275/634; Todd Willich, 276/683; Jon Reed, 248/645; Brian Heyza, 258/728; John Flores, 217/620; Dan Flores, 237/670; Tom Shively, 243/723; Gary Duard, 257/758.

Country Lanes (Farmington)

Summer Seniors: Stan Skarbinski, 210/534; Otto Kusk, 202; Tony Caramito, 561; Bren Sheppard, 227/591; Ruth Dolan, 183.

Wednesday Night Doubles: Keith Moore, 246; Nathan Adams, 228/Jenny Chism, 233; Katie Bishop, 212.

Ladies Night Out: Minika Earles, 235/620; Ann Marie Campbell, 189/523.

SOCCER TEAM TRYOUTS

The Canton Soccer Club, with Detroit Rockers' keeper Bryan "Goose" Finnerly serving as head coach and director of coaching/player development, will host a series of summer tryouts for various teams.

Boys tryouts

Under-9: 5:7 p.m. June 17 and June 18 at Canton HS. Call (734) 455-9946 for information.

Under-10 A and B: 6:8 p.m. June 15 and June 16 at Canton HS. Call (734) 981-6041.

Under-11 A and B: 6:8 p.m. June 15 and June 16 at Canton HS. Call (734) 451-7211 or (734) 453-0657.

Under-12 premier, under-12 select: 6:8 p.m. June 15 and June 16 at Canton HS. Call (734) 878-9031.

Under-13 premier: 6:8 p.m. June 15 and June 16 at Canton HS. Call (734) 455-9946.

Under-13 select: 6:8 p.m. June 15 and June 16 at Canton HS. Call (734) 981-2773.

Under-14 premier: 6:8 p.m. June 19 and June 20 at Canton HS. Call (734) 207-1662.

Under-14 select: 6:8 p.m. June 22 and June 23 at Canton HS. Call (734) 454-9072.

Under-15 premier: 6:8 p.m. June 19 and June 20 at Madonna University. Call (734) 397-8953.

Under-15 select: 6:8 p.m. June 21 and June 22 at Canton HS. Call 459-7849.

Under-16 premier: 6:8 p.m. June 19 and June 20 at Canton HS. Call (734) 416-1672.

Under-16 select: 6:30:30 p.m. June 19, June 20 and June 21 at Flodin Park. Call (734) 454-7092 or (734) 459-7252.

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Under-17 premier: 6:8 p.m. June 20 and June 21 at Flodin Park. Call (734) 455-3662.

Under-19 premier: 6:8 p.m. June 15 and June 16 at Flodin Park. Call (734) 981-1672.

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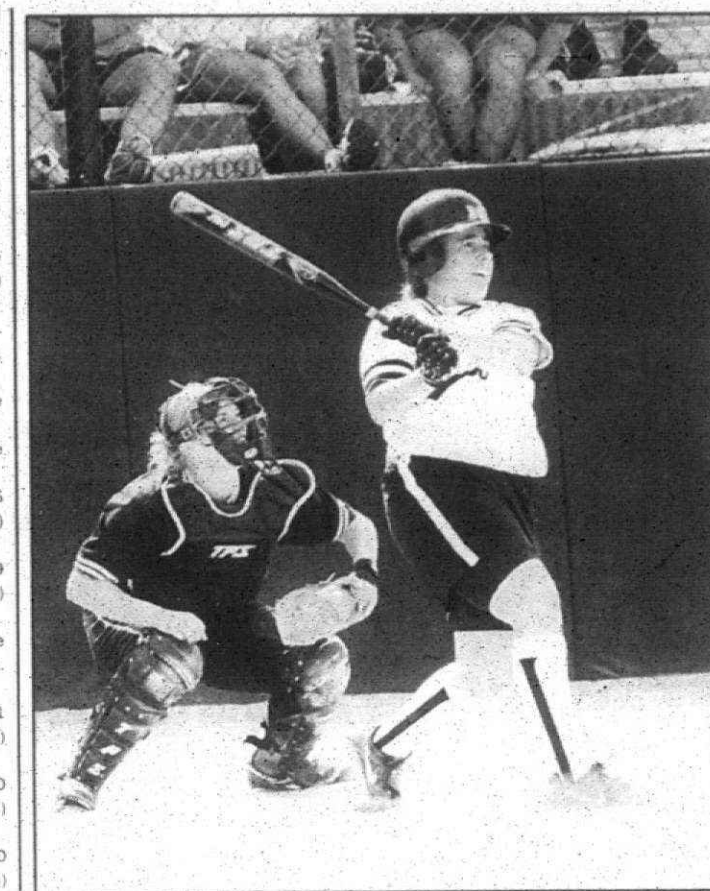
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Volpe homers: With the help of a new bat, Salem grad Stefanie Volpe powered Michigan into the NCAA Tournament. She hit a team-high five homers this season.

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year. She gave me this one the Olympic team players use.

"In my first at-bat, I hit a home run. That's when I said, 'I'm definitely going to keep this bat.'"

Volpe's hitting was one reason the Wolverines finished with a 45-16-1 record. U-M was second in the regular season in the Big Ten and won the conference tournament.

In the tournament championship game against regular-season champ Iowa, Volpe — who hit .455 in the tournament — slugged a two-run home run to help the Wolverines clinch the crown.

U-M reached the NCAA Region Eight final, losing twice to DePaul (8-0 and 3-0) May 19-21. In between those losses, U-M beat Stanford 6-4 and Illinois-Chicago 3-0.

It was not the finish to the season Volpe was hoping for. "We missed the (NCAA) World Series," she said simply, "and I want to get there."

For that matter, her season isn't over. Volpe was one of 20 players selected to play for the Midwest collegiate all-star team against the U.S. National squad in South Bend, Ind., June 18.

"It's quite an honor," said Volpe, adding a family outing is

in the works to take a trip for the game. "I asked the guy how many tickets can I get, and he said two. I told him I'm going to need a lot more than that, something more like 12."

Although she's already done a lot, Volpe still has goals. One might be to find a permanent position with U-M; thus far, she's played catcher (her position at Salem), third base and designated hitter. There's some thought to trying her at first base next season.

"Positions are up in the air," she said, adding she wasn't overly concerned about it. "Hutchins knows she can count on my bat. I've been pretty consistent."

"Where would she like to be? 'I'm still trying to figure that out myself,' she answered. "I wouldn't mind third base. At catcher, I like being involved in every pitch. Either one is fine."

Other goals, she insists, are team-oriented. "I don't really have any personal goals," Volpe said. "I just let them happen. I was third team All-American and I would like to be first team."



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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Camps make art cool this summer

Given a choice, most kids would love to tackle Shakespeare. At least that's been Marcey Walsh's experience as producer of the Clarkston-based Michigan Youth Theater.

Walsh and troupe director Lisa Hodge-Kander prove that theory again this summer when they bring a two-day workshop to Farmington Hills. It's just one of many art camp offerings for kids this summer.

Fun with Shakespeare

The Michigan Youth Theater is becoming well known in the area having performed at the Dickens Festival in Holly and the Michigan Renaissance Festival. For the first time this year, they'll introduce Shakespeare to crowds at the Detroit Festival of the Arts and Noel Night in the University Cultural Center.

"We've been working with students in Oakland County eight years doing Shakespeare in literacy programs in schools and street theater," said Walsh. "In the youth theater the kids

have a choice of what they'd like to do but they always choose Shakespeare. Shakespeare was an actor so he made sure he always had a good scene. They know they'll always get a good scene."

The two day theater workshop (9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 6-7) allows students to learn from kids their

own age. It's a fun way for kids ages 7-17 to develop a love for the bard's words and maybe even go on to join the youth troupe after auditions in fall. In addition to theater games, improvisation, costuming, songwriting and scenewriting, students will learn stage fighting from Ring of Steel, an Ann Arbor based group with 17 feature films to its credit.

"They did all the choreography for combat scenes in *Hook* for Robin Williams," said Walsh. "They show how to do safe stage combat. They bring all their armor. The kids have a blast. We break down the barriers. People think it takes years to do Shakespeare but it can be done in 10 minutes. It's all about love triangles and fighting."

Along with the theater workshop, the city of Farmington Hills will for the first time offer an array of art programs this summer including "Watercolors Go Wild" with visiting artist Barb Cicchelli from Blackberry Mountain Studio (teens and adults), *Castles and Dragons, Art From Many Lands* and *Book Making*. A mom, pop and tot class lets children make projects with a parent, grandparent or older sibling.

"We're hoping to build the workshop into a youth theater program with the Farmington Players," said Nancy Coumoundouros, coordinator of the newly-formed Cultural Arts Division for the city. "We're just beginning to develop our arts programming."

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Have a budding musician, artist or actor in your midst? The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering a little bit of everything to make the dog days of summer a little cooler. Students, ages 5-15, in a performing arts workshop presented by the Whistle Stop Players will learn to sing, dance, act and produce their own show 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, July 17-21 and Aug. 14-18. And to make sure no one is left out, scholarships are available "for kids in need."

"It's like a summer tradition," said arts council executive director Jennifer Tobin. "We even have cousins come from out of state to do it. We give them a good sense of what it is to

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Three tulips: This hand-colored image by Richard Schott won an Honorable Mention in the 1999 Fine Arts Competition at the Michigan State Fair.

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Leo Price spent several weeks getting a photograph of a caterpillar after he found it brunching on his garden one day. Taken with its color and form, the Livonia resident brought the moth larvae into the basement, made it a home out of a coffee can and fed it maple leaves until the moment was right.

Photography's a passion that members of the Livonia Camera Club take seriously.

"It took a while because I tried to get the caterpillar on an arch, not

lying in a straight line on a leaf," said Price, a Livonia resident. "I like the creativity of photography. You'll be driving in the countryside and see a barn window with ivy growing across it and see if you can make a picture of it. But after 15 years I got tired of doing the same old things so I began working with colored pencil and oils to hand-color works."

Experimentation

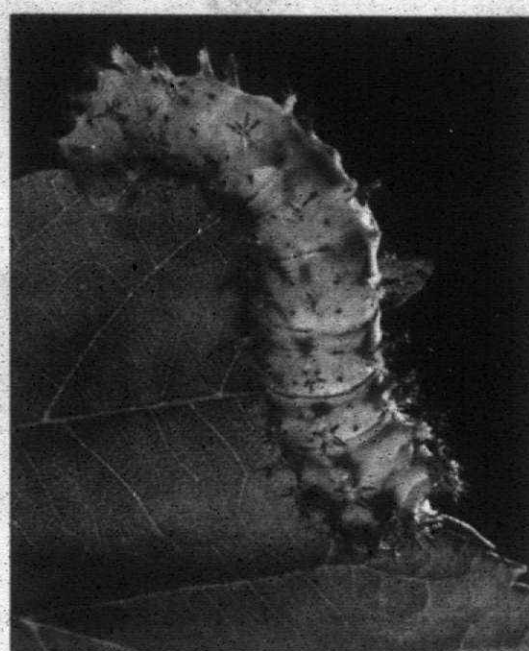
It's evident by looking at the current exhibit by the Livonia Camera Club that many of the members like experimenting with photography. "Personal Visions," a more than 40-

piece show focusing on nature, architecture, still life, portraiture, and landscape, demonstrates a variety of styles and techniques used by the lensmen who range in age from 30 to 80.

From Larry Bollella's photograph of a rainbow shining through a darkened sky above St. John's Seminary to Larry Diggs' image of Greenmead Historical Village in winter, members capture the beauty of subjects as they try out new methods.

Donald Getschman gives an impressionistic look to a hand-colored black and white photo of the Cotswold Gardens at Greenfield Village. Droplets looking like rain add an interesting touch to Price's photograph of a bather on a beach. Price created the image by taking a photograph of his photograph after introducing a pain of glass, sprinkled with water, between the lens and print. A sepia tone added to a black and white print of a vintage airplane makes it look as if it were taken early in the 20th century. Images enhanced with chemical stains, colored pencils and oils attract the viewer with their drama.

"I like experimenting," said Richard Schott, a Plymouth resident whose hand-colored tulips won an honorable mention in the 1999 Fine Arts Competition at the Michigan State Fair. "You can change the feeling of the photograph just by changing the color. A good color photograph shows the appearance of a person. A good black



Developing story: Leo Price spent several weeks getting this photograph of a caterpillar which he found in his garden.

Livonia Camera members make their art personal

Visions

What: Members of the Livonia Camera Club exhibit their "Personal Visions"
When: Through Friday, June 30. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday
Where: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road

and white shows the soul."

Like the majority of club members, Schott's interest in photography grew from his hobby of taking family snapshots. He became serious about the medium after joining the Livonia Camera Club 10 years ago.

"Livonia has a little more tendency to be competitive and I was interested in

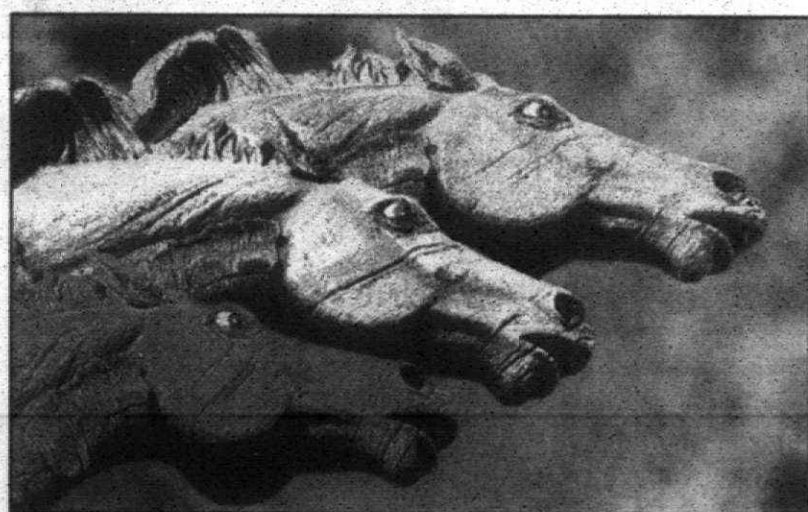
learning," said Schott. "You don't necessarily need a lot of expensive equipment. One of our members uses a simple point-and-shoot camera. It's the photographer's ability to concentrate and be able to see."

New horizons

Frank Adams agrees with Schott that it's the "eye" of the photographer, not the equipment, that develops a strong composition. Adams is happy nonetheless that the club finally accepted digitally-manipulated prints into the competition last year. It allowed him to create "Satan's Stallions." The digitally manipulated print is alive with color and motion.

"On the computer I can do more creative things that I can't do in the darkroom," said Adams, a Farmington Hills resident who's worked in the medium seriously for 20 years, part of the time as a commercial photographer shooting portraits and weddings. "With the horses, I first photographed the carving of a single horse then elongated it, added two more heads and color. Finally, I added fire to the

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Wildfire: Frank Adams manipulated a photograph of a single horse into this abstract work he calls "Satan's Stallions."

PERFORMING ARTS

Festival spotlights hottest new works

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The Performance Network deserves a round of applause for bringing adventurous local works to the stage for a second summer.

In keeping with its mission as a professional theater showcasing the "hottest contemporary works" from September to May, the theater hosts a series of summer productions focusing on the newest plays, performance art and dance, weekends through Sunday, Aug. 27.

"We're trying to get a diverse group of works going that wouldn't get a chance to be seen other places," said David Wolber, co-producer of the festival. Wolber plays one of the

alien abductees in *Science Friction*, a comedy by Joseph Zettelmaier. "They're basically all new works with a variety of styles from Elizabethan to modern. The idea is to facilitate new work and to give local groups a chance to produce those works."

Plymouth actor Rob Sulewski is having fun playing the psychiatrist in Ian Lawler's *The Session*, one of the two one-act comedies that look at the meaning of reality June 15-18.

"It's a nutty work about this fellow who discovers a woodchuck in his backyard who's unearthing his flowers and moving bricks around," said Sulewski. "It ends up being war-like. It's a funny play that pokes fun at therapists."

Reality seems to be a favorite theme of Lawler, who examines it again in the second comedy *Cage Din*. Winner of a 1998 Hopwood playwriting award, Lawler has written three plays since earning a bachelor's degree in the creative performing arts at the University of Michigan.

"It's definitely a fun evening," said Lawler, who directs the comedy that erupts around a wood-

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Crossing 8-Mile: Sean Widener and members of the Mosaic Youth Theatre update Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors."

Festival

chuck. "I don't know if mind-expanding would fit. In *The Session*, James snaps and wages war against the woodchuck terrorizing him. His wife comes home and finds him in army fatigues trying to kill the woodchuck. The whole evening is about insanity and reality and the subjective nature of that. The funny thing is, since I wrote the play, people have been telling me there's stories about moles, woodchucks and other animals in their backyards."

"The second comedy, *Cage Din*, is more complicated," said Lawler, a 23-year-old guitar teacher at the Herb David studio in Ann Arbor. "It takes place in a mental institution where Sam is a patient. Again it's all about what we perceive as mental illness. These people might be tuned in to something we aren't."

Mosaic Youth Theater

In a way, Annette Madias and the Mosaic Youth Theatre are questioning a different reality in *Crossing 8 Mile*, an updated version of Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* June 22-25. The group, representing 46 middle and high schools in the tri-county area, acted out the story of two sets of twins separated at birth at Music Hall in early May. The play is set on a distant planet

named Tiorred-Ortem (metro Detroit spelled backwards). The original music is written by students.

"In our version, one of the twins is raised in the city, one in the suburbs. At 17, they meet up again at this mall," said Madias, a Livonia resident and managing director of Mosaic. "We play out the idea of 8 Mile. A great volcano formed an eight-mile-wide crater that people were afraid to cross. It plays up the stereotypes we have of the city and suburbs."

"What we found most interesting to us as we were developing it is the kids didn't want it to be a play about black and white but regional and economic issues. The masks are vibrant colors, so characters are not defined by color or where they've been brought up."

That's exactly the premise on which Rick Sperling founded Mosaic Youth Theater in 1992. He wanted to bring together "different racial and ethnic groups" to create a mosaic of young people who probably wouldn't develop relationships with each other. The program is free, so student entry is not based on economic status but merit.

More than 200 students audition every year to become part of Mosaic Youth Ensemble and its nine-month training program with theater professionals. Several local actors trained in media del'arte, an Italian form of masked theater dating back more than 500 years, worked



Woodchuck wars: Rob Sulewski (right) helps talk Ian Lawler through his problems after a woodchuck moves into his backyard.

with students to develop a style they call hip hop comedy. "Like Mosaic, *Crossing 8 Mile* is a play where kids become friends in ways that they really never imagined," said Sperling who came up with the idea for Mosaic during his years as director of education and outreach at the Attic Theatre.

"Stereotypes and barriers are broken down. They're talking about how their friends can't cross 8 Mile. It's become an audience favorite with teenagers as well as adults because it deals with an issue that's very powerful to everyone. It starts to pierce and turn those stereotypes on their heads. We equally make fun of the city and suburbs."

Sperling hopes potential theatergoers won't shy away from attending the production because it's put on by people ranging in age from 12 to 19. Mosaic is an accomplished troupe of actors, singers, writers and technicians. In 1998, they received the Governors' Award for Art and Culture, and the "Coming Up Taller" award presented by the President's Committee on the Arts and Human-

ities and the National Endowment for the Arts in 1999. Mosaic's illustrious track record includes trips to Denmark, New York and Florida.

Two days after *Crossing 8 Mile* closes, they return to Europe as U.S. representatives of the International Amateur Theatre Association at festivals in London and Copenhagen. Upon their return, the theater is offering a summer program with Marygrove College for ages 8-18. Call (313) 554-1422 for information or to register.

"We want to diffuse the stereotypes that come with youth theater," said Sperling, who at age 4 joined the Junior Light Opera in Ann Arbor and later went on to study at New York University and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London. "Youth theater is usually considered something less than art, but people are starting to realize there's an energy to teenage years."

No matter what you're preference though, the festival has something for everyone. Interested in women's issues? *Vital Signs* delves into the female experience with monologues on relationships, fears, love and sadness. Love modern dance? *Terpsichore's Kitchen* kicks up their heels with innovative choreography ranging from playful energetic to moody and playful.

Jeremy Anderson revives debauchery, violence and instant love Shakespeare-style in *Living Lies in Rome*. Not to be outdone, Brass Tacks Ensemble turns the bard's words on end in *The Taming of Shakespeare's Shrew*.

"It's an exciting lineup," said Sulewski, who designed the sets for *The Session* and *Brass Tacks Shrew*. "And this is people's last chance to see anything in the old space because they're moving come September."

Visions

background." Digitally manipulating an image allows Adams the flexibility to pursue his personal vision. Using Photoshop and a cloning tool he copies wildflowers to cover an ugly barbed wire fence running alongside a lighthouse.

"The nice thing about digital is that if there's a problem you can fix it," said Adams. "That's the reason I enjoy photography. I'm no good at drawing. If you have an artist's mind but not an artist's hand, you can still be creative with photography."

The element of creativity is what binds members of the Livonia Camera Club together.

"At our regular meetings you learn from what others do," said Adams. "We also have critiques that help challenge us to take better photos."

History Founded in 1975, the Livonia Camera Club offers novice and advanced photographers the opportunity to meet and discuss their particular area of interest, whether it be digital, print or slide. Preferences for color or black and white vary, but two-thirds of the members process their own work.

"I lose control of the color when I send it out," said Adams. "And sometimes with color they overprocess a photograph."

If you're interested in finding out more about the Livonia Camera Club, call president Jonathan Warren at (313) 274-0912.

"We're always looking for new members to show people what's available in Livonia if they're interested in photography," said Schott.

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ART ON THE POINTE

The 17th annual juried show features works in a variety of mediums along with children's entertainment and crafts from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, on the grounds of Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile roads. (734) 466-2540.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

The annual juried Arts Festival is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 11 on the grounds of Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile roads. (734) 466-2540.

WEST BLOOMFIELD ART FESTIVAL

The fine art show is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 11 at the Henry Ford Medical Center, 15 Mile just past Orchard Lake Road. For information contact the West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce (248) 626-3636 or visit www.artfestival.com.

WOMEN OF BLOOMFIELD

The 16th annual juried arts and crafts show is 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 at the First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

CHURCHILL CRAFT SHOW

Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for the fall craft show to be held on Saturday, Oct. 21. The school is located at 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. If you would like an application or more information, please contact (734) 523-0022.

CLASSES

CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

Summer continuing and community education classes begin June 19 at the CCS campus in Detroit and at the Civic Center in Novi. For a schedule of classes or more information, call (313) 664-7456.

DETROIT BALLET

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

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. 1541 W. Hamlin, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

GARDEN CITY FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

Kay Rowe will teach watercolor classes on Tuesdays in June at the Art Gallery/Studio in Sheridan Square, 29948 Ford, Garden City. (734) 261-0379.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Adult art classes 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Woodcarving classes at 9 a.m. Monday-Friday. 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level, 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

SHAAREY ZEDEK

Mozart, Mommy and Me, the individualized play-based multi-sensory approach to caregiver/child interaction for preschoolers, will continue spring programs at Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. Summer classes begin in Birmingham in June. Call (248) 642-7933 for information.

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.

BRUNCH WITH BACH

The winners of the Great Lakes Chamber Music perform classic selections at the Detroit Institute of Arts concert at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 18. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The DSO performs Respighi's *Pines of Rome* and the World Premiere of *Rosa Parks Boulevard* 2000 by composer-in-residence Michael Daugherty at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 11 at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

SAINT REGIS CONCERT SERIES

Presents mezzo-soprano Irena Mishura at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 11 at St. Regis Church, Bloomfield. Tickets \$20, \$25 at performance. Tickets available by sending a check to Irena Mishura Concert, St. Regis, 3695 Lincoln, Bloomfield, Mich. 48301-4055.

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE

Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays; 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666.

FOR KIDS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Summer at the Art Factory is a creative summer camp for kids ages 6-12 with weekly themes and projects. Morning, afternoon

and full-day sessions are available.

117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

D & M SUMMER CAMP

The theme this year is Knights of the Roundtable: Medieval Madness. Camp runs from June 19-Aug. 25 for students ages 3-16. Classes are held at locations in Canton and Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

EVOLVA MUSIC

Register for summer classes in Kindermusik (birth to 7 years old), piano (ages 6-12), percussion (ages 6-12), guitar (6-12) and violin (ages 7-14) at Evolva Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton. (734) 455-4677.

KINDERMUSIK

Enroll anytime for classes for newborns to age 7. Parents participate in classes for children under 3. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Call Lori at (734) 354-9109.

SUMMER CAMP OF THE ARTS

The 22nd annual Huntington Woods camp with Detroit Dance Collective is 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 19-July 9 at the new Huntington Woods Recreation Center. (248) 546-4949.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Rita's songs and puppets for ages birth to 4 years. Classes are at the Sports Club, Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Register at (248) 539-2290.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

BIDDLE GALLERY

Opens Friday, June 16 - Touch, a textile/fiber installation by Allen Park native Richard Green through July 10. Reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 16. 2840 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte. (734) 281-4779.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Opens Thursday, June 15 - Paintings by Robert Sherer and new sculpture by John Woodward through July 22. Artists' reception is 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 15. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

MANISCALCO GALLERY

Opens Saturday, June 17 - Lighthouses, puppies and boats through Aug. 1. Opening reception is 7-11 p.m. Saturday, June 17. 17329 Mack, Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

U-M SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

Opens Saturday, June 17 - The Interfiber Arts Collective exhibit. Blue and Dogs, monkeys & James Joyce, quilts by Vivian Sosna Gottlieb. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday, June 16. 2000 Bonisteel Blvd., Ann Arbor. (734) 936-2082.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

A.C.T. GALLERY

Through July 1 - *Dreaming Awake*. Brigitte Neal, Michele Schuff and Alan Watson. 29 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 965-4336.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through June 24 - Artist Dennis Summers will be creating a large scale interactive multi-media installation at the gallery, 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

ART LEADERS GALLERY

Through June 30 - New Art Showcase. 33216 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. (248) 539-0262.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Through June 23 - *Inside the BBAC*. Too, an exhibition of youth artwork. Through July 21 - *Inner reflections*. A Mi-Kyoung Lee installation exhibit. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

C-POP GALLERY

Through June 29 - The art of Derek Hess, 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Through July 9 - A solo show by Itham Mahfouz. 47 Williams, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Through June 22 - Eileen Aboulafia. *And the Birds Still Sing*. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

GALERIE BLU

Through June 24 - Art & Artifact. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LIBRARY

Through June 29 - The Palette and Brush Club's 65th annual spring exhibition. 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

HABATAT GALLERIES

Through June 30 - Colin Heaney and Tom Scoon. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

SUSANNE HILBERY GALLERY

Through June 13 - A House on Exhibition. Lorella Dicitino and Jonsara Ruth. 555 South Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

INN SEASON CAFE

Through June 12 - Works by Alfreda Marmon and Forbes Sibley. 500 East Fourth, Royal Oak. (248) 547-7916.

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY

Through June 28 - *Process: An Exhibition of Sculpture*. 480 W. Hancock between Cass and Second on the campus of Wayne State University. (313) 577-2423.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through June 16 - A group exhibition focusing on 20th century Modern and Contemporary art. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-8700.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through June - *Edges: Hard and Soft*, the works of Helen Honigman and son Robert Honigman. 6 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LEMBERG GALLERY

Through June 30 - Stephen Magsig: *Urban Landscapes*. 538 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-6623.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through June 30 - Denise Grews hand painted items in the exhibition cases. Through June 30 - Juried art from the 1999 Fine Art in the village exhibition, both in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. (734) 466-2490. Through June 30 - photography by members of the Livonia Camera Club in the Livonia City Hall Lobby. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

MUSEUM OF NEW ART

Through June 30 - sculpture by Karen Lemmer and Shelley McAnaney, painting by Randall Verheul and an installation by Chris Hausman at the gallery's temporary location at 19 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 210-7560.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through June 17 - Eric Mesko: *Mixed Media Constructions*. Through June 17 - Student and Faculty Art Show. 407 Pine, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

Women of Bloomfield



Arts and crafts work: The Women of Bloomfield 16th annual Juried Arts and Crafts Show (sample above by Sylvan Lake's Rebecca Meldrum) is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham. Donation is \$1.

PALETTE AND BRUSH CLUB

Through June 16 - a juried exhibit of the club's paintings at the BPS Corporate Conference Center, 31301 Evergreen, Beverly Hills. (248) 646-7033.

PANGBORN DESIGN GALLERY

Through June 14 - Detroit Area Artists Connection will be having an exhibition to benefit Children's Center. 275 Iron, Detroit. (313) 259-3400.

DANIELLE PEELE GALLERY

Through June 25 - Paintings and limited edition graphics of Ali Goikar. 4301 Orchard Lake, Suite 145, Crosswinds Mall, West Bloomfield. (248) 626-5810.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through June 16 - Plates and platters, salon style-a group exhibition. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Through June 30 - Artwork of Donna Andronicou Vogelheim. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4471.

REVOLUTION

Through July 1 - Brenda Goodman. Recent Paintings and Works on Paper. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

SMALL WORLD CAFE

Through July 31 - Ocean World paintings by Brian Taylor at the International Institute's cafe. 111 E. Kirby, Detroit. (313) 871-8600.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through June 30 - A group art exhibition by the Children's American Association of Fine Arts. 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Art work of Southfield High School Achieving in the Arts. Also through June 12, handmade quilts created by the Wednesday Night Quilting Sisters Ministry will be on display. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0460.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

Through June 30 - Spring Celebration 2000 with Michigan children's book author and illustrators. Through June 24 - Center for Creative Studies. Children's Book Society Student Art Exhibition. 530 N. Old Woodward. (248) 651-4110.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through July 1 - The Enduring Horizon: American Landscape Photographs from the DIA's collection. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

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Resale shops offer some dandy deals

Kathryn Zalewski buys two of everything when she shops for her sons.

"I have two boys," she explains. "When I do go to the malls, I end up spending \$20-\$30 on drinks and food. So, I try to avoid them."

Instead, she looks for bargains at resale shops. In fact, she spent so much time on her "hobby" and noticed so many women at resale stores, that she opened her own store this week.

Designer Consigner sells clothing, small furniture pieces, candles, frames, jewelry and collectibles. It's located in Oxford Mills Plaza, on N-24, just south of Drahn Road.

"I researched it for five years. I've lived in Indianapolis, California, Mississippi and I noticed that women are the same everywhere."

They like to shop sales and they don't mind if the clothing they buy is quality and used.

"It seems to be a growing trend."

She also sees young couples "moving up" and buying bigger homes they can't afford to furnish.

"This store will have home accent pieces," she notes.

Shoppers will find maternity, women's, and children's attire at 60 to 90 percent off the original retail price. Clothing brands include the Gap, Donna Karan, Calvin Klein and Liz, among others.

"I haven't decided if the store will carry men's clothing. Men don't like to shop resale, although women will come in and shop for them. Women shop differently than men. Women may wear a suit once and it's in wonderful condition (for resale)."

Zalewski accepts only clean, quality clothing that is no more than two years old, for consignment sales. Items stay on the sales rack for 60 days and then are donated to charity if the owner fails to retrieve them.

Designer Consigner accepts credit cards and returns within three days of purchase. Clothing tags and purchase receipts must accompany returns.

"It's like a regular store. I'm looking for service here," she says.

Store hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, except Thursday, when the shop closes at 9 p.m. (248) 628-7532

Max Mara season

The suit is back.

And that's good news for Max Mara.

"This is a good season for us. Everything is so Max Mara," said Paul Ava, merchandiser for the Italian designer, which opened its first Michigan store this week at The Somerset Collection in Troy. "It's so suit and that is what we are known for."

This season recalls the fashion of the 80s — with suits, pointy-toe high heels and matching bags — but tones down colors and "screaming styling" with detailing, ruffles, and glamour details for a more refined, elegant look.

Snakeskin and crocodile is back. "We're looking at scarves around the neck. Everything is gold," Ava said, listing fashion trends. "The fabric of the season is rich — cashmere and wool."

"It's a suit season that is back in a very feminine way."

Look for ruffled shirts under clean suits. Silk and chiffon blouses underpin twill and wool suit jackets, which are cropped, boxy and styled with rounded shoulders.

"This is also a season for coats. You'll see a lot in different lengths, but all are luxury coats."

For accents colors and cuffs. Skinny belts, in matching fabrics give suit jackets a "lady-like" silhouette.

"Think 80's, but think new 80's," Ava advises.

Max Mara operates about 20 stores in the United States.

by Sharon Dargay



Stuff it: Charlene Cline displays one of the many balloons that Uncle Buck's Party Supply in Oxford has to offer.

Grads like the cash

But merchants say you can still give with a flair

By SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

Graduating seniors like green, no matter what their school colors are.

Forget about giving them pens, perfume and other congratulatory tokens. They're off to college or simply setting up their first apartment this fall.

They want money.

Signing a check or stuffing a few bills into a card makes graduation gift-giving easy, but loses the personal touch and fan fare that comes with a wrapped gift.

Local merchants say you can give cash with a flair. Here's how:

All dolled up

They look like graduates. They're dressed like graduates. But unlike most high school seniors, they're made of money.

Eight dollars to be exact.

Creator Betty Konczak says customers could replace the removable \$1 scroll on her homemade money dolls with a more generous contribution.

Konczak, owner of Knit-Cetera in downtown Oxford, is taking orders for her handiwork, which consists of a currency-covered Styrofoam base, bead-shaped head with eyeglasses and a mortarboard made from a \$1 bill.

"There are eight ones and I sell it for \$20," Konczak says. "I designed it myself. It's light. One person told me they plan to put it on a cake."

Konczak customizes the figure with the customer's choice of school colors. The doll carries a white rose in one pipe-cleaner hand and a \$1 bill, rolled to look like a diploma, in the other. She also makes roses from currency.

To order one, call Konczak at her knit shop at (248) 628-5990.

Sign it

Sign your name on a check and then

pen it on the autograph pillow you bought from Terry Floeter of TK's Craft Village in downtown Rochester.

Floeter has three designs in stock — for Rochester High and Rochester Adams grads, as well as a generic Class of 2000 pillow.

"We have an artist who designed the autograph pillows. She can do them in any school name or colors. They have a piece of elastic on them where you can slip in the money and the pen."

Small pillows measure about 10 inches square and cost \$10. Large ones, about 20 by 10 inches, are \$15.

Floeter also stocks those ubiquitous lawn geese. And yes, she has graduation outfits for them, too.

The small goose stands almost a foot

tall and wears a \$12 cap and gown. Remove the scroll in its hands, slip in a \$50 and you've got a goofy first apartment gift.

TK's Craft Village is located on Fourth just west of Main in downtown Rochester.

Sweet treat

Give them a candy bar for graduation. But slip a bill between the wrappers first.

Sandy Marulis of Michigan Made, Inc., in Plymouth sells just the ticket for a grad with a sweet tooth.

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

CALL FOR ARTISTS

SnapOne is looking for artists to exhibit their work in a Fine Arts Festival 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 18-20 at the Novi Expo Center.

This is a fine arts exhibit (photography, painting, sculpture, jewelry, glass, wearable art, etc.).

Fees are \$450. Artists have a choice of donating 10 percent of sales to the Capuchins. A portion of the proceeds from admittance goes to the Capuchin soup kitchen which helps feed the homeless in the Detroit area.

Deadline for application for above rate is Tuesday, June 20.

For more information, call Karen Susall at (734) 623-7040.

FREE CONCERT

The Matinee String Quartet brings music ranging from Mozart to Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* to the free concert series 8 p.m. Thursday, June 15 at Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 473-1856.

Sponsored by the Cultural Arts Division of Farmington Hills Special Services Department, the concert is the second in the *Stars in the Park* series.

The quartet was founded by Judith Teasdale and Ramon Garza on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester in 1989. Bruce Rutter and Denis Newhouse are the other members of the quartet.

WRITING CONTEST

As part of the educational component of the 18th annual African World Festival, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and The Blue Nile Restaurant are inviting high school students to enter a writing contest.

The theme for the contest is the same as the festival: *The Souls That Bind Us: A Celebration of our Similarities*. Entries can be essays, poems/lyrics or short stories that examine the cultural connections, comparisons, and/or similarities between African-Americans and at least one other society in Africa or the African Diaspora.

Entries must be postmarked by Sunday, June 25. For more information, call Matt Lee at (248) 584-3715 or Patricia Carrolle Jaynes at (313) 494-5853.

HOT ROD & ANTIQUE CAR SHOW



Free concert: The Matinee String Quartet plays music ranging from Mozart to Andrew Lloyd Webber at a free concert in Farmington Hills.

If you love cars you won't want to miss the Hot Rod & Antique Car Show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 11 at the Wilson Barn, Middlebelt and West Chicago, Livonia. These cars are works of art.

The day-long event includes an auto swap meet, car corral, arts and crafts sale, ponies, and music by Steve King and the Ditties.

Admission is \$3. For more information, call (734) 427-4311.

THREE LADIES

Artists Yvette Goldberg, Audrey Harkins and Marge Masek exhibit their work June 15 to July 14 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile, Novi.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call (734) 464-6772.

ART AND FLOWERS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council, in conjunction with the Trailwood Garden Club, is celebrating the beauty of flowers

with a garden walk, art exhibit and watercolor workshop.

The fifth annual "Flowers Are Forever" Garden Walk will be held noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27 in Plymouth.

Tickets for the walk are \$6 in advance, \$7 the day of the walk. Call (734) 459-7146 or (734) 416-4278.

Watercolorist Donna Vogelheim exhibits her work along with photographer Joellen Kaly-

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mon through Friday, June 30 at the arts council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. The arts council serves as a refreshment stop on the garden walk.

They'll also hold a watercolor workshop to paint flowers with Vogelheim 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday, June 29-30. A well-known watercolorist, Vogelheim will show students how to paint fresh flowers by breaking them into simple parts.

The cost is \$150. Materials list is provided at registration. Call (734) 416-4278.

SENIOR PAINTERS EXHIBIT

The Farmington Art Foundation holds an exhibit of senior art through Friday, June 30 at the Farmington Public Library, Grand River and Farmington Road.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (248) 474-7770.

CONSTRUCTION ALERT

Due to construction on Six Mile, *Spiritual Journey*, an exhibit of art by Native Americans, has been extended through Friday, June 30 at Woodland Indians Trading Post and Indian World, 26161 W. Six Mile Road, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford.

Local artists include Plymouth potter Patricia Gardner and West Bloomfield painter Nora Mendoza.

Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, until 8 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (313) 535-9728.

ART IN THE SUN

Northville comes alive with color for its annual fine art show *Art in the Sun* 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 17-18.

Presented by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, the show features 120 exhibitors from Michigan and surrounding states. When you tire of browsing through the artists' booth, visit the vintage bandshell where the Straw Hat Band will be playing 12:30-2 p.m. both days.

For more information, call (248) 849-7640.

BENEFIT CONCERT

School Jazz Prime will perform a benefit concert 3 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at North Congregational Church, 36520 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Donations will be accepted at

Jenny Lind Club presents June 14 concert

The Jenny Lind Club of Michigan will present a concert featuring pianist Ivetta Irkha and soprano Elin Carlsson 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

Tickets are \$15, students \$10, patrons \$25. Call (734) 665-5385 or (248) 335-4039 for reservations and information. Hors d'oeuvres, dessert and a cash bar will follow the concert.

Irkha was born in 1969 to a musical family in Ukraine. She began studying piano at the age of five and gave her first concert at age 10. She has performed and won numerous awards in Russia and Germany. Irkha moved to Sweden in 1994 to study at the Stockholm Academy of Music, and is the recipient of the Wilhelm Freud Scholarship Award.

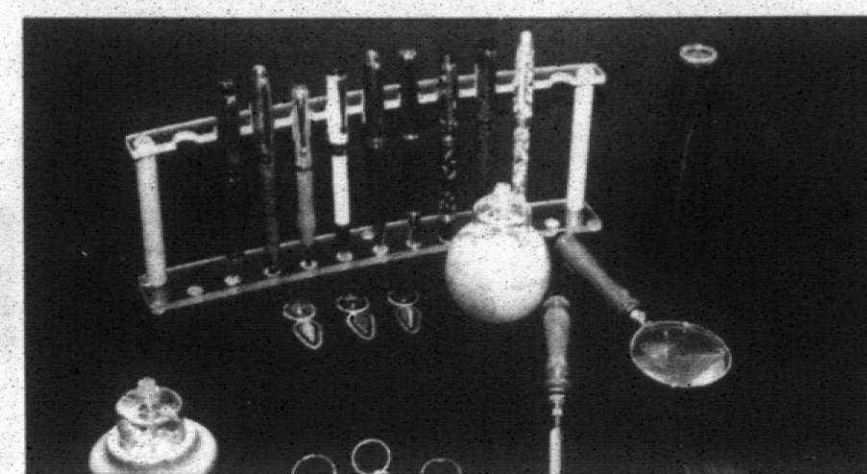
Carlsson is the recipient of the 1999 Jenny Lind Scholarship. This award is given annually to a promising soprano by the Swedish Folkparks Central Organization in cooperation with the Academy of Music in Stockholm.

She studied in Canada for four years and earned a bachelor of music degree in voice. She is currently studying opera in Stockholm.

The Jenny Lind Club of Michigan has met since 1937 to promote and preserve Swedish culture in this area.

On Saturday, June 17, the Swedish Club will hold its annual Midsummer Festival. The event at the club, 22398 Ruth Street at Freedom Road in Farmington Hills, begins at 9:30 a.m. with a pancake breakfast. The Maypole raising at noon is followed by singing, folk dancing and children's games. Dinner is served at 1:30 p.m.

Swedish imports, baked goods, and specialty food items will be offered for sale. For more information about the festival, call (248) 646-4073.



Make a note: Robert Sturk of Plymouth is one of the artists exhibiting their works in *Art In the Sun*, June 17-18, in downtown Northville.

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TRAVEL

Kentucky park pays homage to state's famous horses

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Richard III may have been willing to give up his kingdom for a horse before his defeat to the first Tudor king, Henry VII.

But the place where horse is the king is Lexington, Kentucky. And the highlight of any trip to Bluegrass Country is a visit to the state-owned Kentucky Horse Park, immediately off of I-75 at exit 120. The meticulously maintained facility is 1,000 acres of farmland, paddocks and horse barns.

In today's cyber world, this homage to all breeds of horses is decidedly down-home and low-tech.

Lexington is about five or six hours from Detroit, making this a nice long weekend trip. The Kentucky Horse Park is a great place to start your visit in the heartland of Kentucky. The farm's hands-on nature appeals particularly to kids.

Features include:
■ A parade of breeds at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day at the

If you go...

■ The Kentucky Web site is kytourism.com; The horse park site is imh.org/khp/. You can see a virtual tour of Lexington at fucg.com/tour/. Kentucky.com leads to many links and guides, including the Lexington Herald-Leader, the local daily paper.

■ The Kentucky Horse Park is open year around but once cold weather sets in in October they close on Monday and Tuesday. Many horse and music events are held at the park throughout the year.

This past week, for example, featured a big bluegrass festival. A medieval festival is set for weekends later this month and early July.

■ One popular KHP event is "Southern Nights," a Christmas light festival where cars are allowed to drive through the park. This year the shows start Nov. 17 and end Dec. 31, dusk to 10 p.m.

■ General admission for adults is \$16 (kids are \$11, under 6 free) but that price drops when the China show leaves the museum in August. If you are looking for Churchill Downs, the home of the Derby, its down the road from Lexington in Louisville on I-64.

breeds arena. There's plenty of seating and the horses you'll see in the breeds parade can be viewed before the show in the barn that surrounds the parade grounds on three sides.

After the show anyone — especially kids — can pet the horses and talk to the costumed riders.

■ A hall of champions presentation. Three times a day the horse park's most famous guests, all "equine millionaires" or top winners, are brought into a small arena where you can get a closeup view — the kind of look a buyer might get — at the best in horse flesh.

The current star at KHP is Cigar, a thoroughbred and two time Horse of the Year who won almost \$10 million before retiring. The Hall of Champions narrator said one-third of all visitors come just to see the great champion.

Why is he at the park? The headline in the Lexington paper tells the story: *Cigar: All smoke and no sire*. Cigar's value as stud in retirement was zero as he produced no offspring; as of May, 1999, he is on indefinite loan to the park by the owners.

■ A mare and foal show is held every day at noontime during the summer, but you can often get a look before Memorial Day by walking through the Big Barn.

The barn is mammoth, one of the largest wooden barns in North America.

■ A short, free trolley tour on wagons pulled by massive draft horses runs every 15 minutes. The draft horse barn houses matched pairs of several of these



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Showing off: The Hall of Champions show is held twice daily.

Meet and greet:

Kids can pet most of the horses after the parade of breeds is over.



giant horses, including Clydesdales, Belgians and Shires. The staff is friendly and will willingly give you a 30-minute discourse on why the "beer wagon" horses are really not the largest.

Carriage rides, horseback riding tours and 40-minute carriage rides are available for an added fee.

■ Also at the park is the Museum of the Horse, which is currently featuring "Imperial China: The Art of the Horse in Chinese History," an exhibition that includes 300 artifacts highlighted by 13 life-size figures from the terra cotta Army of China's first emperor. The China show is on until Aug. 31.

■ Many southeast Michigan residents call the park inquiring about campgrounds; the park itself has 260 paved sites with hookups. There's a swimming pool, bathhouses, grocery store and shuttles to the park

grounds.

There's plenty to see and do around Lexington, including touring the countryside with its miles of wooden fences and green pastures for horses. Many roads, or pikes, around Lexington are lined with limestone stone fences; beautifully maintained gates and lanes beyond lead to stately homes.

Before making the trip call the free Lexington phone number (800)845-3959 (Web site www.visitlex.com) and ask for their package of information.

You'll get an excellent map listing many of the famous horse farms around Lexington, and a small publication "Horse Farm Tours" which details several ways to get to see the private farms around the area: a seat on a regular guided tour, a private guide for a custom tour, a hoof-it-yourself trip arranged by calling individual farms. Surprising-

ly many famous private farms give a variety of access to the general public; plan ahead and make reservations. No farm will let you just "drop in."

You may want to think about a trip to Bardstown for a tour of a distillery or a visit to the plantation that inspired Stephen Foster to write "My Old Kentucky Home."

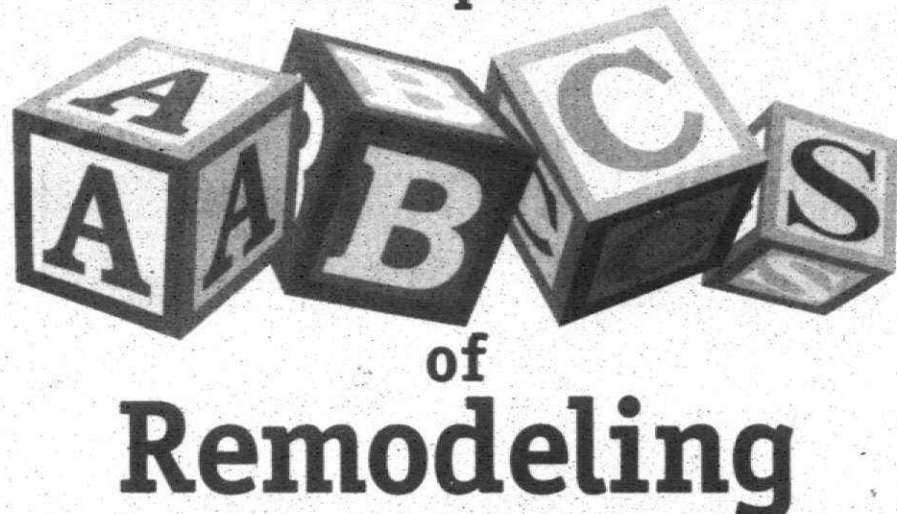
If its scenery you are after, travel on down I-75, exit at London and make a quick jaunt over to Cumberland Falls State Resort Park. They are currently redoing the visitors center but the park and falls are still perfect for an afternoon visit.

Even with plenty else to see and do, it's the horse that is king here, and the Kentucky Horse Park is Camelot.

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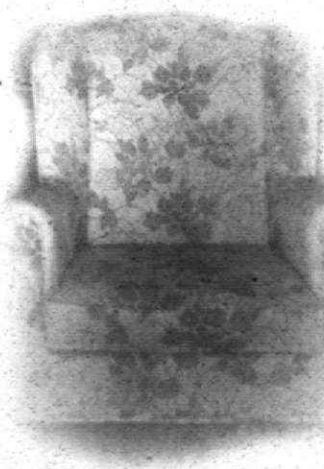
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KELLI LEWTON

Do something revolutionary on the Fourth

Declare your Independence July 4. Celebrate with a bang instead of a whimper, bury the burgers, lose the dogs, pitch the iced tea, and do something revolutionary.

Focus your menu on ethnic favorites that pay tribute to the American Melting Pot. Fire up your menu with Mexican and Southwest inspired foods.

Tips for extra flavor

Introduce Asian flavor with soy and teriyaki marinades. Try a spicy rub on a steak, ribs or chicken for a taste of the Southwest.

Seafood should marinate for one hour or less; boneless chicken breast for no more than two hours, otherwise the food gets mushy. Lean pork can marinate up to four hours, and beef can soak for 24 hours or more.

Condiments and sauces

These are one of the best ways to dress up a blah burger, chicken or fish. Try barbecue sauce on salmon, or blueberry sauce on your next jumbo burger or chicken breast. A little Italian vinaigrette adds zip to steaks and fish. Most people have an arsenal in their refrigerator of grill-friendly condiments.

Some larger items such as chicken on the bone, or ribs should be par-boiled. Then, finish them on the grill with barbecue sauce.

Foil pockets are a nice way to cook delicate fish. You'll retain flavor and keep the fish intact throughout the cooking process.

Preamble of embers

Don't be caught off guard. Prepare to fire.

■ Be organized. Have everything you need for grilling – the food, marinade, basting sauce, seasonings, and equipment – at grillside before you fire up. You don't want to leave the scene to grab a spatula or tongs and take a chance of burning your food.

■ Gauge your fuel. There's nothing worse than running out of charcoal or gas in the middle of grilling. When using charcoal, light enough to form a bed of glowing coals 3 inches larger on all sides than the surface area of the food you're planning to cook. When cooking on a gas grill, make sure the tank is at least one-third full.

■ Preheat the grill to the right temperature; grilling is a high-heat cooking method. In order to achieve the seared crust, charcoal flavor, and handsome grill marks associated with good grilling, you must cook over a high heat.

When using charcoal, let it burn until it is covered with a thin coat of gray ash. Hold your hand about 6 inches above the grate. After 3 seconds, the force of the heat should force you to move your hand away.

When using a gas grill, preheat to high (at least 500°F); this takes 10-15 minutes. When indirect grilling, preheat the grill to 350°F.

■ Don't stab. Turn meat on a grill with tongs or a spatula. Never stab the meat with a carving fork unless you want the flavor-rich juices to drain out the coals.

■ Keep it lubricated. Oil the grate just before placing food on top, if necessary. Spray the grate with oil, not into an open flame. Use a folded paper towel soaked in oil, or rub the grate with a piece of fatty bacon, beef fat, or chicken skin.

■ Keep it clean. There's nothing less appetizing than grilling on a grate filled with dirty old burnt bits of food. Fresh food will stick to a dirty grate. Clean the grate twice, once after you've preheated the grill, and again when you've finished cooking.

■ Know when to baste. Oil and vinegar, citrus, and yogurt-based bastes and marinades can be brushed on the meat as you cook. If you baste with a marinade that you used for raw meat or seafood, do not apply it

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Cherries and berries

Grillin' the Gobbler



THE BUTTERBALL TURKEY COMPANY

Have seconds ready: These colorful and delicious South of the Border Turkey Kabobs make the most of favorite Mexican flavors in an entree that is easy to assemble, quick to grill and even quicker to disappear. See recipe inside.

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

The turkey was called "Indian chicken" by the Spanish conquerors, who still thought they were in India when they discovered the bird in Mexico.

Although wild turkeys were once almost extinct, they now thrive in Mexico and the United States. However, most of the turkey we eat is from domestic farms.

In the U.S., the period from Thanksgiving to Epiphany is the time of year when the most turkey is sold and eaten. But turkey isn't just for the holiday season; it's great all year long.

June is National Turkey Month and a good time to learn new ways to prepare and enjoy this nutrient-dense, low-fat, high-protein food.

Just as turkey is served when family and friends gather during the holidays, it can be a crowd-pleaser for summer gatherings as well.

Most people prefer the white meat of the turkey, which has less fat and fewer calories, than dark meat. The dark meat of the turkey is richer in flavor and a great addition to soups and stews.

Ground turkey can be used in pasta sauce, tacos or chili. Ground turkey breast burger or turkey tenderloins are great on the grill, and a whole turkey breast makes a good dinner tonight and excellent sandwich tomorrow.

Large turkeys (13 pounds and up)

are more work than smaller birds (6-12 pounds) or whole turkey breasts. Smaller birds defrost quicker, are easier to cook, and may even be a little less dry.

Grilling is great

Grilled turkey is a delectable treat that's surprisingly easy to prepare.

Whether you're cooking on a charcoal or gas grill, make sure you have plenty of fuel. For gas grills, a full tank should last about 17 or 18 hours, so check your gas gauge before you start. If you have a Weber charcoal grill, you can check their charcoal guide at www.weber.com.

As long as the turkey fits in your grill with the lid down to allow for indirect cooking (large turkeys may not fit under your grill lid), size is not an issue. At least one inch clearance between the turkey and lid is ideal. So think structure.

A broad, flat bird will fit better than one with a high breast bone. Purchase about three-quarters to one pound of raw turkey per person. This will surely be enough for a meal with plenty for leftovers.

Turkey should be completely defrosted in the refrigerator before

grilling.

Place the frozen turkey in its original wrapping on a tray in the refrigerator. Allow 24 hours of thawing time for every 4 pounds of turkey. Never thaw poultry at room temperature.

Grill fresh turkey just as you would a completely defrosted frozen one. Since fresh turkey is highly perishable, check the "sell by" date before you buy.

Buy the turkey only one to two days before you plan to cook it and keep it refrigerated.

Use indirect heat

The indirect method of grilling is similar to roasting. Charcoal briquettes are set on each side of the food and gas burners are lit on each side of the food but

not directly beneath it. Heat rises, reflects off the lid and inside surfaces of the grill, and slowly cooks the food evenly on all sides. The circulating heat works much like a convection oven.

On a charcoal grill, arrange hot coals evenly on either side of the charcoal grate. Place food in the center of the cooking grate. A drip pan, placed in the center of the charcoal

Cooking times

The following chart of cooking times for unstuffed turkeys are approximate. Allow more time for cold/windy days.

10-11 pounds = 1½ to 2½ hours
12-14 pounds = 2½ to 3 hours
15-17 pounds = 3½ to 4½ hours
18-22 pounds = 4 to 5 hours
23-24 pounds = 4 to 4½ hours

The National Turkey Federation recommends adding about 15 minutes every hour to maintain a temperature of 250°F to 300°F inside the grill.

grate, helps prevent flare-ups.

Always remember to keep the grill lid closed when cooking with this method.

To grill by the indirect method on a gas grill, preheat the grill with all burners on high. Then adjust the burners on each side of the food to the temperature noted in the recipe and turn off the burner(s) directly below the food. If your gas grill won't allow you to turn off burners under the food, place a pan of water under the grate to create indirect heat. For best results, place roasts, poultry, or large cuts of meat on a roasting rack set inside a disposable heavy-gauge foil pan. For longer cooking times, add water to the drip pan to keep drippings from burning.

To avoid spreading dangerous bacteria to other foods, always wash hands, utensils, and work surfaces with hot soapy water after handling raw poultry.

Turkey is fully cooked when a meat thermometer registers 180°F in the thigh or 170°F in the breast (about 11-13 minutes per pound).

Remove turkey from the grill and allow to sit 20 minutes before carving. (If you're slow-smoking that bird, remember that a smoke-cooked turkey may appear a little pink, even when thoroughly cooked.)

Miriam Moxon of West Bloomfield, grills turkey often. Moxon uses the indirect method on a charcoal grill. She likes the smoky flavor that fruit

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Hurry-up chow mein dinner, a San Francisco treat

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

Chow mein, so the legend goes, was invented by an Irishman in San Francisco. When I grew up, it was a way of either using up left-over meat and veggies or a hurry-up meal. Bean sprouts, soy sauce and fried chow mein noodles added the necessary oriental ambience.

But I did enjoy it. So much so that I much that I made it part of my Eating Younger recipe repertoire with appropriate editing.

The veggies are fresh. Canola oil replaces the margarine. A can of bean

sprouts retains some of the recipe's heritage, as does my seasoned black iron skillet that doubles for a wok.

Because canned chow mein noodles have 7 grams of fat per 1/2 cup, I substitute a package of high fiber, zero fat Chinese lo mein noodles and use the obligatory soy sauce and ginger. My low sodium soy sauce, as you know, is one half Tamari (Japanese soy sauce) and one half dry sherry. Try the sauce even if you don't make the chow mein. It's delicious.

EATING YOUNGER CHOW MEIN

- 2 teaspoons Canola oil
- 1 onion, sliced into rings
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into strips
- 2 cups celery or bok choy, sliced

- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup sodium reduced fat free chicken broth
- 1/4 cup sodium reduced soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 12 oz. cooked skinless and boneless chicken breast strips
- 1 14-oz. can bean sprouts, rinsed and drained
- 1 10-oz. package Chinese lo mein noodles, cooked

Heat oil in deep nonstick skillet or wok. Stir fry veggies until tender crisp. Set aside. Mix 1/4 of the broth with cornstarch to a smooth paste. Combine with soy sauce and ginger. Heat until thickened. Add sauce, cooked chicken and bean sprouts to vegetables in skillet.

Reheat to serving temperature. Serve with Chinese lo mein noodles.

Serves 4.

Nutrition facts (per serving)

Calories: 342; Total fat: 7 g.; Saturated fat: 1.2 g.; Cholesterol: 73 mg.; Sodium: 475 mg.

Food exchanges: 3 lean meat, 1-1/2 bread

'Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

Turkey ... a sizzling sensation on the grill

See related story on Taste front.

Colorful South of the Border Turkey Kabobs bring wonderful taste and texture to summertime meals.

Fresh boneless turkey breast medallions, yellow squash, onions and peppers are coated with a special lime juice-based mixture, then skewered and grilled. These kabobs are a great way to showcase summer's fresh produce and put a little twist on a grilling favorite.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER TURKEY KABOBS

- 1 package Butterball Fresh Boneless Turkey Breast Medallions
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 medium yellow squash, cut into 3/4-inch chunks
- 2 medium onions, cut into 3/4-inch chunks
- 2 red bell peppers, cut into 3/4-inch chunks
- 2 green bell peppers, cut into 3/4-inch chunks

Combine oil, lime juice, salt, chili powder and garlic powder in large bowl. Toss vegetables in oil mixture; stir to coat. Transfer vegetables to separate large bowl. Add turkey medallions to oil mixture; stir to coat.

Thread turkey and vegetables alternately onto skewers, leaving a small space between pieces. Grill over hot coals about 20 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink in center, turning occasionally to pre-

vent burning. Serves 6. Preparation time: 30 minutes.

Recipe compliments of the Butterball Turkey Company

JALAPENO GLAZED TURKEY BREAST

- 1 bone-in turkey breast half (about 2 1/2 pounds)
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons reduced-sodium chicken bouillon
- 1/4 cup jalapeno or apple jelly
- 1 tablespoon fresh cilantro, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)

Prepare grill for indirect-heat cooking. Place turkey, skin-side-up, on rack over drip pan. Cover and grill turkey breast 1 to 1 1/4 hours or until meat thermometer reaches 170 degrees F.

In small saucepan, over medium heat, combine water, cornstarch, and bouillon. Stir in jelly, cilantro, garlic, cumin and red pepper flakes. Cook and stir until mixture is slightly thickened.

Brush turkey with 2 tablespoons sauce during last 5-10 minutes of cooking. Serve turkey with remaining sauce. Refrigerate leftovers. Serves 6.

Nutritional Information (per serving): 286 calories, 37 grams protein, 10 grams fat (31 percent), and 10 grams carbohydrate.

Recipe compliments of the National Turkey Federation

CHICAGO FIRE ITALIAN SAUSAGE SANDWICHES

- 1 package Butterball Lean Fresh Turkey Hot Italian Sausage
- 5 large hot dog buns
- 5 teaspoons yellow mustard
- 5 tablespoons chopped onion
- 5 tablespoons pickle relish
- 10 tomato wedges
- 10 jalapeno peppers, if desired

Grill sausage according to package directions. Place in buns. Add mustard, onion, relish, tomato wedges and peppers to each sandwich. Makes 5 sandwiches. Preparation time: 15 minutes.

BARBECUE TURKEY BURGERS

- 1 package Butterball Fresh Ground Turkey
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup Hunt's Hickory & Brown Sugar Barbecue Sauce, divided
- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 6 burger buns

Combine ground turkey, onion, 1/4 cup barbecue sauce, bread crumbs, salt and pepper. Mix until thoroughly combined. Form into 6 patties.

Grill over medium coals for 5-6 minutes per side or cook in a large skillet over medium heat for 10 to 12 minutes. Turn 2 to 3 times for even cooking and browning. Baste with remaining barbecue sauce and serve on toasted buns.

Makes 6 burgers. Preparation time: 25 minutes.

TURKEY CUTLETS WITH CHIPOTLE PEPPER MOLE SAUCE

- 1 package Butterball Fresh Boneless Turkey Breast Cutlets
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) chicken broth
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 chipotle chili pepper in adobo sauce
- 2 tablespoons ground almonds
- 2 teaspoons unsweetened cocoa
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

To prepare Chipotle Pepper Mole Sauce, combine chicken broth, raisins, garlic, chili pepper, almonds and cocoa in medium saucepan. Simmer over low heat 10 minutes. Pour into food processor or blender; process until smooth. Add cilantro, lime juice and salt.

Grill cutlets according to package directions. Serve chipotle mole sauce over grilled cutlets with Mexican polenta.

Serves 7. Preparation time: 20 minutes.

*To make Mexican polenta, cook 1 cup instant cornmeal polenta according to package directions. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 2 cups taco-seasoned cheese.

Recipe compliments of the Butterball Turkey Company

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wood can add.

"First I light the coals with an electric starter instead of lighter fluid, so there is no taste or smell," she said. "While they are heating up, I soak some pieces of apple or cherry wood in water. Once the coals are hot, I move them to the sides of the grill, add the drip pan with water and put the fruit wood on top."

Moxon never uses softwood (pine, fir, cedar or spruce) as it gives the food a turpentine flavor and coats it with a black pitch or resin.

Grilling turkey parts

Whether you're feeding a smaller crowd or supplementing the menu for a large one, a turkey breast is a great idea. Grill a 3 to 3 1/2 pound boneless turkey breast by the indirect method for one to two hours until the internal temperature reaches 170°F.

Small turkeys, six to eight pounds, can be quartered before grilling. Grill turkey pieces, turning occasionally, for at least one hour or until the internal temperature reaches 165°F. Kabobs, made with boneless turkey breast medallions and vegetables, are a quick and delicious grilling option.

If you use a marinade or basting sauce, prepare extra to use for dipping. Do not use the same marinade as was used to brush

Deep fried turkey not as high in fat as you'd think

By PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS, SPECIAL WRITER

Deep fried turkey, a concept that started in the South, is gradually rising in popularity nationwide. It's a new twist for summer barbecues and block parties. In fact, since deep frying turkey requires special equipment and a lot of oil, groups of neighbors often get together to share the costs and feast.

Sherrie Rosenblatt, director of public relations for the National Turkey Federation, says that deep frying is all the rage. Surprisingly, frying adds fewer calories and fat than one might think.

For example, a deep fried turkey comes in at 383 calories per 5.9 ounce serving. An oven-roasted turkey has 373 calories for the same size serving. Fat goes from 3.24 grams per ounce to 3.56.

When I heard about deep frying turkeys, warning sirens went off in my head.

Deep frying is not a cooking method that dietitians recommend. Our test kitchens gave it a try, because so many people are buying turkey fryers now.

We wanted to see (and taste) for ourselves what all the talk was about.

Because turkey - or turkey breast - is dense, the oil apparently doesn't permeate the entire

on the raw pieces of turkey.

If you want stuffing, it is best to cook it separately. There are several good reasons for this: First, there is an increased risk of food borne illness with stuffed poultry, especially if it is not heated thoroughly.

Then, for practical purposes, the amount of stuffing needed for the meal is usually more than the turkey can hold. It's easier to serve stuffing from a pan than from a turkey. Finally, the roasting time is less with an unstuffed bird. Cook stuffing in a covered foil pan beside the turkey on the grill.

Use the indirect method, during the last 45-60 minutes of grilling time, to an internal temperature of 160°F.

For more turkey information, contact The National Turkey Federation, (202) 898-0100 or go to their Web site, www.turkeyfed.org.

The Butterball Turkey Co. is another good source of information. You'll find turkey recipes, tips and other fun stuff on their Web site, www.butterball.com.

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CHICKEN WITH TOMATO TARRAGON SAUCE

- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 pound mushrooms, sliced
- 1/3 cup finely chopped scallions
- 1/2 cup dry white wine or chicken broth
- 1 28-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon fresh tarragon, finely minced
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme, finely minced
- 1/3 cup feta cheese (optional)

Season chicken with salt and pepper to taste. In a large skillet coated with non-stick cooking spray,

brown chicken pieces about 5 minutes per side.

Add mushrooms and scallions and cook over medium heat about 3 minutes. Add wine or broth and cook about 2 minutes more, stirring to scrape browned bits from bottom of skillet.

Stir in tomato sauce, tarragon and thyme. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and cook on medium-low heat for 15 to 20 minutes or until chicken is tender. If desired, sprinkle with feta cheese and serve.

Nutritional information: Makes 6 servings, each containing 165 calories and 2 grams of fat.



Skillet supper: Chicken with Tomato Tarragon Sauce is a delicious way to discover the flavor of tarragon.

cooked dishes like fish, eggs, chicken, meats, soups and sauces.

Tarragon-infused vinegar can be made by pouring warm vinegar over the herb and letting it

stand, covered, for a week. Serve it over salads or with tropical fruits like papaya, mango and pineapple.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Fruit adds punch to barbecue

See related column on Taste front.

BLUEBERRY BARBECUE SAUCE

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 4 tablespoons minced onion
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh jalapeno chili, seeded
- 1/3 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon mustard powder
- 1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

Heat the oil in a nonreactive saucepan. Add the onion and jalapeno and cook over moderate heat, stirring, until wilted, about 3 minutes. Add the ketchup, vinegar, sugar, mustard and Tabasco and bring to a simmer.

Add the blueberries and simmer over low heat, stirring until thickened, about 10 minutes.

Puree the sauce in a blender or food processor until smooth. Pass through a strainer and season with salt and pepper.

Serve at room temperature with pork, chicken or a hearty fish. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

TEQUILA CHICKEN

- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- 3 tablespoons tequila
- 2 tablespoons Triple Sec
- 1 large jalapeno chili, seeded, minced

HERB CHILI GARLIC PRAWNS

- 12-16 large fresh prawns
- 1 onion, small
- 8 garlic cloves
- 1-inch piece of ginger
- 1 teaspoon red or green chili paste or red chili powder
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1/8 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons favorite barbecue sauce

Shell, devein, clean and butterfly the prawns with tails left on.

Mix the remaining ingredients together and marinate the prawns in this mixture, covered in the refrigerator, for 1-2 hours.

Grill until prawns are cooked, brushing with marinade and turning twice. (Do not overcook the prawns as they will get tough. It is better to rather slightly undercook them.)

Recipes compliments of Kelli Lewton.

Share your favorite picnic recipes

This is the season for picnics and sharing favorite family recipes with family and friends.

We're collecting All American Picnic recipes to share with readers in an upcoming edition of Taste. We'd also appreciate suggestions for best picnic spots in

metro Detroit.

If you're known for your potato salad, tabbouli, apple pie, fried chicken, fruit or macaroni salad, please send us the recipe.

What are some good pick up and go desserts? How about sharing your favorite thirst

quenchers. Does anyone still make lemonade from scratch? Please send recipes, picnic spot suggestions and memories to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, e-mail kabramczyk@earthlink.net or call (734) 953-2112.

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during the last 3 minutes of cooking. When using a sugar-based barbecue sauce, apply it toward the end of the cooking time. The sugar in these sauces burns easily and should not be exposed to prolonged heat.

■ Never squirt lighter fluid directly into an already lit fire.

■ Let meats rest. Beef, steak, chicken, almost anything you grill will taste better if you let it stand on the cutting board for a few minutes before serving. This

allows the meat juices, which have been driven to the center of a cut of meat by the searing heat, to return to the surface. The result is a juicier, tastier piece of meat.

■ Don't leave the grill. Grilling

is an easy cooking method, but it demands constant attention. Once you put something on the grill (especially when using the direct method), stay with it until it's cooked.

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Microwave tips

Microwaving water can be a quick and easy way to get hot water fast. But it can pose a safety risk.

When water bubbles out, overflows in the microwave it can result in severe burns.

This reaction happens when layers of the water heated to a higher temperature get trapped under the surface and create an air pocket. To prevent this from occurring, the liquid should be stirred well before heating, twice during heating and at the end of heating. A wooden spoon or stirrer can also be placed into the cup while it is in the microwave to decrease the risk.

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The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at 6:30 in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945. Web site: <http://community.mlive>

MON, SEPT. 11 THYROID DISORDERS

While aspirin therapy has already been shown to reduce the long-term risk of a second stroke in survivors of ischemic strokes — caused by clots blocking blood flow to the brain — a combined analysis of 40,000 acute stroke patients finds that aspirin can provide an immediate stroke-preventing benefit in the days and weeks following a stroke.

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RESEARCH

An aspirin given to stroke patients immediately upon arrival at the hospital may help to prevent recurrent strokes in the high-risk time frame immediately following the first stroke, according to the results of a combined analysis of two large studies.

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data from two major stroke trials, the Chinese Acute Stroke Trial (CAST) and the International Stroke Trial (IST). The trials studied 20,000 stroke patients each.

The analysis found that the risk of recurrent ischemic stroke is reduced by one-third from just a few weeks of aspirin use, and the overall absolute benefit in preventing further stroke or death is about nine per 1,000 people within a month. Aspirin works as a blood thinner, helping to prevent the further formation of stroke-causing clots. Early treatment is especially important because the likelihood of a recurrent stroke is highest immediately following an initial stroke.

"Preventing nine strokes or deaths out of 1,000 people may not sound like much," says Chen, "but if you consider there are several million strokes worldwide each year, by treating one million of those with one year of aspirin therapy, this will prevent about 20,000 strokes or deaths."

Bleeding minimized

One of the main reasons why aspirin has not been given immediately to stroke patients is concern among doctors that it might cause bleeding in the brain. However, the study

shows that aspirin is much safer than initially anticipated, and, according to Chen, the benefits outweigh the risks for all types of patients studied.

In 773 patients studied who had a bleeding stroke and were inadvertently given aspirin, researchers found no great difference in the outcomes of patients who received aspirin and those who didn't.

"We can be confident that there is no great hazard in giving aspirin immediately to patients who have been diagnosed with ischemic stroke," says Chen. "Of course, there may be some groups who should not get aspirin, but even the results in those who had bleeding strokes are reassuring."

The American Heart Association's guidelines for treating acute ischemic stroke suggest that aspirin may be effective in patients with acute stroke, but that aspirin should not necessarily be used in conjunction with clot-busting thrombolytic therapy.

Researchers say overemphasizing the urgency of clot-busting treatment for stroke may lead to an underemphasis on prompt aspirin use. Even if people were to come to the hospital more than 48 hours after their stroke, researchers believe they would still benefit.

Allergies: Culprit could be in your cosmetic bag

The average adult uses at least seven skin care products each day, including fragrances, moisturizers, sunscreens, skin cleansers, hair care items, deodorants/antiperspirants, and cosmetics. So when a patient is suffering from a cosmetic allergy, identifying the culprit is an investigative process for a dermatologist.

Speaking at the American Academy of Dermatology's 58th annual meeting in San Francisco, Dr. Anthony F. Franks discussed the antigens commonly used in cosmetics that cause adverse reactions and the extensive testing necessary to identify the source of the problem.

Up to 10 percent of the population may have some adverse reaction to a cosmetic item over the course of his or her lifetime. While these reactions are not gender-specific, women typically are affected more than men since they tend to use more cosmetic items.

Men see the most reactions from after-shave, cologne and shampoos. Women react most commonly to moisturizers/sunscreen, make-up ingredients (specifically make-up bases and eye care products like mascara, eyeliner and eye shadows), per-

fume, hair care products and nail products.

Biggest offender

Fragrance is the main cause of allergic cosmetic reactions. There are more than 5,000 basic fragrances in all kinds of products. Countless skin care products, soaps, shampoos, lipsticks, sunscreens and lotions contain fragrance. Some people are sensitive to the fragrance chemical used in these. Other antigens in cosmetics may include preservative chemicals (necessary to keep products from spoiling), antioxidants, sunscreen ingredients, and other inactive ingredients.

Fragrance-free products can be safely used by those with a fragrance allergy, but even products labeled "unscented" may contain a masking fragrance added to cover the chemical smell. Unscented products are not necessarily fragrance-free.

"There are very few truly preservative-free products," warned Franks. "Most cosmetic items have an aqueous base or compartment in which bacterial and fungal overgrowth and spoilage may occur. Once a preservative allergy is identified through specific testing, cosmetics free of the offending agent

may be identified and used safely."

Symptoms and treatment

The face, lips, eyes, ears and neck are the most common locations for cosmetic allergy. Additionally, hands can be affected by moisturizers or nail products. Adverse reactions include irritant contact dermatitis, which produces burning, stinging, itching and redness. The most common skin irritants are bath soaps, detergents, antiperspirants, astringents, eye makeup, moisturizers, permanent hair solutions and shampoos.

Allergic contact dermatitis affects those who are allergic to a specific ingredient or ingredients in a product. Symptoms include redness, swelling, itching and fluid-filled blisters. Reactions can occur whenever an individual is exposed to the ingredient, although symptoms may take several days to appear.

Irritant reactions to cosmetics typically occur within days of initial use, but a true allergic reaction can take anywhere from a week to 10 days. In some cases, an allergic reaction is years in the making, and the

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Recent district court Microsoft decision ends an era



MIKE WENDLAND

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Microsoft people send me their

resumes in the past two weeks," said one exec. "And these are top level people. There's going to be a massive brain drain because all those options (paid Microsoft employees) are now worth drastically less than they were before."

And that, in the long run, may hurt the company more than the breakup. The most valuable asset any high tech firm has is its people. How willing Microsoft's talented workers will be to remain during the uncertainty of the next couple of years will be as important to the company's future as the legal appeals.

Disputes must end

One of the key movers and shakers I got a chance to buttonhole for an interview was William J. Kennard, chairman of the FCC.

Amidst all the hype about DSL and broadband access at the show, I wanted to see if Kennard was as concerned as many of the Detroit callers are to my radio

show about the difficulty of getting DSL.

The chairman said the Detroit problem was not unique and that competitive disputes and technology snafus affecting the rollout of high speed DSL Internet access across the nation must end.

Kennard said complaints about DSL installation delays and configuration problems from frustrated consumers and business users are coming into the FCC in increasing numbers. He said a number of those complaints seem to be "turf problems" in which the telephone monopolies are intentionally dragging their feet in releasing and activating DSL service to third party suppliers.

Kennard warned that unless the telecommunications industry quickly deals with the difficulties, pressure from the public may force regulatory actions. The public, said Kennard, is clamoring for broadband access and the industry needs to be more responsive.

Mobile revolution

Wireless phones will soon outnumber fixed phones. In fact, according to EDS Chairman Dick Brown, who keynoteed a session at SUPERCORE, already fifty percent of the world has never heard a dial tone.

By 2002, wireless phones will number 1 billion, compared to the 800 million hardwired fixed phones today. Brown told SUPERCORE attendees that the new trend is "info-communications." It's perhaps best seen in the convergence of Internet technology from the home and office and ... thanks to wireless technology ... to the automobile.

A new wireless subscriber is added every ten seconds today and Brown says the new digital economy means that consumers expect to be able to do everything they now do on a stationary device or desktop computer on a portable or mobile device. Brown says when the history books are written, people will call this new technology age the

"mobile revolution." Along those same lines, I heard a lot of talk by technology analysts in Atlanta about the aggressive use of the Internet by Detroit automakers, particularly General Motors and its high tech "e-GM" division, which just announced plans that would allow consumers to watch their cars being built online, through Web cams.

As one analyst told me: "Detroit is driving development of a huge segment of the Internet these days and may eventually be to the telecommunications industry what Silicon Valley is to the dot com industry."

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

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TUES, JUNE 13

CAREER WOMEN
The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will meet 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost: \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. Call Tracey Huff (248) 347-3355.

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS
The National Association of Women Business Owners—Greater Detroit Chapter will

hold their monthly breakfast meeting 8-9 a.m. Tuesday at Cleary College, 3601 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor in the Student Lounge. The speaker is Leslie J. Rzesnik of Whom Web Designs. No cost. Call (734) 668-7030.

INVESTMENT SEMINAR
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THUR, JUNE 15

BUSINESS WORKSHOP
The Service Corps of Retired Executives will offer a business plan workshop 8:45 a.m. to noon at the One Stop Capital Shop, 2051 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. Topics include financial statements, example business plans, sources of help. \$40 per person. Call SCORE at (313) 226-7947.

WED, JUNE 14

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS

Farmington Hills bank opening planned

Michigan Heritage Bank is holding a grand opening of its new corporate headquarters and third branch office June 19-24 at 28300 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 200, Farmington Hills.

The event, themed "The Good Old Summertime," will feature free popcorn, balloons for the children, and a free two-liter bottle of Coca-Cola for each family. There will be a drawing for three grand prizes: a 32-inch color television, a portable stereo system with compact disk player, and a video cassette recorder.

"We are very proud and excited about our new corporate offices in Farmington Hills and feel that they will help us better serve our customers and the community while aiding in the

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