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Congress OKs underpass spending



Congress passed a transportation funding bill May 22 that included \$5.25 million for a railroad underpass at Sheldon Road. The crossing is known to motorists as one where the wait can be five or 40 minutes. U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers and a majori-

ty in Congress have done their part.

Now, it's time for local politicians and government administrators to come through.

A transportation funding bill that passed the House and Senate May 22 included \$5.25 million for a railroad underpass at Sheldon Road. The legislation becomes law when

President Bill Clinton signs it, as he is

expected to do in coming weeks.

Rivers was able to include the proposed Sheldon Road project in the House version of the transportation bill

While the House bill called for \$185 billion in transportation related spending over six years, a Senate version called for spending \$170 billion over the same period.

Both sides agreed to a compromise

bill calling for \$167 billion in trans-portation spending.

"They cut 25 percent across the board," explained Gayle Boesky, Rivers' chief of staff.

"They didn't cut out any projects, they cut the money," she said. While Rivers asked for \$7 million for

the Sheldon Road project based on an estimate from Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters, it has been pared back to \$5.25 million.

Walters said he based the \$7 million price tag on other recent railroad underpass projects in western Wayne County.

The 25-percent cut isn't a setback for

a little more because we had a feeling this was going to happen," she said. "It may very well be that the project

will have to slim down a little bit," Boesky said.

Once the president signs the bill, Walters said he'll seek a meeting with the Wayne County roads department to determine what happens next.

"It's not clear the grant money is even coming to the city and township," Walters said. "I'm not sure we can receive this grant. We don't have

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Bond appeal set for Tuesday

The Michigan Court of Appeals on Tuesday is scheduled to hear the con-troversial lawsuit that has stopped the Plymouth-Canton school district from selling \$79.6 million in bonds. That money would be used to build a high school, elementary school, buy school buses as well as improve technology and software.

After losing in Wayne County Circuit Court, Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva filed the appeal, claiming 716 voters were denied "their fundamental right to vote" because the touch-screen voting machines failed to record their ballots. The bond issue passed by just 96 votes

"The school district didn't follow the law," said Vorva. "It failed to get state permission to use the equipment, the equipment was modified and not recertified, and the school district manipulated the election."

Vorva says when he wins, "the decision will change the way school districts all over the state hold elections."

Vorva's attorney, Stephen Boak of Plymouth, said he's been in front of Court of Appeals dozens of times during his 30-year law career. "It's not that my client is against the bond issue, it's a question of voting rights," said Boak.

Graduates are barred from their ceremonies

Dennis Matthews of Canton gets tears in his eyes when he thinks of not being able to have remembrances of his daugh-ter's graduation from Plymouth Salem High School.

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"This is real sensitive to me because I won't have a picture of her graduating," said Matthews. "I don't want to be denied the pictures that we'll have forever, that I will someday show her kids."

Matthews, along with eight other fami-es, will not have the chance to see their children graduate in cap and gown in cere-monies Sunday, June 7, at Hill Auditori-um on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor.

All nine students are on the honor roll at either Plymouth Canton or Plymouth Salem and will graduate. However, because they got caught drinking while attending the district's senior prom May 8, they won't be able to participate in graduation ceremonies.



the project, Boesky said. "In terms of the project we asked for

TUESDAY

Agenda: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. in a study session to review the township investment policy and hear a report from the Sidewalk Committee. The meeting is open to the public.

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"Anyone who read the contract saw there were very serious ramifications," said Superintendent Chuck Little. "It is a very stiff penalty, but it was known in advance. I admire them for having the

guts to come forward and admit to what they did. It's a tough thing, but learn from it."

ennifer knows she made a mistake," said Matthews. "I don't think any of them realized what it would do to parents to lose the opportunity to see them graduate." "The kids agree it was wrong," said Bob Eckert of Ply-

Concerned: James Santeiu (sitting) and Stephen Bossieux are among nine students who won't be at graduation ceremonies June 7.

> mouth Township, whose son, Chris, will be banned from ceremonies. "I think it's a hard punishment. I think what the school district has done is punish the families for the kids' mistakes.

Students who attended the prom had to sign a contract

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Boak has donated much of his services to the cause, saying he's used \$15,000 of his time to represent Vorva in the case.

While Vorva has stood alone in the

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DDA chief gets new pact

Downtown Development Authority Director Steve Guile has been given a new 18-month contract to continue in the job he's held since August 1992.

Previously, Guile had been given three-year contracts. Of the shorterterm contract, "I don't think there's anything negative about it frankly," he said, adding contracts for those in his position in other cities are typically for a year or 18 months.

His annual salary is \$63,000. Guile said 30 percent of his time will be spent continuing to serve as director of the Old Village Development Authority and work on the city's recently adopted Brownfield Redevelopment Plan.

The plan calls for cleaning up and developing toxic spill sites and those sites in the city suspected of such contamination.

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Businesses set for facelift

It's makeover time for some downtown business fronts.

The long, sweeping red awnings over several storefronts on Main Street facing Kellogg Park since 1969 were removed last week.

Landlord Jim McKeon said the facelift was needed to give the building more of a classic look

"I'm trying to turn it back to the 1900s," he said. A decorative cornice is being added near the top of the building, copying Main Street buildings just north of those being worked on

The facade work is continuing at Little Professor Book Center, Cafe Giver-ney, The Pied Piper and Steve Petix Formal Wear. McKeon said it should be complete by July 1.

The work coincided with the announcement that The Pied Piper children's clothing and accessories store would close.





Change: The Pied Piper shop is closing and has prompted some changes on Main Street.

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Discuss: School candidates (from left) Susan Davis, Sheila Friedrich, Richard Ham-Kucharski, Darwin Watts and Judy Mardigian talk at the Plymouth District Library.

School candidates tackle issues at forum

All five candidates vying for seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education appeared confident and ready to tackle tough issues during last Wednesday's Candidates Forum sponsored by the Plymouth and Canton Observer newspapers.

Two, four-year terms are up for grabs. Incumbent Sue Davis is seeking her second stint on the board. She is challenged by Sheila Friedrich, Richard Ham-Kucharski

and Darwin Watts.

Incumbent Judy Mardigian is the only person on the ballot to fill the two-year term that became available when Jack Farrow stepped down earlier this year.

In answering questions posed by Tim Richard, state and regional reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, as well as queries

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SCHOOL NEWS

Make a difference

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During the past five years, West Middle School students have written to military personnel as a form of community service. In 1995, West was the top participating middle school in Michigan. This year, as all others, students have heard responses from all forms of the military (Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Army) from around the world (South Korea, Iceland, Egypt). Students map the responses on the classroom world map.

For making a difference in the life of U.S. military personnel, West students were awarded with a certificate citing them as the No. 1 middle school in the state of Michigan for writing the men and women of the armed forces. During the last five years, West Middle School teacher Jodi Ring and her classes have twice received commendations for providing a service to military personnel.

Automation contest

Students in the automation/robotics class at Plymouth Salem competed in the Society of Manufacturing Engineers' National Student **Robotics** Automation Contest at Saginaw Valley State University.

The Salem students entered in three categories and placed first in two categories and third in one category.

This contest is designed to complement classroom instruction and give students the chance to apply classroom knowledge in competitive and fun situations. Each contest is specifically designed to test

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the students' skills and knowledge in a particular area of manufacturing, technology, robotics, and automation.

Winning medals were: Gold: Robot Pick and Place (Computer Assisted), Andy Donohue, Steve Bak, Dan McCarthy and Ed Siegner; Gold: Robot Problem Solving, Meril Maman, Murali Ponnaluri, Craig Sharpe and Mike Long; Bronze: Robot Block Scramble, Greg Dreslinski and Steve Beck. Salem's class is under the direction of instructor Mark Siedlik.

Adult graduation

Plymouth-Canton Community School's Adult/Alternative Education has announced the graduation date for 1998. The class of 1998 includes 94 members, 75 of whom will be attending the graduation ceremony to be at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11, in the Plymouth Salem Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. The graduates of the program range from 17 to 45 years old.

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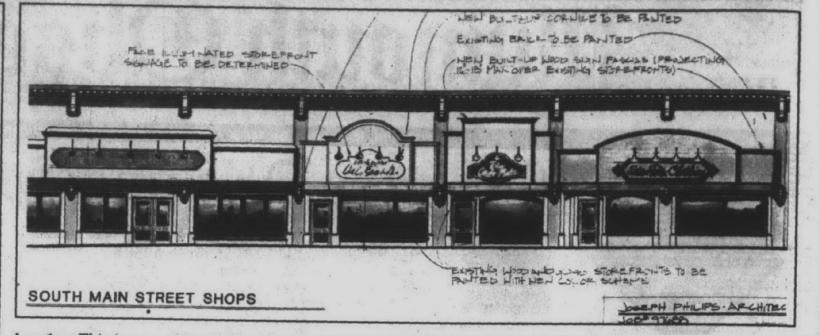
Ninety parents were involved in Teacher Appreciation Week activities at Central Middle School to honor the teachers who have given so much to their students. Janet Early, coordinator of the Parent Council, was a key force at Central and spent many hours over the past three years doing things for students and staff. She organized a show of support and thanks to all the staff of Central Middle School.

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Imagine: This is an architect's drawing of a proposed facelift of a number of store fronts on Main Street. The buildings are owned by Jim McKeon and changes have been submitted to the city Historic District Commission.

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"It's time to move on," said store manager Robyn Hussey. The Plymouth store, here eight

years, and an Ann Arbor store are both closing.

"It's time to do something different," Hussey said, adding the Plymouth store would remain open for three weeks.

Why the facade work? "When you own old buildings you don't

want to lay the hammer down," McKeon said. "It was time for a change.

A sign will be created for each store. The signs will be lit by goose-neck lamps and coach lamps will flank the store entrances.

Each shop sign will be of a different color, yet to be determined, McKeon said.

Most changes have been submitted to the city Historic District Commission and approved. The sign colors have yet to be submitted for approval, McKeon said.

Since a sign was placed in the window of The Pied Piper proclaiming it will close, "I had six telephone calls from people " wanting to see the space," McK-

eon said.

"I would expect to have a new tenant all set in July," he said. Since that sign went up, "A lot of people are sad we're leaving," Hussey said. "A lot of people have been appreciative. There are a lot of changes in Plymouth."

Credit Union awards annual scholarships

For the past 10 years, Community Federal Credit Union has renewed its commitment to area vouth and education by offering college scholarships.

The scholarships are the Margaret Dunning Scholarship, the George Lawton Memorial Scholarship and two, one-time-only Joyce Willis-Chumbley Scholarships

This year, seven scholarships vere awarded to students who have demonstrated high honors academically while contributing

to their communities.

The recipients of each scholarship are as follows:

Margaret Dunning Scholarships

\$1,000 to Bridget Zalewski of Plymouth Canton High School, who will attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn. \$1,000 to Swati Rout of Ply-

mouth Salem High School, who will attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

\$500 to Christina Coger of St. Mary's Catholic High School in Gaylord, who will attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

\$500 to Kristen Whalen of Plymouth Salem High School, who will attend the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.

George Lawton Memorial Scholarship:

■ \$500 awarded to Amy Siegrist of Plymouth, a Plymouth Salem graduate currently

attending the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

The one-time Joyce Willis-Chumbley Memorial Scholarships:

■ \$500 awarded to Tara Petroskey of Plymouth Salem High School, who will attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn. \$500 awarded to Stacey Barbosa of Plymouth Salem High School, who will attend the Uni-

versity of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

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There are some issues to be the DDA over how Guile spends worked out between the city and his time, he said.

In my family, learning is everything.

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"There's been several scenarios, involving supervising a fulltime employee for the OVDA and my role in instituting various programs then spending some of my time with the Brownfield legislation," he said. The contract calls for pay

increases to follow those given to other city employees, plus incentive increases

DDA Chairman Bob Mundt, who headed a subcommittee that reviewed Guile's contract, was unavailable for comment.



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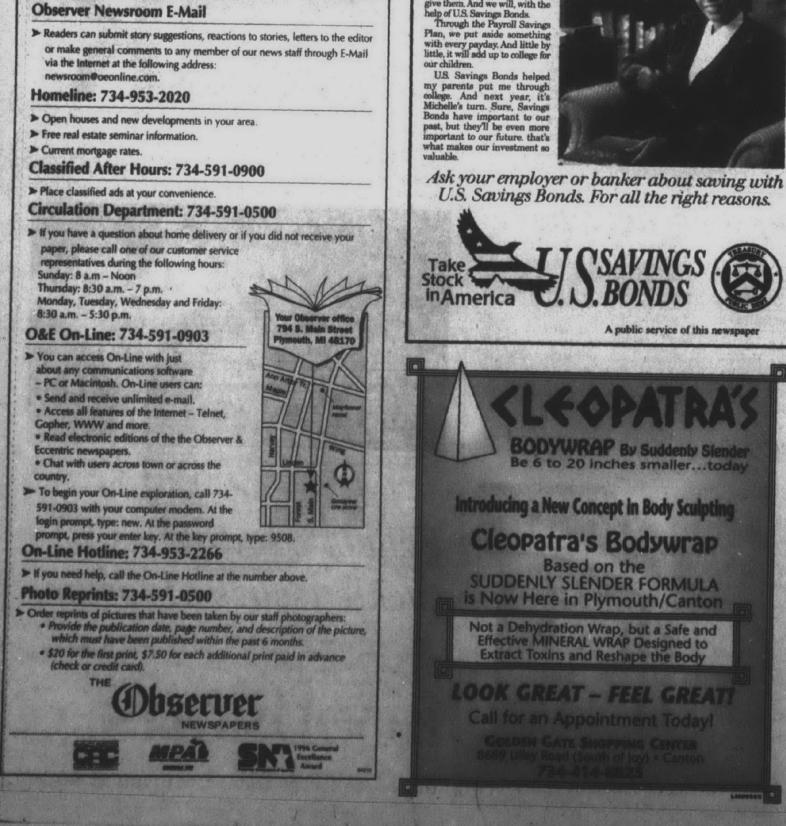
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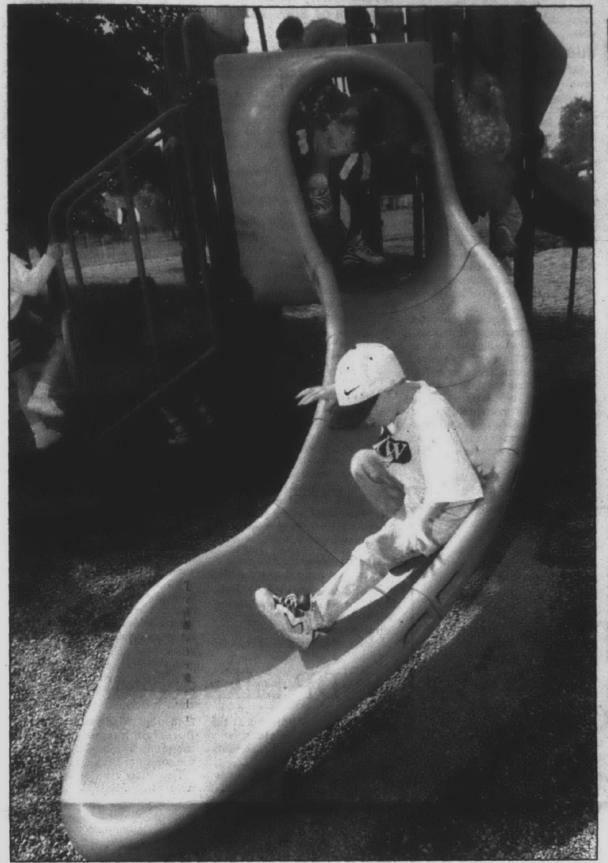


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Isbister

Playground gets new equipment, thanks to moms and dads



Nothing better: Jordan Smith slides down the new slide in the playground at Isbister. Parents planned the project and raised money for the new equipment.

t's been a long time coming, but students at Isbister Elementary in Plymouth finally have new playground equipment to climb upon during recess.

Earlier this month, nearly 60 parents spent a rainy Saturday putting in the new equipment, which took nearly three years of planning and fund-raising to bring to fruition.

"I was so excited to see it going up, especially after all the planning," said Lori Callahan of Canton, who chairs the parent play-ground committee. "We spent about \$30,000 on the new equipment and have about \$6,000 left over. That's a good start for the next phase.

Callahan said the new equipment was erected in the upper elementary play area "because it benefits all the grades except the kindergarten, and those students had less to do on the playground."

Callahan noted it was a long time coming, especially since the committee started with lots of ideas - but no money.

"Originally the committee asked for help to pick out equip-

I 'I was so excited to see it going up, especially after all the plan-

Lori Callahan -Parent

ment," noted Callahan. thought it would be fun. But then they said we had no money to buy it."

The mother of both a first- and third-grader at Isbister, Callahan said initially it was a struggle to get the PTO to set aside noney for equipment.

They were looking at buying educational materials, like calculators and dictionaries, all things we do need," added Callahan. However, we were able to convince them that if we whittle away at the expense, since we couldn't come up with the entire \$50,000, we could eventually do

the entire project.' Principal Lee Harrison said it was a big learning process from

the start. "At the very beginning, we

preliminary work. Then we had to do a lot of surveying work because of a big mud problem on the playground. We did all the labor, which saved us about \$8,000." "Parents are happy because w were able to pull it off, and still meet the needs for educational materials," said Callahan. "They're buying into it more because they can see we're not

realized we really didn't know

much about playgrounds and hired a consultant," said Harri-

son. "It took almost a year to do

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just talking. Isbister school officials are optimistic that, with pizza kit sales of about \$10,000 a year and a commitment from the PTO of \$7,000 for each of the next three years, the project can be completed within a few years.

"Everyone seems happy," said Harrison. "I haven't heard any complaints about the choices we've made."

"It's been a long time coming and I'm elated," said Callahan. We wanted to show the kids that fun at school is also important."

Yeah! Lauren: Maslyk, Eric Yablunosky and Robby Curtis - students in Aileen Wise's first-grade class - take their turn on Isbister Elementary's new playground equipment, brought to kids by parents.



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Massey sponsors African missionary trip for student

Last year, Lisa Hussan made a successful walk down the Miss Michigan runway and she returned from recently Cameroon, Africa, on a missionary trip to supply medical and dental needs to pygmies.

"There's a lot of unreached people who haven't had any dental or medical treatment for a lifetime, said Hussan, who won Miss Photogenic in the 1997 beauty contest. "It gives me great joy in my life knowing that we will go there, assist them and they will be able to receive that care," she said. "People wait days and days to receive the care you give them."

Hussan's trip was paid by Don Massey of Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth. He also sponsored her pageant experience, which won Hussan an opportunity to meet with representatives from Chicago Elite, a modeling agency who gave her a contract. Now, at 21, Hussan lives in Chicago and works as a model. She's also a national spokeswoman for Chrysler Corporation.

This fall Hussan, a Highland, Mich., resident, plans to attend the University of Michigan to study in the dental program and become a dental hygienist.

"My ultimate goal is to be a dentist," she said.

Actually a dentist, Dr. Richard Charlick of Brighton, for whom Hussan worked for 1 1/2 years as a chair-side dental assistant, invited her on the two-week African missionary trip. The outreach care program was sponsored by Help Teens International, a Christian-based organization that provides assistance to people around the world as a forum for the evangelical mes-

'Mr. Massey sponsored the cost of the trip, air fare, lodging and food. I asked him to sponsor me for the **Miss Michigan contest** and I thought, 'well I need a sponsor and who did I go to last time.' I went to Mr. **Massey and I went to** him again.'

> Lisa Hussan -Student

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"Without his sponsorship money I wouldn't have a chance to go to Africa to extract teeth and pass out medications," she added.

Massey said he's known Hussan's family for as long as she's been alive.

"When I heard she was doing this I thought it was a good and honorable thing," Massey said. "She needed assistance and I gave it to her." Honorable, yes. Risky, maybe. Beyond immunizations, Hussan said, she didn't have apprehensions about going to the jungle area to help the pygmies, who live a primitive lifestyle relying on hunting and gathering for survival.

The country, isolated in a rain

Traveled: Lisa Hussan was sponsored by Don Massey of Plymouth to travel to Africa on a missionary trip.

forest area where 30,000 pygmies live, is currently politically stable and is considered safe. In the region where Hussan, 5-foot-10, is going the people grow between 3 and 4 feet tall. Known as gentle, peaceful people, they speak French, however, Hussan doesn't.

"I'm put my faith in the Lord that he'll protect us and bring us back," she added. The 12- to 15member medical, dental and evangelistic team left April 27 for two weeks.

"It was rewarding not only to me but to the others," Hussan said. "I looked forward to be able to supply them with medical and dental health and to be able to preach the word."



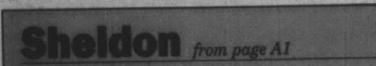
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authority over Sheldor Road." "It could be coming to Wayne County. Sheldon Road is a county primary road." Walters said one advantage of having the county head the project is "they do a lot of this kind of

he railroad crossing is on city's north border with Ply-ath Township.

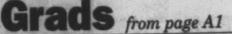
While Boesky said federal law tipulates the state must match he federal contribution with a 0-percent contribution, Wal-ers said the 20-percent match could be assembled from local contributions. Those could be gathered from several local cources including the state, county, city and township. It's possible CSX railroad could also contribute, as they have in the past to similar pro-lects.

The money will be available o be drawn on once the presi-tent signs the bill. At that nt, they can go out and start ing," Boesky said.

While local motorists com-plain of backups at various rail-road crossings in the communi-ty, the Sheldon Road crossing gets the most criticism as cars waiting for trains sometimes back up into the nearby M-14



Stop: The Sheldon Road crossing is well-known for its wait as trains cross the roadway.



indicating they wouldn't use drugs, alcohol or tobacco that night. The penalty for getting caught was clearly spelled out no participation in 1998 commencement exercises. The same contract had to be signed by parents.

Stiff penalties

Many of the students didn't read the contract and were unaware of the stiff consequences. Others said they read it, but felt the penalty was too harsh for the crime. Parents, some of whom say they never saw the contract, agree the penalty is stiff.

Nothing would have probably happened to the students, except one student among the 17 on the rented limo bus got so ill she had to be taken to a hospital.

School officials and police rounded up all the students who rode the bus, and nine admitted to drinking and took litmus tests.

"We know what we did was wrong," said Jennifer Matthews, an honor roll student-athlete at Plymouth Salem. "However, nine of us admitted to drinking and are getting punished, while those who lied will still be allowed to attend graduation ceremonies. We offered to do any type of community work or cleanup project, but the adminis-tration wouldn't listen."

Jennifer said she feels badly for her dad and grandparents.

E 'This is an administrative discipline issue, and the board has not traditionally heard any appeals of administrative discipline.'

long enough to see others in my family get their diplomas." Colleen Eckert said she went Mark Horvath -School board president

Her older brother died before being able to graduate, and this is the last opportunity for them to enjoy such a proud family moment.

Denise Santeiu of Canton is disappointed that her son, James, won't be allowed to receive his diploma. "These are basically good kids

who made a mistake," said Santeiu. "Chris had no problems from kindergarten through 12th grade. However, it's a lesson that is learned in life, making choices. The school district had a right to draw the line, and they did.

Santeiu's husband, Mark, is a bit more vocal.

"I think the punishment doesn't fit the crime," said Mark. "Kids drink at other functions and they aren't threatened with missing graduation. They're not punishing the kids, but the parents and grandparents.

"The contract also called for getting the kids home if they were caught drinking," he said. "They let Chris and others, including some of the girls, start walking home. They didn't even follow their own rules."

Student view

Chris, 19, is an honor roll student and member of the National Honor Society. He admits to drinking, but also feels the punishment was stiff.

"None of us even read the con-

WSDP talks school plans

or alcohol."

WSDP, 88.1FM will look at the issues surrounding plans for a new high school on Community Focus.

The show will feature an interview with Cyndi Burnstein, Plymouth Salem English Teacher at School junior.

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limelight in the case, nearly 50 people have come through with

donations to support the appeal,

Boak says.

5:45 p.m., Wednesday, June 3. Burnstein has been critical of the plans to locate the school at the corner of Beck and Joy roads.

tract," said Chris. "I would ven-

ture to say that out of the 1,200

students at the prom, at least a

few hundred had been drinking.

my grandma, who has cancer," said Chris. "She may not live

to her son's prom and "lots of

kids were drinking. However,

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While two fathers, Matthews

and Eckert, addressed the board

at Tuesday night's meeting look-

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"As a parent, I would feel

proud that my kid was honest,"

said trustee Sue Davis. "Life is

about consequences. I hope this

can be turned into a learning

aren't happy with the stiff conse-quences of the contract, the pact

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said Joan Claeys, assistant prin-cipal at Salem. "The student

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Mark Horvath.

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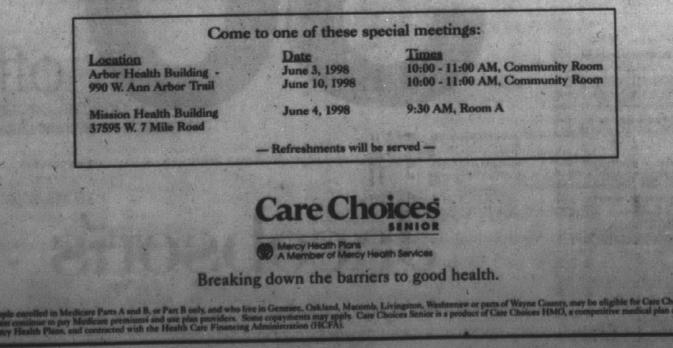
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The lead attorney for the school district is Beverly Bonning of Thrun, Maatsch and Nordberg in Lansing. Also involved is Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel, who is co-counsel.

"From our perspective things are going very well," said Goldman. "There won't be any surprises. We just want to convince the judges of our stand. We'll be concise and to the point."

The district has spent nearly \$20,000 to defend the district's right to sell the bonds, Goldman

We've had two planning meetings, and things seemed to go very well," said superintendent Chuck Little. "We feel we're well-prepared, and are eager to **Chuck** Little -Superintendent

see what happens. However, I'm not confident we'll be through with this lawsuit soon.

Vorva has already said he's repared to take the issue to the Michigan Supreme Court if he loses this appeal.

The lawsuit also involves the school district's board of canvassers

The three-judge Court of Appeals in Lansing will give each side 30 minutes to present their cases, and then take the lawsuit under advisement. A written opinion and decision is expected sometime this year.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the June 8, 1998 Regular School Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. in the E.J. McClendon Educational Center at 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law. ROLAND J. THOMAS, JR. Secretary of Board of Education PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE **CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN** 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1998 A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to SITE PLAN APPROVAL NEW 35TH DISTRICT COURT 660 PLYMOUTH RD. ZONED: R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL APPLICANT: 35TH DISTRICT COURT BUILDING AUTHORITY

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Court reform wins Senate support

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

On their second try, state Senate backers of court reform won support for a constitutional amendment to merge county probate and circuit courts.

Five Democrats crossed over on May 27 to give a 27-10 victory for Senate Joint Resolution R. To get on the Nov. 3 ballot, the House also must approve it by a two-thirds supermajority. Voters would have to give it a simple majority.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, could claim credit for the switch. On his second try, he won GOP approval of an amendment to take away one gubernatorial appointment to the Judicial Tenure Commission, watchdog agency over judges' behavior, and give it to the judi-

Bipartisan supporters - such as Gov. John Engler and Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. of West Bloomfield - don't call SJR R a merger. They call it "completing the new family division of circuit court."

The work began in 1996 when the Legislature set up a new

toward curbing Internet preda-

tors on children when it unani-

mously passed bills by Sens.

George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn,

The action became urgent

when a 13-year-old Michigan

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The men have been ordered to

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Circuit Judge William Carpathe -president, Michigan Judges Association

family division of circuit court. then transferred 80 percent of probate court work into it. But lawmakers couldn't abolish probate court by statute because it has constitutional status.

How they voted

Here is how area senators voted on May 27:

YES - Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Bob Geake, R-Northville, George Z. Hart. NO - Alma Smith, D-Salem.

Switching with Peters were four other Democrats.

An amendment to confine judges to two terms in office was

defeated 6-31. Resistance to passage of SJR R will come in pockets. All four Detroit senators opposed it, as did those from Saginaw, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, the western Upper Peninsula - plus cir-

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cuit judges who testified in committee.

Opponent Alma Smith, D-Salem, said the Senate is "rushing to eliminate the probate court" and was fearful of probate's losing control over its own records.

Democratic floor leader Virgil Sponsor of SJR R was Senate

Historically, circuit has been a general trial court - major civil suits, divorces, criminal cases, appeals from district court. Probate has handled juvenile matters, estates and guardianships. The problem, as Engler and

budget makers see it, is that courts have uneven workloads due to their rigid structure, both horizontally (between courts) and vertically (between counties).

The family court idea is seen as a method of letting a single judge handle all matters related to a single family - divorce, custody and juvenile problems.

As the debate neared its end, VanRegenmorter quoted Wayne Probate Judge Milton Mack as saying, "Change is difficult. But don't overlook the benefits (of a merger). As the two courts are merged, it will be important to preserve the best of both.

Cherry, the Democratic caucus leader, supported the merger. "This is a logical extension of what we have done," said Cherry, who represents northern Oakland County.

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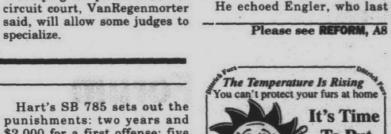
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Smith, D-Detroit, said "I really don't know why we want to kill the specialization that has occurred over the last 1000 and some years in the probate court." Judiciary chair William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison. A big benefit, he said, will be eliminating

14 part-time probate judges who also practice law, giving the appearance of conflict of inter-Lumping the probate into the



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ducational tool," said Hart, who recently took part in a link between seven schools on one district. "Unfortunately parents must continue to be vigilant in moni-toring their children's activity. But now, law enforcement officers have the tools they need to

prosecute Internet predators." The bills go to the House for action. If passed in the spring session, they could become law about Sept. 1. They are tie-

barred, meaning both must pass for either to become law. The state Senate moved

Rogers' SB 1091 defines the crime. It would prohibit use of Internet to even attempt to commit the solicitation of a minor for sexual abuse, kidnapping, stalking or assault with intent commit a sex crime. It also would prohibit use of Internet to kidnap a child under 14.

"Internet" is defined as the worldwide interconnection of individual computers and networks. A "minor" is defined as someone under age 18.

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\$2,000 for a first offense; five years and \$5,000 for a second. The prison terms would be served preceding any term for the underlying offense (the actual rape or kidnapping).

The Senate Fiscal Agency estimated costs of the bills at \$2.3 million a year. Its calculation was based on \$18,000 a year to lock up an inmate. It assumed 5 percent of the 1996 criminal cases with prison terms involved minors.







Limo driver ticketed, fired

The owner of Acclaim Limousine Inc. in Plymouth says the man who drove the limo bus that transported 17 teens to the Plymouth-Canton school district prom May 8 has been fired.

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Nine students were caught by district officials and police drinking alcohol on the bus, and will be forced to miss commencement ceremonies June 7. Gerald Packman says he does-

n't know if the driver bought the alcohol for students or simply allowed it on the bus.

"But I would bet 10-1 that he knew something about it," said Packman. "I was told by some in the group that he was given \$250 by students ... \$140 as a tip and the rest not to say anything about the alcohol."

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ticketed by police for contributing to the delinquency of minors and then was fired.

"He came to me from another company and had the proper license to drive," said Packman. "I took him out on a run, and he did two others by himself without incident before the prom night episode.

One of the parents, who has a student who will not be allowed to attend graduation ceremonies because of the incident, said she even gave the driver a plastic bag to dispose of any alcohol teens would sneak on the bus.

"I don't think it was the company, but the driver who was a problem," she said. "I would tell parents to be careful of the limo company they deal with. It may not promote the same values you want to enforce."



Q&A: Observer Newspapers state and regional reporter Tim Richard moderated the program. Denise Merlanti asks a question about representation for special needs students.

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from the audience, each candidate expressed views on such school district, expelling stu-dents from school, the accounting to the public, and how much

In giving her top priorities, Davis listed space at both the high school and middle school levels, the need to increase expectations from our young people, and a look at an alternative high school.

Watts told the gathering labor relations was a top priority for him. Building needs and a continuance of the district's longrange plan are high on his list, also.

Ham-Kucharski wants to improve student achievement, upgrade technology, and deal with financial issues concerning buildings and equipment.

Friedrich said she wants to improve communication among the board, administration and community. Other priorities include class size and getting more money for schools from the state.

Mardigian said her number one challenge is facilities, constructing a new high school, middle school and elementary building. The long-range plan and tweaking Proposal A are also high priorities on her short list.

Only a third of the district's juniors took the state MEAP tests, and potential board members were asked about making the tests mandatory. Davis wants to see the students take the test but isn't sure they can legally be forced to participate.

The forum was taped by MediaOne and will be rebroadcast on Channel 11 in Plymouth, Canton and Northville. It will be shown in its entirety on Sunday, May 31, Saturday, June 6, and Sunday, June 7, at 5 p.m. 189. WSDP 88.1 radio also will broadcast the audio portion at noon,

Wednesday, June 3. or another kind of test. Ham-Kucharski said there should be a required test, whether it be the MEAP or an

internal exam. Watts noted that if the MEAP test were to be the measurement, then all students should be required to take it so as not to flaw the data.

Mardigian says there needs to be a benchmark to measure success, but she's not convinced the MEAP tests are that benchmark. The forum, which lasted just over an hour, was taped by MediaOne and will be rebroadcast on Channel 11 in Plymouth. Canton and Northville. It will be shown in its entirety on Sunday, May 31, Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7 at 5 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help at all-night senior party

The planning committee work-ing on the Plymouth-Canton school district's senior party says it could use more volunteers to help with the overnight party, as well as donations to help pay for the night of festivities.

"This year's senior party is entitled 'Surfing the Net 98' and will be 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. June 7 in Salem High School," said cochairperson Shay Gravett. "We need help with the second shift of volunteers, from about 11 p.m. This year's senior party is entitled 'Surfing the Net 98' and will be 9 p.m.-4 a.m. June 7 in Salem high school.

to 4 a.m., to oversee the activities and make sure no one leaves the building." Gravett says she expects an

evening of fun for students.

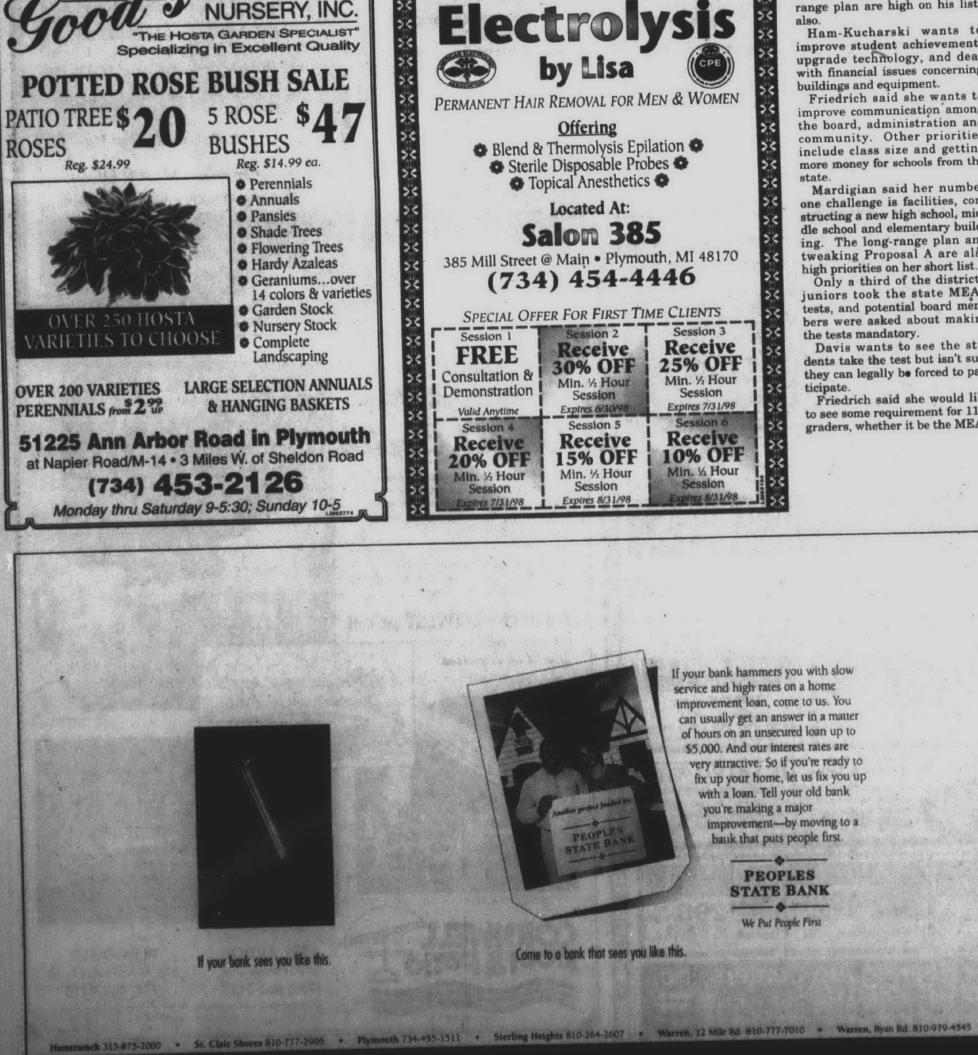
strolling Elvis as part of the activities Donations will help pay for security, decorations, food and prizes ... including televisions, radios, VCRs, bike locks and a

refrigerator to take to college. Gravett invites residents in the district to stop by the school during open house from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. to take a look at the elaborate decorations.

There will be a band, hypnotist,

games, lots of food and a

Anyone wanting to volunteer time or give donations can contact Gravett at 459-2857, or Kathy Konley at 455-8066.



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Services for Nicholas K. Dimri, 59, of Canton were May 30 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home ton, with the Rev. Drexel E. rton of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens. He was born June 20, 1938, in Detroit. He died May 26 at Oakwood Hospital-Canton Center. He was a plant manager for a boating industry.

Survivors include his wife. Lorraine C.; two sons, David J. (Tracy), Kriss N.; three grandhildren, Zachary, Nicole and

Services for Robert John (R.J.) Bradfute, 16, of O'Fallon, Ill.,

were May 28 at the First United Methodist Church, O'Fallon, Ill., with the Rev. Tim Harrison and the Rev. Dwight Jones officiatng Burial was at O'Fallon City Cemetery, O'Fallon, Ill.

He was born Nov. 27, 1981, at Scott Air Force Base Medical Center. He died May 24 at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.

He was a member of the Assembly of God Youth Group and attended First United Methodist Church. He was a member of the class of 2000 at O'Fallon Township High School and formerly played for the Scott Air Force Base Youth Floor Hockey Team.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Wilma and Edward Bradfute; maternal grandparents, Betty and Carl Newton, and one uncle, Harry Newton.

Survivors include his parents, Edward Michael and Helen Elizabeth Bradfute (nee Newton) of O'Fallon; one brother, Everette Bradfute of O'Fallon; two aunts, Kay Arnold of Plymouth, Barbara (Grant) Danskine of Dunnellon; and two uncles, Hugh (Sally) Newton, Harley (Patricia) Newton both of Potsdam, N.Y. Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Society

CATHERINE E. ELIJAH

Services for Catherine E. Elijah, 84, of Plymouth were May 26 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. William C. Moore officiating. Burial was at Deltona Memorial Gardens, Deltona, Fla.

She was born Aug. 6, 1913, in Detroit. She died May 24 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Trinity **Presbyterian Church**

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hubert M. and Grace Atto. Survivors include her daughter, Sharon (Dan) Holton of Plymouth; one brother, Hubert M. Atto Jr. of Saginaw; one sister, Jean Johnstone of Bloomfield Hills; and two grandsons, Wade and Wesley Holton of of Oak Park; and seven grand-

Plymouth. Memorials may be made to

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ELIZABETH S. NESS

Services for Elizabeth S. Nesbit, 83, of Plymouth will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 8, at the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, with the Rev. Dr. Dean Klump officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born July 20, 1914, in Wartrace, Tenn. She died May 22 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1970 from Detroit. She was a member of the Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her two daughters, Nancy (Robert) Braden of Plymouth, Mary Bain

children.

Memorials may be made to the Leader Dogs For The Blind or Karmanos Cancer Institute. RICHARD G. OLSZEWSKI

Services for Richard G. Olszewski, 60, of Canton were May 26 at Santeiu Chapel with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

He was born Feb. 22, 1938, in Detroit. He died May 21 in Canton. He was an owner of a lawn company.

Survivors include his wife. Joan Olszewski of Canton; one son, Alan (Corinna) Olszewski; one daughter, Lynn Ann (Robert) Martoia; two grandsons, Nathan and Eric; his mother, Louise Alfonsi; and two sisters, Mary Ann Helm and Dorothy Boyd.

MAE D. BERRY Services for Mae D. Berry, 93, of Canton were May 26 at St.

Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr. officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

She was born April 7, 1905, in Danville, Ky. She died May 23 in Port Huron. She was a teleone operator for Michigan Bell 1949-70. She graduated from Northwestern High School, Detroit, in 1923.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter B. Berry. Survivors include her son, Tom Berry of Marine City, Mich.; one daughter, Pat McDermott of Canton; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church or the Marydale Center in Port Huron.

Township clerk suing city for slip-and-fall during Art in Park

Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill is suing the rity of Plymouth over injuries in fall downtown during Art in the Park last July.

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"The fall resulted in the severe fracture of her left wrist, contusions, abrasions," according to the suit filed May 13 before Wayne County Circuit Judge

Claudia House Morcom. The incident happened at 9:45 a.m. July 13 while Massengill was walking on the sidewalk on the north side of Wing Street between Harvey and Forest.

"The sidewalk at that location was in a dangerous and defective condition in that it was cracked and portions of the walk were

elevated leaving an uneven walking surface," according to the suit prepared by her attorney Charles Hemming.

It further alleges the city failed to maintain the sidewalk in a reasonably safe condition and failed to inspect the walkway leaving it in a dangerous and defective state.

"Further, the city had failed to warn members of the public, including the claimant herein, of the dangerous and defective condition," the suit continued.

Massengill was taken to McAuley Hospital for emergency room treatment then transferred to St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The fall resulted in the severe fracture of her left wrist, contusions, abrasions.'

According to suit filed by Marilyn Massengill -Township clerk

The city has 21 days to Service is representing the city respond to the suit. Attorney in the suit.

Student jokes about shooting, Canton police called to school

Canton Police were called to The student doesn't have a gun Plymouth Salem High School 8:45 a.m. Thursday after a 16year-old student made a statement in class that on June 8 he was going to bring a gun to school and shoot Spanish teacher Kathy Huyck and three of his

The statement was apparently made in jest after a discussion regarding the shooting at a high school in Springfield, Oregon. nor has access to any guns, according to the report.

The student told police he made the statement when a friend claimed the school district isn't doing enough in regards to counseling following the incident. He claimed that by making the threat the school would be forced to do so. He told police he was wrong to make the statement.

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Huvck described the teen as an exemplary student. He faced a one day in school suspension after Assistant Principal Ken Jacobs conducted an investigation with students who overheard the remark, teachers and parents of students threatened. Police aren't filing charges against the student for making the threat.

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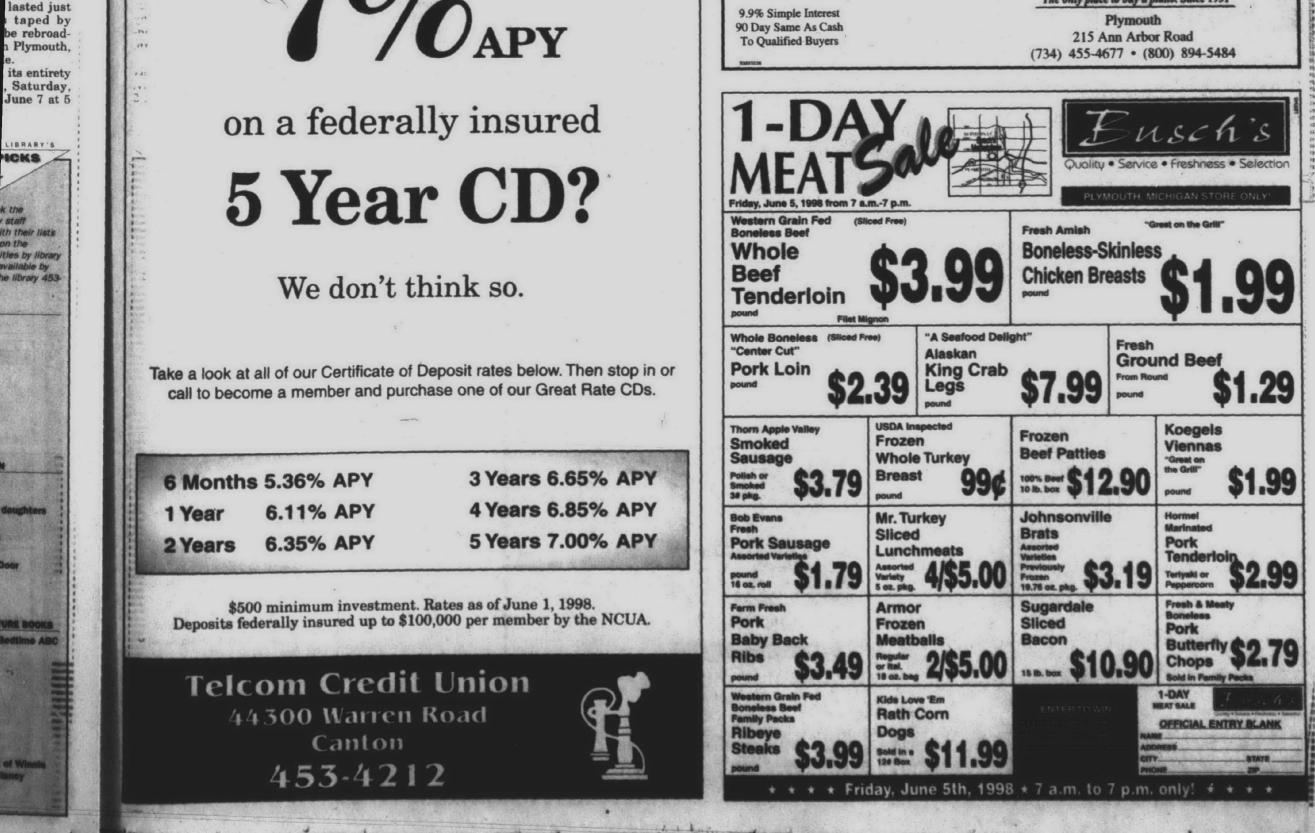
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M-14 reduced to one lane starting Monday

If you commute between Ann Arbor and Plymouth or Livonia, you may want to allow yourself some extra time starting Monday

Eastbound and westbound M-14 will be reduced to one lane between Ford Road and Napier in both directions to begin a \$5.6 million resurfacing project extending through mid-August.

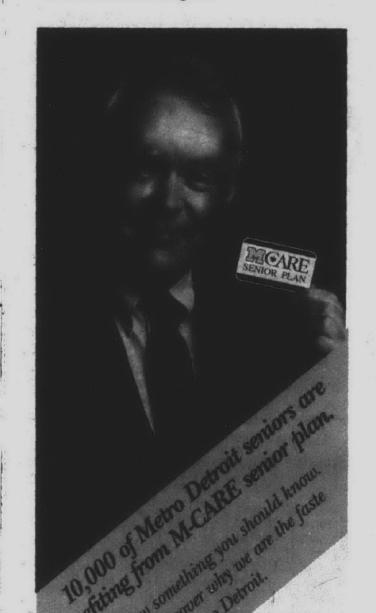
Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman for Michigan Department of Transportation, expects the closures will cause inconvenience for motorists. "We can only recommend state routes as an alternate," Pannecouk said.

Ford Road can be used as a detour, but motorists should check in their local communities for other routes before traveling on various roads as alternates.

MDOT will maintain a hotline updated daily for the M-14 project at (517) 780-7562.

"We're trying to get in there, fix the roads, and get out as quickly as we can," Pannecouk said. "People should slow down and recognize that it is a construction zone."

Pannecouk said having con-



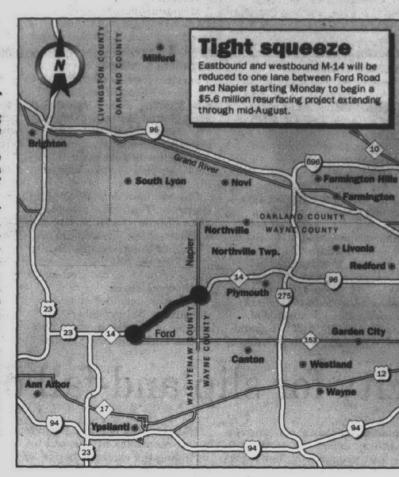
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tractors and road crews closing lanes in both directions will save money

"Both sides done at the same time and with the same closures actually will get it done faster," Pannecouk said.

The work is a "10- to 15-year fix" for M-14, Pannecouk said. The M-14 work will involve concrete inlays and concrete pavement repairs completed by contractor Tony Angelo of Novi. Painting, shoulder ramp and other detail work will require intermittent lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. from August to early October.

"Working on such heavily traveled highways such as I-94 and M-14 in southeast Michigan dictates using special measures to minimize traffic impact," said Brenda O'Brien, MDOT transportation service center manag-



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week said the package "completes the family division reform."

During a May 20 hearing, Oakland County Probate Judge Eugene A. Moore was enthusiastic about combining the two courts because "there's duplication of budget directors, personnel directors, etc.

Combining circuit and probate, he said, would mean that the court that handles divorces also would handle juvenile delinquents.

But circuit judges dug in their heels. Some saw inadequate protection for their jobs in the details of a bill that would implement SJR R.

"If there's a need to close down a judgeship, it shouldn't

happen until a vacancy occurs, said Bay County Circuit Judge William Carpathe, president of the Michigan Judges Associa-

"Judges make a life decision to give up a law practice. The rules shouldn't be changed now," Carpathe went on, argu-ing that the Legislature shouldn't be able to abolish a judgeship until the judge dies, resigns, is removed from office or voluntarily retires.

That went over poorly with senators.

"We (legislators) have to go to the voters," replied Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township. 'My company can be taken over; I could lose my job. Why do

judges need protection?"

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HOME SENSE



Call the hot line for answers to food questions

ichigan State University offers a telephone hot line to answer those "nagging" questions on food, food safety and nutrition. This service is ready to take your calls 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Call (248) 858-0904 for answers to your questions. Here's a sample of a few of the questions and answers.

Q. How do I store mushrooms? A. Mushrooms need moisture so they don't dry out. After purchasing, put mushrooms in a paper bag or in a dish with a moistened paper towel over the top. Don't wash mushrooms before storing. Mushrooms need air circulation.

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At best, mushrooms will remain fresh four to five days. Dried mushrooms will keep for months as long as they are kept in a tightly closed jar. Dried mushrooms can be refrigerated or frozen

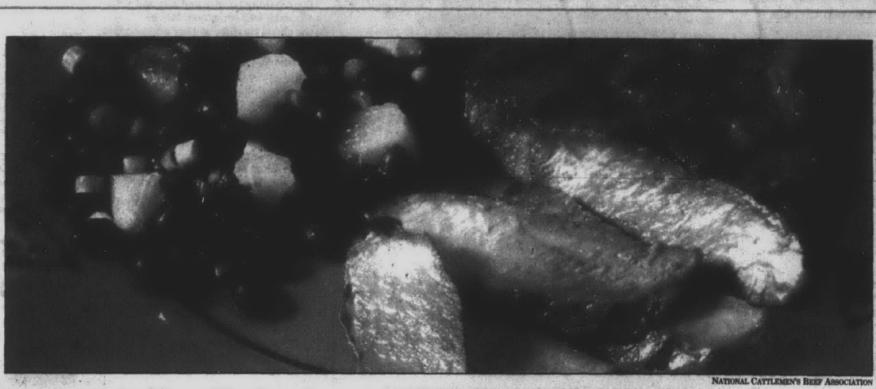
Q. How do you freeze fresh strawberries?

A. Strawberries can be placed on a cookie sheet and frozen. Remove them from the sheet and put in freezer bags, return to freezer. This method allows the berries to be frozen individually so you can easily measure out the amount you need.

Don't let strawberries soak in water while you are washing them, they will become soggy. Make sure strawberries are dry before freezing. The water can break down the cells and make the strawberries mushy. Frozen strawberries are soft when thawed. They will never be as perfect as they were fresh.

Q. How can I pick out a ripe pineapple?

A. When a pineapple is ripe, it is golden, orange yellow or reddish brown depending on the variety. Look for the right color, and ease of how the "spikes" or leaves can be pulled



South of the border: Salsa and lime flavor these sassy, bold Salsa Ribeyes with Spicy Black Bean Salad.

Feisty, hot, tropical flavors from our neighbors in South America, the Caribbean and Mexico are influencing American kitchens

Island Jerk Beef & Pineapple Kabobs will transport your taste buds to the Caribbean. Jerk seasoning is rubbed onto tender beef chuck

eye steaks prior to grilling. Jerk seasoning, which originated in Jamaica, is traditionally used in the preparation of grilled meats and usually contains chilies, garlic, onion, thyme and spices such as cinnamon, ginger, allspice and cloves

Use it as a dry rub, or as a marinade when liquid is added to the tongue-tingling blend. For a tropical meal accent, grill fresh pineapple and green onion kabobs with a brown sugar-butter alongside the steaks Chimichurri, a pesto-like mixture of fresh parsley, oil and garlic, originated in South America. Chimichurri can be served as an accompaniment to grilled beef or used as a marinade as in Grilled Steak & Potatoes with Chimichurri Sauce. In this recipe, vinegar is added to the chimichurri mixture to help tenderize the top round steak. Yukon Gold potatoes grilled with the steak make a great go-with. Salsas from our neighbors in Mexico have become a mainstay in American cuisine. We love the familiar blend of tomatoes, chilies and cilantro that can range from mild to hot Prepared salsa makes an easy, tasty marinade for beef. For ribeye or top loin steaks, just a quick 30minute marinating imparts flavor to the beef as in Salsa Ribeyes with Spicy Black Bean Salad. For a quick and delicious accompaniment, canned black beans are teamed with fresh lime juice, oregano and additional salsa. Just add warm tortillas for a bold, flavorful steak dinner.

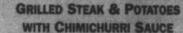
ISLAND JERK BEEF & **PINEAPPLE KABOBS** Total preparation and cooking

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time: 1 hour 4 beef chuck eye steaks, cut 3/4 to 1-inch thick (6 to 8 ounces each) Kabobs

1/2 fresh pineapple, rind removed, cored and cut into 1- to 1 1/2-inch pieces (approximately 11/4 pounds)

- 3 green onions, cut into 1 1/2-inch-long pieces 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 teaspoons packed brown sugar
- Dash ground red pepper Jerk Rut
- 1/4 cup finely chopped green onions
- 4 large cloves garlic, minced 1 jalapeno pepper, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh ginger 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice



Total preparation and cooking time: 55 minutes

Marinating time: 6 to 8 hours or overnight

- 1 high-quality beef top round steak cut 1 1/2-inches thick (approximately 2
- pounds)
- 2 sweet potatoes (approximately 18 ounces), peeled, cut diagonally into 1-inch
- thick slices 4 Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled, each cut lengthwise
- in half 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Sauce & Marinade
- 3/4 cup finely chopped Italian parsley
- 1/2 cup olive oil

SALSA RIBEYES WITH SPICY BLACK BEAN SALAD

Total preparation and cooking time: 45 minutes

- Marinating time: 30 minutes 4 boneless beef ribeye steaks, cut 1-inch thick, (approxi-
- mately 8 ounces each) Spicy Black Bean Salad (recipe follows)
- 2/3 cup thick and chunky salsa
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- leaves, crushed

2 cloves garlic, minced In small bowl, combine marinade ingredients. Place beef steaks in plastic food-safe bag; add marinade, turning to coat, Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes, turning once. Meanwhile prepare spicy black

bean salad. Remove steaks from marinade; discard marinade. Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill 11 to 14 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Serve steaks with Spicy Black Bean Salad. Makes 4 servings.

out from the top. Pick out a pineapple that is heavy for its size. Avoid any that are bruised or moldy, or have a dull yellowish green color.

A really green pineapple will be fibrous and not very sweet. Take your time picking out a pineapple, you can't ripen them at home so choose a good one in prime condition.

Q. My aluminum springform pan discolors from my cheesecake. Is that safe?

A. The sides and bottom of the cheesecake may discolor as the cooling cake reacts with the aluminum. It is safe, but not attractive.

To prevent your pan from discoloring, line the bottom and sides of the pan with parchment paper. Then coat the paper with nonstick cooking spray. After the cheesecake has baked and cooled to room temperature. loosen the springform sides.

If you are buying a new springform pan, opt for one with a nonstick coating.

Q. How do you make onion juice?

A. Slice an onion, sprinkle lightly with salt, let stand a moment and then scrape the surface with a knife Make sure you do this on a plate. If you need a quantity of onion juice, purchase it from the store.

Q. Are eggs dairy?

A. No, eggs are poultry products while dairy are milk products. Apparently, this becomes an issue because both are purchased in the dairy case at the grocer. Eggs are not in the dairy group on the USDA food guide pyramid. Eggs are in the meat (protein) food group.

Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension - Oakland County.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week: Focus on Wine Living Better Sensibly

- sugar
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme -
- leaves, crushed 1 1/4 teaspoons salt

3/4 teaspoon ground allspice Soak four 12-inch bamboo skewers in water 10 minutes; drain. Alternately thread pineapple and green onion pieces onto each skewer.

In small bowl, combine butter, 2 teaspoons brown sugar and red pepper. Set aside

In another bowl, combine Jerk Rub ingredients. Press into both sides of each beef steak. Place steaks on grid over medium, ashcovered coals. Grill, uncovered 14-18 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally.

Grill kabobs 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned, turning occasionally and brushing with butter mixture during the last 5 minutes of grilling. Makes 4 servings. Nutrition information per serving:

397 calories; 31g protein; 27g car-bohydrate; 19g fat; 5.3mg iron; 866mg sodium; 117mg cholesterol.

Cook's tip: For a rub with less heat, seed alapeno peppers before chopping.

1/4 cup white vinegar 4 large cloves garlic, minced 1/4 teaspoon salt

In medium bowl, combine ingredients for sauce and marinade; mix well. Remove 1/4 cup for sauce; cover and refrigerate. Place steak and remaining marinade in plastic bag. turning to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 to 8 hours (or overnight, if desired), turning occasionally.

In large bowl, combine potatoes, oil and 1/2 teaspoon salt; toss to coat. Set aside.

Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Place steak on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 25-28 minutes for medium rare doneness, turning occasionally. Grill potatoes, covered, 18-21 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally. Meanwhile, bring refrigerated sauce to room temperature.

Trim fat from steak, carve into thin slices. Season with additional salt, as desired. Serve steak with potatoes and reserved sauce. Makes 8 servings

Nutrition information per serving: 389 calories; 30g protein; 29g carbohydrate; 17g fat; 3.6mg iron; 258mg sodium; 71mg cholesterol.

Nutrition information per serving: 312 calories; 37g protein; 3g carbohydrate; 16g fat; 3.5mg iron; 240mg sodium; 102mg cholesterol.

Cook's Tip: 4 boneless beef top loin steaks. cut 1-inch thick (approximately 8 ounces each) may be substituted for the ribeye steaks. Grill 15-18 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasiona

SPICY BLACK BEAN SALAD

1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained

1 large orange, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

1/3 cup green onions, thinly sliced

1/4 cup fresh lime juice

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

In medium bowl, combine ingredients, mixing gently but thoroughly. Yield 2 1/4 cups.

Nutrition information per serving: 168 calories; 6g protein; 21g carbohydrate; 7g fat; 1.5mg iron; 155mg sodium; Omg cholesterol.

Recipes from the Beef & Veal Culinary Center, National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Start cooking with 'Help!' from mom

If you weren't paying attention while mom was cooking, "Help!" is on the way. Mother and son team Kevin and Nancy

Mills wrote "Help! My Apartment Has A Kitchen Cookbook," (Chapters/Hougton Mifflin, \$14.95) for people who have never ventured into the kitchen except to get a glass of water.

Lots of smart people have cooking anxiety. It's nothing to be ashamed of or that can't be overcom

"One of my son's friends who goes to Harvard Law School was testing a recipe and called to ask if all the pieces of garlic had to be cut the same size," said Nancy.

"He's a very detail oriented person." The answer is "no," but some beginners want to know exactly what to do.

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"People will do the dumbest things," said Nancy remembering the person who put a chicken on a rack in the oven, just like the recipe said, but didn't put it in a pan first. What a mess that made!

"Kevin was afraid not to follow a recipe," said Nancy. "He had plenty of anxiety in the kitchen."

Now 27, Kevin began cooking out of necessity, not because he wanted to. His restaurant lifestyle was draining his savings. Not having anything at home to eat was also inconvenient. There aren't too many restaurants open at 2 a.m.

Over the phone Nancy explained how to roast a chicken. Kevin had good results, except for the burning plastic.

"After a quick call home, I stuck a fork

inside the chicken and pulled out the heart, liver and other unmentionables, plus a lot of red juice. Mom, said to throw away these giblets and cook the chicken for another 30 minutes, and it worked."

Kevin said he wouldn't have stuck with cooking if it had been difficult.

In fact, he's written a second book with his mother - "Help! My **Apartment Has A Dining** Room" that will be published in the spring.

Please see HELP, B2

Venture into kitchen with 'Help' from mom 1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme

See related story on Taste front. Recipes from "Help! My Apartment Has a Kitchen Cookbook" by Nancy and Kevin Mills (Chapters / Houghton Mifflin, \$14.95).

TERIYAKI CHICKEN

- 3 tablespoons soy sauce 2 tablespoons dark brown
- sugar 1 tablespoon com oil
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 boneless chicken breast

halves (about 10 ounces)

Combine the soy sauce, brown sugar, oil, ginger, garlic powder and black pepper in a medium-size bowl.

Cut the chicken into strips 1/2inch wide and 2 inches long. Add the chicken to the bowl and marinate in the refrigerator for 1 to 2 hours so the flavors penetrate the

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chicken. If you're in a hurry, you can marinate the chicken for just 15 minutes. It won't be quite so tasty, but if will have more flavor than if you hadn't bothered at all.

Preheat the broiler. Make sure the top oven rack is in the highest position, just under the broiling

If you have metal or bamboo skewers, thread the chicken strips onto the skewers and lay the skewers on the baking sheet. If you don't have skewers, place the chicken in a single layer on a baking sheet. Discard the marinade.

unit.

Broil the chicken 3 to 4 minutes per side, until it is completely white and is just beginning to turn brown. Skewers make the turningover process go faster. Serve immediately.

Serves 2. Rating: Easy Mom Tip: You can also thread a few whole mushrooms, strips

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of red bell pepper or pieces of onion between the chicken strips before broiling.

CHOCOLATE CHIP WEDGES

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine 1/2 cup sugar 1/2 cup light or dark brown
- sugar 1 large egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 cup (6 ounce package)
- semisweet chocolate chips

Place one of the oven racks in the middle position, and preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

To save time on cleanup, I cook and bake in the same container. Place a metal - not glass - pie pan on a stove burner over low heat.

Melt the butter or margarine right in the pan. As soon as it's melted, turn off the heat.

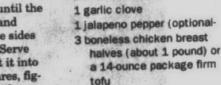
Add the two sugars and stir thoroughly. Add the egg, vanilla, flour, baking powder and salt and stir until well combined. Mix in the chocolate chips so they are well distributed.

Bake for 30 minutes, or until the top of the "cookie" browns and starts to pull away from the sides of the pan. Cool on a rack. Serve cut into thin wedges, or cut it into any shapes you want: squares, figure-8s. Serves 3 to 4 people for about 10 minutes, or 1 person for about 1/2 hour. Rating: Very Easy.

Mom Warning: The batter doesn't taste very good. Even Kevin says so. But the wedges do.

CARIBBEAN JERK CHICKEN OR TOFU

- 1/4 cup vinegar (any kind) 3 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce 1 1/2 teaspoons ground all-
- spice



Combine the vinegar, orange juice, lemon juice, olive oil, soy sauce, allspice, thyme, cayenne pepper, black pepper, sage, sugar, nutmeg and cinnamon in a large bowl. Stir well.

1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

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1 teaspoon black pepper

1 teaspoon dried sage

1 teaspoon sugar

1 medium onion

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Peel and finely chop the onion and garlic and add them to the bowl. If you like very spicy food, remove and discard the stems and seeds of the jalapeno pepper, chop it into 1/8-inch pieces and add it to the bowl. Don't rub your eyes before washing your hands; these peppers burn.

Cut the chicken breasts into strips 1/2 inch wide and 2 inches long. Add the chicken to the bowl. Or if you're using tofu, drain it. Then slice it into pieces 1 by 1 by 1/2 inch and gently put it in the Sales bowl. Stir carefully so that the chicken or tofu pieces are covered with marinade. Cover and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes, or up

to 2 hours. > * 1 2 . Preheat the broiler. Make sure position, just under the broiling unit. Lift the chicken or tofu pieces from the marinade and place them on a rack in a roasting pan. The rack lets the juices drip into the pan, allowing the chicken or tofu to be grilled rather than halfboiled in the marinade.

Put the pan under the broiler, 1.1.1 and broil the chicken for 3 to 4 minutes per side, until it is completely white and just beginning to turn brown. If you are using tofu, broil for the same amount of time. or until it begins to brown. Serve immediately.

While the chicken or tofu is broiling, boil the leftover marinade in a small pot for 2 to 3 minutes. Serve the heated marinade as a dipping sauce or as a sauce for the rice. Serves 2-3. Rating: Easy. ~ al 1

This cookbook is anything but ...

something for old fogies. There

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Help from page B1 and Spicy Potato Quesadillas. "Once you feed yourself you You won't find fancy words have to feed your friends," like "sautéed," Explanations for explained Nancy. "We're keeping the same format."

Kevin tested all the recipes. "He would have various accidents and would call me to ask all these questions," said Nancy. They got the idea for their first cookbook in 1993, and spent nine months working on it. It was published on April 15, 1996.

Nancy describes herself as the practical one, Kevin is the funny one. A budding sitcom writer, Kevin takes a humorous approach to cooking that makes it fun.

"Help! My Apartment Has A Kitchen," is written in plain, simple English and serves up over 100 recipes - everything from appetizers, soups and salads to main dishes and desserts with tips from mom. You'll find basic stuff like pancakes and chili with some surprises such as Caribbean Jerk Chicken or Tofu

cooking terms are part of Mom's Tips. "Kevin said nobody would take the time to look up these words if we put them in a glossary," explained Nancy. Recipes are divided into cate-

gories - Very Easy, Easy, and Not So Easy. Recipes are accompanied by foolproof instructions.

The first chapter offers suggestions for getting started - "read the whole recipe before you start," suggestions for useful how to "Convert a dish for a car-

"Kevin said the book is like having your mother in the kitchen. But you can close the book, and not have to deal with her," said Nancy. "It's written in too." his language."

graduation gift than a pen, it's something they can use and

won't lose. Newlyweds will appreciate it ...

too. In fact, reading this bookmight lead to marriage. "My son is married to a vegen. tarian," said Nancy. They were dating while Kevin was learning. how to cook, and writing the.

book. "He does all the cooking, and she proposed to him. She's in medical school and doesn'to v have time to cook. He's gotten. very confident in the kitchen, and does the grocery shopping

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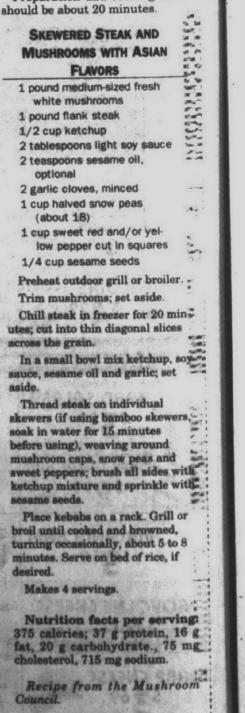
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Shrimp salad sensational summer supper

Look out Charlie the Tuna, you've got shellfish on your tail. Americans eat hundreds of thousands of tons of shrimp each year in the U.S., making it the second most popular seafood behind tuna. Other shellfish among the top ten seafood include clams, crabs, and scal-

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One reason behind shellfish's popularity is surely its great nutritional profile. Laboratory measurements show that shellfish is not as high in cholesterol as was once thought. Shellfish are also rich in the omega-3 fatty acids that have been linked to a host of health benefits, including reduced incidence of cancer and heart attacks.

When they are steamed, grilled, broiled or baked, shellfish are exceptionally low in total fat, and especially arteryclogging saturated fat. Of course, you can still find a lot of added fat in shellfish dishes when they are fried, stuffed or made with a high-fat sauce.

The keys to enjoying shellfish are picking the freshest varieties available and cooking it properly to avoid the risk of foodborne illness. Most shrimp and shallops are frozen immediately after harvesting. Once thawed, they should look firm, bright and shiny, and have no strong smell. When buying clams, mussels and oysters, make sure their shells are closed tight, which

indicates they're still alive.

Shellfish features a light, delicate flavor and texture, and tastes its best when prepared simply. That's good news for cooks who don't want to spend a lot of time in a hot kitchen this summer.

Why not throw some shrimp on the grill? Simply slip them on skewers, baste with a low-fat sauce made of lemon juice, honey, and ginger, and grill over high heat until they turn pink (about three to five minutes). Cooking them in the microwave is even easier. Simply mix the shrimp with lemon juice, garlic and white wine and cook for about two minutes

Fresh boiled lobster tastes so rich and sweet there's no need to add butter, sauce or seasoning. Boil the lobster until it is bright red, about five to six minutes per pound. Start the timer when the water has just come back to a boil after the lobster has been added

Pasta with scallops is the perfect choice for a quick, light summer meal. Sauté the scallops in a bit of white wine or chicken broth until they are milky white and firm (three to four minutes); set aside.

In a medium saucepan, sauté minced green peppers, shallots, celery and tomatoes in a bit of olive oil seasoned with garlic and rosemary. When the vegetables are just tender, add the cooked

scallops and simmer for about three minutes, until the entire -mixture is heated through and the tomatoes have cooked down. Serve the seafood sauce over fettuccine or linguine, and garnish with a sprinkling of minced Italian parsley.

The base of this tasty seafood salad is cabbage, a cruciferous vegetable that's a good source of vitamin C. For easy preparation, chop the vegetables in a food processor while the shrimp are marinating.

LEMON-LIME SHRIMP SALAD

- 1 clove garlic
- **3 tablespoons lemon juice** 1 tablespoon hoisin sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- Pinch of white pepper 1 pound medium peeled
- shrimp 1 medium head cabbage,
- grated
- 1 carrot grated
- 1 cup chopped watercress 2 ripe red tomatoes, quar-
- tered 1/3 cup lime juice
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 2 tablespoons roasted, chopped peanuts Crushed red pepper flakes

(garnish)

spoon dried

1/2 cup dry white wine

Preheat the oven to 400 F.

Arrange a large (12 by 20 inch-

es) rectangle of heavy-duty foil on

In the center, spread out one-quar-

Place a piece of fish on top and

a work surface, shiny side down.

ter of the sliced potatoes. Drizzle

with a little oil and season with

season with salt and pepper.

4 bay leaves

salt and pepper.



Tasty salad: Lemon-Lime Shrimp Salad combines marinated, grilled shrimp with grated cabbage, carrots, watercress and tomatoes.

In a blender, combine the garlic clove, lemon juice, hoisin sauce, red pepper flakes and white pepper. Puree until smooth. Marinate the shrimp for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, mix together the lime juice, honey and salt (if desired) and toss into the salad - cabbage, carrots,

and watercress

Cook the shrimp in a non-stick pan with the marinade for 2 to 3 minutes - it's done when it turns pink. Mound the shrimp in the middle of the salad and place the guartered tomatoes around the

edges of the bowl. Garnish with basil, peanuts and red pepper flakes.

Each of the 4 servings contains 265 calories and 4 grams of fat. Information and recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Wrap up dinner easily with flavorful fish in foil

AP - "When I create a recipe, the foremost thing in my mind is , taste." Steve Raichlen says.

Raichlen is the author of "High-Flavor, Low-Fat Italian Cooking" (Viking, \$29.95), his latest title in a series of prizewinning "high-flavor, low-fat" cookbooks. "I try to write recipes that are great-tasting and that happen to be low-fat, not the other way around."

Italian cuisine readily lends itself to the high-flavor, low-fat theme, he maintains. This recipe for Branzino in Cartuccio _ Fish in a Foil Bag _ is a high-tech ver-

utes, cooking time 20 to 25 minutes.

- 2 medium potatoes (about 12 ounces), peeled and very thinly sliced
- 1 1/2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil Salt and freshly ground black
- pepper Four 4- to 6-ounce portions of
- boneless fish fillets 1 tomato, cut into 1/4-inch
- dice 4 sprigs fresh thyme, or 1 tea-
- spoon dried

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4 sprigs fresh basil, or 1 tea-Arrange one-quarter of the diced tomato, a sprig each of thyme and basil, and a bay leaf on top. Drizzle with a little more oil and a

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final sprinkling of salt and pepper. Bring together the short edges of the foil rectangle high over the fish without sealing. Crimp or pleat

the sides to form an airtight seam. Add 2 tablespoons wine in the top, then crimp or seal the top edges to form an airtight seal. Prepare three more packages the

Place the packages on a baking

sheet. Bake until the foil is puffed and the fish inside is cooked, 20 to 25 minutes. (To test for doneness, you can open one of the packages, but 20 minutes of baking should do the trick)

Serve the packages on plates or a platter. Invite each diner to open a package and slide the fish, vegetables and juices onto his or her plate. Makes 4 servings.

Note: If you'd rather make one large cartuccio, you'll need a fish weighing 3 to 4 pounds. Trim the fins off the fish, or have your fishmonger do it. Wash it thor-

oughly inside and out and pat dry. Season the fish inside and out with salt and pepper. You'll also need to make a much larger ----foil rectangle. To do so, attach several sheets together, folding joining edges over several times to make a tight seal. Assemble as described above, but use only 2 bay leaves. Bake the large cartuccio for 40 to 60 minutes.

Nutritional facts per serving: 258 cals., 22 g pro., 8 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 19 g carbo., 87 mg sodium, 91 mg chol.

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Noted speaker

Noted author and hospice nurse/thanatologist Maggie Callanan will be appearing at Madonna University Thursday, June 4, to provide insight into the sometimes mysterious words and actions of dying persons during a presentation: "Messages of Hope: Understanding the Journey Called Dying." The program from 7-9 p.m. will be at Madonna University's Kresge Auditorium. Following, Callanan will sign copies of her book. Call for tickets, (734) 464-7810.

Lyme disease support

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VHL: the elusive disease Early diagnosis, screening crucial to control of von Hippel-Lindau syndrome



Exam: Patient Fran Mott undergoes a retinal examination by Julian J. Nussbaum, M.D., chairman of Eye Care Services at Henry Ford Hospital, to screen for possible vascular tumors associated with Von Hippel-Lindau disease.

iagnosed with large brain tumors, as well as cysts on her pancreas and kidneys, Fran Mott is on a crusade to make the public aware of von Hippel-Lindau syndrome.

She fights with diminished strength to piece together tidbits of information from other VHL patients and pass it along to researchers at national research institutes and doctors who are slowly building a better understanding about a disease that manifests itself differently in every patient.

"How many outstanding, talented physicians and surgeons have seen and cared for VHL patients and not even known it?" said Mott, who lived in Livonia 29 years before moving to Hartland.

"I hear their patients' stories sometimes years later, when they finally received a correct diagnosis, often too late for them or their children," said Mott, who as co-chair of the Michigan Chapter von Hippel-Lindau Family Alliance is in constant contact with other patients and doctors.

People with VHL are predisposed to form tumors or cysts in certain organs, especially the kidneys, central nervous system, endolymphatic sac, retina, adrenal glands, pancreas and epididymis.

Vision problems

"Nobody could figure out why," Mott said. "One doctor, a top specialist, said that I needed glasses and that I didn't want to wear them."

Her ophthalmologist, however, suspected something more serious and arranged for an appointment with a specialist at the University of Michigan Hospital where a doctor recognized a tumor in her right retina, as well as tumors in her left eye

The tumors were burned away and the left eye was saved, however, it was too late for her right eye. This is another example, Mott said, of the importance of early diagnosis.

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tumors that were growing in other parts of her body. She was finally diagnosed with VHL after her daughter's pediatrician linked her eye loss to VHL.

That doctor sent her to U-M's genetics department where they discovered she had the disease and found a tumor on the top of her brain stem, but it wasn't malignant.

Mott had another brain surgery last year to remove two tumors. At least five more brain tumors have developed.

Meanwhile, Mott has had a lot of pain from pancreatic cysts. However, she learned about a new experimental procedure to treat those growths while she was attending a national VHL conference.

"A girl stood up and said she had hers drained," said Mott. Tumors in her kidney, however, are malignant and have to be watched carefully. But, her overwhelming medical problems haven't daunted her mission to disseminate information, talking to other patients about the disease; and explaining to them what to expect and what to ask their doctors.

She tirelessly volunteers with VHL Family Alliance, taking calls from patients and their family around the clock; sitting with family members while patients are undergoing surgery; and arranging small meetings with patients to share information.

Her greatest mission is to reach unaware doctors or someone who has it and doesn't know. In fact, leading doctors give their VHL patients Mott's name who readily supplies them with information packets, contact numbers and an invitation to call if they want to talk.

"I'm trying to get patients to learn about their dis-ease," Mott said. "You need to be your own advocate. We teach ourselves everything we need to know before buying an appliance, but what do we do about our health? A valuable lesson is that doctors aren't God.'

Mott stresses that not everyone with VHL has major health problems. "Some people have no problems at all," she said adding that other times symptoms don't surface until later in life. Since the disease strikes in so many different areas of the body, one doctor is needed to coordinate all the care.

"I urge people to go to a geneticist," Mott said. She recently enlisted another volunteer to work with the alliance and said one of her biggest fears is that no one will carry on her volunteer work once she is no longer able. VHL Family Alliance is run by volun-

For more information about VHL, call 1-800-767-4VHL. Donations to VHLFA are fully tax- deductible and can be sent to: VHL Family Alliance, 171 Clinton

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Children of VHL patients have 50 percent

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Western Wayne County will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church (3 Towne Square) in Wayne. The next three meetings are June 16, July 21 and August 18. The July meeting will have two lawyers speaking on Social Security Disability benefits as it relates to Lyme. For information or a map, call Connie at (734) 326-3502.



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If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, we want to hear from you. We're looking for local residents (Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Plymouth, Canton) who love a good tan despite the warnings about skin cancer. Also, if you were a former sun fanatic and no longer seek out that "golden glow," we want to hear from you, tool

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Signs that patients and doctors should look for include a family history of VHL and at least one lesion in one of those target organs or two typical VHL lesions.

Screening recommended

"If there are families in which there are more than one person who has kidney cancer, those families and doctors should consider possibly that it is hereditary and there should be screening," according to Dr. Marston Linehan, chief of urologic surgery at the National Cancer Institute.

Diagnosis can be tricky. In fact, VHL is the most common syndrome of heredity kidney cancer. While blood vessels normally grow like trees, in people with VHL little knots of blood capillaries usually occur. These knots then can cause problems themselves or in nearby organs.

"Because of its rarity, sometimes VHL isn't considered," said Dr. Charles E. Jackson, Henry Ford Hospital, internist geneticist. "Doctors only see one particular aspect and this is a multi-system disease," he said. "If a doctor sees any of these manifestations they need to think of von Hippel-Lindau and arrange to have studies done."

A lot of advances have been made since Mott was finally diagnosed when she was 36. But, she was only 10 years old when she began losing sight in her right eye, the first manifestation of the disease in her.

vith vith nave a b ing the disease. However, like in Mott's case, VHL can be found in patients without a family history. These mutations are rare - reportedly occurring in

1 to 3 percent of VHL cases. Medical statistics estimate that between one in 34,000 to one in 40,000, or between 6,000 and 7,000 people in the United States, have VHL. Since January, VHL Family Alliance, a national support group, had more than 7,500 members in 37 countries.

However, Fran Mott of Hartland, co-chair of the Michigan Chapter von Hippel-Lindau Family Alliance, is convinced these figures are underesti-mated considering the 100 some families in Michimated considering the 100 some families in Michi-gan she's had contact with doesn't include every family member with the disease. In fact, medical experts believe that at least one half of the people with VHL haven't been diagnosed. The gene iden-tifying VHL was identified in 1993 by a team of doctors, including Dr. Marston Linehan, at the National Concern Linetian. National Cancer Institute. Recent medical advances, like DNA testing, add to a better under-standing of VHL and helps medical professionals identify more patients, Jackson said.

Gene study

"We started our studies of VHL 14 years ago and we never promised families we would find the gene," said Dr. Linehan, chief of urologic surgery

If patients find out that they have this disease in time, they can avoid things like blindness, paralysis, kidney cancer, stroke and death, Mott, 47, stressed. There seems to be a trend that's sparking more research on VHL in the United States, England, France, Germany and Japan. In the United States, the National Institutes of

Health/National Cancer Institute have made strides in the past 10 years trying to identify

symptoms and ramifications of the disease. "We're very honored to have the opportunity to work with these very brave families who have been so gracious and so generous with their time and lives to allow us to work with them on VHL," Linehan said. "They are our partners. I suspect there's a lot more VHL than we thought. I'm surprised by the prevalence of hereditary cancer syn-

Experts stress, too, that since there is a lack of information, it's important for patients to find doctors with an understanding of VHL. Locally, the VHL Family Alliance has identified two hospitals, the University of Michigan Medical Center and Henry Ford Hospital, as VHL care centers, because they've met certain standards regarding identification and treatment of the disease.

Birth trauma seen as cause of emotional problems

When Ruth Anya McGinnis first the very beginning, especially pre-eard about reliving the birthing natally," said McGinnis, a Southfield heard about reliving the birthing process to untangle emotional problems, she thought it was far-out mumbo jumbo. Then, while treating a male patient in her Southfield psy-chotherapy practice, McGinnis said, she watched him re-enact his birth.

"For a moment in the therapy ses-sion, he was reliving it and was able to remember," McGinnis said. "Before that I thought this was all California craziness. But that convinced me. My journey began in my efforts to try to help him as his memory was beginning to emerge."

This was the first step, she said, in reliving her own birth and to begin dealing with emotional and physical problems. "The thinking behind this is very different from the basic logic that abies don't remember what we do in

resident, who has since retired from her practice.

In fact, McGinnis said, reliving her birth has helped her overcome dyslexia and paved the way to understanding and coming to terms with her mother. McGinnis refers to herself as a "colleague and in training" with William R. Emerson, a teacher, writer, lecturer and leader in the field of birth psychol-

ogy. "Birth trauma may be caused by a baby's own character and personality in response to birth complications," Emerson wrote in "Indepth News," a newsletter for Indepth, the Northwest Institute for Bonding and Perinatal

Psychology. Parents with children who are unexplainably tense, as well as professionals who work with children, are invited to a lecture and workshop conducted by Emerson next month. A lecture, demonstration and open discussion will be 7-10 p.m., Thursday, June 4, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church in Bloomfield Hills. The event will introduce participants to "the widespread problem of birth trauma as a major cause of stress, behavioral problems and learning problems during child-hood," according to a brochure.

Local workshop

Emerson will conduct a workshop Friday-Sunday, June 5-7, in St. John Center in Plymouth Township. The focus is the "prevalence and negative effects of birth trauma, and ways that birth trauma can be evaluated and treated."

"The only determinant of the degree

of traumatization is their own character and personality and how they respond to the birth complications, Emerson wrote. In the "Indepth News" article, Emerson described "participation trauma," using a baby who clenched her fists and had a cry that was distinctly angry. The parents told him that her birth was pleasant and uneventful, except that during the delivery the baby's mother became angry at the doctor, because he arrived late and gave her a drug she didn't want.

"As the mother discussed these issues with me, her jaw and fists became clenched and she cried in rage," Emerson said. "Her newborn daughter was sleeping next to her and as the mother released her feelings,

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Frank D. Winters, D.O., medical director at MEDHEALTH's Plyouth location, has been awarded the prestigious honor of "Fellow in the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine. The award of fellow is the highest distinction a sports medicine physician can receive. They must first be nominated for the award, pass a rigprous review of their credentials and be voted upon by the Academy's Board of Directors. Winters is in his 14 year at the Family Practice Center in Livonia.

Private psychology practice

Dr. James R. Tabeling, Psy.D., has recently opened a private office in Plymouth. He is a ensed clinical psychologist with more than ten years of experiences. He will provide individual sychotherapy for adolescents and adults from a choanalytic perspective. His office is located at 1142 South Main (just north of Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth. Office hours are by appointment only. He can be reached at (734) 354-9458.

Physician elected to MSMS

Michael A. Sandler, M.D., a diagnostic radiolgist at Henry Ford Hospital, has been elected to he Michigan State Medical Society board of directors. In addition, he has been elected an alternate delegate from Michigan to the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates.

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the jaw and fists of the sleeping baby also relaxed, and she slept onger than she had ever slept. Emerson has treated thousands of parents and professionals using what he refers to as "fail-safe techniques." The local workshop will also include treatment demonstrations. The results of reliving your birth are amazing, said McGinnis, adding that it has helped reverse her dyslexia.

There have been many things that have been helpful," she said. "But this has been essential. I got my Ph.D., but it almost destroyed me physically, the stress of doing that. Now, I'm reading and writing with near normalcy. The work (Emerson's) has been a modern-day miracle for me.

McGinnis said when she began experiencing memories of being

1943, her recollection was from a baby's perspective. This experience, she said, has also made her feel a closeness with her mother, now deceased, that hadn't been possible before.

Felt estranged

"Earlier experiences left me feeling estranged from her and I don't feel that anymore," McGinnis added. Although her mother always told her her birth was normal, McGinnis later learned it was much more traumatic and was nearly fatal for both.

Since her own revelations, McGinnis has become a disciple, disseminating information about birth trauma and how it affects behavior in children and in the emotions of adults. Signs of birth trauma are crying for otherwise unexplained reasons; an unusually inflexible child; sleep distur-

baby going through intense periods of upset at particular times of the day.

"This is an indication the child is experiencing and trying to communicate about something crying is an attempt to communicate," McGinnis said. "They're crying to let the adults know there is something the matter. If a baby cries for a supposed unknown reason, we need to look at what they are trying to communicate.

"Maybe they're trying to communicate something about something they are remembering at birth or an earlier experience.

For the most part, a natural birth results in much less trauma to the infant, she said, because there is less intervention with anesthesia, forceps and monitoring. "Of course, there are

But there are also many times these are used more out of habit, or out of an attempt to control legal risks."

When revisiting the birth, the child and adult can receive messages that they aren't alone and that people do care about what

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

ment of diabetes. Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. \$75 fee, call to register (734) 655-8940.



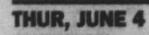
Botsford educator Judy Byersdord will talk about the many benefits of infant massage. Free from 12:30-2 p.m. at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital (West Addition Conference Room B). Guest speaker, Linda DeVore, R.D., CDE, will discuss the use of antioxidants/herbs. Registration required. Call (734) 655-1100.

BREAST HEALTH CLINIC

St. Mary Hospital will hold a Breast Health Clinic from 4-6 p.m. in the Marian Women's Center. A physician will perform a complete breast examination and provide instructions on how to perform a breast selfexamination for a \$21 fee. Call to register (734) 655-1100.



HEALTHY COOR Botsford will show you how you can eat well and healthy too. 7 p.m. \$6 fee, preregistration required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 477-6100.

JUST FOR DADS CLASS

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a class for new and expectant fathers, Just for Dads, Childbirth and Beyond, from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Call (734) 655-1100.

SAT, JUNE 6

HOMEOPATHY & ADD

Afraid of Ritalin or other stimulant drugs for a child with ADD/ADHD. Learn what options homeopathy can provide with the use of remedies effectively and safely. From 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Westland Med-Max, 35600 Central City Parkway (734) 458-7100.

McGinnis at 28110 Inkster Road. outs. There are discounts for cou-Southfield, Mich. 48034-5632 ples and full-time students. A before the event. The cost of the deposit of \$150 is required to regthree-day workshop is \$350 and ister. For more information, call includes two lunches and hand-McGinnis at (248) 356-1219.

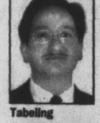


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DIABETES EDUCATION A five-week series of sessions (begins June 1, 2, 3) is planned

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to help you "Live Well With Dia-betes". Physician referral is required. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-4330.

TOPS CLUB

TOPS Club, Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Monday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh in Livonia. Call Marilynn at (734) 464-2844.

PATHWAYS TO PARENTING

Offers the opportunity for new mothers to network, share concerns and gain information. June 3 - Infant Massage; July 1 - Dental Awareness As Your Baby Grows; August 5 - Reading To Your Baby. Call Botsford at (248) 477-6100

HEART PALS

Support offered for cardiac patients and/or their significant others which will meet at 7 p.m. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call 458-4330 (Garden City Hospital).

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Six-week course explores all

areas of diabetes self-care; day

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DIABETES EDUCATION CLASS

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT

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Emerson works on transforming that "trauma."

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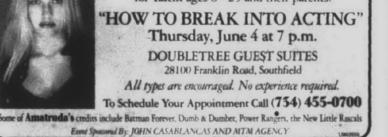
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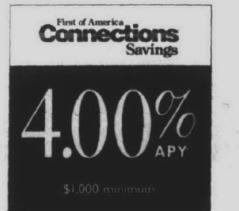
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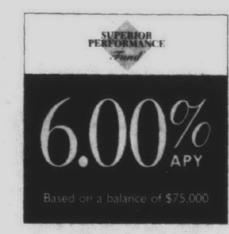
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Cop tales from cyberspace

One of the TALK things I enjoy most about reporting on the Internet is collecting stofrom ries cyberspace. There seemingly no

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end to how useful the Net can be when we need information fast.

Take the case of a friend of mine named Fred Moore, who spends a lot of time on the road. It happened early one morning on a road trip to Texas.

The motel switchboard put the call through a half hour before Fred Moore's scheduled wake-up call at 7:30 a.m. On the other end of the line was one of his top clients. The client was panicking.

The client's in-house Intranet, a sort of internal version of the World Wide Web that links sales offices, employees and inventory data bases to a central server, had crashed. Further, at four that afternoon, the company's CEO was scheduled for a demonstration of the Intranet. He desperately needed Moore, a computer consultant from Rochester Hills who set up the Intranet and sold the hardware that made it work.

"Can you come ... please?" begged the client. "If we had a company jet, I'd send it. How soon can you get here.'

Moore was in the middle of a sales trip, staying near Kerrville, Texas, about 250 miles from the customer's Houston. office. There was no choice. He'd be there, he said, before noon

As he started the in-room coffee percolator, Moore pulled out the laptop from his briefcase and plugged in the telephone jack. He connected to a site called MapQuest (www. mapquest.com), clicking on any option called TripQuest. He typed in his starting point, San Antonio, and his destination,

Houston. In seconds, precise travel details appeared. Not only was there a map but

step-by-step written instructions also appeared on his

At the posted 70 miles-an-hour speed limit, Moore figured it would take him close to four hours, maybe a bit more because of Houston traffic. If he hit the road by 8 a.m., the best he could do after showering, packing the car and then canceling and rescheduling the appointments he already had for the day, it was going to be touch and go to get on site by his promised noon arrival time.

Unless he could maybe push that speed limit a bit along eastbound I-10. Now Fred's not a reckless kind of guy. But this day, he needed to move

Whether he could or not would depend on what another site told him. Called the National Speedtrap Register, (www.speedtrap.com/speedtrap/) it receives and disseminates reports of particularly heavy traffic enforcement emailed in by Net-using drivers.

Moore scrolled down a list of the states, clicking on Texas. And then he scrolled down the reports, looking for information on his main route, I-10. There were four items that applied to the route he'd be driving.

Advised the Web site: I-10 near Kerrville. TxDPS patrol heavily! If you successfully evade one radar and pass his car, DO NOT speed up! They work in pairs, one about 1/2 mile behind the other to catch people who speed up after passing the first cop.

I-10 near San Antonio. During many trips from west Texas to San Antonio, I frequently saw cars being pulled over between Kerrville and San Antonio along eastbound I-10. The cops are often in the flow of traffic, so it pays to stay alert.

Seguin along I-10. Beware of those seemingly innocent bushes planted in the median. They are placed to hide police radar.

Closer to his destination, the site warned: Houston: I-10 (Katy Freeway) westbound feeder, between the Highway 6 exit and Highway 6 itself. The distance between the exit and Hwy 6 is quite long, and it's easy to let your speed creep up to freeway levels. During rush hours, Houston police will park their Camaros just before Hwy 6 in groups of 2 or 3.

Moore wasn't done yet. He went to another area of the site, called "The WWW Cop Car Reg-istry." Again, he scrolled down a listing of the various states until he found Texas. There, he learned that Mustangs, **Camaros and Crown Victorias** were the cars most used by police agencies in the jurisdictions he'd be traveling through.

The next step was to make sure he knew how to get to his customer's office from I-10. He pulled down a bookmark from his Netscape browser and clicked on BigBook (www.bigbook.com), which bills itself as "a whole new kind of Yellow Pages.

Typing in the name of his client's business, he watched as the BigBook site quickly displayed the street address and phone number and a detailed map of the immediate half-mile square area around the location. "I don't mean to sound like a wild and crazy driver," says Moore. "Because I am not. I am extremely careful and have an excellent driving record. However, on that morning, I had a very important client who desperately needed me to solve a crisis.

"I arrived about a half-hour before noon and was a hero. The Web didn't allow me to circumvent any laws, it just told me where I needed to be extra careful on my hurried trip to Houston. Then it vectored me in as precisely as an air traffic controller brings in jumbo jets for landings."

It's another neat story from cyberspace.Do you have one? Send it along at my Web site: http://www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Business-related calendar items are welcome from the Observer area and should be sent to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

MON, JUNE 1 MICROSOFT CERTIFICATION

Lawrence Technological Univer-sity's Department of Continuing **Education and Professional** Development will be offering courses that follow the Microsoft **Certification Program Career** Track. The summer program is scheduled to start June 1. A series of six courses will be offered. Call LTU, (248) 204-4050

SUBURBAN WEST BPW

President Denise Allen will be presenting her thoughts after dinner on the upcoming year and she will be soliciting groups input. We will not meet in July and August. Holiday Inn Livonia, N. Laurel Park (I-275 and Six Mile). Call Eunice Taylor (313) 254-9617.

WED, JUNE 3

BUSINESS NETWORK INT. BNI regular meeting 7-8:30 a.m.

Laurel Park Chapter, Richards Restaurant, Plymouth & Newburgh. For more information call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

FRI, JUNE 5

BUSINESS NETWORK INT.

The Canton Chapter of Business Network International will host a Kick-Off meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. at The Summit at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Center and Palmer in Canton. Breakfast fee \$5-10.

BUSINESS NETWORK INT.

BNI regular meeting 7-8:30 a.m., Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. For more information call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

This column highlights promo-tions, transfers, hirings and

other key personnel moves with-

in the suburban business com-

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nia 48150. Our fax number is

Patricia Vier of Westland,

has been appointed manager of

Member Services at the health

maintenance organization Great

Lakes Health Plan. Vier will

supervise a staff of six. She will

be responsible for the day-to-day

management of Member Ser-

vices call center operation, which

responds to education and bene-

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Rosanne Kosko of Westland

has been named among the top

three consultants in sales for all'

of 1997 by PartyLite Gifts Inc., a

direct sales marketer of candles

and candle accessories. Kosko

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Vier promoted

and providers.

PartyLite honors

ranged among the top three for her personal sales during 1997. She started her career with PartyLite in 1996 and is now a team leader.

Marx promoted

Denise E. Marx of Livonia has been promoted from production estimator to production manager at Moffat McGuire, a Detroit marketing design and services company for over 25 years.

Marx will manage various proects from inception to completion. "The challenge, excitement and growth opportunity in this position make coming to work a daily pleasure," said Marx.

KKU&E employees

Kemp, Klein Umphrey & Endelman, P.C. announced Ronald S. Nixon of Westland and Kristin Smith of Livonia have joined the firm. Nixon will practice in varied areas of litigation. Smith focuses her practice in family law, litigation and probate.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Marketplace features a glimpse of suburban business news. Items for Marketplace should be submitted to Observer Newsmation." papers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. The fax number is (734) 591-7279.

New company

The Service Connection, a new Livonia company located on Stark Road, will be providing a link between local companies to help the general public decide on a qualified contractor. "We will be supplying background information on the following service industries: carpet cleaning, upholstery cleaning, floor/tile cleaning, plumbing, roofing, resident, commercial and construction cleaning, landscaping, remodeling of offices/homes and tree services," said Tina Ruark, The Service Connection, president

"This list of services is by no means the only clients that we will have on file, but it gives you an idea of the most popular: requests for background infor-

Other industry clientele include window, blind and ventilation cleaning. Telemarketing, direct mailing, direct faxing and corporate newsletters will be offered to companies that sign on with The Service Connection. For more information about the services provided by The Service Connection (direct sales/marketing) call (800) 287:

0883 or fax inquiries to (734) 421-2724.

Quantum expands

Plymouth-based Quantum Controls Inc. has established a Houston-based subsidiary called Quantum Automation Inc. QAI will provide manufacturing and process control solutions throughout Texas and Louisiana.





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Travel

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Sunday, May 31, 1998

Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan WHAT: Membership \$10 a year. Friends donating \$25 or more receive a free CD recorded at a concert featuring Azerbaijan sopranos Fidan and Huraman Kasimova with tenor Dino Valle and the Livonia Symphony Orchestra last September in Orchestra Hall. Members who renew and new members receive a "La Traviata" button, the fourth in a series commemorating each of Giuseppe Verdi's operas. For more information, call Zaretti at (734) 455-8895. **Upcoming Events:**

To celebrate the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan's 10th anniversary; the nonprofit organization presents a concert featuring soprano Irina Mishura with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Italian American Club in Livonia. Tickets are \$15. Call (734) 455-8895 for tickets.

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan will also sing in concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, with the Redford Civic Symphony at Bell Creek Park in Livonia. Admission is free

Opera lover helps nurture talent in others

ohn Zaretti discovered his love for vocal music while growing up in Parma, Italy. The Canton Township resident sang in a church in the region where Verdi made opera a household word.

"People used to shuck the corn and would sing constantly," said Zaretti. "We'd go from one family's home to another, shucking and singing. This was the home of Toscanini and Verdi. We went to little piazzas to hear concerts in the summer. My father took me to visit Verdi's birthplace. All led to my love of music."

When Zaretti arrived in New York as a teenager, he didn't have many friends. Instead, he bought standing room only tickets to see the Metropolitan Opera. Back in 1956, a concert ticket cost \$1.50.

With this background in music, it was only natural that Zaretti would support and promote Italian vocal music in his adult years. "Vocal music is the best instrument," said Zaretti. "It's the human instrument."

Native art: Joyce Tinkham, a Nisga'a Indian and one of the artists exhibiting work at the Woodland Indians Trading Center and Gallery, created the vest she's wearing.

Native artists catch Redford dream odiand Indi-

ans Trading Com-pany and Gallery WHERE: 26161 West Six Mile, (between Inkster

and Beech Daly). Redford, For information, call (313) 387-5930. HOURS: 11 a.m to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday until 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Special event Corn husk doll workshop with Nisga'a Indian Joyce Tinkham noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 14. Fee is \$5. Make your own dreamcatcher with Andrea and Truman White noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 20. Fee: \$10.

the Great Lakes area comes true. According to American Indi-Several months ago while others scoffed at the idea of opening an an folklore, the art gallery in Redford, Mendoza dreamcatchers hanging in the thought why not. A graduate of Redford Union High School, Menwindow of the doza began stocking the shelves of Woodland Indi-Center and consigned by a consortium of Gallery in Red-Native artists and traders from the gallery's original location in ford, are meant to let good Detroit dreams in and A portion of the proceeds from the sales of the medicine bags, bufbad falo jaws and rattles, beadwork by Amanda Karen Rossi, an Ojibwe living in Mendoza, an Redford; watercolors by Joyce Tin-Ojibwe Indian, kham, a Nisga'a; porcupine quill invites the pubbox and soapstone box engraved with a bear, beaded purses and lic to join her in squash blossom necklaces from a Andrea (Ojibwe) and Truman dreamcatcher (Oneida) White, owners of Turtle during a workshop Saturday. Island Living Art, and pho-tographs by S. Kay Young, a Cherokee, go to benefit the Turtle Island Learning Circle, a Native American-based public school academy,

and Indian World, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the metro Detroit Indian community.

"We want to get different artists and traders together for a common goal," said Mendoza. "Our concept Pow Wow all the t



Opera on the Air

In 1979, his managerial position with an airlines brought him to Michigan where he became friends with tenor/radio host Dino Valle. The two shared microphone duties on the "Opera On the Air" program at WCAR for five years.

In 1988, they founded the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan to promote appreciation for Italian music and the Italian language. The nonprofit organization produces several concerts a year.

As part of its mission to expose future generations to opera, the Verdi Opera Theatre gives lectures, presentations and performances to students in Westland, Plymouth and Canton schools

Four years ago, Zaretti approached the board of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan to produce a vocal contest to promote vocal talent in Michigan high school students.

Contest winner

Caitlin Lynch, a senior at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, is glad he did. Lynch won first prize (\$1,000) in the fourth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan high school students on May 3. This was the second time Lynch placed first in a vocal competition. The first was earlier this spring when she won the Birmingham Musicale scholarship.

"I was really suprised to win," said Lynch of Bloomfield Hills. "It was a wonderful honor."

Lynch said she will use the prize money to attend the University of Michigan School of Music in September. She also received a \$1,000 scholarship through Interlochen for the University of Michigan. Lynch thinks the fact her mother,

Mary Callaghan Lynch, is a profes sional opera singer, and her dad. Pat. is active in community theater influenced her decision to seek a career in the entertainment field.

"I've been singing forever," said Lynch. "My dream is to sing at the Metropolitan Opera." A record number of 50 students

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from as far away as Marquette entered the competition, sponsored by Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan and the Italian American Cultural Society, y submitting audio tapes of two Ital-

ian classical songs or opera arias. Ten finalists were chosen to perrm May 3 at the Italian Amer Cultural Community Center in War-ren. Lynch sang Gluck's "O del mio dolce ardor" and Rossini's "La Promessa" before judges Karen Van-

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June 20. Mendoza will be hoping her dream of running a successful gallery devoted to art works by Indians from

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instead of waiting for Pow Wow season. We have fiber arts, painting, ceramics, jewelry and photography. There's an eclectic mix."

The gallery, formerly known as the North American Indian Art Gallery and Trade Center, opened in December of 1997 at an office complex at Six Mile and Telegraph in Detroit. An off-shoot of Indian World, the Woodland Indians Trading Company and Gallery moved to Redford in April. Mendoza and other members of the Woodland Indians Trading Company originally founded the gallery to share the products of Jan Longboat, herbalist and owner

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Gallery offerings: This squash blossom necklace, carved kachina, and smoked porcelain vessel, are a) few of the items made by North American Indians.

Economics of culture hot topic at Mackinac Island conference

Maybe it's the plush Grand Hotel setting on the historic island at the passage of lakes Michigan and Huron, Perhaps it's the notion that there's a pleasant ferry trip to the mainland standing between them and day-to-day office pressures.

Whatever the reason, political, civic and business leaders at this weekend's annual Mackinac Conference, sponsored by the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, are sounding uncharacteristically like arts advocates

Unlike in past years when discussions focused on job creation and diversifying the regional economy, this year the major debates pertain to improving the quality of life and cultural amenities in metro Detroit.

With the combination of the fledgling entertainment hub in downtown Detroit and a reduction in public funds

to cultural institutions, the thrust of the discussion among the state's top political and business leaders is - what else? - arts funding.

The timing, some contend, couldn't be better.

After nearly two years of a logjam on the implementation of a tri-county cultural tax, there's definite movement on

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What: Senate Bill 1136 designed to establish a metropolitan region council to levy a property tax up to .5 mill. Net revenue would be earmarked for cultural institutions, arts groups and recreational facilities within tri-county area.

Status: Introduced in the Michigan Senate by Sen. Michael Bouchard (R-Birmingham) For an analysis of the bill, call the Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency, (517) 373-5383.

FILM

Gulf War Syndrome docu-drama looks eerily familiar



Smoking gun? Actual war footage is included in the docudrama that explores the struggle of veterans suffering from Gulf War Syndrome.

In the span of weeks during January 1991, a tidy aerial bombing campaign disabled the Iraqi army occupying Kuwait. Soon, the U.S. military's high-tech tactical efficiency during the short-lived Gulf War was widely praised. Accordingly, bellicose rhetoric and victory parades followed.

For many veterans, however, the real war began when they returned home. And the enemy became an all-toofamiliar behemoth - the U.S. Pentagon.

The onging struggles of Gulf War vet-erans suffering from mysterious postbattle illnesses, known as Gulf War Syndrome, is the subject of Showtime's controversial "Thanks of a Grateful Nation," which airs tonight and Thurs-

day, June 11. While soldiers began complaining of chronic fatigue, rashes, headaches and digestive problems shortly after returning from the Persian Gulf, it wasn't

until then Democrat U.S. senator from Michigan Don Riegle conducted formal investigations that there was an eerie sense of history repeating itself.

"When we began getting into our investigation, it was 'We've been here before," said Riegle, referring to the Pentagon's reluctance to admit that U.S. soldiers in Vietnam were exposed to agent orange, a toxic herbicide.

Riegle of Birmingham retired in 1994 after serving three terms in the senate and five terms in the House of Representatives. He currently serves as deputy chair of Shandwick International, a worldwide public relations firm with a local office in Southfield.

"If Colin Powell or Swartzkoff were sick with Gulf War Syndrome you could bet that cost would be no object," he said.

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Deadly vapors: Although U.S. soldiers have proven that they were exposed to toxic chemicals during the Persian Gulf War; the Pentagon has been reluctant to confirm the veterans' claims.

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derkloot-DiChiera (composer, writer, educator and director of Michigan Opera Theatre's community programs department), John Guinn (music critic), and George Shirley (Metropolitan Opera tenor and voice professor at the University of Michigan). After the concert, the judges requested meetings with each of the vocalists to provide feedback and encouragement to continue developing their talent.

Shining examples

"These students are shining examples of musical excellence in their schools," said Zaretti. "We honor them with this competition by calling attention to their talent and to the good things occurring in education. By doing this we are also sending a message that we highly hold their talents and we encourage and support them in their development.

Second place (\$300) went to Melissa Clairmont of Chelsea High School, and third (\$200) to Jeremy Peters, Traverse City West High School

High merit prizes of \$50 went to Natalie Ross, Churchill High School, Livonia; Juli Baraily, Okemos High School; Audrey Dillon, Interlochen Arts Academy; Tara Lee, Edsel Ford High School, Dearborn; Jennifer Meggitt, Bedford High School, Temperance; Claire Molloy, Grosse Pointe South High School, and Lindsay Wills, Traverse City West High School.

We must give a lot of credit to vocal teachers in the schools for exposing them to this competition and to discovering the full extent of their vocal abilities."



Winning voice: Caitlin Lynch, a student at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, won first prize in the fourth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan high school students May 3.

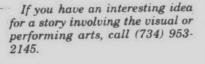
The competition encourages them and gives them opportunities to showcase their talent. Very few competitions exist at high school level for classical music. Young people should be encouraged to start early."

Seeking new members

Free

22nd Annual Livonia

Money for the competition is raised throughout the year through membership in the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan and donations from sponsors. "We're looking for new members and volunteers," said Zaretti. "The idea is to get many members and for them to support our events.'





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of Earth Healing Herb Farm located at Six Nations Reserve in Ontario with the community. The herbs and teas are grown and gathered in the traditional way as developed by the original inhabitants of the woodlands regions.

Since then a variety of arts and crafts, and gift baskets of wild rice, dried hominy corn, homemade raspberry jam, and pure maple syrup in a handmade birch bark basket from the White Earth Land Recovery Project in Minnesota have been added.

"We went to Pow Wows and started meeting artists and traders," said Mendoza. "The gallery is special because all of us, we're a really good mix. It goes to show different tribes can work together for a common good."

A flower shop since the 1960s, the building was in desperate need of repair before the gallery could move in. Friends and family spent many long hours tearing down walls and putting up a ceiling. Mendoza is having a sidewalk sale June 12-14 to sell the baskets and vases left behind by the floral business.

Gallery offerings

In addition to a painting of petroglyphs, Tinkham stitches up pillows, hats and vests for the gallery.

"The art is something we wanted to do for a long time,"

said Tinkham, vice president of Indian World and a teacher at the Turtle Island Learning Circle, a school for grades 6-10.

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"The public should know the Indians in this area and know their traditions in the Great Lakes area and East Coast," said Tinkham as she pointed to a beaded headband with floral design. "Before we did beads it was moose hair embroidery for regalia."

Walking through the gallery with Mendoza and Tinkham is an educational experience. Mendoza explains there are four sacred plants used for cleansing and ceremonial purposes tobacco. cedar, sage, and sweet grass, and all are available at the trading center and gallery.

There are pipestone pipes from Minnesota and a sculpture of three sisters," said Mendoza. "The three sisters represent corn, bean and squash, our staples. This is what was here originally."

"Eagle Dancer," a Hopi kachina carved from a single piece of wood, black ash woven baskets by Oneida Indian Katie Sickles, dance shawls from Oklahoma, and books on Indian herbalogy,

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"But when it's the rank and file it's a different matter. They are prisoners of war in our country," said Riegle.

Initially, the Pentagon explained the ailments as side effects from the anti-nerve-agent pills which troops were ordered to take.

Popular speculation is that soldiers were exposed to low levels of serin, a nerve gas carried by southern winds from Iraqi chemical plants that were bombed by U.S. planes.

As the investigation broadened, Pentagon estimates of the number of soldiers possibly affected increased from a few hundred to 20,000. Riegle estithat it's prob

What: "Thanks Of A Grateful Nation," a drama based on the official investigation into the U.S. military's denial of soldiers' exposure to toxic chemical weapons during the Persian Gulf War

When: 8 p.m. Sunday, May 31, and 9 p.m. Thursday, June 11

Cable television: Showtime Cast: Brian Dennehy (as Sen. Don Riegle), Ted Danson, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Steven Weber, Matt Keeslar and Marg Helgenberger

Riegle is quick to point out the

dance and history fill the gallery along with barrettes and earrings by Rossi and ceramic skulls and dreamcatchers by Cathy Wurn of Redford.

Amanda Mendoza

Gallery owner

"We're trying to get a lot of different things in, but can't invest a lot of money so all of the art is on consignment," said Mendoza. "If people are looking for something in particular, I'll search for it. Also, we're still looking for more Native Indian artists."

In addition to merchandise, the gallery offers demonstrations by artists periodically and tarot card readings Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. The next demonstration on making corn husk dolls with Tinkham takes place Thursday, June 14.

"Everyone's familiar with arts and crafts by Southwest Indians but not Woodlands Indians," said Mendoza. "We want an outlet for people to learn. The readings are different because they're Native American readings.

Eventually, Mendoza hopes to add beads and bead making supplies to the gallery's stock.

"Our dream is for this to be a working gallery where people can come in to see this done."

Presser Story," "Cocoon," "Gorky Park").

Unlike more traditional documentaries, the docu-drama format takes viewers into the intimate situations of those suffering with Gulf War Syndrome.

Yet, at times, the transition from real-life to re-enactment can be jarring. That is a minor criticism since the purpose of the docu-drama isn't solely cinemat-

Without apologies, "Thanks of a Grateful Nation" is a catharsis for Gulf War veterans, and stinging indictment of a government that turns away from the same people who stood in the line of its defense.

"I never imagined that they'd make a movie," said Riegle. "But this is a way to help the American public understand what's happened to many veterans. "All that was heard after the war was 'We won, we won," said Riegle. "When these vets went to the VA hospitals, they were told nothing was wrong with them. But their lives were taken away. Only if the Pentagon faces the facts and "comes clean," according to Riegle, will there not be a likelihood that a situation like Gulf War Syndrome will occur again. As a politician, he recognizes the potential of "Thanks to a Grateful Nation" to compel the American public to demand answers "Public opinion is a very, very powerful tool in this country."

"There was always a concern

about representation on the

board, and the distribution of

funds," said Steve Weikal, direc-tor of Oakland County's Office of

The current bill includes veto

authority and mandates one-

third of the revenues to go back

to communities where the tax

"This is not considered as a

substitute for public arts fund-

ing," said Anne Masterson, com-

munications director of Detroit

Renaissance, a private civic

group established in the after-

math of the 1967 riots to pro-

mote the shared cultural inter-

Detroit Renaissance has spear-

headed the initiative to increase

funding for cultural institutions.

Masterson anticipates that the

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ness pow-pow proves that there are unmistakable signs that the

arts are no longer viewed as tan-gential to the regional economy,

"Although there's nothing on the formal agenda (at the Mack-inac Conference), there's the

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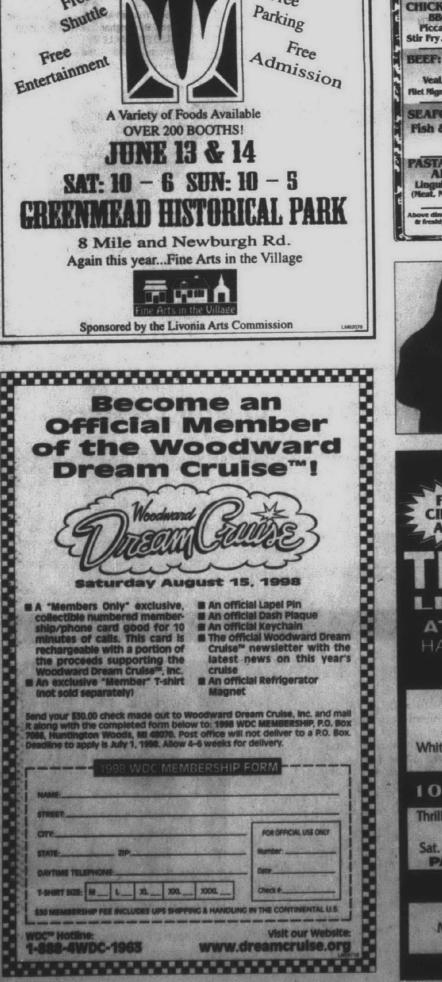
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The Pentagon's reluctance to admit that soldiers may have been exposed to toxic chemicals is a combination of stonewalling, and an unwillingness to pay health benefits to injured soldiers, said Riegle.

In addition, some claim, if the Pentagon admits the devastating consequences to U.S. troops, potential foes such as Iraq, Iran or North Korea might be further encouraged to develop chemical weapons.

Aus Concertante

A Flute/Voice and Guitar Duo

irony. "These biological erms were shipped from the U.S. to Iraq," he said. "That's too embarrassing for the Pentagon."

Power of public opinion

"Thanks of a Grateful Nation" splices heart-wrenching stories of veterans speaking on camera along with re-enactments of those coming to grips with bizarre ailments. In some cases, new borns born to Gulf War veterans suffered grotesque deformities.

The combination of actual war footage, testimonials and reenactments gives "Thanks of a Grateful Nation" a chilling realism. Included in the re-enactments are the congressional hearings chaired by Riegle, who is portrayed by longtime actor Brian Dennehy ("The Jackie

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the issue.

A reworked bill proposed recently by state Sen. Michael Bouchard (R-Birmingham) would amend the Metropolitan Council Act, which established a board to oversee the disbursement of tax revenues generated by a millage. Voters would have to approve of any mill increases.

"The clock ran out on the tricounty tax," said Bouchard. "This new bill is more politically viable."

Cultural tax

In theory, however, the intent of a plan for a cultural tax for a .5 mill property assessment remains intact. The funds would be earmarked to cover operating expenses at the region's 14 tier-one cultural institutions, such as the DIA, Meadow Brook, Cranbrook art and science museums and the Detroit Zoo

Bouchard's bill addresses litical realities. For instance, Oakland County officials, who were publicly skeptical of the tri-county tax proposal, are now eager to discuss the details of the revised plan.

In the state's most affluent county that would generate nearly one-half of the estimated \$40 million tax revenue, county officials wanted assurances that they'd have more than one-third ntation on the oversight

teworthy Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVALS

LIVONIA ARTS FESTIVAL 22nd annual fine arts festival includes more than 200 artists, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, June 13, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 14. Free shuttle, parking and admission. Greenmead Historical Park, 8 Mile and Newburgh Road.

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Limited number of booth spaces for artists and crafters in the 7th Annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest '98, June 20-21, Call (734) 453-3710.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Long Meadow School is looking for new crafters to join craft show, held in mid October. For an application, (248) 375-0680. And crafters are also'sought for a juried exhibit at Detroit's official 297th birthday party, Saturday, July 25. For info. (313) 833-1405. **MARYGROVE AUDITIONS FOR**

DANCE FEST

12 p.m. Sunday, May 31 auditions will be held to win scholarships to the Summer School for the Performing Arts Festival of Dance, held June 22-July 18. 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit; (734) 927-1230.

MICHIGAN THEATRE & DANCE TROUPE

Open auditions through August. Dancers 16 years old and older. Auditions by appointment on Saturdays beginning at 2 p.m.; (248) 552-5001. RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR Auditions on Monday, June 8 for the 1998-99 season, which includes Carmina Burana, Handel's Messiah Twenty-five members of RAckham Symphony choir will also be selected to perform in the Michigan Opera Theatre's "Turandot" in the fall. For an appointment, call (313) 341-3466.

TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS

Seeks a chorus director for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday evening rehearsals from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 165, Troy, MI 48099. (248) 879-0138

BENEFIT

A fund raiser to benefit Lighthouse of Oakland County 6 p.m. Sunday, May 31 at the Somerset Collection, South Rotunda. Photographers include Brittany Bardo, Roland McKay, Jenny Risher, John Sobczak and Glenn Triest. Tickets: \$50 in advance; \$55 at door.

Mon.-Friday. Formerly known as the

CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

"Family Art Adventures," a series of 5 three-hour art adventures on the next consecutive Sundays beginning May 31. Participants will tour galleries, visit studios of artists and create their own artwork. Call Sally Kaplan, (248) 644-

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

Spring classes, including drawing, sculpture and painting. Children's classes included drawing and cartooning. painting, mask-making, arts and crafts and printmaking. Teen and adult classes include beaded jewelry, ceramics, photography, Chinese brush painting and blues guitar. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

31, Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps Road; (248) 693-4633.

DSO SEASON FINALE

Lela Josefowicz will perform the Glazunov Violin Concerto with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 10:45 a.m. & 8 p.m. Friday, June 5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 576-5111.

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Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra's "Celebration Concert," 7 p.m. Sunday, June 14, featuring violinist

HAMMELL MUSIC

David Syme in concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 10. 4110 Telegraph Road south of Long Lake, Bloomfield

Rochester; (248) 651-3656. SYBARIS GALLERY

June 6 - "Contemporary International Ceramics Group Invitational," through July 11. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388. REVOLUTION

June 10 - "Hot," a summer group exhibit featuring painting, sculpture, works on paper and ceramics of 15 artists. Through July 25. 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

BOOK BEAT

Through May 31 - "The Garden: Recent photographs, collages and paintings by Jeffrey Silverthorne." 26010 Greenfield Road, Oak Park; (248) 968-1190.

DECORATIVE ADDITIONS

Through May 31 - "Photography of Maureen Electa Monte." Adams Square Building, 725 S. Adams Road, Birmingham; (248) 594-0826.

DIA

Through May 31 - "Detroit Public Schools Student Exhibit," featuring works of 500 students. 5200 Woodward, Detroit: (313) 833-7900.

TROY LIBRARY Through May 31 - Artwork of Kris

Azelis Lamb. 510 Big Beaver, Troy; (248) 524-3538. PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE

Through June 5 - "CHAINART," an exhibit in the main gallery, an installation by Mary Bates in the first floor gallery. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

GALERIE BLUE

Through June 6 - "Garner: New Works." 568 N. Old Woodward Avenue. Birmingham: (248) 594-0472. HABATAT GALLERY

Through June 6 - The geometric, glass sculpture of Jon Kuhn. Opening reception 7:30 p.m. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

HILL GALLERY

Through June 6 - "Wes Mills: Drawings," "Ken Price: Sculpture." 407 W. Brown Street, Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

MOORE'S GALLERY

Through June 6 - "Images of Africa," paintings by Enock Ilunga, Bill Murcko. Shirley Howells and Peter Sibeko. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through June 6 - "Recent paintings by Michigan artist Charles Pompilius." 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

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Through June 20 - "Two Painters," an -"-> exhibit of new paintings by Joseph Bernard and Helen Evans Febbo. 523 N. 7 Old Woodward, Detroit; (248) 647-1 4 30 2552

SHAWGUIDO GALLERY

Through June 20 - 7 p.m., "One of the Ways," works by Lee Stoliar. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-1070.

STUDENT EXHIBIT/CCS

Through June 20 - Annual Student Exhibition. Center for Creative Studies, 201 E. Kirby, Detroit; (313) 664-7464.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through June 21 - "Face to Interface: ' New Media and the Spectator." 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (734) 994-8004. MICH ASSOC. OF CALLIGRAPHERS Through June 29 - In celebration of their 20th Anniversary, the Michigan Association of Calligrapher's is sponsoring an exhibit "Calligraphic Continuum." Exhibit includes juried exhibit of work ... by instructors from around the country, The Galleria, Oakland County Executive Offices, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Through June 30 - "Heavens," featuring." Michigan artists Sargent Eckstein, Bob Jacobson, Karen Klein, Karin Klue, Donella Vogel. 32782 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak; (248) 647-7709.

MILLER'S ART CENTER GALLERY

Through June 30 - Whimsical cityscapes of Thomas Klar. 279 W. Nine-Mile Road, Ferndale; (248) 414-7070. JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN

MUSEUM/GALLERY

Through July 1 - "Emerging Artists Exhibition," including a range of mediums. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

HILBERRY GALLERY

Through July 3 - "Portraits: Susanna Coffey and Richard Lewis." 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through July 4 - "A Visual Dialogue: Fifteen Women Artists." 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909. HALSTED GALLERY

Through July 13 - The work of photog-raphers Olive Cotton, David Moore and Wolfgang Sievers. 560 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 8284.

CENTER GALLERIES

Through July 17 - "Works of Brian Nelson, James Lutomski, Joan Livingstone, Gilda Snowden, Mark Beltchenko, Christine Hagedorn, Robert Bielat, Vincent Massaro, Mary Fortuna and Todd Erickson. Park Shelton Bldg., 15 E. Kirby Street, Ste. 107, Detroit; (313) 874-1955.

Simple rituals: Recent paintings by Michigan artist Charles Pompilius are on exhibit through Saturday at David Klein Gallery, 163 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 433-3700.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

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Kyoko Kashiwagi, pianist Chitose Okashiro. Temple Beth El, 14 Mile Road at Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-2276.

p.m. June 7, June 14. Detroit Opera

1:30 & 3 p.m. every Sunday through summer. A self-guided tour through the gardens at the historic Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3147.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

"A Celebration of Lithography: 20th-Century Expansion and Exploration," 2 p.m. Saturday, June 6; "Pre-Columbian Art," 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7. 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

and Broadway, one block east of Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets: \$18-\$95: (248) 645-6666, or (313) TOURS

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ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

"Summer at the Art Factory," starting June 15 for children ages 6-12. Sessions from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and half days. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (734) 994-8004.

BBAC VISUAL ART CAMP

Two summer art programs for children in grades 1-9: June 22-July 3, and August 10-21. Daily sessions 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866. PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS

COUNCIL

"Kids' Summer Stuff," including ongoing workshop for ages 5-13. Fee: \$8/session. 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth; (734) 416-4ART.

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BEL CANTO CHORAL SOCIETY

Annual Spring Musicale 8 p.m. Monday, June 8 in the main sanctuary of the Congregation Beth Achim, 2100 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 541-0365. JENNY LIND CLUB OF MICHIGAN Is having its 15th anniversary concert featuring Swedish soprano Malin Bystrom and planist Johan Ullen 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10 at the Birmingham Community House, downtown Birmingham. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$5 students. Call (248) 335-4039 or (734) 665-5385.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Spring classes, including watercolor, collage, weaving, bead stringing, photography and stained glass. Summer classes begin June 15. 117 W. Liberty. downtown Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004. ext. 113.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Spring classes include non-objective painting, floral still life, Art Deco Painting: 1920s-1930s. For children: drawing for teens, stone sculpture, bookbinding. Art Camps for children grades 1-9, from June 22-July 3 and August 10-21. Sessions 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

D & M STUDIO'S SUMMER ART CAMP

This year's them, "North to Alaska." Explore Alaskan Territory through draw ings, paintings, paper mache, ceramics and more. Camp runs June-August 14. All classes at Once Upon an Easel, 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton; (734) 453-3710.

LONGACRE HOUSE - ART CLASSES Range of art classes, including watercolor, drawing and collecting pottery. The Longacre House of Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. To register, (248) 477-8404.

MARYGROVE COLLEGE

"Kindermusik Beginnings," a program for children ages 18 months-3 years. Spring term through June 27. 8425 W. McNichols Road, Detroit; (313) 927-1230.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Spring classes for adults and children. Adult courses include basketry, ceramic bead-making, clay, collage, drawing, matting, painting, photography, sculp ture, tapestry and watercolor. COLLAGE WORKSHOP 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Through June 11. SUMMER CLASSES -July 20-August 21 for children from 4 years old. 407 Pine Street, downtown Rochester: (248) 651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Summer classes and workshops. Class size limited to 12 students. Classes include tile making, basic ceramics, hand building, sculpture portraiture, wheel throwing, ceramics for parent and adult. Fees vary. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954. SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY "Artist's Trianble Books and Paste Paper Decorating Workshop" by Fran Krempasky, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 5, Marcotte Room, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield; (248) 948-0479

U-M DEARBORN

Non-credit studio art classes and workshops over 14 weeks through July. Instructors include Susan Kell, Electra Stamelos, Donna Vogelheim, Grace Serra, Kitty Green, Mary Stephenson. For more information, (734) 593-5058. 4901 Evergreen Road, 1165 AB. Dearborn.

CLASSICAL

ORION AREA CULTURAL COUNCIL "Winds of Spring," featuring the Detroit Chamber Winds and the Lake Orion Brass Ensemble, 2 p.m. Sunday, May

Hills: (248) 594-3434

MUSEUMS (OPENINGS)

HENRY FORD

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

June 3 - 4 p.m., "Passages to Innovation," in collaboration with students from Center for Creative Studies. Through Sept. 30. 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, dearborn; (734) 271-1620.

MUSEUMS (ON.GOING)

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN

HISTORY

Through June 21 - "Affirmations," the sculpture of Richard Hunt, through June 30 - "The Life & Times of Paul Robeson," Coleman A. Young Exhibitions Room, 315 E. Warren, Detroit; (313) 259-4109. **KELSEY MUSEUM OF** ARCHAEOLOGY

Through June 30 - "A Victorian's Passion for Egypt: David Roberts, 1796-1864." Roberts' drawings and paintings during his travels through the middle eastern country. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor; (313) 763-3559.

U-M MUSEUM OF ART

Through Aug. 9 - "Traditions in Clay: Chinese Ceramics from the Permanent Collection." 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor;) 764-0395.

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through Aug. 16 - "A Loaded Brush: Recent Paintings by Nancy Brett": through Aug. 16 ~ "Bound & Gagged: The Sculptural Book" through Sept. 6 -*Cranbrook Intimate Space: Photography by Gene Meadows." 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3314.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Through Sept. 30 - "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," produced by the Michigan State University Museum and the Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services: 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-

OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE Porgy & Bess," an American folk opera by George and Ira Gershwin and DuBose and Dorothy Heyward, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 31; 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday June 3-6 & June 10-13; 2 p.m. & 7:30

MUSEUM DOCENTS Volunteers to conduct school tours for

grades 3-1, special pre-school tours and tours to the general public and adult groups. Volunteers receive extensive training, including one-and-a-half days of class per week from September-June. For information, (313) 833-9178.

WRITING

CRANBROOK RETREAT FOR WRITERS

Register for retreat with more than two dozen renowned authors in various length workshops, from 3-7 days. Areas include poetry, fiction, memoir, nonfiction, screenplay and children's book writing. Cost: \$630, 7-day workshop; \$450, 5-day workshop; \$280, 3-day workshop. On campus housing available. For information, (248) 645-3492. Cranbrook Educational Community, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

SOMERSET COLLECTION

May 31 - "Portrait of Hope," a benefit exhibit for the Lighthouse of Oakland County, featuring the fine art photography of local artists. South Rotunda, Beag Beaver Road at Coolidge Road, Troy

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

June 3 - Fourth Annual All Media In-State Invitational Exhibit. Through July 3. 47 Williams Street. Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

June 3 - "Space, Form, Motion," mobile sculptures by Detroit artist Mark Lindquist. Through June 27. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

BBAC

June 5 - "Terry Lee Dill Site Specific Sculpture Installation" in the Robinson Gallery, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook. Birmingham; (248) 644-0866. SHAWGUIDO GALLERY

June 5 - "New Generation: Graduate Student Exhibit in Ceramics & Metals." Through June 27. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac: (248) 333-1070.

CARY GALLERY

June 6 - "Sandy Lentz and Jan Lincoln: Transforming Energies - Five Elements Fire, Air, Earth, Water & Space." Through July 3. 226 Walnut Blvd.,

GALLERY

Through June 12 - "Botanicals II: Florals & Landscapes by Michigan Artists." Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, third floor, Mardigian Library, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn; (734) 593-5058.

UZELAC GALLERY

Through June 12 - "Paintings by Nancy Raitt." 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.13 - 7 p.m., "Nancy Raitt." Uzelac Gallery, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac: (248) 332-5257.

THE ANDERSON GALLERY

Through June 20 - "New Sculpture" by

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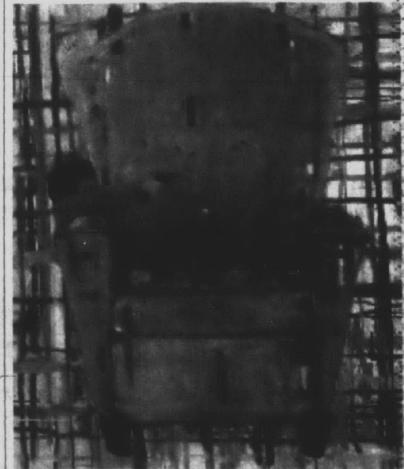
Through July 17 - "Un-defining Sculpture." 300 River Place, Ste. 1650, Detroit; (313) 393-1770.

WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY

Through July 25 - "Toying Memory," approximated objects. 1719 W. 14 Mile Road, Royal Oak; (248) 549-3016.

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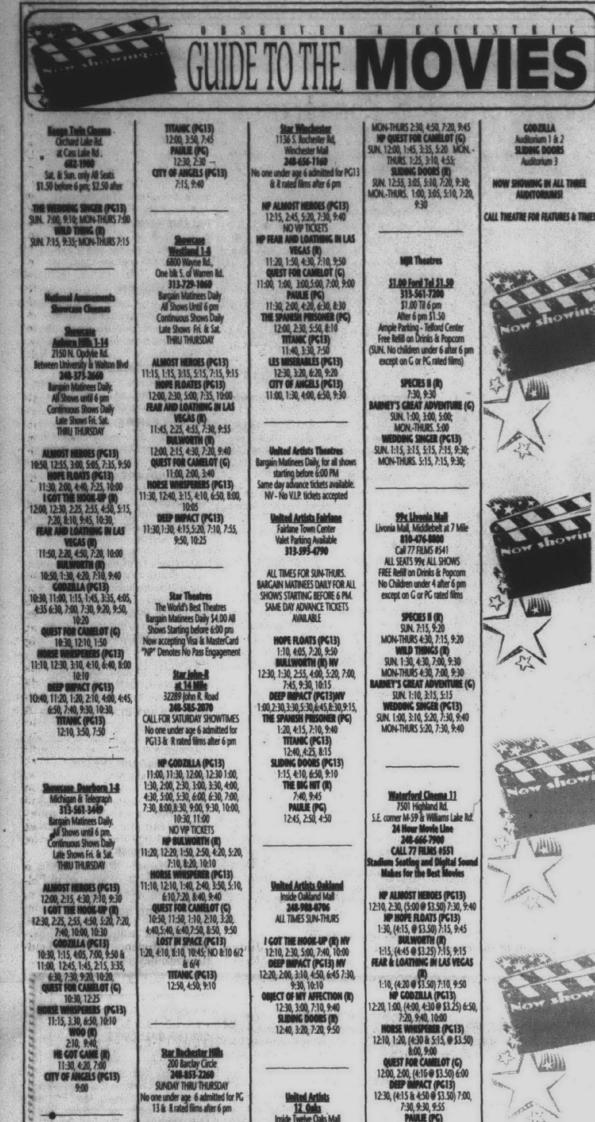
Through Aug. 31 - "Willi's Wine Bar." posters important from the Paris wine bar. 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield; (248) 356-5454.



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BOOKS Gardening mystery good but needs some weeding

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Death of a Political Plant By Ann Ripley (Bantam, \$22.95, 308 pp.)

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This is our heroine, Louise.

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When her charming former sweetheart dies in fishy death in her neighbor's yard, Louise sets out to track down the killer and "Death of a **Political Plant**" avenge his death. In the process, is former Detroiwe meet all manner of suspects. Among them: conservative ter Ann Ripley's presidential candidate, Conthird mystery featuring Wash-

gressman Lloyd Goodrich (and, yes, he bears strong resemblance to Newt Gingrich); Goodrich's campaign strategist, the smiling-but-cadaverous Franklin Rawlings, the Nazi-like Ted French and the baby-faced Willie Upchurch. In addition, there's McCormick's ex-wife, a highpowered D.C. attorney, and an obnoxious reporter named Charles Hurd, who's helping McCormick out with what promises to be one of the political stories of the century. Some rather goofy Perennial Plant Society conventioneers are not above suspicion, either - from the overbearing Tessie Strahan to the the Kohaka koi doctor, Gil Whitson.

Though we don't actually get to see a lot of the capital here (outside of a fun, on-the-spot visit to the famous Rose Garden and the Capitol dining room), readers do get a closeup look at Washington-area lawns and gardens. In fact, you may feel, when you've finished this book, as if you've just completed a minicourse in backyard horticulture. You'll be exposed to everything from toad lilies to thorned mahonia to how to build a water garden, along with the difference between the beautiful-but-costly koi fish and the more affordable golden orfe.

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essays with such catchy titles as The Fishy Things About a Water Garden," "Politically Incorrect Plants, Conceits and Follies" and "Following One's Native Instincts: Natural Gardening Goes Mainstream." Wellwritten and packed with useful information though they may be, they nevertheless, seem oddly out of place here and go further toward slowing and distracting from this story rather than enhancing it.

Other problems include Louise's tendencies toward guilt and motherly long-suffering, which sometimes makes her so maddening you want yearn to give her a good smack and throw this book across the room, and dialogue that sometimes seems rather dated and ill-fitting ("dratted," "moxie," "jalopy" etc.) for middle-aged, middle-class boomers with liberal, forward thinking political tendencies. Ripley also likes to switch viewpoint characters out of the blue, which adds to the confusion occasionally.

Last word: All mystery novel fans can look for Willetta, Heising's new dictionary, "Detecting Men," now in bookstores nationwide. This readers' guide and checklist for mystery series written by men is available for \$29.95 in trade paperback. Heising is the award-winning author of the highly popular directory, "Detecting Women" and "Detecting Women 2." Her offices, Purple Moon Press, are in Dearborn.

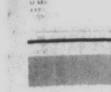
Victoria Diaz is a Livonia free lance writer who specializes in book and theater reviews. You can reach her by voice mail at 953-2045, then press 1854.

Penny Warner and Jeanne Dams sign their mysteries 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 1, at the store. 35167 Grand River, Farmington (248)471-7210.

BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)

Dan Kurzman signs his book "Soldier of Peace: The Life of Yitzhak Rabin,' 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248)737-0004.

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SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thomas Sullivan reads from his book "The Martyring," 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 2; Fran Krempasky conducts workshop on book and paper decorating 10 a.m. Saturday, June 6 (\$5 charge) at the library, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield (248)948-0470. MURDER, MYSTERY & MAYHEM

Ruth Ryan Langan, Marianne Wellman and Jill Gregory sign their books 1 p.m. Sunday, May 31; Dick Swinnerton signs his book "We Passed This Way," 2 p.m. Saturday, June 6; Joyce Golden Seyburn signs her book "Seven secrets to Raising a Happy Healthy Child," 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7 at the store 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills (248)652-0558

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struck me," she said. "It is an actor's duty to inform the audience, as well as enter-tain the audience. This play touches on a lot of great issues, all people should be able to go



out and earn their 'A' in life. It challenges stereotypes about men and women, but it's a really umorous, fun show to go to." Wasserstein's Pulitzer Prize,

Tony Award-winning play, "The Heidi Chronicles," traces the coming of age of Heidi Holland, a successful art historian who makes her way through a rapid-ly changing world from 1965 to 1989. The play begins when Heidi is 17, and ends when she's in her 40s.

All of the cast members, many of them theater majors at the University of Michigan, Univer-sity of Detroit-Mercy, and Oakland University, have been involved in community, educa-tional and professional theater. The cast includes Rebecca Fried

of Southfield as Heidi, Christo-

Thought-provoking drama: Don Milewski (left to right), Rebecca Fried. Christopher Cain and Kevin Hughes (seated) in a scene from "The Heidi Chronicles."

pher Cain of Southfield as Scoop, Kevin Hughes (Peter) and Liz Ebersole of Canton (Susan).

Supporting roles are played by Don Milewski of Farmington Hills (Chris, Ray, Mark, Steve, Waiter), Stephanie Siemeon of Southfield (Becky), Karri Washington of Southfield (Debbie), and Amanda Lange of Farmington Hills (April). Production staff members

include Rembisz, and Gina Guersso of Livonia (stage manager).

Rembisz says you won't want to miss this humorous, thoughtprovoking play, made possible by a talented troupe of young per-

We like to leave our audience with something to think about," said Rembisz. "We also want to entertain them."

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

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The Plymouth Community Arts Council invites the community (businesses, individuals, curiosity seekers) to its continuing "First Wednesday Coffees" 8-10 a.m. Wednesday, June 3 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth. Take this opportunity to get acquainted with the new Teacher Aid Grants, exhibit, and cur-

rent classes and events sponsored by the arts council at the Continental breakfast event on the first Wednesday of every month.

For more information, call (734) 416-4ART.

GLASSWORKS

Plymouth glass artist Don Schneider, who recently expanded his York Street Glassworks in Old Village, exhibited work in the 28th annual Glass Art Societv Conference's International **Glass** Bead Exhibition May 28-31 in Japan. His work is also on display through June 28 at the **Contemporary** Glass Bead and Jewelry Show at the Rockwell Museum in Corning, New York. His Glassworks is at 875 York Street, (north of Liberty) in Plymouth's Old Village. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Sunday to Thursday, or by appointment. Call

(734) 459-6419. SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS

Of Sweet Adelines Internation-

al will perform songs ranging from Broadway to Motown, Big Band and Jazz at the annual St. Aidan Women's Guild Leadership Recognition Dinner, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, at the St. Aidan Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia.

"Admission is a \$10 donation for dinner and entertainment. Reservations requested and available by calling (734) 591-1941 or (734) 453-8736.

This chorus group of women, who've performed throughout the metropolitan Detroit area, have placed first in the last five Regional competitions. In April 1997, they won the title of Region 2 Chorus Champions earning them the opportunity to enter the international competi-

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You be the judge: State Appeals Court Judge and jazz pianist Myron "Mike" Wahls (center) has released a CD featuring the Mike Wahls Trio to benefit cancer research at Henry Ford Health System. To his right, Marion Hayden, bass, to the left George Davidson, drums.

tions in Nashville in November, the month in addition to Fell-1998.

CLASSES RESUME

The Art Gallery/Studio begins classes in "any media" (June 5) and "portrait" (June 10) with Detroit artist Lin Baum in Sheridan Square in Garden City. The "any media" classes run 1-

4 p.m. Fridays for four weeks, portrait classes 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays through July 1. To enroll, call Norma McQueen at (734) 261 - 0379

OPENING RECEPTION

The Livonia Arts Commission hosts a reception to meet Farmington Hills artist Jeri Fellwock 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6 in the fine arts gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. The show continues to June 27.

wock's include The Needlers at Livonia City Hall through June 26 and Mary Ellen Kramer of Wixom's pen and ink drawings to June 29 in the second floor showcases at the Civic Center Library.

ACTING CLASSES

The Theater Guild of Redford-Livonia is offering acting classes for youth in grades K-9 beginning Saturday, June 20 through July 25, at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford.

Classes for grades K-2 are 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., grades 3-6 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and grades 7-9 noon to 1:15 p.m.

Students will learn the basics of different acting styles, warmups and improvisation in classes with Sharon Neal, a teacher at Orchard Hills Elementary School. They will do an audition Arts commission exhibits for at the end of the course and a

performance for their friends and family.

Tuition is \$45. You must register before June 13. For more information, call Blanche Graham at (313) 537-4145.

VISITING MUSICIANS

The big band JazzAgain and Choral Group from Flensburg, Germany will visit Livonia June 23-27 as part of the Blue Lake International Exchange program. While in Livonia, both groups will perform at the Spree celebration. The 20 member jazz band and 12 member choir will stay in private homes in the Livonia area.

Bill Cameron, a Livonia Rotarian, is chairman of the committee that is making arrangements

for the group's visit. Group members range in age from 13-20, and all speak English. Anyone interested in hosting one or two of the group members can call Bill or Olga Cameron (313) 522-2643 for information.

ART CAMPS

D & M Studio's Once Upon An Easel presents its eighth annual summer art camp June 22 through Aug. 14 at 8691 North Lilley, at Joy Road, Canton. For information, call (734) 453-3710.

This year's theme is "North to Alaska- the Iditarod." Explore the great Alaskan territory through drawing, painting, papier machè, pastel, charcoal, sand art, ceramics, printmaking, weaving, wood painting, jewelry, cartooning, foil relief, and more.

There are camps for all age groups from preschool to teen with classes structured for the specific age groups. The fee, ranging from \$65 to \$118, includes t-shirt and all art materials. A children's exhibit takes place after the camps.

D & M Studios will also have preschool and student art camps at Summit on the Park in Canton beginning July 13. Call 395-5110 for registration information.

ART ON THE AVENUE

The Dearborn Community Arts Council and Very Special Arts Michigan will benefit from an "Art on the Avenue" champagne party 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 3 at the Dearborn Atrium Building, Mason and Garrison. Tickets are \$20 and available by calling the Art on the Avenue hotline at (313) 943-3095

The party kicks off a weekend of art activities including a Michigan Avenue Gallery Crawl 4-8 p.m. Friday, June 5, and the Art On the Avenue art fair featuring 90 artists 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 6 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 7. There will also be a free concert showcasing the talents of Thornetta Davis 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6 on the top deck of the Atrium parking structure. Bring a lawn chair.

"YOU BE THE JUDGE"

State Appeals Court Judge and jazz pianist Myron "Mike"

Wahls has released a CD featuring the Mike Wahls Trio to benefit cancer research at Henry

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Ford Health System. "You Be The Judge" was recorded in the Detroit area with guest artists Ursula Walker on vocals and Marcus Belgrave, trumpet. Wahls, who's been treated since 1992 for multiple myeloma at the Henry Ford Health System, raised more than \$155,000 for cancer research at a tribute at Orchestra Hall in 1994.

The CD is \$20 and available by calling (313) 876-1031 or send check or money order payable to Henry Ford Health System to Wahl CD, Office of Philanthropy, 1 Ford Place-5A, Detroit, MI, 48202. \$5 is tax deductible.

STUDIO ART

The Art Museum Project at the University of Michigan-Dearborn is offering non-credit studio art classes and workshops from late May to early August with Electra Stamelos of Livonia; Donna Vogelheim, Farmington; Susan Kell, Rochester Hills; Grace Serra, Oak Park, and Kitty Green, Royal Oak. For a brochure, call (313) 593-5058.

FRIENDS OF POLISH ART

The 50th anniversary Convention of the American Council for Polish Culture hosted by the Friends of Polish Art takes place Tuesday-Saturday, July 7-11 at the Troy Marriott Hotel on Big Beaver near I-75.

Free activities include a mass at the Orchard Lake Schools beginning 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 7. Other activities include a dinner and cabaret entertainment (\$25 per person), 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 8; author luncheons July 9-10 (\$25 each day); a dinner and concert Friday, July 10 (\$15), and a lecture on the amber industry in Poland Saturday, July 11 (\$5). For information, call Mary Ellen Tyska at (810) 575-9279 or Greg Biestek at (313) 822-3379.

The Friends of Polish Art, a group of people interested in Polish history, art and culture, sponsors the Kubinski Art Competition and a Youth Art Competition, and monetary scholarships to students for art and cultural studies.

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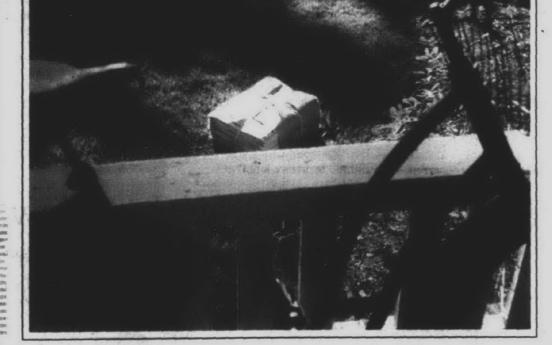
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It's a window shopper's nirvana -- an entire glass-front bay artfully devoted

to Picasso. The sunny space, at 29173

Northwestern Hwy. in Southfield, is

part of the storefront at The Print

Gallery's new location, and it beckons

passersby to stop and explore the nov-

elties within. Owner Diane DeCillis

opened her doors on April 17, after

nearly 20 years in a shop half the size,

dow," says DeCillis as she rearranges

brightly colored Picasso tableware, sta-

tionery and other museum-quality gift

Since The Print Gallery opened in

Southfield in March, 1979, it has been

known for its fine art prints, every-

thing from Matisse reproductions to

vintage movie posters. In her original

location, DeCillis acquired so many

unique gifts, prints and posters (more

than 10,000), that the space overflowed

items that bear the artist's work.

"We'll rotate the artists in the win-

just a parking lot away.

Perk up the patio

BY DONNA MULCAHY SPECIAL WRITER

When it comes to knowing where to buy patio lights, I'm completely in the dark. I'm not talking about landscape lights that you stake in the ground, but strings of lights that you can hang around a covered porch, patio or deck. You know, the kind that look like white Christmas tree lights or colorful plastic Chinese lanterns or cabana lights. Those kind.

Anyway, I had no idea they'd be so hard to find. I searched for them at Sears, Franks Nursery & Crafts, Builders Square,



to buy patio lights at Christmas time when they're easier to find. Oh well. While I was looking for those lights, I came across some other things to help make relaxing outdoors even more enjoyable.

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moral of this story is

If you like sitting around a campfire or cozying up next to a fireplace, then you'd probably like a chiminea. What's a chiminea? It's a Mexican terra cotta fireplace that you can place on your patio or deck. (But please follow the directions carefully and keep children and pets away from it because the exterior can get very hot.)

Chimineas provide welcome warmth on cool evenings, add ambi-

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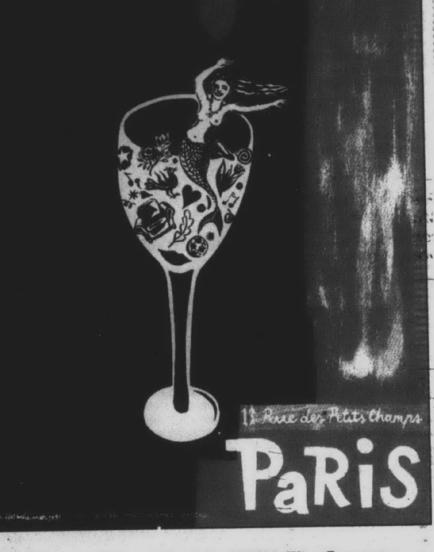
Cozy is quaint but there's something to be said for wide open spaces. And that's just what DeCillis has in her new digs -- a contemporary light-filled gallery with 5,000 square feet of display area.

For her grand opening in June, DeCillis will celebrate in Parisian style. An exhibit of original posters from Willi's Wine Bar in Paris debuts June 1 at the Gallery. The posters are imported directly from the wine bar, an intimate 30-seat bar and restaurant on the fashionable Rue des Petits Champs behind the Palais Royal gardens.

"Each year the enterprising owners of this popular watering hole commission and publish a new poster from a different artist to advertise their establishment," says DeCillis. "The resulting images are always dynamic and bold and are printed in France on a heavy stock of museum-quality paper as stone lithographs or serigraphs."

Many of the posters have become highly collectible, including the original 1984 print by Cassandre from a design he created in 1935, but never used. A collector suggested that this fabulous example of graphic art should be brought to life. Cassandre agreed and Willi's first poster was born in a print run of 2,000.

The artist is chosen each year around grape harvest time, and the images all reflect the ambience of the wine bar. This year's poster, by Sophie Herxheimer, portrays a whimsical drawing of a mermaid emerging from a wine ay folk art lass filled with tiny every objects -- flowers, birds, a shoe, a chair, lips and musical notes.



Spirited image: This year's original Willi's Wine Bar poster debuts at The Print Gallery on June 1.

familiar array of framing materials along one wall, while posters and prints hang dramatically throughout. White-painted bins alphabetically cap-

artist teapots share shelf space with fused glass sushi plates and saucers. "I wanted a little place where guests

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ence and burn aromatic wood to keep mosquitoes away. Estes Park in downtown Rochester is one store that carries them (\$125-\$175). For more information, call Estes Park, which specializes in unique furnishings for the home, cottage and garden, at (248) 656-4443.

Most people know that citronella candles are useful in repelling mosquitoes. But did you know that citronella is a tall aromatic grass grown primarily in Sri Lanka? I didn't, until I read it on a sign at Cost Plus World Market, which has stores in Rochester Hills, Westland and a new location in Troy, opening June 4.

You can find citronella candles in a variety of whimsical shapes, sizes and colors, at stores like Cost Plus World Market, Pier One Imports, Crowley's, Kohl's, etc. At Cost Plus World Market, you can even get one in a clay bowl with a mosquito pin stuck on top, for \$4.99. (Hopefully, it will be the only mosquito you'll see once the candle is lit.)

Another way to keep those pesky insects away is with mosquito netting. At Pier One Imports, you can get a mosquito net for about \$55. According to the package, the white, 100 percent nylon net can be "hung over a bed for a decorative touch, or outdoors over patio furniture." The net is 8 feet 2 inches tall, has a circumference of 41 feet 9 inches, and is attached to a white plastic 25-inch diameter ring at the top, so it's plenty big. And when you're under it, you can pretend you're in the jungle. Pier One Imports has locations in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, Rochester, Royal Oak, Pontiac and Westland.

Here's a little problem most everyone can relate to. What do you do when you're sitting outside in a lawn chair and want to set down your can of pop or glass of iced tea and there's no table around? You could put your drink on the ground and risk someone coming by and tipping it over. Or you could use something like The Beverage Butler or The Amazing Clamp-It. Both are cup holders designed to clamp around lawn chairs without any tools. The Beverage But-ler is made for plastic lawn chairs and is sold in sets of two at Kohl's for \$6.99. The Amazing Clamp-It is made for most lawn chairs and baby strollers, according to its label, and can be mounted horizontally, vertical-

can be mounted horizontally, vertical-ly or on an angle. I found it for \$2.33 at ACO Hardware in Westland. Hmmm. I bet Bronner's in Frankenmuth or Old World Canter-bury Village in Orion Township would have those lights . . .



Graphic art: Lyu Hanabusa's collectible poster for Willi's Wine Bar in Paris.

"Advertising art has really grown in popularity," says DeCillis. "It began in France and continues to flourish there." DeCillis also has Dutch and Italian posters. "If you look at the room settings on television shows, you'll notice large advertising posters. They're hot," she says, "especially ciga-rette, cigar, wine and perfume ads."

DeCillis' new shop displays the

ture the Warhols, Bouguereaus and O'Keefes. Blue, pink and yellow paper lantern-like lamps illuminate quotes by English poets, and painted wooden art sculptures stand guard at the various gift display cases.

DeCillis proudly points to her Asian corner -- a snug self-contained area devoted to the ritual of tea. Cafe tables flank a built-in buffet stocked with Serendipitea herbal teas, Stash Japanese green teas and other exclusive therapeutic blends. Tiny Chinese enamel

DeCillis, who is particularly enamored with decorative and functional items from the Far East.

Prepare for a bit of culture shock when Japan meets gay Paree at The Print Gallery official grand opening, date to be announced. Though the shop may be fragrant with incense and herbal teas, DeCillis plans to create a bistro feel with French pastries and cabaret music. And, of course, Willi's art posters add the requisite joie de vivre.

'Pregnancy Chic' gives fashion survival tips

"I'm three months pregnant and I'm feeling BIG. It's Monday morning, 8 a.m. I'm already late for work because I hit my snooze alarm one too many times. I am standing at the door of my closet in my husband's wrinkled college T-shirt that I slept in the night before Help!" Can you easily relate to the frustration?

Why should your whole sense of style change just because the EPT stick turned pink? And why would you wear something when you are pregnant that you wouldn't normally wear?

These are the questions that fashion executives Cherie Serota and former West Bloomfield resident Jody Kozlow Gardner kept asking themselves while they were pregnant, and trying to find

something to wear that not only fit women how to get through nine their expanding bellies, but also their personal style.

In 1994, in response to this dilemma, they created "The Pregnancy Survival Kit," a four-piece wardrobe in a box that is chic, comfortable and affordable. It is wildly popular around the world and has revolutionized maternity fash-

Now, in the first maternity style book, Pregnancy Chic: The Fashion Survival Guide, (Villard, \$16.95, May 1, 1998), Serota and Gardner reveal the secrets of dressing easily and comfortably during all stages of pregnancy for the more than four million pregnant women in America today.

months of pregnancy without spending a bundle on maternity clothes. They guide the reader through her closet and point out the clothes she already has that can go the nine months: blazers, cardigans, turtlenecks, drawstring pants, leggings and T-shirts, to name a few. Next they illustrate how to raid your husband's closet to make (very comfortable) use out of his shirts and boxers. For the few core items that a pregnant woman must buy, such as maternity bras, underwear, leggings, tunics and skirts, Pregnancy Chic explains what to look for and how to get the best fit.

With easy-to-follow instructions and Serota and Gardner show pregnant detailed illustrations, these fashion

experts offer hundreds of dressing tips from how to accessorize with scarves to how to extend the life of your pants with a simple rubber band. There's information on how to dress for every occasion, from going to the gym or the office to an evening out. There's even a section on what to wear poolside and for bedrest - and doing it all affordably and with style. Their pointers, tips, and been-there know-how range from how to buy a bra (get professionally measured) to how to choose a bathing suit cover-up (make sure it's the same color as the suit so as not to create a noticeable "unveiling" at the pool).

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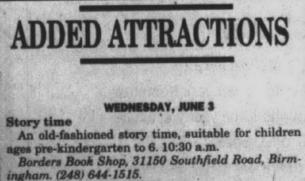
Lyle Crocodile from Bernard Waber's children's series Lyle, will visit with children of all ages. Bor-ders staff will take Polaroids of Lyle with children (\$1), with all proceeds benefiting FOCUS: Hope's Children's Center. Sunday 1 p.m. Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birm-ingham. (248) 644-1515.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Parisian posters

The Print Gallery debuts its new 5,000-square-bot space with an exhibit of original posters from Will's Wine Bar in Paris. The owners of the popular watering hole commission a different artist each year to portray the ambience of their establishment. Most are highly collectible. The exhibit runs through Aug. 31.

The Print Gallery, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., outhfield. (248) 356-5454.



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THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Market savvy

Cost Plus World Market premieres its new store in Troy with a grand opening at 9 a.m. The store features an ever-changing selection of over 10,000 home decor accessories and gourmet foods and beverages. Enjoy cooking and entertainment demonstrations, musical entertainment and a grand prize

560 John R. Road, Oakland Square, Troy. (248) 589-9300.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Appetite for passion

Jacobson's Rochester store hosts personal appearances by Dawn Bause and Nidal Zaher, authors of Romance Begins In the Kitchen (\$14.95), a book of Italian recipes that gives sound tips for couples looking to put a little love and laughter back into their lives. Noon to 3 p.m.

Jacobson's, 1220 Walton Road, Rochester. (248) 651-6000.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Musical notes

Relaxed browsing to the noteworthy jazz music of the Phil Kaput Trio, with local drummer Phil Kaput, a bassist and horn player. 3-5 p.m.

Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-1515.

Soap studs

Appearing live at Fairlane Town Center on Sunday. June 7 at 2 p.m., are four major soap stars who will take center stage at the Fountain Court to film a live three-minute scene with four lucky local winners of the "Make A Scene with the Soap Stars Sweepstakes." Shoppers may register on Saturday, May 30, at the lower level Hudson's Court, for the chance to appear on stage.

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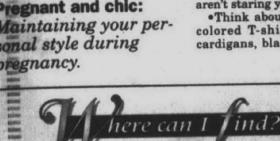
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In addition, Serota and Gardner, U-M grads who have four young children between them, offer helpful advice about dressing postpartum and dressing for breastfeeding

Filled with innovative and savvy fashion advice as well as some general "feel good" tips for every stage of pregnancy, Pregnancy Chic is every pregnant woman's stylish best friend.

Top Maternity Style Tips •Make sure your hosiery is the same color as your skirt or dress. It will create a much slimmer line.

•When you're looking for something to wear to a formal event, check out the vintage clothing store. Look for beaded or lace capes, feather boas, antique jackets or shawls.

·Look for one black dress that's exceptionally simple. Wear it a million different ways with pearls at night, a blazer during the day or hiking boots on the weekend.

•Rearrange your closet so that the clothes that no longer fit aren't staring you in the face!

•Think about wearing bright colored T-shirts underneath cardigans, blazers or tunics to

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scarves (and even your mother's or mother-in-law's). Scarves are the world's most versatile accessory when you're pregnant. .Show off the parts of your

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al Guide (Villard, \$16.9 available at all major bool

"The Pregnancy Survival Kit (\$152) consists of a four-piece wardrobe in a box: leggings, long-sleeve dress, a long-sleeve tunic and a skirt. All pieces are black, and the fabric is a soft washable cotton/lycra knit. The kit is available at Nordstrom, lord & Taylor and most main ord & Taylor and most major naternity store outlets, or call 1 00-49-MONTH to order.

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· Sue wants Bill Blass pleatfront jeans.

• Margaret of Livonia wants the Cook Mate Skillet that's furnished with a Corning Smooth Cooktop stove.

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Lakes Candy & Gift Shoppe opens Sunday, May 31, in the Barclay Shopping Center in down-town Walled Lake. Owner Connie Kelley, of White Lake, has operated a home-based candy business for the past three years, delighting friends and rel-atives with her handmade confections and Easter baskets. The new shop will feature custom gift baskets, unique gift items and greeting cards, along with Kelley's candy. 1320 South Commerce Road. (248) 669-6600.

Dress to impress The City of Farmington Hills Senior Adult Division presents image consultant Peg Treacy and her fashion seminar titled "Dressing Rich...Without Spending A Fortune," 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, at the Costick Senior Center. Learn what contributes to a look of elegance while dining on a spring luncheon featuring Martha's Vineyard Salad, buttered French rolls, fresh fruit and raspberry Chantilly. Tickets are \$8 and are available at the Senior Center. (248) 473-1830.

MeadowBrook Mall news MeadowBrook Village Mall announces the grand opening of its newest store, MMA Jewelers, a full-service jeweler featuring a unique and distinctive selection of engagement and bridal sets. Owner Nasreen Ahmad has over 11 years of experience in fine jewelry.

On Thursday, June 4, the mall welcomes the Detroit Science Center's "A Parade of Science." The presentation features three free science experiments, including Static Fanatic, Amazing Air Pressure and Inertia Tricks. Shows are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. June 4-5; 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. June 6; 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. June 7. Shoppers who spend \$100 over the four-day period will receive a family 4-pack of tickets to the Detroit Science Center's IMAX theater production of Everest. MeadowBrook Village Mall, corner Walton Blvd. and Adams Road, Rochester Hills.

Leather goods

Kapsun House of Leather opens its fourth location at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. The store merchandise line features an eclectic collection of leather hats, coats, briefcases, purses and small leather goods.

Fragrance finds

Neiman Marcus introduces two new exclusive fragrances for men. Moschino's Uomo? questions the concept of a man's virility as it's traditionally expressed in men's scents. Uomo? creates a gentle-

manly smell rather than a macho-man scent. Gucci's Envy is a sensual, boldly masculine fra-grance, a distinctive blend of Oriental scents and pungent spices. Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collec-tion, Troy. (248) 643-3300.

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For unique art for the lawn and garden, Objects of Art presents Artscape!, a selection of contempo-rary pieces by local and out-of-state artists. Included are wind chimes, bird baths, garden stakes, art-ful sprinklers, even a St. Francis bird feeder. 6243 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 539-3332.

Beanie bonanza

The M.T. Hunter store in Birmingham has two rare, highly collectible, limited edition Erin Beanie Babies, valued up to \$1,000 each on the secondary market, but they're not for sale. Store owners Matt

and Martha Twomey are giving them away. The two remaining Erin Beanie babies will be raffled off to raise money for local charity, and one lucky person's name will be drawn from a box on Saturday, June 13 and Saturday, June 27. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. You must purchase a ticket prior to each week's drawing. No tickets will be held from drawing to drawing, and all proceeds will go to benefit a local family in need. Call M.T. Hunter, 1000 Old Woodward, for details at (248) 646-4440.

Novelty gift for dad

If dad's out of town, or even if he's here, he'd appreciate a "Greetings from Detroit" T-shirt from The BIG Idea in Ferndale. The 100% preshrunk cotton shirts feature vintage 1940s large-letter postcard-style art, with illustrated landmarks that include the DIA, the Fisher building, Woodward Avenue, the Fisher mansion and Masonic Temple. T-shirts are \$11.95, plus \$2 shipping and handling, with bulk discounts available. Call (248) 544-0973 for more information.

Rooftop reminder

Save Friday, August 14th for the first annual "Cruise Preview Party" to benefit the Children's Charities Coalition. "Revvin' on the Rooftops '98," chaired by Vicki and Tom Celani and Jennifer and Roger Penske, Jr., will take place at three venues in downtown Birmingham.

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tian Dior and they also can be found through the Vermont Country Store catalog, (802) 362-2400.

• Rocky Horror Picture Show is shown at the Neon Theater in Dayton, Ohio on Friday and Saturday at 11:30 pm. We're still looking for:

· Eileen wants a little threewheeler tricycle.

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TRAVEL

Birmingham businessman takes on mountain peaks

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Birmingham's Jim Straith isn't the couch potato type.

"Sitting on a beach or around a swimming pool is not my idea of a vacation," Straith said.

Straith, president of the Straith Group, a commercial and investment real estate company in Troy, provides a list of past adventures that leaves the lethargic gasping for breath.

He's taken 100 sky dives, 150 scuba dives, flown 700 hours, submarined in the Grand Cayman, skiled mountains in North America and Europe and backpacked through most of the national parks.

But his latest passion is mountain climbing.

"I've always been into adventure type sports, snow skiing, aviation, I've flown my own airplanes," Straith, 48, said. "As a kid I was a Boy Scout and camped in Montana when I was 12.

In 1965 Straith took a hike up Saddle Mountain in Montana, giving him his first experience standing on top of a mountain. He took several more hikes and a gondola ride up to the top of Mont Blanc in France, but he wanted to try technical climbing. Technical climbing uses ropes, harnesses and requires training.

"I was skiing in Jackson Hole two years ago and we were taking a bus to Yellowstone to go skiing and I saw the Grand Tetons, which are the most picturesque mountains in the lower 48," Straith said. "I asked the bus driver did anyone ever climb Grand Teton. He said, yes, all the time, and I was blown away because they are so high, rocky

If you want to go: **Exum Mountain Guides Grand Teton National Park** Box 56, Moose, Wyoming 83012 (307)733-2297

Basic 1-day school, \$80 Intermediate 1-day school, \$100

2-day climb with 4 people, \$330 per person.

Rainier Mountaineering

Inc. Paradise, WA 98398 (360)569-2227 Basic 1-day school, \$90 3-day summit climb package \$465

Private climb and instruction, \$315 per day.

and difficult looking."

Straith contacted the Exum School of Mountaineering which offers a program of two days training followed by two days of guided mountaineering to the summit. Exum charged \$480 for one person for the four-day experience.

"You don't need to be a superman. marathoner or have extensive experience," Straith said. "It helps to have some experience. but you don't need a lot. You can fly into Jackson Hole, Denver or Portland, do the courses in mountaineering and climb in four days."

Climbing the Grand Tetons is not a stroll in the woods and that's what Straith enjoyed about it.

"I've always had an interest in individual activities that required exertion and have ele-

ments of exercise and a little danger and a little adventure," he said.

Last year Straith added Oregon's Mount Hood to his list of conquests and this summer he plans to take on Washington's Mount Rainier. He will be climbing with Bill Gray, a friend since childhood. This time Straith will be climbing with Rainier Moun-taineering Inc., offering one-day of schooling (required) and two days of climbing for \$465. "The Grand Teton was one of

the most spectacular outdoor experiences I've ever had. We climbed for two days from valley floor to summit," he said.

From the summit the climbers looked out on Yellowstone and Jackson Hole valley. The mountain rises 13,771 feet, above the altitude at which pilots are required to use oxygen.

"I'm a jogger and was a swimmer," Straith said. "I'm aerobically fit. I was OK. One girl had trouble but made it to the summit, but she struggled."

But Straith said, the guided

climbs he's taken are not like those endured by those trying to take Mount Everest, and chronicled in the best seller "Into Thin Air," by Jon Krakauer.

"The dangers of Everest are extreme. It's a matter of degree. The dangers of these guided climbs are minimal," Straith said. "Of course you could go climb Mount Holly and have no danger and no excitement or gratification."

He would like to try Denali (Mount McKinley) in Alaska.

For Straith, mountaineering is a metaphor for life.

"Setting goals and achieving them is part of the life process. It carries over into business, personal and intellectual pursuits," he said.

Straith, a single father, is passing on some of his love of adventure to his 9-year-old daughter Lauren. He has taken her skiing, jet skiing and rock climbing and hiking through Michigan's north woods.



Summit view:

white helmet,

and his climb-

ing team enjoy

the view from

the top of the

Grand Tetons.

Jim Straith, in

Ready for action: Fully equipped with helmets, ice axes and crampons, climbers forge ahead on Mount Hood.

GREAT ESCAPES

LILAC FESTIVAL

Mackinac Island's annual Lilac Festival runs Friday, June 5, through Sunday, June 14.

"Authors and Artists" is one of the underlying themes of the Festival this year. Artist Richard Wolfgang, who painted the 1994, 95, 96 and 97 Festival Posters will be signing original prints at his shop on Market Street. Back



issues of the posters are also available.

The festival will feature music by violinist Mary Margaret St. John, 3 Men and a Tenor, a country line dance seminar, the Meridian Community Band and the Barrington Children's Choir. The Grand Lilac Festival Parade is Sunday, June 14.



San Francisco Symphony Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor and piano Sunday, September 27, 4 p.m. site mokinley associates inc.

St. Petersburg Philharmonic Yuri Temirkanov, conductor Gidon Kremer, violin Saturday, October 10, 8 p.m. Kathleen G. Charla Associates



OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Chiefs' Mayer signs

Another of Plymouth Canton's basketball standouts has committed.

Kristin Mayer, the Chiefs' 5-foot-7 guard, has been signed by St. John Fisher College of Rochester, N.Y., one of the top women's basketball programs in NCAA Division III.

Mayer is the second of the Chiefs to sign. Guard Melissa Marzolf earlier signed with Northwood University.

Mayer was one of four Canton players chosen as the team's Most Valuable Players, joining Marzolf, Kristin Lukasik and Nkechi Okwumabua. Mayer averaged eight points and five rebounds a game, solid numbers on a team that boasted great overall balance, with four players averaging between 7.5 and 11.5 points a game. She also late the team in blocked

She also led the team in blocked shots.

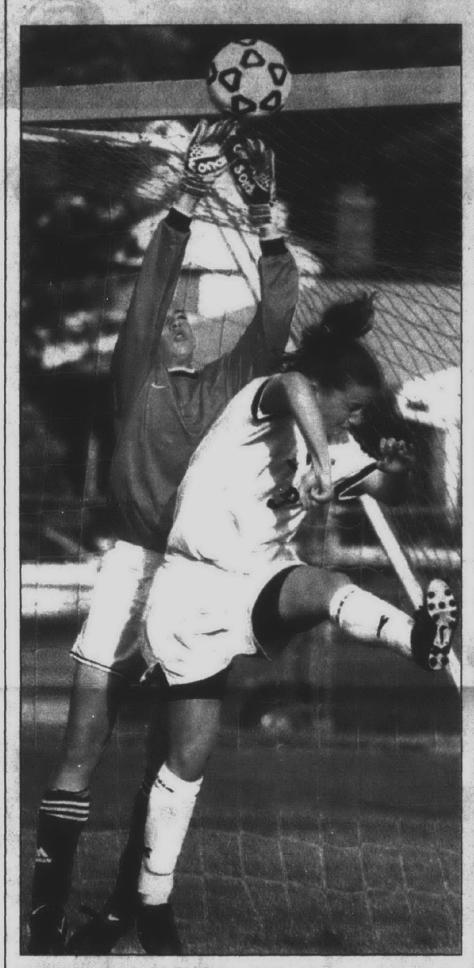
"Kristin was a real consistent player for us," said Canton coach Bob Blohm, whose Chiefs finished the season at 19-5, reaching the Class A regional final before losing to Birmingham Marian. "We had a lot of people contribute that way. And she was good defensively, she could guard a lot of people, inside or out. She was a key player that way for us."

Certainly Mayer will go from one successful program to another. St. John's has been in the NCAA III Tournament 11 of the last 12 years, and has made the field for the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Championship for an unprecedented 20-consecutive seasons.

"We've had several talented players come from Michigan and Kristin is our latest," said Cardinal coach Phil Kahler, winner of more games than any other NCAA Division III coach with an overall record of 587-108. "Kristin comes from a great school and is a phenomenal shooter. I think she'll fit in and help us right away."

Of course, the shot that Mayer will always be remembered for is her putback that just beat the buzzer and allowed Canton to defeat cross-cam-

Just too tough Stevenson sinks Salem's title dreams at regional



The biggest fear Plymouth Salem soccer coach Doug Landefeld had going into Friday's Division I regional final against Livonia Stevenson was a repeat of the team's first meeting — a game that ended 5-1, with Stevenson scoring five times in the first 14 minutes.

"If it's still scoreless after 15 minutes, it'll be a good game," the Rocks' coach had predicted.

Unfortunately, it wasn't scoreless. And this match, like every other one the Spartans have played this season, proved anticlimatic after they put in three first-half goals while cruising into the state semifinals with a 4-0 triumph at Southgate Anderson.

Stevenson, now 18-0, advances to meet the Portage Northern/Holt regional winner at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Mehall Field in Jackson.

"It was just what I said," Landefeld said after the loss. "If we could attack early, but they get a goal from (Melissa) Backus on her best shot of the year, a shot I've seen her miss on a dozen times this year, but this one she makes and we're down early again."

What Landefeld had hoped his team could do was keep it close for most of the first half, applying pressure and making it a one-goal affair, taking the Spartans away from what they do best — which is score early and often and keep pouring it on.

Problem is, almost everyone has tried to do something similar. In fact, just about everything has been tried against Stevenson, but nothing has derailed the Spartan express.

"That's all we talked about," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble. "We felt the longer Salem was in the game, the harder it would be for us.

"It's a morale-booster for us, to get a goal that early. When we're on our game, we're pretty good."

game, we're pretty good." Pretty good? This team (arguably) could be the best the state's ever produced. Consider not just the Spartans' unbeaten record — which extends back two years — but that they have never even trailed in a game this season. Heck, none of their games have even been that close.

Consider, too, the competition. Western Lakes Activities Association rivals Salem, Plymouth Canton and Livonia Churchill were all deservedly ranked among the state's top 10. Against Stevenson, they were a combined 0-6 after surrendering 30 goals. Only one non-WLAA team beat

Only one non-WLAA team beat those four (Churchill lost to Brighton). Salem finished its season, truly a superb one, with a 17-2-2 record, its only losses to — well, who else?

In Friday's regional final, Backus' early goal — a shot rifled over the hands of Salem keeper Jillian Dombrowski — just 1:45 into the match put the Rocks on their heals, certainly. And then Allison Campbell took over (again), netting a goal with 32:31 remaining that beat Dombrowski to make it 2-0.

That made it a bad situation for Salem. Seeing how the Spartan midfield and defense was playing made it even worse.

Keeper Jenny Barker smothered anything that came near the goal, except one shot with under a minute left in the match that got past her and was headed into the net — until Stevenson teammate Nicole Katikos

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pus rival Plymouth Salem in the state district tournament.

Taekwondo champion

Margaret Pieroni, of Plymouth, won a gold medal in forms competition at the annual U.S. Taekwondo Union National Championships May 13-17. State champions from across the country competed. Pieroni also took a silver medal in sparring.

For Pieroni, who trains at Kil's Taekwondo, the sport is a family affair. Her children, 8-year-old Joe and 5-year-old Nina, are state of Michigan gold medalists, same as their mother. They will compete in the junior national competition this July.

"We are really enjoying Taekwondo as a family," said Pieroni. "We can take classes separately or together. We are able to progress at our own speed, and are fortunate to have a world-renown, ninth-degree grand grand master (Sang Sop Kil) as our instructor. Our overall fitness, agility, strength and coordination has improved."

Sgroi wins award

Joe Sgroi, a senior at Redford Catholic Central, has been named winner of the school's Father James H. Whelan Award, presented to the senior who is an outstanding athlete, student and gentleman. The award is voted upon by members of all CC athletic teams.

Sgroi was all-Catholic, all-Metro and all-state in football and served as captain of the Shamrocks' Class AA championship team last fall. He carries a 4.25 grade-point average.

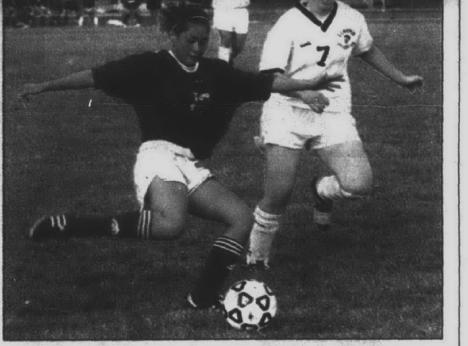
ries a 4.25 grade-point average. He will attend the University of Michigan this fall.

Academic standouts

Three members of Plymouth Canton's girls soccer team have been nominated for the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches' Association's all-academic team.

Seniors Elisa Esper, Kristin Lukasik and Angie Lebbon were each selected for all-academic nomination. The Chiefs team, as a whole, was is also up for academic honors consideration; the 26-member squad compiled a 3.4 overall grade-point average.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to the sports editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may PAX them to (313) 591-7279. **Constant pressure:** Salem keeper Jillian Dombrowski had a lot of company from Stevenson (above, by Michelle Vettraino). And the Spartans didn't leave many openings, as the Rocks' Jeannine Edwards discovers (right) as Stacy Nastase closes in.



PCA wins 1st-ever district title

It was a big day for Plymouth Christian Academy's baseball team. In particular, it was a big day for Eagle pitcher James Jones.

And for Jon Isensee. And for Evan Gaines.

Those three in particular stood out, but then again, who didn't? PCA did roll to its Class D district championship Friday, walloping Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian 20-5 in a four-inning mercy and Redford St. Agatha 12-1 in the title game at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

The victories improve the Eagles' record to 18-10-1, and sends them to the Class D regional at Whitmore Lake against Wyandotte Mt. Carmel next Saturday.

It was the first district championship ever for a PCA boys team, and — as coach Sam Gaines put it —

"It's been a long time coming, a big day for us. We felt like our toughest game was Tuesday, when we beat Inter-City (in the pre-district).

"The guys played hard, they never let up, they had only one error for the day, and we had

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good pitching and hitting. "It was especially nice for our seniors. I hope we can keep it going for next Saturday."

Jones, one of those seniors, was on the mound for both wins. He scattered seven hits and struck out four in the win over Fairlane Christian, then tossed six innings in the victory over St. Agatha, allowing six hits and one walk, striking out nine. Bill Kiesel worked the final inning against the Aggies.

Another of the seniors, Isensee, was just as impressive. The shortstop collected three hits and two runs batted in in the first game, and had three hits — including a triple — in the second, with three RBI and two stolen bases.

For the day, Isensee was 6for-7 at the plate with five RBI.

Evan Gaines, son of PCA's coach, was just about as productive. Evan went 3-for-4 with two RBI in the first game, and was 2-for-2 with one RBI in the second.

In the win over the Aggies, PCA poured in nine runs in the second and third innings, far too large a margin for St. Agatha to overcome.

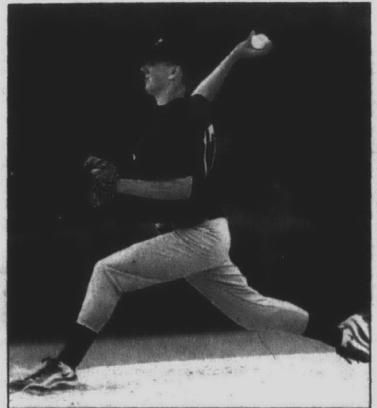
Another standout in that game was Travis Yonkman, who had two hits.

In the opener, Chris Brandon was 4-for-4 with two RBI and three stolen bases, and Kiesel went 3-for-3 with one RBI.

Canton 8-10, Dearborn 2-12: Plymouth Canton readied for yesterday's Division I district tournament by splitting a double-header with Dearborn Wednesday.

The Chiefs won the opener 8-2 behind the strong pitching of Mike Rourk, who tossed a four hitter, allowing one earned run while striking out four, and the hitting of Dave Kwiatkowski, who went 3-for-3, including a double, and drove in a run.

Canton built a 5-1 lead after three innings and never looked back. Pat Van Hull added two hits, with two runs scored and See **PCA BASEBALL**, D2



Double-winner: Plymouth Christian senior James Jones ended up winning both the district semifinal and final, enabling the Eagles to reach the regional. D2(CP)

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Coach, and wooden bats, are both back

What do wooden bats and John Moraitis have in common? Both thought to be no longer

in existence, each will figure prominently this summer in the eight-team Adray Metro Baseball Association, based in Livonia

The wooden bat, almost made extinct in amateur baseball by the aluminum bat, will be used exclusively. Moraitis, meanwhile, is alive and well, and not dead as was widely rumored in mid-winter.

Moraitis had gone vacationing in Florida and when it was reported that a well-known umpire from the area with a similar name passed away, some mistakened it for him.

Moraitis is back for his 30th year of coaching amateur baseball, guiding Livonia Adray, one of four teams in the league for PREVIEW

players 20 and under. The other four are unlimited age teams. "A guy called my brother Sam

and said 'Why didn't you tell me your brother died,' " Moraitis said. "My brother said, Well, if he died it was yesterday because I just saw him two days ago.' "

Each team will play a 30-game schedule with sites including Ford Field in Livonia, Mic-Mac Park in Windsor as well as parks in St. Clair Shores and Wyandotte.

Troy Jet Box, an unlimited age team, is the only club from last year's league not back, opting instead to play in a league on the east side.

Jet Box has been replaced by the Warren Reds, an unlimited age team. The Windsor Stars

and Windsor Selects and Downriver Adray are the other unlimited age teams

Adray, Michigan Rams (coached by Rick Berriman), Livonia DCI (coached by Mike George) and Hines Park (coached by Dave Carroll) are the four collegiate aged teams.

The collegiate team with the best record at the end of the regular season receives an automatic berth in the All American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament in Johnstown, Pa., according to commissioner Gary Gray.

The second-place team goes to the National Amateur Baseball Federation tournament in Louisville, Ky. Not only is Moraitis alive, he

must feel 25 years younger seeing wooden bats in use.

'It doesn't matter for me," he

said. "The kids like it because the big leaguers play with wooden bats."

Gray said the four collegiate teams voted unanimously to use the wooden bat for play and the unlimited age teams went along with the idea.

Gray said there will be a lot fewer home runs hit and he expects games not to last as long. Sponsors and players might find it costs more as well, because of course, wooden bats break.

Coaches and players are hoping a coating that covers the wood keeps breaks to a mini-

Most of the bats used are called "Composite Bats" and they are manufactured by Louisville, Wirth and Baum, according to Gray.

"I like what the managers

like," Gray said. "If it's in the best interest of the league, we'll do it. It's more expensive because they're going to break more bats. But it's attractive to the kids. Instead of going out of state somewhere to play in a wooden bat league, they can stay here."

Hines Park appears to be making a tough transition to the wooden bats, losing its first two games by a combined score of 17-

Carroll thinks it will take some adjustment.

"Hitting with wood or aluminum, the technique is still the same, but you have to develop the confidence," Carroll said. "They're too used to the aluminum bat, knowing if they don't hit the ball on the sweet spot, the aluminum will do the extra work for them."



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Adray opens summer league with win

Livonia Adray opened the Adray Metro Baseball Association schedule on Wednesday with a 4-3 victory over Downriver Adray in Wyandotte.

The league is using wooden bats exclusively this year, the first time in more than two decades.

Nick Newman, one of four Adray pitchers used, earned the decision for Adray. He pitched two innings, allowing

slipped in behind Barker and cleared the ball out of harm's

Defender Andrea Sied not

only scored a goal, slamming home a rebound to make it 3-0 after Campbell had knocked a

shot off the crossbar with 16:52 left in the opening half, but ran down any threatening Salem

And then there's the Steven-son midfield, often overlooked

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no runs on one hit.

"I pitched everyone just to get the rust off them," Adray coach John Moraitis said.

Eric Harding (from White Lake and Oakland University) had a double, home run, scored three times and drove

in two runs to lead Adray. Craig Foddrill (Ypsilanti/Eastern Michigan University) had a double and scored a run. Dan Hyott (Ypsilanti/EMU) scored a run after being hit by a pitch.

Adray turned four double plays, three of which were turned by shortstop Derrick Wolf (Tecumseh/Grand Rapids Junior College) and second baseman R.J. Casey (Garden City/U-D Mercy).

Mac Park in Windsor. Harding, the first baseman, helped account for the other, catching a pop up in short right field and throwing to Wolf at second for the second out.

MICHIGAN RAMS 11, WINDSOR SELECTS 1: Right-hander Dave Wampler (Livonia Franklin/U-D Mercy) threw a two-hitter with two strikeouts over four innings to lead the Rams to an easy vic-

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an RBI, and Oliver Wolcott had a hit and scored two runs. The second game turned into

an all-offensive affair for both teams. Canton trailed 4-3 going into the fifth, when the roof fell in - the Pioneers scored eight runs in the fifth and sixth, and withstood the Chiefs' three-run rally in the seventh.

Brent Kossick paced Canton with two hits and an RBI, while David Winter had a double and two RBI. Mike Crudele, Jason

Evans and Kevin Tomasaitis each had a hit and an RBI, while Kwiatkowski had a double and scored two runs.

Rick Green (Oakland University) was 1200

for-2 with an RBI. Matt Pike (Waterford "

Kettering/Siena Heights College) had a

double and three RBI. Aaron Lawson

(Farmington Hills Harrison/Wayne State)***

Luke Humphreys (Redford Union/St!-

Mary's College) scored a run on a passed

ball after reaching third base with a walk

was 2-3 with two RBI.

Winter started and took the pitching loss for Canton, working 4 1/3 innings and giving up six runs (three earned) on seven hits. Joe Cortellini relieved and surrrendered another six runs (three earned) on five hits and a"" walk.

The split left Canton with a regular-season record of 15-15.

simply because all other phases of the Spartan game are so impressive. In this match the midfield was, too, particularly Leah McGrath, who applied a smothering defense on Salem's star midfielder, Mia Sarkesian. "You have to try to get num-bers around her, she's so good,"

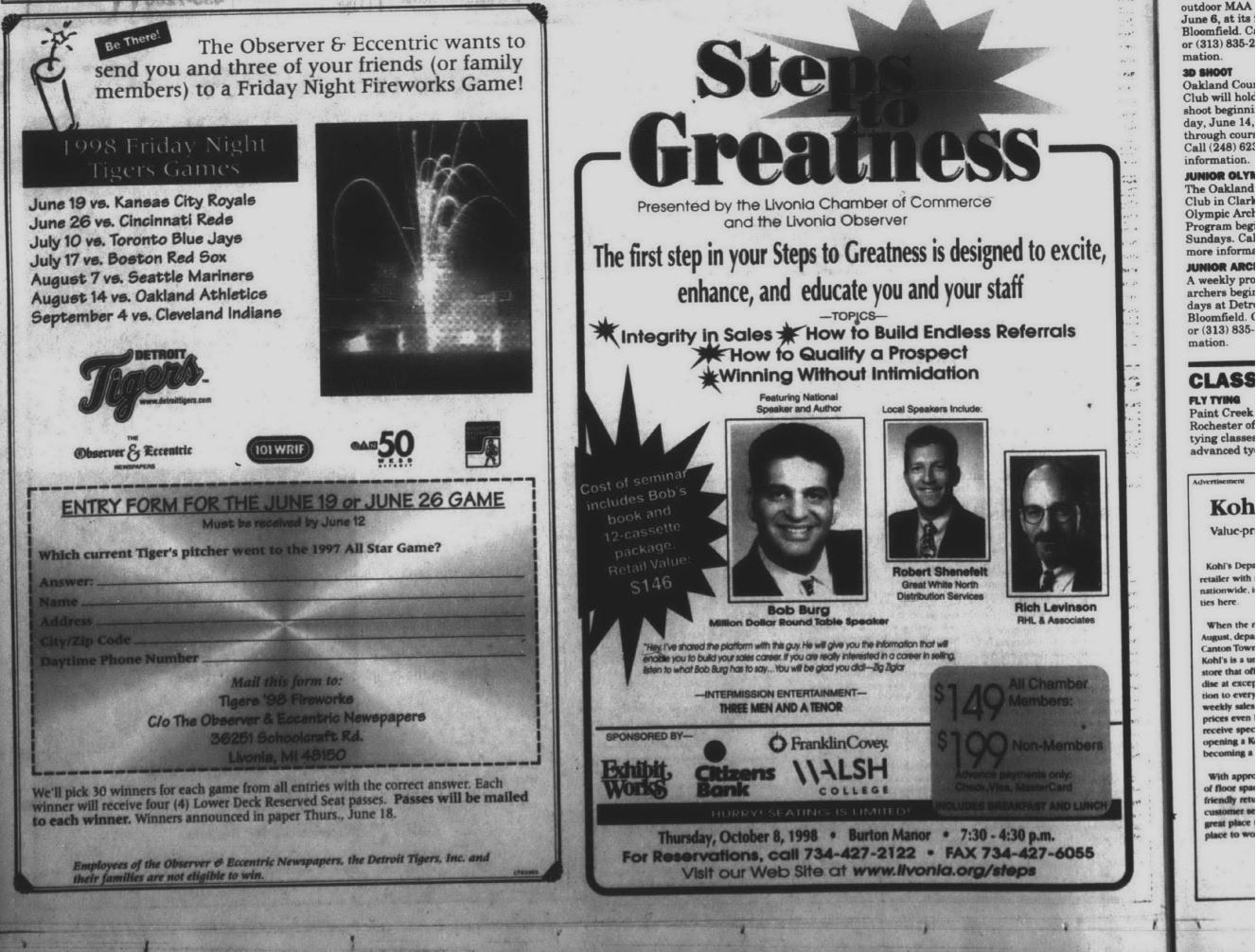
Kimble said of his team's lefense against Sarkesian. which featured several other players helping McGrath. "But she was Leah's assignment." And, as Landefeld noted, McGrath did "a great job on Mia. And once you take Mia out of the equation for us, we're hurt."

Down 3-0 at half, realizing Stevenson had surrendered just five goals in its previous 17 games this season, it was apparent Salem's hopes were slim indeed. The Spartans made certain when, with 21:58 left in

the second half, a Sarah Wit-trock corner kick reached Campbell in the box, and she headed it past Salem keeper Jenny Fitchett — who took over in the second half and had sev-

eral solid saves. "They're the best team in the state," said Landefeld of Stevenson. In a week, no one will be able to disagree - if indeed anyone does now.

and two stolen bases. tory in their opener Wednesday at Mic-



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REE FISHING REQUIREMENTS Michigan's annual Free Fishing

Weekend, in which all fishing license fees are waved for residents and non-residents, is scheduled for June 6-7.

CLINTON RIVER DAY

A variety of events including river cleanup and fishing activities are planned for Saturday, June 6, on the Clinton River. Call (248) 853-9580 for more information.

HOOKED ON FISHING

Learn the basics of fishing during this program, which will be held Saturday, June 6, at Kensington Metropark. Call 800-47-PARKS or (248) 685-1561 to preregister.

BASS TOURNAMENT

The 17th annual Bass Tournament will be held Saturday, June 6, at Thelma Spencer Park in Rochester Hills. Call (248) 656-4657 for more information.

FISH-IN

Demonstrations and seminars on European techniques for carp fishing followed by an opportunity to try some of those techniques out on Kent Lake, will take place Saturday and Sunday, June 6-7, at Kensington Metropark.

e D1 😁 FISHING DERBY FOR KIDS

The 10th annual Wyandote Fishing Derby for Kids will be held Saturday, June 6, at Bishop Park in Wyandote. Call (313) 246-4505 for more information.

KIDS AND FISH

A day full of fishing activities and events for children begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 6, at Marshland Metropark. Call (734) 379-5020. ext. 736 for more information.

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MAA SHOOT

Detroit Archers will hold a state outdoor MAA shoot on Saturday, June 6, at its facilities in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

3D SHOOT

Oakland County Sportsman Club will hold a 30-target 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 14, at its walkthrough course in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

KING THE APPALACHIANS

A slide presentation by "Grandma" Verna Soule about hiking the Appalachian Trail begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for details.

CANOE DAY

Test drive one of 20 different Mad River canoes during this onthe-water clinic, which begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, on Kent Lake at Kensington Metropark. The clinic is offered by REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for details.

BASICS OF OPS

Learn the basics of navigation and how the GPS receiver works during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both

days. To pre-register call (313) 532-0285.

CLUBS 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.

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 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim

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FISHING TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold an open tournament on Sunday, June 7, on Orchard Lake. Entry fee is \$75 per boat before June 3 and \$80 per boat after June 3. There is a 50-boat limit. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

MEETINGS

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, June 10-11 at the Tawas City Holiday Inn. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance.

SEASON/DATES BASS

Bass season opens June 20 on Lake St. Clair, and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers. The season opened May 23 on all other waters.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN Bald Mountain Recreation Area

in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and noon-dusk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. **Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is** located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more informa-

hand. No motorized equipment is allowed and no commercial haulers. Additional wood chip dates are scheduled for July 25, August 29, Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.

AMAZING AMPHIBIANS Ages 7-11 will learn what makes frogs, toads and amphibians special during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Independence Oaks.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more

An alcohol ban will be in effect at some metroparks until the middle of June. Times and dates will be posted at each park.

STRAWBERRY MOON

A night hike through the Huron Swamp under the light of the Strawberry Moon, begins at 9

p.m. Friday at Indian Springs. FRIDAY NIGHT CANOE

Help paddle the 34-foot Voyageur canoe while learning about the Great Lakes fur trade during this program, which begins t 8 p.m. Friday at Stony Creek

TRAILS DAY

Hike a nature trail, answer a trivia questionnaire and enjoy hot dogs and soft drinks during this celebration of National Trails Day, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at Stony Creek.

which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Indian Springs. SNAKE TALK AND TOUC Separate fact from fiction about snakes during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday

at Kensington. THREE MILE HIKE

A forest walk to hidden Timberland Lake, begins at 1 p.m. Sun-day at Indian Springs.

VESPER MOON

Experience the twilight serenade of local birds and discover facts and folklore about these common evening songbirds, during this naturalist-led hike under the light of the full moon, which begins at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, at Stony Creek.

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 (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call

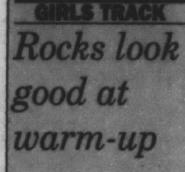
CLEAN AIR CHALLENGE

(810) 229-7067.

A bicycle fund-raiser for the American Lung Association will be held Sunday, June 7, at Island lake Recreation Area. Call (810) 559-5100 for details.

SUMMER BIRD HIKE

Observe bird species while taking a walk through the park during this program, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 13, at Maybury.



Plymouth Salem's girls track team readied for yester-day's Class A state meet at the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions last Tuesday, and although no team scores were kept, several Rocks per-formed well.

Salem had no first-place finishes, but there were three seconds: Alyson Flohr was second in the 1,500-meter run in a career-best 5:21.4; Eve-lyn Rahhal was runner-up in the 800 in 2:26.6; and the team of Evelyn Rahhal, Ellen Stemmer, Becky Phelan and Annemarie Vercruvsse was Annemarie Vercruysse was second in the 4x800 relay in 9:59.1.

Other top-six finishes for the Rocks were: Autumn Hicks, Brynne DeNeen, Shannon Will and Katie Bonner, third in the 4x100 relay (4:09.9); Vercruysse, fourth in the 800 (2:28.5); Tiffany Grubaugh, fifth in the discus (111-feet, 5-inches) and sixth in the shot put (35-4 1/2); Jones, fifth in the 200 in a career-best 26.3; Hicks, fifth in the 400 (59.9); Hicks, Wendi Leanhardt, DeNeen and Jones, fifth in the 4x200 relay (1:46.9); and Jenny Frederick, Leanhardt, Jones and Michelle Bonior, fifth in the 4x100 relay (51.6).

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Gearing up: Teri Simonds (below), of Garden City, hiking through the Hoist Lakes Foot Travel Area southwest of Alpena. Teri (top photo) packs up her sleeping bag preparing to hit the trail for a seven mile hike.





Ready to go: Livonia resident George Veshka hoists his pack onto sore shoulders on the last day of a weekend backpack trip.

Hitting the trail Backpacking is tough but worth the effort

Looking for a new challenge? Maybe you're trying to lose some weight or get those muscles in better shape.

Try backpacking. With a sense of adventure and a few tips or lessons from an experienced backpacker, anyone can hit the trail.

Hauling a pack through the wilderness can be hard work; a trying experience on the body and mind yet a relaxation process that cleanses the soul.

Sometimes hiking only a mile or two from the car can create a feeling of solitude, even in the most crowded National Parks. It makes life simpler, even if only for a weekend (no phones or faxes.) Just a few daily chores before and after the day's hike like cooking and setting up shelter - offers the rest of the time to let your mind wander.

George Veshka of Livonia, found this out firsthand on a first-time backpacking trip with SOLAR, a local club.

"I dislike the fact that I'm not in the condition I should be in," he noted while huffing it up a long hill. "However I'd have to say that part of this is pushing yourself a lot more then you normally do."

Join a club

SOLAR is the School For Out-door Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, with members from all over the Detroit metro area. They offer classes and trips to members in many outdoor activities including a beginning backpacking class.

Veshka, along with Teri and John Simonds of Garden City, out with some friends or maybe and about 20 other students

Equipment can be important, and expensive, but it's not everything. You don't need all the latest high-tech gear to get into the sport. With a decent pack, warm sleeping bag, tent, and a few essential items like a first aid kit, knife, waterproof matches, flashlight, and a compass you will be off to a good start on the gear needed for an enjoyable

Then it's time to learn or refine those outdoor skills.

Maybe someone you know is already a backpacker and can take you along on a weekend trip. Or hook up with a club like SOLAR where skills like land navigation, picking a good campsite, and water purification will be taught. You will learn everything needed to know to head even a solo trip.

As George Veshka theorized: "regardless of how you feel, if you keep persevering, things are going to work out."

Gear up

To get outfitted, or to rent gear for backpacking try one of the following local stores:

The Benchmark Outfitters on Grand River in downtown Farmington, (248) 477-8116,

Eastern Mountain Sports on Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 932-5953

Surplus City Army-Navy on Wayne Road at Ford Road in Westland, (734) 721-2262,

Venture Outdoors at Five Mile and Sheldon, Plymouth, (734) 453-1987,

R.E.I. at Haggerty and Six mile in Northville Township, (248) 347-1200.



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Firing up: The backpacking group (above) from SOLAR relaxes by a warm fire after a long day of hiking and filling up on a hot meal. George Veshka (right photo) cooks up some tasty grub for him-self and some of the other hungry hikers in his

Get in shape

And if just being outside spending time with good old Mother Nature isn't reason enough to hit the trail, the health benefits abound. According to exercise experts, backpacking is right up there with running, biking and other sports generally considered intense for losing weight and getting in

were on their three-day final exam backpack weekend in the Hoist Lakes foot travel area located southwest of Alpena. The Simonds are planning a backpacking trip to Isle Royal National Park in August and wanted to improve their outdoor skills by taking the course.

"I really like this, I will definitely go again but I have top get a better pack," Teri said.

Go it alone

Going solo can be the best of trips: just you and nature, testing your skills and stamina with no one to chat with or to help haul gear.

Backpacking is not always a walk in the park, and it might not be for everyone, but its all part of the adventure. It can be a great metaphor for life.

For information on joining SOLAR contact them at (248) 988-6658 or via the web at http://members.tripod.com/~sol arclub1. The club holds a meeting at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Colony Hall located at 21780 Evergreen between 8 and 9 mile roads in Southfield.



Sunbathing: One of the course instructors Lisa McQuade relaxes in the sun, after some lunch, and tries drying out her sock liners in the breeze.



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