

Election results

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Election: The Plymouth-Canton school board election takes place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Two incumbents are challenged by three challengers. See the coverage inside on Page A3.

TUESDAY

Board meets: The Plymouth Township Board meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the township hall meeting room at Ann Arbor and Lilley roads.

FRIDAY

Musical melodies: The Music in the Park series continues with performances from longtime crowd favorites Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band. Downtown activities begin at 6 p.m., with the concert set for a 7 p.m. start.

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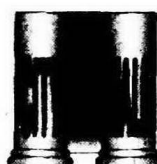
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Budget talks create haggling



■ Officials expected to get down to brass tacks on the city budget at Monday's city commission meeting, but some commissioners had other ideas, bringing up enough complaints to push debate to a separate meeting.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth's 2000-01 fiscal year budget has become a political football as commissioners Monday night voted 4-2 not to approve the \$5.9 million general

fund budget, opting instead for a special meeting to cut more "fat" from line-item expenditures.

Commissioners held three specifically-designed budget sessions to go over expected expenditures for the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1. How-

ever, some feel they haven't had enough time to dig deeper to save taxpayers more money.

Voting against passing the budget as it stands were commissioners David Byers, Sean FitzGerald, Bill Graham and Michele Potter. In favor of passage were Dan Dwyer and Colleen Pobur.

Mayor Dave McDonald, although he didn't have to vote, was in favor of the proposed budget. In Plymouth's governmental system, the mayor only votes when a tie-breaker tally is required.

"In those areas where we've exam-

ined the budget in detail, we've been able to find pretty significant cost savings," said FitzGerald. "My criticism of this process is that we haven't done enough of that. We're going to spend \$6,000 of the taxpayers money to buy new chairs. We've had no discussion of that. There's a lot more work to do."

McDonald was a bit miffed at the comments, saying no commissioner has told him they need more time to adjust the budget.

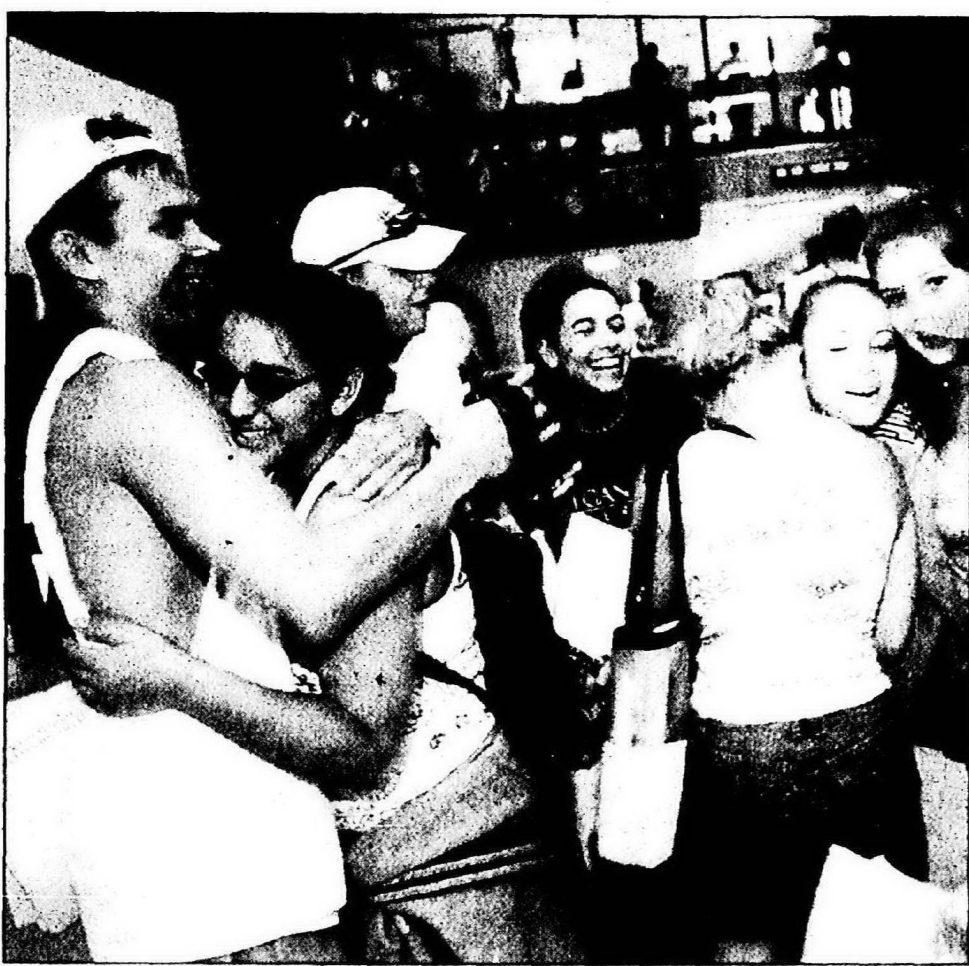
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No more pencils, no more books



Ride 'em, cowboy: Shane Sutton (above, in black hat) of Plymouth sits atop his horse, "Cash," a 16-year-old Palomino Quarterhorse, and his younger brother Ryan rides "Chitino," an Arabian 8-year-old, following the end of classes Wednesday for the Class of 2000 at Plymouth Salem High School. Commencement exercises will take place Sunday at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Sutton keeps the horses in Traverse City but thought it would be fun to have them to ride to school on his last day as a senior. Right, Ryan Silva hugs Amanda Suder among a group of their friends following the end of classes.



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Schools consider charter options

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

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

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

Ideally, charter schools provide an opportunity for specialized education.

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Owner strikes plea deal in death of employee

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The co-owner of a Farmington Hills construction company is expected to be sentenced after pleading no contest to charges of involuntary manslaughter in the death of an employee in April 1999.

William Rogers Curtis Jr. pled no contest and a guilty plea was entered for his company, William R. Curtis, Inc. at a final pretrial conference May 18 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Judge Thomas Jackson is expected to hand down sentences at an 8:30 a.m. hearing June 22.

The case charges Curtis with involuntary manslaughter in the death of

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State: 'Project will be done on time' despite delays

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Despite repeated delays, the Michigan Department of Transportation "feels confident" the reconstruction of eastbound and westbound lanes of Ann Arbor Road just west of Sheldon Road to General Drive will be completed as promised in November.

"The anticipated start date for the Ann Arbor Road reconstruction project is the last week of June or after July 4," said Robin Pannecouck, MDOT's public relations spokesperson, on Friday. "We will do this by additional crews and resources. We will compress the entire construction plan."

Peter Basile, the Livonia-based contractor, may receive a cash incentive of up to \$250,000 if the work is done

early, she said. This would be determined after the total project is completed.

"There is no progress schedule yet," Pannecouck said. "There are additional meetings planned until the start date. Actually, motorists are getting a bonus because they are getting more use out of Ann Arbor Road than planned."

The construction calls for "lane rentals," a term MDOT uses to say a contractor has a certain amount of days to complete a lane. The amount of cash incentive or penalty depends on the type of lane, Pannecouck explained. "A through lane carries more traffic than a turn lane," she said.

Ann Arbor Road runs through both the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. The road is known as "Old M-14." Ann Arbor Road is under the

■ 'We will compress the entire construction plan.'

Robin Pannecouck
MDOT spokesperson

jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The project was originally scheduled to begin the first week in May and finish in November. At that time, an expedited schedule included daytime and weekend work. Though MDOT will start even later than scheduled because the Thompson McCully Asphalt Paving Co., the low bidder, dropped out of the project due to a problem with contract language, MDOT is holding to the same finish date.

"This will be done by staging, doing multiple things simultaneously rather than sequentially," Pannecouck said. Basile, the current contractor, presented the second lowest bid.

The contractor will determine the schedule including daytime nighttime work. The state contract appeals committee reviewed the case and authorized the transportation department to proceed to the second lowest bidder.

The project calls for sewer upgrades and replacement of curbs, gutters and existing driveway approaches.

"They recognize that they are on a time frame with this project," said Paul Sincovek, assistant Plymouth city manager, last week. "We are concerned. They are already a month behind. It's my experience that you can't lay asphalt in the winter."

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Cameron Cook, his employee and a Ypsilanti resident who was operating an excavator digging a trench at the time of an April 1, 1999 cave-in at a new housing development site on Maple Ridge Road near Ridge and Powell.

"No contest means it is not an admission of guilt," said Daryl Wood, who spoke on behalf of Raymond Cassar, Curtis' attorney. "The judge will make a determination of guilt based on the police report. It is unfortunate that Curtis and his company were charged. They are just a small company."

The plea of no contest is contingent on no jail time, Wood said. "If the judge determines that jail time is necessary, then we could proceed with the trial."

Wood cited an injustice comparing this case with an accident that occurred about two years ago at Ford Motor Company in which no charges were brought following an explosion that killed nine people.

"This has been very traumatic for Mr. Curtis and his business," Wood said. "There isn't one day that he doesn't relive it."

The corporation could be fined \$7,500, according to both Wood and Dave McCreedy, assistant Wayne County prosecutor. Curtis' sentence will be determined by the judge and could include community service, Wood said. Curtis is out on personal bond.

The warrant charges both Curtis, and William R. Curtis, Inc., his company. The warrant alleges gross negligence because Curtis knowingly created a dangerous situation at the site by

'Our main goal was to send a message about the workplace and workplace safety.'

Dave McCreedy
—Prosecutor

not sloping or supporting the trench wall, failing to remove excavated soil from the edge of the trench, not providing ladders or hard hats, and failing to properly train Cook in safety procedures. The case is considered precedent-setting.

"Our main goal was to send a message about the workplace and workplace safety," McCreedy said.

In a November 30, 1999 announcement, Wayne County Prosecutor John D. O'Hair noted two other workers were also killed in cave-ins during spring of 1999 in Oakland County. Another person was killed in a cave in later last year in Washtenaw County.

"It is our hope this prosecution has the dual effect of eliminating these needless deaths and to alert workers of these dangers," O'Hair said in the press release.

"These are not simply 'accidents' but rather, they are incidents which can and must be avoided," he said. "Employers should be on notice that they will be held accountable if they fail to protect their employees from perilous situations which were created by the employers."

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she added. Most charter schools incorporate a particular theme, such as technology and fine arts, or gear curriculum toward gifted and talented students.

"We'd have to look at what type of charter would best suit the needs of the community," Booher said.

"I think that nationwide, we're in an environment where education choice is very high on people's agendas."

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

"It's only an idea at this point."

Sue Davis, board president, said Plymouth-Canton and other school districts, like any other businesses, are driven by the need to compete.

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

But developing charter schools costs money. Some districts find they don't have the resources to

do it on their own - and team up with other districts. That could be a possibility with Plymouth-Canton, Davis said.

"We want to be able to figure out what kind of school the community would support and look at developing it," she said. "If we're going to do something, we need to determine the interest."

Getting a charter school built can take years, Davis said.

Students for charter schools are typically chosen through a lottery system. Charter schools are public schools and are open to all students. Like public schools, they receive per-pupil funding from the state, the teachers must be certified and state standardized tests like the Michigan Educational Assessment Program must be administered to students.

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



Guest speaker: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher delivers her keynote address at the Canton Chamber of Commerce Economic Club meeting Wednesday at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Among the things she discussed: the idea of the school district opening its own charter school.

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

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

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the first time I've heard he (FitzGerald) would have liked to have additional discussion," said McDonald. "I would welcome additional dialogue with my colleagues if there are some concerns."

"Many times during the budget sessions I asked if anyone had anything else to discuss," added Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur. "I'm confused by Commissioner FitzGerald saying there are things that we as a body have not addressed. I am satisfied with the budget and budget process."

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Dave McDonald
—Plymouth Mayor



"I think it's a disservice to the commission and the community not to bring the issues up at the working sessions," she added. "We are supposed to work at this as a team."

Commissioner Bill Graham sided with FitzGerald, noting the format for reviewing the

budget was confusing.

"On each individual night it was a crap shoot on what was going to be discussed, and therefore difficult for any given commissioner to study and focus on a given part of the budget to ask sensible questions," said Graham. "There could have been

more time spent. The process wasn't as clear-cut as it could have been. I'm a bit unhappy with it."

City commissioners met Thursday night to go over the budget once again. All efforts are being made to pass the budget at the June 19 commission meeting.

"Come next meeting we either pass the budget, or at the end of the month the revenues will be coming in but we won't have the authority to sign any checks," said McDonald. "I won't be part of that."

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with Dr. Audrey Bruell

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Candidate profiles

**Carl Battishill****Occupation:** Music teacher in West Bloomfield.**Community involvement:** Former teacher at Canton High School; former Plymouth-Canton School Board member.

Married, two children

Endorsement: Teachers' union

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

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

What effect would charter schools have on the public district?

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

What would be among your top priorities?

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

**James Donahue****Occupation:** Law enforcement consultant.**Community involvement:** Former Canton Township treasurer

Married, two grown children

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

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

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

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

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

"If we lose 300-400 kids, we lose the foundation grant. We're looking at ways to better market the district. Parents don't automatically send children to public schools. We have people looking for choice."

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

**Judy Mardigian****Occupation:** Co-owner of a third-party health insurance support organization.**Community involvement:** Incumbent school board member; committee on class sizes.

Married

Endorsement: Observer newspapers.

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

Sees them as a potential competitor for students; thinks they don't have the same level of accountability; thinks charter schools will put a drain on the district's state foundation grant.

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

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

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

"I think charter schools take away from the public schools, but I can understand that some people want options. The question is whether you want to pay for those options with public funds."

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

School district ready for annual election

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

Voters will choose two candidates among a pool of five for four-year terms.

The candidates include challengers Carl Battishill, James Donahue and Kathleen Payne and incumbents Elizabeth Givens and Judy Mardigian.

There will be no ballot proposals before voters. The election will run from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday.

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

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

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

The polling places are:

■ Precinct 1, Central Middle, 650 Church, Plymouth
■ Precinct 2, Gallimore Elementary, 8375 Sheldon, Canton

■ Precinct 3, Isbister Elementary, 9300 Canton Center, Plymouth Township

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

■ Precinct 5, Allen Elementary, 11100 Haggerty, Plymouth

■ Precinct 6, West Middle, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth Township

■ Precinct 7, Farrand Elementary, 41400 Greenbriar, Plymouth Township

■ Precinct 8, Fiegel Elementary, 39750 Joy, Plymouth Township

■ Precinct 9, Miller Elementary, 43721 Hanford, Canton

■ Precinct 10, Hulsing Elementary, 8055 Fleet, Canton

■ Precinct 11, Eriksson Elementary, 1275 N. Haggerty, Canton

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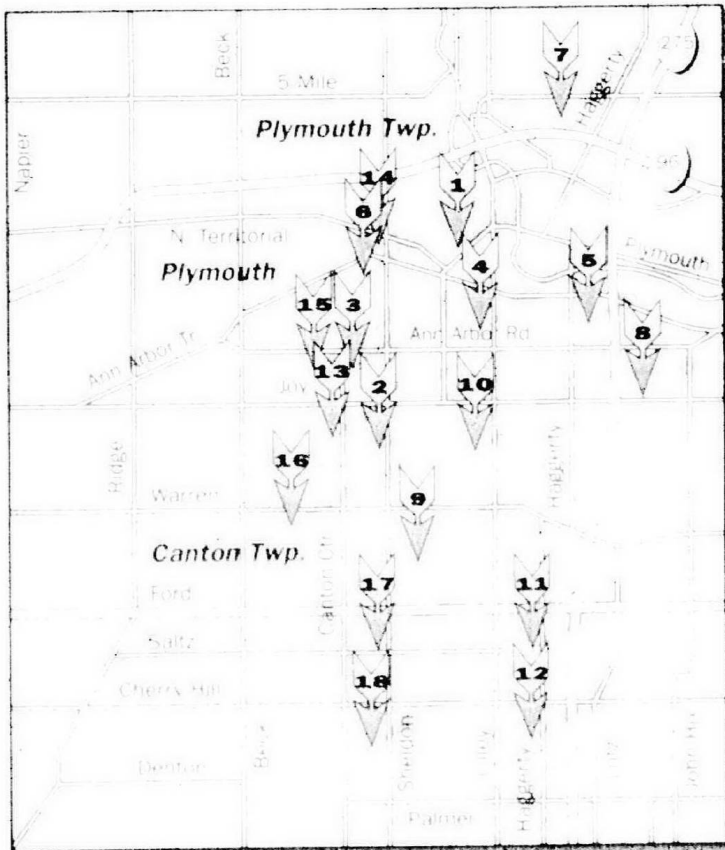
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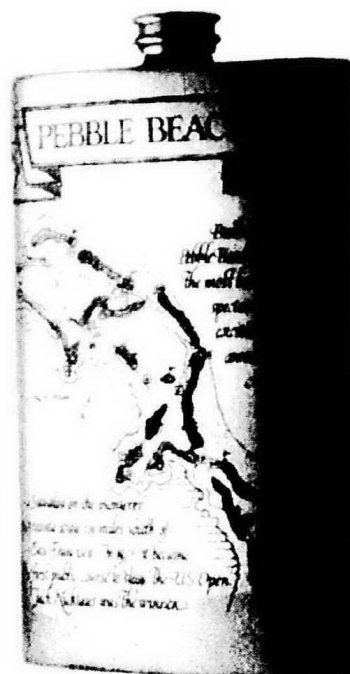
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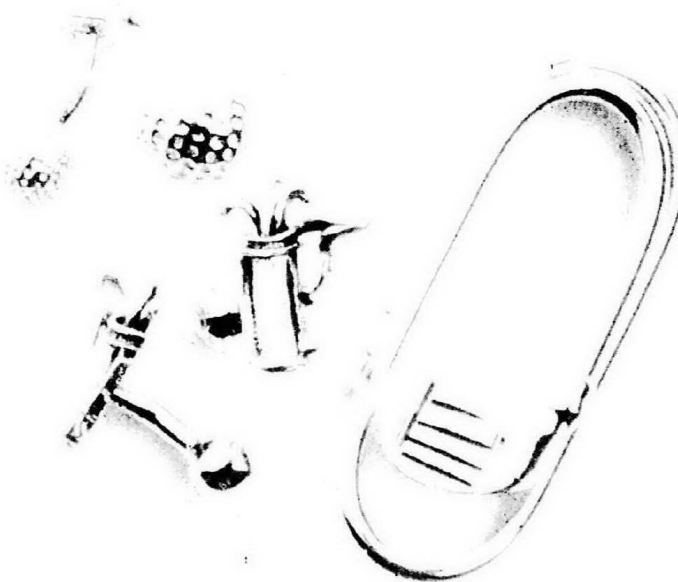


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Mill Street paving on schedule

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The Mill Street resurfacing project is going according to schedule, according to county road officials. But a Plymouth city official said the project is behind schedule.

"It's going slower than probably the contractor anticipated," said Paul Sincock, assistant city manager of Plymouth, adding that he thought the work was supposed to be done by mid-June. Rain and other weather delays may be responsible for the setback.

"They've been working diligently on curbs and additional prep work," Sincock said, adding that he predicts only minor inconvenience to motorists.

"The road's been open to traffic all along. Any time you have a construction zone it's an inconvenience."

The city of Plymouth is asking that people not park their cars on Mill Street the next couple weeks while workers begin leveling manhole structures.

"This will eliminate delays caused by cars parked on the street and blocking construction

equipment," a press release stated.

Kevin Maillard, Wayne County

highway engineer, said to his knowledge there have been no delays. The work was supposed to be finished by the end of July.

"We were looking at a July start date," Maillard said. "I don't believe it's been delayed. I know that (workers) have milled the surface and they're getting ready to pave."

The road isn't being closed during the resurfacing, though some lanes might be closed to accommodate workers.

The resurfacing area runs from Main to the border of Northville Road, covering about seven city blocks. The asphalt is being resurfaced and the curbs are being replaced. The price tag is \$243,000 and the contractor is Cadillac Asphalt Paving Co. of Novi. The work was bid out in March.

'It's going slower than probably the contractor anticipated.'

Paul Sincock
—Assistant City Manager

Family trying to take bite out of cost of training gear

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Plymouth Township resident Christine Schinker and her daughter, Jennifer, 9, originally wanted to raise money for a bullet proof vest for Hogan, the township police department's first police dog.

Christine and Jennifer read a story about a dog with a bullet proof vest in American Girl Magazine, a publication aimed at pre-teen girls.

Plymouth Township Officer Steve Cheston, Hogan's handler, appreciated the Schinkers' offer but suggested a greater need, a training bite suit. Now a community fund-raising effort is under way.

Cheston suggested the bite suit, that typically costs about \$1,600, because police funds are limited.

"If we would have to buy it, it would be cost-prohibitive," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey. The several agencies who train together also help each other out when the need arises, he said.

"The dogs require training every week," Cheston said. He nixed the idea of a bullet proof vest because it would limit Hogan's mobility and give something for suspects to grab onto. A bite suit trains a dog to bite, hold and restrain the suspect in different parts of his body until the officers can handcuff him or her. It's better than just training him with padded arm slips, police say.

Typically, the dog reaches the suspect before the officer by a few steps. "It takes 5-10 seconds to catch up," Cheston said.

Jo Ann Wilson, a manager of Lee's Chicken on Ann Arbor Road, supplied the Schinkers with donor buckets that sit on the counter. As people wait for their orders, the buckets and fund-raiser are a conversation-starter at Lee's Chicken.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HERSHMAN

Raising money: Jennifer Schinker, 9, sits with a collection bucket along with her mom Christine and Lee's Famous Chicken manager Jo Ann Wilson at the fast food restaurant on Ann Arbor Road Wednesday. Jennifer and her mom are attempting to raise \$1,600 for a police dog training "bite" suit for the Plymouth Township Police K-9 Unit.

"I think that it's cool," Wilson said. "A lot of people don't know about the dog. A lot of people don't understand what these dogs do."

Since May 11, Christine persuaded several Ann Arbor Road businesses to place buckets at their establishments. Jennifer took a bucket to Allen Elementary School. "We went to Allen School and made an announce-

ment about it, telling kids about it," Jennifer said.

Besides Lee's Chicken, other businesses also have buckets, including Specialty Pets, Parkway Vet in Plymouth and Canton Townships, Quicksilver Photo, Pro Percussion, Pilgrim Party Store, Denny's Restaurant, Big Boy Restaurant, Papa

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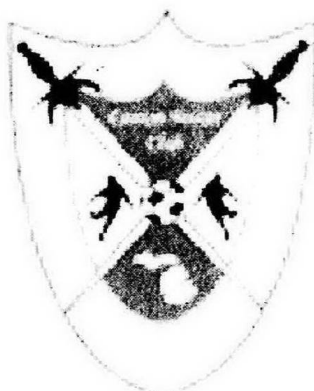
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U10 A&B	Bill Joker/ Demopoulos, Meyerland	(734) 981-6041	6-15 6p-8p	6-16 6p-8p	Canton HS
U11 A&B	Randy Prescott/ Sanders, Thomas	(734) 451-7211 (734) 453-0857	6-15 6p-8p	6-16 6p-8p	Canton HS
U12 Premier U12 Select	Charlie Bell/ TBA	(734) 878-9031	6-15 6p-8p	6-16 6p-8p	Canton HS
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U13 Select	Morrison	(734) 981-2773	6-15 6p-8p	6-16 6p-8p	Canton HS
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U14 Premier	Cox	(734) 454-9072	6-22 6p-8p	6-23 6p-8p	Canton HS
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Critics say Dunaskiss stall will cost consumers \$8 million

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

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

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

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

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

"Ameritech calls the shots. Whatever Ameritech says, Senator Dunaskiss will do," McLellan continued during a hastily called press conference Thursday afternoon in the Capitol on the last day of session before lawmakers went out for their summer



Sen. Mat Dunaskiss

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

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

Dunaskiss furious

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Indeed, McLellan confirmed

Thursday that AT&T is a member of MCTPA.

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

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

Competition is key

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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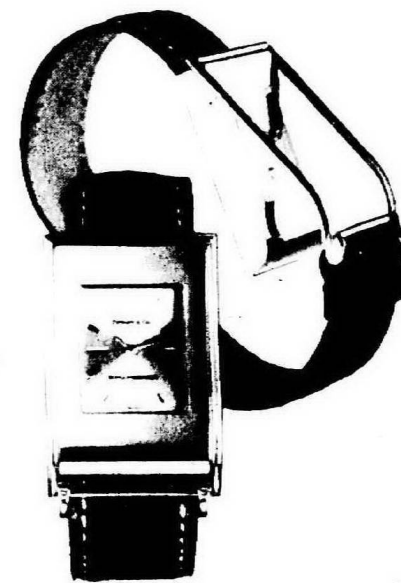
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Booher speaks to Canton economic club

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

That's what the district's top administrator told a modest gathering Wednesday at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Economic Club luncheon.

Booher said funding could be cut if a charter school opens at Ford and Ridge roads this fall.

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

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

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

Booher began her stint as superintendent in January. She previously served as superintendent of the Berkley School District in Oakland County.

Booher began as a middle school teacher of English and social studies. She later became a college instructor before moving



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into public school administration.

"I've thoroughly enjoying my opportunity to join this community," said Booher. "This

community was a huge factor in my decision to come here. It has been even better than I thought."

She took a challenging job.

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

Staffers have a diverse and challenging student population to deal with, Booher said.

"Children today are bringing more issues to school than 25 years ago," she added.

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

Nearly 800 students receive special education or English as a second language services, said Booher.

The district has also actively sought business partnerships in the community, she said.

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

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

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

Bill would ban mercury products in schools

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A Livonia state senator is co-sponsoring a bill that would ban mercury-based products in schools.

The legislation is in response to mercury spills like the one that closed Franklin High May 23-24. State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, is co-sponsoring the measure.

A 17-year-old male student involved in the incident has been suspended indefinitely. Authorities are awaiting a substance analysis before determining what charges will be brought, Livonia police Lt. Ben McDermott said.

The recent number of mercury mishaps prompted the legislation, McCotter said.

"Kids are having to leave school because of it," McCotter said. "In some instances, kids are doing it on purpose to get out of school."

"We don't see the need for mercury in the schools because it is a toxin."

Livonia schools were in the process of removing all mercury devices when the Franklin High incident happened May 22.

Approximately two ounces — the size of a nickel — of mercury was spilled in two classrooms, which necessitated a two-day clean-up by an environmental firm.

Clean-up costs are estimated at \$12,000-\$15,000, Watson said.

The student removed the potential toxin from a storage area where sources of mercury were being collected.

School officials decided to remove all mercury devices after similar scares at other schools, including Westland John Glenn.

The district has followed

through with initial plans.

"For all intents and purposes all the mercury devices that kids come in contact with or teachers would use have been removed or are in the process of being removed," said David Watson, the district's operations director.

Some devices, like thermostats, cannot be removed. Those areas are usually off-limits to students, Watson said.

A home economics teacher also found a batch of mercury-based thermometers used for cooking. "She said, 'Oh I didn't realize I had these,'" Watson said.

State Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, introduced the measure, which would prohibit mercury products or equipment starting Jan. 1, 2005.

If mercury-free devices are not available, districts will only be allowed to use those instruments containing the least amount of the element available on the market.

Mercury also has to be disposed according to state and federal standards, the bill adds.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, joined McCotter in co-sponsoring.

The Livonia senator believes the law is needed, even though many districts are already getting rid of mercury products.

"If anything, it's not an overreaction," McCotter said. "It puts in statute what some school districts have wisely decided to do already."

Watson sees a state law to ban all mercury products an overreaction "to some extent."

But he added, "I guess it doesn't hurt."

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Romanos, Mr. Pita and Zack's.

Hogan and K9s from 42 departments train weekly at the K9 Academy in Romulus. There's one bite suit for all the dogs.

Dogs who are only trained with padded arm slings tend to focus only on that part of the body, Cheston said. The only way that these dogs can defend themselves against an aggressive subject is to bite, he added.

Since Hogan began duty last September, he's been used about 200 times, Cheston said. There's been about 100 narcotic "finds" with 23 finds in the first two months of service. Hogan has found nine suspects hiding. He's done more than 10 tracks.

Slowly, Christine's efforts are taking shape.

"I see this as a way to keep drugs off the street," Christine said. "All those narcotics finds are wonderful."

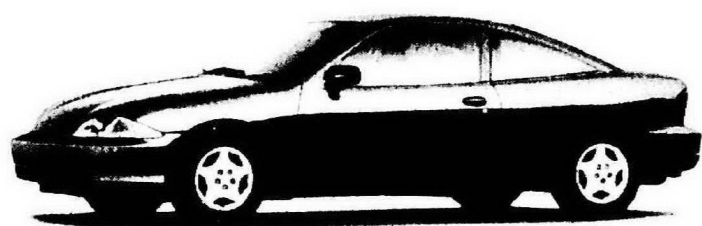
This fund-raiser expands Christine's community service. Since September, she has delivered Meals on Wheels to 12 seniors every Tuesday in the City of Plymouth. "It only takes me about 45 minutes," she said. "For some people, I am the only person they see all day."



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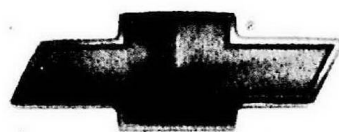
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OBITUARIES

WAYNE C. LUSK
Services for Wayne C. Lusk, 74, of Plymouth were June 8 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dennis M. Bux officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.
He was born May 28, 1926, in Kalamazoo. He died June 5 in Superior Township. He was an administrative law judge and deputy director of the Department of Licensing and Regulation for the State of Michigan.
He was in the United States Navy in World War II. He was a member of the Michigan State Bar Association and Hope Lutheran church for 15 years. He currently was attending Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia.
He was a graduate of Wayne State University and Detroit College of Law. He ran for Michigan State Senate in the 1950s. He retired in 1989. He lived 22 years in Plymouth following 29 years in Redford Township.
He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Jennie Lusk. Survivors include his wife, Alda Jean Lusk of Plymouth; three sons, David W. (Lou) Lusk of Redford, Craig J. Lusk of Canton and Robert G. (Mary) Lusk of Hamburg, and five grandchildren, Robert, Susan, Nicholas, Jessica and Jonathan.
Memorials may be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154.
Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.
WILVA IRENE MARKHAM
Services for Wilva Irene Markham, 88, of Vicksburg, Mich., (formerly of Plymouth) were June 8 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Norman Long officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly, Mich.
She was born Dec. 10, 1911, in Davisburg. She died June 6 in Leonidas, Mich. She lived 75 years in the Plymouth area and 13 years in the Holly area. She graduated Plymouth High School in 1929. She was a former member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. She loved to sew. She was a homemaker.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry H. and Jessie Mae Norris. Survivors include her daughter, Irene M. (Donald) Carson of Vicksburg, Mich.; one son, Ronald N. (Mariann)

Markham of Clinton; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.
Memorials may be made to Hospice of Three Rivers, 633 S. Erie Street, Three Rivers, MI 49093 or to Birch Adult Foster Care, 153 W. Street, Leptomas, MI 49066.
GORDON R. JEWELL
Services for Gordon R. Jewell, 83, of Plymouth were June 10 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Kip Harris officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery Mausoleum.
He was born Aug. 11, 1916, in Crosby, Minn. He died June 8 in Livonia. He was an automotive product engineer for Ford Motor Company. He was retired. He came to the Plymouth community in 1950 from Speedway, Ind.
He was a member of the Motor City Theater Organ Society. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He loved working on automobiles. He was an excellent woodworker, building furniture and cabinet making were two of his favorites. He held several patents for inventing automotive parts.
He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Frank Denkhaus; and one brother, Russell Jewell.
Survivors include his wife, Mary of Plymouth; four children, Wayne (Bonnie) Jewell of Brighton, Glen (Sandy) Jewell of Plymouth, Tom (Connie) Jewell of Westland, Mollie Denkhaus of Westland; three sisters, Maxine Fisher of Sterling Heights, Eleanor Sullivan of Byron and Olive Menoch of Cadillac; six grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Let It be written



Writing honors: Twenty Madonna University students from various academic programs were nominated by faculty members to receive Student Awards for Excellence in Writing. The awards are sponsored by the Madonna University Writing Across the Curriculum program. Yoko Morie, a Plymouth resident and a post-graduate student in psychology, was among the 20 writing award recipients at Madonna. Madonna University offers more than 50 career-oriented undergraduate majors and 18 masters programs in business, clinical psychology, education, health services, hospice, nursing and teaching English to speakers of other languages.

Investment firm buys Plymouth company

Bain Capital, Inc., one of the nation's leading private equity investment firms, has purchased a majority interest in Broder Bros., the industry leader in wholesale distribution of imprinted sportswear.

Vincent J. Tyra, former president of Fruit of the Loom, Inc., has been appointed to the CEO post at Broder. Former Broder Executive Vice President Todd Turkin, has been named president and chief operation officer. Details of the transaction were not disclosed.

Broder Bros., headquartered in Plymouth, has six distribution centers strategically located throughout the U.S. Broder distributes recognized sportswear brands such as Fruit of the Loom, Jerzees, Cross Creek, Lee, Gildan, Masingwear, Woolrich, and their exclusive private label brand Luna Pier. Harold Brode, former CEO, and his son Michael Brode, former president, controlled the privately held business.

Commenting on the acquisition, Harold and Michael Brode said, "We are pleased to welcome Bain as our new partner, and look forward to their strategic contributions to the continued growth of our business. We are especially pleased with the addition of Tyra to the management team. We are confident he will provide the vision and direction necessary to profitably manage the company's future growth."

As the new CEO of Broder Bros., Tyra commented, "This is a great opportunity to become part of an industry leader like Broder and to work with a proven management group headed by Todd Turkin and Howard Morof." Tyra went on to say that he will focus on aggressive growth of the business coupling organic expansion with acquisitions.

As the former president of Fruit of the Loom, Inc., Tyra was responsible for the retail and active-wear business units in the United States, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Puerto Rico. Prior to joining Fruit of the Loom in 1997, Tyra invested six years as a principle and executive vice president of T-shirts & More, a wholesale distributor of imprinted sportswear located in Louisville, Kentucky.

Todd Turkin's 20-year career with Broder Bros. was an important catalyst in the growth and development of the organization. His tenure as executive vice president focused upon improvements to the company's service infrastructure to build upon Broder's strength as a "solution provider" to their customers nationwide.

As the newly appointed President and COO, Turkin will continue his focus on customer needs and expectations to maintain Broder's reputation in the industry for customer service excellence.

Bain Capital is a private investment firm with offices in Boston, London, New York, and San Francisco. Since its founding in 1984, Bain Capital has made more than 120 acquisitions and significant capital investments.

The firm's primary aim is to acquire companies with revenues ranging from \$100 million to more than \$1 billion and that have excellent potential for equity appreciation.



CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE #2000-02

Amending Section 54 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions) by repealing the present Article 7, Division 1 - Offenses Against Public Morals - Generally, and substituting a new Article 7, Division 1 to be titled Public Indecency, prohibiting certain conduct in public places, providing definitions relating thereto, and providing penalties for the violators thereof, including fines, imprisonment, and declaration of public nuisance, as appropriate.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Plymouth has, at various times over more than a century, expressed its findings that certain lewd, immoral activities carried on in public places for profit are highly detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare, and lead to the debasement of both women and men, promote violence, public intoxication, prostitution and other serious criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission, by various enactments of General Ordinances of Article 7, Division 1, as well as amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, has expressed its intention to limit appropriate cases to declare the locations of such activities to be a public nuisance subject to abatement; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is fully aware of and fully respects the fundamental constitutional guarantee of free speech and free expression and realizes that restrictions of such freedoms must be carefully drafted and enforced so that speech and expression are not curtailed beyond the point at which it is essential to further the City's interest in public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, over the years, various statutes and court interpretations have been enacted and decided, which compel periodic reevaluation and revision of City ordinances and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the current Article 7, Division 1, Offenses Against Public Morals - Generally, is somewhat vague and should be entirely replaced with new language consistent with current state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission specifically wishes to adopt the concept of Public Indecency prohibited by the laws of the State of Michigan, which was approved by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Barnes vs. Glen Theatre Inc. et al* 111 Sup. Ct. 2456 (1991), for the purpose of limitation nude live entertainment within the City, which activity adversely impacts and threatens to impact the harassment, public intoxication, prostitution, the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and other deleterious effects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Article 7, Division 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth (Offenses Against Public Morals) is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety by a new Article 7, Division 1, entitled Public Indecency, to read as follows:

1. A person who knowingly or intentionally, in a public place:
 - a. engages in sexual intercourse
 - b. engages in deviate sexual intercourse as defined by the Michigan Crimes Code
 - c. appears in a state of nudity, or
 - d. fondles the genitals of himself, herself or another person commits Public Indecency, a Summary Offense.
2. "Nudity" means the showing of the human male or female genital, pubic area or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering, the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple, and the exposure of any device, costume, or covering which gives the appearance of or simulates the genitals, pubic hair, natal cleft, perineum anal region or pubic hair region, or the exposure of any device worn as a cover over the nipples and/or areola of the female breast which device simulates and gives the realistic appearance of nipples and/or areola.
3. "Public Place" includes all outdoor places owned by or open to the general public, and all buildings and enclosed places owned by or open to the general public, including such places of entertainment, taverns, restaurants, clubs, theaters, dance halls, banquet halls, party rooms or halls limited to specific members, restricted to adults or to patrons invited to attend, whether or not admission charge is levied.
4. The prohibition set forth in subsection 1 (c) shall not apply to:
 - a. Any child under ten (10) years of age; or
 - b. Any individual exposing a breast in the process of breast feeding an infant.
5. In addition to the specific penalties provided in this ordinance, it is hereby declared that any building, portion of a building, or enclosed place regularly used for the prohibited display of public nudity is a public nuisance, subjecting the owner, proprietor or other operator thereof to any and all actions authorized by the State of Michigan for the abatement of public nuisances, including, but not limited to the procedures set forth in Article 7, Division 1 of the Code of Ordinances.
6. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY - It is the intention of the City of Plymouth that the provisions of this ordinance be construed, enforced and interpreted in such a manner as will cause the less possible infringement of the constitutional rights of free speech, free expression, due process, equal protection or other fundamental rights consistent with the purposes of this ordinance. Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that any part of this ordinance, or any application or enforcement of it is excessively restrictive of such rights or liberties, then such portion of the ordinance, or specific application of the ordinance, shall be severed from the remainder, which shall continue in full force and effect.
7. PENALTY - Whoever violates this ordinance, either by commission of a public indecency, or by the promotion or maintenance of public indecency as property owner, proprietor or manager of a business, shall be guilty of a summary offense, and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$500, or be imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both. Each day such violation continues is a separate offense.

Section 2. That all Ordinances and parts thereof conflicting herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective twenty days after final passage and approval by the Mayor and City Commission.

We do hereby certify that the above ordinance was approved by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Plymouth this 5th day of June, 2000.

DAVID A. MC DONALD Mayor LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AE City Clerk

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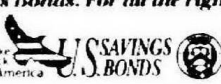
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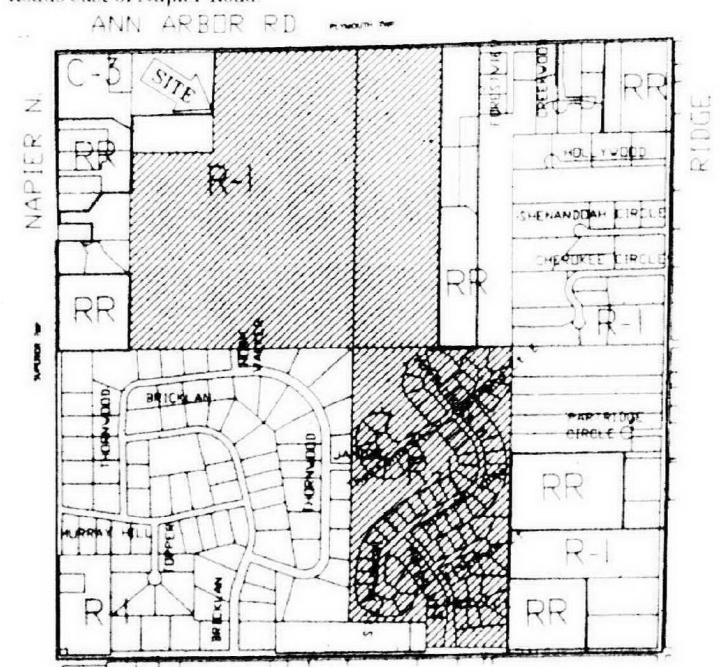


PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 19, 2000, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

HERON RIDGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - AMENDMENT #1 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AGREEMENT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 021 99 0016 700, 022 99 0001 701, 024 99 0002 000. Property is located between Joy and Warren Roads east of Napier Road.



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

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Published: May 25 and June 11, 2000

PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF PLYMOUTH

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

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

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

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC City Clerk

Published: June 11, 2000

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE

PROPOSED 2000-01 OPERATING BUDGETS

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

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

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

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

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

JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary Board of Education

Forum features candidates in hot prosecutor race

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

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

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



Colthirst



Duggan



McPhail



Smith



Ward

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

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

other, and queries from the audience.

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

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

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

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

Dynamic changes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tips for bicyclists

Western Wayne County drivers, bicyclists and parents got a grim "heads-up" this week as the summer bicycling season got under way. The worst intersection for bicycle-motor vehicle accidents in southeast Michigan is right in their back yard.

It's westbound Michigan Avenue and Venoy Road, which averages 2.2 such crashes annually, according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). The figure is based on averages from 1994-98.

SEMCOG released the information in hope of increasing awareness and helping people avoid becoming statistics.

The next two worst intersections, SEMCOG said, are both on northbound Gratiot in Roseville, in Macomb County — at 12 Mile Road and at Frazho Road. Each intersection averages 1.4 bike-vehicle accidents per year.

SEMCOG cited 10 tips from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration that can greatly reduce the likelihood of injury.

■ Protect your head — always wear a helmet;

■ Make sure your bicycle is properly adjusted to fit you and

make sure all parts are secure and working well.

■ Stop! Always check brakes before riding.

■ See and be seen — wear clothing that makes you more visible.

■ Avoid biking at night, when it's far more dangerous. If you must ride then, make sure reflectors are "clean and unblocked, put the brightest lights on the front and rear and wear retro-reflective clothing or material on ankles, wrists, back and helmet.

■ Stay alert and watch for obstacles.

■ Go with the flow — the safe way is the right way.

■ Check for traffic and always be aware of what's going on around you. Before entering a street or intersection, check for traffic, remembering to look "left-right-left".

■ Learn the rules of the road and obey traffic laws.

■ Don't flip over your bicycle — make sure the wheels are securely fastened.

For more regional statistics on bicycling, check SEMCOG's "Transportation Fact Book for Southeast Michigan," available by calling (313) 961-4266.

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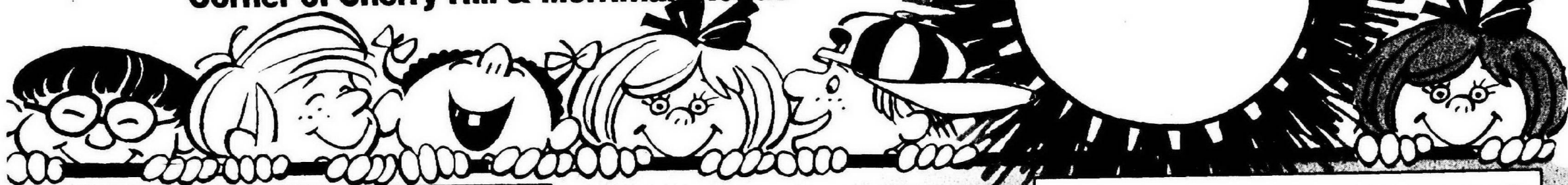
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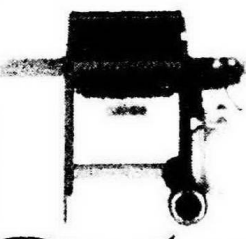
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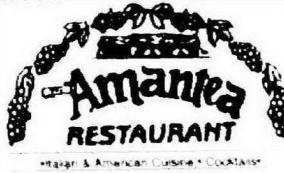


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Hoop all-star

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

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

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

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

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

Sonnanstine lauded

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

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

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

Junior Crusaders 2nd

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

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

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

Soccer sign-up

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

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

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

Basketball camp

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

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

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

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

Simon hoop camps

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

The cost for each session is \$115.

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

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Salem grad gets All-American status

BY C.J. RISAK
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Well — now what?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Stefanie Volpe
All-American

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

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

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

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

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

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No giving up Canton battles back to clip Stevenson in OT

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

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

She found the open ground.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

half.

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

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

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

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

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

2-1 with 21:47 left.

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

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

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

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

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

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Ocelots keep stockpiling top players

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

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

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

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

RECRUITING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Judy Telford
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Plymouth SalemKristy Ramsey
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7 repeat All-Area selections

2000 ALL-AREA GIRLS TRACK TEAM

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FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Tiffany Grubaugh, Sr., Plymouth Salem; 2. Tasha O'Neil, Sr., North Farmington; 3. Lisa Balke, Jr., Livonia Franklin.

Discus: 1. Judy Telford, Jr., Farmington Hills Mercy; 2. Jenny Heiser, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 3. Susan Hand, Sr., North Farmington.

Long jump: 1. Jessica Shamberger, Sr., Plymouth Salem; 2. Amy Driscoll, Jr., Plymouth Canton; 3. Brynne DeWen, Sr., Plymouth Salem.

High jump: 1. Kristy Ramsey, Sr., Farmington Hills Mercy; 2. Alexis Noel, Sr., Livonia Ladywood; 3. Andrea Potash, Jr., Livonia Stevenson.

Pole vault: 1. Kim Wise, Jr., Garden City; 2. Jane Fickman, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 3. Karl Olson, Jr., Livonia Churchill.

RELAY EVENTS

400-meter relay: 1. LaTasha Chandler, Jr., Westland John Glenn; 2. Alana Chavell, Sr., Plymouth Salem; 3. Lisa Ramsey, Sr., Farmington Hills Mercy.

800-meter relay: 1. Cassie Ehlerdt, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; 2. Kristy Ramsey, Sr., Farmington Hills Mercy; 3. Valerie Brown, Sr., Plymouth Salem.

1,600-meter relay: 1. Brianna Watson, Sr., Livonia Ladywood; 2. Michelle Banker, Jr., Plymouth Salem; 3. Angela Mikalson, Sr., Livonia Stevenson.

200-meter dash: 1. Rachel Jones, Sr., Plymouth Salem; 2. Dayna Clemens, Sr., North Farmington; 3. (tie) Alexandria Marshall, Jr., Farmington Hills Mercy; Rita Meier, Jr., Livonia Franklin.

400-meter dash: 1. Autumn Hicks, Jr., Plymouth Salem; 2. Meredith Fox, Sr., Plymouth Canton.

1,600-meter relay: 1. Heather Vandette, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; 2. Tasha Noel, Jr., Livonia Stevenson; 3. Holly Stockton, Sr., North Farmington.

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

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

It was also an outstanding year for several area teams.

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

The Lutheran High Westland girls won both the Metro Conference and Division IV regional crowns under coach Dave Brown.

Salem and Livonia Stevenson finished a close second and third behind Detroit Cass Tech in the Division I regional at Redford Union.

Introducing the 2000 All-Observer girls track team.

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

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

Judy Telford, discus, Farm. Hills Mercy: Telford set school records in the shot put (38'3") and discus (126'7"), bettering her own records in both. The old shot put record (37'9") was held by Charese Sanders (1988) until Telford broke it in early May with a toss of 37'7".

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

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

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

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

"She has improved every year for three years in a row. She's not resting on her laurels; she keeps going after it."

"I'm hoping she goes after the state (title) next year. She went to state for the first time and did very well."

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

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

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

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

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

Andrea Parker
Livonia StevensonHeather Vandette
Livonia StevensonTess Kuehne
Lutheran Westland

her first and only season of track and field.

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

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

Ramsey also threw the shot put 32'10" and the discus 109'0", and her best effort in the long jump was 16'5".

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

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

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

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

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

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

LaTasha Chandler, 110-meter hurdles, Westland Glenn: Chandler scored points in every meet this season and lost only once. Her best time was 14.8 seconds. She finished second in the region and fifth in the semifinals at the state meet.

Chandler also ran the first leg of the 400 and 800 relays.

"LaTasha is very coachable and dedicated to the sport," John Glenn coach John Kitchen said. "She has great work ethics and a great attitude."

Cassie Ehlerdt, 300 hurdles, Liv. Stevenson: Ehlerdt won the 300 hurdles event at regionals with a time of 48.1 seconds and finished fifth in the 110 hurdles. She also helped the Spartans' 1,600 relay to a fifth place finish.

At the WLLA meet, Ehlerdt was second in the 300 hurdles (47'6") and eighth in the 110 hurdles.

"Cassie is a four-year, three sport participant. Not many girls are willing to put in the time that she has to become a varsity competitor every season," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg

said. "Her success this season is a deserved reward for the dedication and hard work she has given Stevenson teams."

Brianna Watson, 100 dash, Liv. Ladywood: Headed for Eastern Michigan University in the fall, Watson enjoyed a banner year in the sprints for the Blazers. Her best time in the 100 dash was 12'6" in a dual meet against Harper Woods Regina.

Ladywood captured its first-ever regional in school history in the Division II meet at Algonac as Watson finished second in the 100 and anchored the first-place 400 relay team.

She was also Catholic League champion in the 100 dash and was a member of the first-place 400 relay squad in the Catholic League meet.

At the Division II state meet, Watson teamed up with Laura Yales, Kelly Predmesky and Kelly Carey for an eighth place finish in the 400 relay (51'56").

"Brianna is very gutsy, a total team athlete," Ladywood coach Lee Shaw said. "During the state meet she pulled a hamstring before a race, but still ran in three races, that impressed me a lot."

Watson set the school record in the 100 as a sophomore (12'4").

Rachel Jones, 200 dash, Ply. Salem: Jones is the second all-time leading point scorer in Salem history with 1,726 points. Her best individual times in the year 2000 include 12'4 seconds in the 100 dash, 25'8 seconds in the 200 and 60'2 in the 400.

"The 25.8 in the 200 ties a 15-year old record at Salem and the 12'4 in the 100 is the fastest since 1990," coach Mark Gregor said.

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

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

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

Autumn Hicks, 400 dash, Ply. Salem: An extremely tough competitor, Hicks saved her best for the big meets. At the WLLA meet, she scored important points in the high jump, 200 dash, 400

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All-Area girls track *from page B2*



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



800 relay: Salem's foursome includes (left to right) Autumn Hicks, Celena Davis, Brynne DeNeen and Rachel Jones.



1,600 relay: Salem's quartet includes (left to right) Autumn Hicks, Brynne DeNeen, Aisha Chappell and Rachel Jones.

dash and in the league champion 800 relay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tess Kuehne, 3,200 run, Lutheran Westland: Kuehne holds the sophomore record in the 1,600 and 3,200 for Lutheran Westland and is second all time for all grades.

Kuehne qualified for state in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 runs and 3,200 relay. She placed sixth in both the 1,600 (5:25.63) and 3,200 (11:50.97) at the state meet. She led the Warriors' 3,200 relay to a seventh place finish by running a leg of the relay in a time of 2:27.8.

At the Metro Conference meet, Kuehne won the 1,600 and 3,200 runs and was second in the 1,600 and 3,200 relays. She was second in the region in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200, as well as the 3,200 relay.

"Tess was a big reason for our regional championship and other good team performances in big meets as she usually ran four events," Lutheran Westland coach Dave Brown said. "She saved her best for last, running her fastest time of the season at the state meet. It was a great day and a great season for her."

400 relay, Salem (Michelle Bonior, Susan Woodard, Jessica Shamberger, Rachel Jones): A junior, freshman, sophomore and senior comprised the fastest 400 relay team ever at Salem. With a time of 49.9 seconds, this group broke the school record by 0.4 seconds and will threaten it again in 2001. The relay was undefeated in dual meets this season, was regional champion and was eighth in the state final in Rockford.

800 relay, Salem (Autumn Hicks, Celena Davis, Brynne DeNeen, Rachel Jones): This quartet is the third-fastest 800 relay ever at Salem. They recorded



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

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

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

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

"Each of these young ladies knew that when a big meet came around,

they could be called upon to bring home a victory for the team," coach Mark Gregor said.

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

3,200 relay, Stevenson (Andrea Parker, Erin Mazzoni, Heather Vandette, Tessa Tarole): Stevenson's 3,200 relay team led the listings all year and their time of 9:46.9 at the state final meet was the fastest area time since 1998 (Stevenson 9:39).

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

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

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Ward wins Youth Travel



AL HARRISON

Last weekend was the climax of the youth traveling leagues season as the three leagues that function in metro Detroit battled it out June 4 at Ypsi Arbor Lanes in the 5th annual Youth Travel Challenge.

The three leagues involved were the Ward Youth Travel League, the Sunday Youth Classic and the Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic.

The travel leagues have been the breeding ground for many of the best bowlers in our area, as the more varied travel league conditions help in molding the youngsters skills and preparing them as better players in the future.

Each of the leagues has its own particular history and identity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bowling Association, and 86-year-old Jarvis Woelke of Dearborn.

The Gavie is always considered to be the kick-off of the new bowling season.

It is a team event and many of the entrants will be sponsored by local businesses, some by their own bowling center, and others by industrial supporters.

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

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

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

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

Every entrant comes away with a variety of souvenir gifts.

Entry forms will go out shortly, so plan ahead.

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

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

tournament.

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

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

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

I never win any of the awards, but I do get to eat, always seated with the bowling press corps consisting of Matt Fiorito, Rick Strobl, Larry Paladino and Bernie Kennedy and our wives.

I always look forward to this, as Paladino, who is now our Birmingham Eccentric News Editor, never fails to have the latest jokes at the table.

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

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

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Woodland Lanes (Livonia)

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

Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland)

Wednesday Trio: Chris Kliczinski, 702; Mark Robertson, 279; Ron Brusseau, 279.

Christian Ladies Fellowship: Eira Moore, 235; Alicia Campbell, 223; Sandy Clark, 212/552.

Battle of the Sexes: Don White, 256/692; Fred McBride, 248/658; Stan Black, 248/687.

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

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

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

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

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

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

U-M reached the NCAA Region Eight final, losing twice to DePaul, 8-0 and 3-0, May 19-21. Inbetween those losses, U-M beat Stanford 5-4 and Illinois-Chicago 3-0.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The rest are just team goals. Which means getting to the College World Series. It's something she still has two seasons to achieve.

Regional soccer from page B1

up the whole game."

With the clock at the six-minute mark, Johnson gained possession at midfield and sent a perfect through ball to Morrell on the left wing. She battled her way past Sied and another Spartan defender, racing towards the corner and attracting all sorts of

attention.

Well-deserved attention, Morrell had used her speed and/or skills to turn the corner previously, that's how she scored earlier. But this time she sent a beautiful feed into the box past a defender to Johnson, who netted it to knot the score at 2-2 with

5:56 left in regulation.

From that point on, Canton was in command. The Chiefs put together several other opportunities before regulation expired, but couldn't find the net.

It wasn't like that in OT. Following the kickoff, Kaya Marsh got possession for Canton near

the right sideline and sent it forward to Morrell, who again broke down the wing and again drew all sorts of defensive consideration.

Her pass into the middle reached Johnson, who was completely unmarked in front of Stevenson's Hooker. She

knocked it in to finish the match just 23 seconds into overtime.

"I was scared, it was so easy," said Smith. "I was afraid she'd miss it."

Kimble couldn't find an answer why Johnson was so alone — other than Morrell. "She draws so much attention," he

said. "Everyone's so concerned with her, some to get open."

Someone got open, and someone finished. The captain of Morrell and Johnson combined on all three Canton goals.

It was in the final Stevenson would handle.

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OUTDOORS AND RECREATION

A big find

Giant swallowtail isn't that easy to spot

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

It's always exciting for me to see something new in nature, or something I have not seen for a long time.

Just the other day I saw Michigan's largest butterfly, the giant swallowtail, which I have not seen in four or five years.

I was with a group of people looking at some bird boxes, when this large butterfly flew by the boxes.

It was obvious to me we were looking at a giant swallowtail because of its dark overall coloration, with a prominent yellow band extending from the right side to the left side. This band is only on the upper surface of the wings. Yellow predominates on the undersides of the wings.

A similar butterfly that lives in the area is the black swallowtail, a close cousin to the giant swallowtail. It, too, is black in color with yellow stripes above and below, no yellow predominating on the undersides.

Black swallowtails are not as large as the giant swallowtail. Black's are about 3 3/4 inches from wing tip to wing tip, while

giant's are about 5 inches from wing tip to wing tip.

Though it is only about an inch difference, that one inch can be detected in the field after observing the more common black swallowtail.

Giant swallowtails are not a common butterfly anywhere in the state. They are found primarily in the southern counties, but they can be seen as far north as Bay City.

Even within their Michigan range, they are not abundant. I don't know why. Maybe the caterpillars do not have the proper kind of food.

Caterpillars can be picky eaters. That is why female butterflies taste the plant to see if it's the correct species before depositing their egg on the leaves.

Before laying their eggs, female butterflies stomp their feet on the leaves to release some chemicals. If those chemicals match the "flavor" she is looking for, she will lay her eggs.

Choosing the wrong plant could mean death to the caterpillar. Tiny caterpillars do not have enough energy to search for the proper plant to eat in a field of thousands.

Eggs of the giant swallowtail are laid commonly on the prickly ash tree. Prickly ash would be a second choice in our area. Prickly ash is sometimes called the tooth ache tree. Pioneers with a tooth ache would gently chew on a twig to release the salicylic acid, or aspirin.

Before the appearance of drug stores, that is all the early settlers had for a pain reliever. Eating prickly ash all the time must insure that the caterpillars don't have any headaches!

Like all young swallowtail caterpillars, those of the giant swallowtail look like a big bird dropping.

They are brownish/gray with a white patch at one end. It really does look very similar to a bird dropping, which no self-respecting predator is going to eat. It's great protective coloration.

As the caterpillar ages it changes coloration to a colorful pattern with fake eyes at one end. Those false eyes are intended to confuse potential predators into thinking the caterpillar is something more aggressive than just a plant eating caterpillar.

Keep your eyes open for an extra large black butterfly this year.

It's a good time to fish for bluegills

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

With warmer weather finally arriving, the water temperature in local inland lakes like Belleville, Kent, Cass, Pontiac, Orchard and Orion is rising and that means one thing for anglers — bluegills. And lots of them!

This is the prime time of the year to catch gills as they move into shallow water to spawn.

Males arrive first and fan out a round, bowl-like nest, which is called a redd. Females arrive next and deposit eggs, which the male fertilizes then guards like a junkyard dog.

Spawning peaks when the water temperature reaches 70 to 80 degrees.

Anglers who dial in on this activity are usually rewarded with some great

fishing action. It's also a good time to take a kid fishing.

If fishing from shore, a stealth approach is required. Move slowly and quietly as you approach the lake and try not to let your shadow fall on the water. Watch the shoreline for beds, then cast above the bed and drag or float your bait through the bed.

Boat anglers should also move slowly and quietly. Fish are easily spooked in shallow water.

Baits like wax worms, wigglers, small leeches and leaf worms work well, as do rubber spiders and an assortment of wet and dry flies.

Remember, though, these fish are spawning, so leave some behind to perpetuate the species. It's wise to return the fat females to the lake to spawn. Keep enough males for a good plate of fillets and leave the rest for another day.

Borrow fishing tackle

The opportunity to fish just got a little easier.

In a cooperative effort between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division and individual parks across the state, a free fishing tackle loaner program has been initiated at dozens of state and local parks.

The goal of the program is to provide rod-and-reel combos for use in the parks, free of charge.

"This grass roots partnership is reaching out to people to help them learn about and enjoy fishing," said Ken Dodge, DNR Urban Fisheries Biologist.

"Michigan has great fishing opportunities for everyone, and we want anyone interested to have the chance to try."

Rod-and-reel combos will be available for park users on a first-come, first-served basis at the following area loca-

tions: The Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area in Metamora, (810) 797-4439; Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area in Waterford, (248) 666-1020; Proud Lake Recreation Area in Milford, (248) 685-2433; Kensington Metropark in Milford, (810) 227-2627; Stony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township, 1-800-477-7756; Addison Oaks County Park in Oxford, (248) 693-2432; Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston, (248) 825-0877; Newburgh Lake County Park in Plymouth, (734) 261-2025; and Spencer Park, Rochester Hills, (248) 656-4657.

Reward offered

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of people illegally harvesting lake sturgeon from the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair.

The reward has been posted because the problem has gotten way out of hand.

"We know that (sturgeon) are target-

ed mainly by local people that live there and know the fish are there," said Mike Thomas, fisheries biologist at the DNR's St. Clair Research Station. "They know now is the easiest time of the year to catch them. People usually do it after dark."

The open season runs July 16 through Sept. 30.

If convicted, poachers face a fine of up to \$2,000 and up to 180 days in jail.

Anyone with information on sturgeon poaching is asked to call the DNR Report All Poaching hotline at 1-800-292-7800.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

CLASSES/CLINICS

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

FLY TYING

Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, offers fly tying clinics (beginning, advanced, Atlantic salmon, and fly tying round table). All clinics will be conducted at the store and will cover tying tools, tool uses, and understanding of materials. All classes are limited to six students. Call (248) 538-3474 for specific times, dates, fees, and registration information.

FLY CASTING

Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, offers fly casting clinics on Sundays through mid-July. The clinics, designed to run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., will be held at Cranbrook Academy. Students are instructed in basic casting techniques, overview of fly fishing tackle and knots, basic entomology, fish fighting skills, stream etiquette, and how to release a fish. Call (248) 538-3474 with questions regarding dates, times, fees and availability. Class size is limited.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on

Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

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

DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call (313) 825-2110.

LIVONIA RANGE

The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

BASS TOURNAMENT

The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payouts will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters

and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

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

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leader-

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

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Please call (248) 666-1020 for additional information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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

2000 PERMITS

The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

Two programs will be held at the Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center near Rochester. "Full Moon Walk" is set for Friday, June 16 at 8:30 p.m. Join an interpreter for a 90-minute walk under the light of the "Strawberry Moon." For ages six and older. Pre-registration is required. "Edible or Regrettable" follows on Saturday, June 17 at 11 a.m. Take this interpreter-led, 90-minute hike to discover the contrasting sides of plants. Come prepared to walk. For ages eight and older. Pre-registration is required. For additional information or to register, call the Nature Center at (810) 781-4621.

■ "Woodland Wander" is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark. Learn the history and uses of the trees that grow in the forest at the Nature Center. Pre-registration is required. For registration information or additional details, call (248) 685-0603 or 1-800-477-3178.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register.

PERMITS

The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$25. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register.

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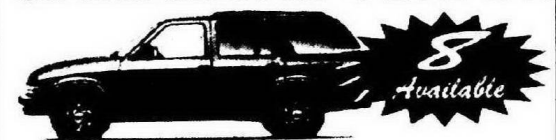
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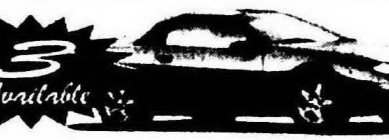
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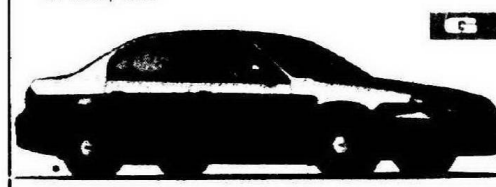
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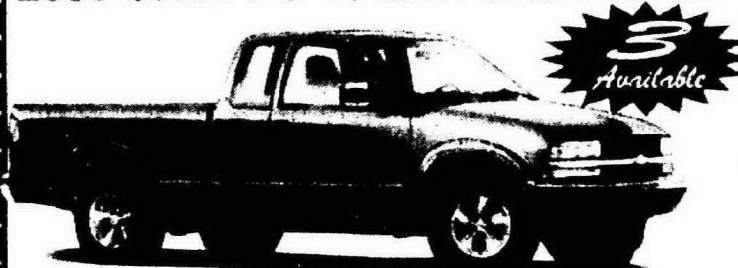


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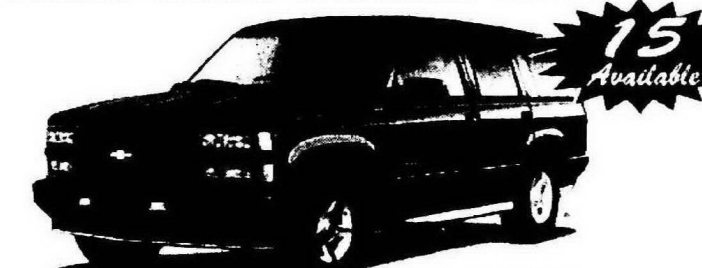
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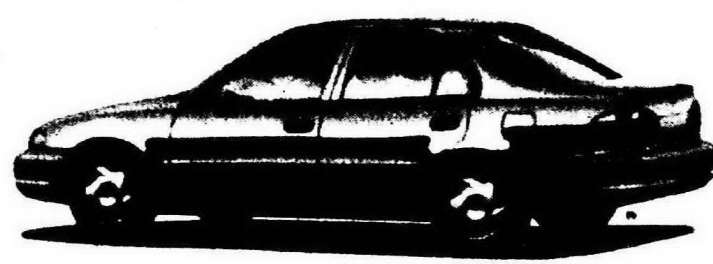
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Camps make art cool this summer

Given a choice, most kids would love to tackle Shakespeare. At least that's been Marcey Walsh's experience as producer of the Clarkston-based Michigan Youth Theater. Walsh and troupe director Lisa Hodge-Kander prove that theory again this summer when they bring a two-day workshop to Farmington Hills. It's just one of many art camp offerings for kids this summer.

Fun with Shakespeare

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Plymouth Community Arts Council

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Experimentation

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

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

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

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

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

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

and white shows the soul."

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

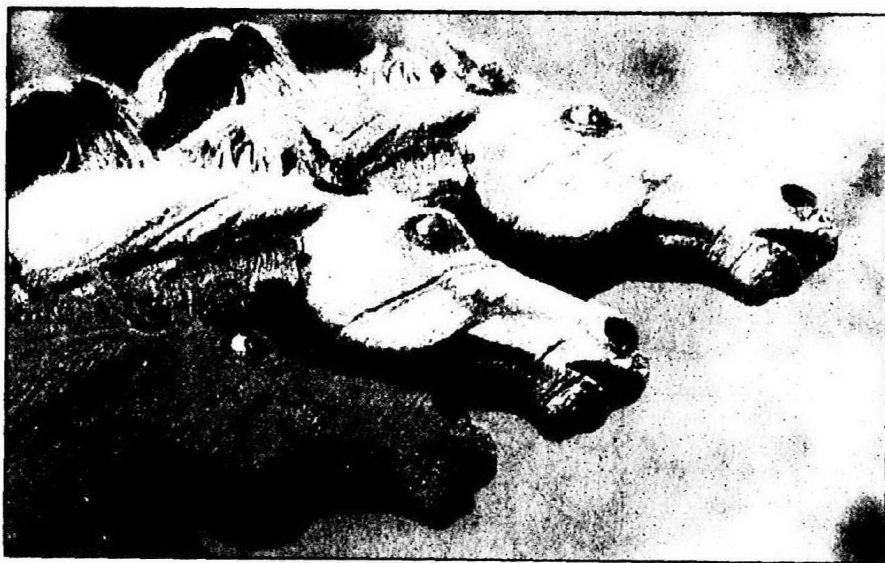
"Livonia has a little more tendency to be competitive and I was interested in learning," said Schott. "You don't necessarily need a lot of expensive equipment. One of our members uses a simple point-and-shoot camera. It's the photographer's ability to concentrate and be able to see."

New horizons

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

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

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

PERFORMING ARTS

Festival spotlights hottest new works

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



DAVID SMITH

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

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

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

Schedule

- *The Session and Cage Din*, one act comedies - June 15-17, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 18
- *Crossing 8 Mile* by Mosaic Youth Theatre - June 22-25
- *Terpsichore's Kitchen*, Dancing in Summer - June 29-July 2
- *Living Lies in Rome*, modern/Elizabethan blend of comedy by Jeremy Anderson - July 6-16
- *The Taming of Shakespeare's Shrew* by Brass Tacks Ensemble - July 20-30
- *Science Friction* by Joseph Zettlmaier - Aug. 3-13
- *Vital Signs* by Jane Martin - Aug. 17-27, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20

Mosaic Youth Theater

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

with students to develop a style they call hip hop commedia.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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background."

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

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

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

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

History

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

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

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

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

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GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

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

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

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

MANISCALCO GALLERY

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

U-M SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

Opens Saturday, June 17 - *The Interfiber Arts Collective* exhibit Blue and Degr. monkeys & James Joyce, quilts by Vivian Sosna Gottlieb. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday, June 18. 2000 Bonsteel Blvd., Ann Arbor. (734) 936 2082.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

A.C.T. GALLERY

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

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

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

ART LEADERS GALLERY

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

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

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

C-POP GALLERY

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

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

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

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

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

GALERIE BLU

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

HENRY FORD

CENTENNIAL LIBRARY

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

HABATAT GALLERIES

Through June 30 - Colin Heaney and Tom Scoon. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333 2050.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

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

INN SEASON CAFE

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

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY

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

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through June 16 - A group exhibition focusing on 20th century Modern and Contemporary art. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433 3700.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through June - *Edges, Hard and Soft*, the works of Helen Hongman and for Robert Hongman. 6 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333 6716.

LEMBERG GALLERY

Through June 30 - Stephen Mages. 1000 Lakeside Park, N. and Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 641 6623.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through June 30 - *Benise Cross* hand painted items in the exhibition cases. Through June 30 - *United Art from the 1960s to the 1990s* age exhibition. 3001 E. Riverchase, Birmingham. (248) 466 2540. Through June 30 - photography by members of the Livonia Camera Club in the exhibition. 1400 E. Riverchase, Birmingham. (248) 466 2540.

MUSEUM OF NEW ART

Through June 30 - Sculpture by Karel Lambert and Sheryl M. Atkinson, painting by Randal vanhook and an installation by Chris Hausman at the gallery's temporary location at 14 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333 2050.

PAINT CREEK

CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through June 17 - *FF: Music, Mind, Media* by the FFs. Through June 17 - Student and Faculty Art Show. 307 Pine, Rochester. (248) 644 4110.

Women of Bloomfield



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

PALETTE AND BRUSH CLUB

Through June 16 - a juried exhibit of the club's paintings at the BPS Corporate Conference Center. 31341 Evergreen, Beverly Hills. (248) 646 7033.

PANGEORN DESIGN GALLERY

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

DANIELLE PELEG GALLERY

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

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through July 22 - Plates and platters, salon style glass exhibition. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822 0864.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Through June 30 - *Artwork in Gloria Anderson's Garden*. 774 N. Shuster, Plymouth. (734) 436 4481.

REVOLUTION

Through July 2 - Brenda Kaufman. Recent paintings and works on paper. 2121 W. Woodward, Pontiac. (248) 640 0440.

SMALL WORLD CAFE

Through July 15 - *Local Art* paintings by Brian Taylor at the internet cafe. 1515 E. Riverchase, Birmingham. (248) 936 2082.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through June 30 - A group exhibition by the local artists. *Ann Arbor Association of Fine Arts*. 2500 Evergreen Road, Southfield. (248) 424 9111.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Artwork of Southfield High School. *Artwork in the Arts*. Also through June 12, handmade quilts created by the Wednesday Night Quilting Sisters Ministry. 3000 E. Riverchase, Southfield. (248) 945 0480.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

Through June 30 - Spring Celebration 2000 with Michigan children's book author and illustrators. Through June 24 - *Center for Creative Studies*. Children's Book Society Student Art Exhibition. 140 N. 1st, Woodward, Birmingham. (248)

647 7040

SYBARIS GALLERY

Through July 1 - Flora Book, Friperry, and Dorothy Gill Barnes. *Hybrid Sculpture*. 202 East Third, Royal Oak. (248) 544 1388.

U-M SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

Through June 17 - Ceramicist Sandra Ginter exhibits recent work. 2000 Bonsteel Blvd., Ann Arbor. (734) 936 2082.

UZELAC GALLERY

Through July 1 - *The Creative Side of Mark Schlusser*. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 332 5257.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Through June 17 - Howard Bond. Photographs. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761 2487.

LITERARY

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Summer Classics series begins with a discussion of *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 15. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 644 4111.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through Aug. 20 - *The Art Deco Rag*. Studio Lisa Sparran and the Cranbrook Tradition. Lecture featuring Ashley Brown, curator, a assistant Cranbrook Art Museum. 6-7 p.m. Friday, June 16. Through July 9, *The Art of Seduction* through July 9. *The Cost of Power* in July. *The Three Gorges Dam* and the Yangtze River Valley. Recent photographs by Steven Benson. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 600 1400.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Toddler Time is 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on Thursdays, June 15-Aug. 17. Through Sept. 4 - *Young StarGazers Sky Journeys* is 11:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 600 1400.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through July 30 - *The Enduring Horizon*. American Landscape Photographs from the DIA's collection. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833 7900.

'New paintings'



Kidd's stuff: New paintings by Robert Sherer will be on exhibit June 15-June 22, with an opening reception 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 15 at the Robert Kidd Gallery, 107 Townsend, Birmingham.

BOOKS

Perfect dialogue makes 'Feast of Love' memorable

■ The tale begins as Charlie 'wakes in fright,' feeling strangely 'glimmerless.' Afflicted with a stubborn insomnia, he decides to take a walk, eventually joining other night folk.



The youthful Chloe and her ex-

Baxter's prose style is also dead-on, always illuminating his story and his dramatic personae, sometimes luminous in itself. At some point, one of his characters speaks of a "menu of sensations." As it happens, this makes for an apt description of what readers will find in this story that begins on "an ordinary summer night in the Midwest," and proceeds to take us on a dazzling tour of the human heart.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident and writes about books, theater and movies for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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their children are invited to enjoy free 20-30 minute interactive programs of story telling, music and movement during "Story Time with Miss Karen." Instructor Karen Onkka Schanerberger is a licensed Kindermusik educator at Evola music in Canton. Call (248) 347-2229 for information.

■ Storytimes at the Northville Barnes & Noble are accompanied by a craft or activity. Weekly children's storytimes are set for 11 a.m. Tuesdays for children ages 4 and under and 7 p.m. Wednesdays for all ages. The store is located at Haggerty and Six Mile roads. Call (248) 348-0696.

READING PROGRAM

The summer reading program at Barnes & Noble in Northville is now under way. Designed to encourage children to read during summer vacation, kids in grades 1-6 are asked to read any eight books of their choosing and write short summaries on each. At the completion of their reading, children can bring in their summaries and choose a free book from a selection of 100 books in the store. Stop by the Barnes & Noble on Six Mile near Haggerty to pick up a form and find out more. Call (248) 348-0696.

KIDS STUFF

■ Waldenbooks in Livonia is planning a "Secret Activity for Father's Day," 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Come in and create a special gift for the

Borders offers camps for kids

Parents across the country are busy planning their children's schedules for the summer. Now they can sign them up at any of the 300 Borders Books and Music stores across the country for an assortment of fun and educational camps with topics as varied as the selection in the stores – all for free! These camps incorporate games, guest speakers and performers, story times and hands-on activities.

Every Borders store will be offering eight Borders Explorer Camps throughout June, July and August. Subjects may change from week to week, or stores may choose to explore one topic area in depth. For example, the Fine Arts camps may explore dance, music, art, theater and writing. In the Science and Technology camps, kids will have the opportunity to learn

about computers and the Internet, robots, science, weather, space and transportation in planes, trains and automobiles. Additional subject areas include Animals and Nature, World Around Us, and Blast to the Past.

On Borders.com, kids can also participate in the adventures of exploration and discovery this summer by visiting <http://www.borders.com/explorers>. In addition, kids and their parents can find detailed information on the Borders Explorers Program online.

In 1999, more than 56,000 kids attended Borders Explore Camps and this year, more than 2,400 Camp events are planned at 300 Borders stores. Border Explorers Camps are an extension of the Borders Explorer Program, an exciting initiative

designed to encourage children to read. The program includes a Borders Explorers theme song, Borders Explorers Cafe Kid Meal and Borders Explorer Mascot, as well as a Borders Explorer electronic gift card in prepaid card that can carry any amount of buying power from \$5 to \$5000. There is also an opportunity for kids to earn punches of a Borders Explorers card to each eligible item they purchase. Once they have collected 10 punches, the child earns a \$10 Borders Explorer Space Coupon that can be redeemed at any Borders Books and Music store.

For more information about Borders Explorers Camps, contact your local Borders Book and Music store. For the store in your area, call 800-644-7733 or visit www.bordersstores.com

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

<p>National Amusements Showcase Cinemas</p> <p>Showcase Amphlett Hills 1.14 2150 N. Oyster Rd. Between University & Walton Blvd 248-373-2660 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri & Sat THRU THURSDAY NP DENOTES NO PASS</p> <p>NP GONE IN 60 SECONDS (PG13) 11:00, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00 NP MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE 2 (PG13) 11:00, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00 NP ROAD TRIP (R) 11:00, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00 NP GLADIATOR (R) 11:00, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00 DINOSAUR (PG) 11:00, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00 CENTER STAGE (PG13) 11:00, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00 HELD UP (PG13) 9:30 FREQUENCY (PG13) 11:00, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00 FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG) 11:15, 1:10, 3:10, 5:15 LOVE AND BASKETBALL (PG13) 11:10, 1:35, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00 ERIN BROCKOVICH (R) 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:15 U571 (PG13) 7:25, 9:55</p>	<p>Showcase Westland 1.8 6800 Wayne Rd. One block W. of Warren Rd. 313-729-1060 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri & Sat THRU THURSDAY NP DENOTES NO PASS</p> <p>NP GONE IN 60 SECONDS (PG13) 10:30, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00 NP MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE 2 (PG13) 10:30, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00 NP SMALL TIME CROOKS (PG13) 10:30, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00 NP GLADIATOR (R) 10:30, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00 DINOSAUR (PG) 10:30, 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00 FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG) 11:15, 1:10, 3:10, 5:15 LOVE AND BASKETBALL (PG13) 11:10, 1:35, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00 ERIN BROCKOVICH (R) 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:15 U571 (PG13) 7:25, 9:55</p>	<p>Star Southfield 12 Mile between Telegraph and Northwestern at 14 Mile 248-353-STAR No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm FOR SHOWTIMES AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS BY PHONE CALL 248-372-2222 www.STAR-SOUTHFIELD.com NP FEATURES: SORRY NO VIP DISCOUNT TICKETS ACCEPTED</p> <p>NP GONE IN SIXTY SECONDS (PG13) 11:20, 12:20, 1:20, 2:20, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:20, 7:20, 8:20, 9:20, 10:20 NP BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE (PG13) 11:00, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:10, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 9:10, 9:45 MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 2 (PG13) 11:10, 11:40, 12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 2:40, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 6:40, 7:10, 8:10, 8:40, 9:10, 9:40, 10:10 NO 11:40, 2:40, 5:40, 8:40 TUES WED 6:13 & 6:14 SHANGHAI NOON (PG13) 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 DINOSAURS (PG) 11:00, 12:00, 1:20, 2:20, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:15, 9:20 ROAD TRIP (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:20 SMALL TIME CROOKS (PG13) 12:00, 2:10, 4:30, 7:40, 10:10 GLADIATOR (R) 11:00, 12:10, 2:30, 6:00, 7:10, 9:30, 10:30 LOVE AND BASKETBALL (PG13) 10:30PM ONLY FREQUENCY (PG13) 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 SPECIAL OPEN CAPTION U571 6:13 & 6:14 ONLY 11:40, 2:40, 5:40, 8:40</p>	<p>MJR Theatres Brighton Cinemas 9 1700 East Grand River 810-227-4700 Call 77 Film Ext. 548</p> <p>(NP) GONE IN 60 SECONDS (PG13) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 6:40, 9:00, 9:55 NP BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE (PG13) 11:40, 2:00, 4:10, 6:40, 9:00, 9:40 SHANGHAI NOON (PG13) 11:45, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20, 9:55 MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 2 (PG13) 11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 4:00, 6:40, 9:40 DINOSAUR (PG) 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 9:15 ROAD TRIP (R) 12:15, 2:20, 4:40, 6:50, 9:00 GLADIATOR (R) 1:00, 4:45, 6:40, 9:00 FREQUENCY (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 6:40, 9:00, 10:00</p>	<p>Waterford Cinema 16 7501 Highland Rd. S.E. corner M-59 & Williams Lake Rd 24 Hour Movie Line 248-666-7900 Call 77 Films 5551 We've trekked our lobby and added the new screens. The only theatre in Oakland County with the new Dolby Digital EX sound system and more. Check us Out! Our expanded parking lot is now open. Free Kiosk on Popcorn and Pop.</p> <p>NP GONE IN 60 SECONDS (PG13) 11:40, 1:15, 2:15, 4:10, 5:50, 8:40, 9:45 NP BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE (PG13) 11:45, 2:10, 4:40, 6:40, 9:15, 9:30 NP SHANGHAI NOON (PG13) 12:20, 1:30, 2:40, 4:10, 5:10, 6:40, 8:45, 9:45, 10:10, 10:00 NP MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 2 (PG13) 11:15, 1:00, 3:15, 5:15, 8:40, 9:40 DINOSAUR (PG) 11:20, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:15, 5:30, 6:40, 7:40, 8:40, 9:45 ROAD TRIP (R) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 6:40, 9:10, 9:30 GLADIATOR (R) 1:00, 4:30, 6:40, 9:10, 10:00 FREQUENCY (PG13) 1:45, 5:50, 8:40, 10:20, 10:00</p>
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be a performer. They learn to memorize lines, work on dance steps. It gives them a greater appreciation for the performing arts and a wonderful spirit of teamwork."

Summers past, the budding actors have put on repertoire as varied as Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. But no matter the story line Tobin believes drama helped develop a love of reading in her 14-year old son when he was younger.

"Drama really makes kids want to read," said Tobin. "They want to read scripts. Now they have a reason to read. They can be a character."

If children would rather express themselves musically or visually, then the arts council is definitely the place to be this summer.

"We're trying to make music fun," said education director Betsy Calhoun. "In addition to a flute ensemble camp with Deborah Malinowski-Podolka, we'll have a Discovery Music Camp for grade kindergarten to grade four that's held in conjunction with Plymouth Canton Community Education to teach the basics in reading music."

New this summer is a visual art camp for ages 5-10 Monday-

■ 'They want to read scripts. Now they have a reason to read. They can be a character.'

Jennifer Tobin

Plymouth Community Arts Council, executive director

Friday, July 10-14

"It's designed to give different approaches to art," said Calhoun. "They'll make their own musical instrument and then go down to Kellogg Park to attend one of our Music in the Park concerts. They'll go home with some nice projects. They'll be painting tiles. It should be fun and educational."

Summer camp mania

Over the last 10 years, Sharon Dillenbeck's watched students develop confidence and creativity while working in watercolor, mixed media, scratchboard and charcoal during summer art camp mania at D & M Studios in Canton. This year will be no different as D & M, in cooperation with the Canton and Plymouth parks and recreation departments, presents *Knights of the Roundtable: Medieval Madness*, June 19-Aug. 25.

Children, ranging in age from pre-school to teens, will create shields, castles and masks while

dreaming of knights on white horses and damsels in distress. The week-long camps appeal to children as young as three as well as 16-year old boys interested in dragons. At the end of the camps, students can show off what they created during a children's art show.

"It's all hands on," said Dillenbeck, camp founder and owner of D & M. "It's all about dragons and castles. We're painting a mural in addition to doing other projects. We have shields on which to paint their coat of arms. We'll also have ceramic dragons, unicorns and castles to paint. During last year's camps everyone was talking about the Michigan Renaissance Festival and thought this theme would be cool. We're excited about this one. It lends itself to cartooning."

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



Shakespeare lives: The Michigan Youth Theater bring Shakespeare to life during a two-day workshop.

Play at Northville Christian explores family, relationships

"Family Outings," a play about family and relationships, will be presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, and Friday, June 16 at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road, one mile

west of I-275.

The play centers on the Bailey family. Jim Bailey, who senses growing problems in his active family, buys a cabin in the

woods, hoping that move will make his problems all go away.

The 90-minute play highlights the struggle of the parents; the courtship and marriage of son

David and Beth; the struggle of teenage son Mark and down-home humor of Aunt Matty and nephew Samson.

The cast and their roles are

Richard Baloga of Livonia and Carol Lacy of Northville as the parents; Tim Goodrich of Novi; David; Clarissa Haley of Redford; Beth; Jared Dietrich of

Novi; Mark; Caroline Haley of Redford; Aunt Matty; and Mike Lane of Northville; Samson.

For complimentary tickets, call 248-348-9030.

Insightful: Carol Lacy (right) and Rick Baloga are the parents whose intensity sometimes draws us to tears and often laughter. Caroline Haley (center) plays the Quirky Aunt Matty. In the background, Jared Dietrich portrays Mark, the quick-witted teenage son who has unusual insight into the heart of relationships.



Exhibit in new gallery looks at past, present, future

A few days before the Detroit Artists Market opened the doors of its new location on Woodward Avenue, south of Wayne State University campus, there's already limits on available space.

Paintings, drawings and mixed media works by 15 artists line the walls and sculptures balance on pedestals, making a stroll through the 3,700-square-foot elongated gallery more like a cautious step through an obstacle course.

Meanwhile, a film crew from WTVS *Book Stage*, prepares to interview DAM Executive Director Marilisa Belmonte, and a bold banner proclaiming the grand opening is being prepared to be hung.

Beyond the window dressing and push for publicity, the main

What: Detroit Artist Market 2000: Past, Present, Future, recent works of 15 established and up-and-coming artists.
When: July 7.
Where: Detroit Artist Market, 4719 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-8540.

goal exhibit at the new location, *Past, Present, Future*, makes the case to take notice of the 68-year-old nonprofit arts group that promotes exhibits and sales of works by regional artists.

While the crowded exhibit space has the feel of a retail outlet, several pieces illustrate the range of talent among the member artists.

Particularly interesting are the elegant charcoal on paper

drawings of Mary Potts, Jon Hegarty's series of Angelique, done in oil and color pencil, and Mary Ferreira's engaging doll series.

Located midway between the Detroit Institute of Arts and Orchestra Hall, the new Detroit Artist Market gallery is being hyped as a symbol of the rebirth of the Woodward corridor.

Unlike in past years when the market focused on contemporary sales, DAM has set out to redefine it as a gallery that also exhibits emerging work.

Past, Present, Future counts a lot of ground. And offers a rough estimate to prove that the art market is worth watching.

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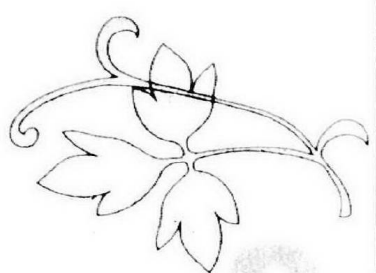
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Sunday, June 11, 2000



"FACES PLACES"

Resale shops offer some dandy deals

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

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

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

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

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

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

"It seems to be a growing trend."

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

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

Shoppers will find maternity, women's, and children's attire at 60 to 80 percent off the original retail price. Clothing brands include the Gap, Donna Karan, Calvin Klein and Liz, among others.

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

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

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

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

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

Max Mara season

The suit is back.

And that's good news for Max Mara.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Max Mara operates about 20 stores in the United States.

— by Sharon Dargay



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

STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALERBA

Grads like the cash

But merchants say you can still give with a flair

BY SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

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

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

They want money.

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

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

All dolled up

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

Eight dollars to be exact.

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

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

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

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

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

Sign it

Sign your name on a check and then

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

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

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

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

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

The small goose stands almost a foot

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

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

Sweet treat

Give them a candy bar for graduation.

But slip a bill between the wrappers first.

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

Her \$2.25 candy bars are imprinted with Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools' colors and a

greeting. She also carries a generic Class of 2000 bar.

"They are Nestle Crunch bars. It's good chocolate," she says.

Her Monopoly games with college themes are popular gifts, too. Buy one for a soon-to-be Wolverine or Spartan and replace the play dough with real cash.

"It might be a little much, but you could convert the \$500 bills to \$5," Marulis suggests.

Michigan Made Inc., is located at 830 West Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Floating cash

Charlene Cline prefers to use phony bills in her balloon creations at Uncle Buck's Party Tyme Rental in Waterford. But she can handle the real stuff, too.

"I did one recently with five real \$100 bills. It was a sweet 16 party. I tied the money to the neck of the balloons, like bow ties. I can do the same for graduations and use school colors," she says.

She can stuff the cash inside a balloon, too.

"For a birthday party once I used a crystal clear balloon, 16 inches high, and used a sticky product inside that keeps the helium from getting out. I shook the balloon so that the bill would open. It was really fun. That twenty inside looked like it was suspended in air."

Balloons can last for up to three weeks. Prices vary — starting from as low as \$6 for a balloon with cash inside and trimmings on the outside — depending on the amount of decoration and balloon size.

Call at least 24 hours ahead for balloons and balloon bouquets.

Uncle Buck's is located at 6650 Highland Road in Waterford. (248) 666-2351.

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STAFF PHOTO BY LARRY MCKEE

Money doll: With a fold here and a crease there, Betty Konczao, a downtown Oxford retailer, creates roses and graduates from currency.

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) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

DRAW DAD

Children up to age 15 can draw a picture of their dad and his favorite furniture on special entry forms at Art Van Furniture stores. Stores will post the pictures and each young artist will receive a flashlight for gift-giving on Father's Day. The program continues through June 17.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

WATCH WEEK

It's time to check out the designer collection of watches at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy. Special representatives will be on hand from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the fine jewelry department to talk about Baume & Mercier and Movado timepieces. Other designers include: Ebel and Omega on June 13, Condon and Raymond Weilon June 14, Chanel and Philip Charriot on June 15, Tag Huer and Badat & Co., on June 16 and Gucci on June 17.

DONATE AN INSTRUMENT

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Drop off used musical instruments today at Borders Books and Music at Oakland Mall in Troy. VHI will refurbish and donate the items to school music programs nationwide.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

FALL FASHION

Check out the Calvin Klein trunk show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the designer sportswear department at Neiman Marcus in the Somerset Collection, Troy.

DECK COLORS

Representatives from Dillman & Upton Lumber will answer questions about deck staining from 6-9 p.m. at Border's Books, Music, Video and a Cafe, on Rochester Road, just south of Avon in Rochester Hills. From how to to what color, the experts will advise you on new decks, old decks, big deck and small decks.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

GARAGE SALE

Registration is on going for Livonia Mall's family garage sale from June 22-24. Families can rent a

table in the mall to sell cast-off games, toys, housewares, tools and other items. Each eight-foot table rents for \$20. To register call (248) 476-1160.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

HELPING THE HOMELESS

Guys N' Gals sponsors its annual Clothing Drive and blue jeans trade-in from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the store, 6333 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Customers trade in old, clean jeans for a new pair at half the price. The store donates all jeans and any additional clothing, bedding and other items collected throughout the day, to the homeless in Oakland County.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

GERMAN FESTIVAL

Olde World Canterbury Village brings a little bit of Germany to Lake Orion. The Die Rhinelander's and The Vagabonds will perform along with the Carpathia Hall dancers. German foods will be available. (248) 391-5700.

DANCE LESSONS

Learn to do the lindy hop and to swing dance from 5-9 p.m. in the entertainment court at Wonderland Mall, 29859 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

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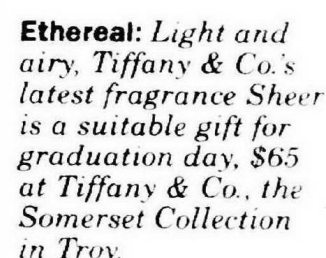
— The **Muguet du Bois** perfume can be purchased through the **Beauty Boutique**.

— A store that sells the original Sander's carmel cake and bumpy cake

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

She can dress the bears in school colors and embroidered sweaters, as well as other special attire.

Fill a piggy bank with coins. Or for a classier touch, buy one of Sharon Lakatos's one-of-a-kind South American purses (\$35-\$38) at Que Bonito!, 101 West Third in downtown Rochester or a beaded coin purse (\$20-\$30) at Wrap it Up, in Orchard Mall, 6445 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.



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CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

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

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

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

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

FREE CONCERT

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

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

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

WRITING CONTEST

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

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

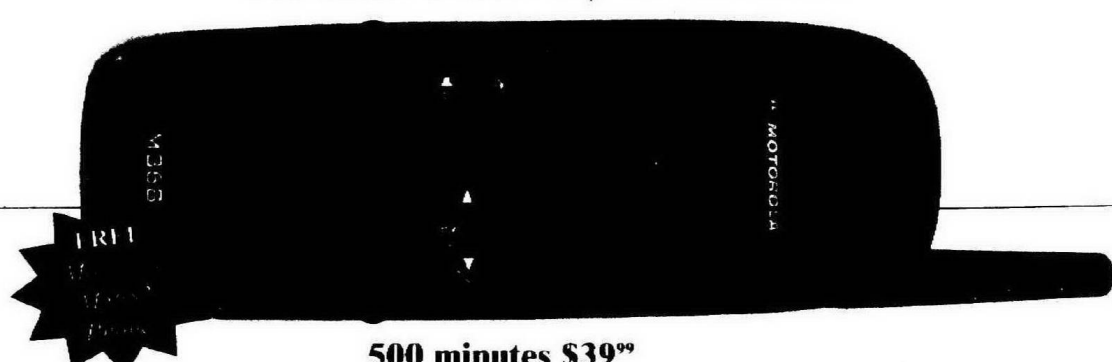
Entries must be postmarked by Sunday, June 25. For more information, call Matt Lee at (248) 584-3715 or Patricia Carrolle Jaynes at (313) 494-5853.

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

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

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

THREE LADIES

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

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

ART AND FLOWERS

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

with a garden walk, art exhibit and watercolor workshop.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SENIOR PAINTERS EXHIBIT

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

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

CONSTRUCTION ALERT

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

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

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

ART IN THE SUN

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

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

For more information, call (248) 349-7640.

BENEFIT CONCERT

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

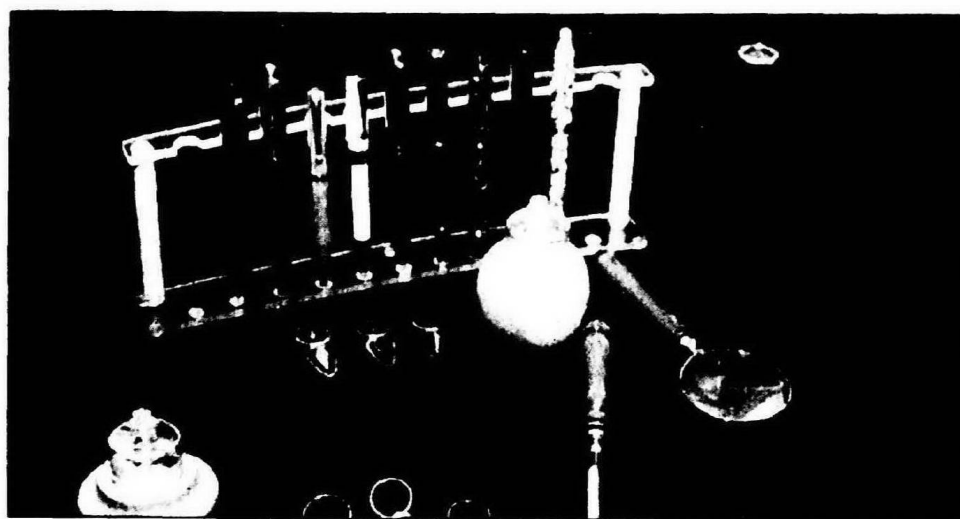
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the door for Dekoor, a 28-member close harmony choir from the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands. The group will tour America for the first time this July. Dekoor is coming to the area at the invitation of PRIME after the two performed together in Holland in 1999. Both perform at the Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 16.

Based at Schoolcraft College, PRIME performs jazz standards such as *You Go To My Head*, *Our Love Is Here To Stay* and *In a*

Mellow Tone as well as challenging vocal arrangements of *The Marriage of Figaro* and *Love Me Like a Rock*. They have performed at the Birmingham Jazz Festival, at various clubs and churches in the Midwest, and in Russia and Europe. Last summer they sang at the North Sea Jazz Festival, and the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland.

For more information, call Ginny Lundquist at (248) 682-6562.



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

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Jenny Lind Club presents June 14 concert

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TRAVEL

Kentucky park pays homage to state's famous horses

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

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

But the place where horse is the king is Lexington, Kentucky.

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

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

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

Features include:

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

If you go...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



PHOTOS BY DOUG JOHNSON

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

Meet and greet:

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



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

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

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

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

grounds.

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

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

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

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

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

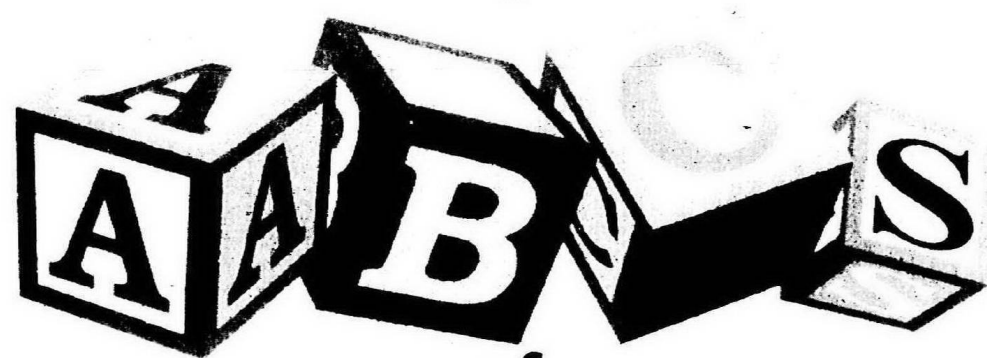
If its scenery you are after, travel on down I-75, exit at London and make a quick jaunt over to Cumberland Falls State Resort Park. They are currently redoing the visitors center but the park and falls are still perfect for an afternoon visit.

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

Doug Johnson is a retired Livonia school teacher who lives with his wife in Plymouth Township.

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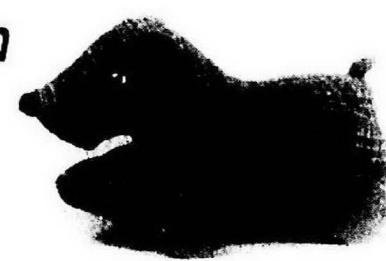
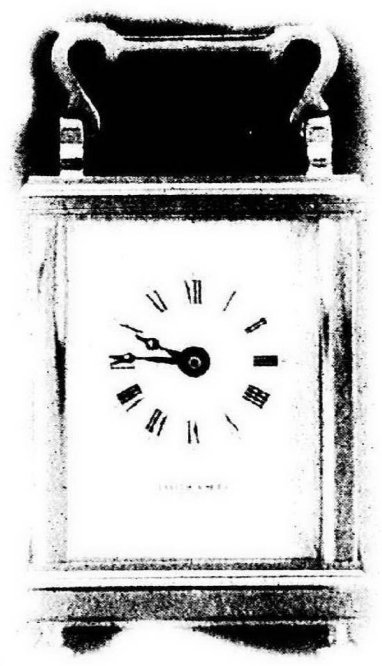
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KELLI LEWTON

Do something revolutionary on the Fourth

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

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

Tips for extra flavor

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

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

Condiments and sauces

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

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

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

Preamble of embers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week.

- Focus on Wine
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Goin' to the Gobbler



THE BUTTERBALL TURKEY COMPANY

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

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Large turkeys (13 pounds and up)

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

Grilling is great

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

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

As long as the turkey fits in your grill with the lid down to allow for indirect cooking, large turkeys may not fit under your grill lid; size is not an issue. At least one inch clearance between the turkey and lid is ideal. So think structure. A broad, flat bird will fit better than one with a high breast bone. Purchase about three-quarters to one pound of raw turkey per person. This will surely be enough for a meal with plenty for leftovers.

Turkey should be completely defrosted in the refrigerator before grilling.

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

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

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

Nutrition Information

A 3.5 ounce portion of turkey is about the size of a new deck of cards. The following table contains calorie, protein and fat information on various grilled or roasted cuts of turkey.

MEAT	CALORIES	PROTEIN (g)	FAT (g)
Breast with skin	194	29	8
Breast without skin	161	30	4
Wing with skin	238	27	13
Leg with skin	213	28	11
Dark meat with skin	232	27	13
Dark meat w/o skin	192	28	8

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

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

Don't be chicken, try turkey on the grill

Cooking times

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

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

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

Use indirect heat

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

grate, helps prevent flare-ups. Always remember to keep the grill lid closed when cooking with this method.

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

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

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

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

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

Please see TURKEY, D2

Hurry-up chow mein dinner, a San Francisco treat

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

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

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

Chow mein, so the legend goes, was invented by an Irishman in San Francisco. When I grew up, it was a way of either using up left-over meat and veg-

gies or a hurry-up meal. Bean sprouts, soy sauce and fried chow mein noodles added the necessary oriental ambience.

But I did enjoy it. The veggies are fresh. Canola oil replaces the margarine. A can of bean

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

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

EATING YOUNGER CHOW MEIN

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

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

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

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

Serves 4

Nutrition facts (per serving)

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

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

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

Turkey ... a sizzling sensation on the grill Turkey from page D1

See related story on Taste front.

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

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

SOUTH OF THE BORDER TURKEY KABOBS

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

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

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

vent burning. Serves 6. Preparation time: 30 minutes

Recipe compliments of the Butterball Turkey Company

JALAPENO GLAZED TURKEY BREAST

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

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

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

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

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

Recipe compliments of the National Turkey Federation

CHICAGO FIRE ITALIAN SAUSAGE SANDWICHES

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

Grill sausage according to package directions. Place in buns. Add mustard, onion, relish, tomato wedges and peppers to each sandwich.

Makes 5 sandwiches. Preparation time: 15 minutes.

BARBECUE TURKEY BURGERS

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

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

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

Makes 6 burgers. Preparation time: 25 minutes.

TURKEY CUTLETS WITH CHIPOTLE PEPPER MOLE SAUCE

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

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

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

Serves 7. Preparation time: 20 minutes.

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

Recipes compliments of the Butterball Turkey Company

wood can add.

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

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

Grilling turkey parts

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

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

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

on the raw pieces of turkey.

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

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

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

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

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

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

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

turkey. This isn't the case when other foods - such as chicken or potatoes - are deep fried. Remember that deep frying is not a method that can be applied to cooking foods without adding considerable amounts of fat and calories. Before you deep fry a turkey, you should set up the deep frying unit outside.

The HDS Services test kitchen tried deep frying a turkey breast and a whole turkey. We found that it can be messy and potentially dangerous. Caution must be exercised when lowering the bird into the hot oil. When we placed the whole turkey into the pot, the oil boiled over, spilling onto the ground below.

Maintaining the proper oil temperature is also important. If the oil is too hot, you'll burn the outside before the meat is thoroughly cooked.

If you decide to try deep frying turkey, it is very important to exactly follow the instructions that come with the turkey fryer.

Safety tips

■ Never leave the hot oil unattended and don't allow children or pets near the cooking area.

■ Allow the oil to cool completely before disposing or storing.

■ Immediately wash hands, utensils, equipment and surfaces that have come in contact with raw turkey.

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

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

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

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

■ Don't leave the grill. Grilling

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

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program.

Microwave tips

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

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

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

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Sprinkle veggies, entrees with fresh tarragon

Tarragon, an herb closely identified with the haute cuisine of France, is indispensable in many rich sauces of traditional French cooking. Yet today, tarragon's rich, anise-like, peppery flavor has found a place in many lighter, healthier dishes.

Like other herbs, tarragon contains naturally occurring substances, called phytochemicals, with many health protecting properties, including the ability to fight cancer.

Select fresh tarragon with unblemished, silvery green leaves that give off a horehound-like scent when rubbed between the fingers. Store it wrapped in paper towels and sealed in a plastic bag. It will keep refrigerated for up to one week.

When substituting fresh tar-

CHICKEN WITH TOMATO TARRAGON SAUCE

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

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

brown chicken pieces about 5 minutes per side.

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

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

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



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

ragon for the dried version in recipes - or substituting any fresh herb for the dried variety - use twice the amount of dried herb called for. Finely mince fresh herbs before using them in

any recipe other than that for a soup stock.

Tarragon's piquant flavor stands on its own or can be combined with the classic French "fines herbes" - parsley, chervil

and chives.

Because of its sweetness, tarragon does not blend well with Mediterranean herbs such as oregano, or with strong aromatics like rosemary and sage. Heat brings out the herb's pungency so cooked dishes need less tarragon.

A light sprinkling of tarragon goes well with many simply prepared foods, including peas, spinach, cauliflower and potatoes. Use it fresh with salad dressings and vegetables, or in

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

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

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

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Fruit adds punch to barbecue

See related column on Taste front.

BLUEBERRY BARBECUE SAUCE

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

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

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

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

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

TEQUILA CHICKEN

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

1 1/2 teaspoons grated lime peel
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon coarse salt
Pinch of pepper

Mix all ingredients in small bowl. Let stand 15 minutes. (Can be prepared a day ahead.) Cover and refrigerate.

Marinate poultry 1 to 3 hours and seafood 30 minutes in refrigerator. Drain (do not pat dry) and grill.

Boil remaining marinade in heavy small saucepan 1 minute.

Drizzle some of marinade over poultry or seafood just before serving.

HERB CHILI GARLIC PRAWNS

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

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

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

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

Recipes compliments of Kelly Leighton

Share your favorite picnic recipes

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

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

metro Detroit.

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

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

quenchers. Does anyone still make lemonade from scratch?

Please send recipes, picnic spot suggestions and memories to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, e-mail kabramczyk@home.com.net or call 734-953-2112.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Pain relief

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia now offers a Spinal Disease Management Program for people suffering from back pain and discomfort from an injury. The SDM Program streamlines patient care through a team effort, which may include physical therapy, neurosurgery, anesthesiology, pain management, physiatry, primary care medicine, occupational therapy, neurology and psychology.

"By moving more quickly through the continuum of care, patients can achieve maximum benefit from the various treatment options," said Dr. Timothy Wright, medical director of the Pain Management Center.

For more information on the Spinal Disease Management Program, call Sarah Gilbert, director of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, (734) 655-8598. Patients must be referred by a primary care physician.

Arthritis lecture

Providence Hospital and Medical Center's will present a lecture on arthritis 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 at Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile at Newburgh in Livonia.

Dr. David Markel, an orthopedic surgeon on staff at Providence Hospital, will discuss treatment options, pain management, current arthritis medicine and hip and knee replacement. To register, please call Providence Community Health at 1-877-345-5500.

Poison prevention

Children act fast ... and so do poisons!

Each year, the state's certified regional poison control centers receive more than 100,000 total calls. Many of these calls could be avoided by following some simple precautions:

- Keep medicines in child-resistant containers.
- Never call medicine "candy."
- Store household cleaners, bug sprays, medicines, etc., out of the sight and reach of children.
- Put a product away immediately after using it.

Should a poisoning occur, call Michigan's poison control center at

1-800-POISON1 (1-800-764-7661).

Depending on the poison, the center may recommend inducing vomiting using Syrup of Ipecac, taking the child to the emergency room, or taking other actions. It is extremely important to NEVER take ipecac syrup unless instructed to do so by a poison control center or a physician.

Ipecac syrup is an inexpensive plant extract available in pharmacies without a prescription. It should be kept in every home. When taken with water, it should produce vomiting. Activated charcoal is another poison antidote. This liquid binds to poisons and allows them to be excreted.

Ask your local pharmacist about poison prevention.

Clarification

The advanced hammer digit repair surgery discussed in the May 28th Observer article "Putting Your Best Foot Forward" is not a new procedure. It is a modification of a digital arthroplasty procedure performed for decades. The recent modification, made by Dr. John Mozena of Portland Oregon, has been performed since 1995. The procedure is done on the medial side of the toe instead of the top.

We want your health news

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

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Aaaachoooo!

One-third of Americans suffer from allergies

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If all Americans who suffer from hay fever and sinus problems sneezed at the same time, it would be the "aaachooo" heard around the world. According to a 1999 survey by the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, allergies affect about 38 percent of all Americans. That number is nothing to sneeze at. Allergy experts thought the incidence of allergies was closer to 20 percent of the population.

More surprising, the survey results indicated that more than half of those who live in households with members who have allergies, including themselves, could not name any treatments other than prescription or over-the-counter medications.

"This new data shows us that allergies are almost twice as common as we thought," said Dr. Ira Finegold, past-president of ACAAI. "What's of even greater concern is that the majority of people with allergies don't know about treatment options, such as allergy shots, that can bring them relief. A lot of them are either suffering from the symptoms or from medication side-effects."

Based on this assumption, some people could experience a lifetime of allergy symptoms. Allergies are genetically predisposed, and - coupled with exposure to certain environmental conditions - can develop very early in life, said Dr. Rola Bokhari-Panza, a board-certified allergist with Allergy and Asthma Management in Novi.

"Seasonal allergies can start before two years of age. You need two seasons to become sensitized. But year-round allergies can show up within the first year."

Overactive immune system

Allergic rhinitis - known as hayfever (if seasonal) or perennial (if year-round) - has its origins in our immune systems. And some symptoms, like nasal congestion, produce their own set of sub-symptoms: mouth-breathing, snoring, and loss of taste and smell.

Symptoms occur when the body's immune system produces too much of the allergy antibody immunoglobulin E, or IgE, when exposed to allergens, such as pollens, molds, dust mites and pet hair. The allergens bind to the antibodies, which are attached to cells that produce histamine and other allergy symptom-causing chemicals.

The antibodies act as the red button of these "allergy bomb" cells. Press the button and the bombs explode, releasing the histamine and chemicals into the air. The result: itchy eyes, throat and nose; congestion, postnasal drip, coughing, wheezing, and fatigue.

Fatigue is a significant symptom, say allergists. Over-the-counter medications can make you drowsy, and the coughing and sneezing just plain tires you out. In addition, the inflammation caused by the

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overproduction of mucus makes allergy sufferers more prone to viral and sinus infections.

It's not the pollen people are allergic to, but rather the allergenic protein present in the pollen grains themselves. When the pollen gets wet, the proteins are released into the atmosphere. Some of these pollens are more lethal than others, such as those from the grass family, ragweeds, and the birch and oak trees.

Allergenic plant proteins also may reside in plants humans eat. For example, if you're allergic to plant protein inside of ragweed pollen and that protein is present in plant foods such as banana, watermelon and cantaloupe, then you may experience allergy symptoms after eating these foods. The roof of your mouth may itch, your lips swell, and your throat may begin to close.

Typical allergy symptoms range from mild to severe. Just how severe?

"Imagine yourself having a really, really severe cold for several weeks. You're mouth-breathing, snorting and sneezing. You feel really terrible," said Bokhari-Panza.

For allergy specialists, it's always one big allergy season. Their calendar is defined by indoor and outdoor allergies. Indoor allergies last year-round, with the most guilty allergens being dust mites and furry pets. Outdoor allergies occur when plant life decides to reproduce by releasing zillions of "plant sperm" into the air in the form of pollen.

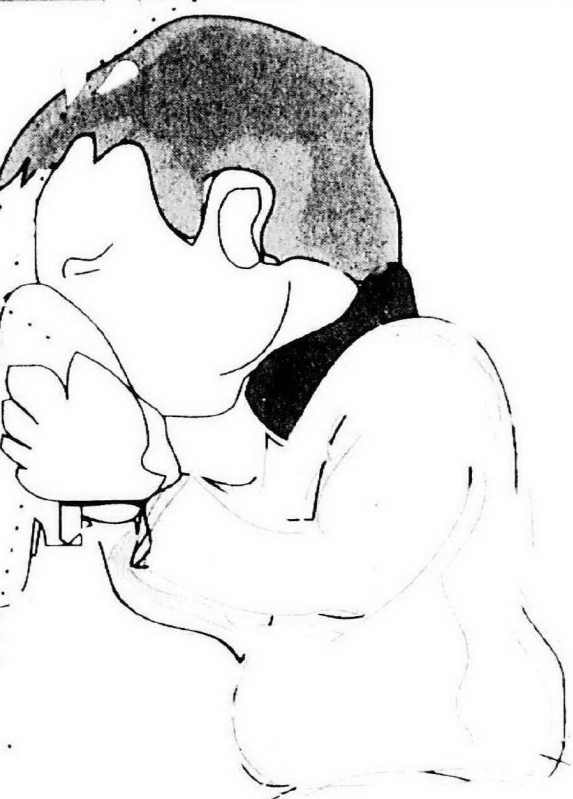
Unfortunately, many people endure both indoor year-round and outdoor seasonal allergies, said Bokhari-Panza.

Treatment

Allergists recommend avoidance as the first line of defense.

- Keep windows closed at home and in your car.
- Use air-conditioning and a dehumidifier.
- Shower or bathe and change clothes following outdoor activity.
- Don't hang clothes out to dry; instead, dry them in a vented dryer.
- Have a friend or family member do your yard work.

There are also several medications, both over-the-counter and prescription. However, most over-the-counter medications contain first-generation antihistamines, which effectively relieve allergy symptoms but also can cause drowsiness, dryness of the mouth and eyes, blurred vision and even constipa-



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tion and urinary retention.

Prescription medications contain a newer generation of antihistamines and produce fewer side effects. Your doctor or allergist can prescribe the most effective medication for your particular allergy.

However, if avoidance techniques and medications do not work, or if the medication causes too many side effects, or if your allergies are year-round, it's time to consider allergy shots - also known as immunotherapy or allergy vaccinations. Immunotherapy is strongly recommended for people with severe allergies to insect stings.

Allergy shots

Allergy shots work differently than medications, which control the symptoms rather than cure the problem. "Shots boost up the immune system so you become more tolerant," said Bokhari-Panza.

An allergy diagnosis is based on detailed medical history and physical examination, most likely by a certified allergy/immunology specialist. Although blood tests can determine the increased risks of developing allergy symptoms, allergy skin tests are most definitive. They detect the causes of the allergic reaction and consequent symptoms.

"Skin tests are the most accurate and most cost-effective manner of determining allergies," said Bokhari-Panza.

The shots are given once or twice a week over three to five years until the patient reaches a maintenance dose. After that, they're given once every four weeks. According to the ACAAI, they're the closest thing we have to a cure," said Bokhari-Panza. "Even after they stop the shots, the majority of people will do fine for years."

According to the ACAAI, immunotherapy is successful in up to 90 percent of patients with seasonal allergies and up to 80 percent of patients with year-round allergies. "Undergoing immunotherapy is a big decision requiring a long-term commitment," said Dr. David Bernstein, vice chairman of the ACAAI's committee on immunotherapy. "However, it is still the best treatment available to control and prevent symptoms or to reduce needs for daily medications."

The ACAAI survey indicated that people perceived vaccination as a great treatment for allergies but was not affordable.

"In fact, allergy shots often are covered by health plans and the treatment can eliminate the need to buy medications," said Finegold. "Overall, it's often less expensive and more effective than relying on medications every day and trying to isolate the allergy-sufferer from the environment. In many cases, the shots eventually can be discontinued, along with allergy medications, and the immunity maintained."

When it comes to allergies, take Bokhari-Panza's advice: "Why suffer if you can get better?"

Source: Allernet

Internet monitoring offers asthma sufferers a safety net

For most people, the spring and summer months mean blossoming trees and more time outdoors. But for the approximately 17 million Americans who are affected by asthma, the seasons have a different meaning.

This is because people who suffer from asthma know the higher pollen count and the increased physical activity can result in severe asthma attacks, making it difficult for them to enjoy the season.

For individuals suffering from asthma, proper monitoring is the key to warding off an attack. Now there is a new way to monitor asthma through the Internet thanks to LifeChart.com. Through LifeChart.com, patients and their physicians have daily access to secure, personalized lung function data.

By monitoring their conditions regularly with the LifeChart.com service, reviewing an electronic health report and correlating these results to regular activities, patients and their doctors can have up-to-date information for:

- Identifying triggers that can cause an asthma attack
- Determining if asthma medications are working
- Evaluating an overall asthma management plan

The National Institutes of Health recommends that patients monitor their asthma and take action when symptoms appear, identify early warnings that the attack is worsening, and

adjust medication to get the lungs back to avoid severe asthma problems. That's how patients can benefit from using LifeChart.com with the Air-Watch Asthma Monitor.

The AirWatch Asthma Monitor is a medical instrument about the size of a stopwatch that allows patients to obtain an objective measurement of how open their airways are. The patient breathes into the AirWatch mouthpiece, and the device takes a measurement of how well the patient is breathing.

Once the test is taken, the patient can easily snap a standard phone line into the monitor, press a single button and transmit the results to LifeChart.com. Within seconds, the data are available for viewing on the patient's personalized LifeChart.com Internet page. With authorization from the patient, the data also can be automatically sent to the patient's healthcare team.

"The best thing an asthmatic patient can do is monitor his or her condition consistently," said Dr. Ric Misischia, of Academic Medicine Inc. in Kirksville, Mo. "I use LifeChart.com with my patients and have seen several instances where we were able to make adjustments in medications that would, in fact, ward off a trip to the emergency room."

For more information about monitoring asthma, visit www.LifeChart.com, or call the LifeChart Customer Service Line at (800) 267-0452.

Dear old Dad

The American Lung Association of Michigan has a great gift idea for Father's Day. How about a Gold Privilege Club membership book? For just \$38, the Golf Privilege Club allows golfers to play at nearly 170 courses throughout the state, and greens fees are free.

The selection is highlighted by northern resorts such as The Natural, Wolverine, Shanty Creek, the three courses at the Grand Traverse Resort, McGuire's, Wilderness Valley, The Homestead and Dunmaglas. Local courses offering free greens fees include: New Hawthorne Valley, Independence Green, Shady Hollow and Riverview Highlands.

Proceeds benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan. Membership is valid now through Oct. 31, 2000. Cart fees are required at most venues. Call 1-800-LUNG-USA (800-586-4872).



Livonia's St. Mary Hospital adds 'Mercy' to its name

The former St. Mary Hospital has been rechristened St. Mary Mercy Hospital after being purchased by Trinity Health, recently formed by the consolidation of Mercy Health Services and Holy Cross Health System.

Trinity Health has purchased substantially all of the non-real estate assets of St. Mary Hospital, the St. Mary Child Care Center, and the Marian Professional Building. The newly named St. Mary Mercy Hospital is the 10th member organization in Michigan operated by Trinity Health.

The Felician Sisters will retain ownership of the land and buildings that are an essential part of the Felician Sisters' presence in Livonia. The Felician Sisters will continue to serve in the hospital

and participate on the hospital's board of trustees.

"We are pleased to continue the work begun by the Felician Sisters and to ensure the continuation of Catholic healthcare for the communities served by St. Mary Hospital," said Sister Linda Werthman, president of the Sisters of Mercy, Regional Community of Detroit.

The Sisters of Mercy and the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross are the sponsors of Trinity Health.

New CEO

David Spivey, who most recently served as president of CEO of Mercy Hospital in Detroit, has been named the new CEO of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, effective June 1. He replaces Sis-

ter Mary Renetta, who served as president and CEO since 1998. Spivey has served in management roles with Mercy Health Services since 1989.

Spivey will work with Sister Renetta to ensure a smooth transition of the operations while focusing on key operational and strategic issues facing the hospital. "I look forward to building more comprehensive clinical services through leverag-



Spivey

ing our relationship with Trinity Health and the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System," he said.

As part of a large regional and national healthcare system, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will afford its patients, staff and physicians access to sharing of "best practices" in operational efficiency, clinical quality and cost reductions, as well as opportunities for growth through program development.

"St. Mary Mercy Hospital is a very valuable addition to Trinity Health. In conjunction with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System of Ann Arbor, it will allow us to better serve the health care needs of the growing communities of western Wayne and eastern Washtenaw counties," said Michael Slubowski, Trinity Health executive vice president.

Felician presence

The Felician Sisters will continue to operate Marywood Nursing Care Center, Marybrook Manor and Angela Hospice, as well as Madonna University, Ladywood High School, Montessori Center of Our Lady, Senior Clergy Village in association with the Archdiocese of Detroit, Jackson Day Care Center and Retreat Center, Marysville Retreat Center in Holly and a number of elementary schools in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

"This transition continues our mission of serving the people of our community," said Sister Renetta.

Proceeds from the transaction will be placed in a foundation established by the Felician Sis-

ters for the continued development of these sponsored ministries in education, child care, elder care, social services and health care.

Trinity Health is the third largest Catholic healthcare system in the United States, with a net revenue of \$4.2 billion and assets totaling \$5.1 billion. It operates or is affiliated with 44 hospitals, 342 outpatient facilities, 31 long-term care facilities, 28 home health care offices, and 20 hospice programs.

Also part of Trinity Health, MAS Associates, an architectural firm, Mercy Health Plans, which operates Care Choices, a health maintenance organization, and Preferred Choices, a preferred provider organization.

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: rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

St. Mary Hospital of Livonia will sponsor community blood pressure screenings on the following Mondays: 8-10 a.m. June 12 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, and noon to 2 p.m. June 26 at the Northville Senior Center. Call (734) 655-8940 for more information.

MON, JUNE 12

THYROID DISORDERS

The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street. For more information, call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945. Web site: <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>

THYROID

The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group meets 6:30-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Dr. Ng of The Center for Holistic Medicine in West Bloomfield will discuss natural hormones and diet. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945.

DIABETES AND TEENS

Botsford General Hospital's Diabetes Teen Club, a support group for young adults ages 13-18 with diabetes, will sponsor "Summer-Tips: Travel Adventures for Teens" 7:30 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River in Novi. The club meets the second Monday of every other month. Call (248) 477-6100.

FIRST AID CLASS

Providence Hospital & Medical Centers will offer a basic first-aid class 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Livonia Mission Health Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road in Newburg, Livonia. \$25 fee plus \$5 book fee payable to instructor. Registration required. Call (877) 345-5500.

TUE, JUNE 13

TOUCH FOR HEALTH

Learn to use muscle testing techniques, neurolymphatic massage, and acupressure to strengthen weaknesses, relieve pain and improve posture. Bring a "Touch for Health" book, available at book stores. Class runs 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, June 13-July 25. Cost is \$225. The Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street No. 205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 for information.

register.

CAREGIVING STRESS

Alterra-Clare Bridge of Livonia, 32500 Seven Mile, will present a discussion on "Stress Management: Emotions of Caregiving," 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center. Call Nanette Cooper or Denise Mannion for reservations (248) 428-7055.

HEART SAVER

A Heart Saver/Basic Life Support Course will be held at the Livonia Mission Health Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. \$25 fee includes a Heartsaver Guide. Registration required. Call (877) 345-5500.

WED, JUNE 14

CANCER WELLNESS

McAuley Cancer Care Center of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will present "An Evening of Wellness" 6-7:30 p.m. at the center on the campus of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5301 E. Huron River Drive. Demonstrations of tai chi, yoga, meditation, relaxation and more. Free. Light dinner provided. Space limited; registration required. Call (734) 712-2920.

FAD DIETS

Learn what is included in a good diet and what to watch out for in a bad diet. "Fad Diets, Road Between the Lines" is offered beginning 6:30 p.m. at the Novi/Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi. \$10 fee. Registration required. 877-345-5500.

THUR, JUNE 15

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Providence Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia will host an immunization event from 4-7 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per child and includes all vaccines your child needs except chicken pox. Don't forget to bring immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500 for information.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

St. Mary Hospital will sponsor an Infant/Child Immunization Clinic 5:30-8 p.m. at the hospital, first floor, West Addition A and B, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Please use south entrance. Cost is \$5 per child for all vaccines, including chicken pox. Bring immunization records. For information, call (734) 655-8940.

G.I. LECTURE

St. Mary Hospital will host a Carelink lecture, "Let's Talk Stay Healthy with G.I. Screenings," 1-3 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Dr. Nabil Sultani and nurses Janet Matherly and Sandy Oltersdorf will discuss different screening procedures, gastroscopy, sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy. Call (734) 655-8940.

SAT, JUNE 17

AMPUTEE AND DISABILITY

The Amputee and Disability Support Group - which serves Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties - will meet at 10 a.m. at the main entrance of the Greenfield Village. If raining, group will meet at the Inmax Theatre entrance to the Henry Ford Museum. Please RSVP by June 12. Call Mary Ann at (810) 415-5581 or e-mail at map571@aol.com.

EXERCISE

The Livonia YMCA is hosting "Pilates," a conditioning program that stretches and strengthens muscles, provides flexibility and balance, and unites body and mind 9:10-10:15 a.m. Cost is \$10 per session. Additional sessions: July 1, July 22 and Aug. 5. Call (734) 261-2161, ext. 3402.

MON, JUNE 19

SCHIZOPHRENIA

St. Mary Hospital will host a mental health program on "Schizophrenia and Family Sup-

port" 6-7:30 p.m. in the hospital's West Addition Conference Room B, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 655-2944.

WED, JUNE 21

ALLERGIES

Learn about new medications for controlling allergies and new methods for delivering allergy treatments. Botsford Hospital will sponsor "Allergies: Wheezing & Sneezing" 2-4 p.m. at the American House, 42000 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 449-1480.

TUES, JULY 18

MUSIC THERAPY

Find out how music can enhance your meditative response and create a more profound state of relaxation. "Sound of Music" is sponsored by Botsford Hospital.

THUR, JULY 20

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MON, AUG. 14

DIABETES AND TEENS

Botsford General Hospital's Diabetes Teen Club, a support group

Please see DATEBOOK, D6

ONGOING

OVEREATERS

Overeater Anonymous meets every Sunday 7-8:30 p.m. through June in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion, Conference Room A, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Another group meets every Thursday evening 7:30-9 p.m. in Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile. Call Kathleen at (734) 427-8612.

AA & ALANON

Alcoholics Anonymous & Alanon meet Wednesdays and Sundays 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital North Entrance, 5254 Inkster Road. Contact (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3445. Everyone's welcome. Alanon meeting Sunday only.

IMPOTENCE

The Impotence Anonymous Support Group meets 8 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital, Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan Road, Livonia (Pavilion Conference Room A). For information, call (734) 462-5858.

EATING DISORDERS

Disorders Eating Recovery Program, "DERP," meets 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Garden City Hospital, Medical Building, classroom 4, 6255 Inkster. Both men and women invited. Call Angela Grazer (313) 531-2560, Leanne Able (734) 464-0880, or Garden City Hospital, (734) 458-4330.

FOOT SCREENINGS

Foot screenings for all ages are held 8:30 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Friday at Botsford Hospital, South Professional Bldg., Suite 200. For an appointment, call (248) 473-1320 weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 877-345-5500.

JUNE 12 & 26

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Early aspirin benefits acute stroke patients

RESEARCH

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

The study is in this month's *Stroke: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

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

"Early aspirin therapy should be used much more widely," says the study's lead author Dr. Zheng Ming Chen of Oxford University in England. "The message is: If someone comes to the hospital with acute ischemic stroke, start aspirin therapy as soon as possible and continue it long-term."

Chen headed a group of researchers who examined the

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

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

"Preventing nine strokes or deaths out of 1,000 people may not sound like much," says Chen, "but if you consider there are several million strokes worldwide each year, by treating one million of those with one year of aspirin therapy, this will prevent about 20,000 strokes or deaths."

Bleeding minimized

One of the main reasons why aspirin has not been given immediately to stroke patients is concern among doctors that it might cause bleeding in the brain. However, the study

shows that aspirin is much safer than initially anticipated, and, according to Chen, the benefits outweigh the risks for all types of patients studied.

In 773 patients studied who had a bleeding stroke and were inadvertently given aspirin, researchers found no great difference in the outcomes of patients who received aspirin and those who didn't.

"We can be confident that there is no great hazard in giving aspirin immediately to patients who have been diagnosed with ischemic stroke," says Chen. "Of course, there may be some groups who should not get aspirin, but even the results in those who had bleeding strokes are reassuring."

The American Heart Association's guidelines for treating acute ischemic stroke suggest that aspirin may be effective in patients with acute stroke, but that aspirin should not necessarily be used in conjunction with clot-busting thrombolytic therapy.

Researchers say overemphasizing the urgency of clot-busting treatment for stroke may lead to an underemphasis on prompt aspirin use. Even if people were to come to the hospital more than 48 hours after their stroke, researchers believe they would still benefit.

Allergies: Culprit could be in your cosmetic bag

The average adult uses at least seven skin care products each day, including fragrances, moisturizers, sunscreens, skin cleansers, hair care items, deodorants/antiperspirants, and cosmetics. So when a patient is suffering from a cosmetic allergy, identifying the culprit is an investigative process for a dermatologist.

Speaking at the American Academy of Dermatology's 58th annual meeting in San Francisco, Dr. Anthony F. Fransway discussed the antigens commonly used in cosmetics that cause adverse reactions and the extensive testing necessary to identify the source of the problem.

Up to 10 percent of the population may have some adverse reaction to a cosmetic item over the course of his or her lifetime. While these reactions are not gender-specific, women typically are affected more than men since they tend to use more cosmetic items.

Men see the most reactions from after-shave, cologne and shampoos. Women react most commonly to moisturizers/sunscreens, make-up ingredients (specifically make-up bases and eye care products like mascara, eyeliners and eye shadows), per-

fume, hair care products and nail products.

Biggest offender

Fragrance is the main cause of allergic cosmetic reactions. There are more than 5,000 basic fragrances in all kinds of products. Countless skin care products, soaps, shampoos, lipsticks, sunscreens and lotions contain fragrance. Some people are sensitive to the fragrance chemical used in these. Other antigens in cosmetics may include preservative chemicals (necessary to keep products from spoiling), antioxidants, sunscreen ingredients, and other inactive ingredients.

Fragrance-free products can be safely used by those with a fragrance allergy, but even products labeled "unscented" may contain a masking fragrance added to cover the chemical smell. Unscented products are not necessarily fragrance-free. "There are very few truly preservative-free products," warned Fransway. "Most cosmetic items have an aqueous base or compartment in which bacterial and fungal overgrowth and spoilage may occur. Once a preservative allergy is identified through specific testing, cosmetics free of the offending agent

may be identified and used safely."

Symptoms and treatment

The face, lips, eyes, ears and neck are the most common locations for cosmetic allergy. Additionally, hands can be affected by moisturizers or nail products. Adverse reactions include irritant contact dermatitis, which produces burning, stinging, itching and redness. The most common skin irritants are bath soaps, detergents, antiperspirants, astringents, eye makeup, moisturizers, permanent hair solutions and shampoos.

Allergic contact dermatitis afflicts those who are allergic to a specific ingredient or ingredients in a product. Symptoms include redness, swelling, itching and fluid-filled blisters. Reactions can occur whenever an individual is exposed to the ingredient, although symptoms may take several days to appear.

Irritant reactions to cosmetics typically occur within days of initial use, but a true allergic reaction can take anywhere from a week to 10 days. In some cases, an allergic reaction is years in the making, and the

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Recent district court Microsoft decision ends an era



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No matter how you cut it up, Microsoft's glory days are over.

Gone for good. And while most legal experts think the company will fare better in the appellate courts than with District Judge Thomas Jack-

son, the dribble and drab of a protracted legal battle over the breakup order will continue to chip away at the corporation's power and profits.

More importantly, say many of the telecommunications industry movers and shakers I talked to this past week while covering the huge SUPRECOMM exhibition in Atlanta, the breakup order also breaks Microsoft's concentration and momentum.

When the decision came down ordering the breakup Wednesday, there was a wave of buzzes,

rings and digital tones echoing through the Georgia World Congress Center. Executives from the telecommunications industry and technology leaders attending the conference were beeped, paged and called. Wireless phones went up to everyone's ears.

It seemed to me that few people seemed surprised. But I saw a lot of head shaking. People at the conference were clearly not happy to hear the breakup order.

One CEO of a medium-sized networking corporation told me that while he was no fan of Microsoft he fears a chilling effect throughout the whole high tech industry. The bloom has gone off the new economy, he said, explaining that the dominance of Microsoft software makes most tech firms reliant on the company and thus now confused about future upgrades and software compatibility.

As for Microsoft itself, there was almost pity.

"I've had probably two dozen Microsoft people send me their

resumes in the past two weeks," said one exec. "And these are top level people. There's going to be a massive brain drain because all those options (paid Microsoft employees) are now worth drastically less than they were before."

And that, in the long run, may hurt the company more than the breakup. The most valuable asset any high tech firm has is its people. How willing Microsoft's talented workers will be to remain during the uncertainty of the next couple of years will be as important to the company's future as the legal appeals.

Disputes must end

One of the key movers and shakers I got a chance to button-hole for an interview was William J. Kennard, chairman of the FCC.

Amidst all the hype about DSL and broadband access at the show, I wanted to see if Kennard was as concerned as many of the Detroit callers are to my radio

show about the difficulty of getting DSL.

The chairman said the Detroit problem was not unique and that competitive disputes and technology snafus affecting the rollout of high speed DSL Internet access across the nation must end.

Kennard said complaints about DSL installation delays and configuration problems from frustrated consumers and business users are coming into the FCC in increasing numbers. He said a number of those complaints seem to be "turf problems" in which the telephone monopolies are intentionally dragging their feet in releasing and activating DSL service to third party suppliers.

Kennard warned that unless the telecommunications industry quickly deals with the difficulties, pressure from the public may force regulatory actions. The public, said Kennard, is clamoring for broadband access and the industry needs to be more responsive.

Mobile revolution

Wireless phones will soon outnumber fixed phones. In fact, according to EDS Chairman Dick Brown, who keynoted a session at SUPRECOMM, already fifty percent of the world has never heard a dial tone.

By 2002, wireless phones will number 1 billion, compared to the 800 million hardwired fixed phones today. Brown told SUPRECOMM attendees that the new trend is "info-communications." It's perhaps best being seen in the convergence of Internet technology from the home and office and ... thanks to wireless technology ... to the automobile.

A new wireless subscriber is added every ten seconds today and Brown says the new digital economy means that consumers expect to be able to do everything they now do on a stationary device or desktop computer on a portable or mobile device.

Brown says when the history books are written, people will call this new technology age the

"mobile revolution."

Along those same lines, I heard a lot of talk by technology analysts in Atlanta about the aggressive use of the Internet by Detroit automakers, particular General Motors and its high tech "e-GM" division, which just announced plans that would allow consumers to watch their cars being built online, through Web cams.

As one analyst told me: "Detroit is driving development of a huge segment of the Internet these days and may eventually be to the telecommunications industry what Silicon Valley is to the dot com industry."

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CAREER WOMEN

The West Suburban Chapter of National Association of Career Women will meet 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost: \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. Call Tracey Huff (248) 347-3355.

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS

The National Association of Women Business Owners Greater Detroit Chapter will

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BUSINESS WORKSHOP

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Farmington Hills bank opening planned

Michigan Heritage Bank is holding a grand opening of its new corporate headquarters and third branch office June 19-24 at 28300 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 200, Farmington Hills.

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"We are very proud and excited about our new corporate offices in Farmington Hills and feel that they will help us better serve our customers and the community while aiding in the

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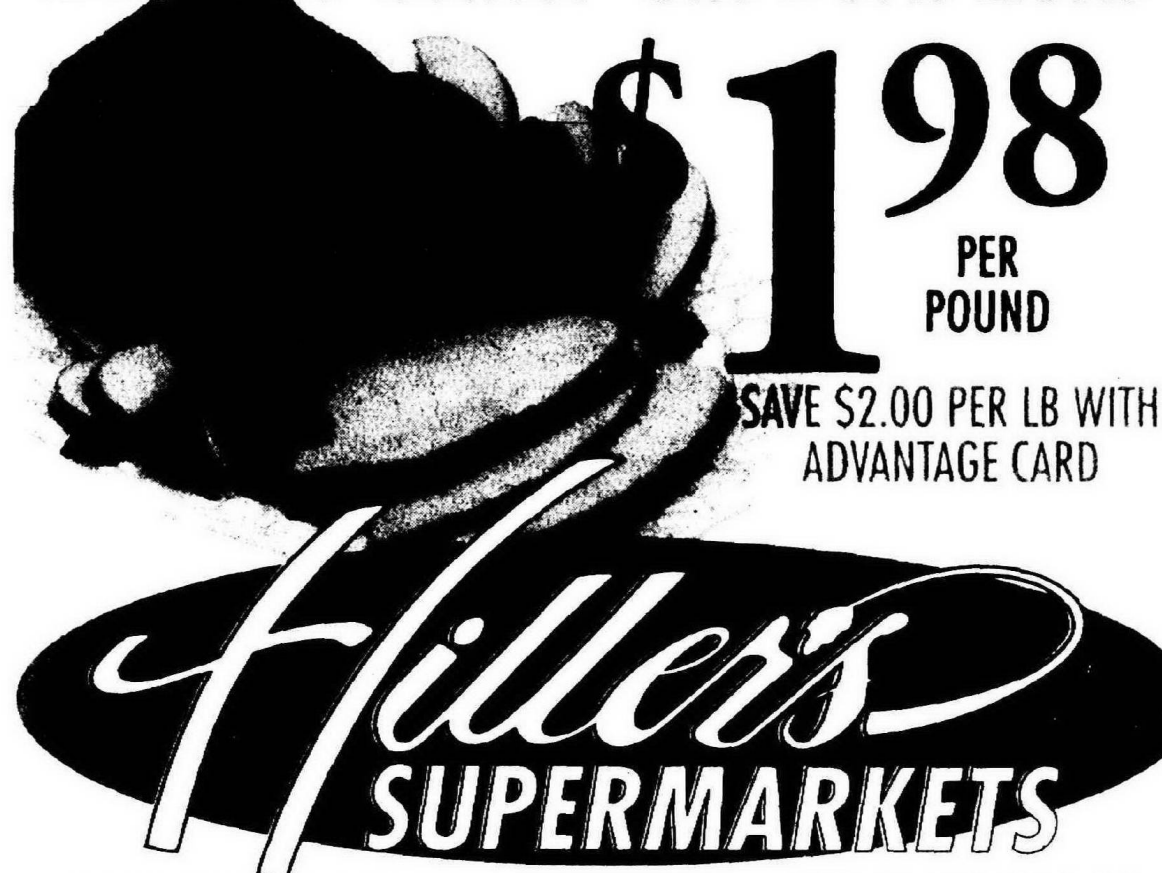
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