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Pigskin preview: Look for your hometown teams in the High School Football Preview in today's Plymouth Observer. The special section includes a team roster, schedule, and story and pictures.

WEDNESDAY

Discussion: The Joint Services Committee will host a meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall, Ann Arbor and Mill St.

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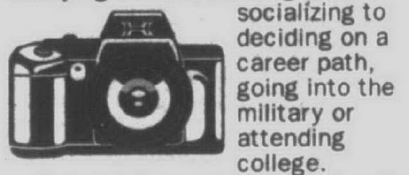
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We will accept names until 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7.



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Township growth boosts crime



Aggressive law enforcement would likely curb the increase in crime Plymouth Township is reporting for the first half of 1998 compared to last year. The increase is due in part to a growing township population.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in three years, Plymouth Township police are reporting an increase in crime.

In the first six months this year, compared to the first half of 1997, larcenies, burglaries, assaults and rape are up in the township, according to a

report prepared by Police Chief Lawrence Carey.

These crimes are classified Part I crimes by the Michigan State Police, and include stolen vehicles, robbery and murder.

"For the first half of the year there were 400 Part I crimes compared to 311 during the first half of 1997," Carey said.

"With aggressive law enforcement

and crime prevention, the department hopes to continue reducing crime to its previous low levels," he said.

According to the report:

• Assaults have nearly doubled, as they rose from 56 in the first half of '97 to 107 through June this year.

• Burglaries rose from 31 to 37, a 16 percent increase.

• Reported rapes rose from three in the first half of 1997 to six in the first half of 1998.

• Larcenies rose from 199 to 230, a 13 percent jump.

There were 19 stolen vehicles.

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Plymouth Township Crime Stats

1997-1998, January - June

Category	1998	1997	%Change
Murder	0	1	-100
Rape	6	3	+50
Robbery	1	2	-100
Assault	107	56	+91
Burglary	37	31	+16
Larceny	230	199	+13
Stolen Vehicles	19	19	0
*Other MICRS	390	N/A	
Total	400	311	

*Other MICRS include such activity as: Fraud, Malicious Property Damage, Narcotics Activity, Other Sex Offenses.

HELEN FURCEAN/STAFF ARTIST

Getting acquainted



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Making the rounds: New teachers from the Plymouth-Canton school district listen to Superintendent Chuck Little during a tour of the Board of Education building. The new teachers toured other buildings and road a school bus for a road trip throughout the district.

District enrollment figures continue to rise

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It appears the Plymouth-Canton school district will see twice the increase in students for the coming school year than it originally estimated.

"It's safe to say we're probably up more than a hundred students," Superintendent Chuck Little told the board of education Tuesday. "It looks like we'll probably be up a couple of hundred students."

The preliminary enrollment figures show increases above 200. However, school officials expect those numbers to level off much lower once school begins and transfers in and out of the district

are concrete.

"We show a preliminary increase from last September's official school population count of 289 elementary students," said Little. "If you look at the whole district, we see a projected increase of 540 students."

Two weeks ago, the district reported an estimated total increase of 407 students.

Administrators say based on such a large weekly increase in projections, Plymouth-Canton schools could see an additional 200 students district-wide when the figures are finalized.

The official enrollment numbers will come on the state-mandated fourth-Friday count, which will determine

how much state aid the district will receive. A growing school population means more money from the state.

"There's a certain amount of accurate guessing we have to do," said Little. "We can't wait until something happens, then scramble to have teachers the opening day of school."

Less than a week before the start of school, administrators were still interviewing to fill six teacher slots before the beginning of classes Sept. 1.

"We've added staff at various elementary," said Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for personnel. "As we anticipate buildings getting more enrollment as school begins, we're trying to improvise for growth."

Because some of the kindergarten classes are a bit crowded while others aren't at capacity, the district has told parents at Farrand, Fiegel and Field elementary schools they could move their children to a less crowded situation.

"We have offered, on a voluntary basis, the opportunity for kindergarten parents to move their children to a school where there are lower class sizes in kindergarten," said Verna Anible, director of instruction. "Thus far one family has taken advantage of the offer."

The schools with lower kindergarten counts are Allen, Gallimore and Hulsing.

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New photographer joins Plymouth, Canton staff

Paul Hurschmann has joined the staff of the Plymouth and Canton Observers as a photographer.

He replaces Bill Bresler, who moved to the Farmington Observer in July.

Hurschmann has worked as a temporary photographer at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers since last spring and had previously done freelance work for the company.

"Paul brings a wealth of experience as a photo journalist and a dedication to community journalism with him," said Tedd Schneider, Canton Observer community editor. "His photographs will offer readers a fresh perspective on life in our communities."

"I'm looking forward to establishing a long-term presence in the Plymouth and Canton communities," said Hurschmann. "I'm also eager to meet and work with residents and community leaders from both communities."

Hurschmann, 39, has an extensive background in newspaper and new media photography. He has worked as a photo editor for the Associated Press in New York and at the Hollywood Sun



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Hurschmann

in Hollywood, Fla. He was chief photographer for the Ypsilanti Press from 1986 through 1989.

He was the photography editor for iRace, an Internet "magazine" aimed at auto racing fans.

Hurschmann graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1984.

He is a member of the National Press Photographers Association and executive vice president of the National Association of Freelance Photographers.

He is a native of Grosse Ile and an Ypsilanti resident.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

New Web site

The city of Plymouth will debut its new Web site Tuesday. The address is www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

Newcomers kick-off

The Plymouth Newcomers club starts its 1998-99 season with a Beer Tasting Party at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Box Bar and Grill.

The club brings together couples who sign up for a range of interest groups: golf, antiques, dinner parties, etc. The board of directors met Monday at Robin McHugh's house in Plymouth to start putting together the season calendar of events.

The event is open to the public. For more information on Plymouth Newcomers, call 453-0232.

TV commercial

Strader Productions of Nashville, Tenn. has chosen downtown Plymouth as a site to film a TV commercial Monday and Tuesday.

Some traffic diversions and parking restrictions are happening to

accommodate the production crew, the city Department of Municipal Services reported.

Areas likely to be affected are Ann Arbor Trail from Union to Forest, Main from Penniman to Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman from Harvey to Union.

Fieger in Plymouth

Democratic candidate for governor Geoffrey Fieger will speak at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Plymouth Manor.

Tickets for the lunch address are \$20 for non members and \$13 for members of the Tonquish Economic Club. To make reservations call the 455-1166. Standard Federal Bank sponsors the series.

Special meeting

A presentation and discussion will be given by the Educational Excellence Foundation Executive Board to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the E. J. McClendon Center, 454 S. Harvey.

Wilcox House site eyed for development

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth could be trading the Wilcox House for a project that would help guarantee future economic stability downtown.

Downtown property owner Jack Wilcox, suburban developer John Vincenti and city officials have been discussing Vincenti's plan to buy the property and erect a development that would include residential, office and retail space.

"He's interested in purchasing my property here," said Wilcox. The two have met several times since the spring to discuss the project. Wilcox said discussions about the project were then on hold while Vincenti was in Europe.

Wilcox said the two were to talk again, by Monday. "This is a real complicated real estate deal," he said. "His proposal for Plymouth I think is exciting," Wilcox said.

"I told him it is not a deal-stopper," said Wilcox, of the likelihood that the house would be demolished to make way for the project.

"It's become an icon of Plymouth," said Wilcox, of the house just east of Kellogg Park.

"Of course I have an emotional connection. I was conceived in the house and lived my whole life there," he said.

"But this is in the best interests of the city," Wilcox said, adding a project along the lines Vincenti has discussed could insure downtown Plymouth's economic stability "200 years from now."

"John Vincenti has done very excellent developments in the Novi area, he's done several office complexes over there," he said.

Vincenti has also discussed moving office staff with his firm Tri-Mount-Vincenti Companies to Plymouth. "Having offices in the downtown area is a boon for restaurants and small businesses," Wilcox said.

Vincenti has also talked with Mayflower Hotel co-owner Matt Karmo about developing the site now occupied by the Hotel. Both Vincenti and Karmo were unavailable for comment Friday on how that project may be progressing.

Wilcox said the house could be moved, possibly to where memorials now rest southeast of Kellogg Park, honoring Vietnam War and Korean War veterans.

While the city has approved plans for a Veterans Memorial Park across from city hall, some veterans' groups oppose moving the Vietnam-Korean War memorial. That means an effort to move the house could spark a fight over the memorial, which could delay a building project.

Vincenti in June said of Plymouth, "It's like being in downtown Aspen, Colo., it's somewhat like downtown Birmingham ... I just like the downtown area."

A variety of developments are possible on the land owned by Wilcox, as approval was granted in the early 1990s for another major development on the property, for which financing wasn't secured.

"As long as it's not in conflict with neighboring property I don't see any problem," said Steve Guile, Downtown Development Authority director.



Icon: Downtown property owner Jack Wilcox, suburban developer John Vincenti and city officials have been discussing plans to buy the Wilcox House property and build a development that would include residential, office and retail space.

Traffic lanes shift for Main roadwork

On South Main Street, curb crews have completed most of their work on the west side of the street, therefore traffic will be shifted into the center two lanes between Wing Street and Ann Arbor road.

Crews from Cadillac Asphalt should have completed landscaping along North Main Street by Friday and replaced any damaged grass with new hydro-seed. Any assistance with water the new hydro-seed will be appreciated and will assist in growing the new grass.

This traffic shift will accommodate concrete crews who will be working on both sides of Main Street. The crew on the west side will continue work on man-hole restoration and rebuilding

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while the crew on the east side will work on curb removals and replacements. This work is expected to continue for the next two weeks with the final paving occurring after the Fall Festival.

Traffic will be heavy along Main where paving is under way. As always, use extreme caution when driving through construction zones and be aware of moving equipment and construction workers.

Should you have any questions, please call Shawn Keough at Wade-Trim Engineering at (734) 947-9700 or Paul Sincock, city of Plymouth, (734) 453-7737.

MILITARY NEWS

TRAINING

Navy Seaman Christina M. Nutt, a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. and was awarded the Retired Officer's Association Leadership Award.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Brian M. Paul, a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, recently participated in Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 1998 while aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill.

He joined the Navy in September, 1995.

OBITUARY

SAMUEL ALBERT DELOZIER

A funeral Mass for Samuel Albert Delozier of Livonia was scheduled for 12:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton, with the Rev. Jack Quinlan expected to officiate.

Burial was to be in Holy Sepulchre Archdiocesan Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were handled by McCabe Funeral Home of Canton.

Mr. Delozier, 82, who previously had lived in Westland, died Aug. 24 at Courtyard

Manor in Livonia.

Born in Pennsylvania on Nov. 6, 1915, he was a machine mechanic by trade, employed by 3M Manufacturing.

His wife Mary (Grace) Delozier died in 1994.

Surviving him are sons, Thomas, Raymond (Joan), Patrick (Nettie) and Ronald (Roxanne) of Canton; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; a brother, Edwin; and three sisters, Sis, Margie and Evelyn.

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again rejected in the Appeals Court. And it adds time to the resolution process, forcing the district to wait longer for a final decision.

Superintendent Chuck Little has called Vorva's move a delay tactic, further postponing construction of a new elementary and high schools.

"Every day we're losing money because of the interest we're not incurring," added Goldman.

"We've not put a total figure on it because every day it's growing. If the court is to grant our motion, they will ask for a recommendation and then make a determination."

John Birchler, executive director of business operations, said the district is losing approximately \$11,000 a day in interest from the sale of the bonds.

School board President Mike Maloney estimates the scope of the project — two new schools,

new buses and technology improvements — has lost about \$10 million in buying power because of increased labor and material costs due to the delay.

"We have lost a lot of interest because of the delays in selling the bonds, plus an increase in construction costs," added Goldman.

"If the court grants our motion, we'll take a look at a reasonable approach which will be based on either lost daily interest or the increased construction costs."

Goldman says the monetary figure would go back to Vorva's filing for a rehearing, which is July 31.

Meanwhile, Vorva doesn't seem too concerned about the motion for sanctions.

"They can ask for anything they want," he said. "What they get could be a different story."

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Township couple, Pulte builder embroiled in lawsuits over pool

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

A home builder and a Plymouth Township couple are battling in Wayne County Circuit Court over an in-ground swimming pool that the couple built in their backyard.

The builder, Pulte Homes of Michigan Inc., has filed lawsuits — first to halt the pool's construction, then to prevent swimming in it — claiming its installation violates a covenant of the Country Club Village subdivision in which it is located that requires prior approval by an architectural committee of subdivision homeowners.

But Douglas and Margaret (Margie) Goldschmidt, who built the pool this past spring, have countersued, claiming they were told orally and in writing on several occasions by Pulte representatives — specifically subdivision sales representative Dave Balcerzak — that the pool was permitted and all they needed were township permits, which they got.

In fact, the couple said, they never would have bought the \$375,000 "spec" home in the 400-acre development near Ann Arbor and Ridge roads last November if they had known otherwise, because an in-ground pool, as well as more space and quality of neighborhood and schools, was a main consideration.

The Goldschmidts also claim they didn't learn of the alleged pool restrictions until construction was almost finished. And their attorney said they probably couldn't have learned of them because the covenants are under a different name than the one on his clients' documents.

Their suit alleges breach of contract by Pulte plus negligence, misrepresentation and violation of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act, among other things. They seek a jury trial, dismissal of Pulte's suit, a favorable judgment and an unspecified amount in punitive damages.

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What's the motive?

The couple also questions Pulte's motive: The builder plans a community pool for the subdivision and has gotten tentative site-plan approval from the township.

Balcerzak said in a deposition he doesn't recall telling the Goldschmidts anything about building a backyard pool. However, statements from others, including Susan Ramsey of Prudential Pickering Real Estate in Canton, who helped the Goldschmidts find the house, contradict him.

Numerous motions and appeals have been filed in the contentious litigation, including attempts by both sides to remove judges. As of Aug. 20, Pulte had been assessed \$6,000 in costs, including a \$2,000 sanction for what Judge Michael Sapala called a "frivolous" motion to have another judge, John Gillis, disqualified. So far, only the Goldschmidts have had a judge removed.

The Goldschmidts have incurred some \$40,000 in legal fees thus far, according to their attorney, George Butler III of the Detroit firm of Abbott, Nicholson, Quilter, Esshaki and Youngblood. A hearing or trial probably won't be until February or March, he said.

"Every week Pulte is trying something new," said Margie Goldschmidt about the builder's filings and motions, which she said raise both sides' legal fees.

She reported seeing, at one hearing, three attorneys from Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, a leading Detroit law firm which is representing Pulte in the case, and

was told the fee was \$1,100 an hour — not to mention the salaries of two Pulte vice presidents also present.

She said a ruling by Judge John H. Gillis Jr. has allowed them to use the pool.

Neither Pulte nor Honigman Miller would comment or be interviewed for this story. "This is what we consider active litigation and corporate policy is, we don't comment on cases in process," said Jim Zeumer, a spokesman for the Bloomfield Hills-based Pulte.

Zeumer said Pulte is the nation's largest home-builder, with some 400 subdivisions.

Easement issue

According to the Goldschmidts' countersuit, a property easement prevented a pool at their Pulte-built home in Northville. Margie Goldschmidt told the Observer their oldest child is 15 and the couple didn't think it fair to have a pool built after he grew up and left.

Margie Goldschmidt is an analyst for an area software company and her husband is a home-based executive search consultant.

Butler, the Goldschmidts' attorney, said the legal name of the 400-acre development is "Country Acres of Plymouth No. 1" and not "Country Club Village," which is on all the couple's documents. The restrictive covenants are under Country Acres, he said.

"If they had tried to ascertain whether there were restrictions applicable to Country Club Village, they wouldn't have found out because no such legal name exists," Butler said. The couple learned the correct name when Pulte threatened suit.

However, "the alleged restrictions (don't) apply because" the couple bought into Country Club Village, not Country Acres, Butler said.

He said the "Country Acres" name apparently was created when Pulte split into two divisions — Pulte Homes of Michigan, which builds houses, and Pulte Land Development Corp., which owns land. He said Pulte agents told him Country Acres sounded more marketable.

Usually, a buyer purchases a site from Pulte Land, then contracts Pulte Homes to build. However, the Goldschmidts bought a nearly-completed "spec" home.

He said if Pulte knew "that all these restrictions existed under the other name" but didn't disclose it, the firm violated the state Consumer Protection Act, which requires a seller to reveal anything that would affect a buyer's decision to purchase.

The suit also charges Pulte with violating the Michigan Land Sales Act which, under certain conditions, requires builders to reveal restrictions, Butler said.

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Family shelter to get facelift

Wayne County's largest family homeless facility will be upgraded this fall in many ways.

First, the kitchen will be renovated. The new equipment will mean the homeless will not only have food prepared in-house every day (it had been brought in by an outside vendor), but they will assist with the meals and learn about food service from an on-staff cook nutritionist.

"It's a great double benefit," said Cynthia Haberman, the shelter's director. "We know the job market is crying out for workers who know their way around a commercial kitchen."

The center also plans to hire a staffer to work with the homeless after they've left the Westland facility.

"Too many homeless are coming back into the system, even after they have a home and job," Haberman said. The outreach worker would act as a counselor to assist the transition for those who are out on their own and do what might be termed "homeless prevention."

Opened in 1991, the Wayne

County Family Center has room enough for 23 families, about 108 individuals and is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. There has been an increase in the client numbers as more people are released from state assistance and institutions.

The 4,000-square-foot facility is a transitional housing building and an emergency shelter. If a family is following the program and making progress, they can often stay in residence until housing and employment are secured.

The center operates as a collaborative effort between the county and the Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. Since 1994, LSSM has contracted with Wayne County to handle the operations of the Family Center. The county owns and maintains the building, which is an old Eloise Center commissary, built in the 1920s and now renovated.

LSSM runs the program and pays the workers. Haberman believes it is a successful part-

nership and county officials agree.

"The Family Center is far more than just a shelter," said Sue Wisler, who serves as Wayne County's liaison between the county and Lutheran Social Services. "People can develop job skills, find housing and, in general, stabilize their lives."

People who stay at the shelter must have children; no single adults are permitted there. The average stay is 45-60 days. Once a family has stayed there, they cannot return for a year.

Staff includes a case manager overseeing individual clients, housing coordinator, and employment education coordinator. Clients' progress is monitored. They are asked to set goals, outline a plan of action, and are referred, if necessary, to outside agencies (substance abuse, mental health and domestic violence counselors).

There is a licensed day care center, KidZone, inside the shelter for kids age 3 weeks to 13

years. KidZone also accepts kids from outside the shelter so this helps minimize the stigma that homeless children often face.

The center houses toy rooms, a porch and outside playground. In good weather, adults can garden, as this year's crop includes corn, radishes, tomatoes and cucumbers.

Haberman has seen the difference the center can make in lives. One of the most recent success stories involves an abusive mother with a 6-year-old daughter. "She stayed a long time," Haberman said. "But she got back on her feet, has her own apartment and is working full time now. She's just a different person."

Haberman considers the center to be a great place to work. "If someone is ready to be helped, this can be a really positive situation," she says. "We're about hope here, not despair."

The Wayne County Family Shelter is located at 30600 Michigan Ave., behind the Kay Beard Building in Westland. The phone number is (734) 721-0590.

Golf outing to benefit Madonna scholarships

Golfers often dream of a one-on-one lesson with a PGA Tour professional. As part of Madonna University's third annual Scholarship Golden Classic Golf Outing on Friday, Sept. 18, all participants of the fundraiser will have that chance.

The One-on-One Van will be on hand to give each golfer their personal lesson with Greg Norman. The van is a state-of-the-art mobile video production facility which can produce and deliver any of Norman's personalized video golf lessons.

Each individual golfer's swing fundamentals will be analyzed from two camera angles and eight club head positions.

Each participant will receive a copy of the 45-minute video analyzing their swing.

A full day of events is planned with proceeds bene-

fitting the Madonna University Scholarship Fund.

The event will be at the Links of Novi. Check-in is at 11:30 a.m. and Shotgun (scramble format) at 1 p.m.

The awards banquet begins at 7 p.m. and features prizes and a silent auction of sports memorabilia including private suite tickets to the opening night of the Red Wings and 36 holes of golf for three at Oakland Hills.

Celebrity guests include former president of the PGA Warren "Mr. Rules" Orlick, former New York Yankee Bill Stafford and former Detroit Tiger Milt Wilcox.

Cost for golf and dinner for a foursome is \$600; for an individual the golf and dinner is \$150. Dinner alone is \$50 per person.

For information, call (734) 432-5421.

Health department has new address

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Health Department has moved.

A building near Merriman and Michigan Avenue in Westland that has housed the Health Department for the last 50 years is slated for demolition.

In July, the Health Department moved its administrative offices to 33030 Van Born, on the northwest corner of Venoy, in Wayne.

Wayne County commissioners recently approved an agreement with Oakwood Healthcare System of Dearborn for Wayne County to lease clinic space at Oakwood's Westland facility, 2001 S. Merriman Road.

Under the two-year agreement Wayne County will lease 2,826 square feet of space for \$115,866 in Oakwood's building located at

Palmer and Merriman and north of Inkster Valley Golf Course. That facility will serve 8,000 to 10,000 clients annually and provide immunizations, vaccines and family planning and treat sexually-transmitted diseases. No emergency service will be provided.

The building that used to house Wayne County's Library for the Blind, now will house county health administrators, according to Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, medical director of the Wayne County Health Department.

"It is the first time (the health department) has moved in 54 years," Lawrenchuk said. "It was amazing and historical, some of the things we have found, like the minutes from the first Board of Health meeting."

While Wayne County provides health programs based on prevention, Oakwood will provide

primary care for sick patients, Lawrenchuk said.

"It's like 'one-stop' shopping. While they're there, they can take care of all their health care needs," said Lawrenchuk.

County commissioners also approved the following:

■ A five-year contract with a one-year renewal option with Lutheran Social Services of Michigan for \$1.2 million to manage the Wayne County Family Center in Westland.

■ A contract for \$38,750 with Michael Shirley Associates of Overland Park, Kan., to conduct a search for an executive director for the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

Wayne County Health Department's administrative phone number is (734) 727-7000. The Westland clinic's new phone number is (734) 727-7260.



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HOME SENSE



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Pack a bag that's fun to open at lunch

Packing a school lunch your child will eat is not that difficult. The trick is to create a fun, healthy lunch they won't want to trade, or throw in the trash.

The first thing you need to know is how much time is allowed for eating. If the school has a lunch policy that says when children are done eating they can go play, naturally your child will hurry through their eating. Playing is definitely more fun than eating. Also, remember young children eat slower than older children. Your child may do just fine on a few quick bites of food.

Next, find out where lunches are kept. Sometimes they are shut up in a closed locker in a hot hallway, or put on a shelf in the classroom. Food safety has to be a concern when packing a lunch.

Keep food cool

Anything you take out of the refrigerator and put into your lunch must be kept cold. This includes meat sandwiches, tuna or egg salad, milk, cheese or yogurt, dips for fresh vegetables.

- Add a freezer pack to keep foods cold until lunch

- Freeze water in a leak-proof container to act as an ice pack.

- Freeze the beverage, a juice box or bottled water. It will thaw and be ready to drink at lunch time.

- Freeze pudding, yogurt, or canned fruits. By noon they will be slushy, but cold.

- Pack cold and frozen foods together. This keeps the food colder longer.

Pack your lunch the night before, and keep it in the refrigerator. Completely chilled foods stay cooler longer.

Freeze meat sandwiches and pack frozen in the lunch bag, they will thaw by noon and be safe to eat. Don't freeze hard-cooked eggs, tuna or egg salad sandwiches.

Foods that don't need to be kept cold

- Peanut butter sandwich
- Muffins or bagels
- Fresh fruit in the peel
- Unopened cans of fruit or pudding

Leftovers for lunch

A thermos can accommodate an endless variety of foods for lunch. Fill a thermos with last night's leftovers, hot soup or chili, cold or hot pasta salads, hot dogs, taco fixings, hot cereal.

Lunch tips

- Cut food into bite-size pieces so your child can easily manage them.

- Make everything look attractive, good enough to eat.

- Decorate small plastic containers that can be used in a lunch bag for small food items.

- If your child likes breakfast items, recycle the morning meal for lunch. Waffles or rolled pancakes with jelly, or dry cereal in festive containers, or decorated bags are great.

- Pack a hand washing wipe in the lunch in case soap and water aren't available. Encourage your child to use it before touching their foods and after they are finished.

- Pack the lunch in a clean container. Wash out the lunch box or bag with warm water and soap every day. Throw away brown paper bags, use a fresh one daily.

Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension — Oakland County. For answers to food questions, call the hot-line (248) 858-0904.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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GOLDEN MUSHROOM ADDS DELIGHT TO YOUR KITCHEN

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

The Golden Mushroom, a Southfield dining landmark for a quarter century, unlocks secrets to preparing wonderful and creative meals in "The Golden Mushroom Kitchen, 25 Years of Chefs and Recipes."

"The cookbook offers the very best dishes from some of the finest chefs who have trained in Michigan," said owner Reid Ashton who conceived the idea of a cookbook honoring star performers whose culinary wizardry brought, and continue to bring, the Golden Mushroom its accolades.

In the cookbook 23 chefs provide recipes for a complete menu from hors d'oeuvre to dessert. The complementary flow of flavors from one course to another is unparalleled. Chefs contributing menus either currently work, such as Executive Chef Derrin Moore, or have worked, at the Golden Mushroom. A brief biography of each chef brings the reader up close and personal.

Hardbound, "The Golden Mushroom Kitchen" will be a welcome addition to your collection of cookbooks. Retailing for \$24.95, its 188 pages include over 200 recipes. A portion of the sale proceeds goes to scholarship programs at Michigan State University, the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association and the Michigan Restaurant Association. It is available at the Golden Mushroom and many other restaurants whose chefs are featured in the book. Phone orders may be placed at (248) 559-4230.

Culinary university

The breadth of imagination and dedication represented by the menus and recipes brings The Golden Mushroom a new moniker, Golden Mushroom Culinary University. As such, the kitchen of the restaurant provides an apprentice program for some of metro Detroit's top chefs. Once apprentices, Steve Allen of Steve and Rocky's in Novi, and Brian Polcyn, Five Lakes Grill in Milford, are now restaurant owners. Others, like Marty Blitz, is owner of Mise en Place in Tampa, Fla.

The number of chefs staying close to home has given the metro Detroit area dining prominence. Up north at Tapawingo in Ellsworth, Executive Chef Richard Travis displays his skills making the restaurant a destination for fine dining.

The early years

It all began with the genius of Milos Cihelka, the first Master Chef certified in the United States and the chef whose Continental cuisine put the Golden Mushroom on the culinary map. His biography places him at the Golden Mushroom in 1976 when he joined Ashton and later became partner. Only four years before, as a member of the 1972 U.S. Culinary Team, he won two Gold Medals in the Culinary Olympics in Frankfurt, Germany.

Returning in 1984, he won the Gold Medal with Distinction for a perfect score in eleven dishes. In 1986, Chef Milos turned tutor and coach for members of the Michigan Culinary Team that has won a total of 44 Gold Medals, three Grand Prizes and

two Best of Shows culminating with the Grand Prize in Gold.

That smell of past victory inspired Executive Chef Randy Smith of Birmingham's Big Rock Chop & Brew House to compete in the 1992 World Culinary Olympics where he won a gold medal as sous chef on the Michigan Culinary Team.

Following in the footsteps of his mentor Master Chef Milos who retired in 1992, Chef Kevin Enright has, for the last 14 years, been training other chefs enrolled in the culinary arts program at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Enright credits his success to the training he received from Master Chef Milos in the Golden Mushroom kitchen.

In 1980, Chef Brian Polcyn joined the kitchen of Master Chef Milos and rose to the rank of sous chef. Today, as owner of Five Lakes Grill in his hometown of Milford, his culinary expertise has been recognized in many national magazines. He also serves as a culinary consultant to Northwest Airlines.

Creative isn't simple

But don't expect creative food to have simple preparation. Many recipes are challenging and include numerous steps. However, it does give the home cook an appreciation for what goes on in a creative restaurant kitchen.

Taking the guess work out of wine pairing is an added feature for the wine aficionado. Golden Mushroom's Sommelier Marlene Vendramelli has made a wine selection for most dishes.

See recipes inside.

Absopure celebrates 90 years of bottling water

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Diane Schuur, Regina Carter and Liquid Soul aren't the only familiar names at this year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, Absopure Water Co. will be there too.

"We are proud that Absopure is the official bottled water of the 1998 Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival," said William Patrick Young, vice president of retail marketing for the Plymouth based company. "We felt it was a great way to get involved, we've been a festival sponsor for many years."

Look for the commemorative label, which includes a smaller version of the colorful Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz poster designed by Tania Macioce of Farmington Hills, an art director at J. Walter Thompson.

"Jazz lovers have discriminating tastes," said Young. "They're the type of people who drink our product. Water is the very best way to quench your thirst. People like the taste of it. Our spring water comes from southern Michigan near Irish Hills. The bottles are convenient and make it easier for people to drink water."

Ice cold Absopure Water will be sold at the Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival to refresh everyone enjoying "All that Jazz." Look for the commemorative label on one liter Absopure Water bottles at Farmer Jack and other stores.

"The commemorative label is Absopure's way of paying tribute to the world's largest free jazz festival in the country," said Young. "The bottles will be in stores this week. They'll be available until we run out."

Family business

Family owned and operated, Absopure Water Co. is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. They're one of the nation's leading regional bottlers and marketers of a wide array of bottled water products ranging from distilled, spring and drinking water, to Cap 10 effervescent, naturally flavored mineral water.

The company has called Plymouth home since 1979. Like a good neighbor, Absopure supports not only cultural events such as the Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival but

helps people in need. When a water main broke recently in Macomb Township leaving hundreds of people without water, the company gave away about 4,000 gallons of water.

Beginnings

Absopure began in 1908 as a brand name of General Necessities Company. Back then, Absopure Ice was delivered to Detroit area customers on horse-drawn wagons. In the 1920s the company introduced the Absopure brand of electrical "Frigerators."

Arthur and Belle Porteous bought the Absopure name and formed a new company — Absopure Water Co. after General Necessities Co. went bankrupt following the stock-market crash on Wall Street in 1929.

In the mid-1950s, Young's grandfather, William P. Young, a self-taught engineer from Bay City, called on Absopure as part of his sales position with Fred Myers Co. While trying to sell Porteous a new bottle washer, Young

learned about the water company and purchased it in 1956.

Their son, William C. began working at Absopure part time when he was 16. He earned his degree in engineering from the University of Detroit and worked in a co-op program at Ford Motor Co. before joining Absopure full-time in 1961. He soon became the driving force in the company.

In 1973, the Young family merged their company with Beatrice Foods, a major food products company based in Chicago. The Youngs continued to manage the Absopure division. In addition to making a significant investment in new equipment and facilities modernization, it added CAP 10 sparkling water to the Absopure product lines. Over the next decade, it became clear that Beatrice and Absopure were growing in different directions. In 1982 the Young Family bought Absopure back.

"I've been with the company since I was born," said William Patrick Young with a chuckle. After earning his degree in marketing from the University of Detroit, Young, like his father, joined the company.

"It's always been part of me," he said. "I saw the bottled water industry as an exciting industry, something I wanted to be part of. It's something I've always known."

Part of Absopure's 90th anniversary celebration includes a strong marketing focus on hydration — water consumption. Labels include the words — Absopure "The Hydration Drink."

The Young family also owns three independent affiliates that grew from Absopure's success — Plastipak Packaging, Inc., Clean Tech, Inc. and Whiteline Express, Ltd. Absopure products touch 20 states in the United States.



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Information supplied by Absopure Water Co.

Chefs share recipes from 'The Golden Mushroom Kitchen'

See related story on Taste front.
Recipes from "The Golden Mushroom Kitchen, 25 Years of Chefs and Recipes."

CARAMELIZED ONION TART

Chef/Proprietor Brian Polcyn, Five Lakes Grill, Milford

For pate brissee*:
1 pound butter
1 pound flour
1 egg plus water to equal 1 cup

Cut butter into very small pieces, press into flour with hands until crumbly. Mix egg/water mixture in and chill for 30 minutes before using.

For tart:
8 ounces pate brissee recipe
4 large Spanish onions
2 ounces butter
1 egg
1/2 cup cream
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

Roll pate brissee dough out to 1/8-inch thickness in a circle larger than an 11-inch flan shell. Line the shell with the dough. Place a piece of parchment paper in the shell and fill with weights such as beans. Bake in a 350°F oven until evenly golden brown. Remove and allow to cool.

In a pan fitted with a tight lid, sweat onions in butter over medium heat. When onion becomes clear and completely soft, remove the lid. Turn the heat to high and stirring constantly, caramelize the natural sugars. When the onions are a deep brown color, remove them from the heat and allow to cool.

Mix eggs and cream and pour over onions. Fill the tart shell with the onions and cream mixture. Sprinkle top with Parmesan cheese. Bake in a 350°F oven for approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour, until it is set in the center. Allow to cool slightly before you cut tart. Serves 12.

*Pate brissee is a French term for "short pastry," a rich flaky dough used for sweet and savory crusts.

ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

Chef/Proprietor Brian Polcyn, Five Lakes Grill, Milford

1 large butternut squash
4 ounces butter
1 quart chicken stock
1 small onion, diced
2 cups heavy cream
salt, pepper and nutmeg

Cut squash in half lengthwise, remove seeds. Roast in 375°F oven, cut side down until tender, about 35 to 45 minutes. Remove from oven, scoop out pulp. In 2 ounces of butter, sweat the onions until translucent, add the roasted squash pulp, then the chicken stock. Bring to a boil, allow to cook 20 minutes. Process in blender or food processor until smooth. Place back on stove, whip in remaining butter and heavy cream. Season, strain if needed. Serves 8.

SLICED BUFFALO MOZZARELLA WITH RIPE ROMA TOMATOES

Executive Chef Brian DeMeyer, Copper Canyon Brewery, Southfield

3 ounces sliced buffalo mox-

zarella, cut into 6 slices
6 slices Roma tomatoes
crushed black peppercorns to taste
extra virgin olive oil
balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon basil chiffonade (cut in thin strips)

Alternate slices of cheese and tomatoes on serving plate. Mix remaining ingredients and drizzle. Serve at room temperature. Individual serving.

GRILLED, SPICE RUBBED YELLOWFIN TUNA

Chef/Proprietor Steve Allen, Steve & Rocky's, Novi

For sauce:
1/3 cup peanut oil
1 1/2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
zest and juice of one lime

2 teaspoons soy sauce
1/2 teaspoon sugar
pinch salt
2 teaspoons grated ginger

1 teaspoon garlic, finely chopped
1 teaspoon Malayan chili sauce (available in food specialty shops)

1 tablespoon chili sauce
Combine all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth.

For spice rub:

1/2 cup Hungarian paprika
1 tablespoon dry mustard
1 tablespoon ground thyme

1 tablespoon ground tarragon
2 teaspoons garlic powder
2 teaspoons onion powder

1 teaspoon cumin
1 teaspoon cayenne
salt to taste

For fish:
4 tuna steaks, 6 ounces each
peanut oil

For salad:

1 cup chopped grapefruit segments
1/2 cup sliced water chestnuts
1/2 small red onion, julienne cut
1 tablespoon sliced chives
1 cup sliced pineapple

Gently combine all salad ingredients.
Combine spice rub ingredients and evenly season tuna steaks with mixture; let sit 10 minutes. Preheat clean charcoal or barbecue. Lightly brush steaks with peanut oil. Place tuna on grill at a slight angle and sear.

Lift tuna with metal spatula off grill, rotate tuna 1/2 turn and sear again. Turn steaks over and repeat process, approximately 2 1/2 minutes per side. Cook to medium rare or else fish will be dry. Remove from grill.

Spill sauce on plates, then place salad on plate. Place tuna onto salad and serve immediately. Serves four.

POACHED PEARS WITH PORT WINE SABAYON

Recipe of Golden Mushroom
3 large or 6 small pears
2 cups tawny port
1 whole clove
1 piece cinnamon stick
2 strips lemon peel
2 egg yolks

Peel pears and cut in halves. Remove cores. Place in stainless pan, add wine and spices. Simmer till pears are tender (time depends on how ripe they are).

Transfer pears to another dish. Over high heat boil wine down to 1/2 cup. Strain into a bowl, allow to cool a little.

Add the egg yolks and over a boiling water bath, whip till hot and foamy. Remove from heat, continue whipping till thick. Place pears flat side down on serving plates, spoon sauce over. Serves 6.

cocoa for coating
cocoa butter (optional)

In a machine mixing bowl, melt chocolate over hot water. Place in mixer and whip at high speed. Slowly add the rum and whipping steadily, start adding the cream slowly, scraping sides and bottom occasionally. Continue whipping until the mixture is fluffy, but do not overwhip.

Using a pastry bag with plain tube, pipe 1" size balls on a piece of parchment or wax paper. Refrigerate to solidify.

You may thin the dipping chocolate using a small amount of cocoa butter. Form a piece of wire into a small (teaspoon size) loop.

Drop truffle balls one by one in the chocolate, remove using wire loop, place in a bed of cocoa and roll to coat. Remove to another sheet of paper and refrigerate until needed.

CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES

Milos Cihelka, Certified Master Chef

8 ounces bittersweet chocolate

1 1/2 tablespoons dark rum

2/3 cup heavy cream

8 ounces chocolate (milk or dark) for dipping

Share your favorite chili, tailgate recipes

Do you have a great chili recipe you'd like to share with our readers?

If so, send the recipe to the Observer and we'll consider it for publication in our Plymouth Chili Cookoff booklet on Oct. 1.

Send recipes to Observer Newspapers Special Projects, Editor Ralph R. Echtenaw, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Or fax recipes to Echtenaw at (734) 591-7279.

Or e-mail recipes to rehti-naw@oe.homecomm.net.

We're also looking for tailgate recipes to feature in a story in Taste on Sept. 27. Send or fax tailgate recipes to Taste Editor Keely Wygonik at the address and number listed above.

You can also e-mail recipes to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Make healthy lunches your children will eat

Here are some back to school sandwich ideas from Fay Fitzgerald, registered dietitian and coordinator of the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute Heart Smart program.

Low-fat or fat-free cream cheese with raisins on a whole-grain cinnamon bagel.

All natural peanut butter and sliced banana on whole-grain raisin bread.

Humus with thinly sliced cucumber in a pita.

Low-fat or fat-free cream cheese in a pita with vegetables.

You can even make a sandwich without bread. Try:

Fat-free bologna and low-fat or fat-free cream cheese, rolled up and secured with a pretzel stick or toothpick.

Core an apple and fill it with all-natural peanut butter.

A typical sandwich made with luncheon meat, cheese and mayonnaise contains almost 600 calories and 45 grams of fat. By making a few simple adjustments, you can make a sandwich with lean turkey, low fat cheese and mustard with 250 calories and 3 grams of fat.

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Crushed peppercorns make tuna steaks a sizzling treat

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

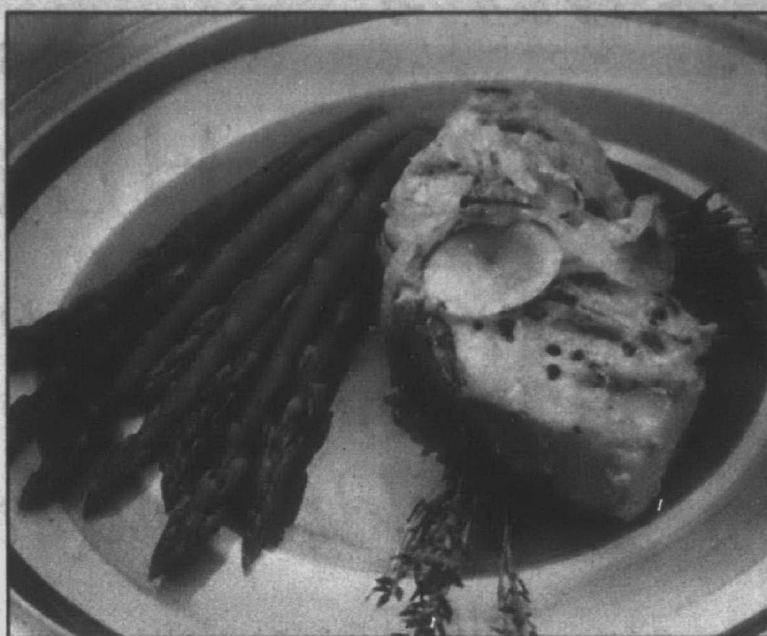
Chefs and food writers want us to care about the ingredients we use. They expect us to learn how the chickens we buy are raised, how the carrots at the supermarket are grown, and how our breakfast cereal is processed. They instruct us on the difference between coarse, kosher, and sea salt.

Favorite spice

But on pepper, all they generally say is: "Grind it yourself."

Pepper happens to be my favorite spice. While I don't carry a pepper mill around with me, I do season my own cooking with it generously.

Sometimes I even pop a whole peppercorn in my mouth, cracking it between my teeth to enjoy the unfolding complexity of flavors and the full hit of its glowing heat.



Simply delicious: Peppered Tuna Steak Smothered in Onions is a dish to remember.

Chefs have a good reason to recommend grinding pepper just

as you need it.

The substances that give it the wonderful blend of biting heat, flowery aroma, and resinous, woody notes are quite volatile; they evaporate relatively quickly as the ground pepper sits. Prolonged exposure to heat also diminishes flavor. This is why it is best to add pepper to cooked dishes shortly before they are done.

Source of pepper

Black and white and green peppercorns are all the berries of the *piper nigrum* vine, native to India. Green peppercorns, usually sold dried or brined, are mature berries.

White peppercorns are both mature and fully ripe. Processing removes their outer skin and pulp, leaving the dried inner part of the berry.

Black peppercorns are mature too, but have been harvested before ripening completely. Spread out in the sun to dry,

their outer skin shrivels and blackens. This outer skin adds to the pungency and aroma of black pepper.

Today, peppercorns come from India, Malaysia, Indonesia and other tropical countries. Black Tellicherry pepper from the Malabar coast of India has the most complex flavor. Storing any variety

of peppercorns in an airtight jar, away from light and heat will preserve its distinctive flavor.

At the height of flavor, they make even a simple fish preparation, like these tuna steaks, a dish to remember.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is the author of two cookbooks. The Institute focuses on the link between diet, nutrition and cancer.

PEPPERCORN TUNA STEAK SMOTHERED IN ONIONS

4 teaspoons whole black peppercorns
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 large onion, very thinly sliced
16 ounce tuna steak, cut in four 4-oz pieces.
1/2 teaspoon of salt

Place the peppercorns in a plastic bag, laying it flat on a cutting board. With a rolling pin pound the peppercorns until they are coarsely crushed. Set aside.

In a medium, non-stick skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion until it is soft and lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Transfer the onion to a plate and cover it with a paper towel to keep it warm while the fish cooks. Wipe out the pan and set it aside.

Sprinkle the fish with salt, seasoning it on both sides. Sprin-

kle about 1/2 teaspoon of the peppercorns over one of the pieces of tuna. Distribute the pepper evenly, but don't worry if the surface of the fish is not coated entirely. With your fingers, gently but firmly press the pepper into the fish. Turn and repeat on the other side. Coat remaining fish with the pepper.

Spray the skillet with cooking spray and place over a medium-high heat. Add the seasoned tuna and sear the fish until it is lightly browned, 1 to 2 minutes.

Turn and sear the other side, about 2 minutes. Cover the pan, reduce heat to medium and cook 1 minute longer for rare tuna, 2 to 3 minutes for medium-rare (pink inside), and 4 minutes for fish cooked all the way through.

Place the tuna on a warm platter or four separate dinner plates. Top off with the onions and serve immediately. Each of the four servings contains 207 calories and 9 grams of fat.

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Dentistry in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

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Open Letter to the Community: CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC: READ BETWEEN THE LINES

When a recent issue of the Detroit Free Press printed its "Grading the Groceries" section, I became outraged. My anger arose from the fact that so many consumers could easily be misled by the report and its findings. The report listed the names of the stores throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, their dates of inspection and the grades they received at that inspection, along with any food violations the store may have been cited for. Upon examination of the results one can find stores showing an E rating with no food violations versus a D rating with severe food violations and in one case, a C rated store that had pork seized from its premises (meaning that it was not fit for human consumption).

According to the Michigan Department of Agriculture, stores are assigned a letter rating after each formal inspection. Regulators use the ratings to determine how often to inspect a store. A and B rated stores are to be inspected on a 12 month schedule, C rated stores are to be inspected on a 6 month cycle, D rated stores every 4 months and E rated stores every 2 months. However, upon careful review of the findings, it appears that in an overwhelming number of cases, inspections did not take place as scheduled. This leads me to question the validity of the findings presented in this section. I make no attempt to hide the fact that my Canton location has been cited for such violations as dust on the windowsills and the fans, crumbs on the floor and stained ceiling tiles. I have even gone as far as to post these violations on the front entrance of the store for examination by my customers. The question remains, however, how do the previously mentioned violations compare to a store that has been cited numerous times for meat and food contamination? Better yet, how does that store end up with an equal or better rating than Bob's of Canton?

I am stressing the fact that customers need to closely analyze the results of the findings prior to drawing any conclusions about their local grocers.

Sincerely,
Bob and Cynthia Coleman

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Training classes are offered at convenient times and locations throughout the year. Call Doreen Vivyan at (800) 932-5202, Ext. 119.

No butts, please

St. Joseph Mercy Health System is looking for smokers who want to be non-smokers to join SMOKE STOPPERS, a six-week national program of behavior modification. This one-on-one program is scheduled on an ongoing basis Wednesday afternoons and evenings. Participants also learn relaxation techniques, exercises, nutrition and stress-management. "It's very successful," said program coordinator Pat Harris.

Participants meet in the Arbor Health Building in downtown Plymouth and in the Reichert Health Building at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Appointments must be made in advance. Contact Harris at (734) 712-4141. Nicotine replacement patch and Zyban pill users are welcome.

Cancer information

The Josephine Ford Cancer Center of Henry Ford Health System, one of the largest cancer centers in southeast Michigan, has launched a toll-free telephone line to provide callers with information about cancer. In addition, a representative will assist individuals in scheduling appointment and link patients to resources within the system and the community.

The Josephine Ford Cancer Center currently is involved in more than 160 cancer studies, including the use of suicide gene therapy for breast, prostate and brain cancer. Henry Ford Hospital is the only location in Michigan approved by the federal government to use monoclonal antibodies to fight cancer.

The toll-free number is 1-888-734-JFCC (5322). Calls are accepted from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Hospital Web site

Want to take some health classes, find a new doctor, review home medical equipment or apply for a job at Garden City Hospital? It's easy, just tune into the hospital's new Web site at URL <http://gchosp.org>.

Additionally, the site has a thorough section on medical education, reflecting the hospital's role as an osteopathic teaching institution. The calendar of events listing classes and other significant activities is regularly updated, and more than 250 physicians can be located on the Web site.

For more information, contact Terry Carroll, director of community relations, at (734) 458-4267.

We want your health news

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

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HOW TO KEEP KIDS HEALTHY

Good hygiene, proper nutrition, sleep will help children stay well



BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

From head lice to the flu, your child is bound to bring home something from school this year besides homework. While you cannot disease-proof kids, you can make them more disease-resistant by teaching them good hygiene and boosting their immune systems through proper rest and good nutrition.

"Tell children not to share with other children, biting off of sandwiches or drinking from the same pop bottle or glass," said Diane Case, a registered nurse with the Wayne County Department of Health's Disease Control Division.

"Wash your hands. Ninety percent (of communicable diseases) could be prevented if children just washed their hands," said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, medical director of the Wayne County Department of Health. After that, it's a matter of luck.

Starting about age 7, kids insist on doing things themselves, like bathing and washing their own hair. However, left to their own devices, kids are notorious shortcut-takers. They may wet their hair, but do they "wash" it?

Kids also are likely to run their fingers under a trickle of tap water and declare a major hand-washing. Sure, soap removes dirt and dried blood, but it's the friction — the wrist-to-fingertip, palm-rubbing action under running water — that dilutes germs and sends them spiraling down the drain.

"It's not the presence but the concentration," said Lawrenchuk about the potency of germs.

Head lice

If parents don't wash their children's hair or periodically inspect it, they may fail to spot head lice before it becomes a family infestation or is passed on to the schools. It often takes two to three weeks for symptoms to develop. While most people have itchy heads, many have no symptoms at all.

Head lice are tiny insects about 1/8th inch long that live on human heads. Unlike Superman, they do not travel by leaps and bounds, but rather crawl from hair to hair feeding on blood from scalp bites. Their color varies from light to dark tan.

Adult female lice lay tiny, grayish-white, tear-drop shaped eggs (nits), which they cement to hair shafts, usually within 1/4th inch from the scalp. The nits, usually found around the ears and the back of the neck,

hatch in seven to 10 days. Nit cases from hatched lice are translucent and found on hair shafts at any distance from the scalp.

While nits can be confused with dandruff on first sight, they cannot be removed easily. They are strongly glued to the hair.

Head lice are very democratic. Anyone can get them, rich or poor, clean or dirty. They are passed from one person to another in a variety of ways: head to head contact; sharing personal items like combs, hair decorations, towels, bedding, hats, coats and scarfs; placing heads on furniture, rugs, and car seats recently used by someone with head lice; and piling coats, hats, scarfs on top of each other.

"All the schools seem to have a major problem with it. In kindergarten and the lower grades, they hang all the coats together, and the lice can walk to another coat," said Casey.

Bombing your home or your child's classroom with a powerful delouser is not the answer and can be harmful to pets and humans. "They (head lice) have to reproduce on the head and get their blood meal. Off the head, they die in 72 hours. They're not sur-

dy creatures. They don't reproduce or lay eggs on the carpet," said Casey.

Winning the war

Special shampoos, hot water and a good vacuum are the best defense against head lice. Both prescription and non-prescription shampoos are available. Follow directions exactly, since overuse of these shampoos could have toxic effects.

Live lice usually die after the first shampoo; the second dose takes care of the remaining nits. "Eggs all hatch within seven days. That's why you wait the seven to 10 days for a second treatment," said Casey.

Family members should be checked daily for 10 days and treated if lice or nits are found. Also, some schools-districts have a "no re-entry with nits" policy after the first shampoo.

While the humans are undergoing delousing, wash clothes and sheets used by an infested person in detergent and 130-degree water for 20 minutes or dry-clean clothes, including hats and scarves, to kill lice and nits. Larger items like pillows and comforters can be sealed in a plastic bag for several days.

Inspection

Your child's blue, green and brown eyes can easily turn pink under the right conditions.

Pink eye with pus (bacterial conjunctivitis) is caused by bacteria and can be a complication of a cold. It is spread through touch, something children love to do. Therefore, it is very important for infected children to wash their hands often and to have their own washcloths and towels.

Make sure to remove all the pus from the eyes with warm water and wet cotton balls before putting in any medicines. Otherwise, the medicines

will not work. Pink eye without pus is caused by a virus and requires rinsing the child's eyes with warm water as often as possible to keep a bacterial infection from occurring.

All sorts of things show up on a child's abdomen, including ringworm, chicken pox and measles, another reason to do a bath-time inspection. Casey said don't ignore a rash.

"If you notice something on your child or they itch, get them to the doctor. A lot of parents will let things go or they'll say it's probably the new soap."

Flu

Flu is highly contagious. Ninety percent of people who come in contact with the virus will become ill, according to Lawrenchuk. Symptoms usually begin within three days after a person inhales the virus.

Sneezes and coughs readily spread the airborne virus, which lives in the mouth and throat. Holding hands or kissing is another culprit. Also, the virus survives for hours in dried mucous on doorknobs, telephones, and faucets.

The severity of the flu season is unpredictable. Every few years, there's a major "antigenic" shift in the virus that defies immune systems and renders flu antibodies useless. "We are overdue for a worldwide epidemic," said Lawrenchuk.

Dr. Veena Sabharwal, chairwoman of pediatrics at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, said the flu season has been getting longer every year, often beginning in late September.

Most children she sees her private Livonia practice "go through the flu without any complications." Their symptoms include body aches, headaches, vomiting, diarrhea and a fever that ranges from 100 to 104 degrees and lasts from 24 hours to one week.

"Rest and proper hydration" are the best remedies along with non-aspirin pain and fever medication, she said. Occasionally, a secondary bacterial infection will set in — ear aches, sinus infection, bronchitis or pneumonia — requiring more intense medical care.

Neither Lawrenchuk nor Sabharwal recommends vaccinating healthy children against the flu; however, children with systemic diseases are the exception. These diseases include asthma, diabetes, and renal, cardiac and neurological problems. Also, children undergoing chemotherapy should be vaccinated.

For young children with a chronic disease, the vaccination is administered in two doses, one month apart. Older children get their vaccination in one dose.

Sure, the flu season is coming. We can run, but we can't hide. Don't panic. Sabharwal offers this simple, common-sense advice for warding off the flu:

"Good hygiene, good hand-washing and cleaning of utensils." She also recommends a hefty dose of sunshine and fresh air. "Do get out a lot. Open your windows. Fresh air is very important."

Wayne County is making progress in vaccinating its youngest residents. Five years ago, 70 percent of children 2 years old and under did not have all the required vaccinations.

"In 43 communities within Wayne County but outside of Detroit, roughly 80 percent of our 2-year-olds are now immunized," said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, medical director of the Wayne County Department of Health.

A new vaccine for Haemophilus Influenza Type B recently has been required by the state of Michigan for all children under 5 years who are enrolled in state-licensed preschools and day care centers, according to Lawrenchuk. This vaccine protects against a bacterial influenza that can lead to meningitis.

In consulting an immunization chart, Lawrenchuk reminds parents that doses are age-dependent. (A 2-month-old child would receive a lesser dose than a 6-month-old.) Always consult a physician about the correct dosage.

IMMUNIZATIONS	AGES 4-6	AGES 7-18
DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS & PERTUSSIS	4 doses are required. If a dose was not given on or after the 4th birthday, a booster dose of DTP is required. Most children will have 5 doses.	4 doses are required. If a dose was not given before age 10 years, a booster dose of Td is required.
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MEASLES, MUMPS & RUBELLA	2 doses are required. The 1st dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday. The 2nd dose must be given at least 28 days from the 1st dose and at or after 15 months of age.	2 doses are required. The 1st dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday. The 2nd dose must be given at least 28 days from the 1st dose and at or after 15 months of age.
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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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TUES, SEPT. 1

EATING DISORDERS
Garden City Hospital is offering a new support group for persons recovering from an eating disorder and for persons in need of peer support. Open to both males and females. Meets at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday, from Sept. 1-29. Call 458-3395.

WED, SEPT. 2

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
"Focus on Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets from 7-8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the auditorium of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

TUES, SEPT. 8

ACUPUNCTURE
Botsford General Hospital physician Jay Danto, D.O., will discuss acupuncture in treating pain, illness and addiction from 2-4 p.m. in the Zieger Center's Community Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Cost is \$5. Preregistration and prepayment

required by Sept. 4. Call (248) 471-8020.

IMPOTENCE

Help for Impotent Men (HIM) support group discusses "Women's Issues with Viagra" at 7 p.m. Botsford General Hospital's East Pavilion, Classroom 2 East A/B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. Call (248) 477-6100.

WED, SEPT. 9

PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB
People with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory diseases meet from 1:30-2:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Arbor Health Building in Plymouth. Call (734) 712-5367.

THURS, SEPT. 10

HEALTHY COOKING

"Soy Tasters Night," a cooking demo at Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi, at 7 p.m. Cost is \$6. Classes fill quickly. Registration is required. Call (248) 477-6100.

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MIKE WENDLAND

The Net continues to grow and has become such a huge part of our lives that some definite problems are cropping up, too.

Consider three typical e-mail questions I have received. Because they touch on increasingly common themes, I also offer up my answers.

Q: Is it possible to be addicted to the Internet? My wife and I went online about a year ago as a way to stay in touch with the world and learn some computer skills. But it's all she seems to do now. The house is a mess. She's on the computer when I leave for work, and several nights a week, she's still on the computer when I go to bed. When is it too much?

A: Sounds like in your case, it's way past too much. Yes, there really is such a thing as being addicted to the Internet. It's not a joking matter, either. The Canadian Medical Association has even come up with an official name and description: "Internet Addiction Disorder (IAD). Symptoms include loss of control, craving and withdrawal symptoms, social isolation, marital discord, academic failure, excessive financial debt and job termination."

You didn't tell me just what your wife is doing on the Net, whether she's surfing, caught up in chat rooms or e-mail lists, but whatever it is, you need to have a serious talk with her. I'm not Ann Landers but I'd also suggest some counseling. There is something about the Net and its interactive yet impersonal nature that brings out a real obsessive/compulsive behavior in some people. Your problem is not that unusual.

A University of Pittsburgh researcher named Kimberly Young specializes in studying Internet addiction. She delivered a report to the American Psychological Association and told of a divorce that occurred because a spouse chose the computer over their mate.

"The husband finally said, 'It's either the computer or me,'" said Young.

"She chose the computer and divorced him." Young conducted an online survey and, using the same criteria used to determine addiction to drugs and gambling, identified almost 400 users who were psychologically dependent on the Internet.

They ranged in age from 14-70 and spent an average of 38.6 hours online every week. She said chat rooms were the biggest draw to Net junkies, who assume different roles under assumed names and act out, online, their fantasies. Some users have "virtual sex," others have actually met their Net lovers in person and begin real affairs.

Whatever your wife may be doing, it's not healthy. Get her some help.

Q: I have a son, 14. I thought he was innocent but I recently found by accident some porn stored on the computer. He's a good kid, but what's the best way to protect him? Educate him? And show him the right direction re: computers? He has a talent. Do I need some software to guard him against further problems?

A: First, don't think you're alone. Like the rest of the world, Cyberspace has some pretty rotten places, or neighborhoods. Your son obviously wandered into "the wrong part of town," or he was lured there by friends.

Yes, there is software available that will make it more difficult to him to get into places with objectionable material. SurfWatch (www.surfwatch.com) is one excellent filtering program that is available. So is a program called Net Nanny (www.netnanny.com).

And Microsoft's Internet Explorer Web browser has some effective ways to screen out content, too.

Don't forget to check out your hard drive for any files or pictures that he may have downloaded. You'll want to delete them and then do a regular inventory every couple of weeks.

But the best way ... the absolute best ... is for you to make sure you know how to use the computer and the Internet, too. Then, spend some time online with your son. Ask him to show you around Cyberspace. Learn and explore together. It's a great way to spend quality time together. Kids learn quickly and they take to computers naturally.

Over the years, I've found that the best way to keep our kids' Cyberspace activities healthy and productive is to first know what's out there ourselves ... so when our kids do start to head

off into the "bad neighborhoods," we are familiar enough with the turf to call them, back. Good luck.

Q: How do I know I'm not being ripped off when I buy something on the Internet?

A: Use the same criteria you use when you buy anything. Just because a Web site looks slick and professional, doesn't mean it's reliable. Look the site over carefully. Is there a real bona fide address? Be leery of people who only use postal boxes.

Is there a telephone number to call? If not, that tells you the Net company doesn't want you to be

able to reach them. Do they have a track record? If they've been in business over a couple of years, you should find other references to them by doing a search in their name.

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission has found more than 500 sites on the World Wide Web that are running pyramid and other scams on the Net. They've put a lot of good educational material on the FTC Web site (www.ftc.gov/pyramid) that you should check into.

Also visit the Better Business Bureau site (www.bbb.org) and a very aggressive site called Inter-

net Scambusters (www2.scambusters.org) that exposes the very latest Net-rip-offs and archives the old.

Upcoming appearances:

Today, Sunday, Aug. 30, I'll be broadcasting the PC Talk Radio show live from 4-6 p.m. at the Detroit Zoo. It's part of the WXYT Radio Lionfest event and members of the Detroit Lions football team will be on hand to sign autographs.

And, looking ahead, on September 26th, I'll be teaching a two-hour seminar on Computers and the Internet from 10 a.m. to noon at the Cafe Domain,

Washington and Fourth Street, in Royal Oak. Because space is limited, you must register to attend. Call the PC Mike Seminar line at (248) 423-2721. Hope to see you there.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday on Detroit's WXYT-Radio AM1270. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

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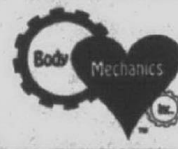
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Join the Plymouth Chorus in its 25th year

When Michael Gross joined the Plymouth Community Chorus as musical director and conductor in 1978, he had no idea the group would grow from 24 to 125 members. His task now is to find chorus members from the last 25 years to help celebrate the group's anniversary at a gala banquet and dance Friday, Oct. 2.

"There have been so many singers to come in and out of the chorus over the years," said Gross of Canton. "There have been hundreds of members, and we want to find as many as we can."

Leading the way

Gross took the reins of the chorus after William Grimmer retired. Grimmer, then choral director at East Middle School, founded the Plymouth Community Chorus in 1973. One of the great stories Gross tells is about Dolores Roth an original chorus member now living in California. At a final rehearsal before a concert, Roth tried to smooth over rough areas the chorus was experiencing by reminding them, "we always sound better in our dresses."

To this day when rehearsal isn't going well, Gross often puts the chorus at ease by reminding them not to worry, "they'll sing better with their dresses on." His comment always makes the men and women in the chorus laugh. "What I've enjoyed the most has been the people I've come in contact with through the years," said Gross. "The people who sing in the chorus are extremely dedicated and talented, and we really try to approach our performances with the highest of standards. Mediocrity is not an acceptable standard in PCC."

Plymouth Community Chorus
What: The chorus is looking for former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala banquet and special commemorative program. For more information, call (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI, 48170.
When: 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2.
Where: Laurel Park Manor, Livonia.
The chorus holds open auditions for new members, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29 at rehearsals in First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. Especially needed are tenors, basses and baritones with some openings for altos and sopranos. Call (734) 455-4080.

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Musical memories

Musically, three occasions stand out in Gross' twenty years of leading the chorus - earning second place in the Great American Choral Festival several years ago in Plymouth; leading the chorus in a performance of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein tunes with original orchestration; and being invited to sing at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., in 1995.

The chorus also sang at the Jefferson Memorial, on the Capitol steps and at Arlington National Cemetery, where they laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

"Also memorable was singing from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, and to have people all around listening, and just knowing those historic figures walked in those places," said Gross, who studied piano, voice and conducting at Eastern Michigan University.

The chorus has also performed with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and at Tiger Stadium. Their next concert is a benefit for the Brighton Cen-

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Inaugural festival nourishes Pontiac's cultural rebirth



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Whatever was in the food at Colangelo's in Pontiac last December when Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson strolled in for dinner is worth investigating.

Perhaps years from now when "Arts, Beats & Eats" - held for the first time this Labor Day weekend - is mentioned in the same breath as the Chicago Taste Fest and Denver's Cherry Creek Art Festival, the story will have become a full-blown legend.

According to the emerging folklore, the idea for "Arts, Beats & Eats" was initially broached as Patterson and restaurant owner Ernie Colangelo discussed a proposed taste festival that would feature the growing number of restaurants in Oakland County.

In only a few months, the idea admittedly borrowed from the annual Detroit Taste Fest evolved into a multicultural fine arts, culinary and musical extravaganza.

"The idea just kept getting bigger," said Steve Weikal, director of Oakland

County Arts, Culture and Film. "It had to be insanely big to get people's attention."

On Labor Day weekend, the festival will stop evolving long enough to spotlight 130 artists from around the U.S., more than 30 local restaurants, and nearly 60 local and national musical acts.

The much-anticipated celebration is widely considered as the long-sought catalyst to transform downtown Pontiac, said Chuck Uzelac, president of the Pontiac Downtown Business Association.

"In the short-term, it's a

lot of work, but when people come they'll find out what's been going on in Pontiac," said Uzelac of Bloomfield Hills, who opened a downtown gallery two years ago.

"Our downtown is a microcosm of the festival," he said. "We have a great downtown. We're not trying to build one."

'90s-style fest

Essentially, "Arts, Beats & Eats" is the definitive '90s-style festival - eclectic in taste and driven from the grassroots.

"We've taken a broad vision of what represents

Festival braintrust: "Art, Beats & Eats" has evolved from a taste fest to a full-fledge festival. Event organizers include Steve Weikal, (left to right), Lisa Konikow, Jonathan Witz and Chuck Uzelac.

the culture of the county and thrown our resources behind it," said Weikal.

However, those "resources" haven't translated into public funding. Projected revenue of \$550,000 for the festival will be derived solely from corporate sponsors.

More specifically, Patterson's support has translated into a ride on his political coattails. Half of the sponsors, said Weikal, are referrals from the county executive.

While some may contend that the lack of public seed money might jeopardize long-term plans, event producer Jonathan Witz said the timing and wide support of the festival guarantees corporate sponsors for years ahead.

"This will not look like any other festival. Each component of the festival can stand alone," said Witz, former event producer for Clubland in downtown Detroit.

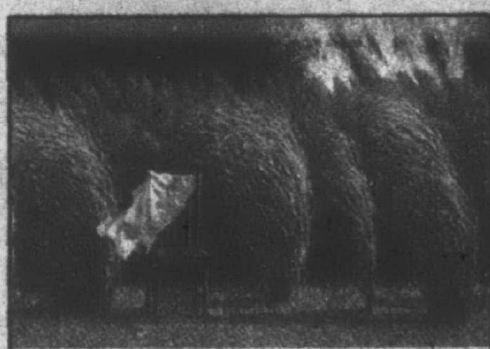
"People need to see Pontiac as a destination point." About 50,000 people per day are expected for the four-day festival, said Witz. The key measure of suc-

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Arts, Beats & Eats

What: "Arts, Beats & Eats," featuring 120 fine artists, 35 local restaurants and 65 local and national musical acts.
When: Labor Day Weekend, Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7
Where: Downtown Pontiac, along Saginaw Street
Admission: Free, call (248) 584-4177, or artsbeats-eats.com on the web for more information.

Proceeds benefit Lighthouse of Oakland County, Pontiac Rescue Mission, Dittich Foundation, Fanclub Foundation for the Arts, Rainbow Connection, Boys and Girls Club of N. Oakland County, Haven, and Chrysler Oakland Arts Fund.



Grassroots eclecticism: The first annual "Arts, Beats & Eats" features 130 fine artists from around the country. The show features a range of media and styles, including Jack Brumbaugh's drawings and Jeanne Nash's fiber works.



ART FESTIVAL

Art show draws community together

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Seglinda Pritchard looks forward to Art on the Green every Labor Day as a way of reconnecting with the community. Hosted by the Franklin Arts Coun-

cil, the 18th annual arts and crafts show features 78 painters, sculptors, photographers and clay, glass, fiber, and wood artists.

"Art on the Green is a day of reunion in the community as people come back from wherever their summer has taken them," said Pritchard, a former chairman. "Art on the Green celebrates art and life. It's a day for community and to pick up something beautiful for the home."

Art on the Green chairwoman Peggy Kerr is proud that show proceeds benefit community programs such as the Very Special Arts Michigan touring art exhibit. In the past, the arts council has used show profits to help support Michigan Opera Theatre programs for children, and to bring the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra into Pontiac Schools.

This year's recipients of booth fees will be Very Special Arts Michigan, Birmingham Groves High School art programs, and children's art activities for Franklin's "Holly Day" in December.

"There's no charge to get in, but artist fees help fund community art

programs," said Kerr, Franklin Arts Council president. "Very Special Arts provides arts programs for children and adults with disabilities. As an added attraction we'll have a tent full of art by these children and adults."

"The money makes a difference in a small kind of way," added Pritchard.

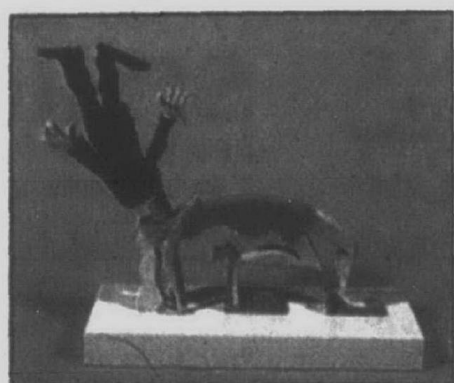
For George Landino's students at

Birmingham Groves High School, the money made a big difference.

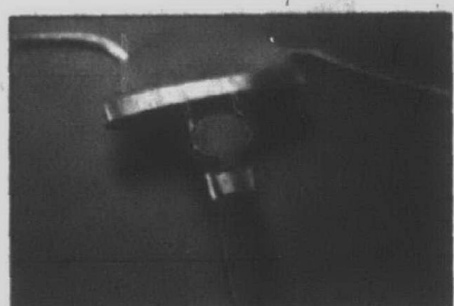
"If it wasn't for the arts council giving us money we wouldn't have been able to award scholarships to outstanding students," said Landino. "They gave us money for years. It was because of the arts council, the art programs at Birmingham Groves have flourished."

At Art on the Green Landino will exhibit the whimsical wood folk sculp-

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Seeing stars: George Landino will create whimsical folk art, including these popular kissing figures.



Gold and silver: Charlotte Quinn designs contemporary fine jewelry on the cutting edge.

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tures he's been creating full time since retiring in 1997. Landino taught art at Birmingham Groves High School for 38 years.

His work reflects on family and community so it fits naturally with the show's concept of drawing people together. The West Bloomfield artist grew up in household of 18 where he learned early to create his own games and toys because his Italian immigrant family was so poor. Having a sense of humor was important as well. The family shared one bathroom and everyone had to schedule a time.

"I was the youngest," said Landino. "You had to make everything."

From a tongue-in-cheek wall piece featuring the yellow cabs and skyscrapers people think of when they think about New York, to a sculpture of Noah carrying an armful of animals up a hill to the ark as his wife is

about to be swallowed by a giant wave, Landino's art makes people chuckle.

The most popular pieces this year are his kissing figures ("it's a neat, romantic thing"). The American Craft Gallery in New Jersey recently ordered 30 of the sculptures in six different poses. Locally, Landino's sports figures, cowboys and Indians, airplanes, animals, Moses and the 10 Commandments, and Adam and Eve and the serpent were best sellers at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs in July. Landino expects them to do as well at Art in the Park in Birmingham, Sept. 12-13. Landino designed this year's Art in the Park T-shirt.

"I try to get into subjects everyone can relate to, but nothing too heavy," said Landino. "Part of it is for my children and grandchildren to understand. They look at it and then I tell them the story."

Harmony

Husband and wife Charlotte and Harlan Quinn prove the family that creates together, stays together. Charlotte began designing jewelry more than 25 years ago after graduating with a master's degree in metal and design from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. That's where she met Harlan, who will exhibit animal sculptures alongside her.

Crafted in Quinn's Birmingham studio, the one-of-a-kind neck pieces, rings, earrings, and bracelets, some set with precious and semi-precious stones from diamonds to peridot, garnet, citrine, and amethyst, are sold to galleries nationally. Quinn also exhibits at Art in the Park in Birmingham in May, and at shows in Charlevoix and Royal Oak.

"It's contemporary fine jewelry of gold and silver, and also some

materials on the cutting edge such as slate and neoprene, and reticulated silver," said Quinn. "For me, it always should be a leading edge design, not what you'd see in commercial jewelry. You always have to experiment with new techniques and seek new directions."

This is the first year Harlan is showing his art even though he earned a master's degree in painting and sculpture from Cranbrook. A computer analyst by day, Harlan exhibits clay sculptures of cheetahs, frogs, wart hogs, and meerkats.

"Our house is very much devoted to art with our studios and collecting art. The only drawback to working in a home studio is working weekends and evenings, but generally I work 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to make it a serious business. You can make a profession out of this."

cess, however, might be how many return after the festival.

County initiative

Unlike trendy Royal Oak and upscale Birmingham, downtown Pontiac is distinguished by a grittiness that combines a sense of manufacturing history and a budding sense of possibility.

"Pontiac is not only the geographical center of the county, it's the last historic cityscape (in Oakland County) to get buffed up and become hip," said Weikal.

Since early February when a marketing campaign began promoting Pontiac as the "SoHo of the Suburbs," there's been a growing buzz.

By the time of his state of the county address in late February, Patterson elevated the festival as one of the top three initiatives for Oakland County along with expanding efforts to promote the county's automated businesses, and helping to establish a health-care program for small businesses.

While the "SoHo in the Suburbs" campaign has given Pontiac an identity, Witz contends that "Arts, Beats & Eats" gives the downtown area a personality.

"Once we get through the first festival we'll have a more regular pace," said Witz. "We've done a year's worth of planning in five months."

Lingering crowds

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Pierson will be conducting the Michigan All State Big Band, which features top high school players, 2:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, on the Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage.

Eleven other high school bands are scheduled to perform, including the group from Divine Child High School in Dearborn directed by Christopher Blackmer of Westland.

"I am excited to be involved in the planning for this," said Pierson. "Another great thing for student players: each band gets a taped and written critique of their performance from professionals."

WSU Sextet

The Wayne State University Sextet, which includes Rochester Hills resident Norine Castine, is also playing at Montreux. She plays piano in the six-piece combo that includes electronic base, drums, trumpet, trombone and tenor sax. The other players, all male, are also students.

Castine who graduates in December, currently plays solo and with groups in the area, and

A critical component of elevating the quality of fine art included in "Arts, Beats & Eats" was enlisting the help of Lisa Konikow, former director/owner of Xochipillia Gallery in Birmingham.

In a consultant's role, Konikow of Franklin has put together an impressive range of 125 artists from around the country. Many of the works, contends Konikow, are on the "quality level" of gallery exhibits.

In conjunction with the artists booths, the downtown Pontiac streets will feature artists represented by local Pontiac galleries.

"This is one of the few places in the country where there are all types of media - painting, glass, furniture, fiber, clay," said Chuck Uzelac, who recently expanded his business, Uzelac Gallery, into a storefront space on Saginaw Street.

A few weeks after the Dream Cruise brought an influx of people to Pontiac, event organizers are anxious and optimistic about the broad appeal of "Arts, Beats & Eats."

If they serve the dish ordered by L. Brooks Patterson at that prescient dinner at Colangelo's in late December, who knows how long the crowds will stick around.

For information about the music lineup, please see the O&E's Entertainment section on Thursday.

teaches piano for Annie's World, a Rochester music store.

"I've been going to Montreux since its inception ... almost my pre-teen years. I believe it is one of the greatest things Detroit has to offer. I've been to other festival on the east coast. It is a real credit to Detroit and to the organizers of this ... the great thing is you can still get in free, and hear big name players."

She said the combo would play some student arrangements and some standards. She thinks the student venues are a key part of Montreux.

"I missed the opportunity to play in high school. It is an incredible opportunity for any young person to play; it is an honor."

Castine and her fellow musicians will play 45-minute sets 5:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Kowalski Riverfront Cafe.

The Dearborn Henry Ford Community College Big Band will also play at Montreux with vocals by the Evergreen Blues Quartet. HFCC is scheduled to play 5:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6 on the Hudson's Live Jazz stage.

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ter for the Performing Arts on Sunday, Sept. 20.

"Over the years the chorus has changed in that we're not afraid to tackle any style of music," said Gross. "Contemporary music presented problems for a while, but now we don't shy away from it anymore."

Gross strives for a mix of classics and contemporary music when programming concerts. His first priority is "the audience, that they're enjoying the music and being entertained. Secondly, he selects "something that offers the chorus a challenge."

Stan Kovacheff joined the Plymouth Community Chorus seven years ago. He says there is about a 20 percent turnover every concert because some members only sing at the Christmas concert and not in the spring. A Plymouth resident, Kovacheff is proud to be a member of the chorus which annually awards scholarships to promising young vocalists. Grimmer presented the first award in his name in 1984. He died several years later.

In the past 20 years, members have paid for Gross to take workshops and seminars with leading choral directors and musicians to expand their conductor's knowledge. In turn, the chorus figures it will continue to grow.

"There's a lot of loyalty and it's an excellent chorus," said Kovacheff. "Michael's an excellent leader so you're not just rehearsing but learning how to correctly present choral music. Of course you have to audition, so we have excellent voices."

The chorus begins rehearsals with open auditions for new members Tuesday, Sept. 8 at

First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. The chorus draws singers from 25 communities including Troy, West Bloomfield, Westland, Ann Arbor, Brighton, and Howell.


One of the 12 original members, Joyce Hamilton, lives in Livonia and loves to sing. She has never read a note of music in her life, but that doesn't seem to matter. Neither does the fact, she can't remember why she originally joined the chorus.

"That was 25 years ago," said Hamilton. "I've stayed with it all these years because I enjoy singing and because I enjoy just getting together with the people."

The spring concert is Hamilton's favorite. She enjoys singing selections from "Phantom of the Opera" and newer musicals with the chorus. In honor of the 25th anniversary, the chorus recorded "Broadway Magic" earlier this summer. It will be available at the gala celebration for \$15 CD, \$10 cassette.

Leatha Stonestreet is the longest continuous member having joined the chorus in 1974. Ever since singing in the choirs at Mumford High School and Macomb Community College, Stonestreet longed to join in a fellowship of music again. "I've enjoyed and made many friends," said Stonestreet. "The music is an outlet. It releases stress. It uplifts the spirit. Plus you give enjoyment to other people."





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How to Enter Contest Rules

If you know "Who's Behind The Mask" complete the entry ballot below and send to: **Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, C/O: Marketing Department 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150.** One ballot per household. Contest is open to residents of Michigan over the age of 18.

No purchase necessary. To obtain an entry ballot and/or full contest rules, please visit the AT&T Centre for the performing Arts, Pantages Theatre Box Office located at 244 Victoria Street in Toronto or mail a self-addressed stamped envelope to Observer Eccentric c/o: Marketing Dept. 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. Entry Ballots must be received by Observer Eccentric no later than Sunday, September 27, 1998. No substitution for or transfer of the prize will be allowed. The contest is subject to all Federal, Provincial, state and municipal laws. The correct ballots will be submitted for a random drawing. The contest is open to residents of Michigan over the age of 18. Employees of Livent, Inc. Spring Newspapers, Delta Chelsea Inn and members of their households are not eligible.

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170 artists, children's art activities, silent art auction, showcase of art by students with disabilities from the Kennedy Center, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, until 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, in Shain Park, Bates and Merrill, Birmingham. To benefit Common Ground. (248) 456-8150.

ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN SHOW

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents nearly 100 exhibitors, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 in Central Middle School, Main Street and Church, Plymouth. \$2, \$1 seniors/students. (734) 416-4ART.

BERKLEY ART & ANTIQUES SHOW

Food, art, antiques and children's activities. Free admission. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, 12 Mile Road (between Coolidge and Greenfield). (248) 584-0253 or (248) 548-8881.

DETROIT FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

More than 130 visual artists, live performances by 100 groups, international foods, children's fair, youth artists market, street performers, free museum admission during festival weekend, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20 in Detroit's University Cultural Center. (313) 577-5088.

WALLED LAKE'S ANNUAL MARKET DAY

More than 150 craft exhibits, food and family entertainment, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30. Free admission. Downtown Walled Lake, East Walled Lake Drive, Liberty and Market streets. (248) 624-4847.

FRANKLIN ART FAIR

"Art on the Green," featuring 80 artists with work in various mediums. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, in downtown Franklin.

AUDITION S/CALL FOR ARTISTS

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "She Loves Me," which runs Nov. 14-28. Audition 7:30 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday, Sept. 8 & 10.752 Chestnut Street, south of Maple Road, east side of Woodward, Birmingham. Contact Lee Sechler, (248) 642-5635.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

"100 Creative Hands: Festival of Arts," presented by the Ladies of Gold and the Search for Life, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating and recruiting potential bone marrow donors. Festival held Oct. 24-25 at Focus: HOPE Conference Center, 1400 Oakman Blvd., Detroit. Interested artists send a self-addressed stamped business envelope to: "100 Creative Hands," Festival of Arts, P.O. Box 37890 Oak Park, MI 48237. Deadline: Sept. 1, 1998.

CANTON FINE ARTS EXHIBIT

Fine art works of all mediums for Canton Fine Arts Exhibit, Oct. 30-Nov. 6. Submission deadline: Sept. 10. Cash prizes awarded. For information, (734) 397-6450.

CRAFTERS FOR AUTUMNFEST

The annual Autumnfest, a festival that celebrates Southfield's history, is looking for artisans and crafters. The fest is 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. For information, (248) 354-5180.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Artisans and crafters for the Third Annual Craft Show sponsored by St. Stephen Parent's Guild, Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4, St. Stephen Church, 18800 Huron River Drive, New Boston. For information, (734) 654-8817 or (734) 753-5876.

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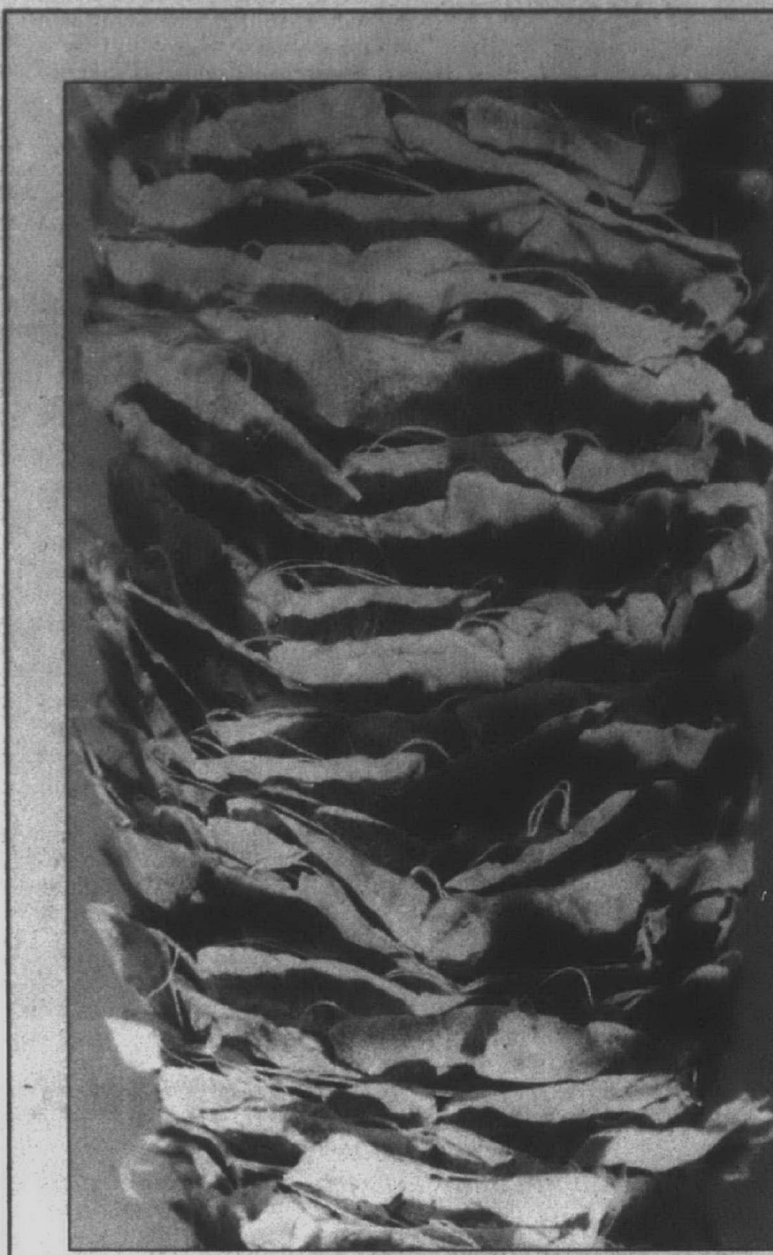
Open auditions for singers Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 10-12 at First United Methodist Church, 1589 West Maple, Birmingham. Singers who can read music and enjoy performing oratorio music should call to schedule auditions. (248) 650-2655.

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

Open auditions for the 1998-99 season for the tuition free training orchestra for aspiring professional musicians. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 11-13, deadline for scheduling an audition is Friday, Aug. 28. For performances Nov. 15, Feb. 28 and May 9. (313) 576-5164.

EXHIBITORS FOR ART FAIR

Fine artists and crafters needed for show on Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4 at St. George Cultural Hall, Maple Rd.



Textile art: Lauren Gregersen-Brown is one of six artists showing work in "Merging Boundaries," an exhibition opening Sept. 3 at the Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 West Liberty, (734) 994-8004. Meet the artists, all graduates of Cranbrook Academy of Art, at a reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. The show continues to Sunday, Oct. 4.

at John R. Troy. For information; (248) 932-5636.

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET

Auditions dancers for its 1998-99 season Sunday, Aug. 30 at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 15619 Farmington Road, Livonia- junior company dancers, ages 7-11 with three years of ballet instruction, begin at 1 p.m.; senior company dancers, ages 12 and over with five years ballet and two years on pointe (bring pointe shoes), at 2:30 p.m. There is a \$5 non-refundable audition fee. The company performs "The Nutcracker" in December. For information, call (734) 464-7310.

LONE MEADOW CRAFT SHOW

New crafters needed for 16th anniversary "Long Meadow School Country Craft Show," Saturday, Oct. 17. For application (248) 651-6964 or (248) 375-0652.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

Auditions for children and dogs for production of "The Miracle Worker," 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30. Roles to be cast: Helen Keller (female, age 8-12), Martha (African-American girl, age 8-13), blind girls at Perkins Institute, (ages 8-13), and Jimmie (Male, age 6-9). Children should prepare a one-minute memorized monologue or poem, and be prepared for physical improvisation. Dogs will be auditioned from 6-6:30 p.m. Appointments only, (248) 370-3310.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORUS

Auditions for 1998-99 season featuring Mozart's "Vespers" and Brahms' "German Requiem," 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, 134 Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-2030 or (248) 370-2038.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for new members, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29, especially needed are tenors, basses and baritones, some openings for altos and sopranos, rehearsals for Christmas Concert begin Sept. 8, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080.

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR

Auditions for qualified artist to perform as soprano, tenor and baritone soloists in "Carmina Burana" Feb. 18-19 at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Applicants must submit tape of two contrasting opera or oratorio selections with resume and biography by Sept. 18 to Suzanne Acton, c/o Michigan Opera Theatre, 104 Lothrop, Detroit, Mich. 48202. Finalists will be notified by Sept. 25 to audition Oct. 4. Call (248) 738-9827. Also looking for singers for "Carmina Burana." For audition, call (313) 341-3466.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 15 and 22, for season including Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Bach's "Magnificat," in Room 530 of the Forum building on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (248)

349-8175 or (734) 462-4435.

TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS

Seeks a chorus director for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday rehearsals 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.

CHORALE/CHOIR

POLISH UNIVERSITY CHOIR

Choir of the Catholic University of Lublin, Poland performs at Orchard Lake Schools 1 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6. 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake; (248) 682-1885.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The group is looking for members and former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala ball Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor, Livonia. (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, Mich., 48170

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ART MUSEUM PROJECT

Non-credit studio art classes and workshops from mid September through November. Programs led by noted instructors from the region. For free brochure and to register, (734) 593-5058.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Fall community open house to introduce instructors noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, art demonstrations. Fall classes begin Sept. 14. Formerly known as the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

Summer 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.

FAR CONSERVATORY

Holds registration for fall special needs arts classes beginning Friday, Sept. 11 to Friday, Sept. 18 at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. Classes in art, vocal and instrumental music, dance, theater arts, drama, and skating for children and adults with special needs begins Sept. 10. (248) 646-3347.

GETTY MUSEUM TOUR

The Community House in Birmingham is offering a tour of the Getty Museum in the foothills of the Santa Monica Mountains. Tour will be held Nov. 12-16, 1998. Limited space. For information, call (248) 644-5832.

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Classes in drawing, painting, ceramics, and printmaking begin Sept. 5. (313) 730-5960.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

"The Pleasure of Painting," demonstration and instruction by Sandra Levin. 12:30 & 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 8. Second session begins Nov. 3. Must register by Aug. 31. Fee for five-week class: \$50. 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

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

LONGACRE HOUSE - ART CLASSES

Range of art classes, including watercolor, drawing and collecting pottery. Hand quilting and applique taught by Lynn Van Nest. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays Sept. 14-Nov. 2; fee: \$72. Mask-making, ages 18 and up: 7:15-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 21. Private voice lessons from instructor Bessie Koursaris, all skill and age levels: by appointment between 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 21 or Nov. 4-Dec. 16; fee: \$210. The Longacre House of Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. To register, (248) 477-8404.

ONCE UPON AN EASEL

"North to Alaska: The Iditarod Children's Fine Art Show," Sept. 3-4, Sept. 8-12. Classes for preschoolers, students ages 6-16, and adults; session one - Sept. 14-Oct. 12; session two - Oct. 19 - Nov. 15. Golden Gate Plaza, 8691 N. Lilley Road, southwest corner of Joy and Lilley roads, Canton Township; (734) 453-3710.

PAINTING IN THE PARK

Drawing and painting every Saturday beginning at noon. Meet at Heritage Park, Spicer House Visitor Center, on Farmington Road, just north of 10 Mile Road; Farmington Hills; (248) 661-5291.

PAINTING CLASSES

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation holds watercolor, oil and acrylic painting classes with Karen Halpern beginning Sept. 23. Student art show from previous classes on display to Sept. 25. 4640 Walnut Lake Road, West of Farmington Road. (248) 738-2500.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Classes in colored pencil, portrait painting, ceramics, watercolor and oil, and decorative painting begin Sept. 14. 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 462-4448.

VAAL

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia begins its fall classes Tuesday Sept. 15. Workshops in pastel, watercolor monotypes, fall landscape, still life, watercolor, and painting glass ornaments start Friday Sept. 18 at the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. To register or for more information, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455-9517.

MUSEUMS (ON-GOING)

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

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) 833-7934.

U-M MUSEUM OF ART

Through Sept. 2 - "Jim Dow: The National League Stadiums," a photography exhibit. 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0395.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through Sept. 6 - "Japanese Resist-Dyed Textiles: Yuzen and Shibori," an exhibit of Japanese textiles. Through Oct. 18 - "The Invisible Made Visible: Angels From The Vatican," an exhibit of more than 100 rare works of art and artifacts from the 9th century B.C. to the 20th century. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends. 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

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

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through October 18 - "Detroit's Black Bottom & Paradise Valley," and "Juke Joint," a recreation of southern country nightclub life by artist Willie Little. 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

VOLUNTEERS

ART & APPLES

Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks volunteers for its annual Art & Apples Festival, Sept. 12-13 in Rochester Municipal Park. Volunteers needed 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 & Sunday, Sept. 13. Persons interested in donating 3-4 hours can also call PCCA, (248) 651-4110.

FAR CONSERVATORY

Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays Sept. 21 to Dec. 19 at the conservatory in Birmingham. Call (248) 646-3347.

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.

FILM

DOCUMENTARY

"The Hudson's Building," written and produced by Gary Glaser of Troy and Dave Toorongian, and directed by Glaser, will be re-broadcast 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7 on WTVS (Channel 56).

EXHIBIT (OPENING)

PCAC GALLERY

Aug. 31 - "Familiar Faces," portraits by Plymouth photographer Jill Andra Young. Through Sept. 18, Plymouth Community Arts Council Gallery, Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 744 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 455-7787.

MILLER'S ART CENTER GALLERY

Sept. 1 - Drawings and paintings by Birmingham artist Lenore Gimpert. Through Sept. 31. 279 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. (248) 414-7070.

HABATAT GALLERIES

Sept. 4 - Glass sculptures of Jaromir Rybak and Kristen Vellicy. Through Sept. 26. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac.

HARRIS STREET GALLERY

Sept. 11 - Ohio folk artist Paul Jamieson, 255 S. Main, Rochester.

UZELAC GALLERY

Sept. 4 - Figurative oil paintings of William Barnhart. Through Sept. 26. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

ZOOM GALLERY

Sept. 19 - New anthropocentric drawings by Randall Veilleux offer a rare glimpse into the empirical, whimsical and holistic vision characterizing the Ann Arbor artist. Through Oct. 18. 212 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor; (734) 747-9944.

GALLERY EXHIBITS

(ON-GOING)

THE ANDERSON GALLERY

Through Aug. 31 - "Africa: The Art of a Continent," 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 335-4611.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through Aug. 31 - "POP-ISM," an exploration of icons of popular culture, featuring Michigan artists Madeleine Barkey, Deborah Friedman and AWOL. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (734) 994-8004.

ARIANA GALLERY

Through Aug. 31 - A variety of bug oriented arts. Exhibit is also held throughout the Royal Oak Business District in downtown. 119 S. Main, Royal Oak; (248) 546-8810.

CAFE DOMAIN

Through Aug. 31 - "Children's Insect Art Show." 308 S. Washington, Royal Oak; (248) 545-7165.

HABATAT GALLERIES

Through Aug. 31 - Glass sculpture of Antoine Leperlier and Janusz Walentywicz. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

HERMITAGE GALLERY

Through Aug. 31 - "Santa Margherita" by Sam Parks, serigraph on canvas. 235 Main Street, Rochester; (248) 656-8559.

LIVONIA FINE ARTS GALLERY

Through Aug. 31 - Watercolor artist Elbert C. Weber of Livonia. Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road; (734) 421-7238.

NETWORK

Through Aug. 31 - "trans," an exhibit that investigates changes beyond boundaries by fiber artists. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Through Aug. 31 - 3 p.m., "Patricia DeBoer Groenenboom: A Retrospective." 38840 W. Six Mile Rd., Livonia; (734) 464-6302.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through Sept. 5 - Annual Pewabic Students, Faculty and Staff exhibit. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

SUMMIT PLACE MALL

Through Aug. 31 - Photographer David McWay's lighthouses, waterfalls and animal life. POSA Gallery in the Summit Place Mall, M-59 & Telegraph Rd., Waterford; (810) 683-8897.

PARK WEST

Through Sept. 3 - Animation art exhibit, featuring the work of Chuck Jones, creator of Road Runner, Wile E. Coyote, and other Looney Tunes. 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; (248) 354-2343.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Through Sept. 4 - Abstract paintings and collage works by Sasha Kwaselov. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

CRAIG GALLERY

Through Sept. 5 - "Therese Swann, A Retrospective." 801 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale; (248) 548-5367.

CREATIVE ART CENTER

Through Sept. 7 - "Richard Wilt: A Retrospective." 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

THE PRINT GALLERY

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

GALLERY 212

Through Sept. 6 - "Earthbound," an exhibit by Kit Eagal. 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor; (734) 665-8224.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY

Through Sept. 15 - Michigan Watercolor Society's 51st Annual Exhibition continues on the third floor of the Mardigan Library at the University of Michigan-DeAnn Arbor, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. An exhibition of glass selected from the university's permanent collection is featured through Sept. 22; (313) 593-5400.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through Sept. 16 - "A Summer River Exhibit," featuring Larry Rivers, Harry Bertoia, Valentina Dubasky,

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Write on: Omas pens celebrate "Return to the Motherland - The Hong Kong Collection," at Crane & Co.

Fine pens spur passion

SHOPPING CENTERED



DONNA MULCAHY

When I take notes for my column, or make out my grocery list, or doodle while talking on the phone, it's usually with a cheap, plastic, ball-point pen.

I have two very nice Cross pen and pencil sets, but I rarely take them out of my desk. It's not that I don't like them

- I do. It's just that I'm afraid that if I use them, I'll lose them, because I'm notorious for losing pens.

Come to find out, maybe I lose a lot of pens because I use the really inexpensive kind. Carlyle Smith, manager of Crane & Co. pen and stationery store at the Somerset Collection in Troy, carries a fine fountain pen with him every day. He said he's not afraid to use it or to lend it out briefly when customers ask to borrow a pen. "If you use a fine pen," he said, "you tend to keep track of it and people are more apt to give it back when you loan it out. They're less likely to walk off with it, because they'll notice that it's a nice pen and sometimes they'll even make comments about it."

Gina Gajda-Tweed, manager of the Colorado Pen Co. store at Twelve Oaks mall in Novi, agrees.

"When you value something, you become more aware of it, whether it's a pen or a piece of jewelry," she said. Like fine jewelry, fine pens can range anywhere from about \$100 to thousands of dollars.

In general, the things that set them apart from less expensive pens include: the materials of which they're crafted (gold, silver and glass, for example, as opposed to plastic); the way they fit and feel in the hand (the pen should feel light and balanced); better ink flow technology and the overall look of the pen (some have special, limited edition designs). Fine pens can include ballpoint and roller ball types, as well as fountain, calligraphy and glass dipping pens.

So who buys fine pens? Collectors, mainly?

"No, I wouldn't say that," said Darin Asselin, owner of Penn & Paige social stationers in Rochester. "Basically, it's writers. People who just really enjoy writing."

Has the development of faxes, e-mail and other forms of communication hurt the market for fine pens? Not at all; in fact, it may have boosted it, Smith said.

"People may not be writing as much as they used to," he said, "but when they do sit down to write, they want to use the best paper and pen possible."

Montblanc, Waterman, Parker and Cross are the four big names in fine pens, Gajda-Tweed said. The Colorado Pen Co. (which has a store in the Somerset Collection, too), also sells Aurora, Waterford Crystal, Cartier, S.T. DuPont, and Rotring and Lamy pens, plus Fisher Space pens, which can write upside down and in extreme cold and heat (NASA uses them and an episode of "Seinfeld" was written about one such "astronaut pen"). Two of the many brands that Crane & Co. carries include: Sensa pens and Omas, known for its handmade pens fashioned from celluloid and vegetal celluloid (which give the pen casings a vibrant, iridescent look).

Penn and Paige carries pens by Recife, one of the oldest pen houses in France. I don't know if I'm ready for anything that fancy. But maybe I'll start using my Cross pens, after all.



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Write in style: Get inspired with an antique writing slope (\$188) filled with elegant accoutrements. Magnifying glass (\$75), sterling silver fountain pen (\$720), inkwell (\$360), letter opener (\$50), sterling pen (\$150), pewter frame (\$30), stamp box (\$40), antique wax sealer (\$80), clock (\$140), pen rest (\$30), address book (\$50), all from Presence II, Birmingham. Stationery from Crane & Co., Somerset Collection.

Duly noted: Writing is an art worth reviving

BY LINDA BACHRACK
EDITOR

Before we e-mail a farewell to the handwritten word, consider its power. Beyond ceremony and respect for tradition, writing by hand makes you think differently from when your fingers are flying across a keyboard. The pace is slowed, the sentiment given renewed consideration.

"There's a tactile element to writing your thoughts on 100 percent cotton papers," says Carlyle Smith, manager of Crane & Co. in the Somerset Collection. "The paper is smooth; it feels good beneath your hands. And it's relaxing to step back from technology for a moment and embrace the art of writing."

Sometimes it's nice to rebel a little against the modern world, continues Smith. "You don't keep a fax for 50 years. But you might cherish a note in your grandmother's hand."

Stop and think for a minute about the mail you receive every day. Most of us rifle through the bills, fliers and advertising promotions, stopping only to read the occasional hand-written note. It's nice to receive a personal letter. And it feels just as good to take the time for yourself to sit down and write to someone. It might be slower than e-mail and more painstaking because there's no delete key. But when you're done, you know you've conveyed your true feelings.

"In every man's writings, the character of the writer must be recorded," wrote Thomas Carlyle. While the casual convenience of a phone call or the impersonal efficiency of electronic dialogue have their place in modern society, the art of letter writing remains a precious skill. It is more than mere communication; it is an asset that should be taught to our computer-savvy children.

In Crane's "The Romance of Paper," it is said that the written word on paper remains our most fundamental means of permanent communication. Our knowledge of the past exists on paper. And the legacy of what we do, think and feel today will live for future generations ... on paper.

Cotton to your paper

For almost 200 years, Crane's has been making social stationery from cotton. In 1801, Crane papers were made from cotton rags, collected from the neighbors along the Housatonic River in Dal-

ton, Mass. In this wooded valley, inside an old stone mill, Zenas Crane produced the handcrafted sheets that set the standard for fine quality paper in America. Today, in its seventh generation as a family-owned business, Crane & Co. supplies the paper for such venerable stationers as Cartier and Tiffany & Co.

Beyond etiquette

The etiquette of note writing is no longer of supreme importance, as it was when Charles Louis Tiffany and John P. Young opened their small "Stationery and Dry Goods" store in 1837. Though Tiffany & Co. emerged as an arbiter of style and good taste, and still adheres to a conviction that correspondence on fine paper be restrained and appropriate, the overriding concern in the '90s is one of revival of the art. Though customers are counseled on proper phrasing at both Tiffany and Crane, the purveyors are flexible and bow to contemporary thought.

"Etiquette should make things comfortable and convenient," says Smith. "Everyone doesn't want what grandma had."

Wedding invitations today often are printed in two languages and embellished with personal symbols and motifs. Invitations can be self-designed on Crane's interactive CD ROM. But the quality of the paper is unchanged - all cotton and all hand-bordered.

Social graces

There are, however, a few traditions that endure. Like escort cards - those tiny gold-bordered cards with hand-folded envelopes. The dinner party host writes the guest's name on the envelope and his dinner partner's name (not the person he comes with) on the card. They can then make their acquaintances before they sit down to dinner. Place cards and calling cards also remain popular.

As Benjamin Franklin said, "Make recollection as durable as possible, by putting it down on paper." When you really want to say something, forgo the convenience of faxes and cell phones. Write your bon mots on elegant deckle-edged sheets.

Build a stationery wardrobe

Excerpts from "The Romance of Paper," by Crane & Co.

There is no "wrong" stationery on which to write your letter. Your words convey the message and your paper is the emissary.

However, in the same way that many wardrobes are built around a "basic black dress" or a dark suit ... for business and professional correspondence your basic stationery is your business letterhead.

Most executives also use the "executive letterhead," with only the name of the individual engraved at the top, for more personal, yet business-related, correspondence. These are always the smaller monarch size (folds three times), and are used for letters of recommendation, notes of thanks or congratulations, charitable work, or combined business-social-personal correspondence.

The complete executive stationery wardrobe will properly include as well:

- Correspondence cards, engraved with a name or monogram, and used for brief notes.
- Business cards.
- A social calling card, since it's not considered in good form to present a business card on a social occasion. It may have a business phone number in the lower right corner.

The personal stationery wardrobe may include side-folded notes and correspondence cards, as well as top-folded notes, either bordered or plain and engraved with your name or monogram for notes of thanks, appreciation, etc.

Every home should have a house stationery - a larger flat sheet engraved with the household address only. It can be used by all members of the family.

Says Carlyle Smith, "The professionals at Crane will ask you lots of questions regarding your correspondence preferences and habits. Your paper should reflect your personality."

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

ELEGANT ACCESSORIES

Fiber artist Debra Olbrantz Meinke, owner and designer at MeinkeToy, will appear at Bellissima, 301 Main St. in Rochester, from 7-9 p.m. The trunk show features her latest collection of contemporary tassels and pillows that include French techniques in passementerie and velvet gaufrage. Preview her Holiday '98 collection. Event continues on Saturday, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

ART IN THE PARK

The 24th annual Common Ground Sanctuary Art in the Park returns to Birmingham's Shain Park today

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

GARDEN GANDER

Browse the storefronts and the rose gardens at the Detroit Rose Society's annual show at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. View hundreds of prize roses vying for "best of show."

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

MIRACLE MODE

The Children's Miracle Network Fashion Show takes place at 1 p.m. at the Livonia Marriott Hotel. See the fall fashions from Laurel Park Place shops and enjoy great food from the Marriott. A fashion auction raises funds for children's hospitals. For tickets, call (248) 526-3414.

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday

MONDAY, AUG. 31

COZY WRAPS

Hersh's on The Boardwalk, 6901 Orchard Lake Rd. in West Bloomfield, presents a trunk showing of DUNA sweaters in chenilles, crepes and blends. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Continues Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2

HELP WANTED

Kensington Valley Factory Shops host a Job Fair in the Food Pavilion from 12-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Approximately 150 positions need to be filled. Bring your resume.

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'Totally Tara'



DKNY KIDS joins Olympic Gold Medalist Tara Lipinski to offer a private "Totally Tara" ice skating party for one lucky girl and 10 friends. Register to win today from 2-3 p.m. at Hudson's Somerset kid's department. Applicants must be 15 years old or younger. Tara will sign autographs and answer questions.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call *Where Can I Find?* (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in Sunday's column. Thank You.

What We Found:

- A retractable clothes line priced at \$12 can be found at Meijer on Warren and Newburgh roads and at the Livonia Hardware store.
 - A Poor Pitiful Pearl doll for Betty and a Chatty Cathy doll for Debbie. A reproduction of the Chatty Cathy doll can also be found in the Spiegel catalog after October, 1998 for \$99.
 - Pit instructions for Brenda.
 - Plastic rain bonnets can be found at the Dollar Store on Eureka and Trenton roads in Southgate.
 - A reader called to say Catholic Central Girls High school is now a Senior Center, (313) 833-0857, might call and maybe they can refer you to someone who might help with the finding of the yearbook.
- We're still looking for:**
- The Hallmark Rocking Horse series ornament (not mini size) for Rita.
 - An electric curling brush 3/8" for Donna.
 - Doyle Pineapple Juice frozen concentrate in a can.
 - Ruth from Bloomfield township is looking for BLEYLE

- slacks made in Germany.
- Still looking for magnetic playing cards.
- Mary would like to know where to buy short hair wigs.
- Joyce wants a stainless steel electric fry pan, new/used.
- Sharon is looking for Heatherwood floor stain by Glidden in a two gallon can.
- Joyce is looking for an Antique Ear Horn from the last Century.
- Sanford is looking for old Civil Defense items from the 50's, 60's.
- Mary from Beverly Hills wants a copy of the 1978 Sealholm High yearbook.
- Francis need the stem that holds the basket to the 4 cup Pyrex glass coffee percolator.
- Pat from Redford is looking for Pivot Men and Women's Golf Wear, used to be able to buy at Hudson's or Sak's. And she also wants a 1982 Montrose Jazz Festival poster.
- Linda is looking for a 1969 Lincoln Park High yearbook.
- Simplicity Moisturizer eye cream/eye gel for Margaret. Hudson's used to carry it.
- Katherine is looking for Kirks Castille hard water soap.
- Thomas is looking for a Weather Eye by MacDonald Industries and distributed by R.J. MacDonald Int'l Corp.
- Francis is looking for a children's book called Ickle, Spickle, Robin.
- Tisha is looking for METAL perfume by Paco Rabon and INFINY by Caron.
- Judy is looking for a Sterling silver dog tag, large enough to engrave and to be

- worn on a necklace.
- Sue is looking for a Bubble Comb from the 60's/70's. It has 2/3 rows of teeth with a handle.
- John wants bare floor brush attachments for Silver King Home Canister Shop Vacuum #280828, to fit a 1/4" service wand.
- Nancy is looking for lower case Stencils (3 inch) in block lettering. And a kids game from the 60's, Pig in the Garden.
- Sally has 5 Frank Sinatra 12" LP's from the 1950's in excellent condition she wants to sell.
- Kathy want Britannia baggy blue jeans in women's petite sizes.
- Bob from Farmington wants a copy of the movie "Robinson Crusoe on Mars." It is a Sci-Fi movie from the 1960's. And the 1987 Hudson Santa Bear (in the pilot outfit).
- Susan is looking for magazine articles on Princess Diana (back issues).
- Sylvia is looking for somewhere in the Redford/Dearborn area to take large wool area carpets to be cleaned.
- Joyce is looking for the caramel candy Slow Poke on a stick and a 1996 Beatrix Potter (Easter) ornament made by Hallmark.
- Lena wants the game Generation Gap.
- Karen is looking for someone who makes Crystal pins (they are about 3 millimeters in size, and letters and initials are made into these pins).

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RETAIL DETAILS

NEW DIGS

Three new retailers have opened recently at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. They are: d.e.m.o., a new cross-cultural clothing concept for teens and young adults; Fast Track Shoe Repair, a locally-owned shoe and leather repair shop; and Pearle Vision, offering 1,500 different designer frames and an upscale sunglasses department.

FASHION 4CAST

The associates of 4Men in Southfield's Tel-Twelve Mall, present their Back-2-School 4Cast. Look for textured flannels, brushed twills, plaids, sueded and dark denims from Tommy Hilfiger, Polo and Nautica. For outerwear, choose sherpa, microfibre jackets and polar fleece. Match your designers from the top down. No mixing Polo and Girbaud.

TEEN TRENDS

Hudson's launches a new private label for back-to-school called Oxford & Fulham. It's a line of classic clothing with a young attitude. For girls, Oxford & Fulham will be showing shetland wool sweaters, hooded tops, cardigan twin sets and long sleeve knit T-shirts. Trends for boys include washed button-down collar plaid shirts, pigment-dyed corduroy shirts, boiled wool sweaters and long

sleeve T-shirts. Cargo pants and carpenter pants are must-haves for fall.

GRAND VAN

Art Van's store on Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak has completed a major renovation and the new showroom celebrates a grand re-opening Thursday, Sept. 17 through Sunday, Sept. 20. Seminars, live entertainment, refreshments and special kids' performances highlight the celebration. Also, register to win a Howard Miller grandfather clock. Art Van, 32301 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak.

A BUG'S-EYE VIEW

"A Bug's Life Mall Tour," sponsored by Chevy Venture, arrives Friday, Sept. 4 at the Somerset Collection North in Troy. The multi-media traveling show hosts two live stage productions and a behind-the-scenes look at computer animation with interactive games and film-related activities. Walt Disney Pictures' A Bug's Life opens nationwide on Nov. 20.

ORIGINAL FARE

Hudson's chefs have teamed up to create several new and unique menu selections for the company's 10 restaurant locations. Ready for your enjoyment are Chicken, Avocado, Papaya Salad; Grilled Chicken with

Buckwheat Noodles; Santa Fe Turkey Penne Pasta; Coriander-Crusted Pork Medallions; Pistachio Pesto Pizza; and Grilled Tuna Sandwich. Bon appetit!

FALL FASHION

Mitzelfeld's in downtown Rochester introduces trends for the fall season. Look for comfortable and casual active-inspired sportswear, long sweaters and trouser skirts, and low-riding wide-legged pants. Color choices range from berry to sophisticated taupes and a spectrum of grays.

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TRAVEL

Visit Drummond Island for a no-fuss outdoor getaway

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Don't go to Drummond Island off the eastern end of the Upper Peninsula if:

■ You need to vacation in the lap of luxury.

■ You need to shop 'til you drop.

■ You need to be constantly entertained.

Do consider a visit to the 22-by-12-mile gem of the Huron if you like to be outdoors hiking, boating, bicycling, swimming, fishing or hunting.

It's also a good place to recharge the batteries by slowing down, reading, playing cards and board games, taking naps, watching sunrises and sunsets, charting passing ships and pondering the inponderables of life.

"Go down to the ferry dock, sit a half hour and you're bound to see a freighter," said Kirk Astle, a clerk at Drummond Island Outfitters. "Wildlife is anywhere."

Outfitters, open mid-May

through September is a good source of maps and rentals of canoes, kayaks and bicycles. The helpful staff can direct where exactly to search for flora, fauna and rocks.

You can drive to many parts of the island on paved roads. But the best way to actually see things is to walk, especially along off road vehicle trails.

During a visit the first week in August, wildflowers including Queen Anne's lace, clover, daisies, a variety of asters and phlox abounded. Raspberries, in season late July and early August, are delicious right off the bramble.

Smelt and perch run in spring, perch in summer, salmon and perch again in fall.

Birders go nuts on Drummond. Hawks, woodpeckers, blue jays, cardinals, ducks, geese and owls take flight, some easier to spot than others. Loons greet the dawn with their mournful calls. Butterflies flutter about.

Deer, difficult to encounter on

trails (they aren't tame here like at Kensington Metropark), occasionally meander to open fields or paved roads at the edge of woods.

The island is home to bear, too, but I've never seen one. My son says he and some of his buddies have glimpsed and heard coyote late at night while bonding around the campfire.

Earl Slusser, a retiree, has spent a lot of time on Drummond since 1975. He suggests that kids would enjoy swimming at Big Shoal Beach (free) and hunting gemstones at Marble Head on the eastern end of the island.

"For adults, rest," he added. "No phones. Get away from the TV."

The Drummond Island Historical Museum, open Memorial Day through September, is a worthy destination at any time, but especially on a rainy day. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

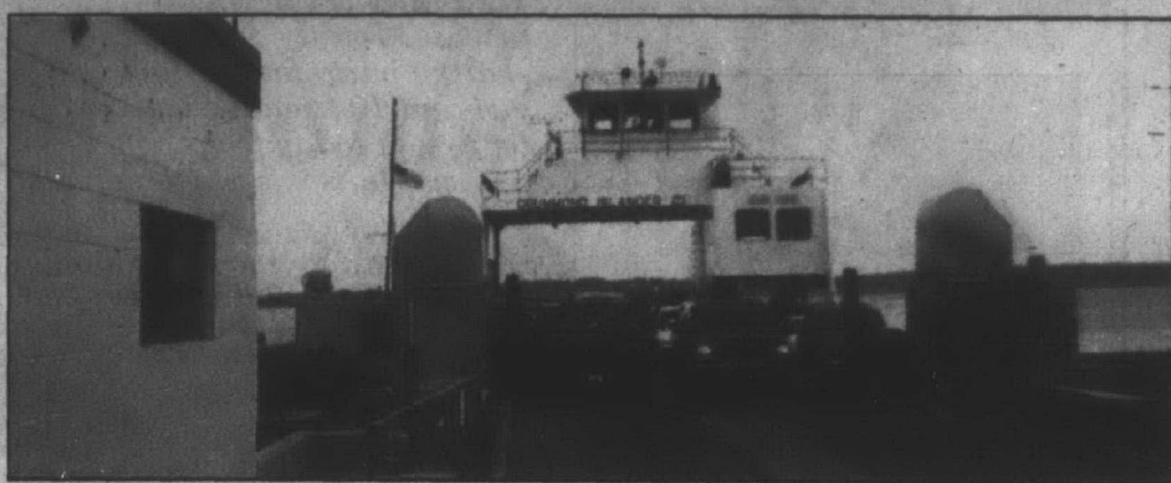
All kinds of artifacts - pictures, books, medical equipment, farming and lumbering tools - actually can be handled there.

Audrey Seaman Moser, 68, museum curator, is descended from the first permanent non-native American settlers on the island.

"It seems like there's no in-between about Drummond. Either people love it or they don't like it," she said. "It's quiet here. Most summer people don't even have a telephone installed."

"You know what I like here - watching sunsets over the water," Moser said. "It's so gorgeous. It goes down so fast, too."

"We have a lot of snow," she conceded, "but we're prepared for it. There's places to push it."



Getting there: The vast majority of vacationers who visit Drummond Island arrive by car ferry and a neat little ride across the St. Mary's River.

The car ferry, a one-mile, 10-minute ride across the St. Mary's River from DeTour, runs year-around. Round trip fare is \$8 for car and driver, \$2 for each additional adult passenger. Visitors also can arrive by private boat and small, private airplane.

The fall color change peaking in late September/early October is spectacular. The scent of the pine trees complements the pastels.

Snowmobiling is popular in winter.

Some summer visitors book cottages the same time every year, cultivating friendships for themselves and their children. About half of the cottages close for the winter months.

Phil Stites has owned Wa-Wen Resort for nearly 20 years. Over time, he's built an outdoor swimming pool, basketball court and shuffleboard court for his chil-

dren, now grown, and guests.

"Sixty-seven percent of the land is still state-owned," Stites said. "It's peaceful, quiet, safe, low-key, less stressful. That would sum it up. If you feel trapped, you probably don't belong here."

Teens are especially drawn to the Teepee ice cream stand at the Four Corners in town and the bowling lanes at Woodmoor. Both are fairly inexpensive diversions.

Two golf courses, a few tennis courts, several restaurants, a couple of gas stations and grocery stores, a hardware store, medical clinic, credit union and Lutheran, Catholic and Congregational churches serve the needs of nearly 1,000 permanent

residents and visitors.

Drummond is an hour away from the Soo Locks and casinos of Sault Ste. Marie and the sites and sounds of the Straits of Mackinac.

The island never feels crowded, even at the peak of summer vacation. The folks really seem friendly. Be prepared to wave back at the driver of virtually every vehicle you encounter while walking. And don't forget to smile.

You can contact the Drummond Island Tourism Association by phone at (800) 737-8666 or on the Internet at www.drummond-island.com

(Next week, more UP adventures.)



Surprise encounters: Domesticated horses and cows live here, as well as wildlife such as deer, coyote and bears.

GREAT ESCAPES

Great Escapes features various travel news items. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, assistant managing editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 691-7279.

WAY UP NORTH

"Brethren Days" are held in the small northwest Michigan town of Brethren (Manistee

County), Sept. 5 and 6. Events include fishing contest, polka party, country and western music and fireworks (Sunday night); (616) 477-5636.

WALK THE BIG MAC

You can join the thousands who make the annual trek across the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7. The walk begins in St. Ignace and ends in Mackinaw City. Walkers

may start any time between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.

No one can start after 11 a.m. Roller skates, bikes, wagons, skateboards and animals are all prohibited. Seeing eye dog are allowed, however.

Vehicular traffic flows even during the walk as southbound lanes are kept open. Walkers park free at the Bridge View area adjacent to the start point;

buses are available in Mackinaw City for \$1.50 to transport walkers back to their car. Some walkers choose the ferries to St. Ignace where free shuttles provided by the ferry lines get you back to Bridge View. Information can be obtained at (906) 643-6950.

DESTINATION: CRANBROOK

Take a day to visit Cranbrook with family and friends! There's more to explore than ever before at Cranbrook - more exhibits, more tours, more fun. Jump-start your imagination at our newly expanded science museum. Take a three-hour tour of our National Historic Landmark campus. Stop for a picnic near the science museum or hike lush nature trails. At Cranbrook, you'll find something for everyone to enjoy this summer - rain or shine.

Institute of Science

Check out our newly expanded museum and summer blockbuster exhibit, **The Robot Zoo!** Larger-than-life robotic beasts, including a giant squid with 18-foot tentacles, demonstrate how animals function in the natural world.

Only through September 7 - don't miss it!

Art Museum

Explore an array of contemporary art exhibitions featuring photography, sculpture, ceramics and more. The museum also offers fascinating tours of historic Saarinen House as well as one of the country's finest outdoor sculpture collections.

Cranbrook House and Gardens

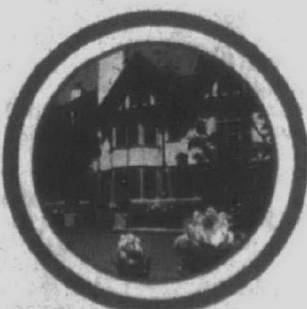
Wander more than 40 acres of spectacular gardens surrounding the home of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Scripps Booth, open daily this summer. Cranbrook House is available for guided tours on Sundays and Thursdays at various times.

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Baseball tryouts

•The new Michigan Wolverines AAA Farm Club 13-year-old baseball team is having tryouts from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Heritage Park, located on Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Michigan. The team will play in the Little Caesars Federation. Players must be 13 for the 1999 season and cannot turn 14 prior to Aug. 1, 1999. For more information, call Terry Powell at (734) 394-0425 or Gary Mancini at (734) 454-1104.

•The Michigan Indians PeeWee Reese (12-year-olds) baseball team is currently conducting tryouts for its 1999 squad. The team is based in the Plymouth/Canton area, but there are no residency requirements. The team will play in the Little Caesars Federation; players must have birthdates on or after Aug. 1, 1986. For tryout times and information, call Bruce Price at (734) 453-9180.

Softball sign-up

The Canton Softball Center is now accepting registrations for its fall softball leagues. The six-week double-header league is offered for Men's, Women's and Co-ed Leagues with your choice of Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday playing dates.

Cost for the 12-game season is \$395 plus a \$50 forfeit fee. The season begins Sept. 8. Call (734) 483-5600, ext. 2 for more information.

PCJBA sign-up

Registration for the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball League, for boys and girls grades three through eight, will be 6:30-8:30 Sept. 3 and Sept. 10 at East Middle School. All students in the Plymouth-Canton school district, and all of Canton Township, are eligible.

All players in the league will play some part of every game, but no player will play the entire game. There will be a 10-game regular season, plus the season-ending tournament.

Registration fee is \$80 for grades 3-4; \$85 for grades 5-6; and \$90 for grades 7-8. Players will receive team jerseys, which they can keep.

Any high school students interested in serving as referees, and any parents interested in coaching, should register at the same times.

Registration for PCJBA teams in grades 9-12 will be announced at a later date.

Men's racquetball

A men's fall racquetball league, sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation Services, is now forming. Cost is \$100 per player, which includes all league court time and awards.

There are no residency requirements. Matches will be played at Body Rocks-Racquettime, in Livonia. Matches will be on Wednesdays starting Sept. 16 and last for 13 weeks, with 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. court times. Players will be divided into divisions based on ability level.

For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

TeeTime Classic

The fourth annual TeeTime Golf Classic, Friday, Sept. 11 at Cattails Golf Club, 57737 Nine Mile Road, South Lyon.

The event will benefit the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft Community College.

The cost is \$85 (includes 18 hole scramble format, electric cart, range balls, hot dog lunch and buffet dinner). Dinner only, a 4:30 p.m., is \$30. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100.

Registration (coffee and doughnuts) starts at 8 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.

Prizes includes longest drive and closest to the pin (women and men).

For more information, call (248) 486-8777.

S'craft offers classes

•Schoolcraft is also offering a beginning kayaking class, 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

The course fee is \$85 per person. For more information, call (734) 462-4413.

Canton shocks Borgess in opener

Unexpected? Yes — and no. That 's because with Plymouth Canton, the unexpected has become anticipated. Their season-opening win over defending Class C state champ Bishop Borgess just adds to the legend.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Her first varsity game and already Plymouth Canton sophomore guard Anne Morrell has listened to her coach at a key time and done exactly the opposite.

A prima donna in the making? Hardly.

What Morrell did midway through the fourth quarter of Canton's 45-43 win Thursday over Redford Bishop Borgess led to a basket and praise from Bob Blohm, one of the state's most respected coaches whose strategy works nine times out of 10 and sometimes more.

This time, Morrell had a better idea. Her back-door cut off an out-of-bounds pass from center Janell Twiet-

meyer surprised the Spartans and gave Canton a 38-32 lead with 4:50 left, starting the Chiefs on a 6-2 run.

"I just looked where they lined up and I knew our play was not going to work, so I switched up and went opposite," said Morrell, who finished with four points.

Blohm was glad she improvised. "You've got to read it and play," Blohm said. "I like players like that." Borgess rallied late but a shot that would have forced overtime rolled off as time expired.

The season opener in Borgess' steamy gym was the start of a rugged stretch for the Chiefs, who start three

sophomores to go with seniors Elise Thornell and Twietmeyer.

Canton has upcoming dates with state powers Flint Northern, Birmingham Marian and Flint Powers as well as games against formidable Catholic League opponents Farmington Hills Mercy and Harper Woods Regina.

"I just like how we came out and competed," Blohm said. "We just tried to keep in front of them and take away their drives. We made mistakes and some turnovers but it's Game 1. I think we've got to get more consistent, but where we're at from where we started,

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Let the running begin!



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREHLER

Off and running: One of the last races of the 1997 season was the WLAA conference championship (above), in which Salem runners finished third and Canton placed fifth. Personnel losses will make it difficult for Salem to match that finish, but Canton is looking to move up in the league standings. Both teams have non-scoring events this week; the season starts after Labor Day.

Newcomers could help carry Chiefs to contention

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

With a couple of his top runners from 1997 graduated and no true "frontrunners" returning, one might think Plymouth Canton girls cross country coach George Przygodski would be wondering if this year's team could even match last year's finish.

But he's not. In fact, Przygodski is convinced this season's squad will outdo last year's.

"I'm very excited," he said. "We've got a real good corps of runners to build around."

It isn't just having five of his top seven runners returning that has raised Przygodski's optimism. It's four newcomers to the team that he

called "varsity impact athletes." None have run cross country before (and two of them are seniors), but all have been extremely impressive.

"We're going to be better," he predicted. "It's just a matter of how much better."

Although somewhat experienced, what Canton doesn't have is many seniors among its top nine runners. Indeed, the lone senior returnee is Lark Haunart.

Sarah Rucinski, a junior, has the best credentials from a Canton team that was pretty much middle-of-the-

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Losses will make Salem's season an uphill struggle

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Going into the first practice sessions, Plymouth Salem figured to be among the best in the Western Lakes Activities Association in girls cross country, despite the loss of four strong seniors. Then disaster struck.

Salem coach Dave Gerlach was notified that his top runner, sophomore Alyson Flohr, was moving to the Northville district. Just like that, fortunes were reversed; Northville, which finished fourth in the WLAA last season, 71 points behind third-place Salem, is now considered a possible title contender with Flohr on the team.

That's because as a freshman, Flohr finished eighth at the league meet,

16th at the regional and 64th at state. "That's a huge loss, obviously," said Gerlach. "Flohr was like a franchise player. But one player doesn't make a team."

And even with all the losses — also lost were state qualifier Evelyn Rahhal, Ellen Stemmer, Erin Lang and Jill Danek to graduation — Gerlach believes his team can be a contender.

"We've been third (in the WLAA) the last three years," he said. "One of our goals is to compete for the league championship. I still think we can have one of the best teams in the

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Churchill stops CC; Canton rolls

BRAD EMONS
SPORTS EDITOR

Two warning shots have been fired by the Livonia Churchill boys soccer team.

And the Chargers have made it loud and clear, they could be a team to be reckoned with this fall.

After knocking off state-ranked Novi 2-1 in its season opener Thursday, Churchill came back home Friday night and put a 4-2 hurting on Redford Catholic Central.

"Those are two tough warmups against two tough teams, I'm very happy," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "We're already two wins ahead of last year. We had three ties to start last season."

Also ahead of last year is 6-foot-3 striker George Kithas, who nearly single-handedly destroyed CC.

He notched a hat trick in the win over the Shamrocks. The athletic Kithas, who is strong and quick when going to the net, tallied a goal in the win over Novi as well.

"Last year my job was to take the pressure off (Rob) Bartoletti, so I had to be patient," Kithas said. "But it's my senior year now and it's time to step it up."

Kithas' header off a throw-in from Mark Sicilia just seven minutes into the game gave Churchill a 1-0 lead, but CC's Nick Show tied it at 1-1 just seven minutes later.

Kithas scored unassisted with 16:08 left and Sicilia



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Elevated: CC's Ken Toporek (left) and Churchill's Shaun Murray battle for possession.

rammed home a penalty kick with 11:40 remaining to make it 3-1 for Churchill.

Kithas then teamed up with Shaun Murray to propel the Chargers to a 4-1 lead, leaving CC staring at a three-goal deficit just before the half.

CC, which dropped to 1-1, was without head coach Dana Orsucci, who was attending his brother's wedding. Assistant coach Dave York could watch only helplessly as the Shamrocks tried to defend Kithas one-on-one.

"He's a decent player, we just gave him the time and space he wanted," York said. "We need to keep possession of the ball, but we ended up playing their game — kick and run. The one time we kept it, we scored."

The Shamrocks played the final 31 minutes a man short when senior defender Patrick Gannon was banished with a red card.

Canton 6, Monroe 0: Scott Wright continued his goal-scoring barrage, collecting three more Wednesday as Plymouth Canton blanked non-league foe Monroe at Canton.

The win improved the Chiefs' record to 2-1.

Wright now has six goals for the season. Other goal-scorers for the Chiefs against Monroe were Kevin Presley, Mike Riemma and Pete Andreolli. Presley and Riemma also had assists; Evan Malone collected two

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Eagle outlook: faster, quicker — better?

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

It'll be a different kind of team Plymouth Christian Academy girls basketball coach Rod Windle puts on the floor this season — and that's not bad.

Neither, for that matter, were the Eagles last season. They finished third in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 5-5 record; overall, they were 11-10.

Only two key players are gone from that squad: low post threat Liz Pugno, who would have been a senior at PCA but her family moved to Mexico; and point guard Amanda Clark, who graduated.

Although both were solid players, particularly on offense, those replacing them will provide more quickness and speed.

"I don't think we'll lose any offensive punch," said Windle. "And we'll definitely be better defensively. Overall, we'll be a quicker team. Our defense this year will be more aggressive, more pressing."

The Eagles showed a lot of potential in winning their own tournament last week,

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the Lady Eagle Kickoff Classic. They beat Warren Zoe Christian 50-14 in Monday's opener, then edged Canton Agape Christian 43-37 in Thursday's final.

The player who will provide much of their offense will be 6-foot senior center Jenny Sutherland. A high-post scorer, Sutherland has the ability to shoot in close or move out to three-point range.

"We're going to have to find ways to get shots for her," said Windle. "She's definitely our No. 1 offensive threat."

Sutherland, one of four Eagles with starting experience, showed that by scoring 47 points in their first two games. The other returnees are senior Carrie McCoy, a 5-7 forward with a good jump shot and an excellent defender who's now in her fourth year on varsity; senior Lisa LaRue, a 5-8 forward and back-up point guard who Windle called "our most versatile player"; and sophomore Laura Clark, a 5-5 point guard who played

off-guard last season.

PCA's fifth starter is senior Rupel Dedhia, a 5-6 off-guard in her second year on varsity.

The bench, consisting of three juniors and a sophomore, has Windle excited. "They're players we got from the JV, and they'll make us more athletic," he said.

The incoming juniors are 5-8 Taryn Moran, 5-8 Rachael Sumner and 5-4 Carrie Zedan. They'll be joined by 5-10 sophomore Crystal Marti, who will back up Sutherland.

"Our weakness as a team is our inexperience off the bench," said Windle. "If they work hard to overcome that, we'll do all right."

Defending MIAC champ Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, ranked No. 1 in Class D much of last season, has "lost some star players, but they have a strong program there," said Windle. Southfield Christian, which edged PCA twice last year, has just about everyone back, making it a definite title contender.

PCA might make that step up to contender, too, if the younger Eagles develop quickly enough.

Season-opening tourney belongs to Eagles, 43-37

Plymouth Christian Academy didn't allow anybody to spoil its tournament party.

Center Jenny Sutherland scored 16 points and had 11 rebounds Thursday night to lead Plymouth Christian to a 43-37 victory over Canton Agape Christian in the championship game of the Eagles' tournament.

Senior Carrie McCoy added eight points as PCA won both games of the Lady Eagle Classic season opening tournament.

The Eagles held a 25-16 half-time lead and stretched it to 35-22 after three periods before easing to the win.

Eighth-grader Amy Henry, a guard, scored eight points, had four rebounds and four steals

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to lead Agape. Forward Kim Ther had seven points and five rebounds while Charla Sexton had six points and six rebounds. Junior forward Allie Major had six points.

Agape Christian nipped Taylor Light & Life, 36-34, in overtime on Monday to reach the tournament finals.

Major scored all six of her points in the overtime. Agape had nine points in the extra period.

Ther had 16 points, sophomore Margie Henry scored eight and Sexton had 11 rebounds.

NHL Hurricanes bring rookie camp to Compuware

Hockey season opens early at Compuware Ice Arena in Plymouth.

Starting Sunday, the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes will have their first-ever rookie camp, and it will be at Compuware. The reason: Peter Karmanos Jr. owns the Hurricanes and the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers, who play at his Compuware Arena.

"We are truly excited about how we will run our training camps this season," said Hurricanes president and general manager Jim Rutherford, a former Red Wing goalie. "The rookie camp allows our organization to divide our players by experience and break down our entire roster into two smaller numbers."

"At the rookie camp, players of similar experience and age will be competing against one another,

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which should improve the level of competition among our young players. The smaller numbers also affords our coaching staff the opportunity to evaluate our players at both camps better."

Players at the rookie camp will be afforded "the opportunity to play their way into our professional camp," he added. "It should be an exciting week, particularly the three rookie games as our younger players match up against those rookies from other teams."

The 33 rookies invited to participate includes some familiar names: Six of them played for the Whalers last season, including defenseman Kevin Holdridge, who attended Redford

Catholic Central. Other Whaler invitees are goalie Robert Holsinger, defenseman Sergei Fedotov, Nikos Tselios and Troy Smith, and left wing Randy Fitzgerald. One other local name — Matt Brush of Birmingham, a 5-foot-10 center — will also participate.

The camp opens Sunday with player physicals, followed by a scrimmage at 8 p.m. that night. After that comes two more days of scrimmaging (all are open to the public); on Monday (Sept. 7), the scrimmages will be from 10 a.m.-noon and 3-5 p.m., and on Tuesday (Sept. 8), they'll run from 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.

On Wednesday (Sept. 9), a select group of players will travel to Kitchener to compete in a three-game tournament against rookie teams from the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Buffalo Sabres and the Montreal Canadiens.

Carolina plays Toronto at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday (Sept. 9), Buffalo at 5 p.m. Friday (Sept. 11) and Montreal at 1 p.m. Saturday (Sept. 12). All games will be played at Kitchener Arena.

At the conclusion of the tournament, several players will be invited to the Hurricanes professional training camp in Greensboro, N.C., which will run from Sept. 14-18.

"While the rookie camp provides a great forum to rate our younger players, it will also mean we will have a more manageable number of players in our major league camp," Rutherford added. "As we prepare for what should be a breakthrough season for our franchise, we will do so with a number in the mid-30s in terms of players as opposed to one training camp of 60 to 70 players."

Chiefs hoop from page D1

I'm happy."

Twietmeyer and sophomore guard Janine Guastella led the Chiefs with 14 points each and Thornell added eight.

The Spartans, who shot 14-58 from the floor, started two freshmen and two sophomores with 5-9 senior forward Tiffany Simon, who led with 13 points. Sophomore guards Amber Taylor and DeShawna Hoskins added nine and eight, respectively. Joeli Clyburn, a 6-1 freshman, had several blocks and five points.

Borgess was taller at every position, including center where 6-2 junior Krystol Dennis roams. The Chiefs held Dennis to four points and they outrebounded the Spartans 38-29, led by Twietmeyer with 11 and Morrell and Guastella with six each.

"I thought 'They're taller but we're faster and I think we can manage,'" said the 5-6 Morrell. "I knew defense would win the game."

The Chiefs made 17-of-51 shots with several of the misses being swatted away and committed 22 turnovers to the Spartans' 17.

Canton led 12-9 after one quarter and 24-19 at halftime. Borgess didn't lead until Simon's basket with 1:30 left gave it a 29-27 edge. The Chiefs led 33-29 after three quarters following consecutive baskets by Twietmeyer and Guastella and never trailed again.

Borgess' 5-9 sophomore Stacy Cobbs missed with a knee injury. She plans to play in Borgess' next game Thursday, Sept. 10 at Brighton.

"I'm very satisfied with all four of my freshman (including Tara Charles, Alana Simpson and Rachelle Hampton) but I need more out of my older kids," Borgess coach Dave Mann said. "It's not that they're playing bad but if they want to maintain the level of play in this program they have to do more. For us to be successful, Simon and Taylor cannot let opponents' guards go by."

"Bob's kids are quick but they're not as quick as Simon and Taylor and we have to win that battle. Bob's a tremendous coach and I love playing his teams."

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assists.

Canton opens play in the Western Lakes Activities Association at 7 p.m. Monday at Walled Lake Central. On Wednesday comes a major test:

The Chiefs host rival Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m.

PCA 7, Clarenceville 1: Nick Conti and Dave Carty each scored three goals to make Ply-

mouth Christian Academy's season-opener a happy one Friday at Livonia Clarenceville.

Jon Dale added one goal for the Eagles, who led 3-1 at halftime. Travis Yonkman was in

goal for PCA.

George Gostias got Clarenceville's only goal.

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Chiefs gain quad win on tiebreaker

Plymouth Canton's golf team collected its first major success of the young season by winning a four-team meet hosted by Redford Catholic Central Tuesday on a tiebreaker.

Played at Cattails in South Lyon, CC's home course, the Chiefs and Ann Arbor Huron each shot 159 to tie for top honors (each team played six, with the top four counting). That took it to the tiebreaker — each team's fifth-best scorer. Canton's Brian West finished with a 43, two shots better

than Huron's Jeff Yentz. CC edged Northville for third, scoring 166 to the Mustangs' 167.

Canton's top-four scorers were Ben Tucker, who shot 37; Jon Johnson, 39; Matt Rosol, 41; and Justin Allen, 42.

Tucker's 37 was second-best in the field.

Huron's J.O. Delancey was medalist with a one-under par35.

"He's playing very well," said Canton coach Tom Alles of Tucker. "He's worked extremely hard at his game. And he's played consistently."

The Shamrocks were led by Anthony Domol with a 38. Jon Luna was next best for CC with a 41, followed by Josh Davis, 42, and Evan Currie, 45. Ryan Yost was next best with a 46.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 4
John Glenn at Det. Cooley, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Salem at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Novi, 7:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Monroe at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Harrison at Oxford, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 5
N. Farmington vs. O.L. St. Mary at Pontiac Silverdome, 4 p.m.
Redford CC vs. A.A. Pioneer at Pontiac Silverdome, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, Aug. 31
Huron Valley at Agape, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 1
Flint Powers at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
Lakeland at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Flint Northern at Canton, 7 p.m.
Dondero at Farmington, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Andover, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Troy Athens, 7 p.m.
Mercy at G.P. South, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 3
Bishop Foley at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
Mercy at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Marian at Canton, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Milford, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Brighton, 7 p.m.
Novi at Harrison, 7 p.m.
PREP BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Aug. 31

Churchill at N. Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Farmington at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 1
Ply. Christian at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
A.A. Pioneer at Redford CC, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 2
Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Harrison at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 3
Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4
S'field Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

Farmington at Redford Union, 5:30 p.m.
W. Bloomfield at N. Farm., 5:30 p.m.
Lakeland at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 5
Schoolcraft at Prairie St. (Ill.), 1 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 6
S'craft at S. Suburban (Ill.), 11 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 5
Schoolcraft at Monroe (N.Y.), 1 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 6
Schoolcraft vs. Genesee at Monroe Tournay, noon.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 3
Kellogg CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 4-5
Madonna at Midway (Ky.), TBA.

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road last season. The Chiefs placed fifth at the Western Lakes Activities Association and were 10th (out of 19 teams) at the Class A regional at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Rucinski, who will serve as team captain, was Canton's second-best finisher at the WLAA meet (she placed 21st) and was first among the Chiefs at the regional (46th). Hard work during the off-season has led Przygodski to believe that Rucinski or Haunart have perhaps the best chance to emerge as the much-needed frontrunner.

"Lark and Rucinski have varsity race experience," Przygodski said. "But there are a lot of others right there with them. Our question right now is, do we have frontrunners who can challenge at the big meets?"

"We'll probably be able to get seven kids running within 45 seconds of each other. But will that 45 seconds be in the 20-minute or 21-minute range?"

The Chiefs had some good grouping at last year's big season-ending meets, but they weren't low enough. Example: Three Canton runners finished together at the regional, but their places were 46th, 47th and 48th.

"We can't be competitive and have our frontrunners finishing in those places," Przygodski noted.

Others ranked among the top nine are returnees Erin O'Rourke, a junior, and Terra Kubert and Nicole Schilk, both sophomores. Kubert did score at the regional, placing 82nd.

The impressive newcomers include seniors Billie Pavlovick and Vicki Palis, both first-time runners; junior Amy Dupuis, who has run track the past two years but didn't come out for cross country until after becoming a distance runner last spring; and sophomore Betsy Radtke, also a first-timer.

With the start of the season —

the non-scoring Red Hawk Invitational Thursday at Troy Athens' home course — just a few days away, Przygodski still isn't certain who among those nine will emerge on top.

"I think it could be any one of those kids," he said. "I hope they all do (become frontrunners). But I can't really say who a standout will be."

Something similar might be said of the conference race. Defending champion Livonia Stevenson, which finished third in the state, lost three of its top runners in Kelly Travis, Kelly McNeilance and Danielle Harris, all having graduated. All were in the top 10 (Travis was first) at the WLAA meet.

Still, the Spartans are still well-stocked. "With all those Stevenson girls leaving, it gives

a few others a chance," said Przygodski. "But (coach) Paul (Holmberg) does a great job keeping things going."

Livonia Churchill, second in the WLAA last season, has Ashley and Alison Filion returning, making the Chargers a threat to Stevenson. But Renee Kashawlic (fourth in the WLAA in '97) was injured in a car accident this summer and is out of action. Northville, fourth last season, has picked up former Plymouth Salem standout Alyson Flohr, who transferred, making the Mustangs challengers.

As for Canton's hopes to challenge, Przygodski said, "I hope so. But we've got some teams we have to move out of the way."

The Chiefs have the pack to do it.

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league."

A few building blocks are in place, to be sure. Rachael Moraitis, a junior, is back; Moraitis placed 15th in the league and 38th at the regional last season. Two other returnees, junior Shae Potocki and senior Erin Kelly, should contribute as well.

Newcomers "that will help out," according to Gerlach, are senior co-captains Becky Phelan and Shannon Will; junior Brynne DeNeen, who has run track but is in her first season of cross country; and freshman Kelly Solano.

Also part of this "junior-dominated team," as Gerlach calls it, are Rachel Jones, Aisha Chappell, Miranda White and Lisa Jasnowski, all experienced juniors, and sophomore Kim Burns, who also ran varsity last season.

Who will emerge from that group is uncertain. "We'll have to see," said Gerlach. "We haven't raced yet so I just don't know who'll step up and who will let the rest of the league run by them."

With Flohr gone, Gerlach figures team tactics will have to be adjusted. "Our big goal is to pack-run," he explained. "For us to be competitive, we're going to have to get five runners in under 21:30."

That may not be easy. Also, it probably won't be good enough to make the Rocks title contenders; at last season's WLAA meet, champion Livonia Stevenson had five runners run under 21 minutes, with a sixth at 21:05. The league's top 23 runners all bettered 21:30.

The Spartans won't be the clear-cut favorites they were a year ago, when they were all but conceded the WLAA championship (they placed third in the state). Gone from that team are Kelly Travis, who was first in the league, Kelly McNeilance (fifth) and Danielle Harris (10th), all of whom graduated.

Such losses would seem crippling to most teams. But Stevenson returns Andrea Parker (second in the WLAA) and Kim McNeilance (13th), among a host of others.

"That team is loaded," said Gerlach. "With all those big-time seniors going, all it did was bring them a little closer to everyone else."

That "everyone else" includes Livonia Churchill, with the Filion sisters — Ashley (third in the WLAA) and Alison (11th) — returning. The Chargers did lose Renee Kashawlic, however; she was injured in an auto accident this summer.

And, of course, there's Northville.

It won't be long for Gerlach to get some kind of idea where his team stands. On Thursday, there's a team time trial; on Sept. 10, the Rocks open their season with a quad meet against Stevenson, Northville and Livonia Franklin at Nankin Mills, Franklin's home course.

"We have a ton of first-year kids," said Gerlach. "There's a lot of teaching of long-distance running skills. But they're responding well."

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My adrenaline raced. Buck fever had set in and opening day of the Michigan archery season is still better than a month away.

Now is the time to get out and do some serious scouting. Hunters who wait for opening day to start looking for food sources and patterning the deer in their area are wasting a month of valuable time.

Get out in the woods, sit quietly and watch the area with your eyes. If you move, move slowly and quietly just as you would on a hunt.

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Check the oak trees in your area and see if any acorns are being produced. If so, find the trails leading to and from these areas and watch the action at daylight and dusk.

Deer frequent fringe areas so watch these areas as well to see when and where the deer are coming from. Learn the habits and patterns of the deer in your area now and set up your blind accordingly. If you do your homework now success should be a matter of making a good shot on opening day - 34 days and counting.

Going through changes

Deer hunters should be aware of several changes in store for them when the hunting seasons — archery, Oct. 1, firearms, Nov. 15 — open in the coming months.

Here is a brief overview of the major changes for the 1998 Michigan deer seasons.

■ It is now legal to hunt deer and bear from an elevated platform with a firearm during the designated firearms seasons.

■ Private land antlerless deer licenses are now valid on all private lands within a deer management unit with permission of the respective landowner.

■ Acreage for applying for an antlerless permit has been reduced to five acres for southern Michigan deer management units.

General leftover antlerless permits will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, while private land leftover antlerless permits will go on sale at 10

a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Sixty-three DMUs will have unlimited private land permits available throughout the season.

■ The second buck tag for the archery and the second buck tag for the firearms seasons have been eliminated.

In place is a combination license, which allows a hunter to harvest two bucks total. The type of weapon used is up to the hunter. Several details on the combo licenses — including if the second buck must have four times on one side, like last year — are still being hammered out and will be decided at the upcoming meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission.

The Commission meets Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 9-10, in Lansing.

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■ The late archery season will close on Jan. 3, the same date as the late firearms season for antlerless deer closes (Dec. 19-Jan. 3).

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The outbreak of Bovine tuberculosis in the free ranging white-tailed deer herd in northeastern Michigan has resulted in regulations changes in that area.

DMU 452 covers all or parts of Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties.

Check the 1998 Michigan hunting guide for exact boundaries. There is also a TB buffer zone surrounding DMU 452 which falls under the heading of the Bovine Tuberculosis management area. Again check the 1998 Michigan Hunting Guide for exact boundaries.

■ There will be an early antlerless firearms season (Oct. 17-Oct. 26) on private land only in DMU 452. There will also be a late antlerless firearms season (Dec. 11-Jan. 3) in DMU 452, which will be open to private or public lands.

These special seasons are not statewide and are limited to the boundaries of Deer Management Unit 452.

■ A baiting restriction, limiting the amount of bait to five gallons at one hunting site, will be enforced throughout the Bovine TB Management Area.

These are some of the major changes for the upcoming seasons but hunters should take a few minutes to look over the Michigan Hunting Guide before venturing out into the field.

Now is the time to prepare for the season. Get out there and scout, and good luck for a safe, fun, enjoyable fall hunting season.

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TURKEY HUNTING

Jay's Sporting Goods of Clare, the Michigan DNR and the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will be conducting Michigan's first fall wild turkey hunting workshop beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Jay's. Fall hunting techniques, calling, the use of decoys, laws, turkey biology and much more will be discussed by some of the state's most noted turkey experts.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold 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 Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. Call (313) 532-0285 to pre-register.

CLUBS

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 Kudej at (313) 691-0843 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BEAR
Bear season opens Sept. 10 in designated bear management units.

ELK
The early elk hunt will run Sept. 12-20, by special permit in designated elk management units only. The late hunt will be held Dec. 8-14, also by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

GOOSE
The early Canada goose season will be Sept. 1-15 in the Lower Peninsula and Sept. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula. (The counties of Huron, Tuscola and Saginaw will be closed for the early season.) The daily bag limit is five.

GROUSE
Ruffed grouse season opens Sept. 15.

RABBIT/HARE
Rabbit/hare season opens Sept. 15.

SQUIRREL
Squirrel season opens Sept. 15.

WATERFOWL
Waterfowl hunters have until Aug. 28 to apply for a reserved hunt permit.

WOODCOCK

Woodcock season opens Sept. 15.

SHOWS

OUTDOOR WEEKEND

The 12th annual Woods-N-Water News Outdoor Weekend will be held Friday-Sunday, Sept. 11-13, at the Lapeer County Fairgrounds in Imlay City. The show features non-stop seminars and clinics by outdoor experts including Charlie Linblade, Byron Ferguson, Rick Kleit, Master Chief Milos Cihelka, Jerry Chiappetta, Dave Richey, Tom Huggler, Richard Smith and Denny Geurink among others. There will also be over 125 exhibitors, a puppy area to buy, sell pet and photograph puppies, a chili camp cook-off and more. Tickets are \$5 each and \$8 for a three-day pass. Show hours are 9-5 p.m. Friday, noon-10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. The fairgrounds are located on M-53, a half-mile north of I-69. Call (810) 724-0254 for more information.

WILDLIFE CARVING

The Waterfowl Preservation & Decoy Club of Michigan will hold the North American Wildlife Carving Show and Sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20, at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. The show features decoys, fish, flat art, gifts, vendors and more. Admission is \$4. The Holiday Inn is located at 6 Mile Road and I-275.

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 (810) 229-7067.

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 at the following numbers: 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 information.

LATE SUMMER WILDFLOWERS

A naturalist-led hike to search for some of the flowers that are adding color to the fields at this time of year, begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

FREE WOOD CHIPS

Free wood chips from the Oakland County Parks Christmas tree recycling program will be available on Saturday Sept. 26 and Oct. 31, at Orion Oaks at the Clarkston Road entrance. Individuals are asked to provide their own shovels and to load the chips by hand. No motorized equipment is allowed and no commercial haulers.

Larson's work helps understand nature

If you have been reading my nature columns in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers over the past 14 years, you have been exposed to many basic principles of ecology, biology and behavior.

I've tried to weave these concepts, developed by scientists over the world, into observations I've made around the Detroit metropolitan area.

It doesn't matter where you are rules of nature are applicable everywhere. They may manifest themselves in different ways in different locations or habitats,

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but basically they are the same.

Not everyone is a biology major familiar with the intricacies of the natural world, so by integrating good biology/ecology into my articles of local observations, O&E readers have a chance to learn what has taken scientists many years to understand — and believe me, there is still a lot to learn.

There are many ways to learn how the natural world works, reading newspaper columns is one way, taking extension classes is another and of course reading books is another.

The most important thing, is, to become familiar with the way the natural world works. Not the way you want to think it works, but the way it really works.

Sometimes we think of nature in human terms and we make

judgments about animals based on how humans would think about the same situation.

We need to be very careful about doing that.

The natural world and its interactions were set up long before you and I and our ancestors came on the scene.

Rules were in force before man could make judgments about them. But by exposing yourself to the way the natural world works, by what ever means — as long as it is based on good science — will help you understand many things you experience in your yard, or around the county.

One very entertaining way to learn some basic biology is to read Gary Larson's "There's a hair in my dirt."

In this book, Larson, in typical Larson fashion, created a fable

that encourages us to learn and understand how the natural world really works.

In this book a young worm is seated at the dinner table underground eating his dirt, when he unexpectedly discovers a blonde hair in it. He starts to complain, which prompts his father into telling the young worm how the hair got in his dinner dirt.

I won't tell you much more of the fable, but I would like to encourage you to look at the illustrations carefully, they are very clever with many little hidden jabs at human society.

Don't just read it to laugh, read it to understand the message Larson is really trying to tell us.

Then maybe you will begin to look at more sources of learning how the natural world works.

All-Star Bowlerettes launch 53rd season

Opening ceremonies took place last Monday for the Cloverlanes All-Star Bowlerettes as they opened their 53rd season.

The 14 teams that feature the finest women bowlers in the land are a real local attraction.

Aleta Sill, Marianne DeRupo and Lisa Bishop are in action when they are not out on the road during the Ladies Pro Tour. Aleta is attempting to become the tour's first million dollar winner, needing about \$32,000 in prize money to accomplish the feat.

Marianne has made her mark on tour with several pro titles and Lisa won on her very first tour stop last year.

Observer & Eccentric communities are well represented in the league by Jeanne Gebbia, Dee Pacteles and Cindy Adkins of Garden City; Kathy Haislip of West Bloomfield; Jan Greaves, Laura Leser and Michelle Anger of Waterford; Tina Barber-Judy, Deb Dawson, Sarah Duff, Diane St. Louis and Cheryl Slipek of Westland; Tamika Glenn and Julie Wright of Farmington Hills; Cheryl Stipeak, Carol Fer-

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guson and Marion Saunders of Redford; Pam Jones, Louise Johnson, Sandy Goga, Barbara Briggs and Patrice Chell of Livonia; Kim Connor, Janel York, Kimberly Cox and Ellen Johnson of Southfield; Darlene Fiorenzi, Kathie Maser and Denise Linton of Plymouth.

Readers will see lots of great scores throughout the season including the 289 by Jeanne Gebbia on opening night, she had the first 10 strikes in the first game, rolled a 732 series.

Donna Urton rolled a 268/688; Robin White, 266/682; Tina Barber-Judy, 250; and Cyndi Black 254.

■ The Metro Bowling Tour will start its second season Sunday, Oct. 25 with a tournament at Auburn Lanes in Auburn Heights.

That gives all bowlers plenty of time to plan for it and get ready to shoot for bigger dollars than ever before.

As this organization grows, it will be able to offer more for what remains a modest advanced entry fee of \$45 (walk-ins pay \$55).

First place at Auburn will be \$675 with a trip to Orlando added (three days, two nights, airfare not included).

This event is very good for moderate-to-average bowlers. It is a handicap competition with 80 percent of the difference between your average and 215.

There will be two squads at 9 a.m. and noon, no more than three bowlers per lane.

For more information, call (248) 673-7407.

■ That thundering sound you heard coming from your car radio last Wednesday night wasn't at all, rather, the sound of falling pins as the popular WJR Sports Wrap show came directly from Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

It was a bowling party, a fundraiser for the Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute for Cancer Research.

The team which raised the most money was then matched against WJR's celebrity team of Michael Barr, Dan Dickerson, Tom Mazeway and Steve Courtney.

They were broadcasting live on the Great Voice of the Great Lakes while they were out on the lanes rolling strikes to strike out cancer.

■ Officers of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association were on hand to help take part in the action. Executive director Mark Martin was interviewed on the show, along with Super Bowl Lanes proprietor, Mark Voight.

When Steve Courtney left a nearly impossible 4-6 split, Voight offered \$1,000 to the Karmanos fund if he would make the split.

The ensuing shot missed, but Voight made the donation any-

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Meet this energetic, outgoing, full-figured, well-employed SBC mom, 38, 5'3", who enjoys long moonlit walks, dining out and meaningful conversation, is in search of a SBCM, 30-45, who likes children. Ad#1437

FRIENDS FIRST

Attractive DWCF, 48, 5'3", is in search of a SWCM, 44-55, who enjoys dining out, sports and long romantic walks. Ad#7081

NEW BEGINNINGS

Sincere DWCM mom of one, 40, 5'4", who enjoys art, movies and romance, is looking for a SWCM, 40-51, with similar interests. Ad#9135

AT THIS POINT OF LIFE

Are you interested in meeting a special lady? I'm an outgoing, friendly SWF, 34, 5'5", who enjoys photography, art, a variety of music and movies, going to church and all outdoor activities. I would like to enjoy the company of a SWM, 33-38. Ad#6155

HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY

SWF, 27, 5'6", 125lbs. I'm professionally employed, a sports fan and a sharp dresser. I enjoy a variety of interests. If you are a SWM, 25-30, who is willing to know more about me, leave me a message. Ad#4784

HEAR ME OUT

Outgoing DWCF, 51, 5'5", who enjoys living life to its fullest, is in search of a SWM, 50-60, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad#1106

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Affectionate, caring Catholic DWCF, 50, 5'4", who enjoys dancing, gardening, movies, indoor and outdoor activities, is in search of an affectionate, Catholic SWM, 45-55, with good morals. Ad#1217

DIVERSE INTERESTS

DWC mom of two, 47, 5'3", with dark hair, who enjoys the outdoors, biking, reading, music, Bible study and the outdoors, is seeking a SWCM, for a possible relationship. Ad#7388

REFLECTIVE AT TIMES

Discover this flexible DWCF, 52, 5'6". She is employed and has many interests such as the theater, reading, art, music and walking. She's looking for a spiritual, DWCM, 47+, with a positive attitude. Ad#8081

SPECIAL LADY

You'll have a great time with this outgoing, loving SWF, 35, 5'9", N/S, who enjoys church, movies, concerts, sporting events, quiet times and more. If you are a secure SWM, 35-42, N/S, who shares similar interests, call now. Ad#1963

TRUE BLUE

She's an outgoing, attractive SBCF, 45, 5'4", 135lbs., who enjoys personal growth, traveling, reading and is in search of a spiritual, educated SBCM, 40-53, with similar interests. Ad#1652

MY SPECIAL SOMEONE?

Professional, brown-eyed WWWWF, 51, 5'3", who enjoys traveling, the outdoors and quiet evenings at home. She seeks a caring, romantic SWM, under 58, for a possible relationship. Ad#4641

SPECIAL

Inside and out. SBF, 46, 5'4", looking for real SBM, 40-60, intelligent, kind, strong yet gentle, is sure of himself and God, are you special too? if you believe, all things are possible. call me Ad#2903

INTERESTED?

SBF, 29, 5'6", looking to spend quality time and share a relationship with an employed, mature SBM, 25-35. Ad#2468

RESCUE MY HEART

She's a SBF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys going to church, jazz concerts, dining out and is in search of a kind, gentle SM, 55-62, for friendship first. Ad#1221

FAMILY-ORIENTED

I'm a full-figured, 34, 5'1", SW mom of one, with blonde hair and green eyes. I enjoy animals, outdoor sports, horseback riding and country music. If you are you open-minded and honest D/SWM, then give me a call. Ad#5564

DON'T MISS OUT

A down-to-earth, professional, Catholic SW mom of one, 42, 5'7", with blonde hair, has a great sense of humor and she is searching for a tall, fit, handsome, professional SWM, 42-48, for a possible relationship. Ad#1431

CHARMING

Here's a friendly DWCM mom, 44, who wants to find a humorous N/S, non-drinker DWCM of any age. She's 5'1" and enjoys art, music and the outdoors. Ad#4283

DESERVING

She's an active, professional SWF, 38, 5'11", who enjoys music, art, church activities and is in search of a SWM, age unimportant, to share life with. Ad#6755

REACH FOR THE STARS

Attractive, professional Catholic DWCF, 50, 5'9", looking for a retired SWJM, 50-70, 5'9" plus, who is outgoing and has a good sense of humor. I love dancing, walking in the parks and biking. Ad#4847

IS IT YOU?

She's in search of a SWM, 42-50, for friendship first. She's a DWCF, 46, 5'2", who enjoys movies, dancing and concerts. Ad#7893

HIGH STANDARDS

Say hello to this shy DW mom, 45, 5'8", seeking an old-fashioned, clean-cut, stable SWM, 45-52, who enjoys family-oriented fun. Ad#3913

TELL NO TALE

She's a DWCF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys the theatre, Gospel music, walking and is in search of a gentle SM, 55-62, who is in search of Jesus. Ad#2125

SHARE LIFE WITH ME

Pretty, petite, trim, DWCF, 57, 5'4", 118lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys soft music, dining out, dancing, the theatre and being outdoors, seeking a tall, handsome, romantic, fit SWCM. Ad#5554

SPECIAL REQUEST

Here is a professional Catholic DWCF, 50, 5'8", who is seeking a Catholic SWM, 48-60, to spend quality time with. She loves walks on the beach, dining out and antiques. Ad#3768

SIMPLY PUT

SWCF, 18, 5'4", 115lbs., long brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys playing violin, music, dancing, horseback riding and animals, in search of an attractive SWCM, 18-25, with a sense of humor. Ad#2121

HONESTY COUNTS

She's an attractive SW mom, 49, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, traveling and quiet evenings, in search of a tall, athletic SWM, 49-56, for a long-term relationship. Ad#1148

BE KIND TO MY HEART

Shy and reserved SWCF, 31, 5'6", full-figured, seeks an understanding, kind, dependable SWCM, 50's, to share moonlit walks, movies, traveling and meaningful conversation. Ad#3567

HAPPINESS COULD FOLLOW

If you call this dark-haired WWWWCF, 57, 5'3", she is retired, outgoing and friendly. She enjoys movies, dining out, walking and traveling to warmer climates. She seeks a SWCM, 54-65. Ad#2639

THE TIME IS RIGHT

She's a outgoing, hardworking SWF, 45, 5'10", whose interests are antiques, flea markets and picnics, in search of a SWM, 40-60, to get to know. Ad#9652

MAGIC IN THE AIR

Here is a sincere, employed SB mom, 25, 5'4", who enjoys going to church, traveling and reading, in search of a hardworking, professional SM, 28-40, for companionship, possible long-term relationship. Ad#9273

FAMILY-ORIENTED

She is a quiet, reserved SW mom, 28, who enjoys picnics, long walks, coaching sports and is seeking an employed, caring SWM, who likes children. Ad#8369

LEAVE YOUR NAME

A professional, educated SWCF, 45, enjoys reading, long walks, the theatre and dining out, is seeking a SWCM, with similar interests. Ad#7646

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Youthful SWF, 38, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, is seeking a handsome, sincere, honest SWM, over 35, to share mutual interests and friendship. Ad#2356

ENERGIZED

She's an outgoing DW mom, 42, 5'2", with red hair, brown eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, rollerblading and quiet evenings, in search of a SWM, 37-49. Ad#7823

SPECIAL REQUEST

She's an outgoing, witty SBCF, 42, 5'6", who enjoys outdoor activities, walking and reading, in search of an honorable SM, 46-50, for companionship. Ad#3154

EASYGOING

Protestant DWCF, 60, 5'8", with a great personality, enjoys dining out and dancing. She is seeking a tall WWWW, 65, with similar interests. Ad#1305

WITH HOPE

Catholic SWF, 33, 5'7", is looking for a friendly, sincere, Catholic SWM, 28+, with a great sense of humor and similar interests. She's a Red Wings fan and animal lover. Her hobbies are biking, tennis and walks. Ad#1211

MISSING YOU

Are you looking for a bright Catholic DWCF, with a beautiful heart? She is 44, 5'1", with brown hair, who enjoys outdoors, dining out and walks in the park. She is looking for a Catholic SWM, 34-51, to share life. Ad#3804

FEEL AT EASE

She's a sweet, active, fun-loving SWF, 60, petite, who enjoys dancing, reading and the theatre, wishes to share interests and companionship with an easy-going SWM, 55-68. Ad#9972

LOOK NO FURTHER

This Catholic DW mom of one, 26, 5'2", who is shy and reserved at first, enjoys dining out, walks, amusement parks and quiet evenings at home, is looking for a Catholic WM, 25-35, for a possible relationship. Ad#6989

MAYBE YOU & ME

She's a shy, never-married SWF, 34, 5'7", who enjoys baseball games, the outdoors and movies, in search of a athletic SWM, 28-39, for friendship first. Ad#4211

WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU

I'm a Catholic DW mom, 37, 5'5", professionally employed, pretty and have a great sense of humor. I'm looking to meet a Catholic SWM, 35-44, who enjoys gardening, the theatre, dining out and dancing. Ad#6644

MOVE QUICKLY

SWCF, 56, 5'2", 122lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, seeking a SWCM, 50-60, who is respectful and appreciates a good woman. Ad#6258

MAKE THE CONNECTION

SWF, 34, 5'6", full-figured, who is a blue-eyed blonde, enjoys a wide variety of interests, is searching a SWM, 35-45, who has a positive outlook in life. Ad#3064

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SO HOW ARE YOU?

Attractive, outgoing SWCF, 41, 5'7", a professional, enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, the theatre and more, seeks a SWCM, 30-45, who is serious about life. Ad#5656

GET TO KNOW ME

Easygoing SWF, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, employed, enjoys being around family and friends, barbecues, working out, bowling and more, seeks a SWM, over 44. Ad#1952

WELL-EDUCATED

Outgoing SWF, 62, 5'6", employed, enjoys singing, shopping, reading, traveling and flea markets, seeks an intelligent, active SWM, 55-65, who is a gentleman, for companionship. Ad#2000

GOD COMES FIRST

Outgoing WWWWCF, 44, 5'6", employed, enjoys traveling, walking, reading and exercising, seeks a SWJM, 44-58, who loves God, for friendship first. Ad#7788

THIS IS IT

Outgoing and friendly SWCM mom, 38, 5', enjoys dining out, movies, casinos, Bible study, seeks SWCM, 38-46, with similar interests. Ad#1959

MAKE A WISH FOR ME

SWCF, 50, 5'7", brunette, enjoys church and long walks, seeks a SWM, 38+, with good communication skills, for friendship first. Ad#7454

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

Personable SWCF, 46, 5', participates in Christian activities, enjoys square dancing, listening to music, playing cards, boat races, singing, going to church and sports, seeking a SWCM. Ad#7328

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

College-educated DWCF, 42, 5'5", easygoing, gentle, calm, enjoys Bible study, going to movies, learning new things, dining out and good conversation, seeks a SCM, 40-56, to share quiet times with. Ad#8355

CIRCLE THIS AD

Catholic, DWCF, 50, 5'1", outgoing, educated, enjoys sports, reading, traveling, gardening, seeks Catholic, SWM, 46-54, with similar interests. Ad#1895

Christian Men Seeking Christian Women

A TRUE GENTLEMAN
Hardworking Catholic SWM, 29, 6', is searching for a Catholic SWF, over 23, who is romantic and kind, patient with children and the elderly, loves horses and puppies. Ad#3208

A TRUE ROMANTIC
SWM, 46, 6'1", with brown hair and green eyes, is seeking a SWF, 36-49, who enjoys music, movies, camping, family activities and sports. Ad#3121

JUST YOU AND I
Handsome SBM, 35, 5'5", 155lbs., seeks a SCF, 25-37, with a great personality. He enjoys Bible study, bowling and playing tennis. Ad#8899

FRIENDLY NATURE
Professional, Catholic SWM, 36, 5'10", with a good sense of humor, enjoys working out and romantic dinners. He is in search of a fit, Catholic SWF, 23-36, with similar interests. Ad#7001

WHAT A TREAT
Easygoing SWM, 24, 6'2", who enjoys movies, dining out and spending time with friends, seeks a SWF, 18-28. Ad#2222

INFINITE AFFECTION
He's an outgoing, attractive, professional Catholic SWM, 38, 6', N/S, who enjoys sports, music, dining out, the rewards of hard work and the theatre, in search of an above-average, loving Catholic SWF, 23-37, with similar interests. Ad#6789

OLD-FASHIONED
Friendly DW mom of two, 47, 6'4", who enjoys singing in church choir, Bible study, sports and cooking, seeks a family-oriented, honest SBCF, 36-48, who puts God first. Ad#1115

NEVER-MARRIED, CHILDLESS
Born-again SWCM, 35, 5'10", 185lbs., blond with blue eyes, is a drug/alcohol-free N/S. His interests are Bible study, working out and rollerblading. He's searching for a physically fit, open, caring SWCF, 29-35, who truly loves God. Ad#6335

ON THE LEVEL
If you want to know more about me, respond to my ad. I'm a SWCM, 42, 5'6", with dark hair and eyes. I enjoy a variety of interests. I'm seeking a SWF, for friendship, and companionship. Ad#5245

SENSE OF HUMOR INCLUDED
Energetic, professional DWCM, 42, 5'11", enjoys social activities, traveling to Las Vegas, antiques and dining out, looking to meet an honest, sincere SCF, who has similar interests, age unimportant. Ad#9009

FIRST THINGS FIRST
He's a secure DWCM dad of one, 35, 6'1", with brown hair and blue eyes, who participates in Bible study, and would enjoy getting to know a church-going, trustworthy SWCF, age unimportant, who is interested in a long-term relationship. Ad#6683

DON'T PASS ME BY
Understanding, professional, Catholic SWM, 29, 6'2", 180lbs., with light brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys sports, biking, music and would like to meet a slender SWCF, 23-32, who has good values. Ad#8868

TIME TOGETHER
I'm a professional, educated, outgoing SWM, 39, 6'1". I'm seeking a slender SWF, for a monogamous relationship. Ad#4758

OUTGOING
This friendly SWCM, 58, 6', 195lbs., brown hair, green eyes, would like to meet a slender SWCF, 50-65, who's interested in a long-term relationship. Ad#1546

STILL LOOKING
SBC dad, 20, 6', light complexion, who likes basketball, is seeking a compatible SBCF, 22-40, preferably never married, but with children, with whom to have good times. Ad#1470

BORN-AGAIN
Outgoing and friendly, he's a professional DWCM dad of two, 42, 6'2", 182lbs., who enjoys Bible study, travel, golf, music and seeks an attractive, fit, mature SCF, 28-40, without children, for fellowship which may lead to more. Ad#1204

CIRCLE THIS AD
This SWCM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., with black hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, movies and children, is in search of a SWCF, 40-50, who is marriage-minded. Ad#3580

NO HASSLES
He's an outgoing, hardworking SWM, 27, 5'9", who enjoys making people laugh, going to church, family activities and is in search of an honest SWF, 18-30, who enjoys life. Ad#2160

BACK TO BASICS

Outgoing SBC dad, 20, 6', who enjoys music, movies and family activities, seeks a SWF, for friendship and fun. Ad#1564

FRIENDS FIRST

This outgoing SBCM, 35, 5'6", 150lbs., seeks a professional SBCF, 26-34, N/S and non-drinker, who enjoys Bible study, for friendship and companionship. Ad#7070

AWAITING YOU

This outgoing, friendly SBCM, 35, 5'5", 155lbs., is searching for a special, professional SBCF, 25-37, never-married, childless, who enjoys sports and Gospel concerts. Ad#4949

COMMON BOND

Outgoing and friendly, he's a professional WWCW, 59, 6'2", whose interests include Bible study, golf, reading, theater, dining out and lots of laughter. He's seeking a special SWCF, 50-60, for companionship. Ad#5845

BACK TO THE BASICS

Here's a DWCM, 40, 5'11", looking for a SWCF, 34-50, who enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, movies, and travel. Ad#1001

ANGELS WELCOME

This attentive Catholic SWM, 44, 5'10", who is a good conversationalist and has a wide variety of interests, is in search of a caring, affectionate Catholic SWF, 33-49. Ad#4455

IF GIVEN THE CHANCE...

I could be the one you've always dreamed of. I'm an handsome, professional SBCM, 37, 6'2", 215lbs., in search of an attractive, established, emotionally mature SWCF, 24-43. Ad#1998

GIVE ME A CALL

Born-Again, musical SWCM, 35, 5'10", who enjoys volleyball, teaching Sunday school, bowling, golf, bicycling, travel, animals and more, seeks a SWCF, 25-37, with similar interests, leave a message and we'll talk soon. Ad#9631

TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF

Never-married SWM, 31, 5'10", medium build, a Catholic, enjoys biking, rollerblading, going to movies, skiing and playing tennis, seeking a SWF, 24-35, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad#7777

LISTEN CLOSELY

SWM, 37, 6'4", 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who likes music, movies, dining out and church activities, is seeking a SWF, 30-40, with similar interests. Ad#3968

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

Get together with this Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1". He's looking for a family-oriented, petite, romantic, sincere DW mom, 18-38. Ad#4111

FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

See a good movie with this handsome, outgoing DWCM, 47, 5'11", with brown hair/eyes, who hopes to hear from a special SWF, 33-52, who is warm and compassionate. Ad#8709

TRUE BLUE

Adventurous Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", hoping to meet a spontaneous, romantic and slender SWF, age unimportant, for friendship first. Ad#2539

THE BEST KEPT SECRET

Open-minded, caring SWM, 22, 5'11", looking to share friendship and to develop a relationship with a SWF, under 25. Ad#3323

TAKE A LOOK

Self-employed, shy and quiet, SWM, 30, 6'1", looking to share mutual interests, activities and friendship with a SWF, over 25, who enjoys swimming, sunsets and fun times. Ad#3336

ARE YOU THE ONE?

A professional DWCM, 51, 5'6", who is into honesty, spiritual and personal growth, good humor and fitness, is hoping to meet a petite SWF, under 5'4", 38-50, N/S, non-drinker, with the same beliefs. Ad#6614

I'M LOOKING

SWM, 40, seeks a slender, athletic SWF, age unimportant, who enjoys golf, tennis, the outdoors, taking walks, the theatre and romantic times, to share a long-term relationship. Ad#8025

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ARE YOU READY?
Fun-loving SWF, 28, brown/blue, college educated, loves golf, rollerblading, water, movies. Seeking a SWM, 30-35, who is ready for a relationship. #29505

FRIENDSHIP AND MORE
SWF, 25, 5'7", 120lbs, funny, outgoing, likes to be romantic, dancing, movies, water, sailing. Seeking a SWM, same qualities/interests, for a LTR. #29510

SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWF, 43, 5'7", medium build, amiable, social, enjoys movies, quiet dinner, dining, antique. Seeking honest, romantic, financially secure, sensitive man, 48-55, tall stature. #29507

PARTNER IN ADVENTURE
Attractive, energetic, green-eyed sales professional, gregarious, 5'4", 120lbs, loves dancing, theater, sailing, flying, nature, people. If you think the future looks bright, let's discuss the possibilities. #29514

HARD-WORKER
SF, 57, 175lbs, brown/blue, likes fishing, bowling, movies, camping. Seeking an honest, amiable, romantic gentleman, for a LTR. #29515

PRETTY BROWN-EYED ITALIAN
Outgoing single mom, 38, brown/brown, likes movies, theater, dining, good conversation. Seeking handsome male, 35-50, who is honest, sincere, honest, with a sense of humor. #29485

GENTLEMAN
DWF, 44, blonde/blue, size 14, enjoys music, movies, romantic dinners, dancing and camping. Seeking DWMF, professional male, 35-50, who is honest, sincere, honest, with a sense of humor. #29485

THICK AND HEALTHY
Cute SF, 24, 5'8", 220lbs, brown skin, no kids, employed college student, seeks nice-looking SWM, 20-29, with no kids, N/S, for friendship and dating. #29482

LOVES BERTHOVEN
SWF, 37, attractive, pretty, single mother, loves classical music, theater, gardening, camping. Seeking single male, 30-45, with similar interests especially in classical music. #29484

NO GAMES PLEASE!
Attractive, church-going, career-minded SF, 37, working on BA degree, seeks tall, attractive, church-going, career-minded SWM, 30-40, N/S, who enjoys sports, jazz, concerts and dining. #29482

ONE IN A MILLION
Attractive, college-educated, petite SF, 27, long brown hair, green eyes, long fun-loving attitude, seeks sweet, sexy SWM, for friendship, possibly LTR. #29480

GREEN EYES...
And a great smile too! Full-figured SWF, enjoys rollerblading, alternative rock, and dancing. Looking for a sincere, hardworking, down-to-earth SWM, 27-35, who is wholehearted, with a sense of humor. #29443

MEN AT WORK?
Beautiful SF, blonde/blue, building a fine structure, needs a sincere, tall, fun-loving, long-term relationship. #29480

ONLY REAL MEN NEED APPLY
SWF, 28, 5'7", seeks professional male, 30-55, 6'2", financially secure, who thrives with his head on his shoulders, for friendship first. Race unimportant. #29270

DARKLING BLACK CHERRY
27, seeks professional male, 30-40, for exciting new experiences. #29259

MOTORCYCLE?
Love! Harley men must be! Looking for the ideal romantic, passionate, handsome, middle-aged, works out regularly, looking for strong, silent type. North Oakland County. #29108

SWEET AND SINCERE
SWF, 29, 5'3", brown/blue, enjoys dining, dancing, quiet evenings, fun weekends and playing cards. Looking for a SWM, 27-35, who is not afraid of commitment, for LTR. #29082

BEAUTIFUL, BLUE EYES
SWF, 26, seeks mature, responsible SWM, 30-32, for LTR only. #29118

DESIRES SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP
Intelligent, passionate, professional SF, 28, 5'7", 120lbs, beautiful inside and out, willing to learn. Seeking tall, secure, gentle, 30-40, interested in sports, dining, theater, spontaneous fun, for friendship. #29225

FRIENDSHIP
Pretty, down-to-earth, educated SF, 30, no dependents, financially secure, sunny disposition, all types of music, good Sunday drives. Let's just be friends. #29781

GENUINE AND LOVABLE
SWF, 25, 5'7", 120lbs, blue eyes, N/S, beautiful smile, enjoys the outdoors, dining and traveling. Seeking down-to-earth, Christian male, 24-28, with similar interests, for friendship. #29783

INTRIGUED?
SF, 24, 5'4", dark-skinned, curvaceous, feminine, seeks financially secure SWM, 30-40, tall, and handsome. #29200

ATTRACTIVE DOCTOR
SWF, 36, never married, worked hard, has time now for sincere relationship with similarly educated, honest, and secure SWM, 35-45. #29203

LUCK BE A LADY
Imaginative, witty, educated SF, 40, 5'7", blonde/blue, slim, sweet disposition, self-sufficient, enjoys the outdoors, cooking, baking, good food, good conversation. Dutch Treat Real and fun conversation. #29203

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE
Widowed SF, 40, 5'7", blonde/blue, N/S, social, romantic, financially/emotionally secure, seeks honest, caring man, 35-50, good sense of humor. #29121

BEAUTIFUL SMILE
Attractive, athletic SWF, 46, 5'7", slender, college graduate, enjoys sports, movies, concerts, dining, and laughter. Seeking tall, healthy, honest, sincere, financially secure SWM, 50-55, N/S, social, romantic, college graduate, for LTR. #29121

GEMINI GIRL
DWF, 44, slender, attractive, blonde, seeks tall, attractive, outdoors type, 40-50, outgoing, happy, has good qualities. #29891

STRIKINGLY PRETTY
Cute brown-eyed blonde, slender, intelligent, degreed professional, no dependents, N/S, social, romantic, financially secure, 47, who is emotionally/financially secure, sense of humor, for friendship, leading to LTR. #29891

CUTE & CUDDLY
Very compassionate, upbeat DWF, 44, blonde/blue, N/S, N/D, good sense of humor, enjoys music, good conversation, wants to share good times and long summer nights. For friendship, possible LTR. #29811

DYNAMIC & DIVERSIFIED
Captivating, vibrant SWF, leggy blonde, enjoys seminars, sports, car events, the outdoors. Seeking sensitive, good-natured, intelligent SWM, 38, 6'5", for good times. LTR. #29811

BIKE/FAITH PARTNER
Just bought a motorcycle! SWF, 46, 5'8", blonde, full-figured, seeks SWM, 40-55, to teach me to ride. #29811

HANDSOME DOCTOR WANTED
Very pretty blue-eyed blonde, bright and witty, youthful 46, 5'8", slightly overweight, seeking friendship. Troy area. #29811

SELF-MADE MAN
Seeking SWF, 28, brown/blue, college educated, loves golf, rollerblading, water, movies. Seeking a SWM, 30-35, who is ready for a relationship. #29505

PRETTY PROFESSIONAL
WF, 30, 5'5", slim, long dark hair, with warm smile, enjoys music, arts, antiques, car shows, travel, quiet evenings at home. Seeking honest SWM, 37-45, tall, fit, one-step with similar interests. Children/pets okay. #29574

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
This petite, slender, romantic professional DWF, 43, 5'7", medium build, amiable, social, enjoys movies, quiet dinner, dining, antique. Seeking honest, romantic, financially secure, sensitive man, 48-55, tall stature. #29507

PRETTY, FUN, FIT, FREE
SWF, 50, slim, red-head, seeks SWM, 45-55, 6'2", N/S, who's attractive, fun, romantic, and enjoys dancing, movies, theater, travel, spectator sports, quiet times at home. Seeking romantic relationship. #29593

SEEKING ROMANCE
I'm 52, pretty, slender, tall, intelligent, refined yet fun, classy yet eccentric, outgoing yet sensitive and a smoker. Seeking a gentleman, 40-50, who is intelligent, classy, confident and into romantic dating. #29305

THE ONE
Blue-eyed blonde, 33, seeks sweet, honest, funny, down-to-earth, good-looking SWM, 23-30, for possible LTR. Interests include: hockey, travel, music, romance. Could you be the one? #29539

CLASSY LADY
Blonde-haired, blue-eyed, petite SWF, 43, honest, sincere, enjoys dancing, traveling, dining, walks, romantic evenings at home, seeks romantic, 30-50, who is honest, sincere, honest, with a sense of humor. #29539

ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE
SF, 43, 5'5", medium build, enjoys travel, movies and the beach. Seeking honest, sincere, financially secure SWM, 5'11", with similar interests, for friendship first. #29398

BLACK, BRITISH, CLASSY
SF, 42, British, classy, lady of principles, 5'4", 120lbs, new to Michigan, seeks friendship with a gentleman, 40-50, of good moral standards and principles. #29392

LIGHT MY FIRE
Passionate, pretty DFW, 40, with medium build, Seeking SWM, 38-50, N/S, N/D, for dating and relating. Will you spark my interest? #29390

DELTA BURKE'S SISTER
Southern born, professional nanny, 50, year-old lady, full-figured, enjoys watching, church activities, family-oriented, cooking, gardening, short trips. N/S. Seeking companion for same. #29390

ARE YOU READY...
For the need of love? So am I. God was kind to me in the love department. Inside: fun-loving, compassionate, sensual woman. So, if you're holding out for the best, you may have found it. #29392

R.S.V.P.
An invitation to meet the attractive DWF, 44, if you are an attractive SWM, 38+, N/S, smart, sincere, fun, no games guy. Let the party begin! #29394

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE LADY
European-born, refined, giving, loving, educated, young SWF, 5'7", good figure, N/S, many interests, seeks romantic, 35-45, with sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure, N/S, for lasting relationship. #29349

YOUR SEARCH IS OVER
Attractive DWF, 35, intelligent, honest, with just about the right amount of wit and charm, seeks DWM, 40-51, who's honest, caring, and has strong moral values. Serious. Spices only. Rochester area. #29172

GARDEN CITY
SWF, 22, 5'6", curvy, short brown/brn, seeks a great male for LTR. #29315

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE
WF, young, 6'2", Farmington Hills area, seeks companion/friendship with man of same age, enjoys movies, sports, dining, walking, driving, indoor, movies and shows. Would like to meet for coffee, conversation. #29275

PEITTE ATTRACTIVE 53
DWF, very active, enjoys water, outdoors, casual, social fun. Social drinker, enjoys quiet times, sense of humor, seeking someone, 45-70, please reply. Journalist, companion for LTR. #29254

SEEKING CHEMISTRY
Very attractive, fun SF, 40, 5'8", blonde/blue, clean, single, parent, financially secure, seeks family-oriented, clean-cut, handsome SM, executive type, for LTR. #29170

NO NONSENSE AD
DWF, 46, intelligent, attractive, with divergent interests, N/S, D/H/W, seeks same in WPM, 45-55, for a relationship with a committed future. No nonsense please. #29210

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Thoughtful, considerate SWF, 65, 5'3", enjoys animals, gardening, movies and cooking. Seeking SWM, 50-65, N/D, smoker or ex, for friendship. #29210

SPARKLING, SPUNKY, STYLISH
Sensuous, gorgeous, fit, 40, 5'7", 130lbs, MA degreed into life during reading, editing, editing. Seeking SWM, N/S, 35-45, 5'7", 130lbs, for LTR. #29203

62 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty, successful, giving, loving, looking for her soulmate. Any sincere, successful Caucasian, 45-70, please reply. #29201

WISH UPON A STAR
SWF, 44, 5'7", brown/blond, N/S, enjoys sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking romantic, honest, family-oriented SWM, 35-54, 5'7", N/S. All calls will be answered. #29198

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
Attractive DWF, young 48, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, companionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #29189

ECSTATIC & ENTHUSIASTIC
Pretty, 54 years young lady loves life, travels, coasts, earth, good people. Still believes in kindness. Seeking tall, intelligent, emotionally/financially secure, healthy gentleman for sharing the wonders of life. #29123

WANTED: ONE GOOD MAN
Are you a nice, kind, compassionate, loving, caring, sharing, tall, nice-looking, financially secure, N/S, social drinking man seeking similar qualities in attractive, quality lady with a great personality? #29124

LADY IN WAITING
Good-looking, 46, DBCF, 5'9", 140lbs, N/S, enjoys traveling, movies, hiking, swimming, outdoor activities. Seeking SFPM, N/S, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. #29125

STARTING OVER
DWF, 42, 5'10", N/S, N/D, enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cards, sports, traveling. Seeking honest, tall SWM, N/S, N/D, for LTR. #29125

RUBENSCHE FIGURE
Married WF, 44, loves the outdoors, dancing and music. Seeking LTR with SWM, 30-45. Let's get together and see if we click. No games, no emotional baggage. #29073

ORIENTAL BEAUTY
Intelligent, educated SF, seeks gentleman, 40-50, enjoying, educated, for caring friendship, possible relationship. #29034

LOOKING FOR HONEST COMPANION
DWF, 43, medium build, seeks DWM, 43-50, must be employed, N/S, like dancing, outdoor activities and sports, for possible LTR. #29064

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE
SWF, 51, 5'7", 120lbs, brown eyes, financially secure, enjoys outdoors, travel, quiet at home evenings, seeks sincere SWM, gentleman, caring, romantic, humorous, for a possible relationship. #29065

BEST FRIEND WANTED
Very classy, attractive, young PF, 46, 5'5", loves travel, day trips, antiques, dining, movies, seeks outgoing gentleman, 45-55, to make my life even sweeter. #29060

EXCITING CLASSY DFW
Intelligent, attractive DFW, 5'7", 130lbs, black haired, sexy eyes, many interests, seeks sincere, tall WMA, 45+, for monogamous, fun-filled relationship. #29029

HONEST AND LOVING
Full-figured, hard-working, blue-collar DWF, 46, 5'7", traditional values, N/S, N/D, seeks same type of man to live, love, laugh, and build a future with. #29019

SMART SEXY & STILL SINGLE
SWF, 38, 5'7", 110lbs, who's professional, very classy and attractive, seeks strong, very sexy, intelligent, 35-55, for a relationship between 35-55. I'm adventurous, optimistic, and romantic. You must be kind, loving, active, and value family and friends. #29021

I'M READY, ARE YOU?
Can you relate to my dilemma? Attractive SWF, seeks an open, honest, physically fit, intelligent SFM, 45-55, N/S, loves life and challenges. If you fit, let's start with friendship, explore the possibilities. #29018

LOVE WILL BOWL YOU OVER
Catholic DWF, 37, N/S, enjoys bowling, motorcycle, date, Red Wings, and music. Seeking honest, considerate DWM, N/S, to share interests: friendship first, possible LTR. #29008

A GREAT BEGINNING
Tall, attractive SF enjoys movies, football, music and traveling. Seeking WFM, over 45, for a great beginning. Will answer all questions. #29012

60-SOMETHING GEM
Humorous, spiritual, spontaneous, active SWF, N/S, no dependents, seeks tall, polished, intelligent, honest gentleman into things: movies, travel, antiques, music and travel. #29057

OUTGOING WOMEN?
without the singing. Optimistic, fun female seeks slicked, 30-50, with a good sense of humor. #29010

STAND ON A MOUNTAIN WIFE
Seeking life-long partner, DFW, 40, 5'2", all turn heads, dark hair/brown eyes, educated, likes movies, sports, dining, walking, and family activities. Honestly important! SM, 30-52. #29005

FIRST TIME AD
FR, attractive DFW, 42, enjoys outdoors, dining, movies, seeks SWM, 40, 48, who is sensitive, caring, outgoing, physically fit, attractive, humorous. For friendship, possible LTR. #29797

WILL YOU MAKE ME LAUGH?
Do you have a luscious hair? Do you like wine, travel, dogs, antiques, art? Petite SF, 49, Designer, who's classy and easy, goes to hi-tech, seeks extremely witty, average guy to explore the future. #29797

CUTE AND CLASSY
DWF, 30a, with one child, seeks mature, professional gentleman, who is witty and fun to be around, for friendship and dating. #29782

PRETTY NATURAL LOVER
SWF, 43, 5'7", 127lbs, studying alternative medicine, into self growth, woods walking, singing, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, life. I'm spunky, young, loving. Seeking N/S, soul connection SWM, 38-48. #29705

SPECIAL
Inside and out SBCF, 44, 5'4", seeks intelligent, kind, real, strong yet gentle SBGM, 40-60. Do you believe all things are possible? #29705

CHANGE MY MIND
Petite DWF, 33, brunette, seeks honest, sincere, fun-loving, responsible guy, who isn't afraid of a challenge. #29695

LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER
Divorced mother of one, 30, very fit blonde/brown, blue eyes, 5'7", 110lbs, enjoys dancing, color movies, all winter activities. Seeking caring, true romantic, sensitive, intelligent, 35-45, who is honest, sincere, sensual, willing to develop a monogamous LTR. #29692

TALL, SLENDER, PROFESSIONAL
Young-looking, tall, slender DFW, 50, grown child, enjoys golf, college sports, dining, dancing, would like to meet someone "nice". Looking for a friend first then? Children ok. #29111

ATTN: SWM, MID-20S
Are you seeking a savvy, successful, spiritual soulmate? Please tell me I am looking for a friend to dance away with this Ginger. #29371

ARTIST/PAINTER SEEKS SAME
Young-at-heart, one-man-woman SF, 50, artistic/creative, likes country/western/folk music, antique/classic cars. Seek SM, 50's. #29359

SPECIAL REQUEST
Petite SF, 48, redhead, young in attitude and appearance. If you're honest, stable, no game playing gentleman, 40-55, good sense of humor, with a love of life, looking for friendship and companionship. Northern Oakland County. #29347

ANY LOVE GOING TO WASTE?
Fun, outgoing, professional DWF, from the western suburbs enjoys music, travel, canoeing, movies, theater, conversation and N. Michigan. Seeks SWM with similar interests. #29194

SEEKING SOULMATE
DWF, 55, 5'8", brown/blue, N/S, financially/emotionally secure, likes movies, sports, dining, travel. Seeking SWF, 45-55, no dependents, for LTR. #29190

O U SEE
Communicative, curious, humorous, fit, flexible, persevering SWPM, 42, 5'8", no dependents, eclectic tastes in movies, music, and more. Seeking fit, emotionally available SWF, to share healthy, happy relationship. #29458

APPROACH AND IDENTIFY
Mid-aged male being, from a distant galaxy, has come to claim an Earthly female space traveler. Earth age unimportant. #29448

HEALTH CONSCIOUS
Very attractive WM, romantic, intelligent, honest, 5'10", 175lbs, lean, muscular, athletic build, N/S, seeks attractive, fun-loving, fit female, for friendship, possible relationship. #29451

GREAT SMILE
DWM, 40, 5'8", 180lbs, handsome, athletic, enjoys golf, softball, friends, work-outs, jazz, blues. The River, Red Wings, seeks attractive, petite WF, 30-40, similar interests, for dating, friendship, possibly more. #29454

HANDSOME PROFESSIONAL
DWM, 46, 5'10", tall, financially/emotionally secure, great sense of humor, seeks honest, attractive SDF, 36-46, for LTR. #29443

PASSIONATE & CARING
SWM, 48, husky build, likes walks, long drives, dancing, Tiger baseball games, concerts, having fun, seeks SWF, 37-53, N/S. #29443

CLARK KENT SEKS LOIS
DWM, 47, 5'11", college grad, seeks woman, for high-flying adventures, likes sports, music, dining out, good conversation. #29410

THE ONE
SWM, 24, seeks independent SF, employed, good sense of humor, likes to have fun and is interested in something new. Possible LTR. #29410

THE IDEAL RELATIONSHIP
would consist of honesty, companionship, trust, communication, romance, passion, and a variety of interests, love, and security. Seeking SWM, 25, 5'11", enjoys music, people watching, outdoor fun, seeks sincere, pretty, slender SWF, 19-34. #29397

ATTRACTIVE AND FUN
Kind SWM, 37, enjoys music, movies, laughter, and spectator sports. Seeking SWF, 27-38, for friendship, possible LTR. Kindness, honesty, and straightforwardness are important. #29399

SEARCHING FOR YOU
Attractive, outgoing, very caring, giving SWM, 45, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. #29393

ADVENTUROUS
SWM, professional, 28, 5'10", 150lbs, considered good-looking, with dark hair and eyes, enjoys sports events, traveling, conversation, working out, rollerblading, humor, and much more. Seeking an outgoing and fun woman. #29384

RACE INTO MY HEART
Hard-working, widowed WM, 40, 5'8", 160lbs, never divorced, enjoys life outdoors, cooking, barbecuing, hiking, walks. Can't say anything! Seeking attractive, intelligent, happy fun-loving WF, 25-40, with similar disposition. #29359

COWBOY SEKS COWGIRL
This DWM, 30, 5'10", 160lbs, brown/brn, enjoys country music, concerts, Red Wings, drag racing, friends & family. Seeking a petite SWF, 20-30, who is fun, sexy, and will respond to all children ok. #29357

MAYBE LIKE ME
You don't have trouble getting dates, but still not connected. Seeking a sincere, handsome, cheerful SWM, 40+, no dependents. Seeking an attractive SWF, open to an intimate relationship. #29356

OLD-FASHIONED
47 year-old, widowed SM, 47, 6'4", 210lbs, father of twins, seeks attractive, young woman, 35-48, for possible marriage. Must be honest and have God first in your life. #29350

WORTH LOOKING INTO!
Handsome, successful, unique SWM, 40, good at laughing, love, listen, romantic and related. Seeking a special lady, for a soft, sweet relationship. #29355

WINE & LAUGHTER
Attractive SWPM, 53, 5'10", 170lbs, loves the outdoors, rollerblading, gardening, camping, good conversation, great dancer, gentleman at heart with traditional values. Seeking fit female, with lively personality, attractive SWF, 34-44. #29351

COMMITMENT-MINDED
Sincere, thoughtful, articulate, SWPM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs, athletic, values family/friends. You're smart, intelligent, sincere, romantic. Seeking LTR. #29344

DOCTORS PRESCRIPTION
Physically, mentally, emotionally, and financially attractive medical doctor, seeks same in 33-43 old, dependent-free SWF for sincere relationship. #29346

PASSIONATE
Sensual, intelligent, easy-going, petite, funny, athletic SWM, 30s, tall, well-built, seeks sweet, attractive, sensual FW for fun times and possible LTR. #29461

SIMPLE GUY
DWM, 52, 5'11", 160lbs, blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, Seeking single guy, WF, WF proportions, open-minded, for a mutually caring, committed LTR. #29517

NEW KID IN TOWN
Financially secure fun-loving WPM, 26, 5'2", 220lbs, seeks a cool girl, 21-30, for laughs and companionship. Interests include: sports, concerts, Elvis. Race unimportant, but athletic, bright, college educated a plus. #29518

BIG TEDDY BEAR
Outgoing, hard-working, tall SWM, 34, 6'2", enjoys woodcraft, mechanics, long walks, romantic evenings, traveling, having fun. Seeking SF, 20-35, with similar interests, to grow with. All calls answered. #29463

CREATIVE MUSICIAN
Handsome, honest SWM, 24, musician, enjoys writing songs, romantic evenings, music (all types), outdoors, rollerblading, seeks music-loving, slender, attractive SWF, 18-33, musician or singer a plus, not required. Rochester area. #29465

TENDER ROMANTIC
Handsome, physically-fit, DWM, 30s, seeks sweet, feminine, and slender AWW, for a mending of hearts. Let's share life's simple pleasures. #29457

ATTRACTIVE DAD, 31
Fit DWM, Dad, with son, age 5. We enjoy sports and quality time. Social drinker who enjoys working out, dining, and hanging out. Seeking slender, attractive, and caring SOWF, 24-33. #29459

I'M A REAL NICE GUY!
Fun, handsome DWM, 30, 5'8", 145lbs, brown/blond, seeks attractive, outgoing, single SOWF, 25-35, for friendship, dating, enjoyment of life, possible LTR. #29450