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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

School board: The Van Buren Public Schools board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Belleville High School, 501 W. Columbia, Belleville. Agenda items include election of officers for the 2001-2002 school year.

TUESDAY

Local government: The Canton Township Board of Trustees holds a regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the municipal complex, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

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Sidewalk sales stir up debate



It's summer and that means Canton officials and businesses are struggling once again with the issue of merchandise placed outside storefronts. A township ordinance prohibits the practice but is loosely enforced.

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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From watermelons to wheelbarrows, soft drinks to sandals, shoppers are buying items sold under the bright

summer sky at Canton stores, to the dismay of the township planning commission.

"There's camping equipment, apparel, watermelons and Pepsi in front of the store," Vic Gustafson, commission

chairman, said of the Super Kmart on Ford Road. "It looks terrible."

"There's no sense of civic pride responsibility," Gustafson said.

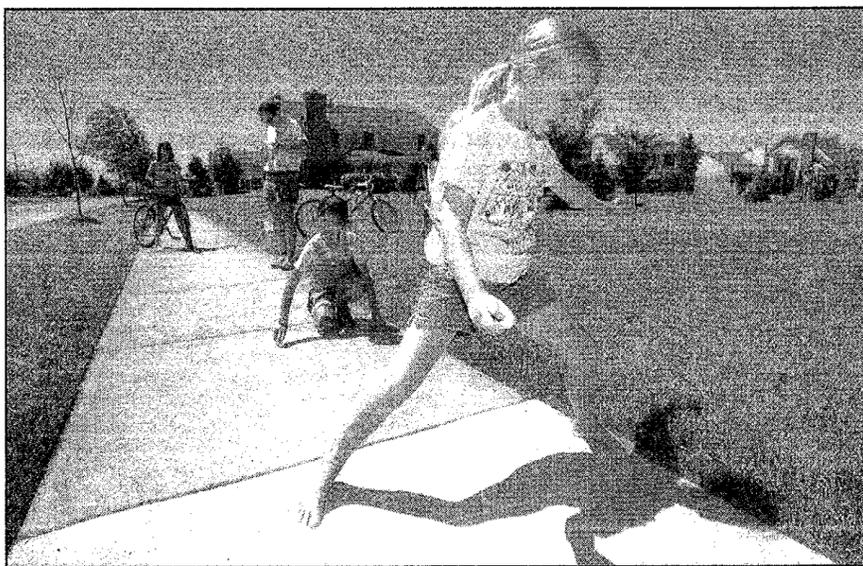
Canton's zoning ordinance prohibits all outdoor storage of merchandise, according to Building Official John Weyer.

Commissioners last week blasted business owners for failure to comply with the ordinance, but business own-

Please see **ORDINANCE, A2**

Patio peddler poll

Should the law be changed to allow Canton Township businesses to display merchandise outside? Let us know via e-mail at: tschneider@oe.homecomm.net and we will print your response.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Playground fun: Katelyn Quinlan, 7, draws hopscotch squares on the sidewalk with chalk, as Roshni Jaura, behind her, fills in the numbers in Glengarry Park. Canton Township Parks and Rec Park Leader Lindsay MacLellan is standing behind Roshni. Below, Megan Quinlan, 10, left, gets some help from sister Chelsea, 12, with her craft project. The sisters were weaving plastic cord to make decorative key chains.

Playtime

Program kicks off

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The Supervised Playground Program, a favorite tradition in Canton, began its first week of fun and games last week.

"Who wants to play capture the

flag?" playground leader Renee Krolezyk enthusiastically asked two dozen sweaty children gathered at Heritage Park Thursday.

"It's their favorite game," she said with a puzzled shrug. "I don't

Please see **PLAYGROUND, A4**



Band chief lands in Walled Lake

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Just weeks before moving to Texas to take a position as a high school band director, David McGrath, former director of the nationally renowned Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, changed his mind and, instead, will become the band director at Walled Lake Central High School.



David McGrath

"Dave's happy that he is staying in the area," said Connie Moore, president of the Plymouth-Canton Music Booster Association. "He's more relaxed knowing he'll be staying around family. Texas was just too far away."

McGrath declined to be interviewed about his last-minute discussions with Plymouth-Canton Schools, or his finalizing

a contract Thursday with Walled Lake Central. Citing the lack of help provided by the school district to direct the 260-member Plymouth-Canton band, and the long hours away from his family to keep the program on top, McGrath decided to take a job at Marcus High School in Flower Mound, Texas.

However, McGrath decided to stay in Michigan. He reportedly talked with Plymouth High School Principal Michael Bee and Superintendent Kathleen Booher about the possibilities of returning as band director. However, Booher said no discussion was held concerning McGrath coming back.

"There were no discussions during that meeting concerning Dave coming back. He indicated he applied at Walled Lake Central and another district,"

Please see **BAND DIRECTOR, A4**

Canton man, 33, charged in pool incident

A 33-year-old Canton man pleaded not guilty to a charge of attempted indecent exposure.

David Thomas Broad, a registered sex offender, was arraigned on the charge Tuesday at the 35th District

Court. The charge is a misdemeanor with a penalty of up to six months in jail.

In a report filed June 27 with Canton Police, Broad is accused of untying a 12-year-old girl's bathing suit top. The

incident, which occurred at a Canton apartment complex pool, took place on June 24, according to witnesses.

Broad, who has been previously convicted of two counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct stemming

from a 1993 Northville Township case, also engaged in other suspicious behavior at the complex.

On June 26, he played in the pool with two other girls, offering them

Please see **CHARGED, A4**

Take-out to steak out, dining scene growing

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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Canton's culinary lineup has two new players this summer. Fazoli's opened last week, and Logan's Roadhouse opened last spring.

Both restaurant companies chose Canton for its heavy traffic and fast growth.

"This is the fastest growing community in Michigan," said Fazoli's Todd Williams.

"It's going great here in Canton," said Ty Schleisman, Logan's Roadhouse kitchen manager, who relocated from Kentucky to take the job in Canton. "Canton was a good fit for the restaurant and a good fit for me. It's a great community and we've got a great location."

Logan's Roadhouse is on Ford Road

just east of I-275. Its 255 seats have been filled to capacity since its opening, Schleisman said.

"We're a restaurant, but we're also a culture," he said. "We like to have fun and we're really friendly. People like that. They like the casual family atmosphere and the peanut shells on the floor. It's a break from the 'Clean up your mess' atmosphere they're used to."

'This is the fastest growing community in Michigan.'

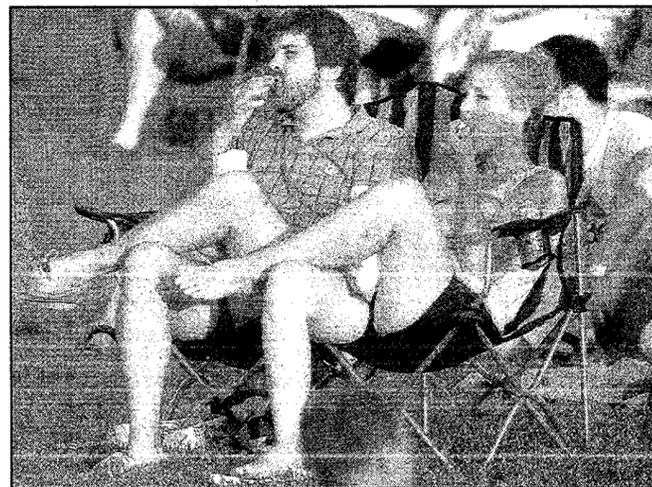
-Todd Williams,
Fazoli's chief operating officer

Williams and business partners Paul Gregory and Paul Gregory Jr., chose a parcel at Canton Center and Ford roads to construct their new restaurant.

"We thought Canton would like what we offer, which is a healthy alternative to fast food," Williams said. "You can feed your family for under \$20, and it's still fast and healthy." The restaurant

Please see **NEW RESTAURANTS, A3**

Kicking back for music in the park



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Sound investment: Brian and Vicky Howard cozy up in their canvas love seat with his and hers popcorn as they enjoy the sounds of J.D. and the Classics in concert last month at Heritage Park. For more photos, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer. This week's free concert features country tunes from Waco Band. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. in the park amphitheater. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome. Refreshments are available.

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P-CEP student aces ACT

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Abe Thurtell

Just like hundreds of other Plymouth-Canton High School juniors last April, Abe Thurtell of Plymouth Township took the ACT Assessment test, a qualifying examination for college-bound students.

After completing the exam, Abe, a member of the Salem High School class of 2002 with a 3.2-grade-point average, walked away feeling "the test seemed fairly easy."

Apparently, it was.

Thurtell was one of only nine Michigan students, and 71 nationwide, to achieve a score of 36, the highest possible composite score. ACT officials report 389,000 students from across the nation, including 30,000 from Michigan, took the same test last April.

"I was quite surprised," said Thurtell, 18, of Plymouth Township, after getting his results. "The English part was a little tough, though."

According to the results, Thurtell missed one of the 75 English questions, two of the 60 math questions, and none of the 40 reading or 40 science reasoning questions.

"For purposes of comparison, the average composite score for the national high school graduating class of 2000 was 21," said Kristin Crouse, communications assistant for the ACT. "Only one

in every 8,000 test takers achieves a perfect score."

Thurtell said he plans to major in computer science, with minors in math and physics. In his spare time, Abe enjoys reading math books.

"They have deductive logic, are totally conclusive, and when you prove a theorem it's true forever," he said.

Thurtell said his short list for college includes the California Institute of Technology, University of California-Berkeley and Oberlin College.

Abe's father, Joel Thurtell, said, "I didn't understand the significance of it at first, but after talking to Abe's teachers and seeing how few perfect scores there were, I began to realize how amazing it was."

Suspicious call nets complaint

COP CALLS

A 51-year-old Canton man was questioned by police after he allegedly made a suspicious phone call to State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton.

Michigan State Police told Canton officers the man called the senator's Lansing office and began talking about bombs and Timothy McVeigh.

He also said he has a shotgun waiting for any police officer that comes to his home.

Three Canton officers questioned the man, who admitted to calling Bennett and discussing bombs. He also admitted he told the senator McVeigh had done the right thing, even if he chose the wrong target.

The man was angry and called Bennett because he said he was upset the Department of Social Services and Head Start had been discussing his children.

"He was really appreciative of the help he got here," said Michigan State Police Officer

Steve Thomas. "We just have to look into it when someone talks about making bombs and these kinds of things."

Purse snatch

A Canton woman called police after she discovered someone had broken into her Somerset Court home and snatched her purse from the kitchen counter.

The culprit apparently broke into the home early Wednesday morning by standing on a lawn chair to enter through the kitchen window. The window was unlocked.

The culprit took the woman's purse and her cell phone and palm pilot in the purse.

The woman received a phone call, which woke her at 6:30 a.m. The caller hung up, but she dialed *69 and found the caller had phoned her from her own

cell phone.

The caller contacted her again and told her he believed he had her palm pilot and cell phone. He offered to return them if she would pay him \$35. The woman contacted the police instead.

Stolen car chase

Canton Police arrested a man after he led them on a short car chase and subsequent foot chase.

Early Wednesday morning, officers responded to a vehicle theft call. Officers followed, with patrol car lights flashing, the suspect in a stolen van on Ford Road until he headed northbound on I-275.

The suspect sped north, but quickly slowed down, drove off the freeway, through roadside weeds and hit a tree stump.

The suspect, a 19-year-old Detroit man, fled officers on foot.

He was arrested and taken into custody after being tracked by a Plymouth Township K-9.

Yapping dog

A Canton dog owner will wind up in court for failing to keep his pooch quiet.

Officers responded to a barking dog complaint on Elmhurst early Wednesday morning.

The dog's owner did not respond when officers knocked repeatedly on his door.

One of the responding officers recalled having been to the residence several times for complaints about the barking rotweiler.

Upon checking records, it turned out officers had been at the home 10 times since Sept. 6, 2000. Most of the complaint calls were after 11 p.m.

The dog owner was issued a disturbing the peace citation, which was left tucked into his door when he refused to respond to police.

Historical Society hosts ice cream social

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The Canton Historical Society will host a genuine, old-fashioned ice cream social next week-end at the Bartlett-Travis house, one of the township's most historic buildings.

"We were looking for an event to feature the house and all the

work that's been done on it and thought this would be something that's fun for the community," said Historical Society Program Chairman Gene Kafila. "We'll put on our straw hats and look silly and scoop a lot of ice cream."

Visitors will be welcome to tour the house, listen to some bluegrass music and buy five-

cent ice cream cones.

"A nickel for an ice cream cone. That's pretty interesting in itself," Kafila said.

The historic house renovation is not yet complete, but it's come a long way since the society moved it to its current location on Ridge Road.

"It's a work in progress," Kafila said. "It's about 85 percent

finished. But it's very different than when we started work on it. It was absolute chaos then."

The event will be held from 1-5 p.m. July 15 at the Bartlett-Travis house. The Bartlett-Travis house is located on Ridge Road, just north of Cherry Hill. Kafila said roadside signs will direct new visitors to the site.

Ordinance from page A1

ers argue the ordinance does not prohibit them from selling items outside the store.

An ambiguous, nonenforced ordinance may be contributing to the problem, according to both sides.

"The problem is there are a lot of interpretations about what defines outside and what defines storage," Weyer said. "We're working right now to determine the spirit of the ordinance."

Some managers feel that if merchandise is under an outdoor canopy, it qualifies as inside the store, according to Weyer. Others argue that display differs from storage, and if the merchandise is moved inside every night, the ordinance doesn't apply to those items.

"We're trying to develop an equal enforcement situation," Weyer said.

Often, businesses are singled out depending on how noticeable their activities are.

"If you're unloading a semi-truck at Home Depot, that's very noticeable. But a clothing rack in front of the Super K doesn't grab the attention of the inspector who might be driving by," said Weyer.

Lax enforcement

The last businesses to be cited for the misdemeanor violation were Home Depot and HQ on Ford Road. The citations were issued in 1998.

On Friday, displayed and stored fence materials, appliances and barbecue grills

sprawled across the Home Depot store front.

A store manager, who asked for anonymity, said the store was visited by an inspector only two weeks ago. The inspector asked him to remove garden materials from the sidewalk, but didn't take issue with any other merchandise, the manager said.

He said the refrigerators and stoves in front of the store were delivered earlier in the morning, and would be moved inside after business hours, for customer safety. Appliances that were removed from their cardboard boxes and marked with price tags, were also delivered that morning, he added.

Education effort

"Most of the ordinance inspectors have had good cooperation from the store managers," Weyer said. "But a problem is that a lot of the merchandise is seasonal, so it's not out there all year to begin with. And the managers come and go, so we'll be working with a manager who brings everything in compliance, then he quits and we start all over."

Business managers are almost always caught by surprise, and are unaware of the ordinance when they are first contacted, Weyer said.

"We're in compliance with the township," said Super Kmart manager John Cinato. "As far as I know, we have a permit to display everything under the canopy."

Several large palettes of

watermelons extended past the store's canopy shade, but Cinato said they would only be there for a couple of weeks.

Cinato said earlier this year, an inspector visited the store and asked him to move banners inside, remove sandwich board signs from the lawn near Ford Road, and move merchandise to fit under the canopy, but never asked to have all the merchandise moved inside.

The ordinance does not specifically address the definition of outdoor storage or display.

"Technically, anything outside is in violation," Weyer said.

If the business does not address the issue within the time frame allowed by the inspector, a citation is issued. There is an arraignment, pre-trial, and trial if the business wishes to contest the complaint.

Fines range from \$100 to \$500.

Customer preference

Still other businesses managers are aware they are technically violating the ordinance, but believe they are in compliance with the spirit of the ordinance.

"We are aware you're not supposed to store things outside, but the merchandise in front of our store is for display purposes only," said Val Czech, store manager of the Joy Road ACO Hardware.

The store has received only one complaint in the past year, she said.

"I think the person who complained was on the commission,

and she never talked to me," she said.

Czech said she would like to see the ordinance changed to specifically exclude displays.

"I can't even tell you how much it would effect our sales if we could put more product out there," she said, pointing to the wheelbarrows, garbage cans and wooden benches on the sidewalk in front of the hardware. "We don't try to push it, but we think we are in compliance as much as possible."

Other managers who are aware of the ordinance comply to the letter.

"More than anything, we respect the township we're in," said Meijer store director Deborah Michaels. "If we wanted to have a temporary outdoor display, we would apply for the permit."

Michaels said the only reason the Canton Meijer does not conduct outdoor sales is the ordinance. She recently relocated to Canton from a store in Ohio which was permitted to host outdoor sales.

"It's very nice for our guests. They love it," she said.

Target also applies for a permit when the store features temporary outdoor displays, according to store team leader Diane Duda.

The township will likely have funds budgeted next year to hire a full-time ordinance inspector to deal specifically with commercial aesthetic issues.



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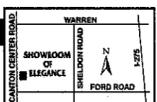


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Surviving quintts off respirators

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Doctors at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit are giving the four surviving quintuplets born to a Plymouth couple an excellent chance for survival.

Dr. Sudhakar Ezhuthachan, division head of neonatology at Henry Ford, said the three girls and one boy delivered by caesarian section June 30 have been taken off respirators. As of Friday, they were listed in serious but stable condition.

"They are reasonably comfortable, and are tolerating small amounts of feeding," said Ezhuthachan. "They are being fed a quarter teaspoon of milk, four times a day."

The first of the quintuplets born, a boy measuring two pounds, 8 ounces, died Wednesday night.

"The first boy born came off the respirator, but developed breathing difficulties and had to be put back on," said Ezhuthachan. "He died from complications from needing the respirator. He concerned us from the word go because he needed additional resuscitation."

The 31-year-old Plymouth woman, whose identity is not being made public, was released from the hospital Wednesday. She was admitted May 22 and delivered five weeks later at nearly 29 weeks. Her due date was scheduled for Sept. 17.

The pregnancy was aided by infertility drugs and a procedure called intra-uterine insemination. The procedure involves depositing sperm inside the woman's uterus near ovulation time.

The first baby was born at 7:54 a.m. and the fifth at 7:57 a.m. The babies ranged in weight from 2 pounds, 8 ounces to 1 pound, 14 ounces. They varied in length from 14-3/4 inches to 13-1/2 inches.

"If you cupped your hands together, one would easily fit," said Ezhuthachan.

Dr. Leila Hajjar, senior staff

The 31-year-old Plymouth woman, whose identity is not being made public, was released from the hospital Wednesday. She was admitted May 22 and delivered five weeks later at nearly 29 weeks.

physician of obstetrics and gynecology, said she was ready to end her shift when the call came that labor had begun.

"The c-section went smoothly. We had five teams from the neonatal intensive care unit, one for each baby," she said. "They were taken to separate areas where they were incubated and observed."

Hajjar, who delivered the babies, said the mother was asleep under general anesthesia during the delivery because there wasn't time to administer spinal anesthesia.

"The mother was nervous and the father was excited," she said.

Ezhuthachan said barring any difficulties, the babies could be home in about 8 weeks.

"Considering they are premature, they're doing well," he said. "As long as they are small, their immune system is immature and can be taken over by infection, which can be like wild-fire through them."

"If they continue to tolerate the feedings, they will steadily put on weight," he said. "In about four or five weeks they will be taking bottles. They're already starting to develop their own personalities."

The Plymouth babies are the first set of quintuplets born at Henry Ford Hospital in its 86-year history. Quadruplets were born in August 1995 and April 1998.

Sweet sounds of summer in Heritage Park



Smooth moves: Justin Ralph, 4, bops to the sounds of J.D. and the Classics at Heritage Park during a June 28 concert.



Rock and roll: Jackelyn Coombs and Mike Franklin sing with Jim "J.D." Dignan (on drums) and the band J.D. and the Classics at Heritage Park.



Dance fever: Alison Schroeder of Canton, 6, from left, and her cousins Laura Gregorchuk of Taylor, 7, and Megan, 6, dance together to the sounds of J.D. and the Classics at Heritage Park Thursday.

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

MILITARY NEWS

GRADUATION

Army National Guard Spec. Christopher A. Purzer, son of Andrea and Richard Purzer of Plymouth, graduated from basic military training at Ford Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. He is a 1984 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1994 graduate of Wayne State University.

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Jeffrey A. Paszko, son of Sherry and Robert Paszko of Canton, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. He is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Marine Corps Pvt. Richard T. Lashbrook, son of Kathryn H. Maxwell of Canton, recently completed basic training at

Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. He is a 2000 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

ENLISTMENTS
Landon J. Green has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training Program. Green, a 1997 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School will report to Fort Benning, Ga. for basic training. He is the son

of Mary S. Green of Canton. Kevin E. Kinnelly has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. Kinnelly, a 2000 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. for active duty. He is the son of Kathryn and Richard Kinnelly of Canton.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Open kitchen: The staff at Logan's gathers around a barrel of peanuts near the entrance of the new Road House restaurant on Ford Road. The windows at right offer a view of the grill where visitors can watch their food being cooked, a very popular option for children.

New restaurants from page A1

serves up fast Italian food, for take-out or dine-in, and also features a drive through window.

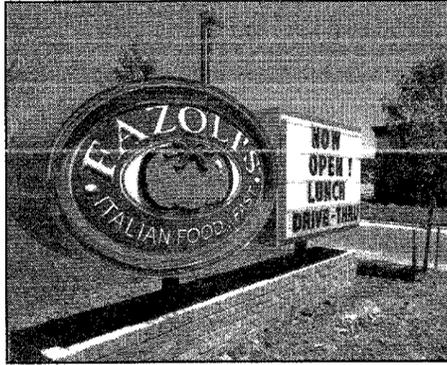
Neither restaurant has had difficulty finding good customers or good help.

"We're the new kid on the block and everybody just wants to be a part of that," Schleisman said. The restaurant has had fewer problems finding and keeping its 96 employees in a business that typically suffers high turnover rates.

Fazoli's competes with fast food restaurants for employees and relies on high school students on summer vacation.

"No one wants to work in fast food anymore," said Williams. "But here, they go to the back of the restaurant and see our tomato sauce being made from scratch. They see our salads being made instead of coming out of a bag from a food service. It's not like fast food. It's not like anything else."

For more information about Canton's new restaurants, call Fazoli's at (734) 394-3070, and Logan's Roadhouse at (734) 844-6067.



Dine in or carry out: The new Fazoli's on Canton Center Road is now open for business.

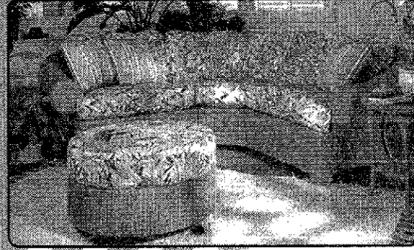
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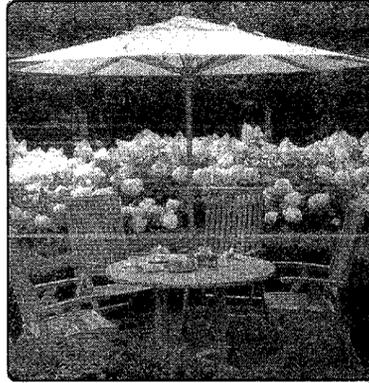
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Buy a brick, dress the band

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters Association is selling bricks for the new Plymouth High School to raise \$288,000 for marching band uniforms. "We are looking for alumni band members who would like to have their names engraved on a brick, which will be used to build the entrance wall of

the music department in the new high school," said Connie Moore, president of the association. "There are 430 bricks available for \$120 each, with \$100 of that to go toward new uniforms."

Moore said nearly \$20,000 has been raised through donations from the Plymouth Rotary, Wilcox Foundation and DTE Energy. Each uniform costs between \$300-\$350.

Moore noted they will purchase 250-300 uniforms for the band. Moore said when the bricks are sold out, they will sell brick pavers that will be placed in the new school.

Orders need to be processed by July 20. Alumni interested can call Moore at (734) 455-8725.

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said Booher. "Dave was able to talk with us about some of the concerns he which led to him leaving the district."

"He was struggling to get attention for the arts," said band booster Joanne Lamar. "He also had a hard time getting financial support for the band from the district."

Walled Lake Central assistant principal Bill Hamilton said McGrath was selected among five finalists. He was interviewed Monday, accepted the position Tuesday, and finalized a contract that begins Aug. 17 on Thursday.

"We feel very fortunate to have Dave," said Hamilton.

"He has great perception as to what this program is supposed to be."

At 120 members, the Walled Lake Central band is about half the size of Plymouth-Canton's. He'll have one assistant to help with the program.

Meanwhile, Plymouth-Canton continues to search for a band director.

"We received more than a dozen resumes," said Cindy Champnella, executive director of human resources for the district. "We continue to look for a high-caliber person because of the proficiency and acclaim of the band."

Moore said the boosters are

actively assisting in the search for a band director; however no prospects are on the horizon.

"We need to find someone who can be here by mid-August, in time for the band program to resume this coming school year," said Moore. "If we can't get someone by then, I would like the district to hire an interim band director while we have time to evaluate where our program is, where it's going and what process we need to seek out a director. This is a high priority for us."

For the summer, Greg Rinehart and Mike Tarr are co-interim band directors.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Craft project: Akhil Jaura, 6, gets some help from park leader Heather Whittington on a craft project at Glengarry Park. They were weaving plastic cord to make a decorative key chain.

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get it, but they love it."

The Canton Leisure Services' program includes daily activities at 19 local parks. Activities include field trips, sports, arts and crafts, games and special events such as pizza parties, Christmas in July and bike rodeos.

"When I was growing up, almost every community did something like this. But as the years went by, most programs went away," said Bob Dates, recreation supervisor. "But here, we've kept it alive for 22 years, and it's a very popular program."

The playground program is designed for children ages 5-15. Children younger than 5 years

old are welcome, but must be supervised by an adult or guardian, Dates said.

The children are supervised by college students, like Krolczyk, a Central Michigan University senior teaching student, or by older high school students.

"But we get a lot of help from the parents, too," Krolczyk said. "They're great. They drop in and out all day to see what's going on. They come help out and bring us treats and popsicles."

All daily activities are free, but parents should register their children with the playground leaders on the first day they attend. Parents should also send a drink and possibly a light

snack with their children. There is a charge and registration requirement for field trips.

Trips include: Rolling Hills Water Park, Detroit Zoo and Greenfield Village. The all-day field trips are for children aged 7-15 and are limited to 40 people per trip. One leader for every 10 kids supervises the trips.

Younger children and their parents are welcome and are encouraged to go in a separate vehicle, Dates said.

The program is held Monday through Friday until Aug. 8. For more information, call Canton Leisure Services at 394-5460.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR July meeting Tuesday, July 17, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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Planners meet Mondays

The Canton Township Planning Commission meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the township municipal complex.

Agendas are available from the planning department.

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2001 at the Plymouth Township Hall, Building #3, 42350 East Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 01-52-0069-P under Part 308, Wetland Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Rolling Oaks of Plymouth Ltd, 32000 Northwestern Highway Ste 126, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, to place fill within a wetland area to create a filled pathway for access use within the established Rolling Oaks Subdivision, a total of approximately 14.2 cubic yards of aggregate fill is proposed to be used for a 5 foot wide, 643 foot long pathway. The total estimated wetland impact area for this project is 3,215 square feet (0.07 acres). The project is located in T1S, R5E, Section 20 & 29, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The application may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, SE MI District, Livonia, Michigan 48152, during normal office hours. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 3007 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
BILL STONE
PERMIT CONSOLIDATION UNIT
LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Date: June 29, 2001

NOTE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in any of the meetings noted should communicate with meeting contacts, as listed, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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piggy back rides and swimming between their legs.

The following day, he alleged-

ly watched the girls swim by going underwater with goggles on. Broad is a resident of the apartment complex.

A \$500 personal bond was set for Broad. He was turned over to

the Livingston County Sheriff Department on a felony warrant for probation violation. He was on probation for a felony embezzlement conviction.

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The public hearing will take place at the time noted at the ROTARY PARK, location near Wing Street and Herald Street, in the City of Plymouth. All are invited to attend, comment and ask questions.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
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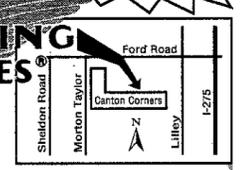
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Motorcyclists sue for police lists

BY MIKE MALOTT
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It's just a Freedom of Information Act dispute now, but depending on how the state responds to a lawsuit filed by a Bingham Farms attorney, it could turn into a case reminiscent of the old Michigan State Police "Red Files" controversy.

Lawrence Katkowsky, attorney for the motorcyclist lobbying group ABATE, has filed suit in Oakland County Circuit Court seeking "all lists ... of members and associates of motorcycle clubs in the state" by the Michigan State Police and its Criminal Intelligence Unit.

State Police have been compiling a list of people who belong to such motorcycle clubs in Michigan, Katkowsky said.

"No, that's not true," said David Verhougstraete, spokesman for the Department of State Police. "That would be against the law. That goes back to the days of the Red Files. We don't keep lists on gangs ... There is no such list. We don't keep lists whether it's of the gang across town or militia members."

Katkowsky, however, pointed out that that was not the department's first response. When he filed a request with the State Police in April, the answer he

got back, dated May 15, was that the "request has been denied ... in order to prevent an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

David Fedewa, who wrote that response for the State Police, said it's not a confirmation of the existence of the list.

What list?

"I did not think there was a list, but at the time I was not 100 percent sure," Fedewa said. "I was running late and on deadline. I went with the exemption on privacy because if there was such a list, releasing it would be an invasion of privacy."

Chris DeWitt, spokesman for the state Attorney General, who will represent the State Police in the lawsuit, also could not confirm whether the list exists. He said the paperwork had just been referred to his office, so he could not comment. The case has been assigned to attorney Thomas Quasarano, who said he would be meeting with State Police officials to determine whether there is such a list, even if it was misidentified in Katkowsky's request.

The state must respond to the lawsuit by July 9. The case has been assigned to Judge Gene Schnell.

"Well, there is a list and I can prove it," Katkowsky said.

He said he has a copy of one page of it, page 37 of 48. The list includes names, addresses and Social Security numbers, he said. Further, the sheet identifies itself as a Michigan State Police document. It also indicates it comes from the department's Criminal Intelligence Unit.

Katkowsky said he doesn't know how many people are included on the list, why it has been compiled or how it is being used. That's why he wants to see it. He suspects he's on it since he is both a rider himself and because he's the attorney for Michigan chapter of the advocacy group, American Bikers Aiming Toward Education.

How it was discovered

The list came to light, Katkowsky contended, because a Charlevoix man was turned down for a renewal of his permit to carry a concealed weapon.

The reason given was that his name appeared on that State Police list, identifying him as an associate of motorcycle club members in that area.

The fact the list turned up there indicates that State Police have already "invaded the privacy" of those on the list, Katkowsky said, and has already distributed it to agencies such as CCW boards and police depart-

ments. "The list includes Social Security numbers. How'd they get that information? No legal way I know of," Katkowsky said.

If indeed the State Police have been compiling a list of bikers, it would be inappropriate, Katkowsky said.

"Most bikers are guys who ride and they are just like you and me. They work at their jobs, they pay their taxes and they go home to their families in the evening. They are men, men and women, who just like to ride their motorcycles in their spare time."

There are hardcore bikers, he said, "the one-percenters, who see themselves as the toughest of the tough. It will usually say '1%' somewhere on their jacket."

Even those riders are law-abiding and cooperate with police, Katkowsky said. The image of the outlaw biker gang is largely a fiction of Hollywood, he contended.

"People who ride come from all walks of life, and that includes those who belong to a club."

Katkowsky also sees the comparisons to the "Red Files." Throughout the 1960s, Michigan State Police and Detroit Police gathered information about suspected communists and communist front organizations.

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A conference workshop, "Teaching About Detroit" will be presented 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Kresge Hall with Richard Sax, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, and Marjorie Checkoway, an education professor, moderating. Intended for educators, parents and youth leaders, the program costs \$30 for continuing

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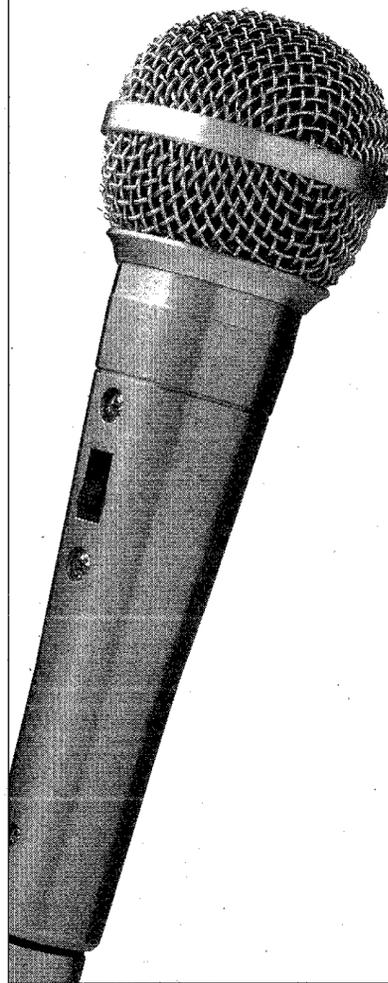
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DIABETES LECTURE

■ Dr. Barry Hobbs will speak in Canton on diabetes and the endocrine system. Learn about new research on diabetes and other endocrine disorders. The lecture will be 7:30-8:15 p.m. July 12. Call (734) 416-2442 to reserve your space.

ROLLER HOCKEY

■ Fall Inline Roller Hockey Leagues for all ages at Skatin' Station II in Canton. Ten-week session \$120 with one game a week. This includes shirts for champion teams, a game jersey and referee fees. All hockey stats will now be posted on the Web. Registration is under way. Call (734) 459-6401 for more information.

WORSHIP SERVICE

■ First United Methodist Church in Plymouth presents "Character Under Construction" series Part III-by pastor Debbie Leach at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 8.

KELLY MILLER CIRCUS

■ Plymouth Lions Club presents the circus behind Plymouth Central Middle School on Saturday, Aug. 4. Performances are 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$7/ adults; \$5/ child. Circus arrives at 7:30 a.m. at site, and elephants and crew will set up tents, etc. at 9:30 a.m.

AUTOS FOR AUTISM

■ A car show to benefit the Autistic School Association Inc. from 6-9 p.m., Monday, July 9, at Garden City High School. In addition to cars, there will be music, food, clowns and face painting. Call (734) 421-5065 for further information.

CAREGIVER WORKSHOP

■ A free caregiver workshop will be 1-4 p.m. Thursday, July 12, at the Lutheran Home of Livonia, 28910 Plymouth. The topics to be presented are: An Overview of Alzheimer's disease, Understanding Behaviors, and Community Resources. Call (248) 557-8277 to register for this free workshop.

COOKIES AND MILK

■ Cookies and Milk Drop-In Play Center for children through age 4, at the Golden Gate Shopping Center, 8515 Lilly, 11 a.m., Monday-Friday. Call Cathy Proppe (734) 207-1655 for further information.

LIVE THEATER

■ Phoenix Productions presents *Misery* by Stephen King July 8 at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Tickets \$14 (students and seniors \$10) at the door. Call 480-9577 for reservations and information.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

■ The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling 2002 Entertainment Books to help pay for its educational and charitable activities. By ordering now, buyers will receive a 2001 Values Book as a bonus. The cost is \$30. Books will be delivered to the buyers. To order, call Stan at (734) 459-6829.

MAYBURY STATE PARK

■ Summer Evening Series 7 p.m. each Thursday. Each week a different topic is covered from Maybury's

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SUMMER ARTS CAMP

■ Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering five weeks of camp this summer. Camps are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Kids are to bring a lunch and drink, and there will be a show/exhibit at 7 p.m. Fridays at the end of each camp week. The cost for each week is \$100 for PCAC members. Call (734) 416-4ART for further information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

■ Veggie Town vacation Bible school is accepting children 2 years old to completed sixth grade at the First United Methodist Church on N. Territorial in Plymouth, July 16-20. The fee is \$7 (\$20 maximum for immediate family). Call (734) 453-5280 for further information.

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PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

■ Willow Creek Co-op Preschool registration is taking place for the 2001-2002 school year. Classes for 3 and 4-year-olds; morning and afternoon sessions. For more information, call Maria Panek at 326-9101.

SUMMER ART CAMP

■ D&M Studios in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services and the city of Plymouth Recreation Department presents "Australian Outback-Down Under," this year's Summer Art Camp theme. There is still room for preschool to teens. Call (734) 453-3710 for further information.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

■ Summer Day Camp is being held at Summit on the Park. Campers take part in crafts, gym activities, daily swim time and are treated to "off-site" field trips on Fridays. Camp runs from 8:45 a.m. to 4:14 p.m. with pre- and post-care options available. To be eligible for camp, campers must have completed the first grade through a maximum of completing the fifth grade. Call (734) 394-5460 for further information.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL

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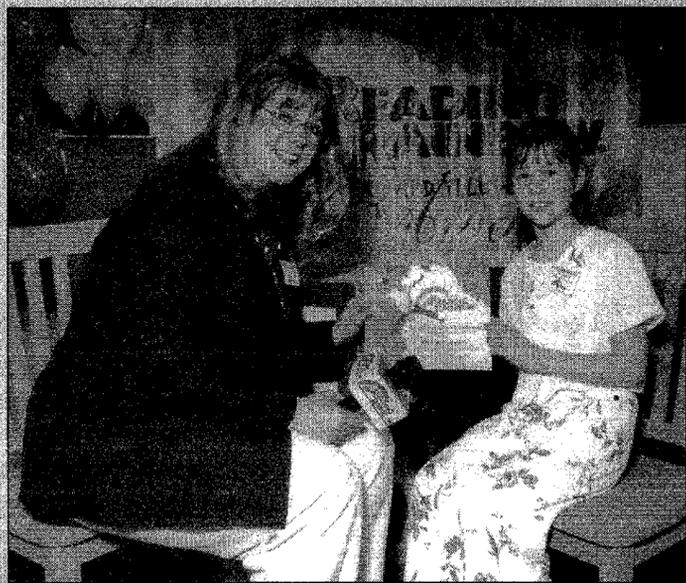
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HEAD START

■ Starfish Family Services has openings for preschoolers in its Head Start program. This is a free program for income-eligible 3 and 4 year olds and their families. It also accepts eligible foster children any children with disabilities. For information, call (888) 887-9980.

TINY TOTS

Third-grader's story is award-winner



Young writer, Kara Bongiovanni of Canton receives congratulations from Megan Miller of Detroit Public Television station WTVS-TV for her entry in the Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Awards competition. Bongiovanni's story, "Penguins Don't Fly," earned an Honorable Mention in the third grade category.

■ Tiny Tots Pre-school The Salvation Army is accepting registration for Monday-Wednesday-Friday for 4 year olds; Tuesday-Thursday for 3 year olds for the fall 2001-2002 session. Call Peggy Blaisdell at (734) 453-5464 for further information.

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

■ Dixboro Co-op Preschool is accepting applications for children 3-5-years-old for its fall semester. For more information, please call (734) 665-5632.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

■ Hours for the Canton Historical Museum are 1-4 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday. Tours for school, Scouts or other groups may be arranged by calling (734) 397-0088.

VILLAGE MUSIC

■ Group classes in piano and hammer dulcimer for people ages 5 to adult. The complete Kindermusik curriculum is offered for newborns to children 7 years old. For information, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

HATHA YOGA

■ Classes in Plymouth, 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, and 3-5:30 p.m. Sundays. Call Cynthia Gray (734) 420-2418.

TAI CHI

■ Beginner tai chi classes starting at 7 p.m. are offered in Livonia. Classes at 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday available in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills. Livonia location has day classes for seniors. Observers welcome. Call (248) 332-1281 for further information.

RECREATION

■ The city of Plymouth is taking registration for its

childrens/ tots gymnastics, dance, arts, Jump-A-Rama, tai kwan do, personal development, aerobics and more. For more information, call the recreation division at (734) 455-6620.

SKATING CLASSES

■ Learn to roller-skate at Skatin' Station II in Canton for children or adults, 7-8 p.m. every Sunday. The cost is \$6 per session or \$30 for six weeks. Inline roller hockey leagues for all ages. Ten-week session with one game a week for all ages. Call (734) 459-6401 for information.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

■ The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment 2001 books. Proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout southeastern Michigan. Books are \$40 and will be delivered. Call Bill VonGlahn at (734) 453-8253.

CREATIVE MUSIC

■ The Creative Music Center of Plymouth/ Canton has registration for its kindermusik classes. Classes are pro-rated and held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (just west of Sheldon). For information, call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

CLUBS

SINGLETONS

■ Single adults ages 45 and over wishing further information regarding activities may write Dearborn-Livonia Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, MI 48123. The next dinner social at 6 p.m. Friday, July 13, at Liberator's Restaurant, 6451 Miller in Dearborn.

VIETNAM VETERANS

WESTSIDE SINGLES

■ Westside Singles presents dances every Friday night at the Burton Manor. Doors open at 8 p.m., dressy attire, bar, D.J., 21 and older, price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. Call (734) 981-0909 for further information.

K OF C BREAKFAST

■ The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet 8:30 a.m. to noon every Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All-you-can-eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453-9833 for further information.

ARTS COUNCIL

■ Every second Tuesday at noon you may take your lunch and learn about art with the speakers from the DIA. The cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for others. Lectures are free to senior citizens. Winter 2001 classes for children-acting, singing, drawing, sketching and painting. For adults: photography, drawing, sketching, watercolor, salsa dance, and figure drawing with models. Art or drama birthday parties or Scout workshops custom designed for each group (any age) at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. For information, call (734) 416-4278.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

■ The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) holds its regular meetings 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Roman Forum Restaurant, 41601 Ford, Canton. The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Family Restaurant on Plymouth Road, east of Merriam, Livonia. The Plymouth Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

MOPS

■ The Plymouth Baptist Church holds the Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 9-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Child care is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, between Lilley and Haggerty. Call (734) 453-5534. Space is limited.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

M.O.M.

■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Cheree at (734) 416-6214 or Laura at (313) 538-7622.

MOMS CLUB

■ MOMS Club welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers to meet at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. Play group meets every Wednesday. Call Lisa at (734) 844-3685.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

■ The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the

first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

■ Plymouth Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to helping people meet others in the community through its monthly meetings and variety of special interest groups. Call Christine at (734) 416-0300.

VOLUNTEERS

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

■ Volunteers needed for its Road to Recovery program. Volunteers help to drive cancer patients to and from medical centers throughout the Detroit area. Call (248) 557-5353 for further information.

DISCOVERY SHOPS

■ The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shops are looking for volunteers interested in retail to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Various positions, flexible hours and training are available. For more information, call the American Cancer Society at (248) 557-5353 or toll-free at (800) 925-2271.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

■ The agency needs foster parents and help publicizing its work. Call (877) 464-3264 for further information.

U OF M CANCER CENTER

■ The Patient Education Resource Center at the U of M Cancer Center is looking for volunteers to help patients and families obtain information about cancer. Basic computer skills and knowledge of the Internet required. One four-hour shift per week during business hours. For more details, call Ruti Volk at 936-9947.

SUPPORT GROUPS

GRIEF SUPPORT

■ New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center in Northville. All its services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. Please call (248) 348-0115 for further information.

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR KIDS

■ Xpress Ways is a grief therapy group for children ages 11-13 who have experienced death of someone significant. Meeting at 4:30-6 p.m. Mondays. For teens who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or grandparent, a group will meet on Tuesdays through Aug. 14. Being held at the Arbor Hospice Residence in Ann Arbor. To register or for more information, call (734) 662-3742, Ext. 175.

GRIEF SUPPORT

■ Millions of people each year experience feelings of sadness, loneliness, and anger after the death of a loved one. Group support meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday at the Community Hospice in Westland. Call (734) 522-4244 for further information.

CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

■ The group meets weekly 6-7 p.m. on Monday or Tuesday evenings. The group is designed for children ages 6-12 and may also benefit children whose parents have separated or divorced in the past but who are still struggling to accept it. For information and registration, call Barbara Bielak at (734) 453-0718.

CALENDAR FORM

The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Thursday for the following Sunday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

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Bill to tax Internet sales hits opposition in House

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A plan to "streamline" sales taxes, so they can be collected more easily for goods bought over the Internet is running into a buzz saw in the state House Tax Policy Committee.

To Gov. John Engler, the tax is one Michigan residents have been paying for 70 years, up to 6 percent on items bought at any store. But now that shopping on the World Wide Web has become popular, Michigan - like most states - has no way to collect it. That means the state is not collecting \$180 million to \$350 million annually.

For many businesses, it's a matter of fairness. They fear that unless e-businesses pay the tax, just like "bricks-and-mortar" businesses, retailers here could

lose even more revenue.

To Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, it's a new tax, one that is "anti-Republican, is bad for business and stinks of big government."

Bill McMaster, president of Taxpayers United, argues it's unconstitutional and a violation of Congress' decision to put a moratorium on any proposals for taxes applied to Internet sales.

But Sen. Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids, who introduced Senate Bill 433, said her plan is to have Michigan join a multi-state consortium to work out a uniform way of collecting the sales tax for items sold via the Web.

Her bill already received the go-ahead from the Senate, winning approval 28-8 vote in May. The plan has been referred to the House Tax Policy Committee, which has held two hearings

on the topic.

Emmons' aide Erik Hingst is expecting fast action on the bill because, he said, the deadline for joining the consortium rolls around later this month.

Because the Internet allows consumers to buy from retailers across the country, any attempt to collect sales tax on purchases made via the Web will require federal action, as well as federal coordination, Emmons said.

Different states collect taxes very differently. For instance, in Indiana, local governments collect local sales taxes. Michigan's is strictly statewide.

Emmons argues that because Michigan's sales tax is already uniform across the state, it would make a good model for the multi-state consortium to follow. If the state does not participate, she fears the consortium might produce a version of the sales tax that would result in a number of changes for Michigan later if the state eventually decided to join.

The bill would not alter Michigan's tax structure or what it is applied to. For example, Michi-

gan law exempts groceries, prescription drugs and some publications. Texas law exempts cowboy boots, because there they are considered work boots, Hingst said.

That would not have to change, he said. Michigan would not have to start taxing groceries, nor would Texas have to tax boots. But a similar format for taxes would have to be used so e-retailers could know what items are taxed in which states and be able to forward the collections.

Engler supports collection of the sales tax. In fact, he was recently in Washington, D.C., to testify before Congress in support of the program.

But Gosselin, a member of House Tax Policy, sees it as just another tax increase. He notes the state GOP has been proud of its tax-cutting record in the past, boasting of more than 30 tax-trimming measures in recent years.

Staying out of the consortium and leaving Internet sales untaxed, Gosselin argued, would

provide an incentive for e-businesses to move to Michigan.

McMaster said it's a tax increase, but there are other issues as well. The consortium plan would involve hiring a business to design software and operate it so retailers could collect and send in their sales taxes. That puts a third party in charge

of tax collections, he argued something strictly prohibited by the U.S. Constitution.

There are privacy concerns too. The government Web site could install permanent "cookies" on everyone's computer to track his Web browsing activities and make sure he pays his nationwide sales taxes.

Naturalist explores wetlands

A Wayne County Parks' naturalist will lead an exploration of wetlands July 14 at Crosswinds Marsh.

Participants will learn about the creatures who call the water home and will make an aqua scope to observe the alien world of underwater animals.

Materials for the water scope are provided. Bring boots as it

may get muddy. The program is suitable for all ages.

Advance registration is required. A \$2 fee is charged.

For information and to register, call (734)261-1990.

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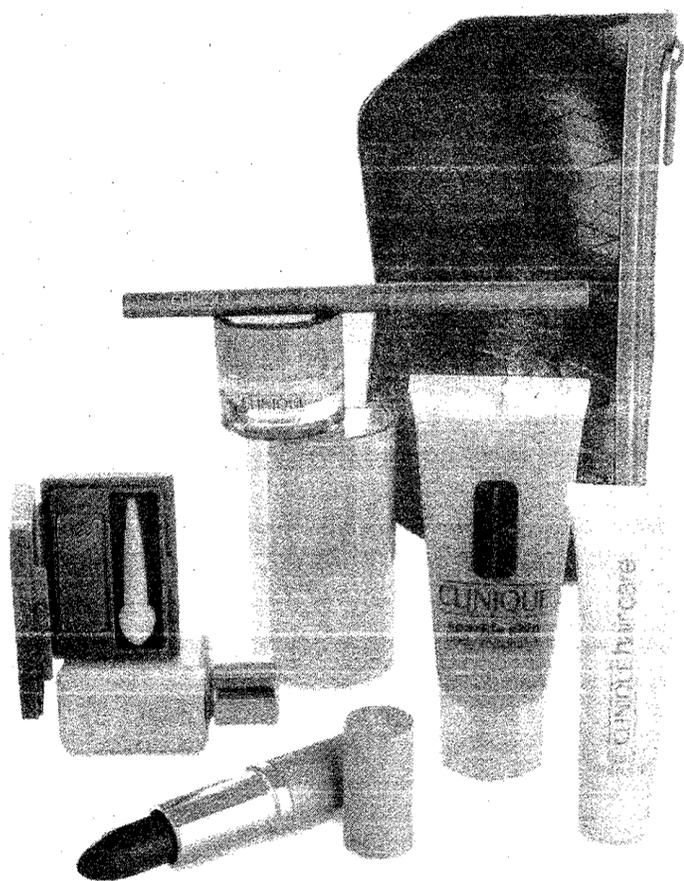
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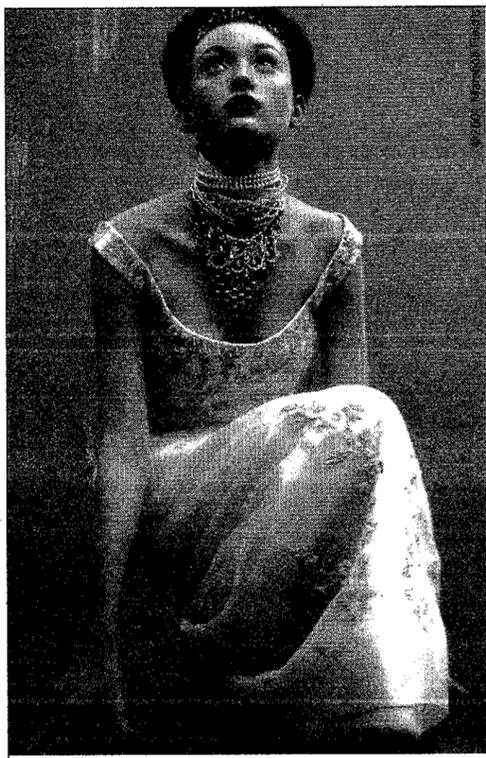
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Hole in one

Thomas Redmond, from Canton, collected his first-ever hole-in-one at Willow Creek Metro Park. Redmond, 58, aced the par-three 158-yard 17th hole, using his "trusty five-iron."

"I hit the ball pretty good," Redmond said. "At first, I didn't think it made it to the hole. I really couldn't believe it."

Redmond shot a 94 for the round.

Golf notes

Jan Antieau of Brighton and Jo McVicar of Livonia shared low gross honors with an 87 in the first flight of the Women's Suburban Golf Association play at Reddeman Farms in Chelsea on Friday.

Wayne's Terry Deisler came in third with an 88, while Ginny Karolak (Livonia) won the low net with a 74, followed by Nancy Wilkie of Redford and Carol Niemur of Brighton with 75.

Penny Irwin of Plymouth won low net in the second flight with a 64, while Canton's Rae Wenslaff of Canton was second with 69. Livonia's Lori Wilson shot a 96 to capture the low gross in the third flight, while Canton's Jan Nelson was second with 99.

In-Line hockey

Youth and adult in-line hockey leagues for all ages and all skill levels are now forming at Michigan Dekhockey, located at 45109 Michigan in Canton.

Cost is \$50 per player for the four-game season and end-of-season jam-boree (a three-game minimum). Game days are Monday through Thursday. Needed equipment is skates, stick, gloves, shin pads, elbow pads, athletic supporter (boys), mouthguard and a helmet with face mask (for those 17-and-under).

Registration deadline is July 22. Call (734) 397-8900.

Dekhockey leagues

Adult summer dekhockey leagues are forming at Michigan Dekhockey, located at 45109 Michigan in Canton.

Cost is \$40 per player for the four-game season and end-of-season jam-boree (a three-game minimum). Game days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Needed equipment is sneaker/activity shoe, stick, gloves, shin pads and elbow pads.

Registration deadline is July 22. Call (734) 397-8900.

Softball leagues

The second session of men's, women's and co-ed adult softball leagues are now registering at the Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan. Cost is \$625 per team plus a \$10 per game umpires' fee, which includes 14 games (all doubleheaders) plus playoffs (all teams qualify).

Play starts Aug. 6. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

Walk Michigan

Want to walk to Mackinaw Island? Here's a way that might get you a couple of free nights stay on the island while getting some exercise. For five consecutive Thursdays beginning this Thursday, Walk Michigan, co-sponsored by the National Parks and Recreation Association and the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association, will host a one-mile walk around the pond in Heritage Park.

There's no cost to enter. Those interested in walking may register at 5:30 p.m. the day of the walk, which will begin at 6 p.m., at the Play-Skate Pavilion in Heritage Park. Those who enter will be entered in a drawing for a two-night stay at Mackinaw Island.

Soccer shootout

The University of Michigan men's soccer team will stage its 10th annual three-vs.-three Micro-Soccer Shootout Saturday, July 21 at U-M's Mitchell fields.

Proceeds will benefit University of Michigan men's soccer program.

The tournament, an equivalent to basketball's Gus Macker, is an all-day tourney with over 200 teams ranging in age divisions from boys and girls (7-and-up) through men's and women's adult.

All skill levels are encouraged to participate. Both competitive and recreational divisions are available for each age bracket.

Registrations can be picked up at Soccer Mania, 2276 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor or obtained via the web at <http://mgoblue.com/soccer-m/>

Bigger and better

Size, depth should help Crusaders

BY C.J. RISAK
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There's a turning point in every program, a corner that is correctly navigated, resulting in a victory instead of a defeat, which ultimately leads to more victories until, by season's end, they outnumber the defeats.

In its first eight seasons of existence, Madonna University's men's basketball program has never reached its point. The closest the Fighting Crusaders have come was a nine-win season in 1996-97, Bernie Holowicki's second as coach.

Maybe the upcoming campaign will be it. The recruits Holowicki has signed indicate it could be.

Mind you, there's no rash predictions regarding how many wins they'll get. Nothing about Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship possibilities.

But this could be the beginnings of a team that refuses to remain the league's doormat.

Madonna was 8-23 last season, not bad considering there was just one senior (center Narvin Russaw) and one junior (shooting guard Mike Massey) on the squad.

The Crusaders will return seven of their top eight players and some newcomers who could provide the elements missing from past teams: namely, size and depth.

"We were hurting for size," said Holowicki. "All we had was Narvin. If he got into foul trouble, the game was over."

"We haven't ever had depth or talent in the frontcourt."

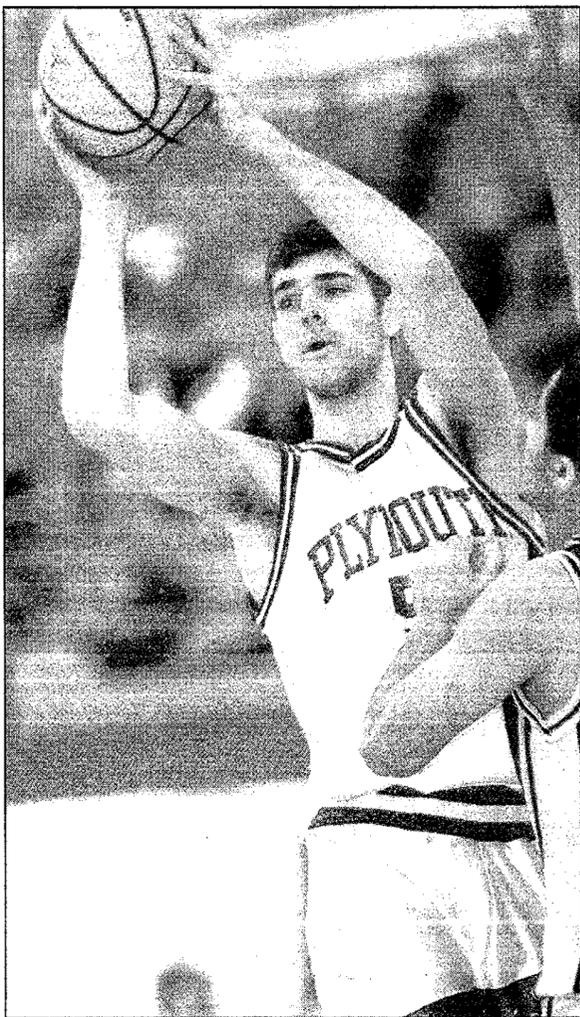
That may have changed. All the new recruits have size; they will all play in the frontcourt, adding diversity to a team that revolved around the prowess of juniors-to-be Aaron Cox and Dan Kurtinaitis and senior Massey in the backcourt.

Incoming freshmen are 6-foot-4 forward Steve Horn, from Walled Lake Central; 6-5 forward Jason Clark, from Walled Lake Western; 6-7 forward/center Dave Gregor, from Northville; and 6-5 forward Noel Emehiser, from Woodlan (Ind.).

Horn was a leader on the Western Lakes Activities Association champion Vikings, averaging 17 points a game and earning all-WLAA honors. Clark was more defensive oriented, a rebounder and shot-blocker — something the Crusaders sorely lacked last season. He was all-Western Division in the WLAA.

The two who are somewhat unknown factors are Gregor and Emehiser. Gregor is hardly unknown, at least in this neighborhood; a steady all-around player who earned all-division honors in the WLAA, Gregor "can play post or go outside," Holowicki said. "He's very athletic."

What is unknown is his availability. Gregor suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament playing AAU basketball and will be lost until at least Christmas. The



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Defensive stalwart: As a senior at Salem, Tony Jancevski averaged nine point, nine rebounds and two blocked shots a game.

severity of his injury and the speed in which he recovers will determine whether or not he plays this season or is red-shirted.

"We were counting on him in the pivot," said Holowicki, noting the player lost to graduation — Russaw — was the team's leading rebounder. "But that's kind of been our luck."

Emehiser could be a different kind of fortune for the Crusaders. He was not heavily recruited, mainly because his Woodlan HS team only won a half-dozen games while he was there.

"It wasn't his fault," Holowicki insisted. "He's very athletic and a great person. He can jump out of the gym, he's lanky and he can run."

Like Clark, Emehiser figures to be a power forward. Horn will play small forward.

"He can shoot," Holowicki said of Horn. "You can't leave him open — he'll kill you. He's a competitor."

"To tell the truth, I didn't think we had a chance to get him. He's a winner, the key to Central's success."

If that had been the end of Holowicki's recruiting for the season, one would consider it a success. But he

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SOCCER RECRUITING

Top recruits fill gaps in SC's lineup

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One nice thing about Schoolcraft College men's soccer — there never seems to be a downturn.

Even after last season's disappointing finish, in which the shorthanded Ocelots, playing without several key players (including All-American sweeper Tom Stark), lost to Cuyahoga CC in an overtime shootout in the NJCAA Region 12 final.

That left them with a 13-4-2 overall record, hardly a season to complain about but one harboring that lingering doubt that it could have been much better.

This season will be, or at least coach Van Dimitriou believes.

As always, the SC coach was highly optimistic following a successful recruiting campaign. Of course he should be; after all, when was the last time the Ocelots had a bad recruiting season?

"Things are going well," Dimitriou said. "In fact, I'd have to say things are going very well. This is as talented an incoming class as we've ever had."

What Dimitriou felt was most needed to push his team further in the NJCAA Tournament were replacements for interior defenders Stark and Sergio Mainella and more scoring punch. He believes he filled both needs.

"We needed help on our inside defense and putting the ball in the net," he said. "I think we strengthened ourselves in both areas."

"This year, we're kind of blessed with very, very good talent."

Defense begins in goal, and newcomer Matt Gasparotto (from Farmington) will strengthen that area, joining returnee Kevin Smale (Brighton). Gasparotto helped guide the Falcons to the Division II state semifinals last fall.

SC returns Chris LaMasse (Plymouth Salem) and Phil Moore (Brighton), "two of the best marking backs we've ever had," Dimitriou said. Joining them will be Salem's Andrew Rea (Salem) and four newcomers who figure to contribute heavily.

Ken Douglas (Livonia Franklin) and Ryan Sullivan (Dearborn Crestwood) are similar in size and style: Both are about 5-foot-10, 190 pounds, both are "tough going after people." And both, according to Dimitriou, "are looking good inside."

They will be joined by Zoran Golic, from Yugoslavia. "He's not as big, but he's quicker and more experienced," Dimitriou said. "All three will play."

Another who will help is Ryan Mallord (Dearborn), who figures to play both midfield and marking back.

The midfield was in pretty good shape with the return of Shawn Presnell (Redford Thurston) and Kevin Callendar (Novi). Aiding that area will be Worth Sampson (Crestwood).

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Bucks take on Gemini at Canton HS

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The Mid-Michigan Bucks, one of the Premier Development League's top teams, will be making a stop this Saturday at Plymouth Canton High School when they take on the Dayton (Ohio) Gemini.

Game time for the Great Lakes Division men's soccer match is 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets, \$6 each, are available at the Soccer Post, located at Newburgh and Five Mile roads in Livonia.

SOCCER

The Bucks, co-owned by Livonia natives Jim and Dan Duggan, have been plagued by injuries this season. With a 9-5-1 record entering its July 6 match with the West Michigan Edge, the Bucks need to win at least four of its final five division matches to earn a spot in the conference playoffs.

Birmingham Seaholm's Ryan Mack, who played on

Indiana University's 1998 and '99 NCAA championship teams, was recently lost for season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

"We're four points from the last playoff spot, we're fighting for our playoff lives," Dan Duggan said. "Friday (July 6) was the first time we pretty much had our full lineup back together."

During the past two years the Bucks, part of the U.S. Interregional Soccer League, the organizational umbrella of both amateur and pro soccer in this coun-

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Taormina juggles schedule

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Sheila Taormina pulled into Toronto on Thursday when her chronic bad back flared up again.

Not good news if you're competing just two days later in a big International Triathlon Union World Cup race.

So Taormina immediately got on the phone with a local Toronto chiropractor to make an appointment.

The tightly-wound Taormina has had problems with her back dating back to her days as an All-America swimmer at Georgia and right through her 1996 Olympic gold medal conquest in Atlanta when she swam a leg on the women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay.

"I'm not in peak condition right now, I'm going into races kind of exhausted because I've kind of burnt the candle

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on both ends," she said. "But I'm looking forward to the next 2 1/2 months because I'll be cutting back my schedule so I can rest and train better."

"I had no expectations the first half of the season, but in the second half I hope things can start to kick in. Right now I'm hanging on by my fingernails and really don't have one ounce of energy left."

Balancing her hectic travel schedule and training since she finished sixth in the first women's triathlon — the inaugural event of the 2000 Sydney Olympics — has been both a daunting and delicate challenge.

During the month of June she competed in her first two races of the season, finishing fifth in Shreveport, La.

and third in Victoria, British Columbia.

Her fifth place at Shreveport earned her a qualifying berth in the ITU World Championship Saturday, July 21 in Edmonton, Alberta.

"I kind of surprised myself, my muscles were in shock from the run, but I had a good swim and the bike went well. I got into a great bike pack."

In between, Taormina did numerous business and school talks, camps and clinics. Sometimes she travelled by air, other times by car, to such destinations as Toronto, South Carolina, Connecticut, Boston and most recently New York.

The day before the Shreveport race, Taormina handed out awards at the finish line of a kids triathlon during the morning, did a swim clinic in the

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PHOTO BY MARY STEINBACHER

Keeping pace: A hectic schedule has Sheila Taormina constantly on the go.

Late surge saves Warriors

With the third period of the game barely one-third over, the outcome of Wednesday's Metro Summer Hockey League game between the Warriors and Bulldogs was very much in doubt.

The Bulldogs had just gotten a goal from Andrew Martin, closing the gap on the Warriors — who 19 seconds earlier had gotten a goal from John Schultz — to 8-6 with 8:54 remaining. But the 'Dogs would come no closer, thanks to a three-goal surge in a 2:35 span by the Warriors that carried them to a 12-7 win at Farmington's Suburban Training Center.

The winning Warriors were paced by Joe Moreau's (from Farmington Hills) three goals and an assist and Jeremy Majszak's (Canton) goal and four assists. Ryan Yost (Livonia) added a goal and three assists and Brian Sutherland (Plymouth) had two goals and an assist.

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Other contributors for the Warriors were Nick Anselm (Canton) with a goal and two assists, Mike Schultz (Canton) and Brandon Kaleniecki (Livonia) each with a goal and an assist, John Schultz (Canton) and Chris Morelli (Livonia) with a goal apiece, and Jeff Harris (Canton), Dave Moss (Livonia) and Jim Spiewak (Redford Catholic Central HS) each with two assists.

The Bulldogs got three goals and two assists from Ryan Kesler (Livonia), four assists from Mike Radakovich (Livonia), a goal and an assist from Matt York, Todd Kessler (Livonia) and Andrew Martin, and a goal from Ryan Radakovich (Livonia).

Mark Lavender (Farmington Hills) was in goal for the Warriors. Dan Dobrowski (Southfield) and Matt Swanson were in the

net for the Bulldogs.

Wolverines 13, Wildcats 2: James Crank (West Bloomfield) popped in three goals and assisted on two others and Krikor Arman (West Bloomfield) added three goals and an assist to carry the Wolverines past the Wildcats in an MSHL game Wednesday at Farmington's Suburban Training Center.

The 'Cats scored the game's first (by Kirk Gurney) and last (by Justin Riccardi) goals, but were crushed in between. The Wolves led 4-1 after one period and 8-1 after two.

Mike Schmidt added two goals and three assists to the Wolverine cause, with Scott Lutz (West Bloomfield) and Varujan Arman (West Bloomfield) chipping in with a goal and four assists each, Frank Bourbanais collecting two goals and two assists, Steve Swistak (West Bloomfield) totaling four assists, and John Slanga (West Bloomfield) getting a goal and an assist.

Nate Shopbell was in goal for the Wolverines. Jamie Ferrara and Brandon Tucker divided time in goal for the Cats.

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afternoon and motivational talk during the evening.

"I really wasn't ready to race, but I'm there, and I have the feeling can't let down so I'll try and figure out the rest," Taormina said.

Taormina loaded up on her work schedule because she was unable to run for almost eight months, plagued by an ilio tibial band (leg) problem which limited her training leading up to Sydney.

With the help of her coach Lew Kidder, she learned she was overstriding. Able to adjust and now pain free, Taormina has gradually built her mileage back up so she can compete again in the 6.2-mile run, which comple-

ments the 1,500-meter swim and 24.8-mile bike in the Olympic distance triathlon.

"I'm still not prepared and haven't run enough and with my I.T. problem," Taormina said. "I didn't think I'd race this summer and I wasn't really gearing up for that."

"That's kind of the reason why I overbooked my schedule this year. Last summer I had more than a balance. This year I'm busier by far than I was the year after 1996."

But the Stevenson High School grad said she "can't ignore" the lasting relationships she has built with her young clientele during her travels the past few years.

"When you work with swim teams and schools I've kind of gotten attached with people all over the country," she said.

"There are a few families you click with when you have talks. You have to respond when they call or write you. Even if I have to stay up until 2 in the morning and I'll respond to a kid."

"But sometimes my biggest challenge is just to crawl in bed and not talk to anybody."

The 32-year-old Taormina decided she needed help in another direction.

"I have the best coaches around in Lew (Kidder) and Greg Phill (her club swimming coach), but if you stay in a sport you have to do it right," she said.

"You have to eat right and do a lot of stretching. I'm 32 and I have to watch out. I'm not 18 or 22 anymore."

Taormina, who had trouble with her back even after a 1 1/2 swim workout, thumbed through the Yellow Pages late last year looking for somebody to guide her through her injury woes.

Less than a half-mile from her home she found Dr. Dave Ellis, a chiropractor, and Dr. Karen Slota, who specializes at his practice in nutrition.

"I needed a lot of care because I beat up my body," she said. "They put my body back together and put me back in alignment."

"Before they did anything we talked for almost two hours. They're former body builders and they knew what muscles needed to be addressed."

"They got me into taking sports seriously again like I did in 1994, 1995 and 1996. I said I would not let it rule my life, but with the stretching and nutrition, it definitely helps the bones and the joints if you do it right."

Taormina visits her chiropractor three times a week, but had to cut back the past month because of all her travel.

"I don't want to disappoint them like I don't want to disappoint my coaches," she said. "They're so thorough because they understand athletes so well

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didn't stop there. Three other players have been added, and all could have — indeed, should have — an impact.

First, there's Tony Jancevski, a 1999 Plymouth Salem graduate who spent the last two years at Schoolcraft College, playing one season for the Ocelots. A 6-8 center, he could give Madonna its first true pivot presence.

"He's a pleasant surprise," said Holowicki. "For us, he's a good kid. When we lose David Gregor, he's going to help. I like his post moves and he can pass."

As a senior, Jancevski averaged nine points, nine rebounds and two blocks a game for the Rocks, providing a defensive figure that helped carry them to the state quarterfinals.

Another post player added to the Madonna lineup is 6-5 Jimmy Woodworth, who played last season at Oakland CC. A graduate of Corunna HS, Holowicki described Woodworth as a "dependable, steady player" who also happened to be in the

National Guard. "Maybe that means he plays great defense," the Madonna coach said with a laugh. "Really, he's a great kid who works hard. And he's got some intangibles, a winner-type of kid."

The third of the newer additions will actually have freshman status, although he graduated from Utica Ford in 2000. Ryan Zak, a 6-3 1/2 frontcourt player, had given up on basketball (despite Holowicki's recruiting efforts) and enrolled at Central Michigan.

A year away from the game, changed his mind, and further validated Holowicki's belief that no recruiting door should be closed. Zak called the Madonna coach and said if he still wanted him, he'd come.

"He's a player," Holowicki said of Zak. "He's quick, athletic, great defensively and a hard-nosed player. He'll make us better."

All of them will have that opportunity. How much better and how quickly are the questions.

SC recruits from page B1

wood, who "could play anywhere — he's very quick, very agile," and Tony Ventura (Dearborn Fordson), who earned a spot on the team with an impressive tryout.

Now the forward line. Dan Lipon (Stevenson) is a "pure forward," according to Dimitriou, while Tim Moxie (Thurston) will have to get into better shape to earn a spot in the rotation.

That's because of newcomers like Mike Thomas (Stevenson), who is "very impressive, very quick, very promising"; Kyle

Langseth (Grayling), who scored more than 100 goals in his prep career; Jonathan Hernandez, a "solid, strong kid who's intelligent with the ball" and, like Langseth, is a natural soccer player; and Mark DeSana (Trenton), a player who received all-state recognition.

Dimitriou added his recruiting efforts are not yet complete. Indeed, one player who just might join the Ocelots is someone Dimitriou has hoped to have in the lineup for two years: Tom

Eller, an all-state forward at Stevenson who struggled with academic problems.

Eller is currently playing with the West Michigan Edge, a team in the USISL Premier Development League. He could join SC this fall.

"If he does join us, that could change the complexion of the team," Dimitriou said.

That it would make a good recruiting class even better was left unsaid. It didn't need to be.

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The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Santia Hall, 1985 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

WEST BLOOMFIELD WOODS NATURE PRESERVE

"Summer Fling - Nature's Potpourri" will be held Tuesday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m. Bring the family for a midsummer's eve peek at nature's great potpourri of peepers, croakers, blooms and beauty along the woods and trails of the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve. There is a \$3.50 fee. This is a great introduction to the diversity of nature; bring bug repellent and prepare to walk for 90 minutes. The registration deadline is one week prior to the event. Contact West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation at (248) 738-2500 to register or for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth

Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to riverrat122@hotmail.com.

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (248) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218

Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

METROPARKS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nomi-

nal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

GET A GRIP

"Get a Grip," the Metroparks' new 25-foot rock climbing tower, will be on display at Stony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township from July 2-15. There is a \$2 fee to climb. For more information, call Stony Creek Metropark at 1-800-477-7756 or (810) 781-4242.

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Superstitions, stories and the Liar's Club are the focus of this campfire for organized groups, scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, July 13 at Stony Creek Metropark's Eastwood Beach. Bring a blanket to sit on and insect repellent. Pre-registration is required. Call Stony Creek Metropark at 1-800-477-7756 or (810) 781-4242 for more information.

SATELLITE SEASON

Learn how to spot satellites - and what they might be up to - as you view the night sky during this two-hour nature program (weather permitting) scheduled for 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 13 at

the Nature Center of Indian Springs Metropark near White Lake. Also, learn the summer constellations as you roast marshmallows around a campfire. Pre-registration is required. Call the Indian Springs Nature Center at 1-800-477-3192 for additional information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (248) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

FISHING CONTESTS

Addison Oaks and Independence Oaks county parks will be the site of fishing contests on the following days: Memorial Day weekend-June 30; July 1-31; and Aug. 1-Labor Day weekend. A valid Michigan fishing license is required. Call (248) 693-2432 or (248) 625-0877 for additional information.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (248) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (248) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (248) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (248) 229-7067.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

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try, made two strong runs in the U.S. Open Cup.

Both in 1999 and in 2000, the Saginaw Township-based Bucks upset the New England Revolution of the MLS. They were eventually ousted in Round of 16 in two hotly contested matchups, once by the Tampa Bay Mutiny (in 1999) and other by the Miami Fusion (a shootout in 2000).

In this year's U.S. Open Cup, the Bucks ran into buzzsaw suffering a 7-1 loss to the Revolution on June 27 in Foxboro, Mass. Former Oakland University All-America Paul Snape had

the lone goal.

This year's Bucks squad features several players with area ties including the Scicluna brothers of Redford - Dominic, a defensive midfielder, and Tino, a defensive back, who starred at Butler (Ind.) University.

The team's top defender is Cameroon native Benji Djeukeng of Lindsay Wilson College (Ky.) where he was a four-time NAIA All-America.

The team's starting goalkeeper, Eric Pogue, is a former Western Michigan University standout and Revolution draftee. His

backup is Mike Skolnik, a former All-Observer player from Livonia Churchill High School who plays for OU.

Other veteran players for the Bucks include Chad Shomaker (OU), Sam Piraine (Madonna University), Chris King (Livonia/OU) and player-coach Joe Malachino.

Also a member of the Bucks is Plymouth native Jared Vock, a member of the under-17 U.S. National team. He attended Bradenton (Fla.) Academy and is bound for the University of South Florida.

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BASKETBALL CAMPS

■ The seventh annual Jeff Suspeck Memorial Basketball Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 28 at Schoolcraft College.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The camp is free and lunch will be provided by White Castle Systems, Inc.

The non-profit camp is in memory of Jeff Suspeck, a former player at Dearborn Divine Child High School and St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake who passed away in 1994 at the age of 24.

He holds several scoring records at St. Mary's including career points (1,785) and holds the National Catholic Basketball Tournament record with 41 points.

The Jeff Suspeck Foundation was formed by his family to provide opportunities for underprivileged youth to learn more about the game of basketball.

The camp is run by volunteer players and coaches who knew Jeff.

To obtain a brochure or registration form, or for more information, call (248) 478-0662.

■ The Metro Basketball Association will hold a basketball fundamental camp for boys and girls ages 8-15 from 8:30 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday, July 23-27, at Garden City High School, located at 6500 Middlebelt Road (between Ford and Warren).

The cost is \$100 or \$95 for two family members. All campers will receive a basketball and T-shirt.

The instructor is John Kreger. The camp will stress shooting, passing, dribbling defense and offensive moves. There will be one-on-one, hot shot and free throw shooting contests.

Mail registration and full payment to: Metro Basketball Association, 27676 Cherry Hill, Suite 101, Garden City, Mi. 48185.

For more information, call (734) 522-8872.

FOOTBALL CAMPS

■ The Patriot Football Summer Camp (grades 7-12) will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, July 25-28 at Livonia Franklin High School.

The cost is \$30 (includes camp T-shirt).

Registration will be held on July 25 or you can call coach Chris Kelbert at (734) 523-9300 for more information.

■ The Panther football camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 27-28 at Redford Union High School.

The camp is open to all students entering the fifth through ninth grade in the fall. Participants will learn football basics such as stance, starts, drills and technique work. The first day of camp is for linemen and the second day will be a skills camp.

The camp is \$25 per day or \$45 for both sessions. An \$5 discount may be deducted from this price if registered by July 12.

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For more information, call coach Miles Tomasaitis at (313) 534-0411 or (313) 575-4753.

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Division play will be on Mondays and Wednesdays starting Aug. 6 and 8. Games times are 6:40, 7:40 and 8:40 p.m. One hour practice times are available on Mondays and Wednesdays July 23 and 30 and July 25 and Aug. 1, respectively.

There is a maximum of six teams per division. The cost is \$280 per team. Each team will be \$20 per game for officials. There is a \$10 fee per non-resident.

A mandatory managers meeting will be Tuesday, July 31 at the Bailey Recreation Center.

For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

SELECT PLAYERS NEEDED

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For more information, call (313) 927-WAZA.

BASEBALL CAMPS

■ Total Baseball's total training summer baseball camp for ages 7-17 will be from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. Monday through Wednesday, July 16-18 at Gilbert Willis Field in Novi. (Rainouts will be at Total Soccer-Wixom indoor facility.)

Former minor league players and collegiate coaches will instruct campers on the proper techniques of pitching, hitter and field. Players will be clocked on a radar gun for arm and bat speed.

The cost is \$125. For more information, call (248) 668-0166 or email totalbaseballwixom@aol.com.

■ Oakland University will hold a summer baseball camp for ages 8-14 (general skills camp) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 9-12 and 9 a.m. to noon Friday, July 13.

For more information, call Mark Avery at (810) 362-3583.

■ Eastern Michigan University's baseball team will stage two sessions of camps for ages 8-16 on July 9-13 and July 16-20.

The cost for each session is \$95, or \$180 for two weeks. All three weeks is \$250.

For more information, call (734) 487-0315.

FALL BASEBALL LEAGUE

Total Baseball, located at 30990 Wixom Road, will be offering its fall baseball league for ages groups 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, along with a Saturday high school and Sunday high school wooden bat leagues.

The season runs 12 games with playoffs for qualifying teams. There are no umpire costs or fundraisers. Over 50 teams participated in 2000.

Games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays.

The cost is \$215 per individual or \$1,399 per team.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166.

HOCKEY LEAGUES

Compuware Sports Arena will now offer youth hockey leagues in the Mites and Squirts divi-

sions this fall and winter.

The Mini-Mites Division (born after June 30, 1994), Mite Division (from July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1994) and Squirts Division (July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1992) will cost \$560 per player, with a \$125 non-refundable deposit due at registration. Cost includes all ice time, referee fees, USA hockey individual and team registration, jersey, socks and trophies.

Players will also have the chance to receive free tickets to future Whalers' home games and Whalers' merchandise. All ice times will be at CSA. The leagues will not use a lottery and there will be no residency restrictions.

Registration will be at Compuware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck in Plymouth through Aug. 1. CSA is also looking for volunteers, coaches, sponsors and team managers. For further information, call (734) 453-6400.

SOCCER CAMPS

■ The Detroit Rockers will host a series of summer soccer camps for boys and girls ages 4-14.

The cost is \$135 (\$10 off for additional family members).

Area camp dates include: 9:30 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-noon July 9-13 in Canton (Field Elementary); 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 16-20 in Westland (Central City soccer fields) and 1:30-4 p.m. July 16-20 in Farmington (Little Caesars Field); 9:30 a.m.-noon July 23-27 in Plymouth (Ford Sheldon Plant); 1:30-4 p.m. July 30-Aug. 3 in Livonia (Bicentennial Park); 1:30-4 p.m. Aug. 6-10 in Redford (Bell Creek Park).

Each camper will receive personal instruction from Rockers players, tickets to selected Rockers home games, 2001 camp T-shirt and summer camp edition of official Rockers Magazine.

Hotter soccer camps (ages 4-14), designed for players to reach the next level, and advanced

striker and goalkeeper camps (ages 11-16) are also available. For more information, call (248) 366-6254 or (877) 480-KICK. You can also visit the website at www.detroitrockers.com.

■ Schoolcraft College will host four sessions of summer soccer schools for boys and girls ages 5-16 — Monday through Friday, July 16-21, July 23-28, July 30-Aug. 4 and Aug. 6-11.

The camp is directed by Schoolcraft College men's coach Van Dimitriou, assisted by Dominic and Mario Scicluna.

For more information, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5249 or 5255. Sessions for advanced, beginner and intermediate players are from 9 a.m. to noon.

The cost for beginner and intermediate players is \$105 per session (\$95 each additional family member). The cost for advanced players is \$135.

Group rates (10 or more) are \$95 (beginners/intermediates) and \$125 (advanced).

VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

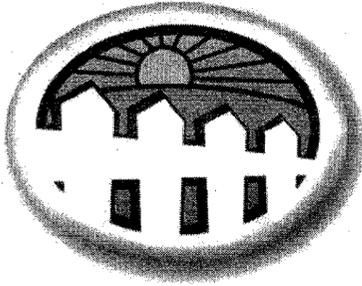
■ Tom Teeters, volleyball coach at Schoolcraft College and at Plymouth Salem HS, will conduct a pair of Schoolcraft College Volleyball Camps for beginner and intermediate-level players from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 9-12 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 16-19.

Cost for each session is \$90 per person (\$85 for additional family members), which includes a \$30 non-refundable deposit. Team discounts are available.

Eight courts are available for use in the camps, which are open to those 8-18 years old. They will be conducted by Teeters as well as former and current SC players. Swimming will be available at the end of each camp.

Specialized camps for elite players will also be offered.

For more information and/or a camp brochure, call Schoolcraft College at (734) 462-4400, ext. 1-5564 or 1-5607.



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Over and over, look out for the plover

Most shorebirds, like plovers and sandpipers, pass through Michigan during their spring migration. They continue their journey to the tundra and northern Canada. Only a few species stay in Michigan to nest and raise young.

Of the approximately 42 species of plovers and sandpipers seen in Michigan, only six remain in the state to nest.

Four species, the spotted sandpiper, killdeer, common snipe and woodcock nest in good numbers throughout the state.

They may not be seen frequently, unless you are intentionally looking for them, but bird watchers could tell you where to find them.

Unfortunately, the piping plover and the upland sandpiper are not very common during the summer in Michigan. Birders have much better luck finding upland sandpipers in the Upper Peninsula than in the lower half of the Lower Peninsula.

I was reminded of how low the numbers of piping plovers are when I visited the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

At the parking lot where the Betsie River empties into Lake Michigan there is a sign notifying people of the piping plover's plight. Across the river on the dunes next to the lake were large fenced enclosures demonstrating the State's commitment to help this bird.

Unlike the killdeer that nests in playgrounds, pond edges, gravel shores, short grass fields and other areas, its cousin, the piping plover, requires open sandy beaches with just a scattering of cobble.

Undisturbed areas with these requirements are fewer and fewer in Michigan. In fact, in the Great Lakes area, Michigan is the only state where the piping plover nests.

Beach front property is very popular and beach combing is even more popular. This is also part of the problem.

As more people walk the shoreline with friends and Fido, nesting piping plovers are disturbed.

During the Memorial Day weekend, beachcombers disturb birds trying to establish territories and build a nest. Vacationers along the beaches during the Fourth of July holiday are likely to disturb recently hatched young.

Piping plover nests are just a depression in the sand with a few scattered pebbles and debris arranged near the nest. Generally the nest is located above the high water mark and below the next dune.

Because there is scarce cover for the birds and little to conceal the nest, they rely on camouflage. The natural material near the nest and the cryptically colored eggs blend in perfectly with the sandy beach.

People walking the shore may never know they just stepped on a nest. A dog could easily step on a nest or harass the adults during a critical time of their bonding and nest building cycle. All-terrain vehicles on beaches can cause serious problems as well.

During the period from Memorial Day to mid August, when piping plover migrate south, nesting areas are fenced to exclude potential threats to the birds.

In 1989 there were an estimated 16 pairs nesting in the Great Lakes. Some were in the Beaver Island area and the rest were in the Whitefish Point and westward area of the U.P.

Without the efforts of researchers and volunteers to monitor this endangered species, the piping plover would likely have become extirpated from the Great Lakes several years ago.

Though it may mean a little inconvenience for beach combers, the sandy colored piping plover with its single band of black around its neck, certainly must be reaping the benefits.

Please respect the signs and fencing to give this species a chance.

(Livonia resident Tim Nowicki is a naturalist with Independence Oaks Park, north of Clarkston in Oakland County. He can be reached at (248) 625-6473.)

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Parks and Rec has summer fun for kids

BY HEATHER MILLER
SPECIAL TO THE OBSERVER

Once school lets out for the year, every student breathes a sigh of relief and anticipates two months of sunshine and fun.

But by now, most children are uttering a question that every parent dreads: "What is there to do?"

Parks and Recreation Departments are the answer. There are programs for numerous cities in the Observerland area.

Are you aware of programs in your city? If not, get on the phone or the computer and do some research.

Redford Township Parks and Recreation Department is one example of a successful program, keeping children busy from the time they get out of school in June until they go back to school around Labor Day.

Counselors are stationed at five parks throughout the township to play with children from morning until afternoon.

They keep the children busy, physically active and safe while in their care. Children may play games such as basketball, capture the flag, four square or volleyball.

The special events team makes a stop at each park to play games in a weekly theme, which may include Fun with the Fourth, Science and Nature Week and Wet and Wild Week. The children take time out to get messy with food or slime, or just get wet with water balloon tosses or a game of water Twister.

During quieter times, children may learn new card or board games. An animal show allows children to hold exotic and unusual animals while learning about them. Arts and crafts make a visit to the five parks twice a week, along with several other parks that don't have daily supervision. Crafts may consist of beaded key-chains, Indian rainsticks or paperweights.

A special preschool program visits 12 different sites to work



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Careful: Face-painting for kids is just one activity that the Redford Parks and Recreation Department offers to all children during the summer months.

with three to five-year-olds. They read stories, sing along to tapes, do simple arts and crafts and work on motor skills.

The parks also take weekly field trips to various locations. Past trips have included the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Waterford Oaks Wavepool and a visit to the Palace of Auburn Hills locker room.

A special trip is planned during the summer just for preschoolers. They may visit Domino's Farm or go bumper bowling. Individual parks can also plan their own mini-trips to open swimming at local pools or to the ice cream shop.

Weekly tournaments shuttle

children from every park location to compete in an event to find the township champion. Two winners from every park compete in the home run derby, basketball's hotshot contest or hockey's super score-o.

In addition to the weekly trips and daily fun at the parks, the township's Parks and Rec department organizes several other special events.

The annual Olympics have been in the township for over 40 years. Children can compete in field and running events in the morning and adults compete in the evening. Participants can receive medals and ribbons.

The carnival at the conclusion of the summer program is a farewell to the children before they go back to school. Clowns paint faces and do magic tricks when children are not playing games or bouncing in the moonwalk. The department also offers movies and concerts in the park for the whole family.

The summer sounds pretty busy by now. The only problem is that these programs are not being utilized like they could be.

Nearly all of the programs put on by the Redford Parks and Recreation Department are open to everyone - whether

you or your children are a township resident or not.

The Redford drop-in program is free. The only cost to parents comes from field trips and the arts and crafts. Other programs have little or no cost to the parent.

Either way, it is well worth it to keep your child busy and safe during the summer months.

(Miller is the director of the Redford Summer Playgrounds Program. For more information, call the Redford Township Parks and Recreation department at (313) 387-2650 or visit www.redfordmi.com/dept/recreation/index.htm)

Stretch to avoid ankle, knee injuries

BY DR. AARON SHAKARIAN

The ankle joint is comprised of four separate bones, five ligaments and 10 supporting ankles.

It is important to properly stretch and train these muscles or rehab this area if it was previously injured. Imbalances in this particular area of the body could throw off other areas and cause further harm throughout the distant joints of the body such as the knee, hip and spine.

Ankle injuries and shin splints can be a frustrating result of the lack of attention to stretching and strengthening the muscles surrounding the ankle joint during athletic training or pregame warm-ups.

These injuries are very common and can be extremely limiting to an athlete's potential during competition.

If you, as an athlete or coach, are looking for preventive maintenance stretches that will help limit the chance

of these two types of injuries, look no further.

The following stretches and exercises can be done before competition and during training to help limit the chance of injury.

To limit the chance of shin splints, start in the sitting position, and point your foot down to its end range of motion. Then, flex your foot towards you.

For added resistance, you can use a partner or therapy bands, which are fairly inexpensive, and can be purchased at most sporting goods stores.

Just tie a band to a pole or bedpost, and flex your foot toward you and then back to the beginning position. When performing this exercise, you should do three sets of 10 repetitions with the last rep being a struggle to perform.

Perform this exercise with both ankles.

Next, stretch out the muscles in front of your tibia shin. Start in the standing

position, bend your knee and bring your foot back toward your buttock. Grab the top of your foot with your hand, and hold this position for 15 seconds.

Do three sets for each leg.

The following exercises and stretches help to prevent inversion sprains by strengthening the outer supporting muscles of your ankle joint. You should perform this exercise while sitting down and applying resistance to the outside foot.

Again, you can use a partner or a band tied to a support for added resistance.

Start by having your toes pointing up, and then turn your foot inward to its furthest point. Next, turn your foot outward to its furthest point. And finally, bring your foot back to beginning position.

Perform three sets of 10 repetitions on both ankles. You should struggle to perform the last rep. Next, stretch the muscles and ligaments on the outside of

the foot by doing what some call a butterfly stretch.

To do this stretch, bring your heels towards your groin while sitting on a flat surface. Then you will press down on each shin with your elbows. By grabbing each forefoot, you can turn the feet inward creating not only a groin stretch, but an outer ankle stretch, too.

If you have difficulty in training, or in rehabbing an old injury, do not hesitate to get further advice from a chiropractic physician or medical physician.

If you are injured, immediate care can decrease the amount of injury time by half. If injuries are not taken care of immediately, they can lead to a longer recovery time and an increased chance of arthritis forming in the future.

Dr. Aaron Shakarian of Livonia is a certified in chiropractic biophysics and physiotherapy. He specializes in sports injuries and improvement of body mechanics.

Local pair learn at International Expo

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

International Bowl Expo 2001 has just completed its busy week at Las Vegas.

It is that time of the bowling year for the Bowling Proprietors Association of America to hold its annual convention, coinciding with a huge trade show and a full slate of seminars on all phases of the bowling industry.

The purpose of it all is actually aimed at making all phases of bowling better. Mark and Diane Voight of Farmington Hills were among the show's attendees and also participated in the meetings.

"This year's Expo was much bigger than in the past," Mark Voight said. "More so because of the huge influx of foreign countries participating from the Far East to Australia, most of Europe and also Russia."

"Bowling is on the increase, not only worldwide, but even in the U.S. where there had been a decline in league par-

ticipation. There is much more emphasis on youth bowlers and greater interest in high schools and college programs.

Jim Zebahazy, executive director of YABA announced an increase in participation for the first time in years.

As for the voting activity in the BPAA convention, the issues were routine and the legislative process went smoothly.

There were many good, constructive and informative seminars at the Expo, with Mark taking in the one on customer services, sponsorships and developing effective inspection programs.

Diane attended seminars on party packages and creating visual displays. One of the changes they brought back to their lanes is the "Sock Program," which means that the shoe rentals will include a new pair of athletic socks, which the customers take home with them.

It is aimed at the perception that rental shoes are not viewed by the public as hardly sanitary.

The youth program in those Voight-owned centers will focus on the new Disney bowling ball programs.

The standard youth program with a

regular kids ball will run \$6.95 per week. The "Mickey" ball will be at a cost of \$8.50 per week and for those who want the ultimate ball. The Brunswick "Vis-I-Ball" adult/youth program will cost \$10.95 per week as each participant receives one of these sensational new balls with the vivid ball graphics of Mickey or Minnie, Pluto and others.

The balls (\$149 retail) incorporate a new level of graphics technology to bring these characters almost to life in the form of a bowling ball.

The programs will start up this fall season at all local community bowling centers, including Super Bowl (Canton), Merri Bowl (Livonia), Plum Hollow (Southfield), Troy Lanes, Oxford Lanes (Dearborn Heights), Skore Lanes (Taylor), Century Bowl (Waterford) and Classic Lanes (Troy).

The trade show also presented attendees with a special guest.

Actor Michael Ian Black, who portrays Stuckey Bowl manager Phil Stubbs on "Ed," was on hand for an autograph session in the BPAA booth.

Next year's Expo 2002 will take place in New Orleans.

Observerland bowlers can be proud of all of the wonderful and talented players in our community.

Over the years you have been able to read all about them and their exploits out on the lanes.

The name Tim Saunders of Redford has appeared in these pages quite often, as he is one of the really good league bowlers. Now he has out-done himself, with back-to-back 300 games in the Woodland Summer Trio League last week at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

As the format in a trio league is based on a two-game set, then changing opponents for another two-setter, he rolled the perfect 600 score in the first set.

The second set was only ordinary, as the change of lanes, the long time delay, the excitement of the moment and maybe a couple of bar beverages intervened between sets.

The two perfectos brought Tim's total up to thirteen 300 games.

This league bowls at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

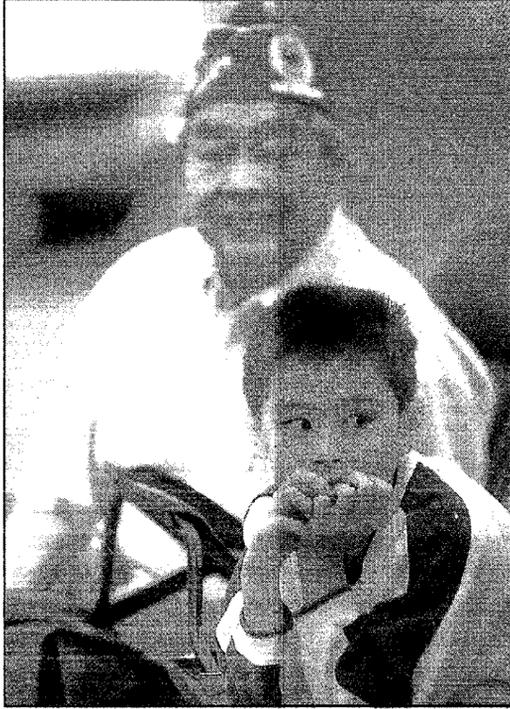
(Al Harrison lives in Garden City)

A red, white and blue day!

The patriotic spirits reigned throughout the area Wednesday as families lined the streets of Plymouth for the Good Morning U.S.A. parade. Marching bands, pom pon squads, historical characters and more roamed the length of Main Street during the 90-minute procession.

Later in the day, many gathered once again at Plymouth Township Park for five-cent hot dogs, chips, pop and ice cream; musical entertainment by Guy Lewis; a scooter race and field events; a bike decorating contest; a treasure hunt; and lots of social fun.

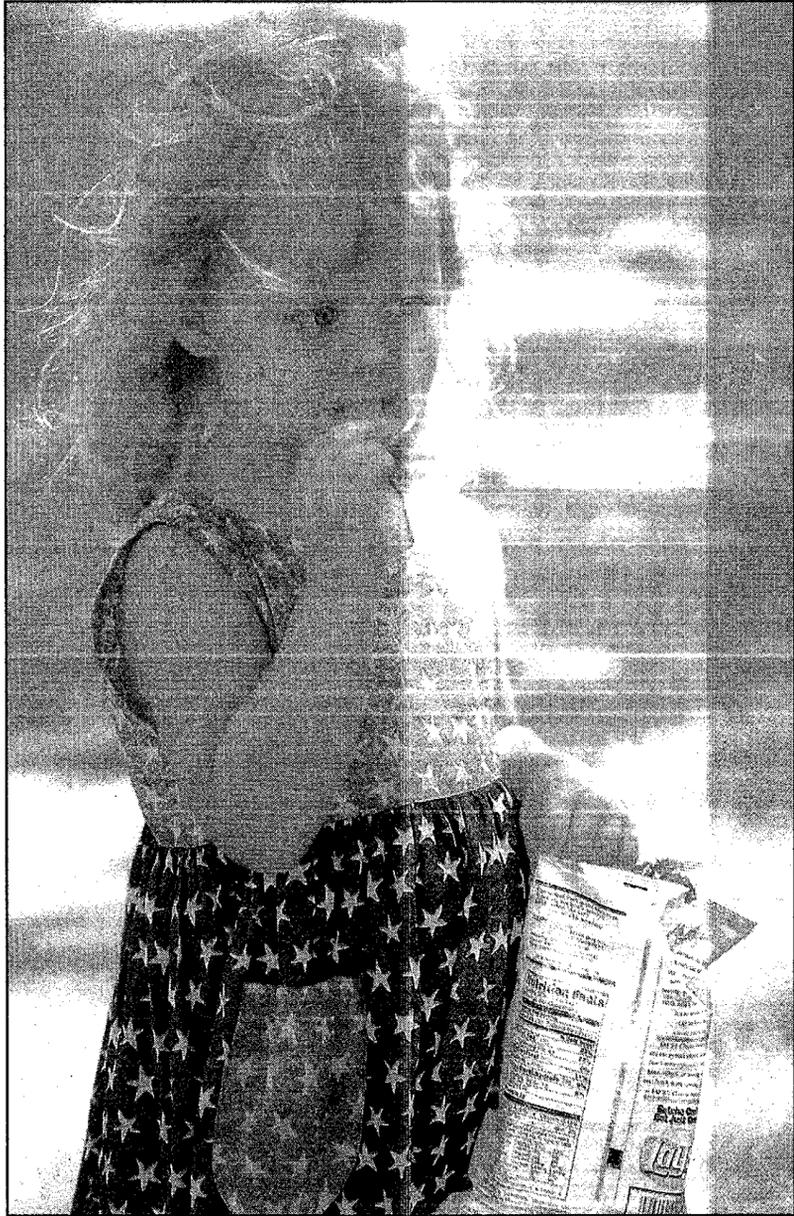
One thing is sure. The pride we take in our freedom was on display in America's favorite colors: Red, white and blue.



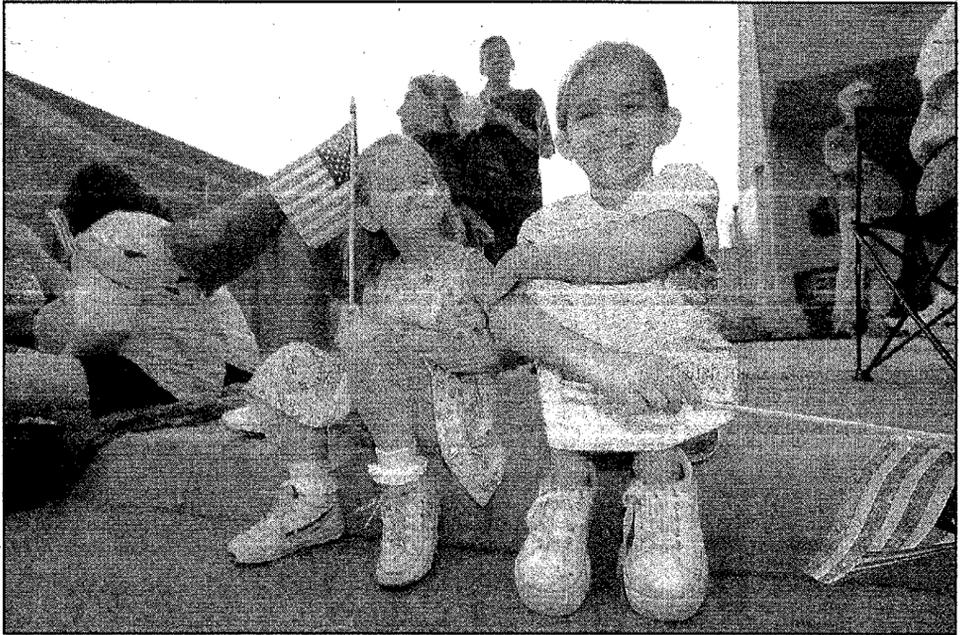
Parade watchin': Christopher Di Porro of Sterling Heights, 8, and his grandfather Andrew Wong of Beverly Hills watch the parade, (at left). They were visiting the rest of the family, who reside in Plymouth. (Above), Emily Early of Plymouth displays a fireworks burst on her cheek at the picnic.



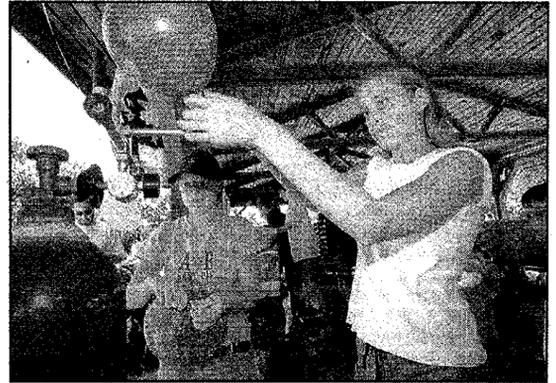
High riders: W.P. Cyclones' Magnificent High Wheel Band perform their magic on Main Street.



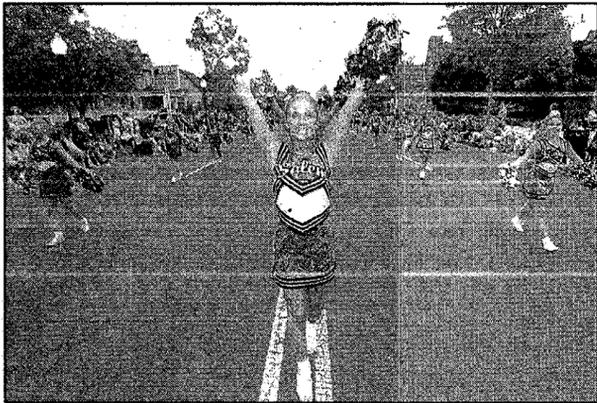
Betcha can't eat just one: Cori Richard of Redford, 3 1/2, eats some five-cent potato chips, while wearing her star-spangled dress at the picnic.



Curb sitters: Erin Varner of Plymouth, 7, right, and her sister Emily, 4, sit on the curb as they watch the parade pass them by.



Fun time: Lauren Stemberger of Plymouth, 13, (left), tosses a flying disc in the park with her dad and some friends. (Above), Katie Hughes, 12, and Sara Tiderington, 13, both of Plymouth, fill and tie balloons for the children. Volunteers provided all of the services for the event.



School spirit: Erica Zolkas, (above) leads the Plymouth Salem Rockettes down Main Street, as they walk the parade route Wednesday. (At right), Amy LaVallee takes the point for the Plymouth Canton Chiefettes.



Gettin' rich: Stephen Wallace of Livonia, 3, (above), searches through the sand during the treasure hunt for the younger tots. Three sand boxes were filled with coins for various age groups.

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Young people raise awareness of the arts

When Jason Wilhoite graduated from Eastern Michigan University in December, Broadway was in his soul and the desire to help the arts in his heart. So he decided to unite the two in a musical revue to benefit ArtServe Michigan, a nonprofit organization building support for the arts through advocacy, education and services for artists, community arts organizations and cultural institutions.

Wilhoite believes early training in music, beginning in the elementary grades and continuing through the Creative and Performing Arts Program at Churchill High School in Livonia, influenced his future. He recently graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in music education and voice performance and would like to make sure other young people have the same opportunities.

The Broadway revue, presented in June at Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia, raised \$1,000 even though Wilhoite and friends, Chad Gearig, Allison Sorzano and Christa Carlomusto, only asked for donations to ArtServe Michigan instead of charging admission. They also held a raffle for prizes donated by local businesses.

"I researched charities and the local arts," said Wilhoite, who met Gearig while both were teaching voice at Churchill High School. "ArtServe struck me because of its music education programs in schools. I think it's important for music education to be in our schools from grade school to high school."

Barbara Kratchman delights in the fact young people like Wilhoite and his friends appreciate ArtServe Michigan enough to want to help raise money for its education initiatives. Those include annual statewide exhibits by young artists at Wendy's restaurants. Located in Southfield and Lansing, ArtServe employs a full time staff to promote arts and culture in Michigan.

"When Jason called we were tickled, proud to be a beneficiary of his vision, pleased a young person is interested in promoting the arts, spreading the word," said Kratchman, president of ArtServe Michigan. "We would like to encourage more events like this. Every penny counts to reach more people and specially to be able to put money into programs."

An annual budget of \$1.2 million helps ArtServe Michigan place Creative Writers in Schools, and survey Michigan public, private and charter schools about their arts and cultural programs. The results, scheduled to be published in a month, will help develop a book of best practices and programs.

"We encourage involvement in art and culture from all levels K-12," said Kratchman. "Through our arts advocacy program, ArtServe is active in Lansing where they're currently in the midst of the budget process. We're keeping up with what's going on to make sure funding is in place."

Part of the funding goes to Creative Artists Grants, which ArtServe administers for the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Awards of up to \$8,000 enable Michigan artists to create work in all disciplines in exchange for a community service activity.

Artserve's Artists in Michigan program teams grant recipients and other artists with arts and human service agencies to reach underserved or non-traditional arts audiences in Michigan. The list goes on and on. ArtServe Michigan recruits and trains volunteers from the business and legal sector to assist artists and presents the annual Governors' Awards for Arts & Culture. It also publishes research on Metro Detroit cultural audiences to help local arts organizations plan their programming, and maintains a gallery of Michigan artists funded by the Creative Artists Grant program on its Web site www.ArtServeMichigan.org.

Whew, I get tired just thinking about all of these programs and services. And to think four young people helped make all of this possible simply by singing and dancing to Broadway hits.

For more information about ArtServe Michigan, call (248) 557-8288.

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin, at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

Art in the Park

Returns bigger, better than ever

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Ask Dianne Quinn what's new about Art in the Park in Plymouth and her first response is the office in the lower level of her Plymouth Township home. The space serves as the heart of operations for one of the largest art fairs in the area.

Coordinating 430 artists from 30 states is no easy task, especially when it comes time to set up all

those booths for the fair which runs Friday-Sunday, July 13-15. That first year only 33 artists showed their wares in Kellogg Park. Twenty-one years later Art in the Park extends all the way down Main Street from Wing to Church and spills over onto Peniman, Forrest and Ann Arbor Trail.

A move earlier this year to a new home made it possible for Quinn to set up the office. She and her daughter, Rachel, spend untold hours at the large conference table holding a detailed map of the

Wildlife photography

Children as well as adults will love the photography of Ted Nelson, a Canton resident who taught science in West Bloomfield Schools for more than 30 years. Nelson captures the colorful deer, birds and scenery of Kensington Metropark through the lens of his camera. He first learned about all of the nature existing on its 4,300 acres on his first visit 40 years ago.

Three-hundred photographs later Nelson decided to turn his love for the marshes, lakes, meadows, ponds and animals into a book celebrating the spirit of the Metropark in Milford. After culling the images to 100, Nelson published *The Nature of Kensington* two years ago. He'll bring prints of photographs in the book plus others of northern Michigan and Yellowstone Park. This year, he's especially looking forward to exhibiting in Art in the Park. The first year he only offered books in his booth.

"There's lots of different choices as far as the art in Plymouth," said Nelson. "I love being in Plymouth. It's a wonderful little town."

Margaret Nowak couldn't agree more. As a member of the Village Potters Guild, Nowak enjoys showing her work in an area where she feels welcome. The Village Potters' Guild booths are the first stop on many visitors' lists.

The Guild shows its functional, decorative, raku, wall hangings, garden art ranging from bird feeders to stakes, and fountains three times a year in Plymouth. Its Art in the Park booth will feature a variety of work by 17 members including Kathy Sandberg of Plymouth. Sandberg, like Nelson, recently exhibited at Livonia's Art in the Village at Greenmead Historical Park.

Nowak, who teaches classes at the Guild in August and September, will bring goddesses and divine feminine spirits to the fair.

Nowak began working in clay at age 13 and earned a master's degree in art therapy from Wayne State University. She teaches ceramic classes at Schoolcraft College, the ARC in Redford and a Livonia nursing home.

"We get a lot of community support," said Nowak of Livonia. "It makes us feel good."



PHOTO BY TED NELSON

In the wild: Ted Nelson captures the nature of Kensington Metropark in his photography. Below is a Sandhill Crane preening its feathers.



streets. Many of the booths were rearranged this year to make it easier for visitors to find the new restaurants in town.

"Each year we think we're more organized," said Quinn. "Always new things come up but we're perfecting it. We can never use the same map. We have to go down there and measure every inch. Artists come in a certain way at a certain time. We have a media list so we don't have two painters or glass blowers next to each other."

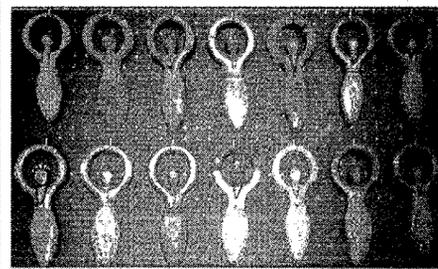
No wonder it takes a whole year to organize the fair. Once all of the artists are in place, Quinn begins scheduling locations and times at which musicians Charlene Berry, Bakra Bata, Rich Kowalewski and Brazil, Michael King, the Nick Strange Trio, Saoco, and Watson & Co. will perform. New elements like a shuttle bus so visitors won't have to worry about parking require plenty of planning as does showing children's art in Kellogg Park.

Quinn's incorporated several activities for children into the fair. In addition to having the opportunity to paint a 10-by-5 foot mural designed by Kristie Good, children will have fun making art at booths sponsored by the Observer Newspapers and the Michigan Education Savings Program. Once completed, Quinn and a team of helpers install the mural at Children's Hospital of Michigan in the Detroit Medical Center to brighten the spirits of patients and visitors.

"It's just a fun, cool thing for the kids to do," said Quinn.



What: An art fair featuring 430 exhibitors from 30 states
When: Noon to 7 p.m. Friday, July 13; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 14; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 15
Where: Streets of downtown Plymouth. Free shuttle from Compuware Arena, Plymouth Township. For directions and more information, call (734) 453-1234



PHOTOS BY TED NELSON

Feminine spirit: Margaret Nowak brings her clay goddesses to Art in the Park.

THEATER

Michigan Shakespeare Festival enchants theater goers of all ages

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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John Neville-Andrews takes his time talking about the lineup for the Michigan Shakespeare Festival opening with a preview Tuesday, July 17, at Ella Sharp Park in Jackson. As artistic director for the festival, he's serious about making the three-week outdoor theater season an enchanting experience for all ages.



Gillian Eaton

For adults he teams up the dark and dramatic *Macbeth* with *Comedy of Errors*; for children it's Tom McCabe's *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?*

"I wanted a very deep, dark tragedy contrasting with farce so we had a strong season," said Neville-Andrews. "I wanted to direct *Macbeth* for some time. I think it's Shakespeare's best tragedy and it's chal-

lenging for the actors and director. It's a very complex play that appears simple but there are deep layers of psychological meaning. So much depends on what state he (*Macbeth*) is in at any one time. It seems a modern tragedy, a tragedy of ambition. In this day and age we're encouraged to be ambitious."

Ambition is something Neville-Andrews understands. This summer he's brought in four equity actors compared to the three who acted last year. Next July, he hopes to afford even more.

"The more we can attract equity actors, the more rewarding for the audience," said Neville-Andrews. "For the actors it's a viable summer employment opportunity."

Neville-Andrews it seems is earning a reputation for producing theater to enthrall audiences as well as actors. Now entering its seventh season, the festival



Outdoor setting: The Michigan Shakespeare Festival draws crowds in all kinds of weather.

Please See SHAKESPEARE, C2

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, July 13

THE CLOSET

Forty-year-old Francois Pignon is a guy who nobody ever notices. He leads a dull and uninteresting life. He is a quiet accountant whose wife has left him and whose son ignores him. Then he accidentally discovers he is about to be fired. Desperate to save his job, Pignon looks to his neighbor, a retired corporate psychologist, for help. His neighbor devises an outrageous scheme to solve his problem. Pignon will come out of a closet he never went into when his neighbor spreads the rumor that will have his entire company thinking he's gay. Stars Daniel Auteuil, Gerard Depardieu and Thierry Lhermitte.

LEGALLY BLONDE

The story centers on Elle, a blonde who is dumped by her boyfriend and decides to attend Stanford Law School so she can meet a better class of men. Despite not being taken seriously at first, she becomes a lawyer and ends up representing a murder suspect in Beverly Hills. Featured players include Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson, Matthew Davis, Linda Cardellini and Selma Blair.

GREENFINGERS

The story follows a convicted murderer, Colin Briggs, who is transferred to a

minimum-security prison, where he meets four inmates in a rehabilitation program involving gardening. Fergus, an old man serving time for triple murder, gives Colin violet seeds, which beautifully blossom in the spring. The inmates' unconventional gardening style attracts England's most renowned horticulturist, Georgina Woodhouse, whose discovery triggers comic events. Featuring Helen Mirren, Clive Owen and David Kelly.

THE SCORE

Robert DeNiro stars as Nick Wells, an aging master thief who owns a jazz club and is ready to retire from crime. Mayhem ensues when a young thief blackmails him to do one last job: steal a priceless scepter from the 1600's. Also featured in this all-star cast are Edward Norton, Angela Bassett and Marlon Brando.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, July 18

JURASSIC PARK III

Anxious to finance research for his new theory of velociraptor intelligence, renowned paleontologist Dr. Alan Grant is persuaded by a wealthy adventurer and his wife to accompany them on an aerial tour of Isla Sorna. This infamous island, once InGen's site B, has become both a primordial breeding ground for John Hammond's magnificent creations and a magnet for thrill-seekers eager to

encounter them. Stars Sam Neill (Dr. Alan Grant), Laura Dern (Dr. Ellie Sattler), John Diehl (Cooper), Michael Jeter, Téa Leoni and William H. Macy (Paul).

Scheduled to open Friday, July 20

EVERYBODY FAMOUS!

Opens exclusively at Landmark's Maple. Jean is a family man and factory worker who dreams of becoming a songwriter. Pinning his hopes on his teenage daughter Marva, he takes her to singing contests in which the awkward and overweight girl struggles to belt out a tune. After losing his job, Jean kidnaps the most famous pop star in the country and holds her hostage demanding to be heard by the music industry. Stars Josse De Pauw and Werner De Smedt.

AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS

The story tells of a veteran publicist (Billy Crystal) who tries to push a troubled film starring Gwen (Catherine Zeta-Jones) and Eddie (John Cusack), a once-happy A-list couple who is divorcing. To the publicist's dismay, the director of the troubled film has taken the print hostage, leaving him with nothing to show the press except the two actors, who show up to promote the film. Also featured are Hank Azaria as Gwen's new boyfriend, Christopher Walken as the director and Julia Roberts.

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Michigan Shakespeare Festival

What: Presents *Macbeth* and *Comedy of Errors*
When: Opens with a *Macbeth* preview Tuesday, July 17, and continues Thursday-Sunday through Aug. 5
Where: Ella Sharp Park, Jackson. For directions, call (517) 787-8200, Ext. 3244
Tickets: \$14, \$8 children ages 12 and under, \$12 preview, \$12 afterglow July 19 and 20. Call (517) 782-3221 or visit the Web site www.michshakespeare.org
Family show
■ *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?* 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 21-22, 28-29 and Aug. 4-5. Tickets \$6, children younger than 12 free

bersome than Elizabethan frocks.

"Even though we began rehearsing in mid-June in the same hall as the Jackson Symphony Orchestra, the challenge doesn't begin until we get outdoors. Performing in an outdoor venue is much different because there are no boundaries. It requires more projection by actors, more commitment on the audience's part because of distractions. You can't create a mood by lighting."

Children's theater

As if offering two Shakespeare productions back to back weren't enough to attract the attention of theater goers, Neville-Andrews plays to children by offering free admission for ages 12 and under to *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf*.

"Adults as well as children will be interested in *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf*," said director Timm Richardson. "I think it will be a hoot for the kids but it doesn't patronize them. It's a piece of wonderful children's theater with lots of audience participation. It breaks the fourth wall all over the place."

"This is one hungry wolf who doesn't care what he eats. It's a combination, *Three Little Pigs* and *Little Red Riding Hood* all in one story. It's very fun stuff for children. I don't believe in trying to scare children. We have a 5-foot-four wolf - Cornelius B. B. Wolf. We used B.B. King music instead of the theme from *Jaws* called for in the story. We've got a French woodsman

who's a leftover 1950s Beatnik and Red is a Valley girl."

The eight cast members should help ease the fears of children as well. Richardson, drama director at Lumen Christi High School in Jackson, chose high school and college students to play the parts.

"We wanted the local young people involved to be getting an extremely professional experience," said Richardson. "When they got contracts in the mail they were surprised. I told them we take care of everything else. All you have to worry about is your role."

Jeffrey Stringer isn't as worried about his roles as the weather. Last year's production of *Richard III* proved to be rather surreal when a torrential rain storm set the mood for the final act.

Stringer plays the porter and Caithness in *Macbeth* and bit parts in *Comedy of Errors*.

"It's been fun, a nice group of people, easy to work with but it has its moments. The biggest adjustment is the volume," said Stringer, a writer and copy editor for Border's headquarters in Ann Arbor. "My favorite performance was *Richard III*. There was a rain storm for one of the night shows and by the final sword fight it was pouring rain but we finished and it was an amazing experience."

"Performing outside is such a neat experience. I describe it as a lot like being at camp. It's this peaceful, beautiful environment."



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ANN ARBOR ART FAIR

Presents Barbara Abel's chromogenic and silver gelatin prints of antique mannequins and figurative sculpture and the paintings of Donovan Reeve, July 18-21 at the corner of Liberty and Fifth.

ART IN THE PARK

Warren's 21st annual juried fine arts and crafts show featuring more than 150 artists is from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 14-15. This free admission event features entertainment, food and drawings at Hamlich Park on 13 Mile Road between Ryan and Dequindre. Call Jeanne at (810)977-1837 for more information.

BENEFITS

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY

Presents a Benefit Golf Outing Wednesday, July 25 at Greystone Golf Course on Mound Road and 32 Mile in Romeo. Register by July 10. (248)650-2655.

DOWNRIVER COUNCIL

FOR THE ARTS

The Home Gallery presents a fine-arts sale and exhibition through Sept. 29 to support the Ashes to Action Fund which provides assistance to artists affected by the March 16 fire in Wyandotte. Artists wishing to participate in *Ashes + Action = Art* should call (734)287-6103.

CALL FOR ARTISTS & AUDITIONS

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Cranbrook Gardens is providing the landscape. Amateur photographers are invited to take photographs and submit them by Aug. 15. A week-long exhibition of all entries will take place in the public hall and winners will be honored on the exhibit's opening night. For entry forms and information, call (248)645-3149.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Seeking artists to submit their hand-crafted art objects for possible inclusion in the Holiday Shop 2001, showcasing Christmas and Hanukkah merchandise, fine jewelry and costume pieces, hand-blown glass, garden and home decor, ceramics, wood and more. Items can be dropped off 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 23 and 24. (248)644-0866, ext. 101.

FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL
Now accepting applications for a juried arts and crafts fair to be held July 19-21. For an application call Deb at (248)477-5837.

LATINO EXHIBITION

The Creative Arts Center, north Oakland County, is accepting entries for the 2001 Latino Artists-Juried Exhibition. Selected works will be featured in an exhibition entitled *Salsa: Colorful Expressions of Latino Culture* Sept. 15 - Oct. 15. The grand prize winner will win a one-person show at the center. Open to Latino artists, 18 years or older living in southeast Michigan. For an entry form and more information, call Colleen Hunt at (248)333-7849.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

This group of professional artists has an opening for a working artist looking for gallery exposure. All media will be considered for jury. Mail letter of interest, slides, resume and SASE to: Lawrence Street Gallery, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, MI 48923. For more information, call (248) 334-6716 or Kris at (248)360-2381.

MEADOW BROOK

THEATRE GUILD

Spotlights Arts and Craft Show is in need of artisans to jury for the show being held Sept. 7-8 at the Rochester Elks Club in downtown Rochester. Indoor and outdoor spaces available. For information, call (248) 341-7608 or (248)651-8681.

SPOTLIGHT ARTS

AND CRAFTS

Quality vendors are sought for this juried 11th annual show held Sept. 7-8 at the Rochester Elks Club in downtown Rochester. Indoor and outdoor space available. (248) 641-7608 or (248)651-8681.

TELEVISION SEARCH

Global Entertainment Television is auditioning for television

shows on WB20 and Pax31. We are looking for host, cohost, singers, rappers, comics, dancers, models, actors and actresses. Auditions held in July. Audition packages cost \$20. Write: Global Entertainment Television, 320 E. Maple, #298, Birmingham, MI 48009. Attn: Auditions. (248)557-5930.

CLASSES

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Offers adult courses for skilled and beginning artists throughout the summer beginning the week of July 9 in downtown Ann Arbor. Eight-week courses include drawing, ceramics, printmaking, jewelry design, and painting. Specialized courses include: bookmaking July 16; mosaic masterpieces July 24-Aug. 2; and shoe art July 22. To register, call (734)994-8004, ext. 101 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org

ART MUSEUM PROJECT

Public non-credit studio art classes and workshops are offered at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. 4901 Evergreen, No. 1165AB, Dearborn. (313)593-5058.

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CONCERTS

BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS CAMP

Presents an opera based on an Old Testament story at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates: July 18, Aug. 1 and 15. The opera entitled *Ruth* is in celebration of the camp's 35th anniversary. For more information, call (800)221-3796.

CONCERTS AT ZOO

Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. are concert nights at the Detroit Zoo featuring jazz, blues and children's music. Woodward and 10 Mile off I-696 in Royal Oak. (248)541-5835.

JAZZFEST

Jazzfest 2001 will begin with a Kickoff Party Wednesday, July 18 at the Birmingham Community House. The festival runs from July 19-21. For more information, call (248)644-5832.

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

Livonia Parks and Recreation and Livonia Arts Commission present Thursday night concerts from 7:30-9 p.m. through Aug. 23 at Civic Center Park, Greenmead Historical Village and Wilson Historical Barn.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra heads to Meadow Brook Music Festival, for a five-week summer session July 13-Aug. 12. Featured July 13 is *American Fanfare*; July 14; *New World Symphony*; July 15 *An Evening of Rodgers and Hammerstein*. Located on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. For tickets, call Orchestra Hall box office at (313)576-5111 or TicketMaster at (248)645-6666.

SOUTHFIELD CONCERT SERIES

Jazz vocalist Sheila Landis and her band Brazilian Love Affair will perform at the Southfield Gazebo Concert Series Wednesday, July 18. The outdoor concert is at the Burgh Historical Park gazebo, at Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, beginning at 7 p.m. Come early for a picnic meal and bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. (248)424-9022.

STARS IN THE PARK

A free concert series returns to Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road just south of 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Bring a picnic dinner and lawn chairs or blankets Thursdays at 8 p.m. through Aug. 16. (248)473-1856.

UMS CHORAL UNION

Invites singers to participate in the choral reading sessions, Summer Sings, July 16, 23 and 30. Come as you are to these no audition, no performance music-making evenings. For more information, contact choralunion@umich.edu or call (734)763-8996.

DANCE

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istrations for fall enrollment. 16312 Middlebelt, Livonia. (734)524-0104.

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EVENTS

ANTIQUA AND GARAGE SALE

The 26th Annual Royal Oak Antiqua and Garage Sale will feature more than 300 vendors of fine furniture, clothing, books, jewelry and collectibles July 14-15. Center Street Parking Garage, two blocks south of 11 Mile in Royal Oak off I-96 or I-75. For more information, call the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce at (248)547-4000.

CONSTRUCTION

Gleaners Community Food Bank and the Detroit Tigers present CONSTRUCTION, sculptural art created entirely from canned food displayed on the concourse at Comerica Park July 31 - Aug. 6. The food will be donated to Gleaners following the Tigers seven game home-stand. For more information, visit www.gcfb.org or call (313)923-3535.

present *Australian Outback - Down Under Summer Art Camp*. Open to kids from preschool through their teens. (734)453-3710.

TEEN TRAVEL CAMP

Available on a week-to-week basis at Southfield Parks & Recreation Department for ages 11-14. Each day is a new adventure through Aug. 10. Beach Woods Recreation Center, 22200 Beach, Southfield. For more information, call (248)354-9603.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

The Youth Music Theatre of Detroit is offering classes in performing arts skills and participation in a full-length production for children through young adults July 16-27 at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. (313)535-8962.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

CASS CAFE

Opens July 14 - *We Do The Work* part II, an exhibition of photography of people at work. An opening reception is planned from 7-10 p.m. July 14 and the exhibit runs through Labor Day. 4620 Cass, Detroit. (313)831-1400.

CENTER GALLERIES

Opens July 19 - *Connections* featuring works by 100 high school

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ONGOING)

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through July 29 - *Well Heeled: A Shoe Exhibition*. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Works of local artist Hamil Ma on location at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5325 Elliot Dr., Suite 109, through Aug. 7, and Espresso Royale Café, 324 S. State, July 10-Aug. 21. (734)994-8004, ext. 101.

CENTER GALLERIES

Through July 15 - *New Work/New York* featuring new work by emerging and established artists in New York City. 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313)664-7800.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

Through July 27 - The gallery will host the 2001 Alumni Exhibition. (313)577-2423.

CPOP GALLERY

Through July 29 - *Acid Burners* 4, Scott Chester's design imagery for motorcycles, helmets and riding equipment, and *Clapping and Shouting Disturbs the Animals*, paintings by Steven Verriest. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313)833-9901.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Through July 13 - *Sampler*. 4719 Woodward, Detroit. (313)832-8540, ext. 12.

DETROIT ZOO

Through Sept. 3 - *Quit Buggin' Me: a glass sculpture exhibit* in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. 8450 W. Ten Mile, Royal Oak (248)398-0903.

GALLERY 212

Through July 15 - *Idle Rumors*, an all-media juried exhibition. 207 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734)665-8224.

GATE VI GALLERY

Through July 13 - Barbara Eko Murphy's watercolor paintings. Novi Civic Center atrium, 45175 W. Ten Mile. (248)347-0400.

HERMITAGE GALLERY

Through July 30 - *Paris*, an exhibit of paintings by Christa Kieffer and Robert Lebron. 235 Main, Rochester. (248)656-8559.

HILL GALLERY

Through summer - *The Buckeye Family*, four figures carved by green grocer Joe C. Lee in Overton County, TN, circa 1925, are on display. 407 W. Brown, Birmingham. (248)540-9288.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through July 14 - Recent figurative paintings by Detroit artist Charles Pompilius. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248)433-3700.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through Aug. 17 - *Invitational '01: Under One Roof* 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248)334-6716.

LEMBERG GALLERY

Through July 14 - *RE: production*, the manufacture of multiple objects to create unique works of art. 23241 Woodward, Ferndale. (248)591-6623.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through July 30 - Woodcut Prints will be on display at Livonia City Hall lobby, 33000 Civic Center Dr., east of Farmington. (734)466-2490. Arts Commissioners - Past and Present will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery and Livonia Fly Fisherman Display will be at Livonia Civic Center Library through July. 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. (734)466-2540.

RONALD PAVSNER

Through summer - An exhibition of new prints, paintings and sculptures by Ronald Pavsner at the Java Hutt, next to the Birmingham Theatre, downtown Birmingham.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through July 21 - *Incubation Series* features works of Scott Chamberlain and Bonnie Seeman. Stratton Gallery, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313)822-0954.

REVOLUTION

Through Aug. 4 - Selected works by gallery artists. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248)541-3444.

SAPER GALLERIES

Through July - Abrishami Hessam's recent works on display. 433 Albert, East Lansing. Call toll free (877)537-5251.

SMITHSONIAN TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Yesterday's Tomorrows: Past Visions of the American Future, a touring exhibit, will be on display at Ironwood Theatre through Aug. 24. From there the exhibit will travel to Presque Isle County Historical Museum in Rogers City

Sept. 12 - Oct. 28 and Leelanau Historical Museum in Leland Nov. 4 - Jan. 1, 2002. To contact the Ironwood Theatre, call (906) 932-0618 or on-line at office@ironwoodtheatre.org

TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY GALLERIES

Through July 31 - Ion Pandeles' figurative paintings in *European Vision in American Painting*, Eileen Galvin's photographic display *Canna/Hosta Abstracts*, *Burst of Color* abstract collages by Jane Rogers, and *The Art of Stained Glass* by Louis Gervais. Items on sale. 510 W. Big Beaver. (248)524-3543.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Through July 22 - *WhowhatwhenWEARwhy*, featuring wearable works. Warren Robbins Gallery, Second Floor of U of M School of Art and Design, 2000 Bonisteel, Ann Arbor. For information, contact jnklein@umich.edu

WARREN TRI-COUNTY

FINE ARTS
Through July 31 - Officers and board members artwork will be displayed at the Warren City Hall Gallery, North Corridor. 29500 Van Dyke, Warren. (810)754-1466.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Through July 28 - *Kevin Donahue: Paintings and Drawings*. 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734)761-2287.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Through July 27 - 2001 Alumni Exhibition. Community Arts Gallery, 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit. (313)577-2423.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

July 14 - The Sixth Annual Serious Moonlight features fine foods, wines, a complimentary open bar, performances, moonlit dancing and a silent auction featuring the work of more than 90 alumni and others.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through July 22 - *Dance of the Forest Spirits: A set of native American Masks*. Abelardo Morell and the Camera Eye. Through Sept. 2 - *Reflections in Black: Smithsonian African American Photography* featuring works of 100 photographers documenting the black experience from slavery through present day. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313)833-4005.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM

Presents *Photographer to the World: The Detroit Publishing Company* through Jan. 6, 2002 featuring 19th and 20th Century photographs and color lithographs. 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn. (313)271-1620.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

Through Aug. 5 - *Paintings and Prints by Milton Kemptz*. Through Aug. 12 - *Word and Image*. Through Sept. 23 - *In Human Touch: Photographs by Ernestine Ruben*. Through Oct. 21 - *Albert Kahn: Inspiration for the Modern*, an architectural exhibit. 525 S. State, Ann Arbor. (734)764-0395.

THEATER

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

Offers a summer enrichment series, Learning @ the Opera House featuring lectures, workshops, performances and demonstrations for all ages. The series runs through July 31 and Aug. 1-26. 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313)961-3500.

MATRIX THEATER

Presents *Once Was Paradise*, a production featuring actors and puppets presenting Detroit's ecological history with scenes from various eras. The production is part of the city's 300th anniversary celebration with performances July 18-21 at Clark Park, located at Scotten and Bagley roads, July 25-29 at the Detroit Zoo and Aug. 3 at Belle Isle. (313)967-0999.

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY

Michigan's only professional African American theater company presents *Continued Warm July*. 14 - Aug. 5 at the Anderson Center Theater in Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. The play is about the Belle Isle Riot of 1943. For tickets, call (313)872-0279.

Viewing art



Pretty in pink: Pompeii - 2000 from the collection of Brenda and Ira Jaffe is one of Charles Pompilius' recent paintings on display at David Klein Gallery, 163 Townsend in Birmingham, through July 14.

MEADOW BROOK HALL

Offers summer tours and luncheons through Aug. 31. Dodge Brothers Motor Car Exhibition through Sept. 30 and Tea on Tuesdays, the third Tuesday of each month from 3-4:30 p.m. The next tea is July 17. Reservations are required by calling (248)370-3140.

FOR KIDS

COMMUNITY SERVICE CAMPS

The City of Wixom Community Services is hosting a wide variety of youth camps in July and August, including sports, science, horseback riding and more. (248)624-2850.

DINOSAUR CAMP

The University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History has added a second session of Dinosaur Adventure Camp for children who will be entering first or second grade in the fall. The new session is July 23-27 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 Geddes, Ann Arbor. (734)647-6421.

MICHIGAN DANCE EXPRESS

Sponsoring the ninth annual summer camp, a sleepover, for dancers ages 8 and up July 22-26 in Fenton. Call (734)397-9755 or (313)562-1203.

SECOND CITY

SUMMER CAMP
The Second City comedy theater has a summer camp for kids ages 10-16 through August. The two-week camps are designed to help kids become energetic, outgoing and creative performers. (313)471-3453.

SUMMER ART CAMP

D&M Studios, Canton Leisure Services and the City of Plymouth Recreation Department

students from Detroit and Windsor honoring Detroit's 300th birthday runs through Aug. 11. 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313)664-7800.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Opens July 15 - Gordon Newton: *Works on Paper*, a retrospective exhibition of the Detroit's Cass Corridor artist's 30-year career, runs through Oct. 14. *Building Detroit*, a look at the city's architectural achievements, runs through Sept. 30. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313)833-4005.

JANICE CHARACH

EPSTEIN GALLERY

Opens July 12 - Anna Lentsch, a contemporary painter from Barcelona, presents her works through Aug. 30. An opening reception is planned 6:30-8 p.m. July 12. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248)661-7641.

FORD GALLERY

Opens July 16 - *Connections*, prints by Jay Langone are on display through July 20. Eastern Michigan University Campus, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti. (734)487-0465.

GALLERY 212

Opens July 20 - *Subversive Influence*, an all

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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Showcase Auburn Hills 1-14
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BABY BOY (R)
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FAST AND FURIOUS (PG13)
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CATS AND DOGS (PG)
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Showcase Pontiac 1-5
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Showcase Pontiac 6-12
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THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS (PG13)
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PEARL HARBOR (PG13)
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Showcase Westland 1-8
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EVOLUTION (PG13)
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SWORDFISH (R)
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Estleman's executioner a fascinating character

The Master Executioner, by Loren D. Estleman (Tom Doherty Associates, \$23.95).

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Loren Estleman's writing is enough to make you believe in reincarnation. Many moons ago, this contemporary Michigan author surely lived the life of the American frontiersman. Otherwise, how could he re-create that part of our history with the verve and authenticity he brings to his Western tales? Perhaps he was the sheriff sporting that nickel-plated star. Perhaps he was a well-traveled gunslinger. Or perhaps he was that odd bird, the hangman, who not only tripped the lever, but painstakingly constructed the lethal gallows.

Most of us, when we think about the Old West, tend to think about the lawmen and the gunslingers. We don't often entertain detailed images of a hangman. Chances are excellent, however, that, once you've read *The Master Executioner*, you'll find this member of that long-gone community impossible to forget.

As this story begins, Pennsylvania native Oscar Stone is a young veteran of the Civil War. With the War over and with no real education, he finds himself at loose ends, and begins to direct his dreams toward the golden horizon of the West.

But how to pay his way there, and what should he do to support himself in the strange, new place? Because of his father's experiences with the land, he's repelled by the hardships of farming. Also, he can't see himself in a stultifying desk job, and he is not trained for any "higher profession."

After some thought, he decides to apprentice himself to a carpenter named Pickrel. Stone once helped his father and brother rebuild a barn and, as a result, knows something of "routing and beveling and fitting pegs and joints." Also, he "had found the clean sharp scent of fresh sawdust intoxicating."

Honorable calling
Carpentry is "an... honorable calling," the war-weary Stone believes. More than that, it is something that does not "involve death."

Then, he and Pickrel perform their first job together—the construction of a coffin. Though Stone doesn't know it at the time, nearly all the remainder of his life's work will involve death. After traveling west, he gains a kind of infamy as an accomplished gallows-builder and ultimately as a newsworthy executioner, growing—with each hanging—in knowledge and exquisite precision.

And then one day...

Lonely route
Throughout, he travels from the prairies of Idaho to the wilds of Wyoming to the burgeoning city of Denver, and many points between—just about any place, in fact, where a hanging needs doing properly and with dispatch.

It seems a particularly odd profession for any man, but maybe especially for Oscar Stone—who, as a boy, couldn't even wring a bird's neck and, during the War, once witnessed a horrendously grisly hanging. But Estleman carefully weaves the tale so that we can see how time, circumstance, and Stone's own psychological landscape might determine the lonely route his life takes. In this richly detailed world, we join up with a wagon train headed for Kansas, feel every painful jolt of the homely mud wagons that traverse "the territories," visit the prisons and jails of the day, walk the muddy streets, read the newspapers (and meet some of the ink-stained journalists), get acquainted with hotels, restaurants, saloons and brothels from Colorado to Montana. We glimpse everything from tiny turnip watches to great, hissing locomotives. We can almost feel the rough texture of that sugar sack dropped over the head of the condemned prisoner just before hanging, almost see that blue flame spewing from the body of the dying prisoner in that newfangled contraption, the electric chair. (This is not a book for the squeamish.)

Through lively language and sensitive insight, Estleman consistently succeeds in making the "bloodless" and appropriately named Stone a fully alive character, although he's not always clearly understood. Also adding much life to the story is Stone's first mentor, the eccentric Pickrel, plus his fellow-hangman, a whiskey-swilling devilish sort named Rudd.

Rather disappointingly, Stone's wife, Gretchen, seems something like an unconvincing heroine in a superficial romance novel, and *The Master Executioner* feels stronger when she's not around.

ART BEAT



Artists Through the Years: This watercolor by Jack Olds is one of the works in an exhibit by past and present Livonia Arts Commissioners.

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ARTIST OPENING

Meet Canton artist Jim Isakson at a reception for the opening of his exhibit 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 at Workbench Contemporary Furniture, 410 North Fourth, Ann Arbor. The display is part of the Ann Arbor Art Center's Exhibitions on Location Program. For information, call (734) 994-8004, ext. 104.

Metamorphic Transmission, a one-man show of his pointillist paintings, continues to Aug. 12 in Ann Arbor. The collection features new, recent and earlier work. Isakson's love of nature shines through the precise dots of paint that capture natural forms in abstract style. A graduate of Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, Isakson uses vibrant colors and swirling shapes to show spiritual energy and movement that is prevalent in nature.

WRITERS READING

Seven writers from southeastern Michigan and two from Canada will read their winning entries in the Detroit Women Writer's-sponsored Detroit Tricentennial Writing Competition 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 South Main.

To register for the program, call (734) 453-0750, press 4.

Writers competed in the categories of poetry, short story, and creative non-fiction. Among the winners are Bloomfield Hills resident Kathleen Walsh Spencer, and Robin Gaines and Shirley Weimar of Northville. Kathleen Ripley Leo, a Northville author and project coordinator, will

introduce the winners. Leo, Alicia Elster, Barry Knister and Virginia Parker judged the competition as members of Detroit Women Writers, an organization composed of men and women dedicated to encouraging writing of the highest professional standards.

OPENING RECEPTION

The photographic work of Brian Watkins, a 1972 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate, will be featured in a memorial show at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon at Junction. An opening reception is scheduled for 3-5 p.m. Sunday, July 15.

Watkins, who worked several years as a photo editor for The Crier, was well known in the Plymouth area for his photographs and striking black and white photo etchings.

After his death two years ago, a former teacher and friend, Barbara Masters, decided to publish a small folio of Watkins work to commemorate his talent and raise money for the education of his daughter Jessica Trieskey. The folio, which was assembled with the help of a number of Watkins' friends, will be for sale at the arts council on the day of the reception. After that, copies will be available at Frameworks in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278.

ARTISTS THROUGH THE YEARS

Past and present Livonia Arts Commissioners continue to show their work through Tuesday, July 31 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Variety best describes the paintings, ceramics and sculpture in *Artists Through the Years*. Dedicated to the memory of Marie Tuthill, the exhibit features florals and country landscapes by the late Livonia resident who was one of the founding members of the arts commission as well as an award winning painter.

Cliff Dwellers by Robert Sheridan take viewers to another time and place with its long blue and earth-colored architecture. Sara Dickens makes a room seem surreal by placing a peach in an out-of-the-ordinary place. The focal point keeps the eye moving and the viewer wondering what it means.

Barbara Stewart's painting gives color to the staid white Livonia landmark known as Bates Hamburgers while Billie Thompson's watercolors vibrate with reds and oranges. Electra Stamelos goes large scale with her paintings which include a bug-eaten cabbage intricate with detail. Subtlety is the key word when describing Jo Griffing

Witt's blue collage of butterflies. Depending on your taste, there's something here for everyone although not all of the work is for sale.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday. For more information, call (734) 466-2536.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

The Plymouth Community Arts Council continues its Music in the Park series with Matt Watroba and Robert Jones noon Wednesday, July 11 in Kellogg

Park, Main Street, between Ann Arbor Trail, and Penniman, Plymouth.

Can't make that date? The music continues July 19 with Josh White, Jr., July 26 Liberty Brass Quintet (members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra), Aug. 1 The Music Lady Beverly Meyer, Aug. 8 Laz of Gemini; Aug. 15, Chautauqua Express, and Aug. 15 Marc Thomas & Max the Moose. For information, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278.

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READY-TO-WEAR



KAREN DASKAS

While summer may be in full swing, it's time to start thinking fall fashion. What better way to get ready for the new season by taking advantage of the great summer sales going on now at your local retailers?

With the fluctuating economy at the start of the year causing a rocky road for retailers, spring and summer were less than stellar selling seasons. Deliveries from designers were late across the board, and as a result, the stores are packed with fresh merchandise that is less than three months old. This translates to big deals for attentive shoppers, who can save nearly half off on great in-season styles that can carry into early fall.

The bargain trap

While many savvy shoppers may be tempted to hit the outlet malls to save big dollars, be wary: the majority of the merchandise there is seasons old. What consumers don't know is most often, the merchandise is made specifically by the designer for that outlet store. This summer's hot sales at local retailers provide an unprecedented opportunity to top designer fashions at unbeatable prices.

Transitional wear

With wallet in hand, you're ready to hit the town shopping for those great summer bargains. Select items that are heavier-looking (meaning no linen or sheers) yet are lightweight enough to wear for early fall. As a smart shopper, you can buy your fall wardrobe now and save it until September. Key hues are khaki, onyx, gunmetal gray, rich brown and gem tones of ruby, emerald and sapphire. Finding the right fabrics can keep you dressing smart for all seasons.

Leather and cashmere

The once winter fabrics of leather and cashmere have become a hot year-round staple. As such, you can purchase beautiful lightweight cashmere sweaters and leather ensembles at a great price. But hurry, these two goodies have dramatically increased in production costs. Cashmere has increased twice in price since last year, due to high demand and a price hike in the industry. So now is the perfect time to invest in lightweight cashmere for day to evening looks.

This season offers great cashmere cardigans, sweaters and three-quarter length sleeve tops that are perfect for fall in great colors like camel, chocolate, ocean blue, onyx and deep pink. Pair it with a pair of leather pants, and you're ready for the new season.

Leather has become a four-season fashion staple, from leather tops to jackets and soft leather trousers. You can't go wrong with a great fitted black leather shirt or chocolate brown leather pants, and the summer sales offer the perfect way to stock up on this must-have item. There are new, ultra-thin leathers with stitched detailing, studs, embroidery and braided accents. Leather handbags also can be a new fall staple in rich colors of onyx, British tan and ruby red.

The new wool

Heavy wools are a fabric of the past. New tropical weight wools are virtually weightless and keep their shape, unlike heavy winter wools. Whether you're looking for a new suit or planning a great getaway, summer sales present a great opportunity to build your fall ensemble. Even wool shirts in tropical weights allow the skin to breathe while looking fashion forward with stitched detailing and figure-flattering gathers.

The denim rage

This isn't your teenybopper's denim anymore. The classic fabric gets a boost with chic denim skirts, pants, jacket and suits. The new style is 'fashion denim,' with gathers and pleats, studs and stitched detailing. Faded, dip-dyed, 'dirtied'

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Great deals: Troy resident Denise Marks browses through the sale table at Anthropologie in downtown Birmingham.

Like it or not

Shopping is a large part of daily living

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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You might view shopping as a trivial, if not minor, part of your life.

But the fact remains everybody shops.

If you want something, you have to shop for it.

And you probably spend more time participating in the activity than you think, whether you're a shopping addict who jumps into action at the sight of a mall or dislike it to the point of avoidance.

Today's market place provides numerous ways for consumers to shop, from inside the intimate quarters of a neighborhood boutique to the seemingly endless clicks and links on the Internet. However, activities in shopping malls are a good barometer of overall patterns.

Nationally, 197 million adults visited shopping centers each month in 2000 (up from 190 million per month in 1999). The result in 2000 was \$1.14 trillion in retail sales, accounting for 51 percent of non-automotive retail sales), according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

One only need consider the size of the retail industry to understand how significant the act of shopping is in everyday life, says Larry Meyer, Michigan Retailers Association chief executive officer and former director of the Michigan Department of Commerce.

"One in five people in the economy work in retail," says Meyer. "It is a very very large employment base."

More observable than the retail industry's size is its social impact, its tendency to weave itself into people's day-to-day existence.

A cup of morning java at the coffee house, photos of the kids with the Easter Bunny, Friday night movies and dinner at the mall and a summer concert series in the downtown park are social activities that revolve around the retail industry.

"Besides supplying people with things that they need and desire, retailers are providing people with activities that are recreational and social," says Meyer. "And I think our downtowns still represent our sense of community."



Right fit: Bloomfield Hills resident Maria Morian makes her final purchases at Anthropologie.



In style: Nichole Racek of Bloomfield Hills tries to find a good buy.

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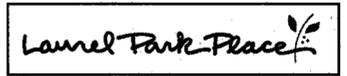
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- For quality cast iron pots and pans try garage sales or flea markets.
- For cooking supplies try

Gold Star on Schoolcraft in Westland (734) 641-7500.

- For furniture hardware try Gene's Hardware on Middlebelt west of 12 mile.

FIND & SEARCH

- A radio station in the Detroit metropolitan area that has Joan Rivers, Bruce William and Clark Howard since they were dropped by WXYT for Margaret.

WHERE CAN I FIND?:

- A store in the Pontiac area that sells Nail Tek for nails for Zelda.
- A store that sells Invisible Clean or CleanXClean for Nancy who resides in Canton.
- A store in Oakland county that sells Rice paper to be used inside an oriental lamp for Carol.
- A store that repairs music boxes for Myra.
- A store that can sew an 80-inch white round bed sheet for Irene.
- A store that sells an old-fashioned wooden playpen in good condition for Sue.
- A copy of the video from the Marshall Field-Target 2001 fireworks for Ashley of Redford.
- A store that sells pastel

colored plain M&M's for a baby shower.

- Back issues of the Victoria magazine from fall 1987; 1988 September through November; 1989 January, March, May and July for Jill of Waterford.

- A store that sells stretch blue jeans by Tractor for Aida of Southfield.

- A store that sells Schaefer's ballpoint pen refills for Marian of Redford.

- A store that sells a cover for a paddle boat for Marge of Clarkston.

- A store where a map of Dixie Highway from Telegraph Road to Walton Boulevard is available for purchase.

- A store where a Niagara Cyclo Massage chair can be bought or the name of a business that will repair a used one for Walter.

- A store that sells Two Sisters talc powder in a turquoise plastic bottle from California.

- A store that sells lipstick by Cosmetically Yours in shade Mocha Frost for Marian.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Designer shows off all-season collection

Elegance and simplicity:

Take a look at the fall 2001 collection by designer YEOHLEE. The collection's trunk show visits Lynn Portnoy Women's Clothier, 29260 Franklin Road at Northwestern Highway in Southfield on July 16 and 17. The collection includes all-season pieces, as well as coats for order. Trunk show runs 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on Monday and 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday. For additional information, please call (248) 353-2900.



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and textured, the new denim is flared, tailored, dressed up or styled down. From day to evening, fashion denim is another wardrobe must.

Right shoe, left shoe Summer's hot sales also presents the golden chance to jump feet first into the shoe bonanza. Let's face it: a girl can never have enough shoes. Save those extra dollars by finding the right style summer shoe that can easily transition into fall. Look for closed-toe slingbacks, smart loafers and pointed-toe heels in darker colors. Two-tone shoes will continue for fall, so now is the time to purchase a chocolate and mandarin orange slingback, or a sleek pump in Hermès saddle brown.

When hitting the sales racks, the key is to find classic styles in neutral colors. You can never go wrong with cashmere and leather, and finding the right shoe can pull the outfit together. Whatever the item is that you're searching for, the summer sales have never presented a better opportunity to shop smart and save.

Karen Daskas is co-owner of Tender, an upscale women's clothing boutique in Downtown Birmingham. Every season, Karen travels to Milan, Paris and London for the latest trends in ready-to-wear and accessories. For questions or concerns on winter fashion, contact Karen Daskas at Tender at 248-258-0212.

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Michigan Retailers Association has two new Loss Prevention series booklets available.

How to Detect Counterfeit Currency shows retailers and their employees how to distinguish between genuine and counterfeit currency and gives tips on what to do if presented with suspected counterfeit cash. The booklet includes a section on security features added to the recently redesigned U.S. currency.

How to Prevent Return and Layaway Losses presents guidelines for developing sound store policies on merchandise returns and layaways that maintain a balance between customer satisfaction and a healthy bottom line. The booklet incorporates the latest changes to state law on

return of sales tax to customers.

The Loss Prevention series is designed to help retailers and other businesses avoid costly losses from fraud. Other titles in the series are How to Prevent Shoplifting and Employee Theft, How to Prevent Bad-Check Losses and How to Prevent Credit Card Fraud. The booklets are \$3 each and can be purchased from the association by contacting Retha Lachance at (800) 366-3699 or rlachance@retailers.com.

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TRAVEL

Cottage Inn transports guests to another place, time

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After being greeted at the marina in the heart of one of the most beautiful areas on Mackinac Island, guests of The Cottage Inn are easily swept up in a magical, historic experience.

The 6,000-square-foot, three-story Inn opened Memorial Day weekend and has been entertaining and relaxing guests since, said owner Bob Benser.

Close to the boat docks that bring vacationers onto the island and five miles from the Mackinac Bridge, the Inn features 11 themed rooms with modern amenities in the turn-of-the-century style cottage. It can accommodate couples as well as families and is perfect for weddings and other special occasions, Benser added.

Located near downtown on historic Market Street, Benser said the Inn has restaurants, parks and scenic trails close by, yet it is quiet enough for a peaceful escape.

"You'll get a warm feeling when you walk in," Benser said. The smell of fresh flowers and rich coffee mingle with the early morning risers. In the afternoon, the sweet aroma of chocolate chip cookies may pour out of the kitchen. These personal touches add to the comfortable ambiance.

The land the structure was built on belonged to Benser's father and was one of the last pieces available for construction on the island.

Unique sense of style

The theme rooms separate The Cottage Inn from the other Inns and hotels you can rent. Working with Birmingham-based design company, La Belle Provence, it took Benser 18-months to open the Inn.

Benser's sister Leslie Benser-Luciani owns La Belle Provence and worked on the Inn with designer Gail Crammer. Benser knew he wanted theme rooms, so the team brainstormed possibilities and found accent pieces that proved to be the finishing touches in the rooms.

"There's only 11 rooms, so we could be a bit creative," said Benser.

All of the themes are special to Mackinac and include local history. The *Somewhere in Time* room, which was based on the movie shot on the island, centers around a large canopy bed flanked

by pictures of Jane Seymour and Christopher Reeves and is the most popular room, Benser said. It drops couples right into the romantic drama.

Other rooms embody well-known island trends, as in the Lighthouse Tower room, which features a turret. The Lilac Parlor room pays tribute to the flowers that blanket the island and the Bridge Room has vaulted ceilings and historic pictures of the Mackinac Bridge. The large Mackinac Suite is family-size and has three rooms. Benser described the Inn as "colorful and cute" and suggested that guests pick a theme when they make reservations.

Benser said most people stay a weekend, but he suggests they visit during the middle of the week when the island isn't as busy.



Historic: A large canopy bed is situated perfectly in the "Somewhere in Time" room.

"It really takes on a different complexion after the last boat leaves at night."

Not far from the Inn is the Stuart House (an old fur trading center) museum and Dr. John Beaumont's house. It's also close to the Father Marquette park — an early explorer of Mackinac. "Take in all the historical sites," Benser suggested. "There's so many trails and areas to explore" and great sailing and boat-

ing. Also, the island's marina is right around the corner. Benser described the marina and said, "It's just pretty. I've never seen a prettier spot."

From June to mid-September is the peak time on Mackinac, Benser said. Weekends are filling up and Benser suggests booking soon.

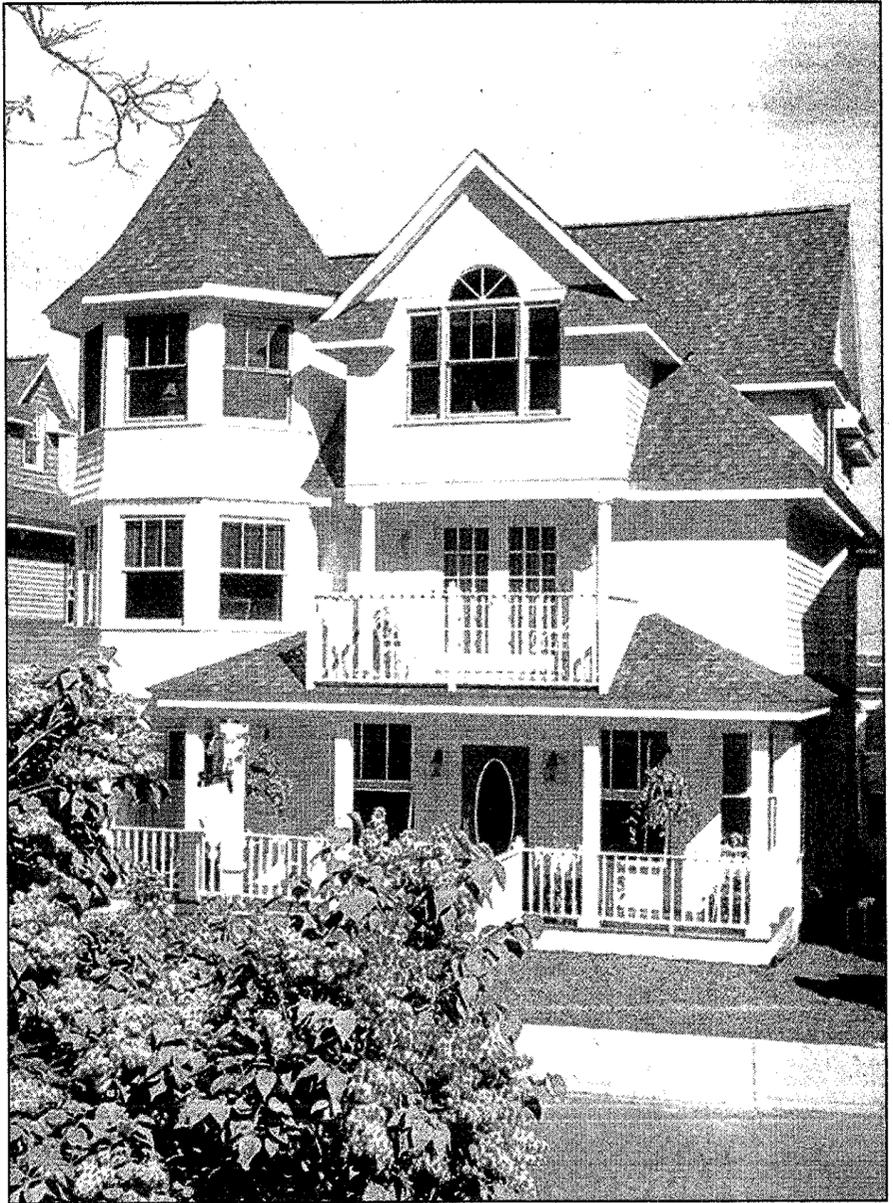
If you go

Where: The Cottage Inn is on Mackinac Island on Market Street.

Cost: During the peak season, a night's stay at the Inn is \$160-\$225.

Reservations: For reservations and information, call (906) 847-3343 or visit www.cottageinnofmackinac.com

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