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Water, sewer nudges into Salem

Salem Township officials are looking at a growth management plan that would allow water and sewer hook-up, but only in a small area of the rural community that borders Plymouth Township.

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Salem Township's consultants and attorneys have recommended the development of an urban services district that would bring public sewer and water to the community.

A utilities feasibility and capital improvements study was presented

Wednesday to a combined meeting of the Salem Township Board of Trustees and planning commission.

A public hearing on the subject is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, in Salem Township Hall, 9600 Six Mile Road.

The study is a growth management plan that addresses the best area for growth and high density use in the township. Residents have long tried to

retain the township's quiet, rural character.

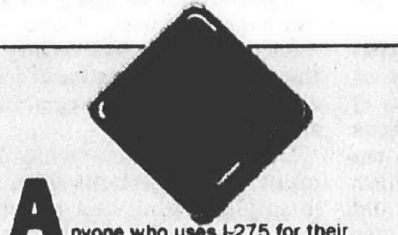
"Although many of us would like to stop the clock, I don't think that is realistic," said Salem Township Supervisor Michael Penn. "Board members and I think residents realize that we have reached a point in the township where it is not prudent to just say 'no.'"

"Development pressures" necessitate such a district in the area of M-14 and Gotfredson Road, the consultants said. The major proposed developments by Al Taubman for a shopping mall in the area and a plan by Bloomfield Hills-

Westward sprawl

■ An Urban Services District would bring public water and sewer to rural Salem Township. The boundary proposed is from Joy Road to North Territorial and from Plymouth Township's border at Napier to one-quarter mile west of Gotfredson. Salem would tap into one of three systems: WTUA, YCUA or Detroit Water and Sewerage.

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Anyone who uses I-275 for their morning commutes should take note of the latest exit closure at the Seven Mile Road Interchange.

Starting this weekend, motorists who normally use the Seven Mile Road exit from southbound I-275 will need to use either the Eight Mile or Six Mile exits as alternative routes for the next 10 or 12 days.

Contractors were expected to begin construction Saturday (yesterday) on the Seven Mile exit ramp from southbound I-275 and the entrance ramp from Seven Mile onto southbound I-275, according to Robin Pannecouk, spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Once the Seven Mile ramps are completed, northbound and southbound traffic is expected to be crossed back over to the newly-paved southbound I-275 side in late July. At that time, the ramp from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275 is expected to be opened.

No crossover date has been established, Pannecouk said. "They still have a lot of paving to do," Pannecouk said.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

City meeting: The Plymouth City Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second level of City Hall, 201 S. Main.

TUESDAY

Township meeting: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meet at 7:30 p.m. at the administrative offices, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, east of Lilley

WEDNESDAY

Music in the Park: Julie Austin will entertain children with storytelling and music at noon in Kellogg Park.

THURSDAY

Candidates night: The public is invited to meet the candidates for Plymouth City Commission 7 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library.

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Dramatic acts



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL BURBACHMANN

On stage: The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosted nearly 40 area children last week for its Whistle Stop Players summer camp.

The children participated in workshops where they learned their lines for various short, one-act plays and participated in dramatic games such as *Murder Mystery*. Above, Jennifer Schinker of Plymouth, 8, from left, Sarah Anthony of Canton, 10, and Trevor Sponseller of Canton, 11, rehearse for "Medieval Madness." At left, Sarah Hillegonds of Plymouth, 10, as a princess, from left, Tessa Heldmeyer of Plymouth, 7, Kari Hartmann of Northville, 10, and Jillian Miller of Plymouth, 10, wait offstage for their cues.



Passenger rail may stop in Plymouth

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A Lansing-to-Detroit rail route that passes through Plymouth is one of four routes under consideration for a passenger rail system. Howell and Brighton would be included on the same circuit.

The Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) has released the first part of its four-part \$540,000 study to determine the feasibility of passenger rail service between Lansing and Detroit. The study began in April and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The study received federal and state funding.

A representative has already inter-

viewed Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, and solicited names of Plymouth area businesses to be contacted for input. Plymouth City Manager David Rich has also been contacted, his secretary said. Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said no one from CATA has contacted her yet.

Three other routes from Lansing to Detroit are under consideration. Those would pass through Durand, Holly and Pontiac; Howell and Ann Arbor; and Jackson and Ann Arbor. Passenger, business and leisure usage will be examined.

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CSX stalls traffic for 1 hour

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If you had business to conduct in Plymouth Thursday morning, there's a good chance you were delayed for nearly an hour because of a (surprise!) train.

Assistant City Manager Paul Sincok said he received his first phone call at 9:42 a.m. from a disgruntled motorist, with the train finally on its way at 10:33 a.m.

"I received about a dozen calls from

people on their cell phones, and from residents who just went back home because it took so long," said Sincok. "Some even stopped in City Hall to express their displeasure. They were hot under the collar because the city was being held hostage."

Sincok said six of the city's nine crossings were blocked during the delay.

"The railroad was not ticketed because they called and said the

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Bank drive-thru holds up new Mayflower plans

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Architects with designs for a new, three-story office-restaurant-condominium project to replace the Mayflower Hotel will meet with city building officials Monday in hopes of finalizing details on the \$7 million project.

Tri-Mount Vincenti Companies, which owns the property at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, was surprised Wednesday night when the planning commission voted to delay approval of the project.

The Novi-based group presented revised plans for the site, hopeful a change in blueprints from six stories to three floors would get approval.

However, the planning commission threw a wrench in that strategy by deciding it needed more information, referring the project back to developer John Vincenti and his architects to address concerns of the city's planning consultant.

"We're going to evaluate what this means in terms of timing, because it's critical to the project that we get the foundations in before winter," said Craig Smith, architect of the project. "We can't invest the time and money to design this building in detail. We're talking hundreds of thousands of dollars in fees. Once you do that you're committed ... and we can't do that until we're approved."

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Designs: City officials will meet Monday with developers.

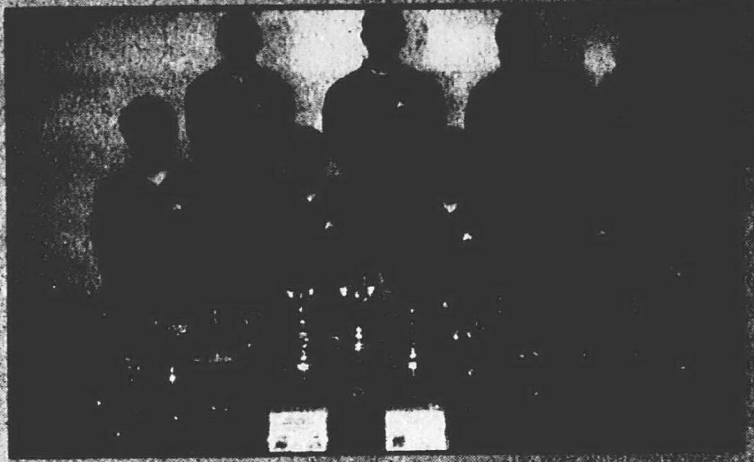
Corey leads CC's Quiz Bowl

know it or you don't." Literature and geography are Corey's specialty. He started playing in the seventh grade and won a partial scholarship at a Catholic Central-sponsored quiz bowl event for middle schoolers. "That's how I was able to attend Catholic Central," said Corey.

"He's an avid reader and has a knack for remembering who wrote a book, when it was written, character names, when the book was published, quotes from the book and so on," said Randy Mason.

It's not hard to be bitten by the Quiz Bowl bug, says Howard Weinberg, coach of the Catholic Central Quiz Bowl team. Weinberg remembers watching and listening to the General Electric-sponsored College Bowl television program on CBS during the late 1960s and playing for three years as a young man in college.

Often referred to as "team Jeopardy," Quiz Bowl is an academic competition for high



Winners: The 1999 Catholic Central Quiz Bowl team poses with the season's trophies and awards prior to the team capturing a national title. (Back row, l-r) Justin Talao, Redford; Paul Schultz, Detroit; Corey Mason, Plymouth; Vince Crofton, Redford; Mark Walkuski, Dearborn Heights; Mike Rzyzi, Northville; and Jesse Norman, Ann Arbor.

school or college students. Competition is on a local, regional and state level. Questions are answered on a variety of sub-

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"The overall objectives of this study are to evaluate the operational feasibility and level of community support for developing a passenger rail service between Lansing and Detroit," said Debbie Alexander, CATA director of Strategic Management.

"By studying the infrastructure, costs, route characteristics, fares, and operational issues of other passenger rail services across the country, we are learning a lot about how a passenger rail system between Lansing and Detroit might work," Alexander said.

Annette Horn of Native West is one of the businesses Toney recommended to be interviewed. However, Horn said no one from CATA interviewed her yet. Ford Motor Company was another of Toney's suggestions.

"I see it more for leisure," Horn said. "I probably would use it to take my son to the state capitol. He has been wanting to see it. A dinner train is another use. People are always looking for something to do."

Phase Two of the study will focus on evaluating the potential of each route. Tasks will include projecting future ridership trends for each of the routes, conducting surveys and community leader interviews in each potential station community.

Based on all of this information the CATA will narrow the list to the one or two routes that show the best potential, keeping

in mind financial consideration and level of community support, Alexander said. The Phase Two report is expected to be completed by early fall.

Phase Three of the study will include a more detailed analysis of the route or routes selected as the most potentially viable corridors, she said. The study will then focus on operational issues, engineering, and financial analysis.

During this phase "widespread input" will be sought from communities along the potential routes through town hall meetings, Alexander said.

At the end of Phase Three, there will be a recommendation to either proceed toward developing a passenger rail service or abandon the idea as unfeasible at this time, she said.

The project will only move into Phase Four if the development of a business plan for this service shows "clear and strong potential for success," Alexander said.

The full text and graphics of the Phase One report can be found on the CATA website at www.cata.org.

"This study is a work in progress," Alexander said. "It's important that people realize we're sharing information and collecting feedback at this point and no major decision regarding route selections or potential rail system characteristics have been made."

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Six of the eight planning commissioners attended the meeting, and all said they conceptually liked the plans.

However, there were concerns dealing with parking, the drive-thru for a bank, building materials and landscaping that resulted in a 3-2 vote to hold up the project.

Planning commissioner Bill Graham abstained from voting. Graham is vice-president in charge of operations for Peoples State Bank, which is negotiating with Vincenti for a bank and drive-thru.

The revised plans call for Peoples State Bank and 19,000-square-foot for retail or a restaurant on the first floor; 27,000-square-foot for second floor offices; and 11 two-bedroom condominiums with a loft or terrace on the third floor.

There will also be 22 garage spaces for tenants, with another 22 spaces of public parking.

Plymouth building official Jim Penn said a special meeting of the planning commission might be held July 28, at which time the planning commission could reconsider the project.

CSX from page A1

train was broken down," said Sincok.

City Commissioner Dave McDonald was one of those motorists who felt the effects of the delay.

"It's a fact of life around here," said McDonald.

"I sat at the Main Street crossing for about five or six minutes and decided to turn around and go home to change clothes," McDonald said. "I changed, took my son to work and when I returned to the crossing the train was still there. We're talking about 25 minutes. I finally found another route out of the city."

CSX officials were not available for comment.

McDonald believes there's a bigger issue involved than the problem of trains blocking the crossings.

"It's always been the City of

Plymouth versus the railroad people," said McDonald. "Maybe we should sit down and talk with them."

CSX filed a lawsuit against the city last August over tickets handed out by Plymouth police for crossing delays. The suit claims federal regulations govern the speed and length of trains operating in interstate commerce. The railroad believes federal law supersedes the state statute, which allows a standing train to block an intersection for five minutes and a moving train no longer than seven minutes. Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm has joined the city in its defense.

Last year, Plymouth police issued 426 tickets to CSX for delaying traffic.

"Rail commerce helps us all," added McDonald. "And besides, they're here to stay."

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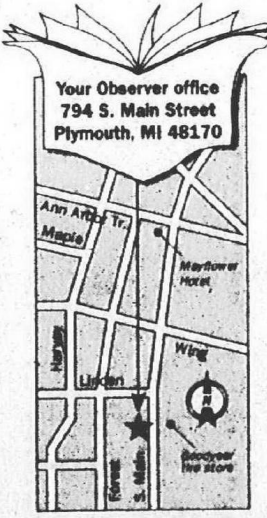
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LINDA LANGMESSER
City Clerk

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Central dispatch

City, township begin union negotiations

BY SUE BUCK
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City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township officials are expected to meet soon to discuss a proposed centralized dispatch operation.

Both union locals are represented by the Police Officers Association of Michigan and negotiations are also expected to begin soon.

"We're hoping for the best of both contracts," said Plymouth Township Chief Lawrence Carey.

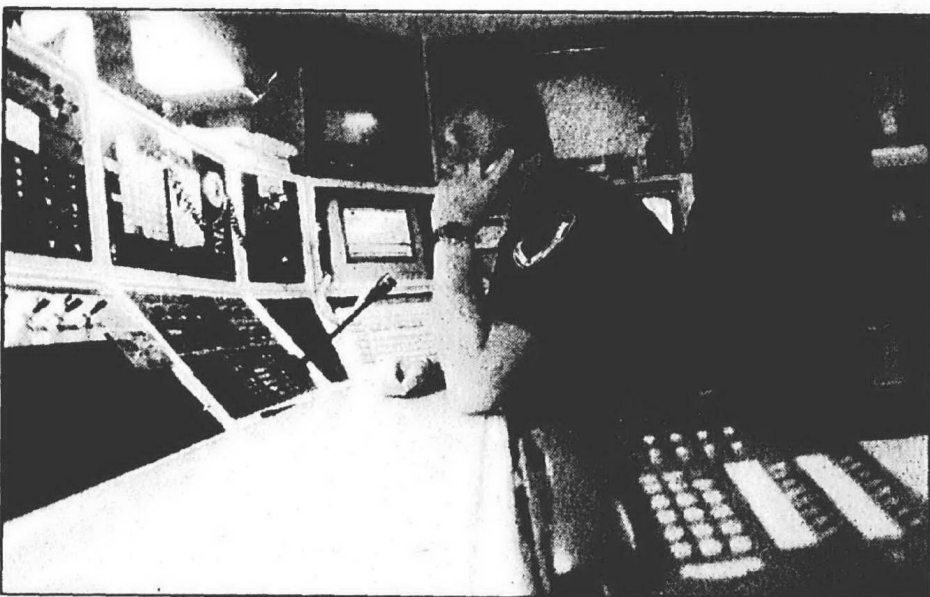
An intergovernmental agreement for centralized dispatch is expected to be on the city's meeting agenda Aug. 16 and the Plymouth Township meeting agenda Aug. 17, according to Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth Township supervisor.

"That doesn't mean that we will put dispatch together right away," McCarthy said. "The next thing we have to do is sit down with the two unions and negotiate a merger. But we have to have the intergovernmental agreement in place before we start that process." She expected start-up by the end of this year.

Dave Hayes, Plymouth township union treasurer, said Tuesday that he had not yet seen a copy. Further, on July 7, Gerald Radovic, bargaining agent for the POAM, wrote a letter to the municipalities asking for more information, requesting a date to meet in order to determine the impact of the agreement, Hayes said.

Six Plymouth Township dispatchers and three City of Plymouth dispatchers will be affected. The plan will make the city's dispatchers Plymouth Township employees. Carey expected that the dispatchers would become police service aides. Carey said.

He projected faster response time and additional patrol offi-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

911: Plymouth Township emergency-911 dispatcher Gonzalo "Gonzo" Duque mans his station at the township police headquarters. Plans are for the city and township to centralize the dispatch service for police and fire. First, officials will meet with union representatives to iron out differences in pay and fringe benefits.

cers on the road this way. Two dispatcher/police service aides would be assigned per shift. While one dispatcher could handle calls, the other could do routine operations replacing the need for police officers to process the arrested man or woman, he said. These aides could manage jail operations, assist customers at the front counter, release impounded vehicles and make a record of minor accidents or crimes. "The position will allow the police officers to spend more time on the streets enforcing laws and out of the station," Carey said.

The contracts of both Plymouth Township police officers and dispatchers expired Dec. 31.

Township dispatchers at the top end of the wage scale make \$28,080. Similarly, city dispatchers earn \$31,491.

The mergers would additionally calculate a 5 percent increase to the position of police service aide and 3 percent contractual increases. Dispatch operations will be housed in the Plymouth Township Police Department.

Further renovations will not be needed because the township recently made renovations to the station, Carey said.

The city's four full-time and four part-time dispatchers are in the second year of a three-year contract. However, during ratification, the union signed a Letter of Understanding in which dispatchers agreed to reopen the contract if a merger was presented.

Michelle Chumney, president of the Plymouth Public Safety Dispatchers union, said there are several issues that will need to be settled because the contracts of the two dispatchers unions are much different.

Chumney cites a higher pay scale for Plymouth dispatchers; Plymouth full-time dispatchers get holidays off; city dispatchers get lunch breaks in which they can leave the building; they accrue more vacation and personal time; and police officers are allowed to fill-in for city dispatchers.

"A number of our dispatchers aren't excited about going over to

the township," said Chumney. "The atmosphere over there is more intense than it is here. And, they're concerned about losing benefits. Their new facility is nicer, but they're not sure if it's a good tradeoff."

Carey considers the merger cost-effective and efficient in unifying crime solving efforts and making more efficient use of personnel. Transfer calls for service between agencies will be eliminated, he said.

"If anything, it will enhance the dispatch operation," said Al Matthews, assistant fire chief for the Plymouth Community Fire Department. Right now all fire calls go first to the city where dispatchers then call township dispatchers, he said.

The City of Plymouth will benefit because it won't need to renovate its communication center or purchase a new radio system. Additional space will become available in Plymouth City Hall when police communication equipment is removed.

Township police aim for high tech communications in upcoming Y2K

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Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey's vision for the future will allow the department to maximize technology and personnel.

He wants to "exploit every opportunity" to enhance and serve the citizens by giving police officers the greatest amount of time free from administrative duties to work with the community to jointly solve problems.

The Year 2000 will bring a computerized telephone messaging system that will allow computerized messages to be sent to specific geographic areas. These messages will contain information on crime and crime prevention tips.

The Year 2000 will bring a computerized telephone messaging system that will allow computerized messages to be sent to specific geographic areas. These messages will contain information on crime and crime prevention tips. The new year will also bring an automated fingerprint system.

"To understand the structure and function of the communications center in Plymouth Township, the details of what our current capabilities are must be understood as well as what the vision for what the center will be able to provide to our communities," Carey said.

This year the Plymouth Township Police Department expects to implement a connection to regional records sharing a database called CLEMIS. Records from CLEMIS will be accessible by laptop computers in scout cars. Other plans include an automated mug

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shot system. Mobile field reporting will allow officers to use laptop computers to make reports from the field.

Still under discussion is making dispatchers police service aides, which would replace the need for police officers to process arrested people, manage jail operations, assist customers at counters, release impounded vehicles, make a record of minor accidents or crime. "That position will allow police officers to spend more time on the streets enforcing laws and to get out of the station," Carey said.

Much technology is already in place, Carey said.

The department has an integrated records and computer-aided dispatch. The system allows dispatchers to see the history of runs at that location and other pertinent information that can be relayed to the officer handling the call.

District Court returns \$65,000 to local coffers

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For the first time since Plymouth's 35th District Court burned down in July 1997, the court has begun dispersing excess revenues back to the five communities it serves.

That's good news because it means significant amounts of additional money for the general funds of each municipality.

"It's a very big step for us," said Kerry Erdman, court administrator. "The funding for the new courthouse is in place, so we can now start giving the excess revenues back to the communities."

After the fire, each of the communities - Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township - began giving up their shares of excess revenues, instead putting the money away to help keep the cost of a bond issue for construction of a new courthouse as low as possible.

Erdman said with the \$4.25 million in bond money, plus enough cash saved for the \$8.25 million project, the municipalities will now be getting back money for their general funds.

Erdman said the amount each community receives is based on

revenue generated from their portion of tickets and a percentage of court operating costs.

This month Canton received \$150,000, Northville Township \$55,000, Plymouth Township \$35,000, Plymouth \$30,000 and Northville \$12,000.

The disbursement is for the first quarter of the year. Multiply that by four, and for the budgets of many communities it can add up to a significant amount of money.

"The judges have always told us we shouldn't budget for the money in case something like the fire keeps us from getting it, so we are very conservative when it comes to budgeting the amount in our general fund," said Paul Sincock, assistant Plymouth city manager. "For small cities, the money can be a significant part of the budget, especially if you plan for it and don't get it."

Canton Township gets approximately a half-million dollars each year from the court's excess revenues.

"I was pleasantly surprised to get the check from the court," said Yack. "The money is a relatively small part of our budget (\$26 million), so not having it didn't affect us as much as some of the smaller communities which may depend on the money."

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Business Beautification Awards

Nominations are being sought for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Beautification Awards.

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Nominated businesses must be located in the city or township of Plymouth.

If you would like to nominate a business, you must do so in writing. The deadline for nominations is Aug. 8. Mail, fax or bring nominations to: Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 386 S. Main St., Plymouth MI 48170. (734) 453-1540; fax number, (734) 453-1724.

MSU to honor Welsh for nat'l scholar program

Kelly Welsh of Plymouth has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Michigan State University.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1934, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically.

The Society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service.

For more information on the



Kelly Welsh

Society of Collegiate Scholars, call (202) 234-5295 or visit the web page at www.nscs.org.

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integrity was insulted. It was purely political and a powerplay. I want to be somewhere with people who appreciate me."

Koch believes the announcement will allow him to carry out the duties of the mayor without "political overtures from some of the current commissioners."

Koch doesn't feel he has the full support of the commission.

"I can get support on certain issues," said Koch. "But no doubt about it, I don't get support in its entirety."

Koch said his future political role in city government will be more limited.

"I'd like to become a member of the planning commission or Downtown Development Authority," said Koch. "I just don't have time for full service to the community over the next four years."

In his statement, Koch said he's proud of the work he's accomplished in a short period of time.

"I am proud of the path that former Mayor Don Dismuke and I have laid out to help in the development of Plymouth's downtown. I'm ecstatic about the new friendship and bonds that I have formed between the city and township, which helped lead to the recent agreements.

Those agreements will benefit our whole community! ... I am proud to serve the citizens of Plymouth as mayor through the end of my term."

Koch isn't being shy on who he would like to succeed him as mayor.

"John Vos would do a great job as mayor," said Koch. "He's a quality man with standup character."

"I think Commissioner (Dave) McDonald ought to be Mayor Pro-Tem," added Koch. "I think he has the qualifications to be an excellent mayor. "But, he shouldn't be while campaigning for the state House."

In his letter, Koch endorses William Graham, Jerry Vorva, Daniel Dwyer, Sally Repeck and John Vos in the races for commissioner.

Upon hearing of the announcement, McDonald said "I'm proud to serve with Joe. His motives are right, and he works hard on behalf of the city."

McDonald admits he would like to become mayor, but knows it will be up to the next commission to decide.

"It's a leadership role, and I would be honored to serve as mayor," added McDonald.

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day as voters begin choosing eight of the 10 remaining candidates to run in the Nov. 2 general election.

This year's group is one of the largest primary election fields in recent memory. There will be four, and possibly as many as five, new city commissioners taking office in November.

Along with Koch, incumbents Stella Green, Ron Loiselle and Dennis Shrewsbury will be leaving because of term limits.

Those vying for the four, four-year seats include Kevin Decker, Daniel Dwyer, Sean Fitzgerald, William Graham, Michele Potter, Sally Repeck, Penny Rowland, Paul Schulz, Albert Thomas and Jerry Vorva.

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In November, there will also be a special election to fill the two-year unexpired term of former mayor Don Dismuke. That seat was filled with the appointment of John Vos, who will be challenged by David Byers.

"There is a strong possibility of me announcing for state representative. Folks are encouraging me."

"I fully understand that being mayor is very time consuming," said Commissioner Ron Loiselle,

a former mayor. "It's been a very stressful two years for the entire commission."

Koch said he officially notified city commissioners of his decision Friday with a copy of his letter.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Carpent Replacement for Plymouth Salem High School**. Specifications and Bid Forms are available for pick-up at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI between the hours of 7:30 am and 4:00 pm weekdays. A walkthrough is set for Monday, July 19, 1999 at 7:00 am. Technical questions should be directed to Brian Goby, PCCS Procurement & Project Analysis Coordinator, at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 20th, 1999. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
ROLAND THOMAS, Secretary

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed proposals until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 6, 1999 for:

CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES

Specifications are available at the City Manager's Office, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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based Real Estate Interest Group for the Country Club development of 313 homes on 300 acres valued between \$400,000-\$700,000 at Napier and Ann Arbor Road, were only slightly mentioned during the meeting. However Jon Weaver of the REI Group was in the audience.

"This would confine those services to a limited, defined area," said Township Attorney Tom Schultz. Officials say that this district, if approved by the board, would be bounded generally by Napier, Joy, North Territorial Road and an area about one-quarter mile west of Gotfredson Road.

A mix of uses is the right step,

Schultz said. He stressed that any judge considering future litigation will be less interested in the township's rural nature than in what uses don't exist in the township.

Mark Wyckoff of Lansing-based Planning and Zoning Center, agreed with Schultz that courts rule more favorably where there is a range of land uses. "It's likely that the judge doesn't live in your township and he will look at it in the cold light of day," Wyckoff said.

The state freeway interchange at M-14 and Gotfredson demands consideration for access and a variety of land uses, Wyckoff said. It must be considered more intently than if this was a just a county or primary road. "Very few paved roads run the full length of the township," Wyckoff said. "Your road system is not designed for intensive travel."

He mentioned the trouble he

has personally experienced traveling the township's muddy roads at night.

Unlike cities, townships don't control the roads directly even though they make land use decisions that impact the roads, Wyckoff said. Roads are under the county's jurisdiction. Also, Salem Township doesn't levy a property tax for police or fire services. Under Michigan law those taxes can't be passed on to a developer as in other states, he said.

Limiting the area of sewer and water will not overburden township residents, he said.

Vicki Putala, an engineer and client representative of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., a Livonia engineering firm, supported the study's findings. "Outside services are better for environmental concerns," she said. These services can be obtained from the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority, Western

Townships Utilities Authority or Detroit water and Sewerage, she said.

On the questions of wetlands and unfavorable soil conditions, Wyckoff said that developers know how to work around these problems.

Planning Commissioner William Baxter asked if the installation of sewer and water lines would act like "a cancer growing" for additional demands on extensions and capacity. Putala responded that she wanted to alleviate fears that the urban services district, once defined, could be easily amended or changed.

Changes would have to be approved by both the township and the water authority from which the services are derived she said. Limits are placed on sanitary sewer capacity by sizing the lines according to the area served, she said.

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WJR's president calls radio an 'emotional business'

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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Mike Fezzey of Farmington Hills, president and general manager of WJR-AM 760/WPLT-FM PLANET 96.3, hopes that at his funeral people will talk about something other than radio.

That may be difficult since Fezzey's 20-year broadcasting career at WJR has been a mix of commitment to community, passion for life, and management savvy.

"It's an emotional business," said Fezzey.

It's a simple explanation for a complex business in which tragedies and celebrations filter through the newsroom on a daily basis. No day is ever typical, and no day completely ends.

"You never finish the job and complete the tasks. It's with you 24 hours a day."

Fezzey began his career in radio by selling brokered radio time for Bob Allison's "Ask Your Neighbor" program at WCAR in Garden City. While there, he was responsible for putting the first psychic on the air. He left in 1979, when Bob Hines told him of a sales position at WJR.

"I called seven times a day for several weeks until they hired me," he said.

Fezzey, who became WJR's president and general manager in December 1994, oversees all aspects of the station — on-air

productions, sales and budgeting. But he is no micro-manager; rather, he defines his role in terms of setting a vision.

WJR was the last station to feature live music and the first to bring it back. Local bands are regularly featured on "Album in the Afternoon." WJR also was the first big station to put Dr. Laura on the air. Her program now runs daily from noon to 3 p.m.

"If she gets pre-empted we get a lot of calls. More than anything else, her fans are very loyal."

And in a business of strong personalities like Mitch Albom, David Newman and Paul W. Smith, Fezzey sees himself as a coach. "My role is to create a unity of purpose for the team and maximize individual success."

Velma Matthews, Fezzey's secretary for 16 years, calls her boss a leader. "He's personable. He's a kind person. He's a genuine human being. Definitely he's my boss, but he's a real leader."

Fezzey says he's "driven by my faith to be sure that I'm the best person I could be."

Born for broadcasting

Fezzey grew up in Farmington Hills and graduated from Harrison High School in 1975. He recalls days when Harrison High was just a horse farm and he met girls at the Civic Theater.

"I think I got my first kiss in the Civic."

He attended Western Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University and Oakland Community College before leaving academics behind for the world of radio.

Fezzey describes himself as a creative person, into the arts and always having been interested in the media and advertising. From an early age, he dreamt of making commercials.

"I always thought Darren Stevens had a pretty cool job on Bewitched. He was home a lot and had a pretty wife."

Today, Fezzey has a job he loves, a pretty wife, Suzy, and three creative, music-loving children: Peter, 15; Jessica, 12; and Sam, 8. He carefully balances his professional and private life and seldom does business dinners. His home is a gathering place for his children's friends, who think it's "cool" when he gets them concert tickets.

Life for Fezzey, in other words, is good.

Fezzey said he's been privileged to have worked with notable radio personalities Jimmy Launce, now with WYUR-AM, and the late J. P. McCarthy, whom Fezzey knew for 16 years. McCarthy, host of the popular noontime "Focus" program, died in August 1995.

"He was not only a friend but a mentor and an astute businessman."

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Radio man: Mike Fezzey has been with WJR for 20 years and finds that every day offers something different.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

WJR born in newspaper rivalry

Radio station WJR was born of a newspaper rivalry.

After The Detroit News put its own station, WWJ, on the air in 1920, Detroit Free Press owner and publisher E. D. Stair installed a transmitter and studio on the ninth floor of his building in May 1922 and began broadcasting under the call letters WCX.

For awhile, WWJ and WCX shared a single wavelength, a common federal requirement during radio's early days. Soon WCX, WJR's precursor, became known as "The Call of the Motor City."

The rest is, as they say, radio

history.

May 4, 1922 — Operating at 580 on the dial, WCX opened with a broadcasting bang. Gov. Alexander Groesbeck and University of Michigan President Marion Burton addressed the radio audience accompanied by a musical quartet. Poet Edgar Guest recited verse.

1923 — WCX's first manager, the innovative C. D. Neal Tomy, described the gowns worn by the Stickle sisters, the evening's variety show's featured singers. He hummed along with the tunes and enticed the audience to identify another featured singer by offering "a nice red

apple" to the first caller with the correct answer.

Hundreds of complimentary letters followed, and The Red Apple Club was born.

1925 — Jewett Radio and Phonographic Company of Pontiac took over the station and moved it to the Book-Cadillac Hotel. Jewett installed a 5,000-watt transmitter, extending the station's reach threefold. The station became WCX/WJR, the "JR" standing for Jewett Radio.

1926 — The station moved to 680 on the dial. Jewett's business collapsed. New owner, C. A. Richards, president of Pontiac

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County, local agencies take over juvenile programs

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Yagiela

Dale Yagiela believed the juvenile justice system had to change. About 3,000 Wayne County youths arrested for crimes were placed in residential and training school settings annually at costs that exceeded \$100 million a year. "We spent a tremendous amount of money when we move them out of their homes with costs of \$60,000 to \$75,000 for each juvenile," Yagiela said. Rehabilitating county youths will take a new turn on Oct. 1 when Wayne County will take over juvenile delinquency programs from the state's Family Independence Agency. Legislation was passed last year to establish a block grant program for Wayne County to contract to local service agencies. Yagiela, executive director of Growth Works in Plymouth,

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hopes Growth Works will receive a contract next month from Wayne County and the block grant money earmarked from the state to become a care management organization. Wayne County expects to use these CMOs and juvenile assessment centers to help juvenile delinquents with drug or alcohol problems resolve those problems and work to obtain general equivalency degrees or job training. Greg Roberts, executive assistant with county Executive Edward McNamara, outlined the plan in May to community leaders from the Conference of Western Wayne. The CWW is a legislative consortium of elected officials from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren. That group passed a resolution of support in June of Growth Works. County officials want to devel-

op an individualized service plan to involve the entire family. "When we look at what happened in Colorado and what happens in Wayne County, a lot of people asked what we can do to stem the tide of violence and crime," Roberts told CWW members. "We believe Wayne County has the answer." Juvenile justice grants will total \$110 million with about \$65 million from the state and \$55 million from the county's general fund. **How it works** Each CMO will be responsible for providing delinquent care for a designated geographic area. If Growth Works is chosen by Wayne County in August for 17 western Wayne County communities, including Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland, it will need to oversee programs by providers for community-based and residential services, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, case management, and educational and employment options. Yagiela believes part of the problem is at-risk youths aren't assisted early enough, before they descend into delinquency. "But the further into the system they are, the more likely they will remain in the system and become felons," Yagiela said. The CMO will provide a network of 11 agencies. In its request for proposal, Growth Works has listed the Conference of Western Wayne Youth Assistance Network to identify high-risk youths and provide diversion programs for non-violent, first-time misdemeanor offenders. Growth Works has established youth assistance programs to assist misdemeanants, reduce recidivism and provide alcohol and drug prevention programs, funded by a small portion of the county jail millage. Growth Works will employ local providers such as Starfish, formerly Youth Living Centers and Northwest Guidance, with offices in Garden City and Inkster for community mental health services, independent living and youth employment programming. Schoolcraft College will provide educational services to youths who are crime-free, while Wedgwood in Redford will give short-term psychiatric inpatient, community-based assessment and treatment and other specialized services. Growth Works also listed First

Step to provide help for abuse victims; and Lutheran Child and Family Service for sexual abuse. Juveniles cleared for low and medium security residential care will be housed at Eagle Village in Hershey, Mich. Juveniles who require a high level of security will be housed in the Green Oaks Center. Growth Works will check for drug use through urine screening, and provide treatment and community re-entry programming through electronic monitoring or tethering. Wayne County expects to use juvenile assessment centers to review the CMO's performance. The CMOs will be paid per

youth, per month. If the CMOs lose contact or the youths become repeat offenders, the CMOs will face financial penalties. Yagiela called the change in services a "daunting undertaking," especially in housing juveniles. He expects to add 200 cases a year to Growth Works' current load of 200. "We will want to work closely with local enforcement agencies and reintegrate (juveniles) into the community and track their progress," Yagiela said. "We will need the cooperation with local governments." The CWW will have a juvenile justice committee review the program.

County officials want to devel-

County cancels contract with Metro parking operator

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Wayne County officially notified an airport parking operator that it was canceling its contract approved earlier this year with that firm. David Katz, director of Detroit Metro Airport, informed Robert Hill, vice president of APCOA-Williford Parking of Cleveland, that the county has canceled the contract "since the concessionaire has not operated the facilities to the county's complete satisfaction." Katz sent a letter dated July 2. County commissioners had approved the contract in late March to APCOA, which had submitted the lowest bid. The agreement was conditional upon the county and APCOA settling a refund claim, estimated in the range between \$380,000 and \$500,000, within 30 days. Commissioners later set a deadline for a settlement or the contract would expire. Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy found Wayne County paid as much as \$400,000 too much to APCOA to lease 37 vehicles and found it would have been cheaper to purchase the

vans. Dunleavy discovered the airport could have leased the majority of vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 each, not approximately \$28,000, as was the airport's actual reimbursement. Later prosecutors evaluated more than 100 leases and believe the county is owed more than \$1 million. A request for proposals originating from the county's purchasing department drew a letter in which an attorney representing APCOA threatened to sue Wayne County if the county does not fulfill the firm's contract. Mayer Morganroth, a Southfield attorney, sent a letter July 2 after learning the Wayne County Purchasing Department had disseminated a request for proposal seeking bids for the contract. "It is APCOA's position that the RFP is improper and such action constitutes the breach of the existing paid parking management contract between the county and APCOA-Williford dated April 5," Morganroth wrote. He added that the county's failure to conform to this demand will result in the company seeking injunctive relief.



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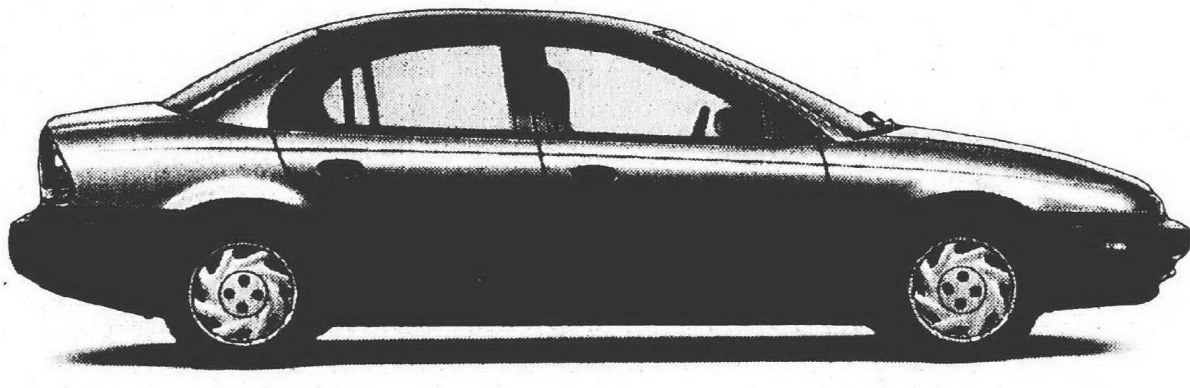
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Fezzey said McCarthy drew a lopsided portion of WJR's audience during his reign at the station. Since then, the station has maintained a more balanced palette, "not as subject to up and down ratings on a daily basis."

He said McCarthy was aware WJR wasn't doing much to attract a younger audience and was part of the effort to bring

about a change in programming. The station now targets an audience age of 35 and up, with 46-47 being the average age. It is an "information-based" audience, said Fezzey. "Most people find a need for information in their lives about that time. (They have) children, careers, personal responsibilities."

WJR's format and mix of personalities has made for a strong

station, said Fezzey. It is financially healthy, with profits having "quadrupled" since the current management team took over five years ago. Also, the recent Arbitron radio report card for March-April rated WJR an overall third in the local market.

For now, WJR remains on course, a full-service radio station delivering a mix of news and

talk programs, each with its share of fans and occasional critics.

"We try desperately to blend the best parts of our traditions and heritage - all the brilliant broadcasters - and present those concepts to today's culture, which sees differently and hears differently," said Fezzey.

So far, WJR is doing just that.

History from page A5

Automobiles for southern Michigan, moved the station to a street-level studio in the General Motors Building. WJR's new slogan was "The Goodwill Station."

1927 - WJR broadcast Charles A. Lindbergh's return from his Trans-Atlantic flight. It also broadcast a program from a Ford Tri-Motor plane, containing two musicians playing a saxophone and a banjo, flying over Ford Airport (now the Ford test track) in Dearborn.

1928 - WCX/WJR became the highest-powered station in Michigan and moved to 750 on the dial. In December 1928, WJR separated from WCX and installed studios on the 28th floor of the new Fisher Building.

1930s - WJR aired several radio dramas. "The Seven-Day Trial of Vivienne Ware," a police drama based on an actual crime, determined its verdict on the guilty and not-guilty votes sent in by listeners.

1935 - WJR switched from NBC to CBS and constructed a 50,000-watt transmitter in Riverview, 16 miles south of

Detroit. Strong winds knocked down the 733-foot tower in November 1940. It was replaced by a 700-foot tower.

1941 - WJR moved to 760 on the dial, where it exists today. By 1942, WJR operated 24 hours a day.

War years - WJR created 600 special programs devoted to the war effort. "The Wilson Family" portrayed how a family coped on the home front and "Navy Notes" honored Michigan's servicemen.

1950s - WJR was producing eight, five-minute daily newscasts, as well as five-minute network news summaries throughout the day. In 1959, WJR broke with CBS and local programs took over.

1962 - CBS and WJR merged again. With unprecedented freedom to censor network advertisements and programs, WJR was the only CBS station that didn't carry Arthur Godfrey's show live. It aired the same time as "Adventures in Good Music," WJR's premier program.

1964 - WJR was sold by the Goodwill Station Inc. to Cap-

ital Cities Broadcasting Corp. WJR's air slogan became "The Great Voice of the Great Lakes."


1976 - WJR joined the NBC Radio Network, which lasted until 1985, when the station switched to ABC due to a merger with Capital Cities and ABC.

February 1996 - Walt Disney Company purchased Capital Cities/ABC. Included in the pur-

chase of WJR was WHYT (now WPLT) and WDRQ.

Today WJR is Michigan's eighth-oldest continuously licensed radio station. Its offices and studios occupy the 21-23 floors of the Fisher Building in Detroit.

Source: "History of WJR," www.760wjv.com



DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

While the purpose of this column is to explore the legal aspects of everyday life, it would be an omission to neglect the moral implications of drunk driving. Doing so puts innocent people at risk for serious injury that has the potential to completely disrupt the lives of victims, family and friends alike. Thus, each of us has a moral obligation to drive in as safe a manner as possible, and that means not mixing driving with alcohol. Those who choose to ignore this obligation, at the very least, risk breaking the law. Aside from the consequences associated with this criminal offense, victims of drunk driving may raise liability questions in civil court that exact further penalties.

Driving under the influence of alcohol is an obvious danger, but driving under the influence of legal over-the-counter drugs can be just as disastrous. Some common medications can make a driver just as groggy as alcohol, while other types of medicines can make the taker jumpy or edgy. Respect warnings about driving cars and operating dangerous machinery while taking such preparations.

HINT: This state has a "drunk shop" law that allows injured parties to sue a bar or party store that serves a drunk driver too much alcohol.

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Of special interest to the Levenbachs is Martin, an outstanding 16-year-old boy from Curitiba,

Brazil. Martin hopes to attend a Michigan public high school where he can play on the basketball team. He is 6-foot-2-inch tall and weighs 188 pounds. In addition to playing on his school's basketball team, Martin has a wide variety of interests including bowling, computer games, stamp collecting, and listening to music. Martin has a good grasp of the English language because he has studied it for eight years. In addition, he is fluent in German because his father is originally from Germany.

For more information on hosting Martin or other students, call Lynne or Gideon Levenbach at 734-453-8562 or 734-453-6851 or send an e-mail to LLevenbach@Juno.com

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ARTHRITIS IN CHILDREN

We appreciate that children are different than adults. Rheumatoid arthritis in children exhibits the same understanding. The ways that this arthritis occurs in children is distinct, and you need awareness of the features of arthritis in children to recognize its presence in a youngster.

Rheumatoid arthritis in children expresses itself in one of three ways. The first is called systemic arthritis. The feature of this type is that the child has little joint pain but has repeated high fevers. Usually the fevers come twice a day and may go as high as 104 F. Accompanying the fever is a rash that disappears when the fever leaves.

The second way rheumatoid arthritis appears is with pain and swelling in the hands and wrist, ankles and feet, much like the condition appears in adults. The third form is with pain in a knee or hip, or possibly a knee and a wrist, that is, only one or two joints are inflamed. Often the family mistakes this arthritis as being the result of an injury while playing hockey or backyard football. However, the knee swelling stays for days. When another joint begins to hurt in the same way, the family realizes more is going on than a slowly healing injury.

Another important feature of all types of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis is the possibility of eye inflammation called uveitis. This complication may show no outward signs, therefore, any child diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis should see an eye doctor for an examination that includes an evaluation of the inside of the eye.

Prompt diagnosis of arthritis in children is important as treatment can return the child back to health and activity.

in the 90s


by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

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SPECIAL WRITERS

If you read magazines, you've run into colorful Gallo of Sonoma ads featuring Gina Gallo, sometimes with her brother Matt. These ads are believable, so are the wines and here's why.

The first generation of E. & J. Gallo Winery, its founders Ernest and the late Julio Gallo, sought privacy. The second generation, specifically Julio's son Bob, was quiet about an emerging project with Sonoma County grapes.

It is Julio's grandchildren, the third generation, who are visible family ambassadors for the wines. At 36 years old, Matt Gallo (Bob's son) is vineyard manager for Gallo's Sonoma Estates. His sister Gina, 32, is winemaker working in cooperation with Gallo veteran Marcello Monticelli, director of Gallo of Sonoma wine-making.

Stewardship

That Matt assumed vineyard stewardship for Gallo's more than 2,300 farmed acres in Sonoma County is not unusual. In the Gallo vineyard empire, he is following his father's footsteps through the vine rows. Gina, however, is the first woman to assume winemaking responsibility for

this very traditional Italian family.

Gina is open, competent, friendly and unpretentious. She's comfortable being interviewed at her workplace, Frei Ranch in Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley. Clad in jeans, well-worn boots and a plaid flannel shirt, she is a buttoned-down professional. It is obvious that her grandfather Julio was an enormous influence in her life. Her references to "grampa" regularly punctuate sentences. With a degree in business and psychology, she entered the family workplace as part of the marketing department, but upon encouragement from "grampa" took her first winemaking course.

"That was it," she said. "I told my

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Wine Picks

■ Pick of the pack: 1997 St. Francis Old Vines Zinfandel \$25. This is a powerful wine, best suited for richer meals than you prepare in summer. But if you wait to buy it until it's cooler, it will be sold out!

■ Cool wines to take the sizzle out of summer! Sauvignon Blanc is the coolest of cool whites. We recommend: 1998 Montevina Fume Blanc \$7 with Asian cuisine; 1998 Preston Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc \$12; and 1998 Morgan Barrel Fermented Sauvignon Blanc \$12. The following chardonnays are crisp and clean. On this list, as the price escalates, so does the flavor: 1998 Fleur du Cap, South Africa \$9; 1998 Evans, Australia \$11.50; 1997 Jekel FOS Reserve Chardonnay, Monterey \$21; 1997 Marimar Torres Estate Chardonnay \$25; and 1996 Byron Estate Chardonnay \$32.

■ Zinfandel is the best red wine for barbecues. Preston Vineyards owner Lou Preston suggests transforming ordinary barbecued chicken into a Middle Eastern feast with a marinade and baste of tahini, paprika, garlic and ginger. Try it with 1997 Preston Vineyards Dry Creek Valley Old Vines Zinfandel \$18. We liked the 1996 Charles Krug Zinfandel \$11 with a salad tossed with raspberry vinaigrette. Other zins getting high marks are: Beringer North Coast Zinfandel \$12; 1997 Kunde Zinfandel \$15; and 1997 Quivira Zinfandel \$17.50. Serve the 1996 Benziger Zinfandel \$18 with fajitas.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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Irresistible: Hairnets in place, Joey Perpich, 11, (left), Christopher McGuire, 11, and Kathryn Kinville, 13, get a taste of freshly made ice cream at Guernsey Farm Dairy.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

HERE'S THE SCOOP

The cold facts on ice cream

STORIES BY RENÉE SKOGLUND

Psst, here's the scoop: According to the International Ice Cream Association, ice cream lovers across the globe rate vanilla No. 1.

Vanilla? Wake up and taste the ice cream, guys. The world is full of black cherry, Caramel Caribou, Apple Pie and Rowdy Reindeer. So many flavors and so little time!

Fred Inman, Jr. and Tom Bagazinski, the flavor-inventing owners of Vicki's Ice Cream Factory on Six Mile Road in Redford Township, describe themselves as ice cream crafters. They buy a basic ice cream mix (not exactly heart healthy at 15 percent butterfat!) from a Monroe dairy and add ingredients, churning up one delicious batch at a time.

"Our flavors are endless, at least 70," said Inman, who admitted to having never made ice cream before he and Bagazinski bought the business in December 1997.

Inman invented the rich-tasting White-Chocolate-Chocolate-Chip Cheesecake, which he's dubbed "the flavor of the millennium," and the tangy but creamy Lemon Custard. If yellow had a taste, it would be lemon custard.

Bagazinski, who calls himself "the ice cream man," came up with "Elvis," half banana and half peanut butter, and "Crazy Insomniac," half blue moon and

half coffee. Blue moon and coffee?

"It turns out the two flavors have an affinity for each other," he said.

Still, there are the purists.

Ninety-year-old John McGuire, founder of Guernsey Farm Dairy in Northville, loves vanilla. "I like the aroma. I like the flavor," he said without a hint of defensiveness.

McGuire and his wife, Pat, opened Guernsey in downtown Northville in 1940. All 14 of their children (seven boys and seven girls) plus numerous grandchildren were initiated into the ice cream business at an early age.

"My dad counted one day and there were 22 McGuires working here," said Marty McGuire, president of the company. Today, seven McGuires retain an active role in the business, which ships milk products and ice cream within a 50-mile radius.

Guernsey is a true dairy, pasteurizing milk along with making ice cream. It gets raw milk no more than a day old direct from the farm and stores it in a 6,000-gallon tank.

The cream is separated and churned in tanks holding 200, 500 and 800 gallons. Milk is added along with dry ingredients — powdered cocoa, sugar, milk powder and stabilizers. The mixture is then piped through a freezer machine, which transforms it into a soft ice cream with a 12 percent butterfat content.

Workers in hair nets were making butter pecan the day I toured the dairy. A machine fed mounds of the expensive nuts into the soft ice cream before it was packed. Pecan pieces overflowed onto the floor.

Marty McGuire stopped production so I could have a sample. He filled a cup with a scoop of butter pecan the consistency of thickly whipped cream and handed it to me. My cholesterol count elevated on the spot.

John McGuire prefers the classic flavors — strawberry, chocolate, butter pecan — and recalls the days when he bought boxes of fresh raspberries from the nearby "berry lady," crushed and swirled them into his beloved vanilla.

"That's the way we made ice cream back then," he said.

Today, Guernsey features at least 70 flavors; however, John McGuire believes subtlety is best. "You need to be reaching for the flavor. You want it to be

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Packing it in: (Above) half-gallon containers of Guernsey's "Chocolate Marshmallow" make their way down the production line. (Above center) Guernsey founder John McGuire makes sure all hairs are kept on heads and not in the ice cream.



Big mixing bowl: A batch of Guernsey's finest is mixed in one of the dairy's huge vats. Who's got a spoon?

Ice cream personalities

When it comes to ice cream flavors, we are what we eat, according to research conducted for Edy's Grand Ice Cream by Dr. Alan R. Hirsch, neurological director of the Smell & Taste Treatment and Research Foundation in Chicago.

■ **Vanilla:** Colorful, impulsive, risk-takers who set high goals and have high expectations of themselves. Vanilla lovers enjoy close family relationships.

■ **Double chocolate chunk:** Lively, creative, dramatic, charming, enthusiastic, and the life of the party. Chocolate fans enjoy being at the center of attention and can become bored with the usual routine.

■ **Butter pecan:** Orderly, perfectionist, careful, detail-oriented, conscientious, ethical, and fiscally conservative; also, competitive, aggressive in sports, and the "take charge" type of personality.

■ **Banana cream pie:** Very easy going, well-adjusted, generous, honest and empathic.

■ **Strawberries and cream:** Shy yet emotionally robust, skeptical, detail-oriented, opinionated, introverted and self-critical.

■ **Chocolate chip:** Generous, competitive and accomplished; charming in social situations, ambitious and competent.

A scoop of ice cream trivia

■ Nearly a quarter of all males consider a typical serving of ice cream to be four or more scoops. To top that off, 40 percent of males often go back for seconds. In contrast, 50 percent of females help themselves to just two scoops, and 61 percent never take seconds.

■ Men love their ice cream so much that 13 percent lick the bowl! Just eight percent of women admit to this unorthodox dishwashing technique.

■ Over 40 percent of women admit to digging out the pieces of cookie dough, nuts or cookies from an ice cream carton. Men are not into mining.

■ Two-thirds of all males will polish off the last few scoops in a carton. Women are more likely to leave the last few bites behind.

Source: Survey conducted by Opinion Research Corporation International for Edy's Grand Ice Cream.

Cone zones

■ **Cook's Dairy** — 2950 Seymour Lake Road, Orionville, (248) 627-3329

■ **Guernsey Farm Dairy** — 21300 Novi Road (between Eight and Nine Mile Roads), Northville, (248) 349-1466

■ **Ray's Ice Cream** — 4233 Coolidge, Royal Oak, (248) 549-5256

■ **Sweet Dreams Pastry & Ice Cream** — 6558 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-8900

■ **Vicki's Ice Cream Factory** — 26145 Six Mile Road (four blocks west of Beech Daly), Redford, (313) 531-7777



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Ready to taste: Fred Inman, Jr. takes a sampling of one of Vicki's Ice Cream Factory's creative ice cream flavors before filling a three-gallon container.

Author churns secrets of making ice cream

In his book, "The Ultimate Ice Cream Book," (William Morrow and Co. Inc., New York, 1999, \$15)

author and New York-based food consultant Bruce Weinstein writes about two basic styles of ice cream, custard-style (made with eggs), and Philadelphia-style (made without eggs). His preference is for the richer-tasting custard-style ice, so most his recipes call for eggs.

From the classic butter pecan and vanilla to the sophisticated Burnt Sugar and the exotic Tropical Mango, Weinstein packs his book with both the familiar and the unusual. And for the ordinary (as if any ice cream is ordinary), pizzazz is

just a chopped candy bar or cup of toasted coconut away.

Weinstein also includes lots of recipes for the lighter sorbets and granitas, made with water, sugar, fruit juices and sometimes egg whites. Key lime sorbet or pink Russian granita will tickle your fancy.

However, don't even torture yourself reading Weinstein's book unless you intend to purchase an ice cream machine. As the author says, "no one wants to sit in a walk-in freezer,



stirring a bowl of cream and fruit."

When it comes to ice cream machines, Weinstein prefers models with built-in compressors that churn and freeze at the touch of a button. While these machines incorporate the least amount of air into the mixture, therefore

by producing a dense, premium ice cream, they're expensive, retailing between \$300 and \$600.

Ice cream makers with canisters you chill in the freezer before using come in one- to two-quart sizes and

produce delicious, dense ice cream. Electric models retail for about \$60. Models are available at Kitchen Glamour, Hudson's and Williams Sonoma.

One final word: We lied. Even if you don't intend to purchase an ice cream maker, Weinstein's book is a sweet treat. He gives several recipes for topping and sauces — banana, peach, peanut butter, caramel and marshmallow — as well as malts and ice cream floats.

"The Ultimate Ice Cream Book" is available at Hudson's Marketplace Department, Kitchen Glamour, Borders Books, and B. Dalton Book-sellers.

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grampa I was fascinated with winemaking and that's what I wanted to do. He gave me the encouragement I needed."

Mentor

All young people making their way in a profession benefit from a mentor. In Marcello Monticelli, Gina has the best. Now in their sixth year working together, they are a winemaking team. But Gina knows she still has much to learn from the talented Monticelli.

Many winemaking families

send their children to apprentice outside the family winery before coming "home" to work. This makes little sense for Gallo. At the main headquarters for Gallo in Modesto, Calif., Gina worked in the experimental micro winery where several hundred experiments are conducted annually. The Frei Ranch facility has the latest technology.

Completed four years ago, the 130,000 square foot underground barrel cellar is home to more than 60,000 barrels, made at 18 of the world's finest cooperages

from every known wood suited for wine.

"Everything that Marcello and I do in the winery is decided in the vineyard," Gina said. "From about mid-August right through to the day we harvest, we're walking the vineyards and tasting the grapes. Once the wine is in barrel, we taste weekly with my brother Matt. He's most interested in seeing the vineyards showcased in the wines."

Are Gallo of Sonoma print ads believable? We think they are. The next time you're buying

wine, purchase a Gallo of Sonoma wine and be the judge.

Sherry cask whisky

Hiram Walker has introduced a new Canadian Club Sherry Cask whisky \$25.

It's doubly-matured, aged for at least eight years in white oak barrels and then "finished" by aging again in sherry casks, imported from the Jerez region of Spain. Double-matured Scotch whiskies have been produced for years using sherry casks as well as those of Port

and Madeira.

Hiram Walker's technique is essentially the same as those of a single malt Scotch and is the first Canadian whisky we know about that's doubly-matured.

Additional aromas and flavors imparted to the whisky come from the barrel, previously used for aging sherry wine. As a matter of fact some whisky producers select and purchase barrels, which are then provided free to the sherry producer with the condition that they are returned

after aging sherry.

This is an attractive dram with deep bronze color and rich, mellow flavor followed by a smooth, lingering finish. Enjoy Canadian Club Sherry Cask neat, on the rocks with a splash of spring water or in a classic Manhattan.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

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there, but you want to reach for it. You always want them to want more."

Screaming for ice cream

John McGuire claims the United States makes the best ice cream in the world. Judging by average American's consumption of 23.2 quarts a year, he may be correct. We love our

ice cream.

Lots of people scream for Guernsey's butter pecan, once voted fourth best in the nation by a national magazine. And, according to the Fred Inman, Jr. of Vicki's Ice Cream Factory, actor Robert De Niro has sampled their chocolate chip.

"One of our customers brought or sent some to him in

New York."

Ice cream producers are constantly teasing the public with new flavors. Stroh's Ice Cream Company, now owned by Melody Farms in Livonia, has incorporated the best of the Sander's tradition by making "Hot Fudge Sundae" and "Bumpy Cake."

Both are "hot sellers," said Stephen M. George, vice president of product development.

However, one of the biggest flavors across the industry is the relatively new "Moose

Tracks," chock full of miniature peanut butter cups. In both Stroh's and Melody Farms packaged ice creams, it is second to vanilla in sales.

George said he is a "plain chocolate" kind of guy whose job at Melody Farms is to develop new flavors and improve old ones. If you now like Stroh's chocolate, thank George. He changed it from dark, bitter-sweet to a smooth-tasting milk chocolate.

"People love it," he said with pride.

Tom Davis & Sons Dairy Company in Oak Park, distributors of the luscious, condiment-laden Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream, holds a "flavor day" every January for their customers' families.

"We'll have about 50 different flavors, and they'll pick out their favorites," said Rick Davis, vice president of sales.

Ashby's Sterling has won several national awards for its flavors, including the National Ice Cream and Yogurt Retailers Association's "Best New Flavor" for its "Amaretto Cherry" and

"Triple Chocolate Truffle."

So far, this summer has been an ice cream blur for me. I've continuously plunged my face into Ashby's Sterling's black cherry cones and repeatedly smacked my lips over dishes of Guernsey's tart cherry yogurt. And my freezer has served as a temporary home for gallons of all kinds of Stroh's.

So what. Who's counting calories? Summer is ice-cream time, so I'll indulge now and diet this winter. When it comes to ice cream, there's just too many flavors and too little time.

Parisian way with steak is stylish, simple

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tournedos au Roquefort is in the repertoire of all Parisian cooks, Michael Roberts writes in "Parisian Home Cooking" (Morrow, \$25), his new cookbook.

He calls the recipe, translated as Filets Mignons (Beef Tenderloin Steaks) With Roquefort Sauce, totally simple and quick to make, "and the sauce tastes as if it spent hours simmering on the stove."

"I like it for the way the salty, heady blue cheese flavors enhance the richness of the meat," Roberts says. "Most Parisians use only wine to make the sauce, or may add a quarter cube of beef bouillon, but I use a mixture of wine and broth to

achieve a truer meat flavor. Parisians serve potatoes with the steak and follow this dish with salad and cheese (it wouldn't be dinner without salad and cheese!), but most Americans will find that a simple green salad and good bread to sop up the sauce are plenty of accompaniment."

He added: "It makes rather a lot of smoke when you sear the meat like that, so leave the window open."

FILETS MIGNONS WITH ROQUEFORT SAUCE

Four 6-ounce filets mignons
Vegetable oil, preferably

- canola
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Coarse salt
- 1/4 cup dry red wine such as Cabernet Sauvignon
- 1/4 cup low-sodium, beef or chicken broth
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup crumbled Roquefort cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

Heat a heavy-bottomed skillet over high heat until very hot. Lightly brush the steaks with oil, place in the pan, season generously with pepper, and cook for 3 minutes.

Turn the steaks, season with salt and pepper, and cook for 4 minutes for rare.

If you prefer your steaks more well done, reduce the heat to medium and continue to cook to the desired doneness, up to 7 minutes for medium-well. Transfer the steaks to a plate and keep warm.


Return the skillet to the stove over medium heat, add the wine and stir with a wooden spoon to scrape up the browned bits that have stuck to the bottom of the skillet.

Add the broth and cream and continue to simmer until the liquid becomes saucelike, about 3 minutes. Stir in the cheese and remove from the heat.

Pour any juices that have collected around the steaks into the sauce, ladle the sauce around the steaks, sprinkle with the parsley and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

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Homemade is 'The Ultimate Ice Cream'

See related story on Taste front. Recipes are from "The Ultimate Ice Cream Book" by Bruce Weinstein, (William Morrow and Co., Inc., New York, 1999, \$15).

CHEESECAKE ICE CREAM

1 cup sugar
4 ounces cream cheese, a room temperature
1 large egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
3/4 cup milk
2 teaspoons grated fresh lemon or orange zest
1 1/2 cups heavy cream
3 graham crackers

Beat the sugar and the cream cheese together until smooth and creamy. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Set aside.

Bring milk to a boil in a heavy medium saucepan. Slowly beat hot

milk into cheese mixture. Pour entire mixture back into pan and place over low heat. Stir constantly with a whisk or wooden spoon until custard thickens slightly. (Do not let mixture boil or egg will scramble.)

Remove from heat and pour hot cheese custard through a strainer into a large, clean bowl. Cool slightly, then stir in lemon zest and cream. Cover and refrigerate until cold or overnight.

Stir chilled custard, then freeze in one or two batches in your ice cream machine according to manufacturer's instructions, adding the crumbled graham cracker when cream is semifrozen. Allow the machine to mix in the crackers. When finished, the ice cream will be soft but ready to eat. For firmer ice cream, transfer to a freezer-safe container and freeze at least

two hours.

Variations: For Cherry Cheesecake Ice Cream, gently swirl 3/4 cup canned cherry pie filling into finished ice cream. Do not over-swirl. Streaks of cherry "sauce" should be visible. Serve immediately or freeze until firm.

HONEYDEW SORBET

1 small honeydew melon
1/4 cup white grape juice
3/4 cup superfine sugar
2 tablespoons melon liqueur or syrup
1/2 teaspoon salt

Remove rind and seeds from melon. Cut flesh into 1/2-inch cubes. You should have about two heaping cups of fruit. Place cut-up melon in blender with grape juice, sugar, liqueur, and salt. Blend

until melon is pureed and sugar has dissolved, about 30 seconds. Cover and refrigerate until cold.

Stir the chilled mixture, then freeze in one or two batches in your ice cream machine according to the manufacturer's instructions. When finished, the sorbet will be soft but ready to eat. For firmer sorbet, transfer to a freezer-safe container and freeze at least two hours.

Variation: For Honeydew Lemon Drop Sorbet, add 1/2 cup vodka and the grated zest of one lemon to the blender along with the fruit.

KEY LIME ICE CREAM

1 1/2 cups heavy cream
6 large egg yolks
One 15-ounce can sweetened condensed milk

1/2 cup key lime juice (fresh from eight to 10 medium limes or use bottled)

Bring cream to a simmer in a heavy medium saucepan. Slowly beat hot cream into egg yolks in a medium mixing bowl. Pour mixture back into the pan and place over low heat. Stir constantly with a whisk or wooden spoon until the custard thickens slightly. (Do not let the mixture boil or the eggs will scramble.)

Remove from heat and pour custard through a strainer into a large, clean bowl. Cool slightly, then stir in sweetened condensed milk and key lime juice. Cover and refrigerate until cold or at least two hours.

Stir the cold custard well, then freeze in one or two batches in your ice cream machine. When finished, the ice cream will be soft

but ready to eat. For firmer ice cream, transfer to a freezer-safe container and freeze at least two hours.

Variation: For Daiquiri Ice Cream, add 1/2 cup gold rum before freezing.

BLACK COW ICE CREAM SODA

1 1/2 tablespoons chocolate syrup
8 10 ounces of root beer
2 scoops premium vanilla ice cream

Place the chocolate syrup in the bottom of a chilled 16-ounce glass. Add four ounces of root beer and stir until well blended. Add one scoop of ice cream. Fill the glass with remaining root beer. Top with remaining scoop of ice cream, pressing it firmly onto the rim of the glass to prevent it from falling in.

Cajun-Style Lemon Chicken

satisfying dish for busy nights

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The authors of "The No-Time-to-Cook Cookbook" (Avery, \$19.95) promise that it is a 30-minute task to prepare Cajun-Style Lemon chicken.

Joanne Abrams and Marie Caratozzolo subtitle their book, "Fabulous Dishes for Today's Fast-paced Lifestyle." They say they were determined to keep it easy to use, to work out all the snags in advance.

The goal was foolproof recipes that were fast and easy to cook, low in sodium and fat. They point out that no recipe, from Soup Sensations to Dazzling Desserts, takes more than 45 minutes to prepare. Most call for no more than five main ingredients per recipe, plus staples such as seasonings and broths that you won't need to shop for).

Serve these spicy chicken cutlets over a bed of hot brown rice, with a cool, crisp green salad.

CAJUN-STYLE LEMON CHICKEN

Main ingredients:

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 5 ounces each)
1 medium lemon, cut into wedges

Staples:

1/4 cup all-purpose flour
4 teaspoons Cajun spice blend
2 teaspoons paprika
Cooking spray
2 teaspoons canola oil
1 cup reduced-sodium, fat-free chicken broth
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Place the flour, 2 teaspoons of the Cajun spice blend and the paprika in a shallow plate and stir to blend. Set aside 1 tablespoon of this flour mixture. Lightly coat both sides of the chicken with cooking spray, then dredge in the flour mixture.

Coat a 12-inch nonstick skillet

with cooking spray, add the oil and heat over medium-low heat. Add the chicken and cook for 5 to 7 minutes on each side, or until no longer pink inside when cut with a knife. Transfer to a plate and cover to keep warm.

Add the broth, lemon juice and remaining 2 teaspoons Cajun spice blend to the skillet, along with the reserved 1 tablespoon of flour mixture. Mix well, stirring constantly, over medium-low heat, for 3 to 5 minutes, or until the sauce thickens slightly.

Arrange the chicken breasts on a serving platter and spoon the sauce on top. Garnish with the lemon wedges and serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 228 cal., 11 g carbo., 82 mg chol., 4.5 g fat, 2 g fiber, 36 g pro., 610 mg sodium.

Start your meal with a refreshing soup

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chilled low-fat soups are an appealing way for diners to start a formal meal or make a light lunch in summer. And there's often no need for the cook to overwork.

Both the Senegalese Soup and Yellow Tomato Gazpacho are straightforward to prepare. They are made ahead, for the cook's convenience and comfort, and so they can be well chilled before serving.

The Senegalese Soup borrows from Senegal's West African tradition. It is enriched with shrimp, corn and curry seasoning, balanced with lime juice and honey. The colorful gazpacho is like a chopped salad turned into soup, refreshing and a little pungent.

SENEGALESE SOUP

1 tablespoon butter or margarine
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons curry powder
Two 14 1/2 ounce cans

chicken broth
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1/4 cup honey
1 cup whole kernel corn, fresh or frozen
1 cup whole milk
1/2 pound cooked bay shrimp
Salt, optional

In medium saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add onions; cook and stir 3 to 5 minutes or until onions are tender. Stir in flour and curry powder; cook and stir 1 minute. Whisk in chicken broth, lime juice and honey. Bring to a boil; stir in corn. Reduce heat and simmer 3 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in milk and shrimp. Season with salt if desired. Transfer soup to bowl; cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours, until well chilled. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 280 cal., 20 g pro., 35 g carbo., 2 g dietary fiber, 7 g fat, 127 mg chol., 873 mg sodium.

YELLOW TOMATO GAZPACHO

2 1/2 pounds ripe yellow tomatoes, seeded and chopped
3 medium garlic cloves, finely

chopped
1 medium cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped
1 medium red bell pepper, chopped
1/4 cup chopped red onion
3 cups tomato juice
14 1/2-ounce can chicken broth
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh basil
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, optional

In large mixing bowl, combine all ingredients; whisk together until well blended. Season with salt and pepper, if desired. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour or overnight. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 130 cal., 5 g pro., 30 g carbo., 3 g dietary fiber, 1 g fat, 0 g chol., 734 mg sodium.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Nutrition lecture

M. Tamler, M.D. and Sharon Ostalecki will host a lecture on the role nutrition plays in the treatment of fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, high blood pressure, type II diabetes, weight loss and proper health maintenance. The lecture will take place from 7-9 p.m. Monday, July 26 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$3 per person. Call Sharon at (248) 344-4063 for information. You do not need to register to attend.

Immunization clinic

St. Mary Hospital will offer an Infant and Child Immunization Clinic from 5:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, August 12. Please use the South Entrance off Levan Road. Cost is \$5 per child no matter how many immunizations are given. Please bring all available immunization records with you. No registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

Stress management

St. Mary Hospital is offering a health talk at Wonderland Mall as part of their sponsorship of the Wonder Walkers, a walking club at the mall. Learn to identify what makes you tense and explore different ways to deal with tension on Thursday, August 12, from 9-10 a.m. in the Wonderland Mall Community Room. There is a no fee and you do not need to be a Wonder Walker to attend. To register or for more information, please call (734) 655-8940.

Panic regarding sunscreen unnecessary

The American Academy of Ophthalmology, the Eye M.D. Association, fears a widely disseminated e-mail letter could unnecessarily frighten parents away from putting sunscreen on their children.

The erroneous and alarmist story claims waterproof sunscreen is responsible for blinding many children every year. The Academy states, "While sunscreen is a mild irritant, the most severe eye injury it could cause would be a corneal abrasion, resulting in moderate discomfort during the healing process, but no long-term after-effects."

The Poison Control Center, Food and Drug Administration, and sunscreen manufacturers have never heard of a person being blinded by sunscreen.

If sunscreen does get in the eye, the Academy suggests rinsing with plenty of water and seeing an ophthalmologist, an Eye M.D., if the pain does not subside.

For more information on eye injuries, check out the Academy's web site at www.eyenet.org

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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 Deskbook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsletters (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome 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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Jose's feet

Child receives gift of health, love from doctor and family

STORY BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON • STAFF WRITER
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Jose's feet are severely deformed.

The 2½-year-old from the Dominican Republic was born with club feet — a congenital condition, that in his case, has resulted in the inward growth of his feet.

In the United States physicians would begin the gentle non-operative manipulation of a newborn's feet at one to two weeks of age who was suffering from the same deformity.

Unfortunately in Jose's country adequate medical resources or funds are not available where he lives. The consequence is that countless children go without treatment, have operations that in the long run hinders their development or in rare case like Jose's — come to the U.S. for free orthopedic surgery.

Thanks to the generosity of podiatrist Dr. Lawrence Fallat, the organization Healing the Children® and the Thompson family, Jose and a handful of other children have received the "gift of health."

From the beginning

Healing the Children® is a national, non-profit corporation founded in 1981 that provides free medical services for needy children around the world.

According to Cindi and David Thompson, a Healing the Children® host family from Taylor, their involvement with the organization began five years ago through the encouragement of an acquaintance.

"I knew the woman through Girl Scouts," said Thompson who recalls she graciously turned down the invitation to host a child for two years prior to welcoming the first boy into her home in 1994.

"We have four children of our own and were working on a old house we bought that never seemed to be in the right condition for a young child," said Thompson. "When the time was right we cared for two boys from Mexico the first summer, ages 9 and 11. Once you try it you can't say no."

In the past five years the whole Thompson family has accepted children from both Mexico and the Dominican Republic who were brought to the U.S. for orthopedic surgery. "We get a lot more out of this than the children do," said David Thompson.

The youngsters are referred to the Healing the Children® program via helping agencies established worldwide, through screening programs conducted by teams of volunteer physicians and nurses and

Standing tall:

Oakwood

Podiatrist Dr.

Lawrence Fallat

(left) takes

one last look

at Jose's feet

as Cindi

Thompson

helps to support

the patient.

David

Thompson

(far right)

speaks with a

nurse about

the pain medication

Jose will receive

during the

surgery.



Pre-op: Anesthesiologist Dr. Mike Gruesen of Oakwood Hospital Annapolis - Wayne performs some routine tests on 2½-year-old Jose Tineo of the Dominican Republic. Tineo was about to undergo orthopedic surgery to correct his severely deformed feet.

through individual pleas. Every May approximately 100 children are flown to the United States and assigned to various families in Michigan as well as New York and Ohio.

For Jose the May arrival date marked the beginning of what could be at least a six month stay. The bashful but beaming toddler is currently recovering from the June 29 surgery to correct what Oakwood Healthcare System podiatrist Dr. Lawrence Fallat called a "rigid deformity so severe he was walking on the top of his feet."

Fallat says his ability to provide both the surgery and the follow up medical services free of charge came without hesitation from the Oakwood Healthcare System. The Taylor podiatrist says the medical staff he works with has showed nothing but support in favor of these types of goodwill endeavors.

"Oakwood Healthcare System has been very cooperative and has made it so easy," said Fallat. The

staff from administrators and doctors to anesthesiologists and nurses have exhibited a can-do attitude. They share a spirit and comradeship and they love the little children."

Jose's surgery, which lasted approximately 3 hours, required Fallat to lengthen the Achilles tendon, release joint capsules and lengthen tendons. Two temporary pins, protruding from his skin, were set to help maintain the correction. The pins will be removed next week and a second cast will be made for each foot.

The casts, according to Fallat, hold the foot in the corrected position to promote upward and forward healing.

In the three weeks since the surgery Thompson says Jose "likes being King on the couch," and hasn't been very motivated to walk. Fallat attributes that to the temporary pins in his feet that will be removed this week. The podiatrist expects him to be on his feet shortly after.

Jose is expected to be in casts for about three months depending on the progress of the correction and more than likely will be fitted with braces to keep his legs from turning inward — a common occurrence following surgery of this nature.

Big-hearted

Both the Thompson's and Fallat credit the other with the continued success of their union with Healing the Children®. In truth, the partnership would not be successful without the commitment made by both parties.

"We're really appreciative of Dr. Fallat and what he's able to do for these children," said Thompson. "He says it wouldn't be possible for this to happen without us but in reality it's him that's making this all possible. We open our home to Jose and love him. Dr. Fallat's the one who makes him better so that he can go home a happy and health little boy."

The Healing the Children® organization is well-known in regions of the Dominican Republic and at the Clinica Corazones Unidos near Santo Domingo where Jose was initially treated. "Families know their children will come back healthy and well cared for," said Thompson who documents the children's

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

TUE, JULY 20

CARBOHYDRATE COUNTING
Learn how to read labels, adjust recipes and incorporate more variety into your diabetic meal plan. Information regarding complex vs. simple carbohydrates and using more fiber. Farmington Hills/Northwestern Providence Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. Call (877) 345-5500.

TUE, JULY 20

LYME DISEASE
The Lyme Disease Support Group of Western Wayne County will meet at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church (3 Towne Square, Wayne). Call Connie, (734) 326-3502 for information. All are welcome.

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stay with them from the moment they step off the plane. "I take pictures of their scars, of them laughing and crying and of all the things they do while they're here with us," said Thompson. "Their family has no way of knowing what happen to them. Jose's too young to be able to remember or tell them things and this way they know all that they went through."

Sharing the compliment

Likewise, Dr. Fallat feels it is the Thompson's and their children who should be credited with the children's success. "They are not selfish in the least," said Fallat. "They open

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

This course is intended for those 12 years and older interested in learning basic life support and knowledge of the heart and lungs, signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke, adult CPR and choking rescue skills. Does not meet requirements for daycare providers. \$25. Class runs from 6-9 p.m. at the Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh. Call (877) 345-5500.

THUR, JULY 22

NUTRIBABY
This class can help your child get a healthier start towards a lifetime of good eating. Learn how to feed your baby, when to introduce different foods, and how to make feeding time fun for your baby and relaxing for you. Class includes cooking demonstrations, recipes and food tasting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Call (734) 397-5110.

MON, JULY 26

INSTRUCTOR LIFE SUPPORT
This course provides updated information and teaching techniques for holders of a current BLS Instructor Card. Course will also include BLS-HCP recertifi-

cation. Must have taught two BLS courses over the past two years. Please bring instructor manuals to class. \$40. Class runs from 8 a.m. to noon at the Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh. Call (877) 345-5500.

NUTRITION

A lecture on the role nutrition plays in the treatment of fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, weight loss and proper health maintenance will occur 7-9 p.m. Monday, July 26, at the Livonia Library on the south side of Five Mile just east of Farmington Road. Admission is \$3. Registration is not required. Call Sharon at (248) 344-4063 for more information.

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SMOKING
A smoking cessation seminar occurs 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center on Seven Mile at Newburgh in Livonia. The first 45 minutes is free. The last 75 minutes cost \$59 and includes hypnosis, a home reinforcement audio tape and unlimited free repetitions of the seminar. Call (877) 345-5500 for reservations.

Because it's online doesn't mean it's worth viewing

The woman on the other end of my telephone was livid. "What kind of a pervert are you, anyway?" she screamed at me. "Sending us to a porn page!"

I had absolutely no idea what she was talking about. She kept yelling anyway. "My 10-year-old daughter went to that site. You ought to be ashamed!"

It took some doing but finally, I persuaded her to back up and explain herself. It seems she had heard me give out the address of a Web site on my radio show and had gone to the computer with her daughter to check it out.

The net address I gave out was for the White House, www.whitehouse.gov, the official Internet home for information about the executive branch and the Clinton administration. "You can even download RealAudio files of 'Socks,' the nation's First Cat, meowing," I told my radio listeners.

So the woman and her daughter headed to the site. But they typed in the wrong address. I'm not going to give you the exact URL (the Universal Resource Location, or Internet address) my angry caller entered because I don't want to send more traffic to the site. Suffice it to say that the address was very close to the correct one.

But what she and her daughter found when their screen filled with the images from the bogus White House site was a page filled with pornography.

It's not the only such knock-off. The porn pushers have done the same thing with a site run by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The real site, www.nasa.gov, is a treasure-trove of fascinating information and images about space explo-

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ration and a favorite of millions of Net surfers. Kids use it to research school projects, space buffs follow the details of the latest shuttle flight, astronomers download photos from Mars and the curious find plenty to ponder in the cosmos.

Precisely because the site gets so much traffic, some pervert registered a slightly different URL and posted a porn site.

Such opportunism may be deplorable but it is understandable. Hits, on the Web, translate into money and unscrupulous electronic wheeler-dealers will take advantage of the system whenever they can. Indeed, in the case of adult sites and porn pages, there is a proposal that would require all of them to end with domain names of ".xxx" so no one, like my radio listener, will mistakenly end up with offensive material my simply mistyping a URL.

But the problem of the knock-off sites illustrates a much more important problem plaguing the Internet these days. Namely, just because it's online doesn't mean it's necessarily so.

There is a lot of fake material on the net masquerading as genuine. There's a lot of bogus, biased and bad information posing as fact.

Don't believe anything you read online that doesn't clearly identify the person or organization behind the site provide a

real address (not a post office box) and telephone number to contact a real person for more information. An e-mail address is not enough.

Beware of putting too much value in the content of any site, no matter how "professional" it may appear, that has an address with a tilde in it. A tilde is the "~" symbol and it indicates a personal page and while it may or may not provide good information, you need to judge that information by the credibility of the person posting it.

Don't just accept the facts you find on a Web site at face value. Make sure they are attributed, that the sources for data are clearly identified and that the sources are reputable and reliable.

Treat pages with obvious mistakes with skepticism. Not that professionals don't mess up, but poor grammar and words that are misspelled indicate a general sloppiness. An author who is careless with the language is probably careless with the facts.

Recognize the difference between opinion and fact in newsgroups. There are 25,000 newsgroups on the Internet and they are a lot of fun to read and handy for exchanging information, tips and suggestions. But the advice and information is no more reliable than what you'd get on a streetcorner from the average man on the street. Newsgroups offer opinions, some well-founded, most just off the cuff and visceral.

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HERE I AM

SBF 25, 5'7", blonde, seeks honest, caring, sincere, SM, 35+, for companionship, fun times and possible LTR. Only serious need to respond. LTR 48415

LET'S STAND TOGETHER

Prattly health care professional financially secure, classy, slim, youthful SWF 5'4", blonde/brown, NS, no dependents. Enjoys hiking, dancing, golf, theater. Seeking educated, emotionally/financially secure SW/M. 45+. Friendship. Possible LTR 3928

PLAYING YOUR SOLO

Vivacious, blue-eyed, blonde DWF, 45, professional musician, seeks college-educated WM, 35-50, with passion for life for possible LTR 4467

PASSIONATE BEAUTY

SWF 33, 5'8", 125lbs, blonde/green. Vivacious, adventurous, fit and stable loves life, children, travel and laughter. Enjoys random sex. SD/WM to love, laugh and play with 4502

READY TO TRY AGAIN

Talkative, friendly, easygoing SWF, 39, NS, ND, no dependents, loves animals, horses, camping, picnics, outdoor festivals, art shows, museums. Seeking similar male to share time with 4581

TIMED OF UNKNEPT

Attractive, and fancy lady with a touch of class, enjoys indoor and outdoor activities, cats, seasonal shopping. Do you have old-fashioned values? 4906

MAGIC TOUCH

Genie on the heart. Cute DWF 52, NS, seeks SD/WM, NS, 45-60, 5'10", fit, dancing, friendly, fun. LTR 4536

BOMBONE SPECIAL

Down-to-earth SWF, 40, NS, ND, ND/Drugs, enjoys special dancing, working out, walking, and hiking. Doors. Seeks special SW/M who puts God first. If you're that someone special, please call 4531

BEAUTIFUL & CHARISMATIC

Intelligent, romantic, witty affectionate SWF, 33, 125 lbs, blonde, fit, fun-loving, slender, many interests. Seeking handsome, very successful, fit, fun-loving, financially secure LTR 4535

STARTING OVER

Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/brn, enjoys movies, theater, dining-out, animals, and hiking. Would like to spend time with loving, caring gentleman. 4532

REGISTERED NURSE

seeks SD/M, 36-48, doctor to share special interests in medical profession. Very attractive, handsome, fit, fun-loving, financially secure LTR 4535

LOVE A MAN IN A BIG TURTLE

If you're looking for a beautiful, blue-eyed blonde who knows how to treat a man, look no more! Seeking SM, 35-43, who appreciates children, fun times, and quiet evenings. 4532

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

Caring, loving, fun-loving woman, 35, never married, seeks sincere, fun-loving male, 25-40, must love movies, sports, dining, and hiking. SWF or female. LTR 4535

SPECIAL FRIEND

SWF 35, seeks SWF, 35-45, NS, ND, who enjoys swimming, movies, dining out, travel, gardening, music, fun conversations, and hiking. Possible LTR 4535

MODERN MATURITY

Educated, healthy, slim DWF, 56, blonde/brn, loves music, animals, fun conversations, and hiking. Cookies and Dutch treats. Seeking guy who believes in honesty and love, for a relationship. 4532

POET SEEMS SAME

SE 31, 5'6", 200lbs, bright, brown, glasses, loves children, seeking honest, trusting man. 4711

A DREAM COMES TRUE

Educated SBF, 25, seeks professional, degree, financially secure male 25-35, for travel, shopping, dining, boating, and LTR kids. 4780

SUMMER LOVE

Full-figured SWF, 36, single parent, seeks well-rounded SW/M, 32-40, to spend summer together and hopefully build a lasting relationship. You won't be disappointed. 4583

PATIENT

Shapely SBF, 30s, 5'3", loves romance and spontaneity. Seeking SW/M, who believes in god and knows how to romance a lady. 4620

UNIQUE, CREATIVE

Adventurous, nature spirit, romantic, spiritual, youthful ecology minded, energetic, SWF, 31, vegetarian, artist, organic gardener, loves art, music, dancing, swimming, animals, and hiking. Seeking mechanically inclined NS. 3306

SOLITAIRE

Adventurous, SWF, 36, 5'5", blonde/brn, seeks honest down-to-earth NS, SW/M, 30-38, for movies, dancing, golfing, fishing, hopefully leading to LTR. 4528

GIVE ME A CALL

SBF 30, 5'4", 150lbs, NS, social, playful, outgoing, fun-loving, and fun. Seeking SM, 38-48, with similar interests, for dating and concerts. 4381

BIG & BEAUTIFUL

SWF, 36, brunette/green, enjoys the outdoors, camping, hiking, walks, and sharing quality time with someone special. SW/M, 38-48, for a possible LTR. Only serious need apply. 4464

FIRST TIME AD

Personable, fun-loving SWF, who enjoys movies, swimming, jazz, seeks outgoing male, 30-40, NS, 35, NS, with similar qualities and interests. 4006

ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE

Pete DWF, 34, brunette, mother-of-two, seeks honest, sincere, fun-loving, responsible guy who isn't afraid of a challenge. 4016

IRRESISTIBLE

with beautiful eyes. Sincere, sexy SBF, 28, seeks tall dark, and handsome SM, 30, smokes/social drinker, fun, for fun and dating. 4380

SUMMER OF FUN

SWF, 25, 5'7", blonde/brn, enjoys music, movies, just having fun. Seeking honest, smart male, 23-30, for casual dating, possibly more. All possessive, smoke and friendly. 4723

SOUTHERN BELLE

Petite, serene, sincere SWF, 43, blonde/brn, enjoys dancing, traveling, walks, romantic evenings at home. Seeking gentleman, 30-45, 4537

WHERE IS MR. RIGHT?

Fun, outgoing SWF, 21, 5'7", 175lbs, blonde/blue, NS, enjoys sports, hanging out, having fun. Seeking honest, fun, outgoing SW/M, 21-30, who loves life. LTR 4225

ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL

Gorgeous, down-to-earth SWF, 34, 5'7", 130lbs, blonde/green, seeks financially secure, successful SW/M, 42+, for possible LTR. 4620

WHERE'S MY KNIGHT

Attractive, kind, affectionate, down-to-earth SWF, 35, 5'7", 128lbs, blonde/green, NS, one child, enjoys running, warm weather, hiking, and picnics. Seeking financially secure SW/M, 40-55, NS, to enjoy life with. 4226

PASSIONATE & PRETTY

Petite, well-educated SWF, 46, slender, blonde/brn, enjoys hiking, hiking, and traveling. Seeking intelligent, fun-loving, successful, but playful SW/M, tall, NS, LTR 4535

SENSUAL LADY LOVES CHIVALRY

DWF, young-looking 44, 5'2", 120lbs, blonde/green, seeks SM, 40-50, who is fit, attractive, honest and attentive. I enjoy hiking, reading, and traveling. Seeking a man who is fun, intelligent, and has a good conversation. 4470

SPECIAL LADY

DWF, 52, comfortable in jeans or dress, fun-loving, intelligent, 47, 5'7", NS, LTR 4536

MAD ABOUT YOU RELATIONSHIP

Sweet, slender physically fit attractive SWF, 38, fit, blonde/green, 45-50, NS, LTR 4536

LADY IN WAITING

Beautiful BCFP, 47, mid-body complexion, NS, enjoys all fun activities, love to travel, Christian, male, 40-55, NS, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. 4343

WEST SIDE DWF

West side DWF, 50, 5'8", blonde/brn, enjoys dining, dancing, concerts, sunsets, and stargazing. Seeking handsome, fit, fun-loving, successful, but playful SW/M, 40-50, NS, for dating and LTR. 4339

HIPPIE AT HEART

Attractive, serene, kind, 45, 5'7", 145lbs, who loves music, no country, no drugs, no dependents, seeks tall, fit, fun, passionate SW/M, 40-50, 6'0", brains, no bore, Livonia. 4327

A LOT TO OFFER

SWF, 23, 5'6", full-figured, blonde/green, looking for a sincere, caring, tall, 26-30, nice-WM, important, to spend free time with. 4331

TRUE BLUE AND FUN TOO!

Attractive DWF, young 50, 5'4", blonde/brn, NS, enjoys conversation, dancing, and traveling. Seeking fun-loving, successful, but playful SW/M, 40-50, NS, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. 4333

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Easygoing, overweight DWF, 43, blonde/brn, NS, social, fun-loving, enjoys dining, dancing, concerts, and stargazing. Seeking honest, fit, fun-loving, successful, but playful SW/M, 40-50, NS, for dating and LTR. 4339

SMART, SEXY, SELECTIVE

Blue-eyed blonde, 30, 5'5", 118lbs, who's blunt but diplomatic, witty, funny, fit and confident, seeks attractive, social, athletic, realist. 4211

TALL, STATUESQUE BRUNETTE

Female, 35, with dog, seeks tall (6'1"), active, intelligent, classy, kind, hearted SW/M, who is fun, honest, and a really wily, good moral character. 4015

SWEETHEART AVAILABLE

Attractive, intelligent SWF, 46, has strong moral values, seeks tall, fit, fun-loving, successful, but playful SW/M, 40-50, NS, for dating and LTR. 4339

WHERE IS THE ONE FOR ME?

Professionally employed SWF, 32, dependent, enjoys movies, concerts, dining out, cooking, quiet times. Seeking sincere, college-educated, SW/M, 32-43, for a relationship. 4620

ALL WORK

Attractive, college-educated DWF, 53, looking to share dinner, dancing, and hiking. Seeking SW/M, 40-50, who needs to relax and enjoy life. 4226

ROMANTIC REALIST

Attractive, intelligent, educated, active, fun-loving SWF, 40, seeks tall, fit, fun-loving, successful, but playful SW/M, 40-50, NS, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. 4339

DESIRABLE, HAPPY, HOPEFUL

Assessable, professional, SWF, 45, 5'5", 112lbs, blonde/brn, seeks tall, fit, fun-loving, successful, but playful SW/M, 40-50, NS, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. 4339

FRESH START

Fun-loving, kind, easygoing down-to-earth female, 51, seeks wonderful companion to share life with. 4589

A TOUCH OF JUNGLE FEVER

Shapely, sensual DWF, 36, 5'5", brown hair, seeks physically fit, fun, emotionally secure, SD/M, 6+, for LTR. To grow old with significant other. Spiritual, physical, intellectual, dancing. Seeking attractive, fit, WCM, 38-52, under 6'5, financially/emotionally secure who's active and fun. 4321

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Successful, fun-loving, sexy, seeks interesting, giving female, 33, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking, traveling, loves people. Seeking someone in a successful, income SWF, 45-75. Please reply. 4736

FRIENDS FIRST

Attractive SWF, 50, seeks gentleman who demands honesty in a relationship. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, non-competitive, and generally enjoy people. 4389

IS IT TIME?

Sincere SWF, 44, enjoys all kinds of markets, concerts, hockey. Seeking companionship with SW/M, 40-50, with similar interests. 4432

SHORT & SWEET

Petite, passionate, smart DWF, 44, blonde/brn, NS, seeks tall, fit, fun-loving, successful, but playful SW/M, 40-50, NS, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. 4339

PARTNER NEEDED

Sports-minded, needs a partner for tennis, golf, volleyball, dances, dinner, more. SWF, 46, medium build, never married, dependent, seeks tall, fit, fun-loving, successful, but playful SW/M, 40-50, NS, NS, for dating and LTR. 4339

PRETTY WIDOW

Slender, tall, intelligent, retired, yet fun SWF, 51, smoker, seeks an intelligent, tall, classy, successful, gentleman, 50-65, for cozy dinner dates, and enjoying life. 4470

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LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP

Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, very affectionate DWF, 47, 5'7", brown hair, with sense of humor, likes the simple things in life. Seeking SW/M, 47-55, for friendship, possible LTR 3922

SINGLE DAD OR GRANDPA

Attractive, petite, red-headed DWF, 53, 120lbs, NS, loves camping, hiking, outdoor activities, classic cars, dancing. Seeking attractive, fit, WCM, 38-52, under 6'5, financially/emotionally secure who's active and fun. 4321

CAN'T BUY ME LOVE

Fun, fit DWF, 48, 5'8", brunette, Auburn Hills homeowner, seeks honest, kind companion, 44-52, 5'8", husky build, for fun this spring and summer. 4364

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN

SWF 49 with varied interests, needs friend and companion to share life with, possible LTR. Give me a call. 4389

WANTED: ROMANCE SPECIALIST

Easygoing, tall, friendly, romantic, attractive SWF, 44, 5' redhead, NS, social drinker, employed, home-owner, no dependents, with many interests, seeks a really nice, sincere, romantic, tall SW/M, 40-50, for friendship leading to passion. 4391

CHRISTIAN CUTIE

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Attractive, serene, kind, 45, 5'7", 145lbs, who loves music, no country, no drugs, no dependents, seeks tall, fit, fun, passionate SW/M, 40-50, 6'0", brains, no bore, Livonia. 4327

A LOT TO OFFER

SWF, 23, 5'6", full-figured, blonde/green, looking for a sincere, caring, tall, 26-30, nice-WM, important, to spend free time with. 4331

TRUE BLUE AND FUN TOO!

Attractive DWF, young 50, 5'4", blonde/brn, NS, enjoys conversation, dancing, and traveling. Seeking fun-loving, successful, but playful SW/M, 40-50, NS, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. 4333

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Easygoing, overweight DWF, 43, blonde/brn, NS, social, fun-loving, enjoys dining, dancing, concerts, and stargazing. Seeking honest, fit, fun-loving, successful, but playful SW/M, 40-50, NS, for dating and LTR. 4339

SMART, SEXY, SELECTIVE

Blue-eyed blonde, 30, 5'5", 118lbs, who's blunt but diplomatic, witty, funny, fit and confident, seeks attractive, social, athletic, realist. 4211

TALL, STATUESQUE BRUNETTE

Female, 35, with dog, seeks tall (6'1"), active, intelligent, classy, kind, hearted SW/M, who is fun, honest, and a really wily, good moral character. 4015

SWEETHEART AVAILABLE

Attractive, intelligent SWF, 46, has strong moral values, seeks tall, fit, fun-loving, successful, but playful SW/M, 40-50, NS, for dating and LTR. 4339

WHERE IS THE ONE FOR ME?

Professionally employed SWF, 32, dependent, enjoys movies, concerts, dining out, cooking, quiet times. Seeking sincere, college-educated, SW/M, 32-43, for a relationship. 4620

ALL WORK

Attractive, college-educated DWF, 53, looking to share dinner, dancing, and hiking. Seeking SW/M, 40-50, who needs to relax and enjoy life. 4226

ROMANTIC REALIST

Attractive, intelligent, educated, active, fun-loving SWF, 40, seeks tall, fit, fun-loving, successful, but playful SW/M, 40-50, NS, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. 4339

DESIRABLE, HAPPY, HOPEFUL

Assessable, professional, SWF, 45, 5'5", 112lbs, blonde/brn, seeks tall, fit, fun-loving, successful, but playful SW/M, 40-50, NS, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. 4339

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Beautiful, intelligent SWF, enjoys fun, trips, dining out, quiet/romantic evenings at home. Seeking male, 48-61, 5'8", financially/emotionally secure, for possible LTR. 3690

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Duo on the road to success

Steven and Abha Dearing never dreamed there would be so many small details involved with producing their own CD.

Their excitement built steadily as they talked about the endeavor recently. Sitting side by side, the husband and wife duo seemed in complete harmony except for the few times when their enthusiasm got the better of them and they stepped on each other's sentences. Then one of them would gently nudge the other and they were back in sync.

The intense conversation was the exact opposite of the mellow guitar and flute selections on "Take One." The CD is easy listening music, the kind that makes you want to close your eyes and lay back.

If you'd like to hear their music live before purchasing the CD at Border's in Birmingham, Off The Record and Repeat The Beat in Royal Oak or Harmony House Classical in Ferndale, catch the Plymouth duo at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs Wednesday, July 21 or Friday, July 23. The Dearing's will be joined by dozens of other entertainers in different areas throughout the three fairs.

"There were so many things we didn't anticipate, securing copyright permission and a bar code," said Steven. "Just when we thought we were done, another thing would come up." The Dearing's choice of a photographer to shoot the image for the cover was easy. They chose Jim Steele, the same Detroit "photographer who took their wedding pictures a year ago in April." Their neighbor across the street, Nikki Lorence, did the graphic design.

Steven, a classical guitarist, and Abha, a flutist, stepped into a Cleveland studio to record the mix of repertoire from Ravel and Bizet to Latin selections, and an original composition by Wayne State University professor James Lentini certain they were ready, at least musically. For Abha, the returns from producing their first CD were many.

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Portrait of Success

Hard work pays off for local artists

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Never mind the heat and crowds. Local artists Carole Berhorst, Tom LeGault, Elizabeth Lurie, and Alan Gibson can't wait for the Ann Arbor Art Fairs July 21-24. They all make their living selling art works and most earn a major portion of their annual income at the Ann Arbor fairs.

Actually three fairs in one—the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, State Street Area Art Fair and Summer Art Fair are expected to attract more than 500,000 visitors.

Berhorst, a Bloomfield Hills potter who will stock booth C227 in the Summer Art Fair with functional stoneware, is happy she won't have to get up at 6 a.m. to greet those crowds. This year, the fairs will open an hour later. For Berhorst and the nearly 1,100 participating artists the fairs are an emotionally and physically exhausting ordeal. Until the time change this year, artists put in three 12-hour days and a nine-hour Saturday. Still, there's mixed reaction from the artists about the fair not opening until 10 a.m. A marketing survey being done by Michigan State University professor Ed Mahoney will poll artists, along with patrons, business owners and the community, about their criteria for a "good fair." Organizers will then take the data, including figures on its economic impact on the city, and use it as a guide to improve the fairs over the next few years.

"Your first reaction as an artist when you think of doing the Ann Arbor fairs is—it's grueling, the heat and the crowds, but you're in the Ann Arbor Art Fairs," said Berhorst, who

will do 12 to 15 shows this year including Art in the Park in Birmingham and Art on the Village Green in Franklin in September. "The spirit of it is very special and the historic aspect. The crowds will be there in the heat and rain. I was at Art in the Park in Plymouth last week and a woman wanted to buy a bowl but she wanted to wait till Ann Arbor. In Ann Arbor, there's a mystique."

Berhorst should know. She's been exhibiting in the Summer Art Fair in Ann Arbor for 10 of her 20 years as a potter.

"It's a lucrative show," said Berhorst. "You meet incredibly wonderful artists and patrons. The dedication of the patrons is remarkable."

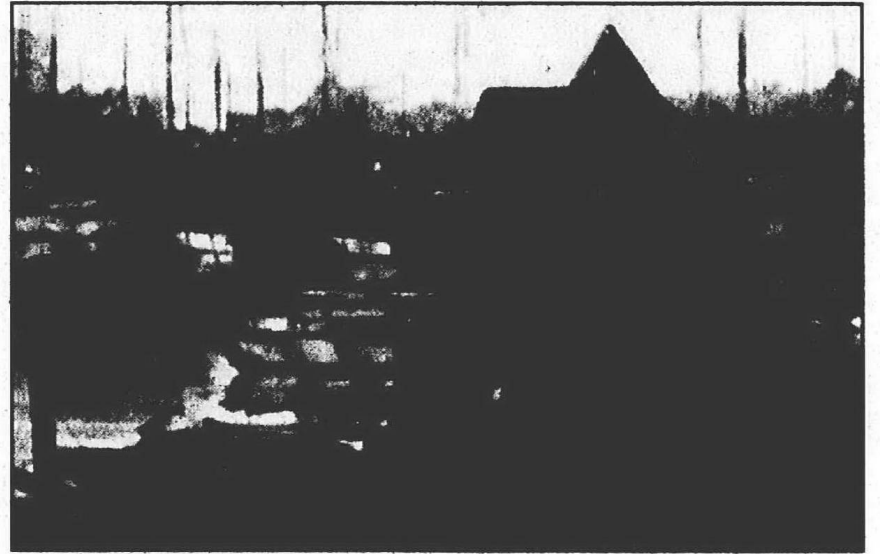
New direction

Tom LeGault began exhibiting in the Summer Art Fair in the early 1970s. After almost 29 years of painting full-time, LeGault is moving in a new direction with the work he'll bring to booth D416 in the Summer Art Fair. Visitors to the corner of Main St. and Liberty will be able to watch as he creates the broad stroke, Impressionist-like boat scenes with a palette knife.

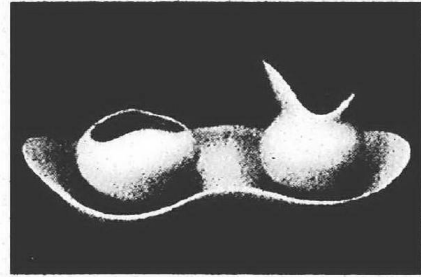
"Ann Arbor is a marathon," said LeGault, who paints nonstop during the fair. "There's so much prepping. People say why don't you just paint all winter long but that doesn't work because you don't know what's going to sell. If it's really hot, they want cooler colors."

Part of LeGault's Ann Arbor sales are due to out-of-town buyers. It's not often that art lovers have 26 city blocks of works from which to choose.

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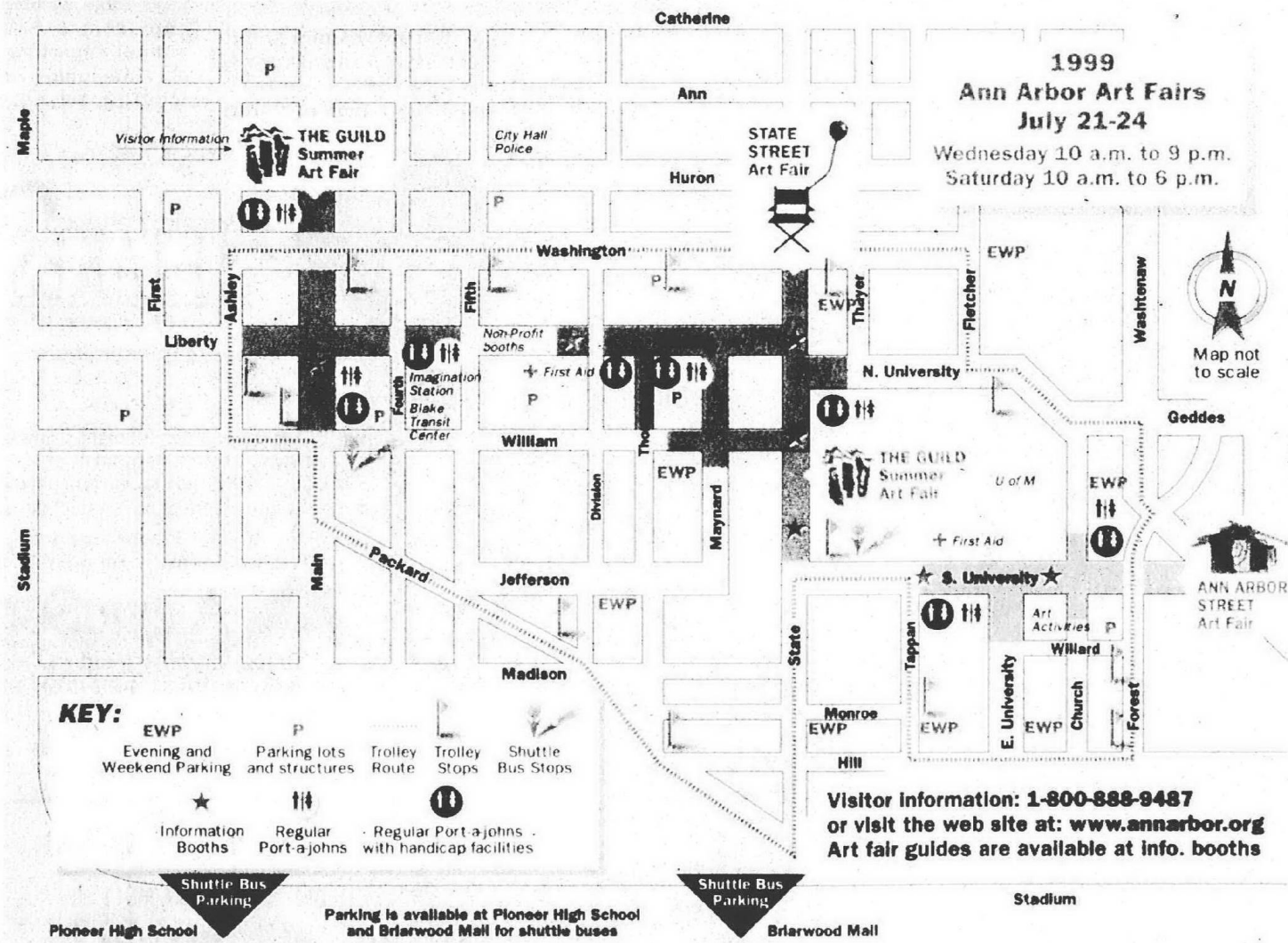
New paintings: (Above) Tom LeGault brings his Impressionistic boat scenes to the corner of Main St. and Liberty in Ann Arbor. This sculptural bowl by Alan Gibson (top photo) is among the dozens of sculptural wall pieces, clocks, candlesticks and other wares he's offering for sale in Ann Arbor.



Lyrical lines: Elizabeth Lurie created this porcelain creamer and sugar with tray for the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair.



Functional wares: This contemporary canister set is from one of the six stoneware series crafted by Carole Berhorst.



Ann Arbor Art Fairs
What: Nearly 1,100 artists take to the streets of Ann Arbor to display their wares. Continuous entertainment on stages throughout downtown Ann Arbor. Free children and adult art activity areas. For visitor information, call (800) 888-9487 or visit the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau Web site www.annarbor.org
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Where: Downtown Ann Arbor.
Transportation: Fairgoers are encouraged to park at Briarwood Mall (off I-94 at State St.) or Pioneer High School (Main and Stadium) and take the shuttle bus to the fairs. Shuttle bus fare, \$2 adults (\$1 each way), no charge for children age 7 and under.
Trolley rides between the three fairs cost 50 cents, shuttle bus passengers ride free. Shuttle buses and trolleys will run 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, and until 7 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (313) 996-0400 or <http://theide.org> on the Web.
Related Activities: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State St., offers activities for all ages. The focus is on Gna Ferrari's installation of nearly 900 plaster piglets and snakes. See the Southfield artist's "Garden," listen to stories or create origami (Japanese paper folding) in the shape of animals. Call (313) 764-0395 for information.

ANN ARBOR ART FAIRS: A phenomenon of art, business, diversity

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A few days before the arrival of the relentless tidal wave of sweaty bodies and persnickety perusers of art who could fill Michigan Stadium five times over, and Shary Brown is resting comfortably. There isn't a semblance of panic about the half-million people about to invade the downtown Ann Arbor streets as part of the sprawling carnival known as the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

Time for details? If it's not done by now, forget it. With the arrival of 1,100 artists, barriers in place for crowd control and local businesses stocking provisions as if preparing for war, a sense of fate—and perspective—has settled in.

"The weather is one of those many things that's a concern, but that I can't control," said Brown, execu-

tive director of the Ann Arbor Street Fair, which, along with the State Street Area Art Fair, and The Guild's Summer Art Fair make up the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

The four-day extravaganza of fine art and crafts draws heavily from people living in Oakland and western Wayne counties. Many organizers of local arts festivals also travel westward to study how the Ann Arbor Art Fairs have become among the most successful in the country. All three art fairs are ranked among the top 15 in a 1998 national survey conducted by Sunshine Artist magazine. (The Wyandotte Street Art Fair is ranked second.)

"I go every year to talk to the artists and get their feedback about what works and doesn't work for them," said Janet Torno, executive director of the

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Countdown: Cynthia Shevel, (left), and Maggie Ladd, members of the South University Business Association, discuss plans for the upcoming week with Peg Caldwell and Shary Brown of the Ann Arbor Street Fair.

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"A lot of people work their entire vacations around that show," said the Plymouth painter. "They're specifically in Ann Arbor for the fairs. These are die-hard shoppers, and lots of galleries seeking work."

Pluses and minuses

LeGault "couldn't do an Ann Arbor every week," he said. "It's physically exhausting. But from a creative standpoint, you begin to move into a whole new realm. The accumulation of hours at that intensity, you become very rhythmic. While your body fatigues, you're freeing up, it's more energizing."

LeGault will do 25 shows this year in addition to Ann Arbor.

"Because it draws the largest volume of people, a lot of artists use Ann Arbor as a showcase," said LeGault. "Ann Arbor generates a good part of my income for the year but it spins off as well. So during Ann Arbor I'm passing out schedules of smaller shows. It takes two days to walk Ann Arbor so they might not be able to make a decision. I think

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Artist

the artists who don't stay in the state to do the smaller shows are missing the boat. Michigan is such a beautiful area. Ann Arbor is like planting seeds that will yield later."

Porcelain treasures

After 25 years of working in clay, Elizabeth Lurie selects only major exhibiting opportunities such as Ann Arbor and the Philadelphia Museum Craft Show to display her hand-crafted porcelain wares. The Farmington Hills ceramist is looking forward to displaying her works in booth 51 of the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair because of the following the fairs have built up over the years.

This is the fifth time Lurie's exhibited in the oldest of the three Ann Arbor fairs. Now celebrating its 40th anniversary, the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair has come a long way since 1960 when artists displayed their two-dimensional works on clotheslines strung between parking meters, and three-dimensional works in sandboxes. Back then, the fair was called "An Experiment in Arts & Crafts."

"I only want to do the best shows because they take a lot of energy," said Lurie. "Ann Arbor is the only outdoor show I do. People wait all year for the fair. You can almost be assured, you'll sell well. There's no way

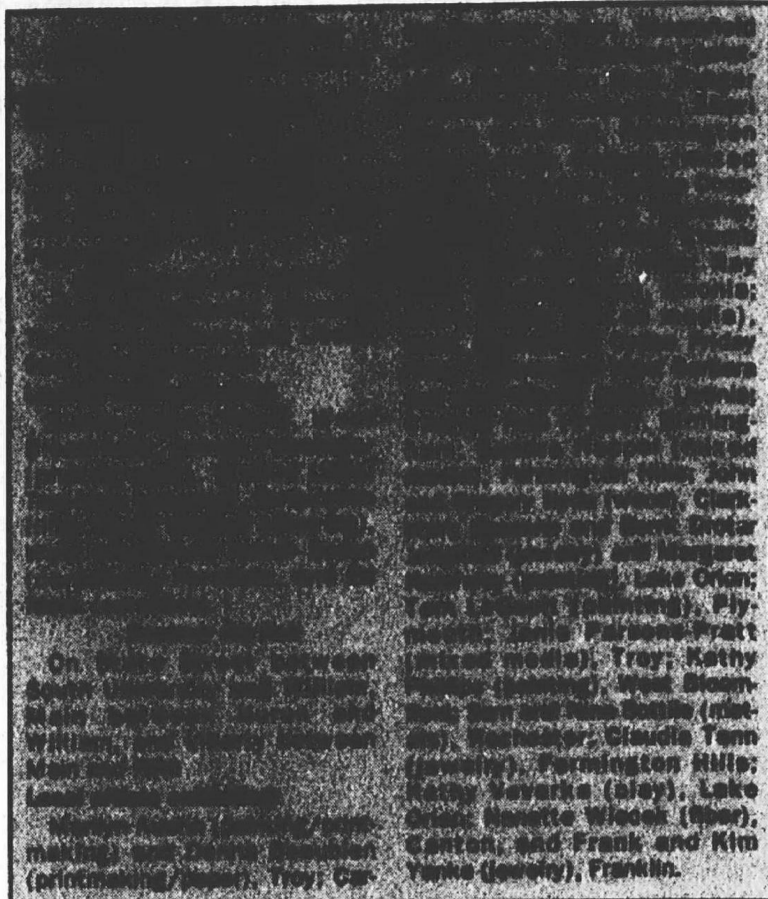
I'd put myself through four punishing days in the heat, otherwise."

Lurie's advice to visitors concerned about contending with the heat, crowds, congestion, and parking — "Come early. Get up early and don't have breakfast. Drive here, find a place to park and go have breakfast before you do the fair."

A seller's market

Alan Gibson first began exhibiting clay with his mother Barbara Gibson more than 15 years ago in Ann Arbor. She's since switched from crafting art to recording music, but Alan still does sculptural ceramics. The Livonia ceramist will sell his wall pieces, clocks, candleholders, and bowls in booth D412 of the Summer Art Fair.

"The sheer volume of quality artists and the sheer volume of people is why I continue to do Ann Arbor," said Gibson. "If you don't do well in Ann Arbor, you need to find another job."



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Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, sponsors of the annual spring art festival in Birmingham's Shain Park.

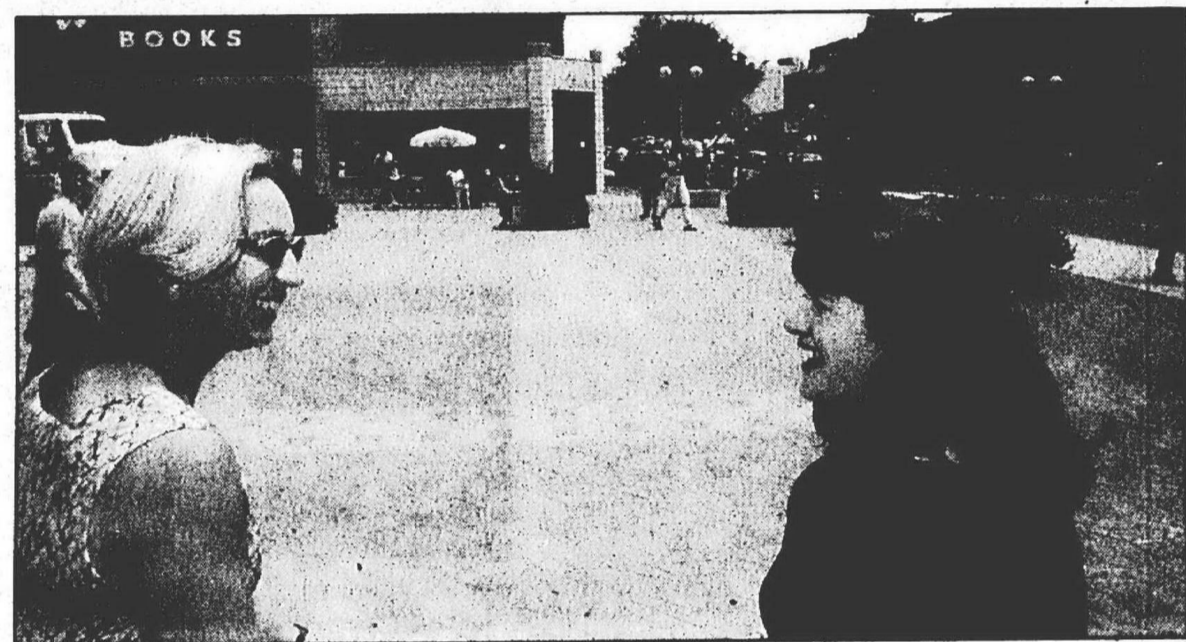
Two years ago, the BBAC extended its art fair to Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham so artists' booths could be closer to businesses and along the path of retail shoppers. The revamped art fair didn't catch on. But Torno said she learned that for an art fair to expand into a business district, there must be broad support from merchants.

That may be an understatement.

Just look at the evolution of the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, which began 40 years ago when the South University Area Association was looking for a way to increase pedestrian traffic through their business district.

Back then, artists didn't congregate in a community of canvas booths. They hung their work on clothes lines, and the notion of "Go Blue" had more to do with design than sports lingo.

Opening the floodgates



Looking ahead: Executive Director of the Ann Arbor Street Fair, Shary Brown, (left), sits with Maggie Ladd, president of the South University Business Association, along the soon-to-be-transformed University Street.

When the floodgates open Wednesday, Brown and her legions of volunteers — armed with cell phones, sunscreen and

first-aid kits — will be patrolling Ann Arbor's south campus streets, doing anything and everything from serving as

a triage unit for visitors suffering from heat exhaustion to mopping up spills.

Despite the spirit of volun-

teerism, there's nothing simply patched together about the art fairs. While the Street Fair began in 1960 and the three fairs were first held together nine years later, it wasn't until the late 1980s that the festival became recognized as a cultural phenomenon that requires military-like planning.

Perhaps only in a "progressive" university town like Ann Arbor, where alternative lifestyles are commonplace, could streets filled with displays of art, strolling musicians and vendors take over a city.

"The art fairs are a symbol of the kind of diversity in Ann Arbor," said Ann Arbor Mayor Ingrid Sheldon, who established an on-going steering committee made up of people from local government, business, art organizations and the university to continually plan for and evaluate the art fairs.

The "symbol of diversity" also pays huge dividends. Estimates run from a \$38-\$50 million annual impact on the local economy, including money spent on lodging, parking, dining and

retail purchases.

"The big pay off is when people come back to Ann Arbor at the holidays because of what they saw during the summer art fairs," said Cynthia Shevel, owner of Middle Earth, a legendary gift store in downtown Ann Arbor.

That's a feeling shared by Lorraine Platman of Sweet Lorraine's Cafe and Bar, in the Kerrytown area. Platman of Bloomfield Township, who also owns Sweet Lorraine's in Southfield, typically orders twice the amount of food.

"Usually, things slow down after lunch, but during the fair, it's a constant flow of people," she said.

On Friday and Saturday — usually the busiest days — the flow, some contend, becomes a ragging river.

How big is too big?

"Sure, people might not come because it's gotten so big, but it's up to the organizers to market the fair in a new and different way," said Ann Arbor Mayor Sheldon.

The crushing crowds are a "desirable problem," said Larry Oliverson, president of the National Association of Independent Artists, which ranked the fair run by The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans as the second best in terms of sales for artists.

"Artists like the direct contact with customers," he said. "Many of our (600) members also exhibit in galleries, but come to Ann Arbor because it's a better environment to sell their work."

This year, a comprehensive survey of artists, visitors, local business and the community at-large has been commissioned. The market study will be conducted by Ed Mahoney, a professor at Michigan State University.

"We'll compare the three fairs and figure out what each constituency values," said Brown, executive director of the Ann Arbor Street Fair.

"We might confirm what we do well, or we might realize that we're misunderstanding what people want. Hopefully, we'll find out how to better use our resources."

Although the nonprofit Ann Arbor Street Fair has proven to be financially self-sufficient, Brown expects to add sponsors in the future.

But for now, a few days before the art fairs begin, a siege mentality takes hold.

"There's no time to think," said Maggie Ladd, president of the South University Business Association, home to the Ann Arbor Street Fair.

"We began preparing in January, and this week, there's nothing you can do but react."



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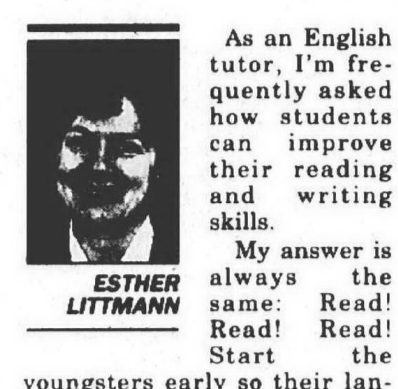
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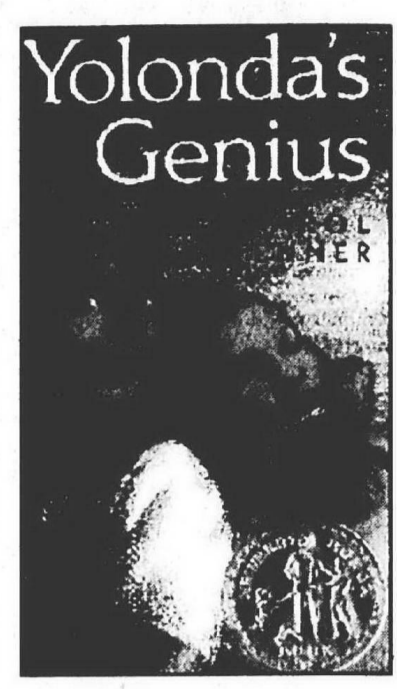


ESTHER LITTMANN

As an English tutor, I'm frequently asked how students can improve their reading and writing skills. My answer is always the same: Read! Read! Read!

youngsters early so their language skills can grow right along with them. Here are four books that are sure to entice the middle-school set. Suspenseful plots are combined with sympathetic characters and seasoned with a dash of local Michigan color.

From the start, the character of eleven-year-old Yolanda in "Yolanda's Genius" commands attention (Aladdin Paperbacks, 1997, \$4.50). She's smart, big, and equipped to take care of herself, whether on the city streets of Chicago or on the school playground of a not-so-sleepy Michigan town.



Yolanda's Genius

Called a genius by her classmate Shirley, Yolanda knows better. Genius describes her little brother Andrew, who can barely read but creates wonderful new voices on his harmonica. She's determined to find him a teacher worthy of his talent. Joining maturity and cunning to her own flair for planning, Yolanda accomplishes what most girls only dream about.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

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Girls are encouraged to bring their own poetry or a favorite from another author. Wednesday, July 21, The Satin Dolls will perform oldies ('40s, '50s, '60s) at 8 p.m. at the store, Novi Town Center, 43075 Crestwood Blvd., Novi. (248) 347-0780.

Leon Schoichit displays his watercolors through July 31 in the Borders Cafe; Ruth Bergman discusses "Women's Voices, Women's Prayers" during the Rosh Hodesh Series, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 18; Great Train Escapes is the topic of the travel discussion group, 7 p.m. Monday, July 19, at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110

BOOK SIGNINGS

Farmington Observer reporter and Livonia resident Tim Smith will sign copies of his new book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!" at 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 396 John R Road, Troy. Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-5450.

BARNES AND NOBLE (BLOOMFIELD HILLS)

Great Books of the Century Reading Group will discuss "Valley of the Dolls" and the events of the '60s on Sunday, July 18 at 1 p.m. at the store, 6575 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 540-4209.

BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS)

"Xpiles Phorum: Discussion Group for the X-Files," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20; Rabbi Aaron Bergman from Congregation Beth Abraham Hillel Moses holds a memorial for Shel Silverstein, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22. Monday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. the Four Seasons romance reading group will discuss "Into the Sunset" by Shelly Thacker. The Friday night (July 23, 8 p.m.) music features Judy Krueger's country/folk repertoire at the store, 11221 Chester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 52-0558.

BORDERS (ARBORLAND)

"Fight Club IV," a short story writing workshop geared for 14-20 people, 4 p.m. Thursdays; Acoustic guitarist Dave Boutette plays cajun and blues music, 2 p.m. Sunday, July 18; Ernest Hemingway's 100th Birthday Celebration, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 21; Pandora's Puppets presents "Take a Look in a Book," 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at the store, 3527 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 677-6948.

BORDERS (AUBURN HILLS)

Wednesday, July 21, 7 p.m. a writers group will be held for tips and support from fellow writers. Friday night's music is Sheila Landis Trio (jazz and blues) at the store, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. (248) 335-5013

BORDERS (DEARBORN)

A book signing and discussion of author Jean Madden Pitrone's life of Martha Raye. "Take it from a Big Mouth" will be held Monday, July 26 at 7 p.m. at the store, 5601 Mercury Dr., at Ford Road, Dearborn. (313) 271-4441.

BORDERS (NOVI)

American Girls Club open microphone poetry reading Tuesday, July 20 at 7 pm. (ages 7 to 12).

BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)

Waldenbooks (Southgate) Laura Van Wormer, 7 p.m. Monday, July 19, at the store, 13667 Eureka Road, Southgate. (734) 282-4197.

Kids can play Pokeman trade game at Borders

(PRNewswire) - Eight-year-old Andrew contemplates his next move. Will he attack his opponent's Pokemon or use his Evolution card to make his own Pokemon stronger? Welcome to the world of Pokemon Trading Card Game Events.

comic books and an assortment of toys. The Pokemon trading card game debuted in January 1999. The goal of the trading game is to collect, trade, train and battle various monsters in an effort to become the world's greatest Pokemon trainer.

This wildly popular trading game will be played at Borders Books and Music stores during the weeks of July 19, July 26 and Aug. 2. Pokemon, which began as a children's television program, has expanded to include the Game Boy cartridge games, the Pokemon trading card game,

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CONCERT TODAY

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department kicks off a family entertainment series today at 7 p.m. at Greenmead Historical Village, 20501 Newburgh, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Admission is free.

Geri Green, a Livonia resident, sings her upbeat music, including traditional songs, Broadway and movie hits, and swing tunes from the '30s and '40s. Geri, whose songs are aimed at the young and young at heart, underscores her performances with subtle messages that every person is valuable. Her songs also use love and laughter to enhance self-esteem.

The Family Concert Series continues Aug. 1 with the Music Lady at Wilson Barn, Middlebelt and West Chicago, Livonia. On Aug. 15, Ron Coden, formerly of Hot Fudge, takes to the stage in Civic Center Park, Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia.

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. In case of rain, the show goes on in the Livonia City Hall Auditorium, Five Mile Road, east of Farmington. For more information about the series, call (734) 466-2412.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

The Livonia Arts Commission showcases the works of artists in three venues this month.



Family Concert Series: Geri Green and her puppet Pepsi sing songs for the young and young at heart.

Canton artist Jim Isakson displays his pointillist painting through July 20 in the lobby of Livonia City Hall, Civic Center Drive off Five Mile, east of Farmington. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Joan Painter Jones takes over the Fine Arts Gallery on the second

floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington through July 31.

Next door to Painter Jones's show in the circular showcases and on the first floor of the library are two- and three-dimensional works by members of the Livonia Woodcarvers Club. The exhibits, continuing through July 27, are a preview of the items the woodcarvers will present during their large-scale show 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-8 at Eddie Edgar Sports Arena 33841 Lyndon at Farmington Road, Livonia.

More than 100 carvers from the U.S. and Canada will display their work and complete for ribbons. Admission is \$1, \$2 per family. For more information, call (734) 421-8310.

MANDALA DRAWING WORKSHOP

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering a mandala drawing workshop 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 22 at the Joanne Winklemulder Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

The cost is \$35. To register, call (734) 416-4ART.

The mandala, or circle, is the ancient symbol of the cosmos, and has been used as a healing tool for thousands of years. Drawing within a circle format has a calming, meditative, and centering effect. Mandalas can

be drawn and reflected upon in a journal, and used to resolve conflicts and gain insight by contemplating the meaning. The well-known psychiatrist Carl Jung spent time making mandalas during a difficult period in his life.

The workshop's instructor is an art therapist and will demonstrate that creating this kind of art is an enjoyable and relaxing activity. Previous art experience not required.

FAMILY CONCERT

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents a concert for kids by Julie Austin and David Mosher at noon Wednesday, July 24 at Kellogg Park, Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Austin and Mosher will perform songs from her recently released CD, "Fandagumbo." All songs are interactive with audiences dancing, moving, singing or using gestures or sign language.

Austin, an Ann Arbor resident, is well known as a solo performer and as one of the SongSisters who played together from 1986 to 1996. SongSisters made five children's recordings which



Skunk Lullaby: Julie Austin and David Mosher sing songs for children at Music in the Park in Plymouth. "Skunk Lullaby" is from Austin's CD "Fandagumbo."

won honors including a national Parent's Choice Award. Austin, who has degrees in musical performance and early childhood, travels nationally for the Wolftrap Institute and the HighScope Foundation doing residency programs, concerts, workshops and training for preschool teachers, parents and children.

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

CLASSES FOR PIANO TEACHERS

Private piano teachers can add

to their skill base through Schoolcraft College classes that are part of the Piano Teachers' Certificate Program.

Classes offered this fall include Piano Teaching Techniques and Materials, which focuses on building and maintaining a professional piano studio; and Piano Teachers' Repertoire, which examines outstanding teaching material from the intermediate repertoire.

Both classes may be taken for credit or audited as an extended workshop. For information, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5218.

Musician helps bands 'record' their heritage

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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When Ara Topouzian was in school he played a cornet. He figured playing in the band was just something he'd do until he graduated. But he hadn't figured on falling in love with the music of his Armenian heritage.

He had gone to ethnic conventions and festivals with his parents and his older brother played the oud (similar to a lute), but it was the sound of a 75-string zither-like instrument called a kanun that drew him to become a professional musician.

"That was an instrument I loved and it was not common in Armenian music, more common in Middle Eastern, belly dance music," he said. "The sound is just such a beautiful sound, I fell in love with it."

Topouzian of Bloomfield Hills taught himself to play and began to make the usual rounds of weddings and church affairs. But he found that he had to

record to get his name known. That led to the formation of American Recording Productions in Farmington Hills.

The company's first project was finding some old 78s of Armenian music, cleaning up the sound and recording on cassettes. Today, the company records five new albums a year.

"I did it out of necessity. I was playing in a band and I needed recordings to sell," Topouzian said. "I was going to school, not thinking of making this a career."

One of the company's first projects was "For the Children of Armenia," recorded as a benefit for a pre-natal clinic in Armenia, which raised \$20,000 for the cause.

Since the founding the recording company, interest in world music has exploded.

"World music has been revived," Topouzian said. "It was dead in the '80s. You saw Irish, Spanish, German, but not Middle Eastern or Armenian. Now

music from Greece, Persia, all very popular. The market is getting saturated."

The recent Gypsy Caravan, which made a stop at Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium, featured Eastern European music related to the Middle Eastern and Armenian music recorded by Topouzian. The tour drew a lot of publicity.

Topouzian said he isn't interested in recording the best known names in the music, but those who play the regular wedding and festival circuit.

"I've made it a point to record friends, talented Armenian and Middle Eastern musicians that haven't been heard. I want to go after the music that isn't as well known."

His most recent project is "Cafe Makam," a recording of Middle Eastern belly dance music. ARP records are available at Tower and other major record stores. The company also has a Web site at www.arpmusic.com

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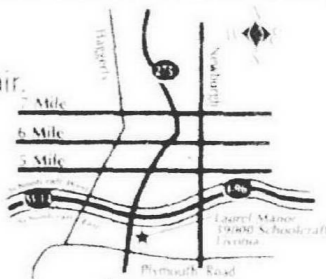
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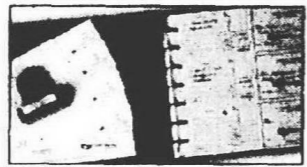
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Sometimes, those extra pounds are a good thing

BEAUTY AND THE BEST



JEFFREY BRUCE

Skin talks. It's your telephone to the world. It shouts your reactions to whatever you are thinking, feeling, or doing. You can hide nothing from your skin.

Frightened? Watch the hair follicles broadcast the fact by rising to attention.

Nervous? That attractive sweat line on your upper lip tells all.

Embarrassed? Blushing proclaims the big news.

Cold? Those goose bumps popping out of your skin scream it out to the world.

As far as the larger woman is concerned, however, she is ahead of others in the skin game.

True, heavier women cannot compete with those wasp-waisted women, but who would want to? The good news is you can win in the face department. Those extra pounds really create a miracle. Look at the face of a middle-aged woman.

First look at a few social x-rays, ladies who lunch...and eat nothing! Then check out the woman at the next table who is REALLY enjoying her lunch.

Her face might be a tad fuller, but she is practically line free.

Then do a comparison of the hands. Thinner than Thou hands are bursting with veins. But Miss Normal is practically vein-free. Why? Plumpness adds a tad of left to the hands and conceals the veins.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SKIN PROBLEM FOR LARGE WOMEN?

Without question it's intertrigo, or, in common parlance, chafing. The heavier the woman, the more skin folds she has. The solution? Dry yourself very carefully after bathing.

Also, heavier women tend to wear old-fashioned undergarments. NEVER wear them to bed since occlusive garments don't allow the skin to breathe and contribute to the problem. Think of yourself as a baby with a diaper rash. Try to expose as much of your skin to the fresh air as possible.

DOES EATING CHOCOLATE OR FATTY FOODS CREATE SKIN PROBLEMS?

Over the years, I've encountered many heavier people who live on these foods, and they have perfect complexions.

Pimples are certainly not the exclusive property of avid consumers of fatty foods. Check out a teenager.

WHAT DOES YO-YO DIETING DO TO THE SKIN?

When you are a kid, not much at all. But face it, most of you who are reading my column are not kids. As you age, the skin loses elasticity, which is why skin has more of a tendency to "hang." Pretty thought, isn't it?

My advice: Simply decide what weight you can realistically maintain and stick to it. DO NOT say you have to lose 10 pounds in 2 weeks. That is both unrealistic and unhealthy.

DO SKIN SPECIALTY SALONS REALLY HELP THE SKIN?

You know the answer to that question. No!

If you have blackheads and want them ejected in a sanitary environment, then, of course, a salon has "made you look better" and improved the skin. But the only thing that can give you great skin is great genetics!

Now let's get down to beauty basics. When it comes to skin care, whatever is good for a thin woman is also good for a heavier woman, with one important exception. Heavier women tend to perspire more because their body temperatures are higher. So it's not a good idea to use a lot of oils, creams and heavy makeup. They clog your pores. Obstructive face products are also not good for heavier women. Use good judgment and common sense.

JEFFREY BRUCE will be performing personal makeovers at the Hotel Baronette in Novi. The only week available for the rest of the year is in October. All other dates are completely sold out. The minimum purchase at the clinic is \$125. Please call 1-800-944-6588 for further information. You may e-mail Jeffrey at jubb@worldnet.att.net



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Satin splendor: Carolina Herrera's A-line ball gowns played with color. The designer not only used unusual colors but also challenged our notions about colors that go together by combining, for example, bright true red with rich chocolate brown.

Carolina Herrera's high style for fall conceals drama in subtle elegance

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Dramatic and luxurious details, from oversized fur collars and skinny sequined belts to side pockets on ball skirts, punctuated the fall 1999 clothing collection of Carolina Herrera.

The Venezuela-born designer's latest

pieces were presented Tuesday by Saks Fifth Avenue at the Detroit Institute of the Arts in a museum benefit.

One attendee of about 300 who packed into the DIA's Rivera Court said "the clothing didn't have flare," but Herrera's designs, known for their elegance and simplicity, made subtle, rather than eye-popping

statements during the event, one of the first major fall fashion shows in the Detroit area.

Upcoming local shows include Hudson's Fash Bash on Aug. 11 at the Fox Theatre and the Mode du Concours luncheon fashion show on July 30 at Meadow Brook Hall. Held in conjunction with the Concours d'Elegance car show, the latter event

will feature Ellen Tracy's fall 1999 collection.

If the Herrera show foreshadows things to come, silhouettes at the neck will be important in the fall. Herrera's collection showed funnel neck tops, a portrait neck leather dress, sweaters and tunics with fur collars and several fur wraps at the neck, some reminiscent of the style of Argentina's famous former first lady, Evita Peron.

Cheryl Hall Lindsay, regional director of fashion and special events for Saks Fifth Avenue, fingered Herrera's jackets, fitted close at the waist and bodice, as an emerging fall trend.

"That kind of close fitting jacket - we haven't seen that much of, but I think we're going to see more of it," she said.

While Herrera's jackets hugged the body and created a very feminine silhouette. "They were very fitted without being too constricting," said Amanda Turner, fashion manager at the Somerset Collection.

Lindsay also pinpointed Herrera's A-line ball gown skirts as a fresh trend. "It looks new to me," she said. "Classic, but not so full and gathered." Side pockets on Herrera's ball gown skirts, however, impressed Lindsay as both a practical and sporty feature.

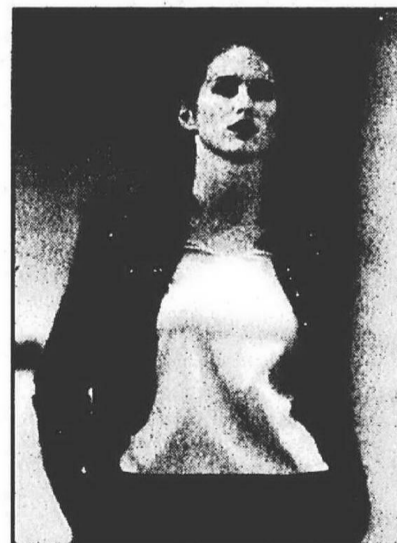
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Close lines: Herrera paired a fitted, butterscotch leather jacket with a camel alpaca knee-length skirt.



Fur drama: Fur trim and wraps of fox and mink added drama to tunics, jackets and sweaters.



Sequin splendor: Sequins accented evening and formal wear in familiar and unusual ways.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: *Malls & Mainstreets*, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1814. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

MONDAY, JULY 19

YEONLEE TRUNK SHOW

View the Fall 1999 trunk show of American designer YEONLEE at Lynn Portnoy Women's Clothier in Southfield through July 20. Noon-8 p.m., Monday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday. For information, call (248) 353-2900.

TUESDAY, JULY 20

CHANEL SHOW

View Chanel's special order collection for Fall 1999 at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through July 21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Chanel Boutique, second floor.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

THEATER SERIES FOR KIDS

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Oakland Mall in Troy presents Snow White as part of the center's Giggle Gang summer theater series for children, 1 and 6 p.m., center court. For more information, call (248) 585-6000, ext. 4.

THURSDAY, JULY 22

JAZZ FEST

Free concerts and jazz performances come to Birmingham's Shain Park and fine restaurants during the seventh annual Jazz Fest through July 24. Call the Jazz Fest hotline, (248) 433-FEST, for a performance schedule and other information.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Escapades in Franklin celebrates Christmas in July with savings on select gift items and Hollylujah dinnerware through July 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For information, call (248) 855-5856.

CHRIS KOLE GOWN SHOW

Roz & Sherm in Bloomfield Hills hosts the Fall 1999

trunk show of Chris Kole's gowns with a designer representative through July 24, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Thursday, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

FRIDAY, JULY 23

TOMMY HILFIGER APPEARANCE & SHOW

Meet designer Tommy Hilfiger and MTV's House of Style host and supermodel Rebecca Romijn-Stamos at Hudson's at Oakland Mall in Troy. Autograph signings follow a fashion show at 1 p.m., Hudson's mall entrance.

SUNDAY, JULY 25

SUMMER STORYTIME

Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills hosts storyteller Judy Sjma for a children's event that combines folk, traditional and modern tales with humor, props, songs and audience participation, 11 a.m. For information, call (248) 737-0110.

GARDENING TALK

Adrian Bloom, acclaimed gardening author and president of Blooms of Bressingham Nursery in England signs books and answers gardening questions at English Gardens in Royal Oak, 1 p.m. For additional information, call (248)280-9500.

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"Luxury doesn't have to mean that you don't have utility. (In Herrera's collection) there was luxury mixed with utility, and that's a very rare combination," she said.

Another dramatic element - black feathers - came from Herrera on several evening pieces. A dress, skirt and jacket each were overlaid with black feathers but never evoked the ostentatious. Equally dramatic was a black cocktail dress dotted with black sequins and accents from a series of barely-there, sequined belts.

Herrera's classical formal wear also made interesting plays on color. Iridescent faille gowns came in unusual, almost identifiable, col-

ors. One was a rusty, terracotta rose. Another seemed plum one moment and cocoa the next.

Another set of gowns paired an icy sky blue with cappuccino and brilliant true red with rich chocolate brown. "Very understated," said Turner of the collection. "But what made it new was the colors that she put together, the mixing of colors. And, they were very unusual colors."

Herrera's sportier pieces fell more in line with notions of the millennium - sleek and simple lines - than her formal wear. Shiny leather rendered tailored jackets, a curve-hugging dress and a squared-off tunic downright aerodynam-

ic. Jackets were donned without tops and paired with easy-going, wide-leg trousers and comfortable over-the-knee skirts.

While many of Herrera's pieces bore simple lines, the clothing was still elegant and luxurious because of the quality of the fabrics, said both Lindsay and Turner. Moire and faille, both similar to taffeta, lots of mohair, alpaca and an abundance of cashmere were used by Herrera.

"Luxury of fabric and simplicity of cut - those are her trademarks," said Lindsay. "Overall, the collection was very understated. And, underneath the understated was the drama."

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- Boutonnieres are available at the Meijer store (in the household department) on Ford Road in Canton.

- Rocking chairs can be refinished at Heirloom Furniture Restoration, (810) 725-2657.

- A mastectomy products catalog is put out by J.C. Penney, (800) 222-6161.

- Rockford socks and patterns for sock monkeys are available through Jamonda's Press in Ann Arbor, (800) 223-7873 or (734) 994-6289.

- Quilt material that is not pre-quilted can be found at Mary Maxims (they have a catalog) in Port Huron, (810) 987-2000.

- Alexander Julian perfume is not longer manufactured, but can be purchased on the Internet at perfumeperfume.com, (561) 586-7125.

- A Mickey Mouse waffle iron can be bought at Kitchen Glamour in Novi.

- Rose Milk Skin lotion can be purchased by calling (800) 321-1834.

- We also found cabinets that open into dining room tables and additional WWII uniforms for the history teacher who would like to use them in her classroom.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A dinner plate with either "You Are

Special" or "Special Day" engraved on the rim for Jill.

- Huckleberry jam for Dolores.

- A person who does chair caning in their home (in the Livonia area) at a reasonable price.

- The game Password for Kay.

- A men's athletic-cut dress shirt (larger neck and smaller waist) for Jan.

- A twin bedspread pattern called Old Glory (it has an American flag motif) for Dale.

- A 1979 Wayne Memorial High School yearbook for Alberta.

- A beauty salon that performs computer imaging makeovers for Kathleen.

- Revlon Fine Line Natural brow pencil refills in "Light Brown" color for Lorraine.

- A Ziggy doll made in 1986 or 1987 that is dressed in a nightshirt and nightcap for Jim.

- A replacement glass carafe for a coffee server that tilts and has a place to light a candle underneath.

- A 1968 Clarkston High School yearbook for Gary.

- Thermo-Serve coffee mugs for Maggie.

- A large black plastic hook with adhesive backing for Gloria.

- Revlon Color-Lock eyelid shadow base for oily lids.

- A used "Little Tyke" Playhouse log cabin for backyard use and a Childcraft changing table in "Honey Oak" for Leslie.

- Ultima II lip liner in "Tawny" color for Carol.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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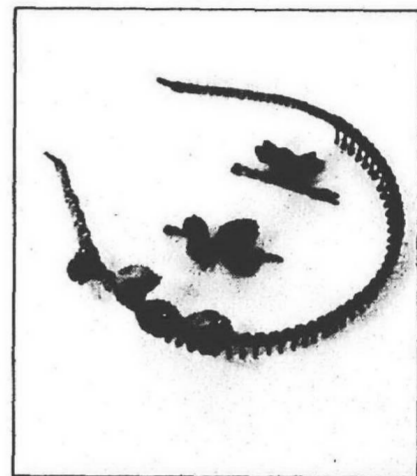
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Sip in style: Margaritas look even more enticing in when served with style. Smithereens' hand-painted set of margarita ware includes glasses, pitcher and pepper-shaped bottle of margarita mix concentrate and packages of festive-colored salt, \$8-59 at Jacobson's.

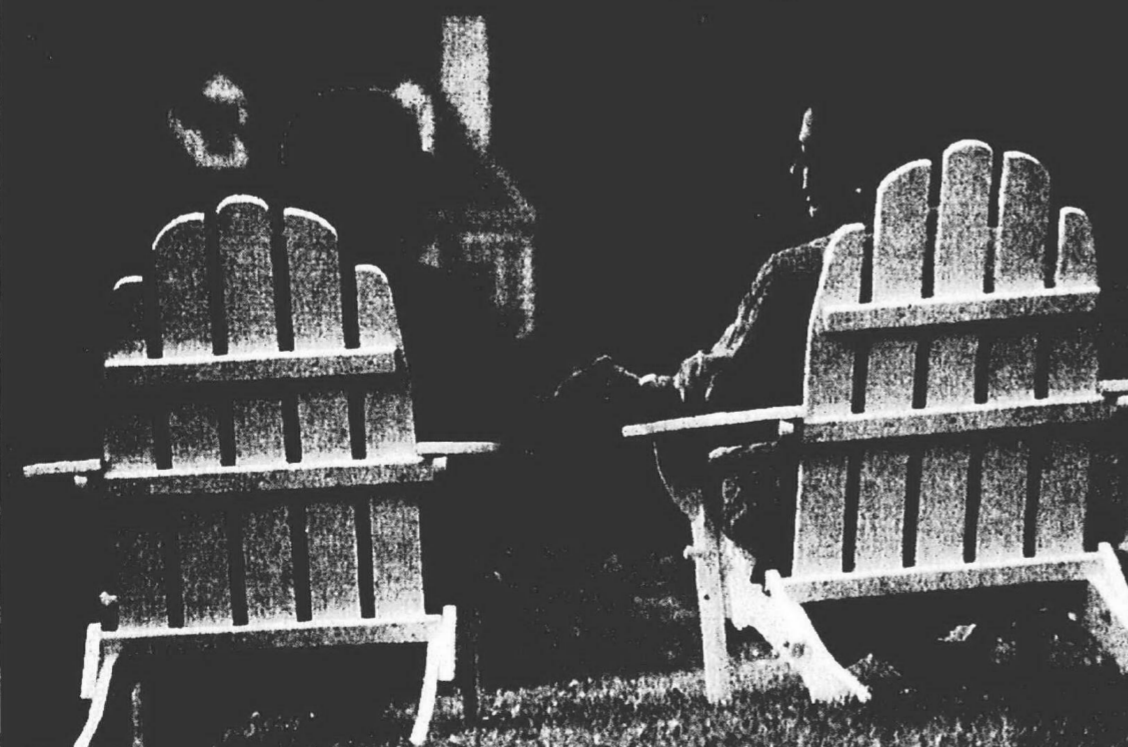


Alike, but different: Emporio Armani helps men and women share a common lifestyle while respecting the differences between the sexes with their recently released line of fragrances for him and her, \$38.50 for at Hudson's.



Rosy tresses: Keep your locks in tact with a headband adorned with china rosebuds, \$38, or bobby pin, \$20, at Jo' Lyn Fashions in downtown Rochester.

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9:00 am Youth Rhythmic Judging
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3:30 pm MTPA Antiques/Classic Tractor Pull

Tuesday, July 20

9:00 am Youth Horse & Pony Div. Horse Show
2:00 pm Youth Dairy Show
3:00 pm Youth Beef Show
4:30 pm PUP Tunes by April Gibson
5:00 pm WYCD 99.9 YOUNG COUNTRY Personality Appearance
6:30 pm Country Singers Bryan LaBaran and Kimberly Anne Accord
7:00 pm Youth Goat Show
8:00 pm 4x4 Truck Pull
8:30 pm Singing Group D-D & The Nolks

Wednesday, July 21

9:00 am Youth Horse & Pony Div. Horse Show
9:00 am Youth Rabbit, Cavy & Pocket Pige Show
3:00 pm Bike Safety, Van Buren Police
5:30 pm M.U.S.I.C. Children Entertainment
7:00 pm QLD TIME: Hall Diners Car & Motorcycle Stunt Show
8:00 pm Liquid & Electrifying poetry by REG ION

Thursday, July 22

9:00 am Youth Horse & Pony Div. Horse Show
9:30 am Master Stockman
5:00 pm TALENT SEARCH
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Friday, July 23

9:00 am Youth Horse & Pony Div. Horse Show
10:00 am PIG TRAIL
10:30 am Goat Milking Contest
3:00 pm Bike Safety, Van Buren Police
5:00 pm Country Singers Bryan LaBaran and Kimberly Anne Accord
6:00 pm WRIF Personality Appearance
6:30 pm Coloring Contest Results
7:00 pm TRUCK TO TRUCK RACE
7:00 pm MONSTER TRUCK RACING
8:00 pm KARAOKE

Saturday, July 24

9:00 am Open Horse Show
9:00 am Open Rabbit Show
10:00 am Chili Cook-off
1:00 pm Youth Pet Show
1:00 pm K-9 Demonstration, Van Buren Police
1:00 pm Budford Dancers
5:30 pm Classic Rock with PYRAMID
6:30 pm K-9 Demonstration, Van Buren Police
7:00 pm MONSTER TRUCK RACING
8:00 pm KARAOKE

Sunday, July 25

10:00 am Great Lakes Barrel Racing
Noon Detroit ROXNERS, Doree Callahan
1:00 pm Livestock & Equine Fair Awards
1:00 pm Dan Martin & Dave Bell, Christian Music
3:00 pm Broadway Show Tunes by April Gibson
5:30 pm Wayne County Fairs CUTEST BABY CONTEST Winner
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College alumni travel Spain

BY CORINNE ABATT
SPECIAL WRITER

Traditionally, college students make study trips abroad. Today, the alumni are following in their footsteps.

Our Miami University (Ohio) Alumni College in Spain in March was the first of more than 30 such groups scheduled to explore the history, economics and culture of Spain's Andalusia region this year. The Michigan State Alumni College will take place there in early August.

Our 22-member Miami group was paired with 18 Lehigh University alumni. This turned out to be a compatible combination of 50-and-older adults, all there to learn about the history, economics and culture of that area.

Travelers in each group quickly found common bonds — the quirks and charms of a professor they had had; in Miami's case, the demise of old Harrison Hall; rules and regulations, now passe; and half-forgotten college songs.

Home base was the four-year-old Hotel Ciudad in Ubeda (OO-be-da), population, 32,000, a four-hour drive south of Madrid. Both Miami and Lehigh were accompanied by a Spanish-speaking leader. In charge of the entire program in Spain was a charming 26-year-old graduate of the University of Granada, nicknamed Nani, who was proficient in English and adept in human relations.

Early buffet breakfast was followed by a lecture from one of two guest teachers, both of

whom live and work in Andalusia. Then we were off to visit the sites and see the activities they spoke about. This included the fine examples of Renaissance architecture in Ubeda and in the nearby towns of Carzola and Baeza as well as the better-known tourist meccas of Cordoba and Granada. On two evenings we attended live music and dance performances.

It was fascinating to see the many combinations of Moorish and Christian architecture. Nowhere is this more dramatically shown than in the Great Mosque of Cordoba, now the Holy Cathedral Church, covering 19 acres.

The earliest part of the mosque, dating from 785 A.D., was built over a Visigothic basilica. Additions to it were made in 848 and 961. The Christian kings installed a royal chapel within the mosque in the 13th century, and a cathedral was built inside in the 16th century. Even though the Christians removed 300 of the more than 1,000 marble pillars supporting the double arches, it is still a breath-taking monument to the building style of the Moors.

A well-maintained old Jewish quarter and the only synagogue remaining after the expulsion of the Jews in 1492 are both well worth a visit.

Granada, a beautiful city at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains, was the last stronghold of the Moors in Spain. The majestic Alhambra that they left behind was a com-

plete walled city. In addition to the palace and gardens of the rulers, there were fine homes for the more affluent within the walls.

We had to believe our guide when he told us that the Alhambra "is the most visited monument in all of Europe." Crowds notwithstanding, especially on Sunday when we were there, this is a breath-taking piece of history.

To the Moors with a desert heritage, green symbolizes paradise. Before the construction took place, they built an efficient system of canals to bring water from the mountains to the terraced gardens and into the living quarters of the palace. Shrubs and trees such as cypress and cedar are planted and pruned to form green walls and archways for outdoor rooms that flow one into another in seemingly endless and varying patterns, resplendent with fountains and pools.

March was too early to see much bloom in the extensive gardens, but I was there before in October when they were ablaze with color.

The Courtyard of the Lions, in the harem section of the palace, built in the 14th century, is considered one of the finest examples of Moorish architecture. The fountain in the center surrounded by 12 lions was given to the Moorish ruler by the Sephardic Jews as a sign of peace. When the Moors and the Jews left Spain in 1492, the Spanish "Reconquest" was complete.



Baeza: The figure in the fountain square in Baeza is the wife of Hannibal. She was a princess and is still considered one of the town's most illustrious inhabitants.

The oft-told story is that as King Boabdil and his mother departed from Granada after surrendering it to the Spanish, he cried. Watching him, she remarked, "Don't cry as a woman about what you could not defend as a man."

In addition to palaces, churches, Roman ruins and exciting history, Spain is filled with olive trees. Its 300 million olive trees make it the world's largest producer of olive oil. That and tourism are the mainstays of the economy.

Today, the advent of the Euro is creating a sort of boom economy. Our guest lecturer, Andrea

Pezzini, told us that Spaniards who have been hiding unreported money are spending it as fast as possible before it comes time to exchange their pesetas for Euros. "You will notice there are no cars older than four years," he commented matter-of-factly. And while there is no population growth in Ubeda, there's lots of housing construction to meet the demand for new residences.

A lively evening of discussion with three young couples from the area gave us insight on some of the problems facing this new generation. Among their concerns were: 17-percent or higher unemployment; the reluctance of

unemployed people to seek job training; discrimination against women in the job market in spite of government regulations to the contrary; and living conditions of migrant workers. Sound familiar?

Our common bonds stretched from our university groups to the Spanish people themselves in many ways. All of us came away richer for the interchanges.

Footnotes for travelers: Major highways are good and well-marked. Bottled water is readily available. Meals are well-balanced, attractively presented and NOT spicy. Supper time is 8:30 p.m. or later.

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Every summer, regular as the season's turn, residents of southeast Michigan head Up North for recreation, relaxation and inspiration.

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Tell us in 50-75 words about your favorite Up North place and if you have a photograph send it along for a travel story about Michigan's special paradise.

Send your stories and pictures to Keely Wygonik at the Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Or e-mail your comments to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

TV VISIT

DiscoverAmerica, a television series that takes viewers to destinations throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Europe, will feature the Blue Water Area of Michigan in an episode scheduled to air Sept. 17.

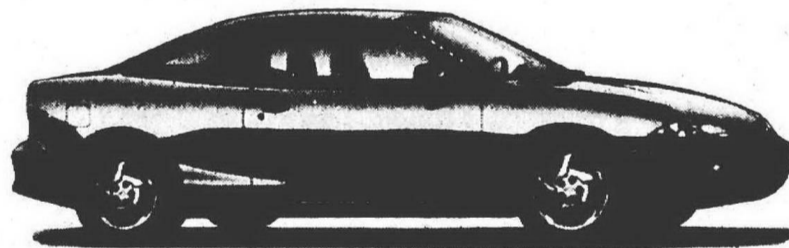
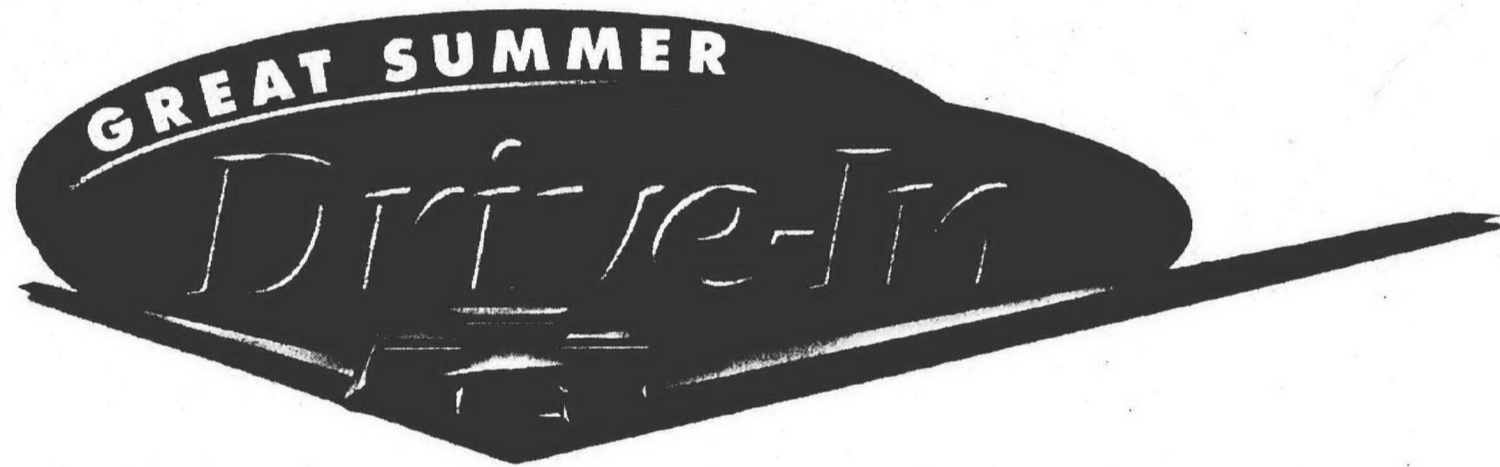
The Blue Water Area links Michigan to Sarnia and Ontario. The area boasts more than 30 miles of coastline, woods, and trails area and many festivals and celebrations.

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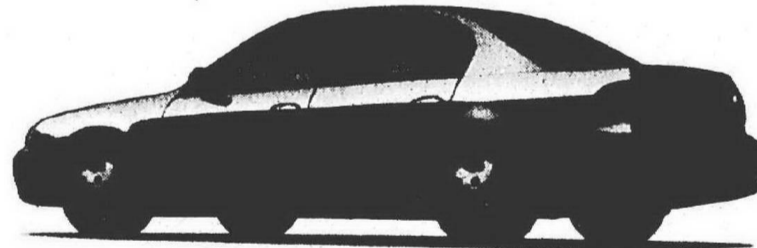
Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island is offering a family package that includes three days and two nights in a Family Double Room, one dinner, breakfast each morning, admission to historic Fort Mackinac a horse-drawn hayride and a round trip on Shepler's ferry. The package is available through Sept. 6. The package is available only Sundays through Thursdays. For more information, call (800) 833-7711 or go to www.missionpoint.com

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Stevenson golfer busy

Katie Carlson, who will be a junior in the fall at Livonia Stevenson, placed in back-to-back tournaments over the weekend.

On Saturday, she was third in the 13-15 age group with a round of 89 at the Girls Junior Tournament at Kensington Golf Course. The next day she fired an 85 at another junior tournament at Lilac Golf Course in Newport to finish second in the 14-17 division.

Carlson's busy summer also included a third-place finish (for ages 13-18) at the Downriver Junior Golf Championship with an 86 at Taylor Meadows; sixth in the 14-15 division at the two-day Coldwater Junior Girls Tournament with a 192 total (99-93); and second in the 15-under division with a two day total of 173 (84-89) at the Girls Junior Championship at Huron Hills Golf Course in Ann Arbor.

Bucks are tough

There was no embarrassment — not hardly.

The Mid-Michigan Bucks, only the second soccer team in the history of the Premier Development League to reach the third round of the U.S. Open Cup, had to take on the Tampa Bay Mutiny, a Major League Soccer team, last Monday. With such disparity in talent, such a match would seem to be a mismatch — but it didn't turn out that way.

The Bucks, owned by former Livonians Dan and Jim Duggan, gave the Mutiny a battle before succumbing 2-1 last Monday at Saginaw's White Pine Stadium. It was their first loss of the season after 18-straight wins.

It had no reflection on their standing as the top team in the Great Lakes Division with a 12-0 record (16-0 in the league) and 53 points, 21 ahead of second-place Chicago going into this weekend's slate of games.

Youth fitness winners

The 39th Livonia Youth Fitness Meet attracted more than 100 boys and girls, ages 7-14 years, to Rotary Park on July 7. Competition was divided by sex and in four age divisions: Class A (13-14), Class B (11-12), Class C (9-10) and Class D (7-8). There were six events.

Here are the top two finishers, by event.

Agility run: Class B (Boys) — 1. Mark Piorkowski. **Class C** — 1. Ken Riley; 2. Donald Snodgrass. **Class D** — 1. Brian Wyr; 2. Kenneth Novack. **(Girls) Class A** — 1. Sheree Campbell. **Class B** — 1. Kate Garfield; 2. Danielle Greco. **Class C** — 1. Tiffany Pope; 2. Rachel Zagata. **Class D** — 1. Allison Trosell; 2. Megan Baunan.

Chinning: Class C (Boys) — 1. Mathew Bessesen. **(Girls) Class A** — 1. Allison Collins. **Class B** — 1. Kate Howe; 2. Jill Garrity. **Class C** — 1. Kayla Skaggs; 2. Tiffany Pope. **Class D** — 1. Katie Archer; 2. Taylor Keeler.

Softball throw: Class B (Boys) — 1. Michael Bessesen; 2. James Rice. **Class C** — 1. T.J. Greco; 2. Tyler Caponie. **Class D** — 1. Brian Wyr; 2. Henry Weyand. **(Girls) Class A** — 1. Lizzy Hodges. **Class B** — 1. Leila Naderi; 2. Danielle Greco. **Class C** — 1. Amanda Dobos; 2. Allison Tierney. **Class D** — 1. Katie Archer; 2. Alexis Krygier.

Running long jump: (Boys) Class A — 1. Kyle West; 2. Mike Bushery. **Class C** — 1. Kyle Kopitz; 2. Joshua Grund. **Class D** — 1. Neil Smith; 2. Christopher Grind. **(Girls) Class B** — 1. Amy Bodnar. **Class C** — 1. Amanda Dobos; 2. Megan Haller. **Class D** — 1. Laura Hurn; 2. Deanna Shay.

Standing long jump: (Boys) Class B — 1. Mike Layne; 2. Paul Cassar. **Class D** — 1. Andrew Weaver. **(Girls) Class B** — 1. Danielle Russell. **Class C** — 1. Audrey Winters; 2. Sarah Andrus. **Class D** — 1. Heidi Haller; 2. Ashley Naubert.

Sprints: (Boys) Class B — 1. Paul Cassar; 2. Mark Piorkowski. **Class C** — 1. Kyle Kopitz; 2. Ken Riley. **Class D** — 1. Michael Baumgardner; 2. Tad Evans. **(Girls) Class A** — 1. Allison Collins; 2. Liz Hodges. **Class B** — 1. Jill Garrity; 2. Kristi Weaver. **Class C** — 1. Kara Piorkowski; 2. Rachel Zagata. **Class D** — 1. Allison Trosell; 2. Ashley Naubert.

Cheerleading drive

The Plymouth Salem cheerleaders will have a Longest Drive Contest as a fundraiser from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. next Saturday (July 24) at Mickey's Golf Range, located at 38301 Cherry Hill in Westland.

There will be three divisions: men's, women's and seniors (55 and over). A prize package will be awarded to each division winner.

Cost for three balls is \$10. All proceeds will benefit the Salem cheerleading squad.

If there's a shot, there's a way Broncos score 3 late goals to catch the Bulldogs

BY C.J. RISAK
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When Matt Prater scored less than three minutes into the final period, increasing the league-leading Bulldogs lead to three goals, the outlook for the Broncos — at that point, tied for last place in the Metro Summer Hockey League — was dim.

But any veteran of the MSHL knows to never count a victory prior to the final buzzer, whoever the game's against. More proof was provided last Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, when Nick Field scored twice to narrow the Bulldog lead to one, then James Crank (from West Bloomfield) got the game-tying marker with just 26 seconds left to earn the Broncos a 6-6 tie.

The outcome did alter the MSHL standings. The 'Dogs picked up just one point, while in the second game Thursday night the Huskies routed the Wolverines 15-8 to gain two, elevating them above the Bulldogs in the standings.

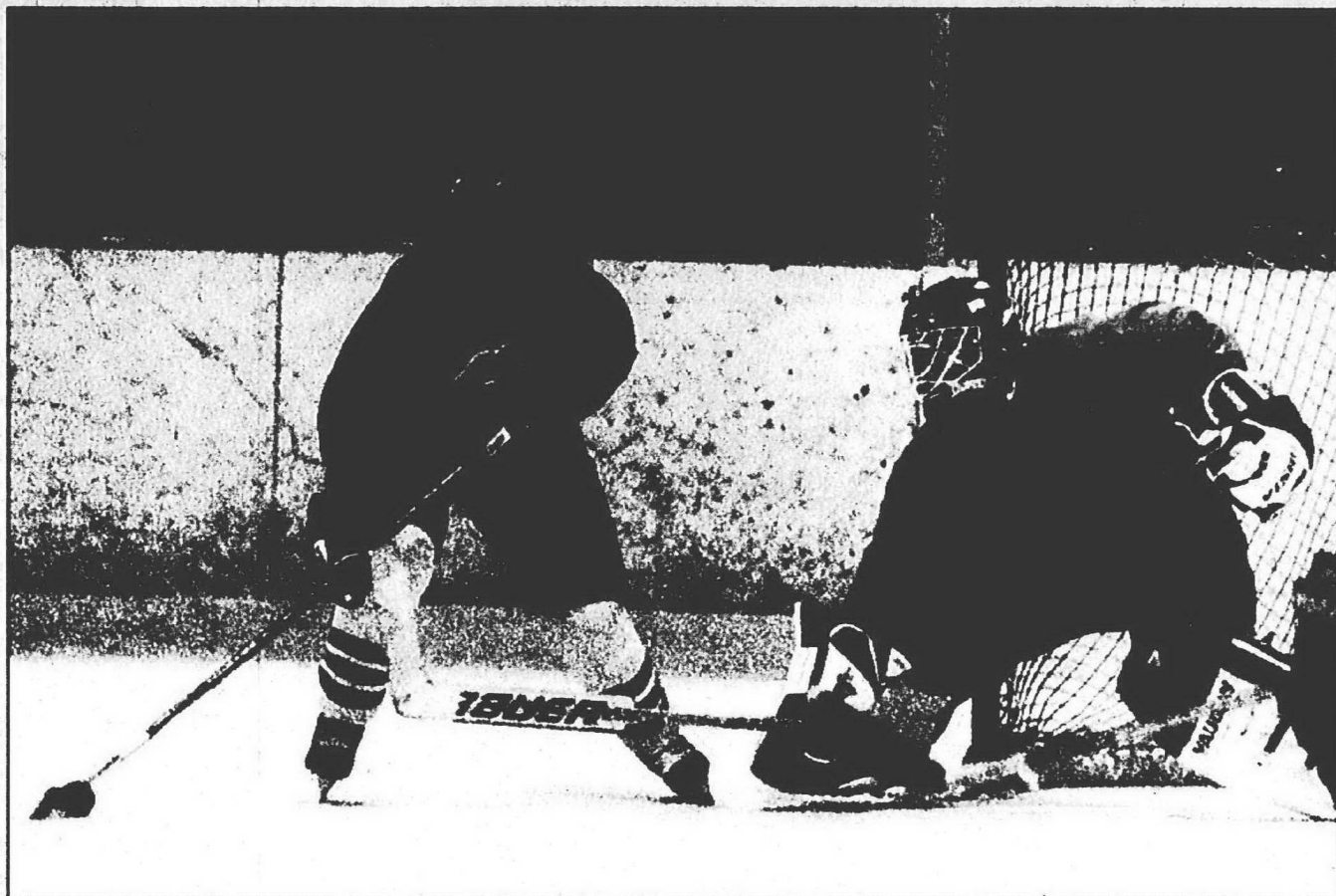
The Broncos, meanwhile, moved a point out of the cellar, leaving that to the sole possession of the Spartans.

It was a game the 'Dogs had control of throughout — at least until the final stages. Twice they had three-goal leads, only to squander them.

Corey Swider (Livonia) had put three pucks into the net for the Bulldogs and assisted on another goal with four minutes still remaining in the second period. Crank's first goal of the game, with 1:49 left in the second, narrowed the gap to 5-3, but the Bulldogs pushed it back to three on Prater's score at the 12:13 mark of the second period.

But the Broncos stayed motivated. Field got a goal at the 11:00 mark, then got another with 5:11 left, trimming the deficit to 6-5 and setting the stage for Crank's heroics.

Field finished with three goals for the Broncos, and Crank had two and one assist. Kyle McNeilance (Livonia) added a goal and two assists, and Baron Becker (Waterford) had two



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A shot and a score: The Bulldogs Corey Swider (left), from Livonia, puts one of his three shots past Bronco goalie Rick Marnon (from Canton).

assists.

Rick Marnon (Canton) was in goal for the Broncos.

Mike Schmidt (Livonia) and Adam Krug (Livonia) also scored goals for the 'Dogs, with Prater adding three assists and Krug two. Eric Bratcher added two assists.

Will Hamele played goal for the 'Dogs.

Huskies 15, Wolverines 8: The first period of this MSHL game Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center was a scorefest, with the Huskies emerging on top by a 6-5 margin. After that, the high-paced scoring con-

tinued — at least for the Huskies, who took over first place in the MSHL with a victory.

Four Huskies scored multiple goals in the game, and four others had multiple points. Glen Pietila led the way with three goals and two assists; Jim Tudor (Canton) added three goals and an assist, Ben Blackwood had three goals, and Ron Pietila chipped in with two goals and two assists.

Dwight Helminen contributed a goal and four assists for the Huskies, John Pietila had a goal and two assists, Keith Pietila picked up three assists, Phil Pietila had a goal and an assist, and Frank Bourbonais had a

goal.

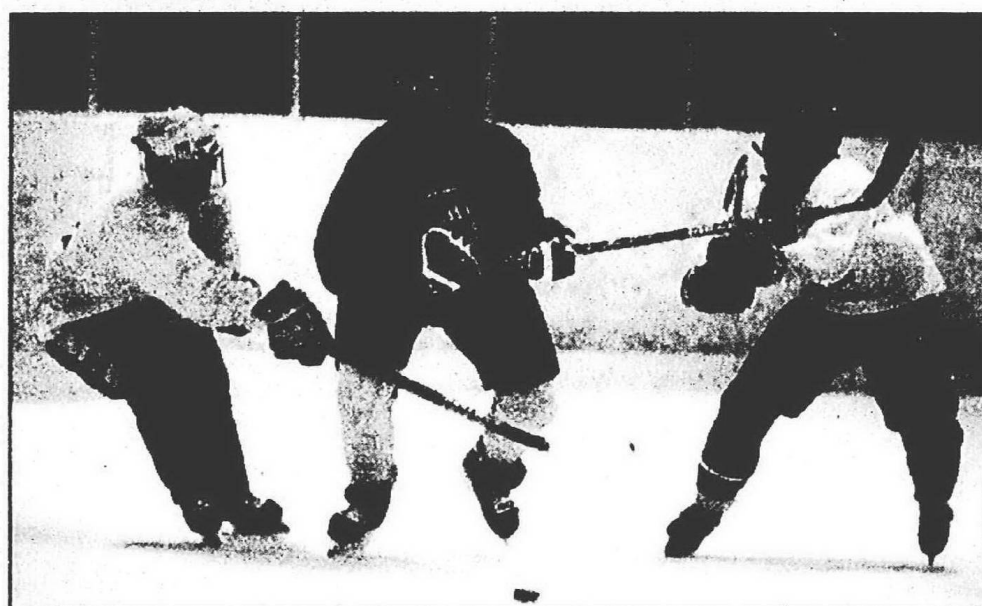
J.J. Weeks was in goal for the Huskies.

The Wolverines got three goals from Eric Hawkins (Redford/Catholic Central) and two more with an assist from Krikor Arman (West Bloomfield). Bill Trainor (Canton), Ryan Ward and Brad Feiler (Canton) added a goal and an assist apiece, and Chris Morelli (Livonia/Catholic Central) and Jim Wheaton (Plymouth) had two assists apiece.

Mike O'Keefe (Redford) and Thomas Monnier (Catholic Central) played goal for the Wolves.



Huskies rule: Dwight Helminen (left) broke loose to score one goal and assist on four others for the Huskies, but the Wolverines' Bill Trainor (middle, at right) couldn't shake free of Keith Pietila (on Trainor's left) and Mark Pietila.



Lightning keep striking

The final week of the Girls Incredible Fastpitch Softball League is now underway, and the Plymouth Lightning probably wouldn't mind extending it a bit further. After all, when the wins keep piling up, it's always fun.

And they have been piling up for the team of mostly Plymouth Salem players. On Thursday at Livonia Ladywood, the Lightning swept a double-header from the Livonia Lancers, 8-2 and 2-0, to run their record to 13-1.

Amanda Sutton got her second pitching win in as many nights, tossing a six-inning one-hitter in the 8-2 opener. She did not walk a batter and struck out four.

Liz Dekarske paced the Lightning offense with two hits and three runs batted in. Amanda Bilkie added two hits and an RBI, Shae Potocki had two hits, and Dawn Allen, Jacqui Sledobnick and Carrie Carter each contributed a hit and an RBI.

In the second game, Dekarske hit the winning pitcher, tossing a two-hit, one-walk shutout. She fanned four.

The Lightning managed just three hits in the game, but made the most of them. Allen accounted for two of them; Bilkie had a base hit and an RBI, and Potocki drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.

SOFTBALL

On Wednesday, the Lightning and the Cobras (Plymouth Canton) completed an earlier double-header that had been washed out, and it went the way of the Lightning by an 11-1 margin. Sutton again was the winning pitcher, allowing two hits, seven walks and 10 strikeouts.

She also had two hits (including a double) and two RBI, while Allen collected two hits and three RBI and Amy Szawara slugged a two-run double. Bilkie added a run-scoring triple and Katie Kelly had two hits (one a double).

Lasers 10-10, Hornets 2-0: The Livonia Lasers (Livonia Franklin) improved their GIFSL record to 8-4 with a sweep of the Farmington Hornets (Farmington Hills Mercy) at Mercy. Nicole Zabkiewicz was the winning pitcher in the opener, tossing a five-inning no-hitter; she walked seven and struck out three.

The Lasers had 10 hits in the opener, getting two apiece from Amy Sandrick and Kendra Andrews (one of Andrews' was a triple). Tara Muchow added a two-run single and Shari Drayer had

an RBI triple.

In the second game, Muchow tossed a five-inning, two-hit shutout; she walked three and struck out 11. The Lasers got two hits from Jeanette Bertrand, a run-producing double from Muchow and an RBI single from Jamie Linden.

Lasers 11-5, Cyclones 0-7: On Tuesday, the Lasers and Livonia Cyclones divided a twinbill. Tara Muchow was the winning pitcher for the Lasers in the opener, working the first three innings and allowing one hit and two walks; she struck out five.

The Lasers scored nine runs in the second inning, receiving RBI singles from Rachel Bramlett, Jennie D'Annunzio, Amy Sandrick, Nicole Zabkiewicz and Becky Camilleri.

In the second game, the Cyclones got solid pitching from first-year pitchers Lindsay Hollandsworth and Amanda Jankowski. A six-run first inning also helped the Cyclones.

Zabkiewicz took the loss for the Lasers. Jamie Linden and Kerstin Marshall each had RBI hits for the Lasers.

The Cyclones have improved their

HOCKEY PROFILE

Heinz school grooms goalies for climb up

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Students in Rick Heinz Goalie School at Redford Arena last week received a progress report and overview of their talents from instructors on the final day.

It's likely that one of the students wasn't graded as much on potential. After all, he's already 61 years old.

Old enough to be a grandfather of other students, and instructors for that matter, Livonian Mike Hungo still fit right in with the two sessions by Heinz, a former NHL goalie who has more than 80 goalie schools in the United States and Canada.

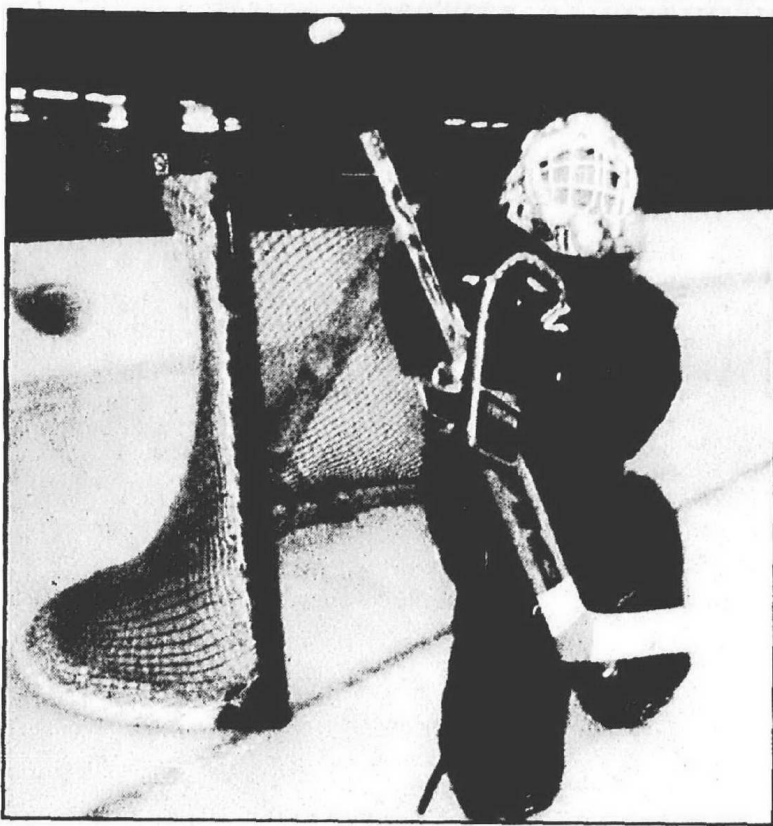
Instructor J.J. Weeks has accomplished quite a lot as a hockey goaltender in his 19 years, his latest coup making the Western Michigan University hockey team.

But Weeks could have made a

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Knocked away: Nine-year-old Tim Senne deflects a puck during one session.



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National Hockey League team already and still not be sure if that's more than what Hungo accomplished just by showing up.

"I think the world of him," Weaks said. "It took a lot for him to come out here and admit there are some things he needs to improve on, and he's 110 percent into it. I will be very, very happy if I'm able to do what he does when I'm that age."

Hungo is a member of the Broken Blades Adult Hockey Association out of Waterford, which is for players at or near retirement age, but he also plays regularly in over-20, 30 and 40 leagues, in which he is an elder statesman.

He heard about the Heinz Goalie School through one of Heinz's instructors, Nick Zuk of Westland, who works at Ace Sports in Dearborn Heights.

"I'm just one of the boys," Hungo said. "I just want to improve my game and this is a

great place to learn."

Heinz was mostly a backup in 10 NHL seasons with the St. Louis Blues and Vancouver Canucks. He has been running Goalie Schools for 11 seasons, including annual stops in Redford and other Michigan locations. Players have three-hours of on ice training and one hour of outdoor training per day and their play will be videotaped and analyzed by instructors.

Hungo understands he's one of Heinz's oldest students ever but not the oldest.

"Mr. Heinz said the oldest was a 70-year-old in Manitoba and the next oldest was 65 in Chicago," Hungo said.

Give Hungo time, he'll have the honor someday.

The Heinz Goalie School is coming back to Redford Arena Aug. 9-13. For information on the Heinz Goalie Schools, call (877) Heinz-77 or find it on the web at www.rickheinz.com

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Lakers	4	3	2 10
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Wolverines	3	0	0 6
Broncos	2	4	2 6
Spartans	1	5	3 5

LEADING SCORERS (Through July 18)			
Name (Team)	G	A	Pts
Ben Kees (Wildcats)	23	11	34
Brian Jaydine (Lakers)	14	15	29
Eric Bratcher (Bulldogs)	10	16	26
Jim Tudor (Huskies)	18	9	25
Darrin Silvester (Wildcats)	7	18	25
Kevin Swider (Bulldogs)	16	7	23
Corey Swider (Bulldogs)	11	11	22
John Pietila (Huskies)	12	9	21
Eric Olesch (Lakers)	12	7	19
Eric Hawkins (Wolverines)	12	7	19
Phil Pietila (Huskies)	10	9	19
Dwight Heilmann (Huskies)	8	10	18
Krikor Arman (Wolverines)	5	13	18
K. McNeelance (Broncos)	12	6	17
Ben Blackwood (Huskies)	9	8	17
Gen Pietila (Huskies)	4	12	16

LEADING GOALTENDERS		
Name (Team)	GA	Ave.
Phil Oaser (Bulldogs)	9	3.57
J.J. Weaks (Huskies)	17	4.85
Art Baker (Huskies)	13	5.21
Rick Marnon (Broncos)	28	5.55
Brandon Hothorn (Lakers)	23	5.70
Will Hamiele (Spartans)	17	5.74
Ted Martens (Bulldogs)	23	6.81

SWIMMING CALENDAR

Swim Across America

The deadline to register your team for one of the biggest swim challenges of the summer — the Lake Michigan 6-Mile Relay Swim — is fast approaching.

Team registration deadline is Saturday, July 24. The relay is scheduled to leave the Ohio Street Beach in Chicago at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 31.

The race, it should be noted, is not necessarily to see who's fastest in Lake Michigan. This is a Swim for Cancer, an effort whose benefits will aid the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center in Maywood, Ill.

Or, as their brochure describes it: "Proceeds from the 6-mile relay will fund new and innovative pilot studies by young investigators for the development of new scientific approaches for the treatments and cures of cancer."

Those without teams need not be left out. You will be placed on a team.

Funds are asked to be collected prior to the swim, including the matching funds companies agree to donate. T-shirts and goody bags will be available to participants.

Also: A tentative captains meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, July 29 at the Ohio Street Beach.

Speedo will be the main sponsor, and two Olympians — Chris Jacobs, two-time gold medalist at the 1988 Olympics, and Eric Namesnik, a silver medalist in 1992 and 1996 — are expected to be part of the record turnout.

Hotel rooms are available. Just call 1-888-FunEvents.

To receive registration information, call (708) 216-SWIM, or email your address to edgelane@msn.com.

Arbor. Entries are available by calling (734) 662-1000, or by faxing (734) 662-3388.

The top female and male swimmers, the top female and male masters swimmers, and the top two males and females in each age group will receive awards. Age divisions are: 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, and 80 and over.

and application to the Hammerhead Swim Club, c/o Erin Fortune, 3125 Valley View Trail, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740 by July 18. Registrations are limited to the first 150 applicants.

A limited number of custom-designed T-shirts for the race will also be available.

Wet suits and flotation devices, or any device used to maintain body heat, will not be allowed. The races are open

to all swimmers, but those under the age of 13 must provide written competency from their coach. Medals will be given to male and female age division winners. Divisions are: 12-and-under, 13-14, 15-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, etc. (age as of Aug. 1).

For more information, call Early at (616) 526-9824 or Fortune at (616) 526-6840.

Pizzaman Swims

The Domino's Pizzaman Swims are scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, July 25 at Big Portage Lake, located in the Waterloo Recreation Area in Waterloo. The 1.5-mile open water swim will consist of three half-mile laps.

Entry fee is \$18 for late entries. A USAT license will be required to compete in the swim. For those not possessing one, a one-day license may be purchased at registration for \$5.

Race day registration will be from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the park, or from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, July 24 at the Tortoise & Hare Concept Store, located in the Traver Village Mall on Plymouth in Ann

Coastal Crawl

The Harbor Springs Coastal Crawl, featuring a one-mile, two-mile or three-mile open water swim in Little Traverse Bay, will be Aug. 1 at Zorn Park, located on Bay Street in Harbor Springs. Check-in is 7-7:55 a.m.; there is a mandatory meeting at 8 a.m.

The three-mile race begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by the two-mile at 8:45 a.m. and the one-mile at 9 a.m. Average water temperature for Aug. 1 is 65 degrees.

Entry fee is \$20, which includes a picnic lunch. Applications are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Marilyn Early, 6212 Emmet Hts., Harbor Springs, MI, 49740. Mail check

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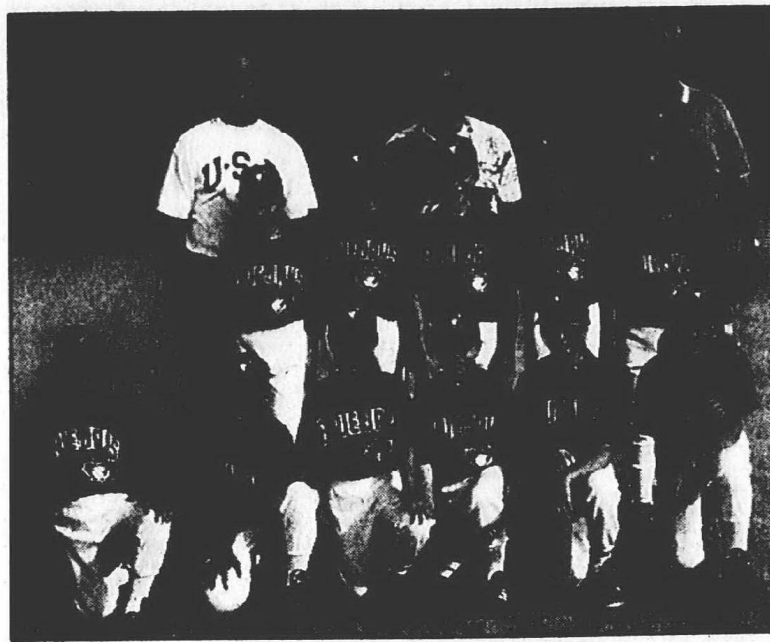


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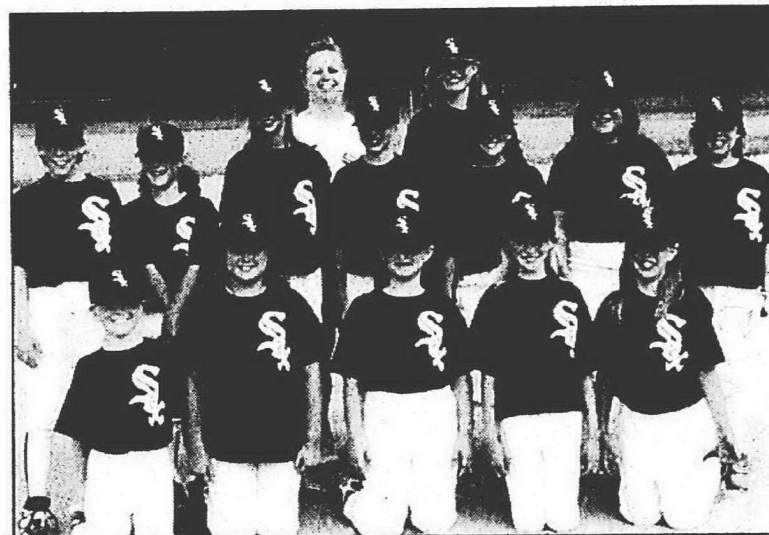
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League champs: The Blue Jays recovered from a 4-1 loss to the Diamondbacks in the opener of their best-of-three series to win the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association title in the 9-10 division with 7-5 and 8-4 wins in their next two games, July 13 and 15. Team members in photo at top are, kneeling in front from left: Liz McKinley, Alyssa Missurelli, Katelyn Stadler, Sharon Frank, Becci Houdek and Kaitlin McKinley. Second row, standing from left, are Becky Grim, Kim Beaudoin, Kristin Callahan, Kate Staley and Heather Duncan. Standing in back are, from left, coaches Randy Houdek, John McKinley Jr., and Don Staley. In second photo are the Diamondbacks: front row, from left, Natalie Maurer, Kristen Hitz, Rachel Kain, Amanda Leon, Nora Neher, Nicole Rago and Jessie Martin. Second row, from left, Jennifer Smith, Rachel Killian, Michelle Burke, Samantha Kjellstrom, Laura Schroeter, Mikayla Armbruster and Lauren Delapaz. In back, from left, are coaches Rick Armbruster, Cosme Delapaz and Jack Maurer.



Single-game champs: The White Sox offense exploded to allow them to sweep to the CCJBSA Tournament title in the single-game elimination tourney. The Sox (above, right) beat the Tigers 19-3, the Athletics 20-3, and the Devil Rays (below, right) 14-8 in the title game. Sox team members are, front from left, Jessica Murray, Mary Sutter, Laura Garza, Lindsay Bennett and Katie Rothwell. Second row, from left, Kirsten Christenson, Elizabeth Anderson, Katrina Cope, Madison Dresser, Kelly Behr, Claire Ostrowski and Sarah Anthony. In back, from left, are managers Anthony and Parker. In the photo at the bottom are the runner-up Rays. Kneeling, from left, are Kayleigh Lemon, Elena Panagiotides, Natalie DeMeyere and Jillian Brennan; standing, from left, are Brittany McMillan, coach Emily Pizzo, Brittney Wheatley, Danielle Pizzo, Chelsea Quinlin, Melissa Leach, Katie Zink and team manager Terri Zink.



TENNIS

North's state champ earns his accolades

Four tennis players from Farmington have been named to the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association's Division II boys all-state team for the 1999 season.

Leading the list is North Farmington senior Brad Jaffe, who won the No. 1 singles championship and led the Raiders to a second place finish in the state tournament. Jaffe finished with a 27-2 record.

Also named to the all-state singles team is Farmington Harrison junior Ryan Shade, who was a quarterfinalist in the state tournament and only player to defeat Jaffe during the 1999 season.

North Farmington's No. 1 doubles team of senior Mark Frankel and sophomore Jay Berman made the all-state doubles roster.

Frankel and Berman were undefeated until losing in the semifinals of the Division II state meet and concluded the season with a 27-1 record.

Redford Catholic Central sophomore Mike Findling made the Division I all-state singles team, and teammates J. D. Shade and Rob Sparks were named to the top doubles team.

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RECREATION

Moves are made to curb deer herd

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

A pair of decisions dealing with management of white-tailed deer was recently passed...

whether you favor them or not, were made with the best interest of the white-tailed deer in mind.

At its July meeting, held last week in Sault Ste. Marie, the NRC unanimously voted to eliminate deer baiting in Deer Management Unit 452...

Although many hunters will disagree with this decision, common sense dictates that it was a decision that had to be made.

TB surfaced in white-tailed deer in 1994. Since that first occurrence TB has spread to coyote, raccoon, bear, bobcat and livestock in the area.

Michigan was granted TB-free status for livestock in 1979 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This is an extremely important rating for the prosperity of the state's livestock agriculture.

TB is a serious disease caused by several bacteria that attack the respiratory system. It can be treated successfully in humans through six months of treatment with antibiotics.

TB is primarily spread through the air through coughing and sneezing. Animals that are in close, nose-to-nose contact with each other are susceptible to the disease.

In order for the rest of the state to retain its TB-free status the USDA mandated that both supplemental feeding and baiting of deer be prohibited in the TB area.

Unlimited antlerless permits will again be available in DMU 452 in an effort to cull the herd and reduce the number of deer per square mile.

square mile in some areas of DMU 452 as opposed to a preferred density of 10 to 15 per square mile.

The NRC will act on regulations regarding deer feeding at its September meeting as part of Michigan's overall strategy to eradicate Bovine TB from the state.

Park deer management

Meanwhile, the Board of Commissioners for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority voted six-to-one in favor of implementing a one-year plan to reduce deer populations at Kensington, Stony Creek and Hudson Mills metroparks.

Simply put, there are too many deer in all three of these parks. Park users enjoy watching and photographing deer, but the populations have exceeded the carrying capacity of the land and the park's biological balance has been upended.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources biologists feel a deer density of 15 to 20 deer per square mile is appropriate for the habitat within these parks. The metroparks are shooting for a density of 20 to 25 per square mile.

Obviously, something needs to be done.

To reduce the herds, the board voted to use controlled shotgun and archery hunts at Stony Creek, controlled archery hunts at Hudson Mills, and sharpshooters at Kensington.

Venison from the deer that are killed will be donated to local food banks through Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger.

The board should be applauded for not bowing to pressure from outside groups who pushed for personal agendas rather than the best interest of the overall deer population and the park's ecological balance.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

ARCHERY

Detroit Archers will hold a 55-day target shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 24-25, on the walk-through course in West Bloomfield.

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Bald Mountain range in Lake Orion.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

Top Bass Tournament Trail, a series of open singles draw bass tournaments, continues on Sunday, July 18, on Wixom Lake.

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.

CLASSES/SEMINARS

The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing tech-

ACTIVITIES

Sleepy Hollow Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile hike at Sleepy Hollow State Park on Sunday, July 18.

CLAYMOR CLASS An introductory clay target course for the novice and those who simply wish to learn the basics of clay target shooting.

CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members. Meetings are held monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford.

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SHOOTING RANGES

BAIRD MOUNTAIN Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities.

FLY TIPS The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield.

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METROPARKS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs.

COUNTRY FAIR Participate in an insect safari, a Festival of Fun with Rocco the Clown, hayrides, candle dipping, dairy demonstrations and much more during this program.

1999 PERMITS The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL Cloverlanes (Livonia) Unique Mixed: Connie Cleveland, 256-672; Jo Ann Carter, 235-638; Adam Cleveland, 266-663; Greg Smith, Jr., 245-652; Verlin Terry, 651-245-650.

DYNAMIC DOUBLES: Cassandra English, 230-631; Kevin Papke, 279-760; Dennis Grzywacz, 256-704.

TUESDAY DROP-IN SENIORS: Stan Tanski, 209-888; Harry Buhl, 212-576; Sam Samueloff, 210-572; Dan Uller, 221-614.

MERRI BOWL (Livonia) Senior Lads & Lassies: Howard Simons, 200-245-936; Harry Oumedian, 204-400; Joe Baloga, 202-266-883; Ryan Rubino, 202-266-883; Evelyn Villaret, 214-266-883.

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A good way to get new equipment: Swap for it!

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

There are a lot of bowlers who have over-bought equipment over the past several years when it seemed to be an advantage to compete with a certain type of ball — only to see something else come along, even better or perhaps more hyped up by the industry.

I know some people who cannot even get through the basement or garage without having to climb the Mount Brunswick or get through the valley of the Ebonites.

On the other hand, there are plenty of bowlers who simply do not care to spend over \$100 for a bowling ball, much less over \$200.

For all, there is an answer. It is the Bowling Ball Swap & Meet which will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-8, at Westland Bowl, located on Wayne Road, a quarter-mile north of Ford Road in Westland.

For those who wish to unload their surplus, it is a perfect opportunity to sell the equipment at a reasonable

price. For those who would love to have one or more of the newer types of high tech balls at a reasonable cost, this is the ideal way to get good equipment at a reasonable cost.

Balls, bags or other items except shoes may be dropped off any time from Sunday through Friday, Aug. 1-6 (except Monday which will be closed).

Each piece will be numbered and tagged with the make, model and price. Each participant will be eligible to receive door prizes and a 50-50 drawing will also be held to support a local charity during this function.

Ray's in-house pro shop will plug and re-drill any of these balls for a very nominal fee of \$10 if needed (any inserts or specials will be extra).

Each ball purchased will have a coupon good for two free games at Westland Bowl throughout the month of August.

This is the first time a swap meet of this type has been tried that we know, but it has been successfully done over the years by other sports interests such as the skiing shops.

You need not be present to win a door prize, the drawings will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 8.

It will also be the first public introduction of the newly installed Anvilanes by Brunswick, the state-of-the-art bowling centers.

These lanes are presently being installed at the rate of 10 per week and the whole 60 lanes should be ready for this event.

It is up to the seller to determine the price to apply to the balls, the bowling center is not taking any percentage or commission on these resales.

This is only a test run, and if it goes well, there will certainly be more of them ahead.

Volumes have been written about 91-year-old Joe Norris, who captained the great Detroit all-star teams of 50 and 60 years ago.

that Norris was the youngest person ever to bowl a 300 game (at the time) when he was 18.

He also held the distinction of being the oldest person to bowl a 300 game when he rolled one at age 86 in 1994.

Now, that record has been broken by an 87-year-old man from Columbus, Ohio on June 15.

It was Joe Dean, who now re-writes some history and becomes an answer for someone's trivia question. In no way does this diminish the amazing feat, twice by Norris, for he is a living legend that will be spoken about in these parts for as long as the game is played.

Even bowlers have to have good food.

And that is exactly what they will get from now on at Cloverlanes as Steve Klein's All-Star Grille, which is now open and in full operation.

This is the same menu as his other locations such as Thunderbowl Lanes, which is a great place to eat even if you are not a bowler.

It's well worth stopping by for a really good meal.

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Studying butterflies can be fascinating

Butterflies are always beautiful to watch. I think even those people who are border line wildlife watchers, enjoy the colors and delicate nature of butterflies. Such exquisite beauty in such an ephemeral body puts us all in wonder about these creatures.

Many books, organizations and people are devoting time and



NATURE NOTES

TIM NOWICKI

energy to watch butterflies and to encourage others to do the same. Wildflower plantings along roadsides, butterfly gardens and butterfly houses all help people enjoy the 159 species of butterflies that have been seen in the state.

This figure of 159 species comes from the new book "Michigan Butterflies & Skippers" by Mogens Nielsen. Nielsen is the authority on butterflies for the state of Michigan. The book is published by Michigan State University Extension.

Books on Michigan snakes,

turtles and lizards, and amphibians were also published through the extension service.

Nielsen outlines many different habitats where various butterfly species can be found. Many species of butterfly are restricted to habitats where particular plants grow. Though the adult may feed on nectar from a variety of plants, larvae — or caterpillars — are much more limiting in their choice of food. Adults must lay their eggs on the correct species of plant, or the young caterpillar will die. Since plants live in particular habitats with certain soils types,

or quantities of water, butterflies are frequently found near their host plants.

Though the color photographs are smaller than I would like, they show various color types through the seasons and differences between males and females. Reference to size could have been accomplished with the heading lines for each species, but other field guides do this very well.

This book is not intended to be a one resource field guide, rather it is intended to encourage others to get into the field and enjoy

butterflies. Outstanding maps accompanying each species description pin-points the locations within the state where each species has been verified. No other field guide has such accurate maps.

In the front is a complete listing of all species found in the state. They are organized by families which have similar features. Along the side of the book, color codes direct you to the section of the book containing each family of butterflies. This feature makes it very convenient once you become familiar with the characteristics of each family.

For those who want to plant a butterfly garden, Nielsen has included nectar plants used by adults and the caterpillars. By comparing the range of a butterfly on the map, you can determine if that species would be in your area. If the butterfly is found in Wayne or Oakland Counties, you may want to plant flowers that would attract your favorite species.

With a copy of "Michigan Butterflies & Skippers" in hand you will be able to narrow down the possible species you see in the field when you use the traditional field guides.

GOLF NEWS

PICO/SPINAL GOLF CHALLENGE

The fifth annual PICO/Spinal Victory National Golf Challenge to benefit the Kent Waldrep National Paralysis Foundation will be Monday, July 26, at TPC of Michigan, One Nicklaus Drive, Dearborn.

The Foundation was established in 1985 to fund research to find a cure for paralysis for spinal cord injury and brain injury.

Registration and breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Dennis Walters Show, featuring the only person paralyzed below the waist who earns a living as a professional golfer.

Practice and warmup follow at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start scheduled for 10 a.m.

Cocktails and a silent auction will be a 4 p.m. with dinner served at 5 p.m. The awards ceremony is at 6 p.m.

Corporate sponsorships and player spots remain available.

For more information, call (972) 248-7100.

CANTON HOOP GOLF OUTING

The third annual Plymouth Canton baseball golf outing will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at St. John's Golf Course.

The event is sponsored by Canton basketball coach Dan Young, his staff and parents. The outing is open to present and past Canton basketball players, along with friends of the program.

Tee-off is at 11:15 a.m.

The cost is \$70 (includes cart and dinner) or \$340 (includes hole sponsorship, a foursome for 18 holes, plus cart, and dinner afterwards at Plymouth Township Park). Meal only (after 3 p.m.) is \$10 per person.

Registration payment must be received by Tuesday, July 20.

For more information, call Fred Sofen at (734) 453-4901 or Dan Young at (734) 591-7418.

KIM WOODRUFF MEMORIAL

The Kim Woodruff Memorial Classic/LINKS for the LITTLE ONES '99 will be held Monday, July 26, at Bogie Lake Golf Club in White Lake. This popular event, in its fourth year, is a fund-raiser for the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County. Call (248) 332-7173 for ticket information.

TEE OFF FORE PARKS

Tee Off Fore PARKS, a fundraiser for West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation and sponsored by PaineWebber, will be held Friday, July 30, at the Links at Pinewood Golf Course and Banquet Facility in Commerce Township. The event begins with lunch at 11 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 12:45 p.m. The tournament costs \$140 per golfer or \$500 for a foursome and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, buffet lunch, beverages, awards dinner, silent auction, raffles and door prizes. Tournament sponsorships are also available with fees ranging from \$250 to \$1,000. All sponsors receive an imprinted tee sign placed on the course, company recognition at the awards dinner and additional sponsorship benefits. For more information, call West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation at (248) 738-2500.

MEG MALLON GOLF OUTING

The ninth annual Meg Mallon Golf Outing will be held Monday, Aug. 30 at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. This event is open to the public and tee sponsorships are available. Activities will include afternoon tee times, refreshments and an evening dinner reception with Meg Mallon. Individual tickets are available for the evening reception. For reservations and

sponsorship information, contact the Mercy High School Development Office at (248) 476-8922.

CANTON LIONS GOLF OUTING

The Canton Lions, a self-supporting junior league football team, will host a fundraiser Aug. 14 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. The object: to raise funds for the program, which benefits boys and girls 8-14 years old, and for some much-needed equipment.

The fundraiser starts with a four-person golf scramble and finishes with a party that evening. Cost for 18 holes of golf, cart and lunch: \$65 per person; for 18 holes of golf, lunch and evening party, it's \$85; for party only, it's \$30.

For more information, call Ron Bradley at (734) 397-1720.

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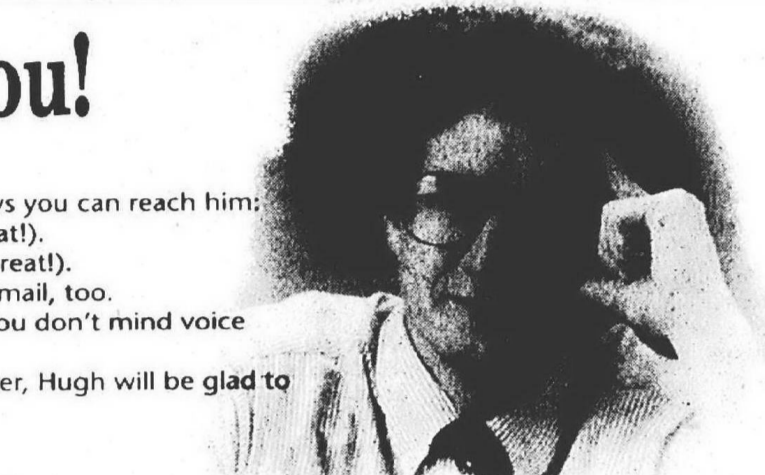
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