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Dear Readers,

Last Friday, The Plymouth Observer joined the Plymouth **Downtown Development Authority** and a host of other sponsors in the first Customer Appreciation Day in Kellogg Park.

The Observer, along with many other local businesses, took the opportunity to say thank you to all of our customers with free food, soft drinks, popcorn and music.

We think the DDA had a great idea and in the spirit of that day, the Plymouth Observer thanked our loyal advertisers with a special offer or a gift that was delivered by Lisa Walker, Plymouth Observer sales representative.

We now would like to thank our loval annual subscribers whose names will be entered in a random drawing for 100 tickets to a Penn Theater Comedy Night or a movie at the Star Theatres.

The Plymouth Observer is pleased to offer the Penn Theater tickets. The Penn has been entertaining the Plymouth community since 1941. New owners Ron and Paula Cook, John and Deborah Mazzei and James and Linda Courtney have recently renovated the theater installing a new marble exterior, granite flooring and other improvements.

Beginning on Sept. 15 and 16 the Penn launches its monthly Friday and Saturday comedy nights. For more information, visit the Penn's Web site at www. Penn Theater. com or stop in the theater at 860 Penniman, for a brochure.

The Star Theatres have eight metro area locations including Southfield and Fairlane. The theaters feature stadium seating and 20 and 21 screens, respectively.

We appreciate our loyal customers - advertisers and readers and would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You! It is our mission to deliver the best possible community newspeper for our

I welcome your comments. I can be reached at (734) 953-2100 or srosiek@ oe.home comm.net Sincerely,

Sugar Roxet

Publisher

Susan Rosiek

State 'comfortable' with vote

Michigan elections officials Friday updated the state's Web site with vote totals they say show John Stewart as the winner in the 20th House District race, while Teresa Folino has declared herself the winner.

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER thruscato@oe.homecomm.net

Teresa Folino may want to hold off packing her bags for Lansing as the 20th House District's next representative.

Folino of Northville declared herself the winner in last Tuesday's Republican primary election, even though John Stewart of Plymouth Township apparently received more votes than she did.

Folino claims the Wayne County Web site, which shows her beating Stewart, is official and she is the winner, despite the fact the figures provided by the clerks in all five of the district's communities (Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township and Livonia) add

up to Stewart winning by 81 votes. However, the state Bureau of Elections, which has taken a keen interest in the controversy, is changing its Web

site to show Stewart the winner. "We plan to change our Web site by this (Friday) afternoon, no matter what Wayne County does with its site." said Chris Thomas, director of the state's Bureau of Elections. "We're hoping Wayne County will change its site so we don't have two sets of numbers being reported."

Candace Jenkins, director of elections for Wayne County, said she gave Thomas the information he needed, but doubted the county's Web site would get changed as quickly as the state's Web site. The Secretary of State's Web site

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STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMAN

Still waiting: John Stewart of Plymouth (center) gets hugs from supporters Ken Timmons and his wife, following Tuesday's primary. The results are still up in the air.

A day of thanks



le boy: Grant Barber, 3, reaches for some soap bubbles from Gabby the Clown's bubble machine in front of Gabriala's.

Inaugural event lets businesses



TUESDAY

Board meets: The Plymouth Township Board meets at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 15 in the township meeting room, Ann Arbor and Lilley roads.

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Before Friday's first-ever Customer Appreciation Day, organizers from the key sponsors, the Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, were hopeful it would be a success

After the crowds that showed up at Kellogg Park, they no longer have to wonder.

Hundreds of people moved through the free hot dog line and took advantage of such amenities as face painting at Sideways and Jill Andra Young Photography; Gabby the Clown at Gabriala's and nail decorating at Hands on Leather.

The idea was to show the people who shop at downtown businesses appreciation for their year-round support and, according to chamber director Fran Toney, the event did just that.

"We were happy (with the turnout)," Toney said. "It shows appreciation for the people who support Plymouth all year. We call Plymouth a 'real American town' and this kind of turnout shows it's a genuine community."

Downtown businesses jumped at the chance to thank their customers, and participation was great, according to DDA director Melanie Purcell.

"There was good support for the idea, and people were helpful and energetic," Purcell said. "Participation in donating for door prizes, for instance, was higher than we've had for just about anything.

"That's what made this such a successful event."

- Brad Kadrich

Festival board says 'cheers' to beer sale

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFT WRITER

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The Plymouth Fall Festival Committee is one step closer to selling alcoholic beverages for the first time at this year's annual event in Kellogg Park.

At its final meeting before the next month's event, the committee voted 10-2 Wednesday in favor of selling alcohol to raise money for the festival.

"It's going to be a beverage tent, not a beer tent," emphasized Sue Clark, president of the committee. "We'll sell beer, wine coolers, those hard lemonade drinks, soft drinks and water. We want to make it a family area where beer and the coolers are just another

choice.

Many of the groups who voted in favor of selling the alcoholic drinks believe not only that the time is right. but that the estimated \$20,000 that it could bring in will help in the funding of the event.

"Three years ago I voted 'no," said Gene Hammonds of the Plymouth Theater Group. "But, the way the finances are going for the Fall Festival, we need to have an alternative fund-raiser. I'm willing to try it for one year. I think it will be a success and we'll be able to pay for the festival on our own in the future.

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Miller Park closer to becoming reality

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER shuckeoe.homecomm.net

Final engineering plans scheduled for completion in mid-September. will bring the development of Miller Family Park closer to reality.

The triangular, 3.5-acre parcel on Ann Arbor Trail near Chestnut was donated to Plymouth Township about two years ago. About an acre will be occupied by play equipment.

The park will be developed under a Clean Michigan Initiative Recreation Bond grant. The total estimated cost for the project is \$230,000.

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The grant amount is \$172,500 with the remaining \$57,500 to be paid for by township funds, according to township information.

Bids will be advertised next February. Construction is scheduled to begin in May with completion by November

"The idea is for it to be a neighborhood park geared toward younger children," said Mike Bailey of Plymouth-based Dietrich Bailey & Associates, the engineering firm.

The land just west of 1-275 was given to the township on behalf of

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House race from page A1

gets its results for the 20th by 81 votes," said Helmkamp. House District from the Wayne County clerk's office.

Both the state and county's Web site reported Folino as the winner immediately following the election. However, after a closer look at the figures, Thomas said he feels comfortable with changing the earlier reported outcome.

We checked with the individual communities to get their numbers, and we feel comfortable that we have the correct numbers," said Thomas. "I want to stress that these are still unofficial figures until they are certified by the Board of Canvassers.'

Stewart, who held a victory party Tuesday night, is remaining cautiously optimistic. "I'm pleased the state is mak-

ing the change, which is consistent with our figures," said Stewart. "However, we'll wait the outcome of the Aug. 22 canvass." Stewart's attorney, Alan

Helmkamp of Livonia, is no stranger to recounts. He was the attorney who han-

dled the recount requested by Charles McIlhargey in the 1992 Plymouth Township supervisors race against Kathleen Keen McCarthy, in which Stewart finished third.

Helmkamp did his own informal canvass, calculating votes in each precinct from all five communities.

"We added all the precincts and came up with the same final figures, showing John winning

"I'm preparing for various eventualities, including an expected recount," said Helmkamp. "In this day of punch cards and computers, it would be unprecedented to have an 81 vote difference in the count."

Folino said she will see the process through, with the first step waiting for the Board of Canvassers final decision on Aug. 22.

When asked if she would ask for a recount, she said, "I don't know.'

"We ran a very strong, solid, decent and ethical campaign, and at this point I want the voters of the 20th District to see it through the entire process," she said.

Folino said she did attend a meeting of all primary winners in Lansing last Wednesday, which was held by the House Republican Campaign Commit-

"All the candidates who won their primaries were invited, and at the time I thought I was the winner." said Folino.

The figures released by Thomas, which mirror what was reported by the Plymouth Observer Thursday, show Stewart with 2,786 votes, followed by Folino with 2,705. Plymouth Mayor Dave McDon-

ald finished third with 1,433 and Matt Cowles of Northville was fourth with 807 votes.

The Board of Canvassers has until Aug. 22 to certify all the clerk's office Tuesday night;

PHOTO BY HEATHER SONNTAG Not so fast: Teresa Folino of Northville (left) declared

herself a winner in the race for the 20th District House seat after Tuesday's Republican primary. But vote totals from the five municipalities that make up the district appear to show Plymouth's John Stewart actually won the seat.

elections in Wayne County by checking the final numbers with a recount of individual precincts.

"That's where the errors usually happen," said Thomas. "It's not totally unprecedented to have changes. There have been times a winner has been changed, but mostly the numbers will change by a few.'

by the City of Plymouth of final figures to the Wayne County

however, Thomas said that still didn't add up to what appear to be the final results. He said he's confident the error will be corrected by the Board of Canvassers.

One of the canvassers, who declined to give her name, said the board is aware of the controversy surrounding the 20th House race, but she didn't expect the board to certify the results until sometime next week.

Park from page A1 Peter and Adele Miller.

In recent years, Miller was known for selling raspberries and raspberry plants from a stand on Ann Arbor Trail at the future park site. Adele died in 1982. Peter Miller was 91 when he died last year. Adele's sister Claire Hasske and the Millers' niece Gail Nutter, presented the land to the township.

Two months ago, 13 children in the Allen Elementary neighborhood looked at a booklet with equipment choices and gave their input. The booklet was divided into three different groups of equipment, one for each of the separate play areas in the park design.

Children marked down in the books which equipment they would most like to see installed at the park. At the end of the

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Mike Bailey -Engineer

session their names and addresses were collected.

Following the children's session about 14 adults asked questions and delivered comments and wishes.

According to notes taken by Kristen Miner, a landscape architect at DBA, residents agreed that "No Parking" signs should not be installed along Ferguson Avenue. The residents commented that they need that

space to park themselves. If necessary, the signs could be added at a later date. They also agreed that the park should remain unlighted.

They requested a fence along the east property line of the park to establish the park limits and the adjacent neighbors' yard.

Miner acted upon a bicycle storage suggestion by residents and visited the Madison Heights Library, but did not find any low-to-the-ground bike racks they mentioned, rather than the standard upright metal racks. Some residents felt that these lower bike racks were not visibly intrusive.

Residents wanted to know which trees would be removed and which would remain, Miner said

Installation of signs indicating park hours and the banning of animals was discussed.

Both trash cans and drinking receptacles are included in the design, Miner said. The installation of "Slow-Children Playing" signs along Ann Arbor Trail was also discussed.

Swing sets require much space around them to meet the federal safety regulation, Miner said. "The area designated for play equipment in this park does not provide enough room for the installation of swings," Miner said. The area designated to remain open space would be reviewed to determine if swings would fit there, she said.

Residents said that even a tire

swing would be appreciated.



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Folk singers Ann Hills and Matt Watroba take the stage Aug. 25 for an intimate evening of acoustic music that will have you singing, laughing and generally feeling better going out than you did when you came in. Joining them will be multi-instrumentalist and Neil Woodward.

The event takes place at the Plymouth Arts Council Building on Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Seating is limited so advanced reservations are strongly recommended.

Anne Hills has earned a repu-

tation as one of the finest voices to emerge on the folk music scene. She is a top-notch interpreter and an award winning song writer, all wrapped up in an incredibly engaging performer, according to PCAC officials.

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Pointing out: Marcos Nelson of Plymouth, 11, gives a Power Point presentation to his fellow Summer Academy classmates and parents.

End of summer

Academy gives students chance for enrichment

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruncato@oe

Nearly 90 Plymouth-Canton sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students completed a 14-day middle school Summer Academy, enriching their education before heading back to class Aug. 29.

"Some of the students used the academy for additional reinforcement, some for enrichment," said Cheryl Klee, director of the Summer Academy. "We tried to make it fun and as much a social activity as well as educational."

Klee said the program was designed to integrate reading, writing, math, science

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Cheryl Klee -Academy director

and social studies.

"Research says the brain learns better when subjects have some sort of connection, instead of being taught individually." said Klee.

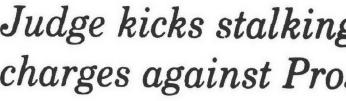
Sixth graders studied ecology. Seventh graders, many of whom were among the fifth graders who went as a group to Space Camp in Florida, studied space. Eighth graders were given the task of studying the reasons behind endangered animals. Students were allowed to design their

tions.

own projects, using reports, displays, models and even Power Point visuals.

We also allowed students to use resources off the Internet, giving them a broader range of information," added Klee. "Many of them used spreadsheets, graphs and diagrams to support their projects.'

As part of the Internet learning experience, Plymouth Township police officers David Hayes and Bill Groff gave students a lesson on Internet safety and dealing with strangers on the World Wide Web.



STAFF WRITER thruscatofine

Stalking charges against Dr. Tom Prose of Plymouth, stemming from charges nearly 20 months ago, have been dropped by a Wayne County District Court judge.

Judge Glenn Valasco dismissed the case as a trial was set to begin in Livonia's 16th District Court.

"We were prepared for a fourweek trial," said Prose. "I appreciate the wisdom of the judge

Prose's attorney, Juan Mateo, said the court ruled the stalking law, as applied to the charges against his client, were unconstitutional.

Police said the charges stemmed from allegations by W. Edward Wendover and his wife. Sally Repeck, that Prose violated terms of a personal protection order by harassing the couple.

"Mr. Wendover's political clout was successful initially, but he was unsuccessful in establishing the Dr. Prose actually committed a crime."

Prose was arraigned on two

Group looking for hosts

Learning about another culture is easy on the Internet, by reading newspaper or magazine articles or watching television. But the actual interaction with someone from another culture is even more personal.

The Academic Year in America (AYA) program, sponsored by the American Institute For Foreign Study (AIFS) Foundation, offers five- or 10-month programs for international students to visit homes here

Students are between the ages of 15 and 18 1/2, and hosts can earn up to \$1,000 toward a number of travel programs sponsored by the AIFS. The not-for-profit foundation was founded in 1967 with the assistance of late Sen. Robert Kennedy.

To get more information on hosting an international exchange student, call Danielle Carpino at (1-800) 322-4678 Ext. 5164. You may visit AYA on-line at www. academic year.org

Woman charged in downtown thefts

Plymouth police have arrested and charged a woman with victimizing downtown merchants.

Jean Elizabeth Seavey, 40, is charged with stealing nearly \$1,500 in goods, most of it jewelry, from Georgia's Gift Galley, Sideways, Sunny J's Lingerie and Leisure Wear and Bed 'N Stead.

Police say employees found a bag of missing items in a Forest Street alley, while noticing Seavey was downtown visiting several shops.

Seavey is charged with receivng and concealing stolen property over \$1,000, which is a MacDonald to stay away from felony punishable upon convic- downtown Plymouth.

tion by up to five years in prison and a \$30,000 fine. She is also charged with retail fraud, otherwise known as shoplifting, a sixmonth misdemeanor. Police have also charged

Seavey with being an habitual offender, fourth offense. If convicted of the charge, she could receive life in prison.

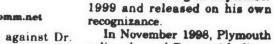
Seavey was arraigned in front of 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald, and is being held on \$25,000 cash bond.

However, if she is released. Seavey has been ordered by





Judge kicks stalking charges against Prose BY TONY BRUSCATO counts of stalking in September



police charged Prose with disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by up to 90 days in jail. However, the charge was thrown out in August 1999 on a technicality.

About a month later, the charge was reinstated as stalk-Conditions of Prose's ing. release included staying away from Wendover and Repeck, as well as the home of police and city officials. Prose could have been sent to prison for up to one year if convicted of the high mildemeanor.

The charges were reinstated one day after Prose filed a \$100 million lawsuit against the City of Plymouth, several city and police officials, Repeck and Wendover. The suit claims they violated his civil rights by conspiring to keep Prose from exercising commercial building easement rights and investigating allegations of embezzlement by Wendover of money from the Plymouth Community Crier,

which he owned at the time.

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Ken Selasky of the Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers declined to say how he voted, but is concerned about serving alcohol at the festival.

"This is our major fund-raiser, and I don't want to see it jeopardized because of problems that could be avoided," said Selasky.

Clark assured her members that police and fire department union members will be serving the alcohol, off-duty policemen will be at the entrance checking identification, a wrist-band approach will probably be used to identify those old enough to drink, and there will be a fence around the area so outsiders can't get alcohol. There will be a three-drink limit, with beer being sold by the glass. All alcohol consumption must be within the designated area, which will be on the front lawn of the Masonic Temple building.

Those in favor of selling alcohol look at the Box Bar, which many believe has some of its biggest revenue days during the Fall Festival. And, with the opening of E.G. Nicks and Compari's on the Park, revenue from alcohol sales by those businesses is expected to increase

"I don't see any of those restaurants donating money to the Fall Festival," said one member

Clark presented the idea of selling beer to city commissioners at last Monday's meeting. However, the commission decided to wait until the festival board voted before making a decision.

Mayor Dave McDonald and Commissioner Sean FitzGerald believe the Fall Festival Committee needs an amendment to

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Gene Hammonds -Committee member

its special event permit to sell alcohol, which would need a vote of commissioners.

However, Clark believes her group needs only the signature of the police chief to get a temporary license to sell alcohol.

That may be true. But, Acting Chief Steve Hundersmarck said he'll wait until he gets input from the city commission before moving forward.

Both sides have their attorneys looking into the legalities of who really has control.

"I have no problem with beer at the Fall Festival," said Commissioner Bill Graham. "However, I do have a concern with liability.

"Clearly, liquor is available at the Fall Festival at the nearby restaurants," said Commissioner Sean FitzGerald

Commissioner Dan Dwyer reiterated he doesn't want alcohol sold at Fall Festival.

"Fall Festival is a family event the rides are for children, the events on the street are small children oriented, and 1 against the addition of alcohol into that environment," he said.

Commissioners are expected to discuss the issue at its Aug. 21 meeting

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Sign company changes location

The Town Engraver has moved from Main Street to a location in Old Village - 965 North Mill in the Linwood Plaza. Owner

Sue Bal-**Customers** dori, who like fast lives in service.' Canton, learned her Sue Baldori craft work--Owner ing for her father at

their old location in the Town Locksmith office

She specializes in any flat sign that a customer might need, and can engrave metal plaques for trophies and awards. Among the firm's services are magnetic vehicle signs, screen printing, vinyl graphics, industrial ID tags for such things as control panels, Braille signs, steel parking signs, architectural signs, decals, name badges and rubber stamps.

The business can produce work in brass, plastic or wood. Much of the work is accomplished with computers, a scanner and a plotter and electronic engraver.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Baldori has a business partner, Bob Prokopy, whose business in Walled Lake can do larger projects and specialized orders, such as engraving glass.

"Customers like the fast service, and I guarantee everything I do," Baldori said.

- Doug Johnson

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for a Bus Wash System for the PCCS Transportation Department. Specifications and bid forms will be available at the MANDATORY "walk-through", scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 23rd, 2000 at the Plymouth-Canton Community School Bus Garage, 1024 South Mill Street, Plymouth, Michigan. For further information, please phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 30th, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

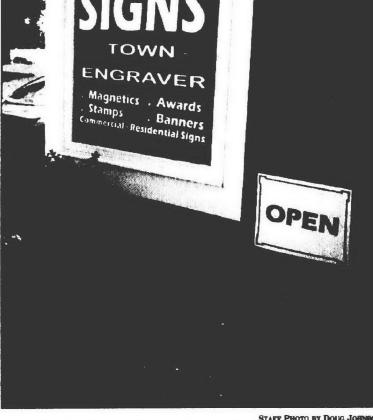
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shot at college scholarship Budding writers attending a Michigan college or university are invited to apply for a scholarship to attend the 39th Annual Writers' Conference at Oak-

land University. The conference, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21, offers an opportunity to learn from professional writers, agents and editors in a supportive and encouraging environment.

This year's conference features keynoter Patricia Polacco, the author/illustrator of Mrs. Katz and Tush, winner of the 1993 Jane Addams Children's Picture Book Award, and Just Plain Fancy, School Library Journal Best Book of the Year.

In addition, participants will have a choice of 36 presentations covering novels, nonfiction, historical fiction, romance, travel writing, freelancing, short story, poem, and drama.

Cost to attend the conference is \$85; the optional luncheon is \$15.

Scholarships are máde possible by the Mary Kay Davis Award Fund established in memory of Mary Kay Davis, a member of Detroit Women Writers, co-sponsors of the Writers' Conference.

Students who want to apply for a scholarship covering cost of the Saturday conference fee and luncheon may request a brochure and application by calling the College of Arts and Sciences at (248) 370-3125 or visiting the Web site at www.oakland. edu/contin-ed/ writersconf/. Deadline for receipt of application materials is Sept. 20.

Catch Sue Buck's coverage of Plymouth Township Thursdays and Sundays in the Plymouth Observer

Golf club scuffle injures

radio station personality

A scuffle at Western Golf and Country Club resulted in

Arthur Penhallow, a popular WRIF-FM disc jockey, suffered

Penhallow, also known as the "Grand Poobah," rules the

Penhallow was driven to Beaumont Hospital and treated for

"Our detectives are still investigating the incident," Parker

said. Once the investigation is completed, it will be submitted

to the township attorney, Parker said. "He will decide whether

lacerations to the upper lip and bruises to the right arm.

Writing hopefuls have

cracked in half in the incident, reports said.

facial lacerations and bruises in the Saturday, Aug. 5 alterca-

injury to a radio personality who was sitting with a Plymouth

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AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE CITY COMMISSION TO APPROVE CITY EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AND PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS



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170 Hiring, Timing, and Selection of City Employees
The determination of hiring needs, the timing of hiring decisions, e actual selection of City employees is and shall remain within the ion of the City Manager, unless otherwise provided for in the City r or Code of Ordinances.
THEREFORE, This Ordinance shall become effective twenty-one (21) ter final adoption.
by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, an, this 7th day of August, 2000.
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Poetry group sets deadline for contest

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$\$8,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest.

Poets from the Plymouth area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of more than 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is Nov. 20. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free. To enter, send one original poem, on any subject and in any style, to The Interna-

tional Library of Poetry, Suite 19909, 1 Poetry Plass, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should run 200 lines or less,

and the post's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be pastmarked or sent via the Internet by November 30. You may also enter caline at www.poetry.com

The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1902, is the largest postry orga-mination in the world.

THE LIBRARY'S CARD

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CYBER SMARTS- 7 P.M. THURSDAY, AUG. 17

Strategies for searching the Internet, great Web sites and helpful hints will be presented in a demonstration format at a seminar for families with schoolaged children. Printed materials and appointments for hands-on practice will be available. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or at (734) 453-0750, press

PLYMOUTH WRITER'S CLUB- 7:30 P.M. THURSDAYS, AUG. 24

Writers of all ages are invited to join others to share their work in a friendly group setting; contact Brian Anderson at (734) 416-0418.

YOUR POETRY GROUP- 1:30 P.M. SUNDAY, AUG. 13

Bring your own or others' poetry to read aloud; short short stories are also welcome. Reader's discretion is asked in the language of the works read. Contact Don Hewlett, at (313) 272-3548 or at donhewlett@aol.com

11:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, AUG.

TEEN EVENTS TEEN ADVISORY BOARD- 11 A.M.

SATURDAY, AUG. 26 Teens, 12 to 18 years old, are invited to share ideas for future activities at the Library for teens. Refreshments will be provided, No registration necessary.

ORIGAMI WORKSHOP- 3:30 P.M. MONDAY, AUG. 14

Learn cool paper folding and other origami techniques, with supplies provided. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at (7340 453-0750, press

OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN- 8 P.M. SATURDAY, AUG. 26

If you are in the Teen Summer Reading Program, you may participate in a murder mystery game, craft activities and allnight Internet access at the Northville District Library. Contact Eva Davis, Teen Services Librarian, at (734) 453-0750, ext. 230, or at eva @tln.lib.mi.us for details.

Teen volunteers are needed at the Library to provide one-onone tutoring for Plymouth residents whoa re unfamiliar with

computers, particularly Windows 95/98 and the Library's new catalog, PAC for Windows. Contact Eva Davis at (734) 453-0750, ext. 230 or at eva@tln.lib.mi.us to volunteer or to get more information.

YOUTH EVENTS LAP SIT STORYTIME- 6:30 P.M. MONDAY, AUG. 14

A 15 minute song and rhyme time for babies 6 to 24 months old and their caregivers only; lap sit storvtime is limited to 12 children per session. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by telephone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

HOME DAYCARE STORYTIME- 10 A.M. THURSDAY, AUG. 17

This drop in storytime is for children aged two to five years attending home daycare. No registration is necessary.

COMPUTER NEWS

The Library offers computerrelated classes for Plymouth city and Township residents: "Basic Computer Skills" and "Introduction to the Internet." Ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk or call (734) 453-0750, press 4, for information on available times and dates of classes. The Library's teen volunteers

programs offers one-on-one computer tutoring for Plymouth residents who want to become more familiar with Windows 95.98 and the Library's new online catalog, PAC for Windows. Limited Internet tutoring is also available. Contact Eva David at (734) 453-0750, ext. 230, or at Eva @tln.lib.mi.us for details and to set up an appointment with a tutor.

LIBRARY BOARD- 7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, AUG. 15

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Library. This meeting is open to the public. Individuals with special needs who plan to attend this meeting should contact the Library at (734) 453-0750 if auxiliary aids or services are needed. Advance notice is required.

OBITUARIES

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Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

DOBOTHY M. LOEDCH

Services for Dorothy M. Loesch, 80, of Ypsilanti (formerly of Plymouth) were held Aug. 11 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Pastor Jeff Noble officiating.

She was born May 23, 1920. in Cleveland, Ohio, died Aug. 8 in-Ypsilanti. She was a homemaker and a resident of Plymouth from 1956 to 1972. She was a member of the Plymouth Historical Society and the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She enjoyed crafts and gardening and bird watching. She was a loving mother and grandmother who especially enjoyed being with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, F. Richard Merriam and William Leosch. Survivors include her two daughters, Beverly (Gregory) North of Traverse City and Nancy (Greg) Medley of Ypsilanti; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Individualized Home Nursing Care Inc., 3003 Washtenaw Ave., Suite 2, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Observer every Sunday and Thursday

Read the Plymouth

HAROLD R. BROWN

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Services for Harold R. Brown,

87, of Milan were held Aug. 13

at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home,

Milan, with the Rev. Frank Dun-

bar officiating. Burial was in

Kinyon Cemetery, Canton Town-

Mr. Brown was born Aug. 12,

1912, in Plymouth and died Aug.

10 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

He owned and operated Brown's

General Store in Mooreville from

1959 until his retirement in

1977. He was a member of the

Tri-County Sportsman Club, the

VFW Mayflower Post, Plymouth,

and was an avid conservationist,

bird hunter, dog trainer, compet-

itive shooter and a rifle range

his parents, Richard and Jennie

(Eldred) Brown; one brother,

Claude; and one sister, Irene

Smith. Survivors include a son.

Richard (Diana) Brown of Can-

ton Township; a daughter, Lore-

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Brown of Gaylord; nine grand-

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Metro project reaches a milestone

BY RICHARD PEARL TAT WRITER

Michigan's largest passenger airport marked milestones in both construction and passenger counts in the past 10 days.

On Wednesday, a topping-out ceremony at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport cel-ebrated completion of the steel mainframe for the new Midfield Terminal. The facility is to be finished by December 2001.

On Aug. 4, just five days earlier, Metro officials announced that the airport continues to set all-time passenger seconds - the major reason for the \$1.2-billion Midfield project.

Officials said first-half statistics for 2000 showed that, in the first six months, some 17,661,329 passengers had utilized the airport, a 6.4 percent increase over last year.

They also noted that June 2000 bested June 1999 by 2.8 percent, making it the 78th month in the past 83 in which Metro has broken all-time passenger records.

McNamara.

state 275, a sixth jet runway and the new 99-gate midfield terminal "will alleviate congestion and allow the carriers plenty of room for future growth," he said.

more than three times the population of the State of Michigan."

one of the most important projects our community and state will ever see, and its completion

364 days after workers erected the first piece of the 14,500 tons of structural steel used in the crews put into place the final,

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> Jim Greenwald Northwest Airlines

80-foot-long, white-painted 9.5ton steel beam.

'Very excited'

A western Wayne County businessman whose company did the steel construction said he was "very excited" to have reached the topping-out ceremony.

Bob Dunn, president and chief executive officer of National Riggers & Erectors of Plymouth. which also did the steelwork for Comerica Park, said he also was very, very proud of the compabrated the fact there were no understand the tremendous benfatalities on the job-site during that phase of construction.

"It's been an exciting couple of years for us," said Dunn, noting his company recently was awarded the contract to re-build the Ford Rouge assembly plant and is also building the new Minneapolis Convention Center, plus facilities for Honda and General Motors.

McNamara called the toppingout "an exciting day for the peo-ple of Wayne County and Michigan. The steel and concrete that is now in place serves as more than just a symbol of hope for a better tomorrow, but stands as real proof that the best is yet to come.

"This is a significant milestone for this project," said Jim Green-wald, vice president for facilities and airport affairs at Northwest Airlines, who is responsible for design and construction of the new terminal. The project is a public-private partnership between Northwest and the county.

"This community and our cus-

efits it will bring to air travel in Michigan," Greenwald said.

"Northwest has done a magnificent job keeping this project ontime and on-budget," said McNamara.

The "topping-out" ceremony provided workers the chance to sign the final, white-painted steel beam.

The new Midfield Terminal will feature 99 gates, 18 luggage carousels, an 11,500-space parking garage and an automated express tram system, all in an open and spacious environment.

Most airlines at Metro posted first-half passenger increases, including Sun Country, which was up 45.8 percent; America West, up 36 percent; Spirit, 26 percent, Comair, 14.8 percent, and Mesaba, Northwest's commuter line, up 12.1 percent.

Northwest posted an increase of 11.3 percent, followed by Continental, up 5.8; United, 5.5; American 3.7; Delta 1.3 and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, up .6 percent.



Big day: Jim Greenwald, Northwest Airlines vice president of facilities and airport affairs, called the topping ceremony at Metro a "milestone" for a project he calls a "tremendous benefit to the community." County Executive Edward McNamara (left) and Airports Director Lester Robinson (right) also made remarks.





Circuit Court warned to correct large budget deficit

BY RICHARD PEARL STATE WRITER rpearl@ce.homocomm.net

Wayne County's administration is calling for the 3rd Circuit Court to take "immediate corrective action" to eliminate what it says is a \$9-million deficit in the current budget year.

In an Aug. 8 letter to Chief Judge Michael F. Sapala, county Budget Director Thomas J. Naughton cites "the latest quarterly projection" and states, "Due to the gravity of this

Margin narrows in court race

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@ce.homecomm.net

New vote totals issued by the Wayne County elections office on Friday changed the margins between the top four finishers in the 3rd Circuit Court primary election, but left the top four list intact.

The change in totals came from the tallies from at least two dozen Detroit precincts whose tallies had not been received by that city's elections office and therefore had not been transmitted to the county office.

The top four finishers face each other in the Nov. 7 general election for two open seats.

The new totals from the county's more than 2,000 precincts – which become official after the county Board of Canvassers meets Aug. 22 – showed Kathleen McCarthy of Dearborn still the top vote-getter with 40,333, up from 39,365 reported on Wednesday.

Retaining second place is Annette Jurkiewicz Berry of Plymouth Township, with 30,344, up from 29,884.

Third place is still held by Jane E. Gillis of Grosse Pointe Farms with 23,099 (22,724 previously), while fourth is retained by Ronald Giles of Detroit with 23,043.

Giles' total represented the most significant change: It widened his margin over fifthplace finisher Robert L. McClinton, also Detroit, from only one vote to 30.

On Wednesday, Giles had 22,420 votes to 22,419 for McClinton. By Friday, the margin was 23,043 to 23,013.

If The new deficit could increase the county's estimated \$11-million deficit to at least \$20 million.

situation...it is imperative that the court takes immediate corrective action to eliminate this deficit."

Suggested actions include ceasing "all-non-essential Court services and purchases, a reduction of workdays or hours, employee furloughs or layoffs (and) the identification of new or additional revenues or any other methods the Court decides to use.

"It is critical however that the Court manages its operations so that it completes this fiscal year within its authorized budget and complies with the requirements of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act," Naughton concludes.

Sapala and Court Administrator Alexander J. Luvall said in a joint statement they are "reviewing Mr. Naughton's numbers and we are confident that any budget issues will be favorably resolved in the very near future. "However, we are concerned that Mr. Naughton's suggestions recommending employee layoffs and other drastic measures without first verifying these projected

figures or discussing them with the Court is premature and could be dangerously misconstrued," they said. They reassured the public and employees that "we neither anticipate reduction of services near do we plan any employees

anticipate reduction of services nor do we plan any employee layoffs." They vowed to "thoroughly check and validate these numbers."

If action is required, "we will proceed" in a manner that "fulfills court obligations, "protects all employees and provides the citizens of Wayne County with the service they deserve."

Luvall plans to have further discussions with Naughton next week, according to spokeswoman Llenda Jackson-Leslie.

Naughton is out of town and could not be reached for comment.

'The new deficit could increase the county's estimated \$11-million deficit to at least \$20 million, according to an observer close to the situation.

Naughton's letter estimates that the court "will exceed its 1999-2000 authorised budget and deplete its operating appropriations by the beginning of September, nearly thirty (30) days before the end of the county's fiscal year," unless the court acts immediately.

He adds that the estimated court deficit could reach \$12 million, if \$3.1 million in savings attributable to county administrative chargebacks are reallocated.

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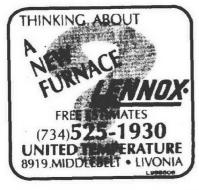
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Any candidate seeking a recount will have to pay a fee of \$10 per precinct, according to Carol Larkin of the county elections office.





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Hole-in-one

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Craig Fleming of Plymouth got a hole-in-one at the Woodlands Golf Course in Van Buren Township, acing the 126-yard fifth hole on Aug. 3.

The 55-year-old Fleming used an eight-iron to get his ace.

Award-winner

Nick Cabauatan, who will be entering his junior year at Plymouth Canton HS, earned the Nu-Station Award at the Five Star Basketball Camp in Pittsburgh.

Cabauatan, who will be entering his third year on Canton's varsity basketball team, was also runner-up for the Top Guard in Camp Award. A total of 375 players from all over the country participated in the camp.

Fall Dekhockey

Fall League registration is currently on-going at the Michigan Dekhockey Center, located on Michigan 2.2 miles west of I-275. Players of all ages are invited to play.

Each player gets 10 games, two practices and a youth jersey. Every player also makes the playoffs. Players seven-years-old and over may register in the house league for in-line hockey. For those 12-and-over, a select program is also offered.

Select program players can pre-register a team with a minimum of nine and a maximum of 15 players.

House league players will be rated, evaluated and put into a draft. Coaches will select players for each team.

Registration for Dekhockey, also known as street hockey and played in running shoes, is also underway. House leagues are offered for players four-years-old and over.

Senior Dek divisions office tion for teams and/or individuals. Teams must have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 18 players. Players in Senior Divisions in both Dek and Inline Hockey will be placed in leagues or on teams that match the players skills and abilities.

For further information, call the Michigan Dekhockey Center at (734) 397-8900.

Fastpitch softball

The Canton Community Junior

Observer stars stick with it at U-M

It's not easy making it in big-time football. For guys like Joe Sgroi and Kirk Moundros, getting a chance to play for the University of Michigan is the chance of a lifetime — one that is worth grabbing.

BY PAUL BEAUDRY STAFF WRITER pbeaudry@oe.

Walk-ons in college football are usually the equivalent of tackling dummies.

They are cheap, expendable and their basic job is to help the other players to get better without getting them hurt.

But every once in a while, things go the right way - the hard work and effort get noticed and rewarded.

That's what happened with North Farmington grad Kirk Moundros, and could happen to Catholic Central's Joe

Sgroi. Both walked on at the University of Michigan. Both paid their dues during the course of the 1998 season.

The payoff for both came during 1999, seeing a lot of special teams play, with Moundros also seeing time as fullback.

And both hope to have their role with the Wolverines continue to grow.

"I like to contribute as much as possible," said Sgroi, a Plymouth native who graduated from CC in 1998. "I just want to be on the field. Whether it is the punt (team), extra points or anything else, whatever I can do to help the team, I'll do."

Sgroi played in 10 games last season

- missing just the Notre Dame and Rice contests. He's listed as a linebacker, but at 5-11, 204 pounds, he's a little undersized to play that spot in the Big Ten. However, he's perfectly suited for his specialty -long snapper.

"Maybe I am a little undersized for center," said Sgroi with a smile during Friday's media day at Michigan Stadium. "But my job is to get down field rather than protect the punter. I'm better down field than the bigger guys."

Sgroi stated that case last year as he had one solo tackle, two assists and forced a fumble against Northwestern. This year, he enters the season as No. 1 on the depth chart.

"There's still a lot of competition for the spot," said Sgroi. "It's good so far, but as long as it helps the team, that's what matters."

Moundros spent most of his time on

Joe Sgroi outh resident

Kirk Moundros North Farmington grad

special teams in 1999 as well, but unlike Sgroi, saw some time at fullback and was awarded a scholarship by head coach Lloyd Carr just before last season.

"My attitude is a lot like Joe's," said

Please see FOOTBALL, B5

Watch out! Crusaders have championship stuff

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BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR

Like any coach in any sport, when Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham says, "I'm very excited about this group here," you're immediate reaction is that it must be taken for what it is: a slight overdose of preseason optimism.

Then you start examining what he's got coming back. Yeah, there are loss-

But those additions -- and suddenly you realize that even when Abraham says, "I think we're a better team than last year. We're more seasoned, more confident" - well, he may indeed be snowballing you, but not with an over-abundance of optimism.

He may be downplaying the situation.

Make no mistake. The Crusaders are loaded.

As for the reliability of sources, with Abraham — the only volleyball coach in Madonna's history — 40-win seasons are almost expected. He called 1999 "one of my worst seasons."

Well record-wise, maybe it was. After all, the Lady Crusaders were "only" 29-14 overall. And they did have to share the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference crown with Cornerstone College, both posting 11-1 records.

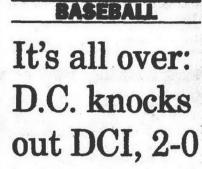


Stevenson middle hitter





Tera Morrill former Franklin star



Decision Consultants, Inc. was eliminated by three-time defending champion Washington, D.C., 2-0, in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association (20-andunder) Tournament Thursday afternoon at Roxbury Field in Johnstown, Pa.

DCI, champions of the Livonia Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association, finished the summer 23-11 overall and 2-2 in the AAABA nationals.

Right-hander Grant Smith. any DCI off the second-surd He scattered four hits and five walks before giving way to left-hander Dustin Atkins, who pitched a scoreless eighth, followed by right-hander Mike McGirr, who earned the save in the ninth.

The three pitchers, however, combined for just four strikeouts. "We hit balls right at guys,"

DCI manager Mike George said. "We had bases loaded in the second and came up empty, and had two on the eighth. We just didn't Catcher Matt Deuchler's solo homer off DCI starter Shawn-Morrison (Western Michigan University) in the top of the eighth. inning broke the scoreless deadlock. Washington added an insurance run in the ninth.

Kate LeBianc



Baseball and Softball Association will have tryouts for girls fastpitch softball for its 2001 season from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday at McClumpha Park.

Girls wishing to play 10-and-under and 12-and-under should come at 3:30 p.m.; those wishing to play 14-andunder and 16-and-under should come at 4:30 p.m.; and those wishing to play 18-and-under should come at 5:30 p.m.

Also: Coaches are needed at all levels, in particular 10-and-under. For more information, call Harry Hill at (734) 453-3769.

Baseball tryouts

•The Michigan Indians 14-year-old baseball team, a USSSA World Series participant, will have tryouts for its 2001 squad at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at Plymouth's Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads.

There are no residency requirements. Players must have a birth date on or after Aug. 1, 1986. For more information, call Bruce Price at (734) 453-9180.

•The Ann Arbor Mustangs travel baseball teams will have tryouts for its opring 2001 squads on Sunday, Adg. 20. For 13-and-unders, call Bob Cleary at (734) 930-6966; for 14-andunders, call Mike Nadeau at (734) 429-8493.

•The Downriver Braves 14-andunder team will have tryouts for its 2001 season in September. The Braves finished the 2000 season with a 77-7 record and gualified for six different World Series, placing ninth in the AAU World Series.

Players can't turn 15 before Aug. 1, 2001. For more information, call Cris Hansen at (313) 292-4798.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

If you believe that's a bad season, then you'd also think George Bush would make a good president.

Anyway, as Abraham did add, "There were a lot of highlights, too." One that can't be overstated was his coaching. What Madonna didn't have last season was a lot of depth (just 11 players), and when injuries struck ---setter Jennie Wind, now a junior, and senior outside hitter Erin Cunningham both missed matches - he had to scramble to find replacements.

Then late in the season freshman setter Jen Wing left the team, wreaking more havoc. Still, the Crusaders played on, and played well.

Those kinds of problems shouldn't reoccur this season. The strong recruiting class Abraham has delivered should see to that.

But first the leaders: Three seniors who have a total of eight starting seasons between them.

At the top of the list is 5-foot-11 middle hitter All-American Brandy Malewski, a Redford Thurston graduate. The two-time all-conference player led Madonna in kills (603, with a .496 kill percentage) and blocking (158 solos, 575 total) and was third in digs (566).;

Then there's 6-1 outside hitter Kelly Artymovich, who was third on the team in kills (287, .260 percentage), second in digs (598) and fourth in blocks (211). Cunningham, who played less than half the season, totaled 155 kills (.303 percentage). All three will share the team captaincy.

"They're real leaders on the floor." said Abraham. "They lead by example. They have a great work ethic. All three despise losing."

An impressive group to build around, but by no means is that all. Indeed, the recruits Abraham has coming in mean "competition is fierce" for playing time.

Also back from last season is 6-0 junior setter Jennie Wind, a Birmingham Groves graduate who paced Madonna with an 8.94 assists-to-kills per game average. She also had 132 blocks.

Other key returnees are 5-10 junior outside hitter Marylu Hemme, a Plymouth native and Livonia Ladywood graduate who led Madonna in service aces (77) and digs (620); 6-1 junior



STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMAN

Top hitter: Brandy Malewski has been a top-notch player at the net for Madonna throughout her career, earning NAIA All-America honors last season.

was third in blocks (309) and fourth in kills (209, a .285 percentage); and 6foot sophomore middle hitter Hayley Myers, who filled in well as a freshman and has shown marked improvement this year.

Now for the recruits.

If there was a concern last season, it was the team's overall passing ability. It won't be a problem this year, Abraham said. "It's improved 100 percent." he said. "Four of the players we brought in are all good passers."

Three junior college transfers figure to help the Crusaders immediately: 5-10 junior outside hitter Jennifer Frost,

middle hitter Donna Birkenhier, who from Mott CC and Saginaw; 5-8 junior setter Natalie Sayre, from Grand Rapids CC; and 5-7 sophomore outside hitter Elizabeth Frecsko, from Laredo (Texas) CC.

> According to Abraham, Sayre was "one of the top players in her region." She will challenge Wind for playing time at setter. "She's still developing, but she's quick," said Abraham. "She just has to learn our players and get comfortable with our plays."

> Frost is left-handed and should help fill the vacancy created by Uballe's graduation. An all-conference and all-

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Morrison went 8% innings, giving up seven hits and three walks. Jason Popham finished up.

Chris Kimball, Mike Sokol. Roger Wechter, Tim Andrezjak and Spencer Hynes had the lone hits for DCI.

Marc Tugwell and Matt Hagen each collected two hits for Washington.

"Had we won this game we would have gone back to the top of our rotation - Popham and David Wampler - and we would have been in pretty good shape," George said. "We made a good run in this tournament. We got down to the final five."

As of Thursday, New Orleans was the only undefeated team left in the 16-team, double-elimination field.

Washington, Baltimore, Buffalo and host Johnstown each had one loss

"This is the third year in a row we've been here and we've been able to make a name for ourselves," George said. "We know sometimes the umpiring and fields leave something to be desired, but we know that going in. It was a good week and we met a lot of quality people.

A Livonia victory would have meant a game Friday night at Point Stadium against host Johnstown.

There would have been 4,000plus out there, but we're going home," George said.

On Wednesday, the University of Michigan's Brad McCloskey pitched four scoreless innings of relief to earn the victory to propel DCI past Maryland State, 9-6.

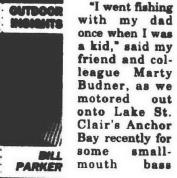
DCI starter Bobby Linsday, fighting and inner ear infection, lasted just 1% innings, allowed

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This lure landed 2 novice fishermen — who'll be back



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"I went fishing with my dad catch anything."

Such is the case with many one-time anglers. They give it a try, don't have any luck and file the trip in their memory banks as something that was sort of fun, but really more boring than anything.

In an effort to substantiate a claim I've been making for years to my colleagues at the Observer & Eccentric about the thrill and

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on the following:

The 2000-2001 Appropriations and Budget Ordinance. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The hearing will be held:

- THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2000, 10:00 a.m.
- Wayne County Commission Chambers Wayne County Building

600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

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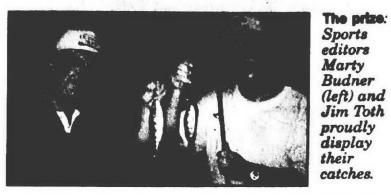
action. "But we really didn't excitement of fishing, I chartered a fishing trip on Lake St. Clair with Neptune Charters and Capt. Roger Doyle aboard the 27-foot Little Dutch II.

Marty, the sports editor for the Birmingham and Southfield editions of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, and Jim Toth. sports editor for the Rochester and Troy editions, joined my brother-in-law Don Wrathell, our good friend Jeff Essenberg and myself on a recent afternoon smallmouth charter on the bassinfested waters of Lake St. Clair. I'm a firm believer that to real-

ly understand a sport you have to be a participant. Heck, I went golfing once, shot a 70-something if I remember correctly. Had a pretty good time too, until I lost my last ball on the ninth and final hole.

As veteran sports editors I'd decided long ago that Marty and Jim, a couple experienced golf

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and softball aficionados, were overdue to experience the thrill of doing battle with a feisty, bodacious bass.

We met at the lake, and after waiting out a passing thunderstorm motored out onto Anchor Bay in anticipation of some of the hottest smallmouth bass fishing in the world.

Drifting over weedy clumps in seven to 10 feet of water, it didn't take long for the action to

begin. Jim took "first-fish" honors (and a couple bucks from the rest of the crew, I might add) when a plump 16-inch smallie inhaled the golden shiner he was offering as bait.

During the next four hours the action bounced back and forth between good and great. Using eight-pound test monofilament our lines were rigged with a

on a 12-inch leader, and a No. 8 hook on an 18-inch leader. With such a presentation, it's was easy to catch a smorgasbord of fish. Several mombo rockbass came to the boat as well as a half-dozen yellow perch. But the smallmouth are what made the trip.

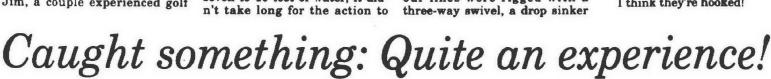
"Holy cow, this thing is really pulling hard," exclaimed Marty, seconds before a feisty 18-incher exploded out of the water like a bronze missile.

We managed to land over 20 fish including a huge, 21 1/2-inch smallie, which qualified Jeff for a Master Angler patch - Master Angler, 21-inch smallmouth.

The trip came to an end as the sun began to fade. As we motored back into the harbor the smiles on the faces of all the anglers told the story.

"This is great," Jim said. "I']] definitely do it again."

I think they're hooked!



I may not be the most daring person, but shy or afraid have rarely been a part of my vocabulary

I've been fortunate to experience quite a bit in my 40-plus years, but one that had eluded me until very recently was an activity that nearly everyone has tried at least once in their lifetime. TOTH **Fishing!**

Now the closest I ever got to fishing, before this unforgettable experience, was ordering the fisherman's platter at

my favorite seafood restaurant or purchasing some salmon or orange roughy at the neighborhood grocery store.

Well, I finally wound up on one end of the pole as myself, co-worker Marty Budner, O&E outdoors writer Bill Parker and his friends Jeff Essenberg and Don Wrathell journeyed out on a four-hour excursion on the waters of Lake St. Clair. Now, it wasn't exactly the S.S. Minnow and there were no movie stars or millionaires aboard, but I did get the feeling that any one of us could handle the role of Gilligan.

The adventure began mid-afternoon with Marty and I needing a fishing license. Heading out to a friendly Meijer, the two of us dug deep into our wallets to come up with the

necessary funds to purchase a whopping oneday license. The person behind the register asked if we wanted one for the entire year, but I figured if I hadn't done this in 40 years, the chances of doing it again anytime soon were pretty remote.

Well, off we went to Anchor Bay to climb aboard commander, er cruise director, better make that Neptune Charters skipper Roger Doyle's Little Dutch II.

The trip was delayed for about an hour - if only the Skipper and Gilligan would have done the same - while intense thunderstorms moved out of the area. Once we ventured out, the seven-mile cruise was refreshing.

With Roger closing in on the site where the "fish were really biting" earlier in the day on a previous charter, he promptly cut the engines and it was time for us to "fish on."

"Grab a pole" were the initial instructions, followed closely by "bait the hooks."

"Bait the what? And with what?" were a couple responses.

Little minnows was the eventual answer. After struggling with the little guy and sending him off to catch me a - er, marlin - a little wager was initiated on who would catch the first fish.

Now we're talking, a little initiative to catch a fish. My biggest concern was when would I know I even had a catch?

"The bend at the end of the pole." other voices chimed in. "When you see that, give it a little tug."

"Aye, aye," I said.

Five, 10, 20, 30 minutes, maybe an eternity, passed by before any of us felt that "tug."

But when we did, it was yours truly reeling in a line.

Wow! How exciting! My first fish! What could be on the other end?

"Smallmouth bass," someone quipped.

"Hey, way to go. Good job," the rest of the crew chimed in.

Well, as quickly as I thought I was king, I turned back to feeling like a pauper when that prize catch, at least for me, was thrown back into the water.

"Too small and, by the way, the eating isn't so good," were the words I remembered as the little guy was swimming away.

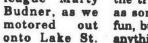
All of a sudden, this wasn't too much fun. But our enjoyment and fortunes did turn

around as we combined to snare some perch and larger smallmouth bass. Time raced by, and I'm sure so did the fish, as darkness was descending on the open waters. What was once weeks of anticipation was about to become a memory.

A very good memory and one I hope to relive sometime soon.

Borders Headquarters | moment no. 3

Savings so big, four walls couldn't contain them.



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onto Lake St. Clair's Anchor Bay recently for small-



Borders Headquarters' Bargain Blowout is: Saturday, August 12 from 9 am-7 pm Sunday, August 13 from 11 am-6 pm

50-80% off of the publishers' original list price on books.

Also, hundreds of CDs, toys, stationery and gifts on sale.

Drinks and snacks available from Café Espresso.

Performance by Borders Explorers singer/songwriter Eddie Coker on Saturday at 2 pm.

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RECREATION

Sunday August 13 2000

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Admire large adult insects before they die

ost people are familiar with large insects like mantids, grasshoppers, crickets and walking sticks, but we only become aware of their presence in late summer and fall.

These insects are too small most of the summer to be recognized. Finally, about now, they are big enough for us to notice them.

Mantids are very recognizable insects. Those large forelegs are modified for catching other insects. Their large size, up to about 4 inches, allows them to catch a wide variety of insects.

This is when female mantids lay their egg masses on any kind of convenient object. Adults will only live until it gets cold. Their egg mass survive the winter.

In spring, tiny mantids emerge with voracious appetites and start growing.

By late summer, those that survived the summer are big enough to spot in your garden. I've enjoyed some in our raspberry bushes, in fields and even on my screen door.

Michigan sports two species of mantids, both introduced from Europe. Some individuals are green, while others are brown.

Color doesn't designate species or sex. It's just a variation. One study discovered that green individuals were seen twice as often as brown individuals.

Not too distantly related to the mantids are the walking sticks.

Probably as recognizable as the praying mantis, walking sticks look like their name. Their long, narrow legs and body resemble twigs. North American walking sticks are small compared to tropical species that reach lengths of 10-12 inches.

Only four species are found in the Great Lakes region. They reach lengths of 4-5 inches.

Unlike the praying mantis, walk-

Wiffle Ball is a hit with backyard enthusiasts



hat started as an amusing recreational activity played in my back yard during my son's first birthday party, has become a serious athletic event.

After playing just a few innings, we all discovered what a blast the game of Wiffle Ball truly is, even though most of us are in our mid-20s. The sound and feel of a plastic bat smashing the ball is oh so sweet.

CHAD sweet. **LOCKWOOD** Shortly after our first exhibition game, rules were established and a league was

formed. We call it the Hartland Wiffle Ball League. Currently there are 10 members who each have their own "team." Each member of the league chose a Major League franchise to represent and were then encouraged to purchase a ball cap of their team.

One against another

Each scheduled game pits one team against another. The team scheduled to play is led by an "owner" who serves as the captain and pitcher of that game. To fill out the rosters, all other players become free agents for the day, and are picked alternately to make the teams complete. Each squad is composed of three to five players.

Wiffle Ball is played just like baseball except for a few minor differences. Throwing the ball at runners in an attempt to get them out is legal. A target three feet behind home plate is the strike zone, which makes it easy to judge balls and strikes. It is a 3-foot by 4-foot piece of plywood with a hole cut out 12 inches from the bottom. The hole is 22 inches wide and 30 inches tall. Any ball that goes through the hole is a strike. The pitcher can pitch as fast or as slow as he chooses and can deliver it anyway he desires. Because of the eight slotted holes on one side of the ball, anyone can throw wicked sliders or sick curveballs. Other pitches used are the sinker and the feared riser.

Pass the shovel handle

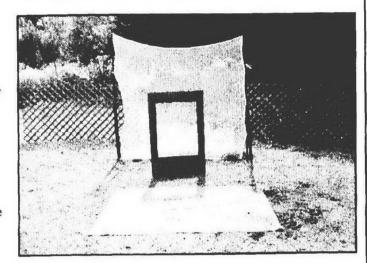
We use several different bats in our league. Most models are derived from the original skinny, yellow Wiffle Ball bat. To juice up our bats we have added water, foam insulation, and duct tape. Also, longer bats have been constructed by cutting the handles off the original bats and inserting old shovel handles or broomsticks. We then tape the whole bat back up, which gives the batter a better chance of blasting a home run.

After a few weeks of playing, I decided the field in my back yard needed further development. To give my field a

Are you involved with a sport or recreation activity that you'd like to write an article about? Then this is your lucky day because the Observer is looking for guest columnists to fill this space every Sunday. Pitch your idea to Special Projects Editor Ralph Echtinaw at (734) 953-2054, or e-mail at rechtinaw@oe.homecomm.net



Field of dreams: Chad Lockwood has turned his back yard into a Wiffle Ball "stadium" complete with green plywood outfield fences. Below is Lockwood's backstop. If a pitched ball goes through the hole in the plywood it's a strike.



more realistic feel, an eight-foot section in left field known as the "Green Monster" was built out of lattice skirting. Shortly after that, I replaced the orange snow fence that originally stood as the outfield wall, with nine sheets of green-painted plywood to create a replica of Boston's Fenway Park. I also constructed a scoreboard, complete with each team's logo.

Falling in love

Everyone in our league has fallen in love with the game of Wiffle Ball. The guys love the competition and try to see who can rack up the highest stats, which are compiled and calculated on an Excel spreadsheet. The girls like it because it gives them a chance to get together and share some laughs. I never would have guessed that a former childhood pastime would be so much fun.

Chad Lockwood is a resident of Hartland but works at E & E Manufacturing Co. in Plymouth. He can be emailed at lockwood@ michigan connect.com

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

CLASSES/ CLINICS

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

ACTIVITIES

SLITHERING SHAKES Indian Springs Metropark near White Lake will hold 'Slithering Snakes,' a visit with native Michigan snakes and exotic species from other countries at the park's Nature Center Saturday, Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call (800) 477-3192.

BASS TOURNAMENT

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

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.

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.

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.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

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

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.

SHOOTING RANGES

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 Avenue, east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410. For Mound and I least n

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ing sticks are strictly plant eaters. In late summer they are often at the tops of trees eating leaves.

Young walking sticks emerge from eggs laid by adults, which were allowed to drop to the ground the previous summer.

Some eggs may not hatch until the second summer after being laid. Depending on when the eggs hatch, weather conditions and food availability, it may take up to two years for the adults to mature.

Now is the time when walking sticks are large enough for us to notice. Periodically these masters of camouflage get dislodged from their treetop hideout and come down where we can see.

In spring, the spring field cricket can be seen as an adult size black cricket, but in fall, the fall field cricket is the large black cricket chirping in the backyard.

The fall field cricket has been developing from eggs that hatched in spring. Tiny fall field crickets are too small to notice until they mature and start to sing. They have always been around, just not showy enough to be detected.

A similar development occurs in the short-horned grasshoppers. They, too, hatch from eggs in spring that were buried last fall.

Unless you get down into the field grasses and look carefully, or sweep the grasses with an insect net, these developing grasshoppers go unnoticed.

In late summer however, walk the trail in a field and you will likely flush colorful winged grasshoppers in front of you several times.

At first glance they resemble a butterfly, but closer examination reveals they are grasshoppers.

The short life of these insects through the warm months culminates in mating and insuring the species will survive another year. Enjoy the large adults before

they die. Tom Nowicki is a naturalist at

Independence Oaks park in Oakland County.

Bowling centers exchanging wooden lanes for synthetics

iamonds are forever. Everything else has to be replaced at some time. That is certainly

the case for our good old bowling lanes. Wood wears out with time and use. Then every two years or so,

MARRISON the wooden lanes require resurfacing,

an arduous process that involves much sanding, and more loss of surface. Some of the wood lanes we are still bowling on have been in service for 40 or more years.

TEN PIN

ALLEY

There comes a time when they are no longer serviceable, and here comes Brunswick or AMF with their new high-tech permanent lanes. As Jim Hamlin, the proprietor of Country Lanes in Farmington noted, his resurfacing man told him maybe five more years. Hamlin would then be faced with the choice of wood lane replacements or synthetics, such as Brunswick's Anvilanes. "My resurfacing man is retiring," says Hamlin. "There are very few left who can do the job well."

The logical choice is synthetic lanes, for they require little if any maintenance. The downside of synthetic lanes is the greater cost. Once in, however, the yearly maintenance is almost nil. Ken Lauterbach, the Brunswick sales representative, said there are 30 houses in this area that have already installed the new AnviSome of the bowling centers in and around Observerland with Anvilanes are: Wayne Bowl, Mayflower Lanes (Redford), Cherry Hill Lanes (Dearborn Heights), 300 Bowl (Waterford), Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield), Westland Bowl, Hartfield lanes (Berkley), Cherry Hill North (Clarkston) and the 74 lanes at Thunderbowl in Allen Park.

lanes, with another four having had the earlier version set in place. There are several more scheduled for this year. And, of course, AMF also has its version in some spots including Town and Country Lanes in Westland.

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As an added feature, Anvilanes can be installed with a "glow" feature, to be used in conjunction with Cosmic Bowling, so the lanes will glow in a variety of incandescent colors during these special events.

According to Lauterbach, "The lane markings in these lanes make targeting éasier, and overall, the ball reaction is a lot more consistent than with ordinary wood. The approaches are also much smoother and less likely to cause any sticking at the line."

The legendary Johnny Petraglia says, "Downlane markings provide better tracking points for bowlers of all skill levels. High-performance players can measure break and adjust to changing oil conditions. Intermediate bowlers can find a better road map to the strike zone and a better path to spare conversions. And beginners can aim at bowling zones created by the distinct board lines (a great training tool)."

The bowling industry adopted the aiming system of arrows and dots in 1937. Now in this new century, it is starting to provide a better system for aiming and tracking the shots.

If you are in a house with wooden lanes, the lanes are probably still in good condition and they may still go several years before replacement is necessary. When that time comes, you can be fairly certain that the new surfaces will be the synthetic lanes, regardless of which manufacturer supplies and installs them.

If you are a proprietor, the bottom line is all-important to consider, and when all is said and done, over the long term, you should look into synthetic lanes. With the minimal cost of upkeep, you will be come out ahead of the game – and so will your bowlers.

PARKS

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 at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178; Hudson Mills, (800) 477-3191.

METROPARK 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 (800) 47-PARKS.

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To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314.

Baseball from page B1

four earned runs on six hits. Ted Fletcher came on to pitch the next 3% innings, allowing just one run on four hits before giving way to McCloskey.

The right-hander, a pickup from the Lake Michigan Area Rams, gave up just two hits, walked three and fanned three. Maryland State led 5-2 after two innings and 6-4 after five before Livonia rallied with four

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"It came down to our bullpen and those guys did a great job,'

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George said. "Our guys kept DeBoy, David Harris, and scrapping and scrapping. They played hard."

Right fielder Spencer Hynes (Oakland University) had three of Livonia's 10 hits. Don Watchowski and Roger Wechter each contributed two hits.

Andrezjak came through with a two-run homer on a 2-0 pitch in the seventh, his first hit of the tourney.

Reliever Doug Sherry was the losing pitcher, allowing four runs (two earned) on seven hits.

Thomas Bednarcuyk each had two hits for Maryland State.

For the tournament, Wechter, the left fielder, led the way with a .545 batting average (6-for-11 with six walks). Hynes hit .500 (7-for-14), while Watchowski had two homers and five RBI.

On Friday, George, the former Madonna University men's baseball coach, said "eight to 10 players" are eligible to come back next summer.

"I'd say right now it's 60-40 I'm Michael Ey, Greg DeBoy, Greg coming back," George said.

Madonna from page B1

region player at Mott, "she gives us another offensive option," Abraham said. And Frecsko is a "good all-around player" with strong athletic abilities who could develop into a major contributor.

Among the freshmen recruits, two that should be instant contributors are Amanda Suder, a 5-6 outside hitter from Plymouth Salem, and 5-10 middle hitter Kate LeBlanc, from Livonia Stevenson. Suder was easily the best player on a Saiem squad that advanced to the Division I quarterfinals.

"She was one of the area's best players," said Abraham. "She'll contribute immediately on defense. She fits right in our style.

As for LeBlanc, Abraham said, "I knew she'd be a good player,

Moundros. "I want to get better

work harder. It doesn't matter if

Moundros — a 6-2, 227-pound

Football from page B1

but she's progressing faster than I thought. She's versatile; she can play outside hitter or middle hitter. She gives us depth. She just needs to get adjusted to the college game."

A third all-Observer player recruited by Abraham, 5-11 outside hitter Tera Morrill, from Livonia Franklin, injured her knee last spring and is going through rehabilitation. That has progressed faster than anticipated, however, and she could conceivably play this season.

The one freshmen recruit coming from outside Observerland is 5-6 outside hitter Denise Gallagher, from Honolulu. Abraham said she's "very experienced" and, like her freshmen counterparts, she could be a vital factor before season's end.

junior - saw most of his time on

three games (Michigan State,

Illinois and Indiana) because of a

However, he did play fullback

in two games - Rice and North-

western - and even caught a

pass for nine yards against the

Wildcats. And heading into the

neck injury.

So what's it all mean? Will Madonna again be the team to beat in the WHAC?

When a coach is questioned about possible weaknesses and his reply is "We don't have a lot of experienced depth at the outside hitter spots. And there's not a lot of size. It's not a weakness, it's just an area that needs to be addressed" - well, that hardly rates as a problem.

Yes, Cornerstone is still a concern, but unless something weird happens, it seems that come November, Madonna is a better bet to be atop the WHAC than Bush is to be atop the polls.

The Crusaders have their annual alumni match at 7 p.m. Thursday at Madonna. They open their season Aug. 25-26 at the Fort Lewis Skyhawk Invitational in Durango, Colo.

season, Moundros is listed as the

No. 3 fullback on the depth chart

behind B.J. Askew and David

"B.J.'s the starter... he blocks

well and runs well," said

Moundros. "Dave's strictly a

blocking back. If something hap-

pens to B.J. - God forbid -

we'll see what happens.'

Armstrong.

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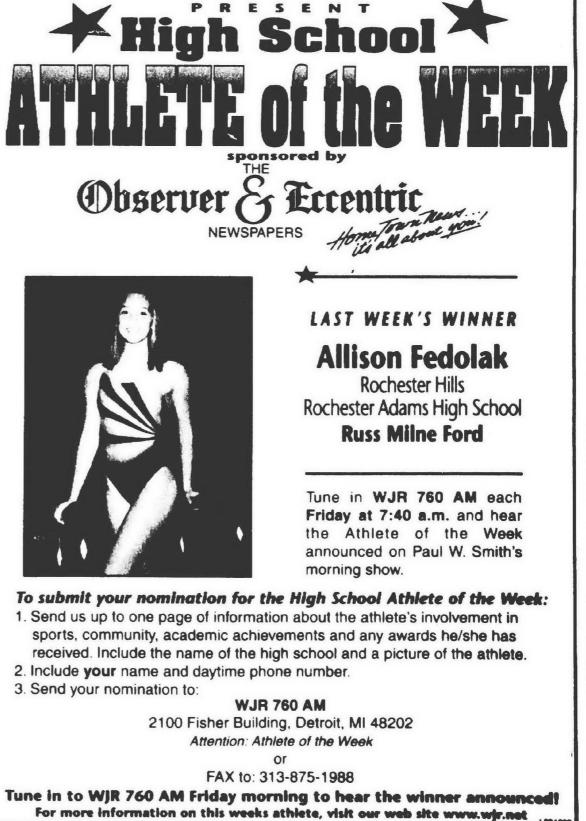
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Call me an amateur, it's a compliment

mateur - it's not something most of us aspire to be. We want to be professionals, part of the major leagues, not the minors. But David Wagner, associate professor of music at Madonna University in Livonia, and director of the Madonna University Chorale, recalls a time when calling someone an "amateur" was a compliment.

"In the 18th century amateurs were regarded with respect," said Wagner. "To be an amateur meant that you did something because you loved it, not to get paid.'

When he put it like that, I wasn't afraid to admit that I was an amateur clarinet player who used to belong to a community band and sometimes sang in my church choir.

Friends

While Wagner, his wife Penny, and Madonna University Chorale members Karen Buddenborg and Evelyn Wojtkowiak, talked with me about their recent trip to Ireland, and the thrill of singing in cathedrals, I listened longingly. Brought together by their love of music, they've become friends and are looking forward to beginning rehearsals 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5.

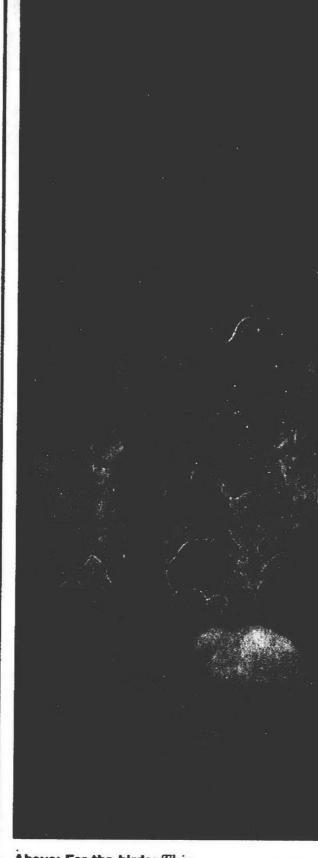
They made me realize just how much I miss playing my clarinet and singing with a choir. I'm not a diva, nor am I ready for the concert stage, but I do love music and miss being part of a community band or choir.

Buddenborg has been a member of the Livonia Civic and Schoolcraft choirs. She joined the Madonna University Chorale two years ago because she wanted to sing sacred and classical works.

Learning

"I'm learning the music of great, famous composers," she said. "David Wagner has a keen sense of music. He stops during rehearsal and explains the music.'

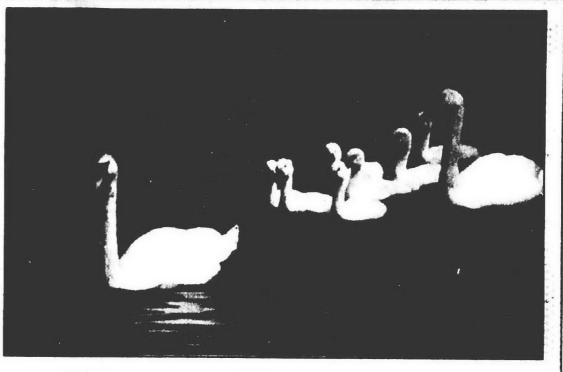




Above: For the birds: This brightly-colored collage is by Patrick Freer.

Above right: Nature photographer: Patricia Nouhan took this family portrait at Kensington Metropark.

Bottom right: Moment in time: Brother Vincent Reyes photographed this child at a church in Honduras.



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Festival showcases artists, helps soup kitchen

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

atricia Nouhan hopes visitors to her first-ever fine arts festival will feel like they're stepping into a gallery where artists, not intimidation, greet them. Nouhan, a Brighton photographer and former Redford resident, came up with the idea for the SnapOne Fine Arts Festival after participating in area art fairs.

"When I talked to several artists they did not want crafts and country next to fine arts," said Nouhan. "This is higher end art work. The 50 exhibitors fit that fine art category."

Among those exhibiting in the fine arts festival in Novi this weekend are Art Leaders Gallery in West Bloomfield, Canton wildlife photographer Ted Nelson, Observer & Eccentric photography columnist Monte Nagler of Farmington Hills, Livonia artist Patrick Freer, and Brother Vincent Reyes, a photographer and pastoral director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

Nouhan will offer her wildlife and nature photographs shot on jaunts to Kensington Metropark and Alaska. There will also be a mixture of fine crans including glass, sculptured handb metal art and hand dyed silk scarves. Freer creates abstract paintings by dripping acrylics and enamels from a stick. "Sun Chic" is a kind of a psychedelic flashback to the late 60s and early 70s with its scorching yellow and red sun hovering above the blue waves of the ocean.

with a music degree. A full-time musician, Freer plays Thursday-Saturday evenings at Farwell and Friends Restaurant & Lounge in Westland.

Nouhan invited Freer to show his work at the SnapOne Fine Arts Festival after seeing it at the Livonia Arts Festival at Greenmead Historical Village in June. In 1999 the Livonia Arts Commission sponsored a one-man show of his work at Livonia City Hall. Freer will bring about 40 paintings and collages, matted and framed, to the show.

Arts provide a helping hand

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The opportunity to learn new things, meet people who share your interests and exercise your talents, are all reasons people like Buddenborg and Wojtkowiak participate in local performing arts groups. They're professionals who honor their commitment to attend weekly rehearsals and participate in concerts and other special events. They're busy people who don't make excuses for not having time to participate in a group, they just do it.

The great thing about music-making is that no one sits on the bench," said Wagner. "You get to play all the time.

You'll have to audition to get into the Madonna University Chorale, but Wagner assures "it's no big deal." For more information, call (734) 432-5708.

Join the band

Playing in a community band is another way to exercise your creative side. The Farmington Community Band's first rehearsal for its 35th season is 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at Farmington High School.

Membership is open to any adult, and by audition to qualified high school students. The current membership represents a wide variety of occupations from many different communities. For more information call (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412. Visit their Web site at www. mystery. com/fcb

You can also make a point of checking the Observer Newspapers' Eight Days a Week calendar in the Entertainment section on Thursday to learn when local community bands, chorale and theater groups are rehearsing. They're always looking for new members.

If you're not very musical, and the thought of being on stage makes your knees knock but you love music and theater, call anyway. Local groups always need help behind the scenes.

As for me, I'm going to stop making excuses and start making time to make music. How about you?

Keely Wygonik is assistant managing editor of the Observer Newspapers Features Group. She can be reached at (734) 953-2105 or e-mail kwygonik **Coe.home** comm.net

What: SnapOne presents its first Fine Arts Festival featuring only fine art, no crafts. When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 18-20

Where: Novi Expo Center, I-96 west to south Novi Road.

its: \$6 adults, children under age 12 free. \$1 of each ticket goes to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. For more information, call (810) 227-5183 or (734) 347-1963

"I love making things pleasing to the eye and try to be innovative by using different techniques like drip painting," said Freer who listens to classical and jazz music while painting.

Music

Music has always played a large part in Freer's life. Even though he studied drawing with Detroit artist Charles McGee at Oakland University in the late 70s, Freer graduated from the Rochester school

MUSIC

Symphony hits high note with new season

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER mm.net

It's hard to believe, but there are only two concerts left in the Livonia Arts Commission's Music Under the Stars series. In just a few weeks, the Livonia Symphony, and other local symphonies, will begin holding fund-raisers and opening their new seasons.

On Thursday, you can hear the Livonia Symphony Orchestra perform for free at their annual Music Under the Stars program. After hearing them, you might decide to purchase season tickets.

Conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk and Carl Karoub will share the podium to lead what Schesiuk refers to as "park music." The program is similar to the music he conducted in Ukrainian parks and concert halls before immigrating to the U.S. in 1991.

All American program

"It's pop American and light classical music from Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Lady and Bizet's Carmen Suite to Fiddler on the Roof," said Schesiuk. "The Gypsy Baron Overture by Strauss is little known here but popular with European audiences. We close with Stars and Stripes Forever. Last year so many people were there. It's a very nice feeling when so many people come."



Outdoor concert: Conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk leads the Livonia Symphony Orchestra in a concert of pops and light classical music at Music Under the Stars.

Karoub couldn't agree more. He'll conduct a variety of selections ranging from a French military march by Saint-Saens to songs from Oklahoma.

"It's a mixture of patriotic and popular

music and a march, the Entrance of the Gladi ators, which is usually played at circuses," said Karoub. "People usually bring their lawn chairs and there's usually a large crowd. We have a great time.

The free concert is a prelude to the orchestra's new season, which opens Saturday, Nov. 4 with an all-American concert. Besides featuring the concertos and symphonies of Scandinavian and French composers, the orchestra will add a second chamber concert to its new season due to a sellout of a similar program held last year.

Season highlight

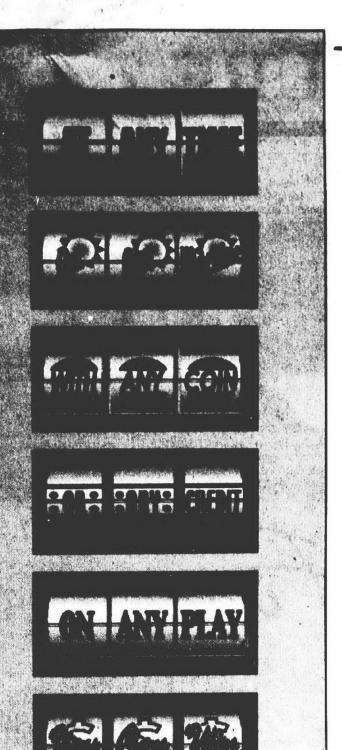
A highlight of the 2000-2001 season is sure to be the return of the young Livonia pianist Joshua Cullen to the intimate auditorium at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

"We've got a great season planned," said Livonia Symphony President Robert Bennett. The diversity of the music is very broadranging but very appealing. We're going to break precedence and put on The Nutcracker two years in a row. And we've invited pianist Joshua Cullen back again at another stage in his career. He first performed with the orchestra when he was eight years old. He's now 16 and a student at the University of Michigan School of Music.

Note these events Elvonia Symphony Orchestra performs at Music Under the Stars 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, Civic Center Park, **33000 Civic Center** Drive, east of Farmington Road, Livonia; no charge for admission, (734) 466-2540. E Sunday, Songs & Symphony fund-raised 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, Wonderland Mail, Plymouth Road at Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, (734) 421-1111 or (734) 427-4113. LSO concert eeson opens with an all-American program 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. Tickets \$15, (734) 421-1111.

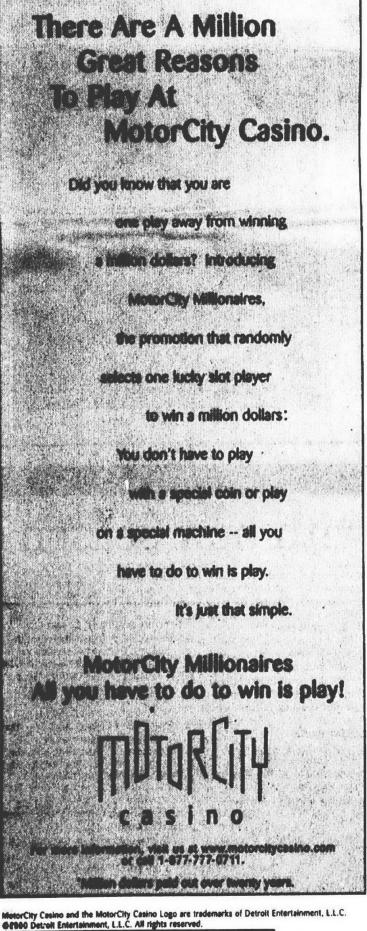
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Nouhan is offering visitors something more than a wideranging selection of fine art though, she's giving them the opportunity to do something for the less fortunate. Not content to do something for herself and other artists simply by holding the festival, Nouhan's giving \$1 from every admission ticket sold to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

"Everybody needs to give back to the community by helping needy organizations that help people," said Nouhan. "My philosophy is that if I've helped other people I want them to turn around and help someone else if they want to thank me."

Brother Vincent Reves couldn't be happier about Nouhan's giving spirit. It's a sacredness in people and places that he looks for when composing photographs. As pastoral director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Brother Reyes spends most of his day "with people who struggle to survive." He came from a poor family in Indiana but never realized it until he took a sociology class in college. As long as he "had a roof over his head, his father, mother and siblings," he was rich. He brings this philosophy to both his position at the soup kitchen and his photography

"What constitutes the sacred?" asked Brother Reyes, a photographer for nearly 40 years. "I've been everywhere from Stonehenge to photographing a child in a church in Honduras and Mother Theresa. They're all sacred. It's a way of looking at the world. It's not fashionable to see the world as sacred but I'm a Franciscan and follow the teachings of the founder, St. Francis of Assisi, who fell in love with the Creator. I see things that touch me. Sometimes I walk through the woods and see beautiful things and other times all I see are ticks. That's why I like focusing on the interaction between people.'

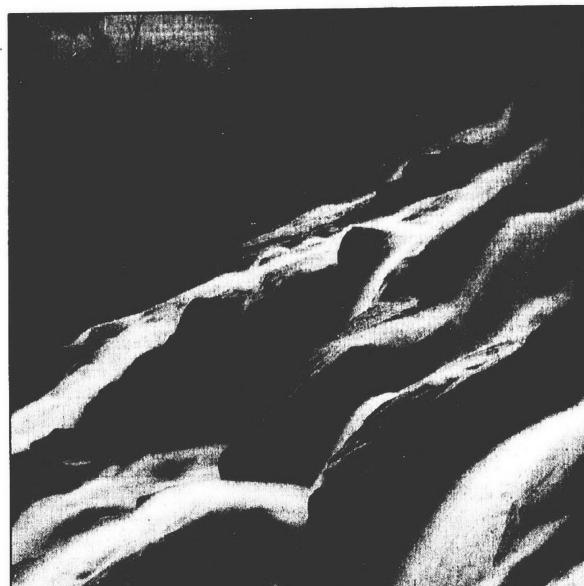
Brother Reyes' path as a Capuchin Friar has brought him into contact with people in all areas of life. During his years as

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Fine art: Monte Nagler snapped this photograph of Bond Falls Cascades in Bruce Crossing, Mich. Nagler is one of the exhibitors in SnapOne's Fine Arts Festival at the Novi Expo Center.

a chaplain in the trauma room of a Chicago hospital, he would seek out the darkroom as a refuge after a day of watching children die. On assignment in Central America to document Capuchin missions, he looked for the serenity and light playing on the face of a Third World child.

Telling stories

"I see photography as a way of talking, telling stories and

Larry Matthews

Crazy Al

touching people," said Brother Reyes, who never lost his sense of humor along the way. "And who better to tell the story of what the world is experiencing than an artist."

And what better way to have fun at an arts festival than by helping someone else. Brother Reyes is delighted that Nouhan is donating one dollar from the sale of every Fine Arts Festival ticket to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. At the soup kitchen, that dollar nearly covers the cost of a single meal.

"We feed 55,000 to 60,000 ber.

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Schesiuk is especially looking forward to the first concert with guest pianist Pauline Martin.

"We'll play everything from Duke Ellington to Star Trek,

important. Last year's event added nearly \$16,000 to the coffers. The goal for this year is \$25,000.

meals a month and 1/3 to 1/4 of

all meals are served to children,'

said Brother Reyes. "That's why

fund-raising is important. On

Oct. 23 we'll have our annual

SOCK (Support Our Capuchin

Kitchen) benefit at the Marriott

in Detroit and are looking for

donations for the silent auction:

articles of art, restaurant gift

If you have items to donate to

the Capuchin SOCK benefit, call

Brother Reyes at (313) 579-2100,

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Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, and a new work by Christopher Tew – the 1815 Overture. Tew (a former Livonia Symphony member) plays off of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture."

The delightful programming for the new season is tarnished by the fact that not all of the \$130,000 necessary to meet the budget has been raised. Back in Ukraine, Schesiuk never had to worry about finding funding for concerts or postponing them An impressive presentation of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana with full orchestra, a 65-voice chorale. soloists, and an expanded percussion section had to be canceled because it would have cost \$5,000 above the \$13,000-15,000 for a regular concert.

Benefit

In Ukraine, performances were sponsored by the government, and even though Schesiuk had to stay within a budget, money was no problem. That's why "Sunday, Songs & Symphony," the Sunday, Oct. 8, fundraiser at Wonderland Mall is so

raisers but it's also a way of bringing a fun night to the community with the orchestra," said Bennett. "We're going to incorporate the mall's merry-go-round into the night's festivities. What I say is, support your orchestra and have a great time doing it."

Chairperson Pat Sari promises supporters will not only have fun but please their palates while sampling food from more than 25 restaurants, bakeries and markets from around the area. A silent auction and raffle will introduce a little suspense to the evening.

"This is the kickoff for our season," said Sari. "It's the second year in the new location and it's the best location we've ever had. The mall was very supportive and we received donations of items from them and the businesses, and some of the restaurants participated. In the past, seating has been a problem, but in the mall's new food court, there's more than enough. And there's monitors and speakers all around the dining room. It's going to be fun."

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FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen will be the beneficiary of the festival being held at the Novi Expo Center from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 18-20. FRESH ART FESTIVAL

The Maniscalco Gallery presents an exhibit of pleine air artists (artists who paint in the open air) at Blossom Heath Park, 24800

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Artisans wanted for juried 10th annual Spotlights Show Sept. 29-30 sponsored by Meadow Brook Theatre Guild at the Rochester Elks Lodge, Rochester. (248) 641-7608.

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African American art



Art culture: A Brush With The Past, a historical review of African American art between 1870 and 1970, is showing at Birmingham's G.R. N'Namdi Gallery through Sept. 8.

information call (248) 354-9603.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER The Art Center is seeking artists to submit works for the Holiday Shop 2000. Interested artists may submit works Aug. 21, 22, 23 from 9 a.m.- 7 p.m. to be juried on Friday, Aug. 25. (248) 644-0866 x 101.

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able at 29948 Ford, Garden City. (734) 261-0379 CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

Summer continuing and community education classes are at the CCS campus in Detroit and at the Civic Center in Novi. (313) 664-7456. DETROIT BALLET

Classes by Lin Baum are avail-

Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap and jazz. Adult beginners welcomed. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile. (248) 474-3174.

4719 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 832-8540 HOOTIN' IN THE PARK

Features guitarist Gary Detlefs 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17. 24, 31 at Village Park, Pinckney. (810) 231-2661.

JAZZSTAGE

The Teddy Harris, Jr. Quintet featuring Larry Smith is featured at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12. (313) 576-5111. MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra performs from 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17 at Civic Center Park, Five Mile Road, east of Farmington, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

SOUTHFIELD SUMMER CONCERTS

An evening with the Jo Serrapere & the Hot Tail Section is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16 at Burgh Historical Park, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield.

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE

Tony 'n Tina's Wedding, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays; 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666.

EVENTS

LINCOLN MERCURY CAR SHOW The event takes place 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores. (313) 884-4222.

FOR KIDS

ANN ARBOR HANDS ON MUSEUM

Fun 2,3,4: all about a number of things exhibit is open now through Oct. 17. 220 E. Ann. Ann Arbor. (734) 995-5439.

EVOLA MUSIC

Register for summer classes in Kindermusik (birth to 7 years old). piano (ages 6-12), percussion (ages 6-12), guitar (6-12) and violin (ages 7-14) at Evola Music. 7170 N. Haggerty. Canton. (734) 455-4677

GALLERY NIKKO

Through Aug. 31 - Functional works by various artists. Closed Aug. 18-19 for the Dream Cruise. 470 North Old Woodward. Birmingham. (248) 647-0680.

KINDERMUSIK

Enroll anytime for classes for new borns to age 7. Parents participate

West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004 THE ART CORRIDOR

Through Sept. 15 - Photographs by Wallace Palazzolo presented by the Farmington Area Arts Commission at two locations: Farmington Hills City Hall, 11 Mile at Orchard Lake, and Farmington City Hall, Liberty at Grand River (248) 473-1856.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY Through Sept. 1 - Selections from the permanent collection. University of Michigan-Dearborn

campus, 4901 Evergreen. (313) 593-5400. BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART

CENTER

Through Aug. 25 - Out of the Blue, an exhibit of GM Designers. Through Sept. 1 - Exhibition of the 19th annual Alma College Statewide Competition. Workshop is 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

BOOKBEAT

Through Aug. 31 - Wormhole #1 International, drawing and manga exhibition. 26010 Greenfield. Oak Park. (248) 968-1190.

CARY GALLERY

Through Sept. 2 - Prints by Dorothea Krieg. 226 Walnut,

Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

CASA DE UNIDAD

Through Aug. 25 - Los Portales. a painting exhibit by Mel Rosas. 1920 Scotten, Detroit. (313)

843-9598. CASS CAFE

Through August - Rocky Ford: An exhibition by Matthew Hanna.

4620 Cass. Detroit. (313) 831-

Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 644-8284 ELLEN KAYROD ART GALLERY

Through Sept. 15 - Ceramics, Colors, Creations. 4750 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-1300.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through Aug. 25 - Colored Pencil Society of America Eighth Annual International Exhibition. 107 Townsend, Birmingham (248) 642-3909.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Paintings and works on paper by Al Gury, Kathleen Marshall, Rafael Perez and Loreen Rowley through Sept. 23. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700. G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY

Through Sept. 8 - A Brush with the Past: A Historical Review of African American Art. 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700

LAWRENCE ST. GALLERY

Through Aug. 18 - Art Unbound. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through Aug. 31 - Hand woven baskets from the Plymouth Reed and Cane Supply and fabric art and watercolor from Saundra Weed in the Fine Arts Gallery of the Livonia Civic Center Library. 32777 Five Mile, Livonia Through Aug. 31 -- Photography of Lawrence Diggs in the Livonia City Hall Lobby. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

Through Aug. 22 - Hidden Talents, an Oakland County employee exhibit. 1200 N. Telegraph.

Art on display

LITERARY

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY The summer humanities program features A Woman's Lot: Three Heroines of the 19th Century, a program consisting of meetings from 1-3 p.m. to discuss Eminent; Victorians, by Lytton Strachey, on Aug. 24.

LECTURE

ART DECO BUILDINGS WITH STYLE The Hamtramck Historical

Commission and the Detroit Area Art Deco Society present a special slide presentation conducted by Rebecca Binno at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 at the Hamtramck Public Library, 2360 Caniff. Admission is free. (313) 872-0315.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through Aug. 20 - Matilda Dodge Wilson Discovers French Art Deco. Through Oct. 1 - The Cost of Power in China: The Three Gorges Dam and the Yangtze River Valley, recent photographs by Steven Benson. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBrook.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Through Sept. 4 - Whodunit? The Science of Solving Crime. Toddler Time is 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. on Thursdays through Aug. 17. Through Sept. 4 - Young Stargazers Sky Journey is 11:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBrook



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Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for the fall craft show to be held on Saturday. Oct. 21. The school is located at 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. (734) 523-0022.

EXPRESSIONS ARTS AND CRAFTS

Seeking applicants for two fall craft shows in November at Baker's of Milford and Northville Recreation Center. For information contact (248) 348-5448.

HANNAN FOUNDATION

Nonprofessional mature artists, 62 and older, are encouraged to submit their works to the Ellen Kayrod Gallery for inclusion in the 75 Works of Art show. Works submitted for jury can be dropped off at the Hannan House on Friday, Sept. 15 from 9:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 4750 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-1300. ext. 18.

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

The Holiday Arts & Crafts Show at North Farmington High School on Saturday, Nov. 8 is seeking artists and crafters. Juried show, no manufactured goods. Especially interested in edibles, calligraphy, silk flow ers, dried flowers, baskets, candies, photography (other than Detroit), wood shelves or anything unusual. Other items wait-listed at this point, but contact Dianne for further information at (248) 553 0913.

PICTURE.COM

The International Open Amateur Photography Contest is accepting applications through Oct. 28. To enter, send one photograph with name, address and title of the photo on the back. Entry is free. Send to the International Library of Photography. Suite 101 9008. 3600 Crondall Lane. Owings Mills. MD 21117

ROMEO GUILD OF ART

Local artists are invited to partici pate in the 40th annual Thumb Area Artist's Exhibition to be held Sept. 1.24, at the Starkweather Society Art & Cultural Center, 219 North Main, Romeo. Entry forms may be picked up from Wyn

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

All levels of classes for recreational and professional students including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older. 1541 W. Hamlin, between Crooks and Livernois. Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Adult art classes 9 a.m. to noon every Monday. Wednesday and Friday. Woodcarving classes at 9 a.m. Monday-Friday. 15110 W. Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

Adult daytime summer ballet classes Sundays through Fridays, ages 16-60 years. Call Chris (248) 932-8699 or Mo (248) 960-0778. Keego Harbor area.

METRO DANCE

Tap classes from 6:45 7:45 p.m. Aug. 14-31 Tuesdays and Thursdays at 541 S. Mill Street, Plymouth. (734) 207-8970. PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS

COUNCIL

Summer classes and workshops for all ages are available at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. For a brochure and list of events call (734) 416-4ART.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes at the Jefferson Center, Room 16. 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455.9517.

CONCERTS

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Friday night Aug. 18 film and music series features several short films by local and regional filmmakers from 6.9:30 p.m. and music of Wired Masses and Grayling from 10 p.m. midnight at the gallery.

in classes for children under 3. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Call Lori at (734) 354-9109.

VILLAGE MUSIC

Registration is being taken for Kindermusik for children, birth to 8. Classes Fall classes begin the week of Sept. 11. Village Music is located in Plymouth's Old Village. 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 354.9825.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Rita's music classes for parents and children ages 2 months to 4 years. For location and registration call (248) 539 2290

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPEN-INGS)

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Opens Thursday, Aug. 17 - Nine Michigan Artists through Sept. 28, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661 7641 PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Opens Friday, Aug 18 -Celebrate Michigan Artists with Yoriko Hirose Cronin through Sept. 23. 407 Pine Street. Rochester. (248) 651 4110.

SYBARIS GALLERY

Opens Tuesday. Aug. 15 -- Hot Bed through Sept. 3. 202 East Third, Royal Oak. (248) 544 3388

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON. GOING)

AMBLESIDE GALLERIES

Through Sept. 24 -- Michigan Watercolor Society annual exhibition. 17116 Kercheval. Grosse Pointe. (313) 885-8999. ANN ARBOR ART CENTER Through Sept. 2 - Robert Colarossi Retrospective, 117



Good on paper: The David Klein Gallery in Birmingham hosts paintings and works on paper by Al Gury, Kathleen Marshall, Rafael Perez and Loreen Rowley through Sept. 23.

1400 C-POP GALLERY

Industrial Design Show 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833. 9901

DETROIT CONTEMPORARY GALLERY

Through Sept. 3 - Girer Detroit Collective presents the Image Factory 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd Detroit (313) 898 44R1

FOX GALLERY

Through Aug. 28 - Healing Gallien Quilt Show 27 guilts of cancer fighting plants. Center for the Healing Arts Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi 248 374 5478

GALERIE BLU/UZELAC GALLERY Through August - Works by var

ous artists. 7 N. Saginaw. Pontiac (248) 454 7797

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Through Sept 2 - Summer show of contemporary artists (560 N)

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SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Through Aug. 31 A display of Storybook Quals 26000 Evergreen Southfield 248-948 04:0

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Through Sept 9 - The Washington Street Gallery Invitational, Opening reception is 6.8 p.m. Saturday Aug 12 215 East Washington Ann Arbor (734) 761 2287

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

hrough Oct 8 - Empire of the Sultans Ottoman Art from the Khalili Collection. Through Sept. 24 Wisdom and Perfection Lotus Blossoms in Asian Art. Through Dec 31 - The Fine Art of Woodworking: The Bohlen Collection Through Sept. 3 - The Enduring Horizon: American Landscape. Photographs from the DIA's collection 5200 Woodward. Detroit (313) 833 7900

THEATER IFT THEATRE

The Immigrant is showing Aug 16-20. 23-27. Aug. 30 Sept. 3. Sept. 6 10 13 17 Times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Wednesday matinees. JET performs in the lower level of the JCC, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. Ticket discounts for seniors and students. (248) 788-2900.



X-MEN (PG13)

"mating game." Following at the heels of Le Divorce (1997 National Book Award finalist), Diane Johnwoman. son's recently published novel provides the same acerbic

Tim Nolinger, affable journalist who once made his home in Michigan, is about to marry Anne-Sophie, the confident, attractive daughter of a famous fiction writer. Both 30 something, they're ready to tie the knot. Only the pre-nuptial preparations stand in the way of wedded bliss, and those are left in the capable hands of a wedding coordinator.

So where is the conflict? Smit-

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail to kwygonik@ oe. homecomm.net.

DISCUSSIONS

What some consider William Faulkner's best novel. The Sound and the Fury, will be the subject of the next book discussion at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Published

north of Thirteen Mile. Call (248) 737-0110. USED BOOK SALE The Friends of the Canton Public

is not necessary. The store is

located on Orchard Lake Road

Library will hold a used book sale Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26-27. Hardcover books will sell for \$1. softcover for 50 cents. The library is located on the west side of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer, just south of Canton Township Hall. Call (734) 397-0999.

POETRY GROUP

Bring your writings or your

E Diane Johnson's recently published novel provides the same acerbic humor and insightful commentary on human nature that appeared in her prior literary success.

ten though he is by his fiance, her practicality (earnings from her shop will augment his precarious income) and her rosy, Watteau-like beauty, Tim becomes infatuated with another

She is Clare Holly, former actress and voluptuous beauty, married to a reclusive, legendary screenwriter named Serge Cray. Cold and enigmatic, Serge fails to fulfill Clare's need for romance, so she turns, not to Tim, but to a more solidly placed member of French society -Antoine de Persand, banker and local landowner.

Meanwhile, Serge is set aflame by Delia, a crippled waif from Oregon. Her tales of fanatic right-wing renegades, Mormon polygamists, and super-patriots storing up guns and food for the millennium awaken his slumbering genius and perhaps a more intimate response as well.

A trip to Delia's home state in the company of his new muse reaffirms his intention of capturing on film the images of freedom and oppression, love and hate, still so abundant in some regions of America.

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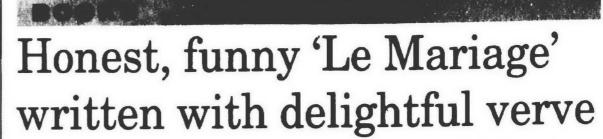
Anne-Sophie's imagination is stirred as well, not by apocalyptic visions but by Michael, the handsome murder suspect. Her jaded consciousness suspects that what appears freely chosen

> Kindermusik educator at Evola music in Canton. Call (734) 454-0178 for information. KIDS STUFF

Mark your calendars to take a ride on the Magic School Bus 10 a.m. to nnon Aug. 26, at Waldenbooks, 30200 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Miss Fizzle will be there for a story and a craft. Call the store for details, (734) 261-7811.1

Come kid around with Rosco the clown at the final Borders Explorer Camp of the year. The incredibly funny, zany and wacky Rosco will leave children laughing

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- one's partner in marriage -

may simply be happenstance,

the result of a series of random

events, of predetermined tastes

"(Anne-Sophie) thought all at

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life. Someone could come and

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Your airplane could crash. You

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one man or another ... it seemed

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Esther Littmann is a resident

of Bloomfield Township and a

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phone at (734) 953-2047. Her fax

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By Diane Johnson

Dutton Pub., 2000, \$23.95

Spicy, fun, and full of quirky

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Plot

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The plot begins with the theft of an expensive medieval manuscript from a private library in New York and the murder of a flea market vendor in Paris. These events, we soon learn, are the catalyst that brings Johnson's disparate characters together. Mainly American expatriates living in France, they enjoy a life of privilege, living apart from but also dependent on their host culture.

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in 1929, the book about a declining group of Mississippi aristocrats, was a radical experiment in form and technique in its time. The discussion is set for 7 p.m. Aug. 21 and is sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library. Advanced copies of the book are available. Call (734) 397-0999 World mysticism experts Timothy Freke and Peter Gandy will discuss their new book, The Jesus Mysteries, at Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23.

In the book the authors present evidence that the Jesus of the New Testament is a mythical figure and the Gospels are actually Jewish adaptations of ancient Pagan myths of the dying and resurrecting godman Osiris-Dionysus. The event is free and registration

favorite poems to the Plymouth District Library from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. the second Sunday of the month. The format is tailored to the group's likes, and time is divided among the participants. Upcoming date is Aug. 13. Call Don Hewlett at (313) 272-3548 for information. The library is located at 223 S. Main. Plymouth.

STORY TIMES

The next Kindermusik story time is set for 9:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14, at Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman in Plymouth. Parents and 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

and wanting more. Join the fun at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, at the Dearborn Borders Books & Music, Ford Road west of Greenfield. Call (313) 271-4441 for information. Join singer/songwriter Lisa Hunter, a local favorite, for a fun program about koalas, the unique animals from Australia. Saturday, Sept. 2, at 11 a.m., Borders Books & Music, downtown Ann Arbor, 612 E. Liberty. Call (734) 668-7652 SPEAKER AVAILABLE

Mary J. Stevens, autobiographer

of It's All in Your Head, a book relating her experiences as an identical twin, nun, teacher, wife and mother, as well as her "death" and recovery experience. To schedule speaking engagements or to purchase her book, email Stevens at stevmj@aol.com

Attend a writers' conference

Get the "write stuff" at one of these upcoming events:

The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit presents the Writer's Corner, 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 15 at the Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park.

Designed for people interested in creative writing, the session is led by Wayne State University Professor Norma Goldman. There is no charge. Call (248) 967-4030.

Budding writers attending a Michigan college or university are invited to apply for a scholarship to attend the 39th Annual Writers' Conference at Oakland University in Rochester.

The conference, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21, offers an opportunity to learn from professional writers, agents and editors in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Budding writers attending a Michigan college or university are invited to apply for a scholarship to attend the 39th Annual Writers' Conference at **Oakland University in Rochester.**

This year's conference features keynoter Patricia Polacco, the author/illustrator of Mrs. Katz and Tush, winner of the 1993 Jane Addams Children's Picture Book Award, and Just Plain Fancy, School Library Journal Best Book of the Year.

In addition, participants will have a choice of 36 presentations covering novels, nonfiction, historical fiction, romance, travel writing, freelancing, short story, poem, and drama.

Cost to attend the conference is \$85; the optional luncheon is \$15.

Scholarships are made possi-

ble by the Mary Kay Davis Award Fund established in memory of Mary Kay Davis, a member of Detroit Women Writers, co-sponsors of the Writers' Conference.

Students who want to apply for a scholarship covering cost of the Saturday conference fee and luncheon may request a brochure and application by calling the College of Arts and Sciences at (248) 370-3125 or visiting the Web site at www.oakland. edu/contin-ed/ writersconf/. Deadline for receipt of application materials is Wednesday. Sept. 20.

Art Beat features various hap-(248) 553-2955.

penings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279.

FINAL DAYS

There's just a few days left to view the exhibit by members of Artifacts Art Club at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction. More than 50 paintings, pastels, photographs, color pencil, and mixed media works continue on display through Friday, Aug. 18. For more information and summer viewing hours, call the arts council at (734) 416-4ART.

Livonia artist Sherry Eid is one of 20 exhibitors in the show. Her color pencil work "Chinese Gardener" captures the vibrant yellows and greens of a field. A well-known color pencil artist, Eid will teach a continuing education class in the medium 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 20 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The cost for the 8-week course is \$106, \$84.80 for seniors. To register or for more information, call (734) 462-4448 or visit the Web site at www.schoolcraft.cc.mi.us. **Observer** photographers Paul

Hurschmann and Brian Mitchell will also teach classes at Schoolcraft College beginning Sept. 18. Hurschmann will focus on portrait/people photography 7-9:40 p.m. Mondays for 12 weeks. Mitchell will teach basic photography and how to capture the moment 7-9:40 p.m. Mondays for 12 weeks.

MEMBERS FIRST SERIES Josh White, Jr. kicks off the Plymouth Community Arts Council's "Members First" series with a concert of blues and folk music 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

The Friday night series gives members the opportunity to gather and support the arts council while delighting in the talents of a variety of performances. The third season features everything from jazz to Tchaikovsky and Shakespeare. White, Jr. is a well-known singer/guitarist who at age 5

NEW EXHIBIT

Westland artist Saundra Weed and Judy Dunnett will show fiber art and painting through Aug. 30 in the fine arts gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

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The Livonia Youth Choir is

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The Garden City Fine Arts Association is offering watercolor classes with Kay Rowe beginning Sept. 12 at the Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford Road, Garden City.

Hours are 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays. For information on registration, call (734) 261-0379.

JCC ART FAIR TODAY

The Jewish Community Center will hold its Summer Culture Shuk (pronounced "shook") at noon on Sunday, Aug. 13.

The cultural celebration includes the New Orleans Klezmer All-stars, puppeteer Maureen Schiffman, a range of arts and crafts, rides for children and Jewish food booths. Public is invited. There is no charge.

The JCC is l at 6600 W. Maple Road in West Bloomfield. For information, call 661-1000.

TRIBUTE

Cranbrook Art Museum will present a musical tribute to the people of the Yangtze River Valley, featuring traditional and contemporary music from China and the Yangtze River region.

The tribute also includes a recitation of Chinese poetry, and flutist Ginka Gerova-Ortega performing music by Wong Shu.

The program will be held 7:30 p.m. Friday in the deSalle Auditorium. Cranbrook Art Museum is located at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. For information, call (877) 462-7262.

EXHIBIT POSTPONED

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History announced the opening for the exhibition, "For Honor and Valor: African Americans in the United States Military, 1775-1953," has been postponed from Aug. 13 to Oct. 12. The exhibit will run to Jan. 21. The museum is located at 315 E. Warren in Detroit, (313) 494-5800.





Time-consuming medium: Sherry Eid created this color pencil portrait of a Chinese gardener for an Artifacts Art Club exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.



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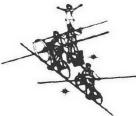


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Manufacturers introduced trees into the paper-making process after the Civil War, but Crane's continued to make paper from fabric.

It uses cotton denim trims from U.S. clothing manufacturers for its new Blue Denim paper, diverting the material from landfills into the paper-making process.

That's the same idea behind Crane's Old Money collection of recycled greenbacks

"The idea was to recycle the notes taken out of circulation," explained Julie Westervelt, public relations for Crane & Company.

"They didn't even have to de-ink it." The stationery sports a distinctive light green color.

Westervelt said fabric-based paper is known for its strength.

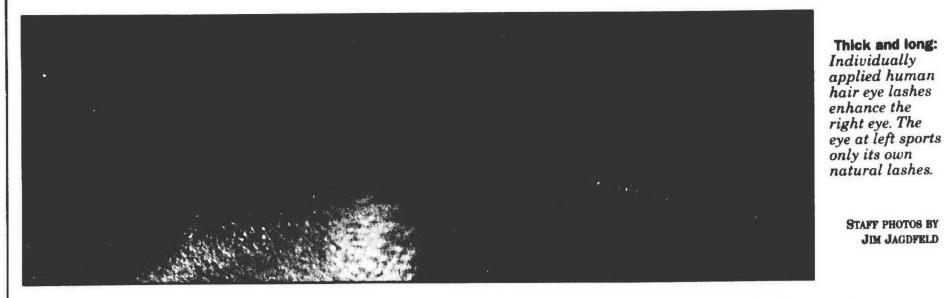
"It's the reason why you can leave a dollar in your pocket and let it go through the wash. It comes out in one piece.'

Crane's manufactures 140 styles of writing paper and note cards, envelopes and journals. Designs range from elegant to classic to whimsical.

Westervelt said many people prefer a pen to a word processor or e-mail for some correspondence.

"They are taking the time to write meaningful notes that mean something more than an e-mail to people. It means a lot for someone to take the time to do that, to drop it in the mail."

Westervelt said e-mail inadvertently may help sales of note cards as people become accustomed to e-mail style and pen shorter, more succinct letters. They also want a more distinctive, colorful format than the computer-generated e-mail screen.



Salon enhances eyes with bold lashes

BY SHARON DARGAY STAFF WRITER

Chevelle Downs went 31 years without wearing false eyelashes.

But a stint in a salon last year opened her eyes on beauty trends and she has worn - and sold - the lash enhancements ever since.

"A friend of mine always wears lashes and she decided to open a salon. I worked with her for a while," Downs explained.

Seeing business potential in the beauty trend, Downs learned to apply lashes, scouted out competition and opened her own salon last month.

"If you'd said to me a year ago that I'd own a lash shop in Northland Mall, I'd never ever have believed you," Downs said, laughing. "But the need is there and we try to fill it.

"I took a look at my main competition. They have clients that sit and wait two to three hours for service. The difference between them and us is our hours. They're not open on Sunday and Monday."

Her Southfield salon, For Your Eyes, specializes in eyelash placement, but also offers eye brow arching, facials and make-up application.

Eyelash sets, which last up to two weeks, cost from \$25 to \$30 depending on thickness. Lash placement: Specialty lashes, which con-Tweezers hansist of both long and short hairs, range from \$35-\$45. artificial lashes. "Most people who come in

want that natural look. They don't want people to know they are wearing lashes. But then we have clients who have other jobs - they work at the casino or they're an exotic dancer - and they want something more exotic."

A small percent of clients get false eyelashes because they have none of their own.

"Some people want them or special occasion, but most people come in because they like to wear lashes every day," Downs said. "I never thought of wearing lashes. I'd see girls with them and they looked pretty, but it wasn't conducive to my lifestyle.

"Now I've got to have them. I can't live without them. I hardly wear any make up now. I don't find a need for it because I think my eyes with the lashes are enough."

Salon technicians can apply a set of lashes in about 20 minutes. They handle each human hair lash with tweezers while dabbing it into glue specifically made for eyelashes. The false lash goes on the eye lid, between the two layers of natural lash.

"I'm almost guided by the force I'm so used to doing it. I know just where it needs to be placed," Downs said.

The customer holds a small fan to help blow away the glue fumes, dry the adhesive and decrease tear-

"If they tear I just dry their face and keep going," she said. "You don't even have to take your contact lenses out. The only way contacts would be a problem is if I drop them in your eye and that's unlikely. I've never done that before."

But she said customers with severe allergies may feel some eye irritation and be tempted to rub their

"You don't want to rub your eyes," she cautioned. Downs advises clients rinse their lashes daily and

remove them after two weeks.

"In a week's time you'll need a fill, just like when you get nails filled," she added. "They come loose and they come out. Your body produces oil and it breaks down the adhesive. After two weeks you get a new set. You don't want dirty lashes sitting on your eye."

Lisa Dixon, a customer from Southfield, wears contacts and works in a hospital surgery department, but likes false lashes because they "look sexy."

"I was going to another place but the lashes were falling out because they put too much glue on it,' Dixon said. "I was in the mall one day and saw this shop. I've been coming ever since."

Please see SALON, NEXT PAGE



Steady hands: Andreena Glenn holds a small battery powered fan to dissipate fumes from eyelash glue as salon owner Chevelle Downs carefully applies lashes.

Local shoe distributor imports new children's line

BY JANET SUGAMELI

with quality in mind. So, It's no surprise that Maple is some of

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cessful," said Maple. "They are really saw it was an identical product at a better price," he noted. Fontana said Nimrod Productions came to her with a U.S. distribution deal. "I looked at it as an opportunity to expand my horizons and my collection," she said.

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"People want something different," Westervelt said.

Old Money and Blue Denim are part of Crane's casual stationery line.

"It's used for more of an every day kind of thing, not necessarily for a special occasion, but still with a unique twist."

The Old Money collection includes notes and envelopes, composition and computation books, as well as personal journals for gardening, travel, fitness and the home.

Retailers statewide

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The Michigan Retailers Association Board of Directors re-elected several members to three-year terms. They are:

Larry Mullins owns Brandon Tire & Battery in Ortonville.

Peter Sobelton is owner-operator of Sundries Plus in Troy.

Joseph McCurry is district general manager for Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Jan Hayhow, president and general manager of Lansing-based Michigania, Inc.

Fall trends

Faux snakeskin prints and leather will be "everywhere" in fashion this fall, according to Jacobson's.

It also predicts that children will wear cargo shorts, check woven shirts, dark denim, gypsy-inspired ponchos and zip-off sleeves and pant legs.

Jacobson's top fashion picks for its Ma. J, junior department, are:

Conservative prints in wild styles.

Western dressing with fringe, cowboy boots and hats.

■ 1970s look with jumpsuits, charmeuse blouses and skirts in geometric prints.

Holiday and eveningwear include tanks, halters and backless sweaters dressed up with studding, sequins, and laces.

dle delicate

Fitting children's shoes properly is "part science and part art," according to Birmingham retailer Dale Maple of Hansel N' Gretel Shoes.

'You don't want shoes that are too tight," he said. "And, shoes that fit too perfect, you won't get your money's worth.'

Shoes that are too large can create friction blisters and become a tripping hazard, Maple added. When you're looking at

children's shoes, it's very important to get properly fitted shoes, especially because children's feet are

growing," agrees Mary Ann Fontana, founder and president of children's shoe distributor Fancy Feet of Oak Park. "And, it's very important that they are made of natural material that is breathable. Most children's sneakers are made of synthetic material. It's like wearing a plastic bag on your feet."

Not all children's shoes are made

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, AUG. 13

HAIRCUT FOR CHARITY

Selected salons will donate all proceeds from haircuts and manicures done from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute. Salons include Figaro, 265 North Old Woodward, Birmingham, Barbara & Associates, 2838 West Maple, Troy and Salon Zef, 2989 Big Beaver, Troy.

FASHION SHOW

View the Doncaster Fall clothing collection at a Style Made Easy trunk show in West Bloomfield. Style Made Easy sells limited edition clothing at private home shows. Call Lyn Eckerty at (734) 416-2390 to register.

TUESDAY, AUG. 15

putting in his order for Fontana's new product line.

Fancy Feet, the first U.S. company to . place." design and sell children's footwear made in Italy under the labels Shoe Be Baby and Shoe Be Doo, now is joining forces with a leading Israeli shoemaker

for a new line of children's shoes.

Nimrod Productions Ltd. will manufacture the Nimi shoes. The shoes will be distributed to major department stores and children's specialty stores throughout the country. Shoes similar to Nimi have been produced

under the label Elefanten for the U.S. but now the local company will be the distributor under the Nimi label.

The new line, which comes in the spring of 2001, will premiere at the World Shoe Association convention in Las Vegas this month.

"We carried those shoes (under the other label) and they were very suc-

carried . . . They have a great arch footbed which really holds the arch in

Maple said he was concerned about bringing the same quality into his store after the disappearance of the Elefanten. "I saw the samples (of Nimi) and I

Please see SHOES, NEXT PAGE



In step: Mary Ann Fontana, owner of Fancy Feet, shows off her line of children's shoes.

DED ATTRACT

AT SUMMIT PLACE MALL

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland will offer back-to-school health tips for students from 10-11 a.m., at the special events area near Montgomery Ward in Summit Place Mall, located at Elizabeth Lake and Telegraph roads in Waterford.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16

GOOD READING

The Brandeis used book sale marks its 30th anniversary at Tel-Twelve Mall, 12 Mile and Telegraph, Southfield. Opening night runs from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$5. The show continues through Aug. 23.

JUDAISM AT BORDERS

The adult Jewish learning project of the Michigan Conservative movement sponsors a talk by Rabbi Elliot Pachter at 7:30 p.m., at Borders Books, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. The program is part of a monthly series on science and Torah.

(248) 593-3490.

THURSDAY, AUG. 17

TRUNK SHOW

Fibres in downtown Birmingham shows sportswear, pants and suits by Fabrizio Gianni, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The show continues through Aug. 20. Fibres is located at 270 West Maple. (248) 723-2880.

FALL FASHION

View DKNY's fall 2000 collection at Saks Fifth Avenue in The Somerset Collection, Troy. Customers will receive a gift with any \$100 purchase from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

GOOD CAUSE

Help the Food Bank of Oakland County while dressing up your car in hip 1950s style. Cruise by Art Van Furniture in Royal Oak during the Woodward Dream Cruise and buy a pair of fuzzy dice. Minimum donation is \$2. All proceeds will go to the Food Bank. The Royal Oak store is located on Woodward, south of 13 Mile.

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- The first ornament from the 12 days of Christmas Hallmark Ornament (from the 1980's) for Donna.

- A used countertop revolving greeting card rack for Joyce of Redford.

- A 1955 Pershing High School yearbook for Margie of Westland.

- A 1967 Oak Park High School yearbook (Revoir) for Jan of Farmington.

A used automatic 21 cord Harp for Dorothy.

- A store in the Livonia area that sells men's shaving brushes for Chris.

- A store that sells wallpaper cleaner (soft like putty) for Mary who resides in Clarkston.

- A store that sells dark cobalt blue toaster for Joan of Franklin.

- A Mr. Scrub Master scrubber for Mrs. Bills. - A Polo shirt by David Smith

sold at Jacobson's for Shirley.

- An 8-track tape by Queen "Bohemian Rhapsody" for Liz.

- The 1973 Avon Christmas Plate for Barbara who resides in Rochester Hills.

- A place that cleans a king size suede comforter for Ronald of West Bloomfield.

- For a late 1950's Tilt-A-door garage door the rubber that goes on the bottom of the door for Lance.

- A 1977-1978 Bishop Borghess High School yearbook for Brian of Livonia.

- A set of International Library of Piano Music (15 books in series) from 1967 by the University Society Inc. Educational Publishers of New York for Laura of Troy.

- St. Ives mint & aloe facial toner Swiss formula for Kathy who resides in Livonia.

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- A store that sells Season Ticket slacks.

- A 1964 Oak Park High School yearbook for Suzanne of Birmingham.

- A store that sells Ken's Steakhouse light Italian dressing for Alisa of Oak Park.

- A makeup mirror by Miracle Mirrors Inc., Wichita, Kansas, called Vis-à-vis focusing mirror for Toni of Livonia.

- A store that sells baseball cap savers for washing the caps for John.

- A Heritage Collectible Bear (Albert) from 1998-1999 sold at Kroger's for Barbara.

- An old Fisher Price airplane from the early 1990's, red, white, and blue with four little people for Barbara.

- Two cloth dolls from the 1960's Tubby (boy), Lulu (girl) for Anne.

- A craft store that has instructions for Christmas wreaths and Christmas decorations for Evelyn.

- A CD/cassette of the motion picture soundtrack from A Perfect World for Shirley.

- A store/company that repairs quality wicker furniture for Mary of Plymouth.

- A shift dress by Ashley Taylor sold at K-mart for Dorothy of Garden City.

- A store that sells men's briefs by Health DRI for Barbara of Farmington.

- The card game Bridge for Two by Milton Bradley for Cathy of Farmington.

- A store that sells Halston 112 talc for men and Royal Copenhagen talc for Clyde of Southfield.

- A store that sells a wooden bagel cutter (not guillotine style) for Judy who resides in Farming-

- A retail store that sells Reflexology socks for Joanne of Plymouth.

- A mirror that hangs around

the neck to see back of hair for Carole of Redford.

A store that sells a gold school bell for a wedding for Carol.

- A 1968 Mumford High School yearbook for Vineca of Bloomfield Township.

- The Sally Hanson Lip Quencher moisturizing Clearwater water gloss lipstick #7 for Marge of Independence Township.

- A store that sells women's elastic waist Fundamental slacks for Shirley.

- The location of a Hoffritz store in Michigan for Mrs. H. of Birmingham.

- A store that sells Breck unscented regular hair spray for Helen of Redford.

- A store that sells British Sterling men's stick deodorant for Carol.

- A store that sells 10 x 10 gold gilded mirror tiles (marble) needs 12 (has very thin tape on back) for Diane of Beverly Hills.

- A store that sells fabric with rowing and oars on it for Elizabeth.

- A seamstress who can sew a pocket for prosthesis in bathing suit for a mastectomy patient.

- A store that can clean a leather Lazy Boy for Rita of Livonia.

- A new or used rowing shell with a seat that slides back and forth, measures less than 20 feet and accommodates a 124-pound person, but is not a kayak for Alex-

- A 1961 Betty Crocker picture cookbook for Barbara of Plymouth.

- Someone to replace ceiling tiles in a family room for Roger.

- A 1970 Looney Tunes glass sold at Hardy's (needs 1-6) for Peggy.

- A store that sells Clarions Skin Harmonizer Moisturizer by the Norell Corporation/Proctor & Gamble for Kelly of Farmington.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Salon from previous page

Dixon gets "the works," including eyebrow arching

"My husband loves it," she said.

Customers remove eye apply new lashes to assure eyelids are clean and sanitechniciana sanitize implements and hands before working.

bad but irritate the eye. same in any salon. They are strict. We clean everything, even the chair they sit in," Downs noted.

consider before getting eye-

Shoib Myint, an oculoplastic surgeon with William Beaumont Hospital's eye institute, suggests customers make sure the salon is licensed by the state. Technicians should be licensed cosmetologists

Although the quality is good, Fontana said the from \$35 to \$55 while the Shoe Be Doo shoes are \$55 to \$85. "The Nimi is a shoes are more moderately more everyday children's sandal or shoe," Fontana priced compared to her Shoe Be Doo and Shoe Be added. Baby brands, which she designs and has manufactured in Italy. Many of

Shoes from previous page

She expects the moderately priced Nimi shoes will expand her customer base.

Last year Fancy Feet sold more than 65.000 pairs of children's shoes, which were distributed out of the 6,000 square-foot Fancy Feet warehouse in

The Nimi shoes range Oak Park.

those shoes are sold by

major department stores,

including Jacobson's and

Nordstrom, and in nearly

300 specialty shoe stores

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"If you have any visual symptoms you should get them checked by an ophthalmologist." What should customers For Your Eyes is located

lash enhancements?

in Northland Mall, Greenfield, south of Nine Mile in Southfield. (248)423-2555. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m., Sundays.

"My concern would be

what kind of glue they use.

the FDA," he said. "If it

gets into the eye it can

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Chorale members sing praises of Ireland

BY KRELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

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Karen Buddenborg found a pot of gold on the other side of a rainbow in Ireland - family she never met.

"It was just incredible," said Buddenborg who recently traveled to Ireland, with the Madonna University Chorale. "Everything was just as wonderful as I thought it would be. It was nice to see how our family lived, I even helped my cousins milk the cows.'

Buddenborg and her parents flew to Ireland a week ahead of the chorale to visit family.

"Both of my father's parents were born in Ireland," she said. Seeing the family resemblance in the faces of her cousins was an experience Buddenborg, a resident of Livonia, says she'll never forget. Singing with the chorale at Galway Cathedral and looking out at the audience which included 18 of her family members was also a thrill.

Dr. David Wagner, associate professor of music, and director of the Madonna University Chorale, said the concert at Galway Cathedral was one of the

audience, but because of the beautiful setting. "We talked about going to

Europe, and wanted to have the experience of singing in historic churches," said Wagner. "Touring Ireland was an extra bonus."

The chorale is made of Madonna University faculty, students. and friends of the university. Wagner describes the group as a "community wide chorus" that explores a variety of choral music.

"They do it for the love of it," he explained. The group rehearses 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, and presents a Christmas and spring concert. They've performed with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and presented a special "Farewell Concert" on June 18 at St. Paul Church in Grosse Pointe Farms before leaving for Ireland on June 23.

Their tour included performances at St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Pro Cathedral in Dublin, St. Mary's Cathedral in Killarney, and Galway Cathedral. They presented a program of American vocal works that included music from the pre-Revolutionary War period to African

best, not only because of the American spirituals and newly commissioned works.

"It was a kick to be in these places and sing," said Wagner. "I really enjoyed traveling with this group. We mixed up singing with touring and were able to pack in quite a bit of stuff."

"We never met anyone who wasn't friendly," said Buddenborg. "Everyone was anxious to please

Sitting around a table at the Livonia Observer office, looking at photographs, and reminiscing about the trip, Buddenborg, Wagner and his wife, Penny, and chorale member Evelyn Wojtkowiak of Livonia, smiled as they talked about all the things they saw in Ireland.

"The colors of the buildings were amazing. they were blue, yellow, pink and green," said Penny pointing to a picture taken in Waterville, a town that Charlie Chaplin loved to visit in the summer.

Everyone was taken with the natural beauty of Ireland - yes everything is really green, they said.

They began their journey in Dublin, and sang at St. Patrick's Cathedral just 1's hours after



Beautiful countryside: Lots of green, and an occasional castle, make Ireland's countryside memorable.

their plane landed.

"Guinness Stout tastes better there," said Wagner who toured the Guinness factory in Dublin. "They make it with spring water. There's a museum too, and at the end of the tour they give everyone a pint."

From Dublin the group headed down the coast to Kenmare and stopped at Blarney Castle. Some people waited in line and climbed the steps to kiss the Blarney Stone, which is really a stone within the wall.

Others shopped at Blarney Mills. "It's the biggest tourist trap in Ireland I'm told," said Buddenborg with a smile. Jewelry, Irish lace, woolens, books, Waterford Crystal, Belek China and clothes were among the items being offered for sale.

Kenmare, which has the reputation of being "the tidiest town" in Ireland, was another stop. While sightseeing, the group stumbled upon the ruins of the second largest Druid Circle. It dates back to 5,000 BC.

A stop at Ross Castle near Kil-

larney was another highlight. The group took a boat tour on Muckross Lake, which is surrounded by "beautiful hills." The lake "was smooth as glass," said Wojtkowiak. She also enjoyed visiting the Cliffs of Moher on the west coast below Galway.

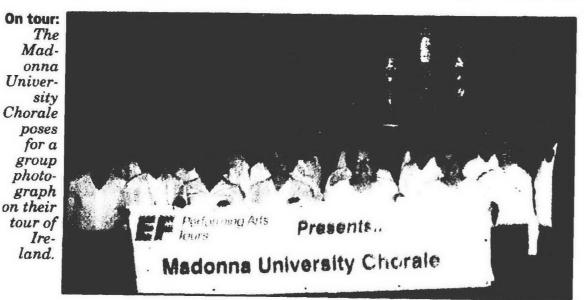
"They're breathtaking," she said. Everyone agreed it was nice to come into a town and see church steeples. They were taken with the natural beauty of Ireland and happy that there were no billboards cluttering the countryside

If you'd like to visit Ireland, but can't afford it right now, Wojtkowiak recommends Patrick O'Ryan's Irish Pub in downtown Windsor. Visit them at www.patrickoryans.com

"The Irish stew was lovely. They had Smithwick's (a light ale, she discovered in Ireland), and I was in heaven."



Colorful: Charlie Chaplin liked to spend his summers in Waterville, Ireland. The town is filled with .. colorful buildings.



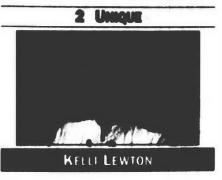
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Ice cream still a cool hit on a hot day

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will drive out of my way for my favorite ice cream. Here are some cold facts about ice cream:

Each American consumes a yearly average 23.2 quarts of ice cream, sherbet, ices and other commercially produced frozen dairy products.

More ice cream is sold on Sunday than any other day of the week.

Ninety-eight percent of all-American households have ice cream in one form or another in their freezer.

To date, the five most popular ice cream flavors are Vanilla, 29 percent, Strawberry, 11.5 percent, Chocolate 8.9 percent, Butter Pecan 5.3 percent, Neapolitan 4.2 percent

Low-fat ice cream has 3 grams of fat or less per serving

Light ice cream has 50 percent less fat than a brand's regular ice cream

Ice milk can mean low-fat, light or both

Frozen facts

Emperor Nero of Rome is credited with creating the first frozen dessert. He would send his slaves into the high mountains to retrieve snow, which was then mixed with nectar and honey for food feasts of the elite.

Others believe Marco Polo brought recipes for flavored ice waters, told to have been used for thousand of years, back with him from the Far East.

During the Victorian era, drinking flavored sodas was considered improper and a sin on Sunday.

An enterprising druggist in Evanston, Illinois reportedly concocted his own legal Sunday alternative. It contained ice cream and syrups, but no soda, and was served out of a. bowl. To show respect for the holiday he changed the spelling to Sundae.

Ice cream was invented in China in about 200 B.C., when a soft, milk and rice mixture was further solidified by packing it in anow.

Parlor

BAG or BUY?

School lunches should be well-balanced whether brought or bought



Production line: From left, Ryan MacWilliams, Kelsey Crawford, Analena Iacobelli and Sean Morrison got together to make "Guinea Pigs" in a Blanket for their lunches.

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS ICIAL WEITER

t is back-to-school time! Time to search the cupboards and refrigerator to come up with school lunch ideas for another year.

Competition for children's food interest (and dollars) is fierce. Neither parents nor schools have multi-million dollar advertising budgets like the fast food chains. Children's food interests have changed through the years - they want the stuff they see on TV. This can make it challenging for parents trying to feed their chil-dren healthy foods they will accept.

School lunch program

The school lunch program began more than 50 years ago as a program to safeguard the health and welfare of the nation's children and to support American agricul-ture. School food service has been credited with greatly reducing malnutrition. Research continues to show a positive relationship between nutrition and learning.

School lunch has had some bumps along the way (remember ketchup as a vegetable?), but has proven to be an important component in promoting the nutritional health of children. For the most part, gone are the days of "mystery meat," sterile-looking cafeteria lines and few options. Today, school lunch menus are interesting dine.

School lunch menus are planned by registered dietitians and include foods that kids want to eat, prepared in healthier ways. Ethnic and vegetarian foods, "wrap" sandwiches, and made-from-scratch baked goods are making their way onto school lunch menus.

The most important points to help your child learn about the midday meal are making good choices and eating a variety of foods. This is true whether your child chooses to brown bag it or buy from the cafeteria line. Unfortunately, many schools allow the sale of competitive foods of minimal nutritional value.

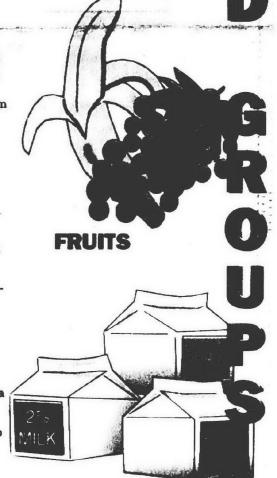
Profits from vending machine sales go to benefit the school or school activities such as scholarships, music, art, athletics, yearbook, trips, newspapers, computers, etc. But the price may be a decline in children's outritional health.

Here are some tips to help your child get the best out of a brown bag lunch:

Let your kids help draw up a lunch menu. Ask them for suggestions on protein, grains and fruits or vegetable ideas

The average time for lunch is about 21 minutes. Children may spend time chatting with friends, using the restroom, or waiting in line, so remember to pack foods that are convenient to open and eat.





The first ice cream parlor opened in New York City in 1776. George Washington loved ice cream so much that he ran up a \$200 bill for the dessert treat one summer in the late 1700s. Dolly Madison created a sensation when she served ice cream as a dessert at the White House at the second inaugural ball in 1812.

In 1843, New England housewife Nancy Johnson invented the handcranked ice cream churn. Lacking the resources to market the churn herself, she sold the patent for her invention for \$200. The first commercial ice cream plant was established in Baltimore in 1851 by Jacob Fussell.

Cone

The ice cream cone was first introduced at the St. Louis Exposition of 1904 when an ice cream vendor ran out of bowls. A neighboring pastry' maker rolled the ice cream in crisp wafers and called them "cornucopias."

Several others claim to have originated the cone, including an Italian immigrant who had obtained a patent earlier that year.

In 1921, the commissioner of Ellis Island made the decision to treat all incoming immigrants to a taste of something truly American by serving them ice cream as part of their first meal.

Invention of the ice cream soda is often attributed to Robert M. Green of Philadelphia, who operated a soda water concession and sold a cream soda-a mix of cream, sugar, syrup, and carbonated water. One day he ran out of cream and substituted ice cream, hoping his customers wouldn't notice. But they did, and his daily sales rose from \$6 to \$600.

No matter how it's served, ice cream has stood the test of time and remains one of our favorite desserts.

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, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. See recipes inside.

LOOKING AHEAD

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Children love to dip and eat colorful finger foods. Serve a selection of raw or blanched vegetables with a savory dipping sauce like low-fat ranch dressing.

Cut fresh fruit into slices or cubes and put onto toothpicks or wooden skewers like kabobs. Serve with a yogurt dip or peanut butter.

Pack savory soups in your child's thermos to keep their furnaces stoked. Good choices include chicken noodle, creamy vegetable, clam chowder or chili, Leftover stews and casseroles are also excellent lunch ideas.

Wrap a bread stick, carrot or celery stick in a slice of turkey or roast beef. Wrap a pickle in a slice of ham.

Try other sandwich ideas such as tortilla bread stuffed with humus and cheese, leftover meatloaf with ketchup and lettuce on toast, egg salad with chopped green peppers, chicken salad with chopped nuts, or tuna salad with chopped apples.

Peanut butter is still a sandwich favorite for children. Try experimenting with something besides jelly to add variety, taste, texture and nutritional value. Pair peanut butter with apple, celery or pineapple chunks, raisins or other dried fruits, banana slices, shredded carrots with orange marmalade, alfalfa sprouts, sunflower seeds, or grated low-fat cheddar cheese.

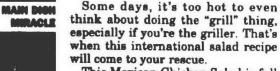
Pretzels have only a fraction of the fat of potato or corn chips (but are still high in salt) and are a fun treat.

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DAIRY

COOL SUMMER SALAD

Beat the heat with this chicken salad treat



especially if you're the griller. That's when this international salad recipe

This Mexican Chicken Salad is full of flavor and nutrient dense including all those natural cancer fighters and fiber. Best of all, it requires no cooking. Put the stove on vacation as you "cool" it in the kitchen. To reduce the sodium, cook MURIEL your own chicken breast in nonfat WAGNER sodium-reduced chicken broth.

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.

MEXICAN CHICKEN SALAD

- 1 12-ounce package Louis Rich Southwestern chicken breast strips or 3 cooked chicken breast halves
- 8 green onions, washed and cut into strips
- 1 medium red bell pepper, washed and cut into strips
- 1 8-1/4 ounce can sliced carrots, rinsed
- 1 8-3/4 ounce can whole kernel corn, rinsed
- 1 2-ounce can sliced black olives, rinsed
- 6 plum tomatoes, washed, seeded and chopped
- 1/4 cup cilantro, washed and chopped
- 1 small honeydew melon, washed, seeded and cut into 4 inch rings or 4 tomatoes with pulp removed
- 1 avocado, peeled, sliced and brushed with lime juice

Mix ingredients, except avocado and melon or tomato with Mayonnaise Olé recipe below. Serve in hollowedout tomatoes or honeydew melon rings. Garnish with avocado slices. Serves 4.

MAYONNAISE OLÉ

- 1/2 cup Kraft Mayo (nonfat)
- 1 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoon honey
- 1 1/2 teaspoon lime juice
- Hot pepper sauce (to taste)
- Combine ingredients.

Nutritional information: calories 202; fat, 4.2 grams; sat. fat, 1.6 grams; cholesterol, 78 mg; sodium, 450 mg.

Food exchanges: 3 lean meat, 1 vegetable, 1/2 fruit.

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Kroger offers antibiotic-free chicken

its poultry product line in several Michigan stores to better meet the needs of their customers who are Muslim or are interested in organic, antibiotic-free chicken.

Kroger, which has several stores in communities that house large Arab and non-Arab Muslim populations, worked closely with local religious leaders to introduce certified Halal chicken products to several of its Michigan stores.

The product line, Murray's

The Kroger Co. is expanding All Natural Chicken, is specially designated as Halal with stickers printed in both English and Arabic. The full product line of fresh, pre-packaged chicken includes: whole bird, cut-up chicken, boneless and skinless breast, split chicken breast, wings, drumsticks, thighs and legs.

The chickens are free-roaming, organic and antibiotic-free. They have been fed only certified pesticide-free feed, which is 100 percent vegetable.

The Halal-certified product

line, Murray's All Natural Chicken, is available now at select Kroger stores.

Other stores may carry a selection of the product line. Customers are advised to call their individual stores to ascertain availability of Halal chicken products.

Those stores include: 1905 Canton Center, Canton; 25780 Middlebelt, Farmington; 33523 Eight Mile and 30935 Five Mile, both in Livonia; and 44525 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

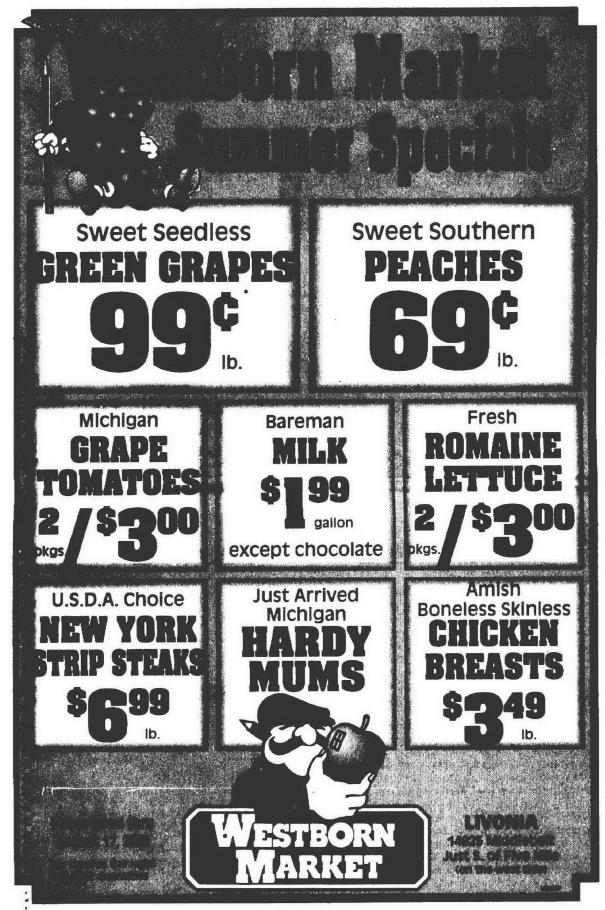
Send us your favorite apple pie recipes

Remember Mom's apple pie? Do you enjoy baking pies during the apple season in the fall? Or just enjoy the ambiance of a cider mill on a Sunday in September or October?

If you have an apple pie recipe you'd like to share, we'd like to hear from you. Write to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, **Observer** Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150 or

e-mail him at kabramczyk Goe home comm. net.

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Children love these pigs

See related school lunch story on Taste front.

Our desire was to come up with a lunch entree that could be made in quantity ahead of time, wrapped individually and stored either in the freezer or refrigerator for easy lunch packing.

We wanted the food to be easy enough for a child to make and fun for them to eat. A group of kids from Clarkston agreed to experiment with a variety of ingredients to come up with the perfect make-ahead lunch. They all decided that these "pigs" were great right out of the oven.

The filled crescent rolls were the best hot, but the kids preferred the rolls made from pizza dough or buttermilk biscuits when served cold or at room temperature.

"GUINEA PIGS" IN A BLANKET

Makes four servings per package of rolls

- 1 package crescent rolls, pizza dough, or buttermilk biscuits (in the tube)
- Your choice of the following:
- Lean ham slices
- Muenster cheese (or your favorite cheese)
- Mozzarella cheese, shredded
- Thin slices of tomato
- Scrambled eggs (cooked)
- Pepperoni slices **Dill pickle slices**
- Red or green pepper slices Note: To lower the fat content, choose reduced fat crescent rolls and fill with lean meats. Remember
- that a very little bit of cheese goes a long way. To assemble your "pigs":

Preheat oven to 375°F. If using pizza dough, roll it out thinly (about 1/4-inch thick) and cut into 4-inch squares. If using biscuits, roll each biscuit until it is flat (about 1/4-inch thick). For creacent rolls, carefully unroll each triangle.

Choose ingredients you want and place them on

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Air-popped or homemade popcorn is also a nutritious addition to lunch.

Those convenient all-in-one lunch meals are handy but are very expensive for the nutrient value they provide. You are much better off making the lunch yourself.

Ask your kids not to throw away foods they don't eat. If your kids bring the food home, you will learn what things they will eat and can capitalize on providing them with these foods.

A soggy or flattened sandwich is not appetizing. Wrap tomatoes, lettuce or other juicy items separately and let your child assemble the sandwich at the lunch table.

Be sure to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.

Add a love note, stickers,

B Review the cafeteria menu for the week with your child. Discuss why fruit and vegetable choices are important to help them grow healthy and strong.

Good habits

For kids who prefer a hot lunch from the cafeteria, encourage good habits such as: Review the cafeteria menu

for the week with your child. Discuss why fruit and vegetable choices are important to help them grow healthy and strong.

Food waste is a huge problem in the school lunch program. Be sure your child understands the importance of selecting only

the dough, being careful not to let the ingredients hang over the edge of the dough. For crescent rolls, either cut or fold the meat and cheese into a triangle so it fits on the dough. Once assembled, place a second piece of dough on top and seal the edges by pinching them together. Transfer "pig" to an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for approximately 10 to 12 minutes (pizza dough may take a bit longer), or until rolls are puffy and nicely browned.

You can serve them immediately or let them cool and wrap and refrigerate or freeze to be packed in a school lunch and eaten cold.

If pigs are going to be reheated, remove from wrapper, place on a piece of paper towel and microwave until heated thoroughly. To eat cold, the kids liked pizza dough with pepperoni and cheese best. Scrambled eggs with ham and cheese on a crescent roll, warmed in the microwave, was the favorite breakfast Guinea pig.

CHOCOLATE-PEANUT BUTTER OATS

- Ingredients: 1/2 stick (4 tablespoons) butter or margarine 1 cup peanut butter
- 12 ounce package semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 large box (20 ounces) Cheerios, or other toasted oat cereal
- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar

In a microwave-safe bowl, microwave margarine, peanut butter and chocolate chips on medium setting until melted. Stir. Place one large box of Cheerios cereal in a large bowl and pour chocolate mixture over top.

Mix to coat thoroughly and let cool.

Place powdered sugar in a large grocery bag. Put coated cereal in the bag and shake until powdered sugar covers cereal mixture. Let cool and set up before eating. Keeps best when stored in refrigerator.

Makes about 40 1/2-cup servings.

Ask your child to limit vending machine purchases and buy entrees and side dishes from the cafeteria line.

Encourage your child to choose milk, even chocolate milk, as a beverage. The calcium from dairy foods helps build strong bones and teeth. Soda pop should be chosen only as a special treat.

Children must be empowered to make their own food choices. As parents, we must inform them of the best choices and work to be a good role model for healthy eating.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts lives in Clarkston and is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a Farmington-Hills based food service and hospitality management

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Tailgaters' tales, recipes wanted

Do you like to gather with family members and friends for a great afternoon of fun and football with a great tailgate party or gathering? Any old traditions and/or rivalries with parents or siblings for the big game?

If you've got any big plans for Saturdays at your alma mater or

Do you enjoy tailgate parties? We want to hear from you.

favorite university, any stories about past games and traditions and have any favorite recipes for tailgating, we'd like to know about them for a future story.

Write to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150 or e-mail him at kabramczyk @oe.home comm. net. If you'd like, you can include photos. Please include a daytime phone number where you can be reached.



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Taming the fat in pâté

Today, a slice of pâté does not have to be French or even a threat to your arteries.

Instead of buying classic pâté de foie gras and garlicperfumed pork patés, you can purchase or make your own light, lean terrines, including those that are vegetarian.

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The deli counter at your supermarket probably offers some of these pâtés. Alongside mousse of duck liver, you are likely to find salmon terrine or a tri-colored loaf consisting of layers of puréed broccoli, carrots and cauliflower. Instead of fat, vegetable purées and egg whites bind these airy loaves.

What is the difference between a pâté and a terrine? Pâté (more accurately, pâté en croute) is a filling encased in a dough crust and baked. Think of it as a loaf-shaped pie served in slices rather than wedges. Terrine is the

culinary term for the long, deep pan in which a pâté is baked. It also refers to a pâté baked without a crust. These days, terrine and pâté are used interchangeably.

In some American recipes, a thick but spreadable hors d'oeuvre mixture may be dubbed a pâté. Often uncooked, the mixture is served in a bowl or molded into a loaf. These pâtés, actually terrines, usually become firm enough to slice when packed into a pan and chilled. They are

TURKEY AND FRESH HERB PATE

3/4 cup chopped onion

1/4 cup finely chopped shallots

1 celery rib, finely chopped

1 cup finely chopped cauliflower florets

1 cup finely chopped Granny Smith apple

1/4 cup fat-free chicken broth

2 teaspoons canola oil

16 ounces ground turkey breast (1 percent fat)

3 tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon

2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme leaves

1 teaspoon dry mustard



Fresh Pâté: This Turkey and Fresh Herb Pâté can be served as either a hearty, nubby spread or as a light, summery first course.

eaten spread on crackers or toast.

This Turkey and Fresh Herb Pâté was created by Dana Jacobi of the American Institute for Cancer Research to serve as either a hearty spread or as a light, summery first course.

It is an amalgam of super-lean ground turkey breast, apple, cauliflower, tarragon and thyme. This lightly puréed mixture is blended with cream cheese, then chilled as a loaf. Serve it sliced or spread on crackers.

up turkey with a wooden spoon, cooking until meat loses all pink color and is cooked through, about 5 minutes.

Transfer turkey to a food processor. Pulse 3 to 4 times to coarsely chop turkey. Add cooled vegetables. Pulse 3 or 4 times, until mixture has the texture of minced meat. Scoop it into a bowl. Mix in tarragon, thyme, mustard, salt and pepper. Work in cream cheese until pâté is evenly blended.

Line an 8-inch loaf pan with plastic wrap, using a piece long enough for an 8-inch overhang on each side. Pack pâté into the pan, smoothing it firmly to eliminate any air pockets. Fold plastic over pâté to seal it. Refrigerate at least four hours, or until pâté

grams of fat)

Sweeten your summer with homemade frozen desserts

The following recipes were submitted by Kelli Lewton. See related column on Taste front.

BASE ICE CREAM

1 cup granulated sugar

- 4 eggs
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 4 teaspoons vanilla 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups heavy cream
- 6 cups milk

Mix sugar, flour and salt in the top of a double boiler; gradually stirring in milk. Place over boiling water and cook until slightly thickened (approximately 10-12 minutes), stirring occasionally.

Reduce heat to prevent water from boiling, beat eggs lightly, stir a little of the hot milk mixture.

Cook over hot water 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from stove, chill.

Combine with cream, add vanilla, and churn in ice cream freezer until proper consistency

Makes 3 1/2 quarts. If fruit is desired, fold in 1 cup

sliced fresh fruit at the end when ice cream is frozen.

FRESH STRAWBERRY SORBET

1 cup sugar

- 1/2 cup water
- 4 1/2 cups fresh strawberries, hulled and rinsed 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons raspberry or blackberry liqueur

In small sauce pan, cook sugar and water over high heat, stirring constantly, until sugar dissolves and mixture reaches a boil.

Remove pan, cool, strain and refrigerate 1 hour

before blending with fruit.

In a blender or food processor, puree fruit with cooled sugar syrup, lemon juice and liqueur.

Transfer mixture to an ice cream maker, freeze

accordingly to manufacturer's instructions.

BAKED ALASKA

2 1/2 cup vanilla ice cream

2 1/2 cup strawberry ice cream

2 1/2 cup chocolate ice cream 1 sliced pound cake (approximately 14 inches)

Orange liqueur

Italian meringue, recipe below, use 1/4 of recipe Powdered sugar

Layer the three ice creams in a chilled bread pan or other rectangular pan approximately 11 inches long, 4 inches wide, and 4 inches deep. You will need to soften the ice cream a bit first to create smooth, even layers. Let each layer harden in the freezer before adding the next.

Cut a strip of pound cake that is as wide as the pan is long, and long enough to wrap all the way around the ice cream block.

Unmold the ice cream by dipping the mold briefly into hot water. Then place the ice cream on the pound cake and roll it up to completely cover all four long sides. Use some scrap pieces of pound cake to cover the ends. Place on a chilled silver tray

Lightly sprinkle orange liqueur over the top of the pound cake. Spread a 1/2-inch thick layer of meringue over the top and all four sides, using a metal spatula to achieve a smooth and even finish.

Place the remaining meringue in a pastry bag. Pipe the meringue onto the iced rectangle, place the tray in a hot oven or salamander to brown the meringue

ITALIAN MERINGUE

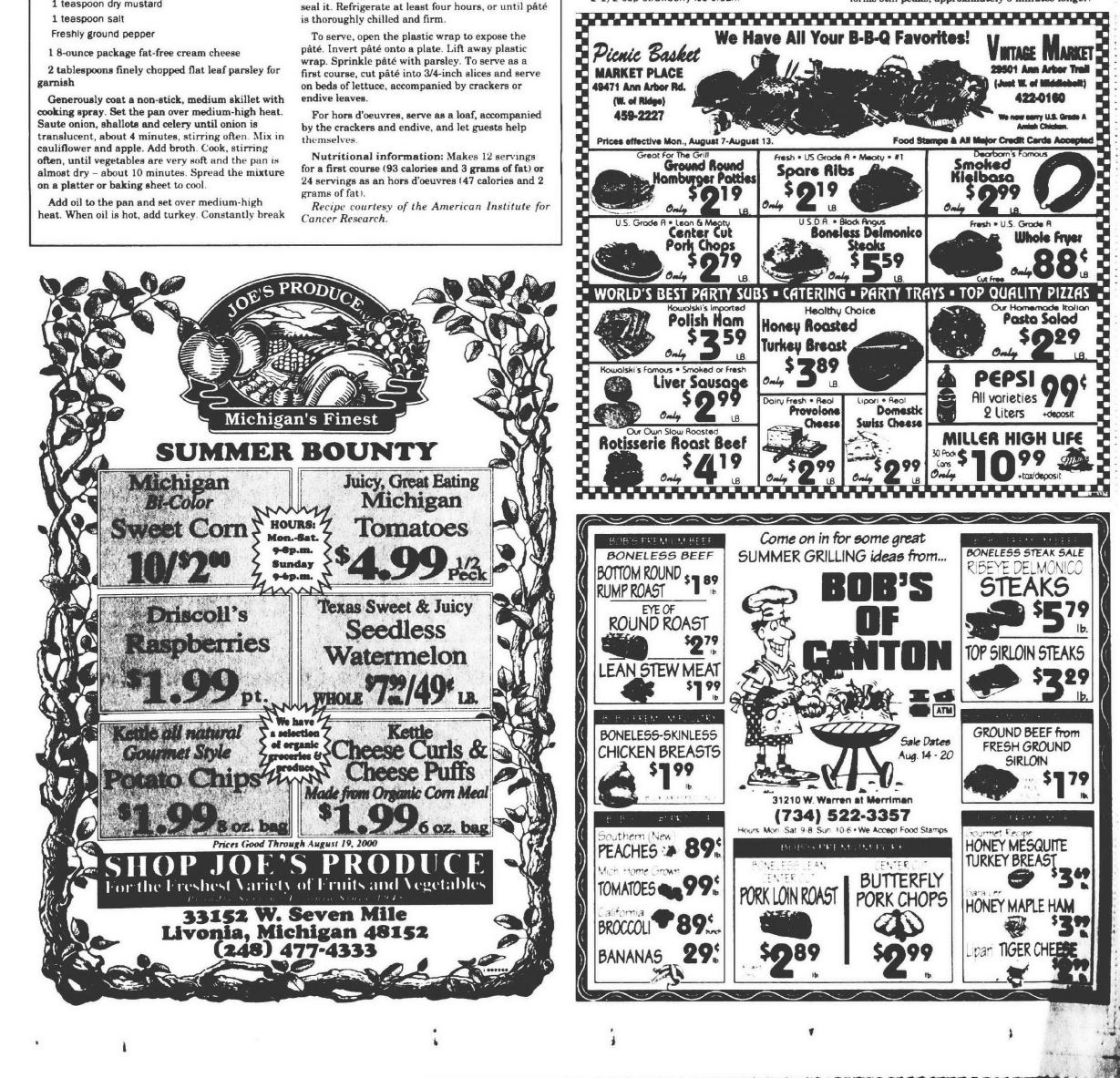
- 3 egg whites
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup

1 cup water

Place the egg whites in a mixing bowl so you will be ready to start whipping them when the sugar syrup is ready

Boil the sugar, corn syrup, and water. When the syrup reaches 230 degrees, begin whipping the egg whites on high speed. Continue boiling the syrup until it reaches 247 degrees

Remove the syrup from the heat and lower the mixer speed to medium. Pour the syrup into the egg whites in a thin, steady stream. Turn the mixer back up to high and continue to whip the meringue until it forms still peaks, approximately 5 minutes longer.



HEALTH & FITNESS

Sunday, August 13, 2000

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will sponsor a community blood drive at St. Mary Mercy Hospital 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, in the hospital auditorium. The American Red Cross encourages area residents to join hospital employees and volunteers to donate blood.

The message from the American Red Cross is urgent: Blood supplies are critically low. Please donate blood before the upcoming Labor Day holiday.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan. Please use the Five Mile entrance. To schedule a time to donate, call St. Mary Mercy Hospital at (734) 655-2907. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

Cancer support

Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute announces the fall session of its faith-based spiritual support group for Jewish cancer patients, survivors and family members. The group is sponsored in collaboration with Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz of Adat Shalom Synagogue of Farmington Hills.

The Jewish Cancer Support Group will meet every 7-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday for 10 weeks beginning Sept. 12 at Adat Shalom, 29901 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. It will explore personal spirit-building, identifying what tools are available within Judaism to provide comfort, hope and coping mechanisms.

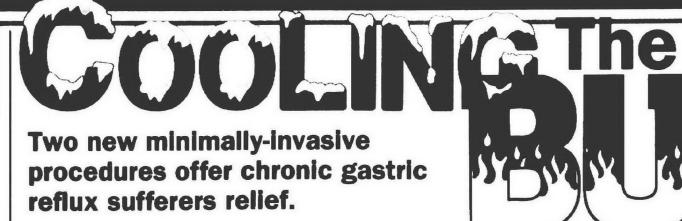
Participation is free. For more information or to register for the group, call 1-800-KARMANOS (1-800-527-6266). The registration deadline is Sept. 8.

Heartfelt answers

You've just been diagnosed with premature ventricular contractions. Your best friend's child was born with a bicuspid aortic valve. Your son's teacher assigned a report on tobacco advertising and children. Where do you turn for free answers, explanations and literature?

Call the American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA1 with questions about cardiovascular disease, stroke, nutrition, physical activity, tobacco. heart healthy recipes, drug therapy, surgery and much more. Answers also can be found on their Web site, www.americanheart.org.

The American Heart Association personally answers calls 6 a.m. to midnight EST Monday-Saturday. Spanish-speaking customer service representatives are available during daytime hours. The association also is an excellent resource for medical professionals. Additional numbers: 1-888-MY-HEART is a special toll-free number for women; 1-888-4-STROKE is a tollfree number for stroke inquiries; 1-877-AHA-4-CPR is a toll-free number for inquiries about CPR and AED courses.



BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net

our stomach and esophagus refuse to cooperate, and your last meal - a hamburger, a taco, a cup of coffee, perhaps a glass of wine - is sending a hot ball of acid back up your food pipe.

If this happens every day, you may be one of 16 million Americans who suffer from gastroesophageal acid reflux disease (GERD), in which stomach acid backs up into the esophagus. In most patients, this is due to a transient relaxation of the "gate" or sphincter that keeps the lower end of the esophagus closed when a person is not swallowing food or liquids.

The four major symptoms of GERD are:

Heartburn (uncomfortable, rising, burning sensation behind the breastbone). Regurgitation of gastric acid or sour contents into the

mouth. Difficult and/or painful swallowing.

Chest pain. unchecked, Left

severe reflux can lead to many complications, including ulcers, asthma, vocal cord inflammation and Barrette esophagus, a precursor to esophageal cancer.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL **Consulting:**

Dr. Nabil Sultani, a gastroenterologist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, welcomes the new treatment time will prove their

long-term effectiveness.

who eat junk food and smoke cigarettes," said Dr. Tamir Ben-Menachem, a gastroenterologist with the Henry Ford Health System.

Unfortunately, GERD is a life-altering disease. People who experience daily heartburn restrict their diets and often have trouble sleeping since lying prone tends to worsen symptoms. Some have difficulty when exercising.

"When we take into consideration the quality-oflife scale and compare reflux to other diseases, like hypertension, patients feel reflux is more detrimental to their quality of life. That's just the perception," said Dr. Nabil Sultani, a gastroenterologist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

the end of a endoscope. The thin flexible endoscopic tube is inserted through the mouth into the esophagus, and the tiny sewing device places stitches below the lower esophageal sphincter.

The suturing material is then tied together to tighten the valve, preventing stomach contents from flowing back into the esophagus. No incisions are involved in the outpatient procedure, which is usu ally done without general anesthesia. Most patients return to normal activities the next day.

"About 50 percent of individuals with GERD should be eligible for the new procedure," said Ben-Menachem. "This is a cost-effective treatment option that helps eliminate the burning and discomfort experienced by patients. Also, it helps reduce reflux sufferers' reliance on medication and can help eliminate the need for invasive surgical procedures."

A recent study, conducted at eight sites in the United States, including Henry Ford Hospital, showed that symptoms were reduced by an average of 73 percent for patients receiving the Bard Endoscopic Suturing treatment and that 67 percent of patients required fewer than four doses of acid reduction medicine per month. The number of patients on daily Proton Pump Inhibitors or multiple medications was reduced by 75 percent.

New U-M procedure

Doctors at U-M Hospital in Ann Arbor are using the recently FDA-approved Stretta procedure to treat chronic heartburn. The procedure uses an intense pulse of radio waves to tighten the muscle control at the point where the esophagus meets the stomach, preventing acid from traveling upward.

"As many as 7 percent of Americans have daily symptoms of heartburn, or reflux, and frequently they don't respond well to over-the-counter medications and lifestyle changes," said Dr. Timothy Nostrant, a professor of gastroenterology and leader of U-M's Stretta research and clinical program. "This procedure could work for the 60 percent of those patients who have the most severe forms of the dis-

Coping tips

Dr. Nabil Sultani, a gastroenterologist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, sympathizes with his patients who often say, "Doctor, you mean I came here to give up what makes life worth living?" He suggests, rather than pushes, treatments.

"You can't change everything in their life because the compliance level goes down.'

The American College of Gastroenterology recommends the following simple practices to decrease the amount of gastric contents that

reaches the lower esophagus: Elevate the head of the bed. The simplest method is to use a 4 by 4 to which two jar caps



Decisions: Dr. Tamir Ben-Menachem, a Henry Ford gastroenterologist, explains the Bard Endo Luminal Gastroplication procedure to a patient. Henry Ford Hospital is the only site in Michigan offering the new treatment option.

ease, which is a substantial number of people."

The Stretta procedure uses equipment made by Curon Medical, which sponsored the clinical trial led to the recent FDA approval. While a patient is under mild anesthesia, a catheter is threaded down the throat and into the esophagus, stopping just at the muscular valve that separates the esophagus from the stomach.

Inside the catheter is a narrow instrument with electrodes that emits powerful but carefully aimed radio waves, which heat the muscles of the esophagus and causes them to contract. The patient may feel a sense of fullness in the chest or a little heat during the procedure.

"It doesn't strengthen the muscles, but instead produces a little bit of scarring between the esophagus and the stomach, which makes the valve a little less easy to open up and makes it less likely that the acid will come up," said Nostrant.

Nostrant and his colleagues have performed the 45-minute Stretta procedure in about 15 patients and find that it gives partial or complete relief to nearly all. However, patients with hiatal hernias or patients who only experience heartburn occasionally are not candidates for the treatment.

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The causes of GERD are both genetic and

environmental. It tends to run in families, and while obesity may be a factor (excess weight pushes the stomach up), the connection has options but says only not been scientifically proven.

"I think it's more common in countries with sedentary lifestyles, with people

Alternative medicine

The Oakwood Healthcare Center-North Westland, 36555 Warren Road, will offer an Ayurvedic Medicine Workshop-Focus on Women's Health 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. The cost is \$50 per person.

Led by Dr. Veronica Butler and based on Ayurveda, the ancient medicine of India, the workshop will encompass wellness issues, PMS and menopause.

Participants must pre-register by calling 1-800-543-WELL.

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Treatments

Most people try over-the-counter antacids or dietary changes before they see a doctor. "Every individual has their own level of comfort. I've seen patients with severe symptoms for years and they just decided to seek help," said Sultani.

Prescription medications - Zantac and Tagamet and the stronger and more effective Prilosec, Prevacid, Aciphex and Protonix - coupled with lifestyle changes remain the doctor's first line of defense. If these fail to eliminate or alleviate symptoms, there's surgery for the most severe cases in which part of the stomach is wrapped around the lower end of the esophagus to prevent acid from getting back up into the esophagus. "The old-fashioned surgery was the gold standard for years," said Sultani.

Today, most surgery is done laproscopically; in addition, there are new, less invasive options.

Endoscopic gastroplication, a non-invasive procedure recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, is being performed at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, one of just 25 sites around the country and the only one in Michigan offering the procedure.

The Bard Endo Luminal Gastroplication device much like a mini sewing machine - is attached to have been nailed the appropriate distance apart to receive the legs or casters at the upper end of the bed. Failure to use the jar caps inevitable results in the patient being jolted from sleep as

the upper end of the bed rolls off the 4 by 4. Alternatively, you may use a foam wedge

under the mattress to elevate the head about 6-10 inches. Pillows are worthless for elevating the head.

Avoid lying down for two hours after eating. Do not eat for at least two hours before bedtime; avoid eating a large meal at least four hours before bedtime.

Avoid tight clothing. Loose weight if obesity contributes to the problem.

Avoid fatty foods, chocolate, citrus juice, tomato juice, pepper, peppermint and carbonated beverages (the fizz causes the stomach to expand).

Avoid alcohol and cigarettes.

Attempts to render the refluxed material less noxious consist of:

Antacids tend to neutralize gastric acid and increase sphincter tone. Alginic acid can add a mechanical barrier to refluxed material.

If results are not forthcoming, consult your doctor regarding diagnosis, medications and additional treatment options.

Paula Bjertness, 42, of Livonia had no symptoms of GERD other than a sore throat. She had been to an ear, nose and throat specialist who performed "all kinds of swallowing tests but couldn't find anything wrong." She was prescribed Prilosec.

"It helped, but it didn't take the pain away," she said. She began limiting her diet mostly to Popsicles.

While visiting a friend in Atlanta, Biertness discussed her symptoms with the woman's son, an internist. He told her she probably had acid reflux. When she returned home, she made an appointment with a gastroenterologist who referred her to Ben-Menachem.

A few weeks ago, Bjertness underwent endoscopic gastroplication at Henry Ford Hospital. Surgery was at 9 a.m., and she was home by 11 a.m.

"It was wonderful," she said.

For about a week, Bjertness' esophagus was swollen and food seemed to get stuck. Ben-Menachem assured her everything was normal. The swelling subsided, and Bjertness celebrated.

"I immediately had a piece of chocolate, chocolate cake. It was great. I haven't had to take any medicine," she said. "I would definitely recommend the surgery. It was simple. It was worth it."

To learn more about the Bard Endoscopic Suturing System procedure, call 1-800 Henry Ford or visit Henry Ford.com.

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Michigan helps world's disabled during wheelchair drive

This year's Wheels for the World wheelchair drive will be Aug. 15 to Sept. 15 at Shurgard locations from Detroit to Grand Rapids and as far north as Saginaw.

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Wheels for the World is an international organization that helps distribute used wheelchairs for disabled people around the

globe. Last year it collected more than 650 useable chairs during the 1999 Detroit area wheelchair drive, contributing to a large portion of the 2,440 chairs distrib-

uted worldwide. As the second

annual Wheels

for the World drive approaches, resiats throughout the

state are being called to donate wheelchairs no longer used. From Aug. 15 through Sept. 15, residents can drop off used wheelchairs, collapsible walkers, canes and crutches at designated Shurgard collection sites. In appreciation, Shurgard Storage Centers Inc. is offering consumers who drop off wheelchairs at Shurgard locations a \$25 discount off their first month's storage.

Once collected, the used wheelchairs are repaired and refurbished by prisoners and shipped oversees. The need for wheelchairs in the United States is not as great because private insurance and agencies offer assistance. Those who receive wheelchairs through the program live in countries that offer little if any insurance.

"We are thrilled to be a part of something that can improve the quality of life for so many people," said Shurgard CEO, president and founder Charles K. Barbo.

Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills also is involved in the wheelchair drive and will provide a parking lot for all trucks to collect the

loads of used chairs brought in the storage facilities throughout the state. Wheelchairs can be dropped off at the following Shurgard locations in this area:

Shurgard of Southfield, 19350 W. Eight Mile, (248) 857-1187

Shurgard of Livonia, 30300 Plymouth Road, (784) 522-7811

Shurgard of Walled Lake, 1901 W. Manle. (248) 689-4020

Shurgard of Trey, 1315 Chicago, (248) 588-0742

Shurgard of Clinton Township, 20200 Hall, (\$10) 226-0991

B Henry Teutsch, Ann Arbor, (734) 665-6214 For additional information on Wheels for the World, visit their Web site at www. jaiministries com/ outreach/ wftw. htm

Donations for repair parts and shipping can be sent to Wheels for the World in care of Dorothy Pitsch, 37283 Fox Glen, Farmington Hills 4 For more information, please call (248) 061-0817.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKER

Entrepreneur award

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Karen Wilson of Monroe, president of Romulus-based Central Distributors of Beer, Inc. recently received a Michigan's Year 2000 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur-of-the-Year award. After taking over the business 1991 when her brother retired, Wilson restructured the organization and increased sales and market share. She is eligible to participate in Ernst & Young's National Entrepreneurof-the-Year award competition, which will culminate at an awards ceremony in Palm Springs, Ca. Nov. 11, 2000.

Central Distributors of Beer distributes in Livonia and other Wayne County communities.

Bank senior VP

Comerica Bank recently promoted Ralph Heid of Plymouth to senior vice

president, International Finance, Detroit office. Heid holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan and an

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MBA from Eastern Michigan University. He joined Comerica

AAA agent honored

David Roeser of Livonia has joined AAA Michigan as a sales agent in the Livo-

nia branch, 37383 Six Mile Road in Newburgh Plaza. Roeser, a 1974 graduate Michigan State University,



years experience in the propertycasualty field. He can be reached at (734) 462-7000.

AAA honorees

Karen Zale of Westland and Ewa Gala of Livonia were

among the Top Twenty travel agents recently honored by AAA Michigan for outstanding sales achievements in 1999. They were selected from among 200 agents employed



Zala by AAA Michigan statewide.

week and up to 24 hours a day. Shortterm assistance or longer-term care is available seven days a week, including holidays. resource that provides respite care for



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Technology The wireless world works well from your palm

PC afternoon and I was in St. Petersburg, Fla., on business last week. On the walk back to my hotel after I finished my work for the day, I thought it would be nice to see a movie that night. Everyone has been talking about The Patriot. Why not, I WENDLAND thought. I sat down on a park

bench, pulled my Palm VIIx handheld from my inside pocket, and logged onto a service called Moviefone. I entered the name of the movie, the city I was in and in seconds, saw that it was playing at 8:15 p.m. that night at a theater near the Tyrone

Square Mall. But how did I get there? No problem. With the Palm VIIx, I accessed a wireless service called Mapblast! I entered the address of my hotel, the theater's address and, in less time than it takes me to write this description of the process, my Palm displayed turn-by-turn driving instructions and a map.

In the theater itself, waiting for the movie to start, before the previews rolled, I used the Palm VIIx to check my e-mail and found a message from an associate telling me the morning meeting we had planned had been rescheduled to an earlier hour. So it is with the wonderful world of

wireless

Home Instead Senior Care of Ply-

mouth recently opened its doors as a com-

munity-based small business designed to

help older individuals or couples capable

of managing their physical needs, but

who require companionship, meal prepa-

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housework, errands and shopping, and

other non-medical assistance, to stay at

Care can be arranged for a few hours a

"We represent an important support

often stressed and overworked family

caregivers," said company owner Robert

For more information, call Home

Instead Senior care at (734) 737-0420 or

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impressed. It seemed to take forever to connect, and then each e-mail or news information retrieved from the device's Web clippings had to be separately retrieved.

But when Palm introduced the new Palm VIIx, with a beefed up 8-MB of memory this week, I decided to revisit the device. Everyone is talking about wireless. Just how effective is it ... reallv?

This time, I'm impressed. The VIIx, which retails for \$449, connects much speedier. There are more Web sites formatted for live updates with the Palm, too, from news sites like USA Today, the Wall Street Journal and ABC News to stock-checking sites like Fidelity Investments to people and phone finders from Yahoo! to mapping and movie-locator services

The VIIx is the only Palm right now that is wireless right out of the box. though third-party add-ons for the popular trim Palm V models are widely available. By the end of the year, Palm says it will have wireless options available for each of its models.

Wireless convenience, however, has its cost. To access the Palm network costs \$44 a month for unlimited use, though you can get a basic plan for \$10 a month that lets you send what amounts to about a message a day. And the screen on the Palm VIIx is still black and white and difficult to read in some lighting conditions.

Still, when my evaluation time I first tried the Palm VII when it expires on this model, I may actually

t was late Tuesday came out earlier this year and was not buy one of these. The service is robust has recently lowered the upgrade price and reliable and too convenient to pass UD.

Online car sales

While today's sales figures are far from encouraging, analysts still see a bright future for online car sales. A new study out this week from Jupiter Communications says automobile retailing on the Web is about to boom.

By 2004, Jupiter predicts that approximately 8 percent of U.S. new car sales, or 1.3 million units worth \$33 billion, will be sold online, compared to just 17,000 vehicles last year. But that's just part of it.

Jupiter says the online auto research that consumers conduct on their PCs will influence an additional 22 percent of domestic new car sales in 2004, or 3.8 million vehicles worth \$95 billion. Add the two figures together and the Net will account, directly or indirectly, for 30 percent of all vehicle sales. Those estimates, matched by private studies conducted by the industry itself, is why the Internet is priority one at Detroit's carmakers these days.

Windows ME is coming

Get ready for Windows ME. Microsoft's much-anticipated upgrade to its Windows 98 operating system. The so-called Windows Millennium edition has been getting some pretty rocky reviews by the computer press. To counteract that, Microsoft is giving away 50 copies of it every day on a promotional Web site (www. winmes weeps.com) and

from \$89 to \$59. It should start showing up in stores early next month.

Napster clones

Napster opened the door. New other entertainment media are being swapped and downloaded on the Net. Movies and videotapes are being traded by a site called Scour (www. scour. com). The movie industry is suing them. And a site called Swapoo (www. swapoo. com) is now up and running letting users swap video games. Gamemakers call it piracy and are vowing suits. The Net wars continue.

On the net

First it was reality television. Now it's reality Internet. A new Web site, Inter tooob. com (www. intertoob. com), is now offering a 24-hour-a-day lineup of more than 50 shows about the weirdness in life. The first show is called Extreme Beings and features people with outlandish hobbies such as fire juggling. The shows will be interactive and viewers will periodically receive questionnaires inviting them to direct the action - changing endings and story lines.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at www. pcmike. com and hear him Monday-Friday at 6:26 p.m. on NewsRadio 950, WWJ, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Elston's American Speedy Printing center of Dearborn Heights and the Big Red Q on Plymouth Road in Redford have merged their businesses, resulting in one of the largest on-demand commercial printing companies in the area, serving more than 700 businesses and organizations.

Printing merger

The Big Red Q, owned by Susan and Walter Krapff of Farmington Hills, has been in business for 24 years.

"This new team will allow Sue and me to transition our business as we move toward retirement over the next year, while at the same time assuring our loyal customers and friends the highest level of quality products and customer service." said Walter Krapff.

The merged company will operate as Elston's American Speedy Printing Center. For more information, call (313) 561-



Gala work in the Travel Reservations Center in AAA Michigan's Administrative Offices Building, 1 Auto Club Drive, Dearborn. Pictures

Both Zale and

Senior VP

The board of directors of Grosse Pointe Farms-based

Municipal Financial Consultants Incorporated elected Dale E. Ceis of Redford Township senior vice president. He joined the company in 1986 and has a bachelor's

degree from Walsh College.

Read the

HomeTown

Life section

every

Thursday



Bureaus reports that stay-athome mothers are among those most likely to fall for work-athome scams. Scam artist know that these mothers want to be available to their children and earn extra income, so they lure them with deceptive home-based employment and business opportunity ads.

The Council of Better Business

According to Sharon Owens, home business consultant, mother and founder of The Entrepreneur's Resource Center, "There are many legitimate home-based careers. Working at home can work for you if you do your research and aren't looking for a quick buck. If you're considering a home-based business opportunity, it's important to select one that interests you

www.homeinstead.com

visit the company's Web site at 8000 or (313) 937-1170 or visit the company's Web site at www.spdyelston.com.

Merger: Elston's American Speeding Print and Big Red Q join forces and become Elston's American Speedy Printing Center.

Be weary of scams for stay-at-home careers

enough to invest your time and WARNING money.

In her book, The Best Home-Based Careers for Mothers, the first in a series of home business publications, Owens draws from her own experience as a work-athome mom as well as that of other moms. She evaluates home-based career options from telecommuting to franchises. details 75 "mom-friendly" businesses and describes the following work-at-home scams:

Typing/processing medical reports - The ad instructs you to call a 900 number for information. The automated voice is either very slow (you're paying by the minute) or very fast (requiring you to place a second call). You're told to send an SASE for information that turns out to be useless.

Responding to 809 numbers These numbers are in the Caribbean and aren't regulated like numbers in the United States so you aren't forewarned about the charges. The calls can be in excess of \$20 per minute, and representatives use various tactics to keep you on the phone.

Assembling or sewing products - To get started, you must purchase equipment and supplies from the company. The company may pay you for your first batch of assembled products, but rejects future batches for not meeting their "standard of quality." No explanation is given.

Getting paid to read books -You'll pay for information on how to secure a job reading manuscripts and movie scripts at home. The instructions you receive tell you to contact publishers and offer your services. You'll then find out that most publishers have in-house staff to

do their reading.

Envelope stuffing – The ad instructs you to send a small fee for more information. What you receive is instructions on placing the same ad in your local newspapers and magazines. The only way you make money is by misleading others.

Internet schemes - The above scams are the most common ones, but the Internet is becoming a popular vehicle for fraudulent schemes because of the potential to reach millions at minimal cost. Be wary of e-mail messages that contain information on "hot" or "groundbreaking" income opportunities.

Before getting involved in a work-at-home or home-based

business opportunity: Get all claims and promises

(including how you will be paid in writing.

Check for complaints with the Better Business Bureau, the attorney general's office in the company's hometown and the national Fraud Information Center at (800) 876-7060.

If you decide to invest in a home-based business opportunity, never send cash or checks. Pay with a credit card. You can dispute the charges if you feel vou've been taken.

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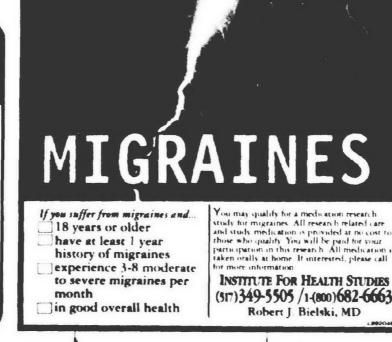
In most instances, a physician can diagnose your arthritis, sta treatment, and you can expect that over time you will improve. Such to the rhythm of events in most cases, but not every one. Despite your best efforts, you may not gain control of your pain. Why not?

First is the question of diagnosis. Your doctor may repeat earlier blood work and x Nave, as the retractes the steps that led to the identification of your condition. He must Newsure himself he is treating the right arthritis.

Second is the problem of appropriate therapy. No medical regimen brings a guarantee that it is right for you. People differ in the way that they aboot drugs, break than down, and rid the body of them. The efficacy of the medicines used to treat your efficiencies on an orderly progression of each of these steps, and that may not be than brown enter. the in your car

Third, while different arthritis conditions have leatures that allow physicians to make a dilation of the condition of the second seco wer that yours is a 'tough' case

When proper therapy for the correct condition fails, your doctor may look for a origingness. He will take best medical practice and combine it with a change in your life the the alternative, which has risks, is to turn to new treatments that are promising, but not yet proven







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Sub is an oasis near M-59, U.S.-23

Dean Piekarski, sales manager for Triangle Development, explains what makes Heritage Meadows in Hartland Township so special.

"In a nutshell, it's location, schools, the community, itself, surrounded by trees, sidewalks and streetlights for children," Piekarski said.

"It's an oasis, very quiet," added Inga Cruz, sales representative at the detached site condominium community. "You can stand in the middle of the sub and not know that you're close to M-59 or the freeway."

"You get great value here for the house we build - a lot of square footage," added Pierre Nona, Triangle vice president.

"Hartland schools are a big reason people are moving here - MEAP scores and new facilities they're building here," Piekarski added.

Heritage Meadows is on Clark just north of M-59 less than a mile east of U.S. 23.

"We're 20 minutes from Novi, 25 minutes from Farmington Hills, 25 minutes from Ann Arbor," None said. "It's a growth area. That's what brought us here - location and convenience to freewavs.'

And the housing value for price compares very favorably to nearby Oakland County, the Triangle folks maintain.

Eight floor plans are available at Heritage Meadows.

They range in price from \$184.900 for a ranch of nearly 1,500 square feet with three bedrooms and two baths to \$234,900 for a story-and-a-half of 2,400 square feet with four bedrooms and 3-1/2 baths

All homes include at base price twocar garage, basement, wood foyer, carpeting throughout, dishwasher, 150amp electrical service and ceiling fan in the great room or family room.

Upgrades include fireplace (\$2,500), air conditioning (\$2,500), skylights (\$850 apiece), glamour bath in the master suite with jet tub, separate shower, ceramic tile and a 50-gallon water heater (\$3,700) and a fancier kitchen with island and extra cabinets (\$1,000).

A second-floor laundry is available as part of a couple of two-story plans at Heritage Meadows for an additional \$500. Three-car garages can be had for an additional \$6,000 on all plans.

Vinyl siding is the primary exterior material.

We offer a home for beginners, people who are empty-nesters, families that are growing," Cruz said. "We have and kitchen nook. A half bath also is on the first floor.

All three bedrooms, the master with cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet and combination tub/ shower, a second full bath and a loft are upstairs. The laundry also is up.

Base price is \$209,900, the model as is with extras, \$238,000 excluding landscaping.

Heritage Meadows is served by a community water well system and sew-

The property tax rate is \$23.97 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$210,000 home there would pay about \$2,500 the first vear.

The association/ maintenance fee is \$30 per month. Most of the 63 lots have a price premium ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

Brian and Holly Gallaher ordered a four-bedroom Diamond for themselves and children Kaylie and Jacob.

"We're getting a lot for the money," Brian said. "No. 2 is schools. Hartland's seem to have a good reputation. We wanted to be close to highways. There's a lot of lakes out there.

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Hartland

On the north side of M-59, and just

east of U.S. 23 on Clark, in Hartland Township

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"Dean has been great to work with," Brian added. "They've been flexible with options and modifications."

The sales models / office at Heritage Meadows, (810) 632-9777, is open 1-6 p.m. weekdays, noon to 6 p.m. weekends, closed Thursdays



Diamond model: This story-and-a-half of 2,000 square feet at Heritage Meadows includes a firstfloor master, two bedrooms and a full bath upstairs. A loft or fourth bedroom option also are avail-

able. something for everybody." narrow family room with sloped ceiling HERITAGE MEADOWS

"We've been in business a long time, since 1984," Nona said. "We're a company that takes a lot of pride in customer service and building quality houses."

And visitors?

'They're impressed with the floor plans, spaciousness, no wasted space," Cruz said. "The size of the windows, the amount of windows we put in the homes. We go to the extra expense to screw down floors and drywall, as well."

Two models have been constructed.

The Diamond, a story-and-a-half of 2.003 square feet, features a two-story foyer, great room with volume ceiling, a den/ office, kitchen/ nook, half bath, laundry, and master with cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet, two sink-vanity and glamour bath package on the first floor.

Two bedrooms and a full bath are upstairs.

Base price is \$208,900. The model as is with upgrades costs \$247,000, which doesn't include landscaping or deck.

The other model, the expanded

Emerald, is a two story of 2,150 square

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Karen Skinner is with the Michigan

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31772 Verona Circle (S. of 14 Mile Road & W. off Greenfield) \$289,900

This almost 1800 square foot lovely colonial is total quality. This home has 3 bedrooms and 21/2 baths and is located in one of Beverly Hills' premier neighborhoods. The surrounding homes are nicely maintained and it is evident that there is a great deal of pride in keeping the neighborhood values at a peak. The kitchen (15 x 9) has white cabinets, newer appliances, ceramic tile backsplash and a small eating area. There are ample windows throughout the home making it bright and cheery. Cove ceilings and moldings grace almost every room. The living room (17 x 11)

has a fireplace with a wood mantel. Additionally, there is a spacious family room (24 x 9) with built-ins that overlook the patio and the perfectly manicured, fenced, yard. Upstairs, the master (13 x 13) has its own bath and is a guest bath for the there other two bedrooms (12 x 12 & 12 x 9). There is great storage in the partially finished basement and rec room possibilities. This home has Birmingham Schools and has a garage.

Please call Lanie Hardy Cosgrove (248-227-1105), Kim Jones (248-224-4678) or Madelon Ward (810-215-2424)of Hall & Hunter Realtors 248-644-3500

If the convenience of a condominium is in your future, with value, craftsmanship and location a high priority, consider Victoria Park Condominiums at M-59 and Michigan Avenue in Howell. Victoria Park Development, Inc. is offering these outstanding duplex units with standard features that include . low monthly condo association fees afforded because of extensive city services, • city streets, • street lights and sidewalks, • concrete driveways, · large 1700 sq. ft. units to accommodate kitchen eating area, • generous master suites, • central

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walk out units, • and no look alike buildings; each offers custom colors and stone work. One and two story units are avail-able with up to three bedrooms and two and a half baths.

Victoria Park is just a mile from historic downtown Howell and a multitude of good restaurants and specialty shops. Michigan Avenue is tree lined with sidewalks and Victorian street lights turning into the development. The "Park" itself contains 31 duplex buildings, that means only two units per building. The developers has preserved almost 13 acres of natural wetlands in their present state as well as wooded areas around the perimeter of the property. The streets that traverse the site will be public and wide enough to accommodate on street parking. Look for our informational billboard on 1-96 3 miles East of exit 137

OF THE WEEK

Plan provides plenty of room for families that need space

The colossal Ragsdale (407-66) has three floors, 8,164 square feet of living space, and seven bedrooms that include an enormous master suite and a large guest suite.

The phenomenal use of space makes this home ideal for a large family that needs room to spread out and enjoy life.

The Ragsdale is a large ranch home with a wrap-around covered porch in the front, a large deck in back. Numerous windows grace the walls of this home providing extra light for the many rooms.

Inside the entry of the Ragsdale is the study to the right and a guest room with a full bath to the left. Adjacent to this area is the utility room and a door to the garage.

The entire rear area of the main floor is dedicated to a large family room and a large reading area. There is a fireplace in one corner and an entertainment center in the front corner.

The kitchen is centrally located

GRAND OPENING

and has a circular shape. The cook top island is surrounded with counters and an eating bar, with a corner pantry. To the right are the breakfast nook and the formal dining area.

In the hall adjacent to the kitchen is a unique stairway to the second floor. On this level are the two larger bedrooms and a huge master suite, along with a recreation room. Each of the two enormous bedrooms has built-in drawers dividing two long wall closets.

French doors provide an elegant opening for the master suite. The main suite area has its own gas fireplace, private bath with hisand-her sinks, oversized shower, spa tub and a huge open walk-in closet with a bench to sit and change shoes.

In the open hall between the three bedrooms are a storage closet, a full bath with twin sinks and a unique stairway to the attic floor and the recreation room, which extends out over the garage and has a half bath for convenience.

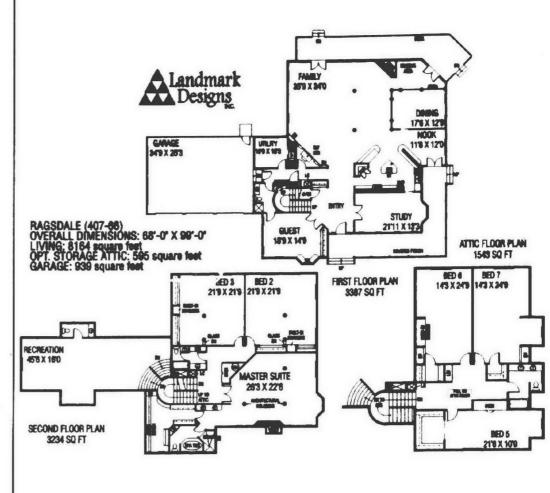
The attic floor has three more large bedrooms and a full bath. Each bedroom has its own walk-in closet of varying sizes and shelves or a desk or a built-in dresser.

There are pull down stairs that go up to the final level of this magnificent home.

The Ragsdale is so enormous and has so much extra space living would be sumptuous and packed with amenities. There would be an oversized room for every member of the family to enjoy their time alone.

For a study kit of the Ragsdale (407-66), send \$24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road East, Cottage Grove, OR 97424 (specify plan name and number of kit).

For a collection of plan books, send \$20. or save by ordering the kit and collection together for \$34.95. For faster processing, call (800) 562-1151, or visit us on the web at www.landmarkdesigns.com



Medicine cabinets improve

(NAPS) - A nice reflection on bathrooms is how far medicine cabinets have come in the way of innovative lighting features and designs.

for a handful of essentials they've evolved into beautifully crafted, halogen lit cabinets for use in the bathroom or dressing area. Halogen bulbs are often From a simple mirrored box preferred for their higher effi-

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Theres No Place Like a Robertson Brothers that

ciency, longer life and excellent color.

One elegantly crafted unit from Robern, a manufacturer of fine mirrored cabinetry and lighting fixtures, features a 3-light halogen system set into a two-door inset center cabinet. The halogen lights focus downward, gracefully illuminating the cabinet for task lighting.

The cabinet doors are mirrored both inside and out for convenient viewing and feature high polish adjustable glass shelving. A swing-out magnifying make-up mirror is included with every cabinet.

Many of the best cabinets feature practical options like Robern's mirror defogger, interior electric outlets, and extra deep cabinets for storage of oversized items and appliances

Four inches is the standard depth of a cabinet, but a 6- or 8-inch-deep unit offers up to 100 percent more capacity and the ability to store small towels and toilet tissue in the cabinet.

An informative and colorful booklet on bathroom cabinetry and lighting fixtures is available free by writing to: Robern, Dept. NAPS, 7 Wood Avenue, Bristol, PA 19007.

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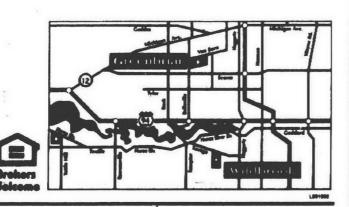
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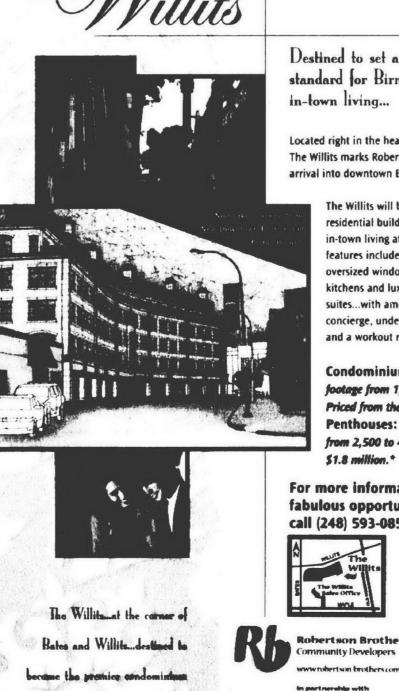
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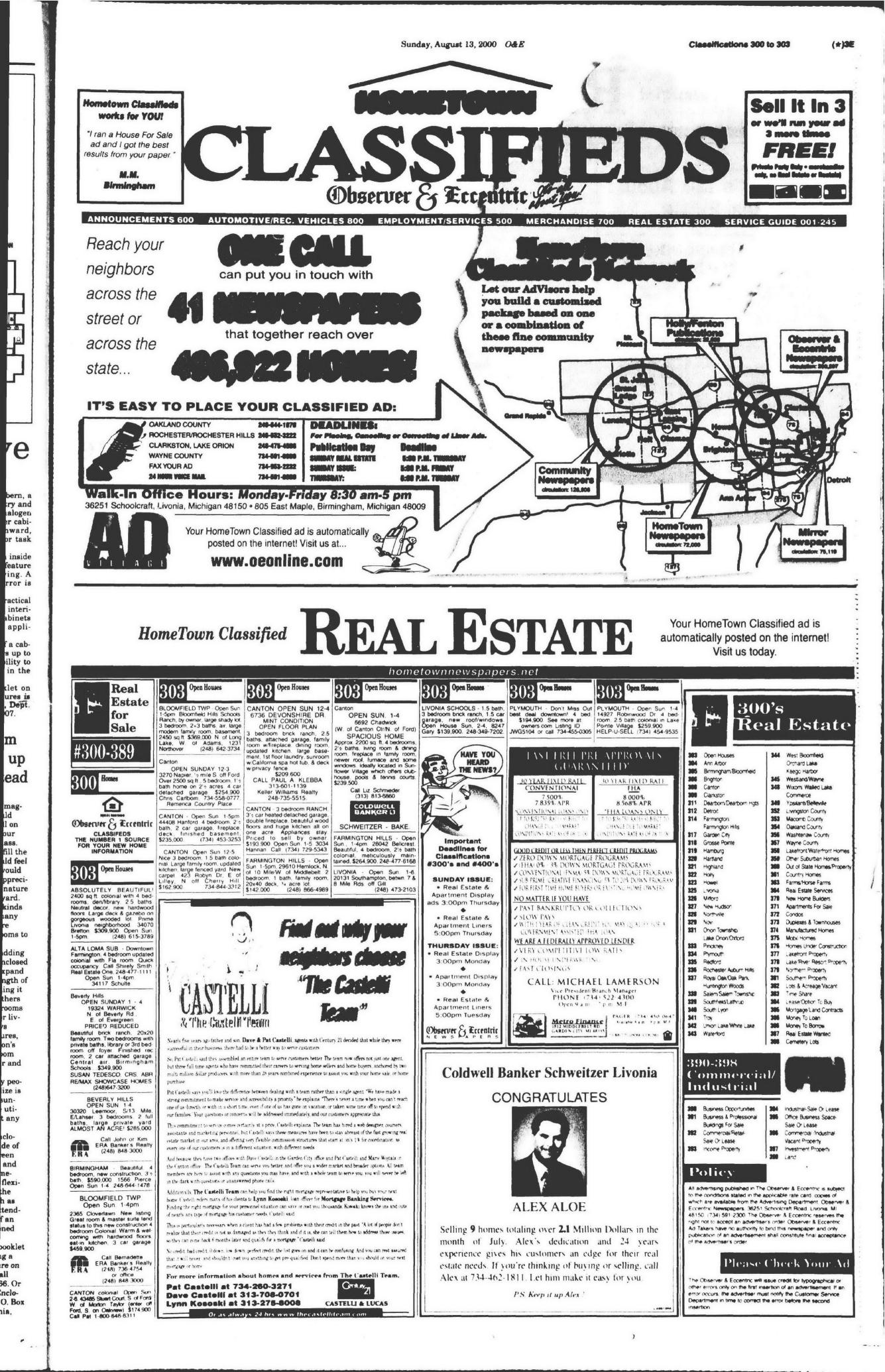
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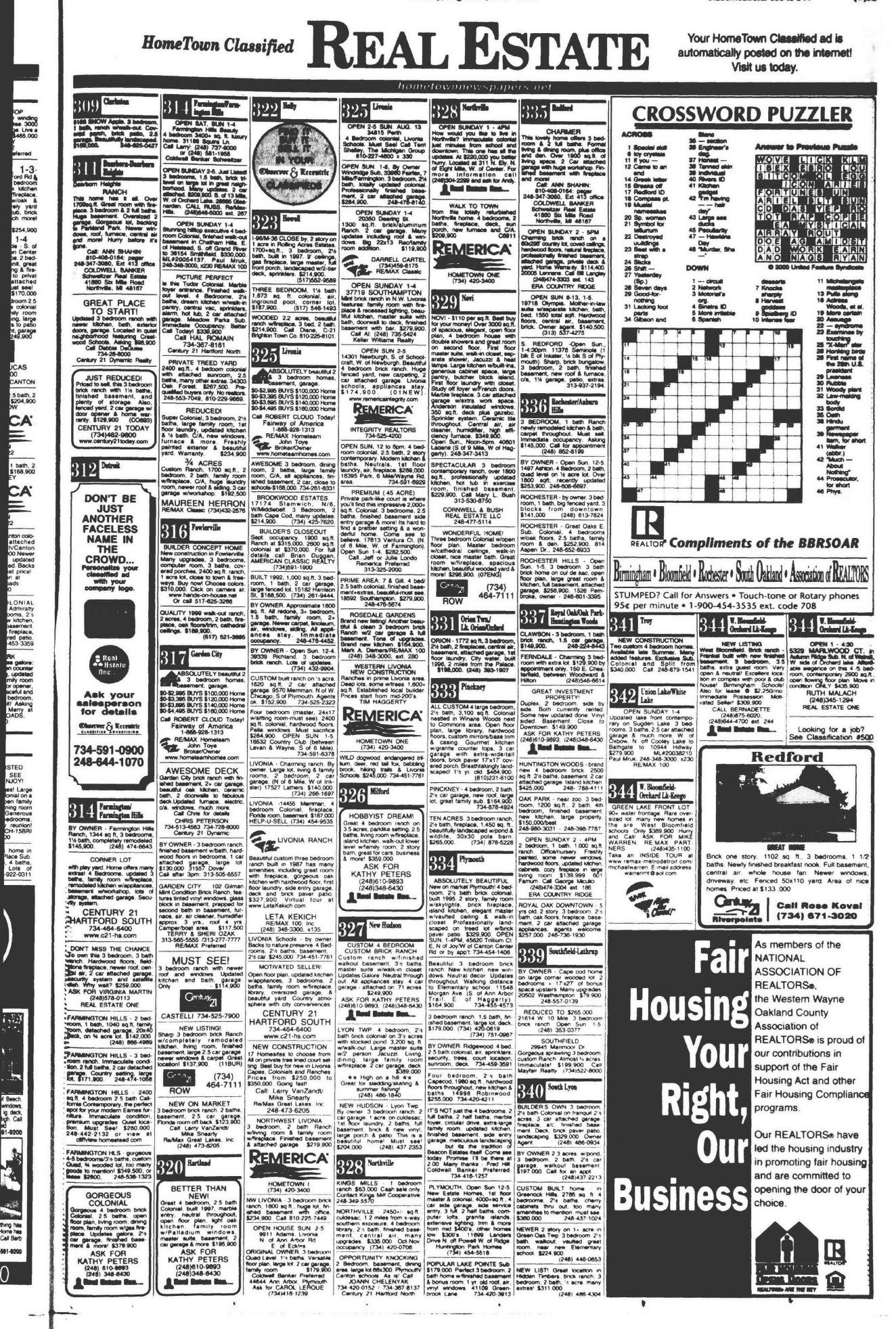
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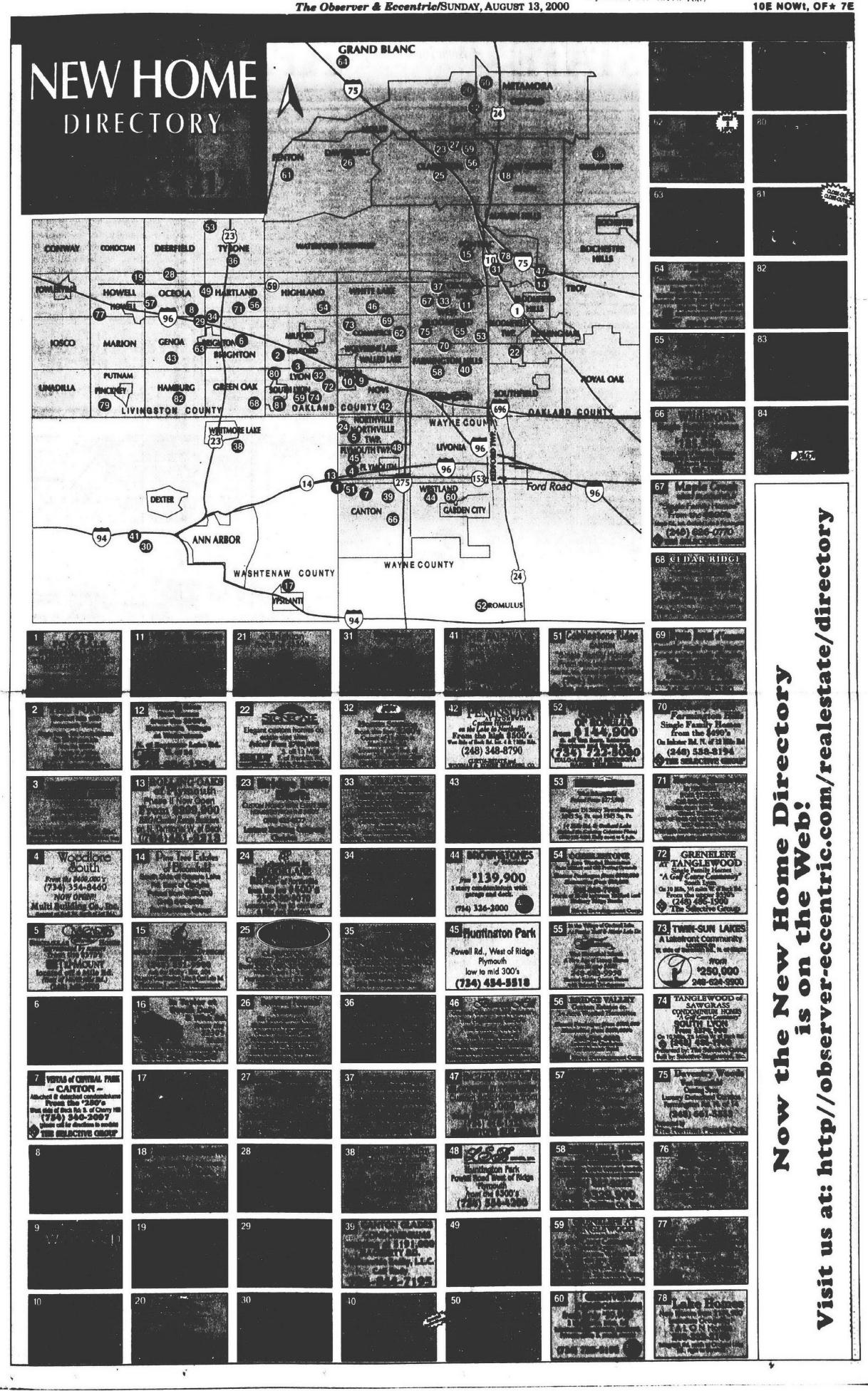
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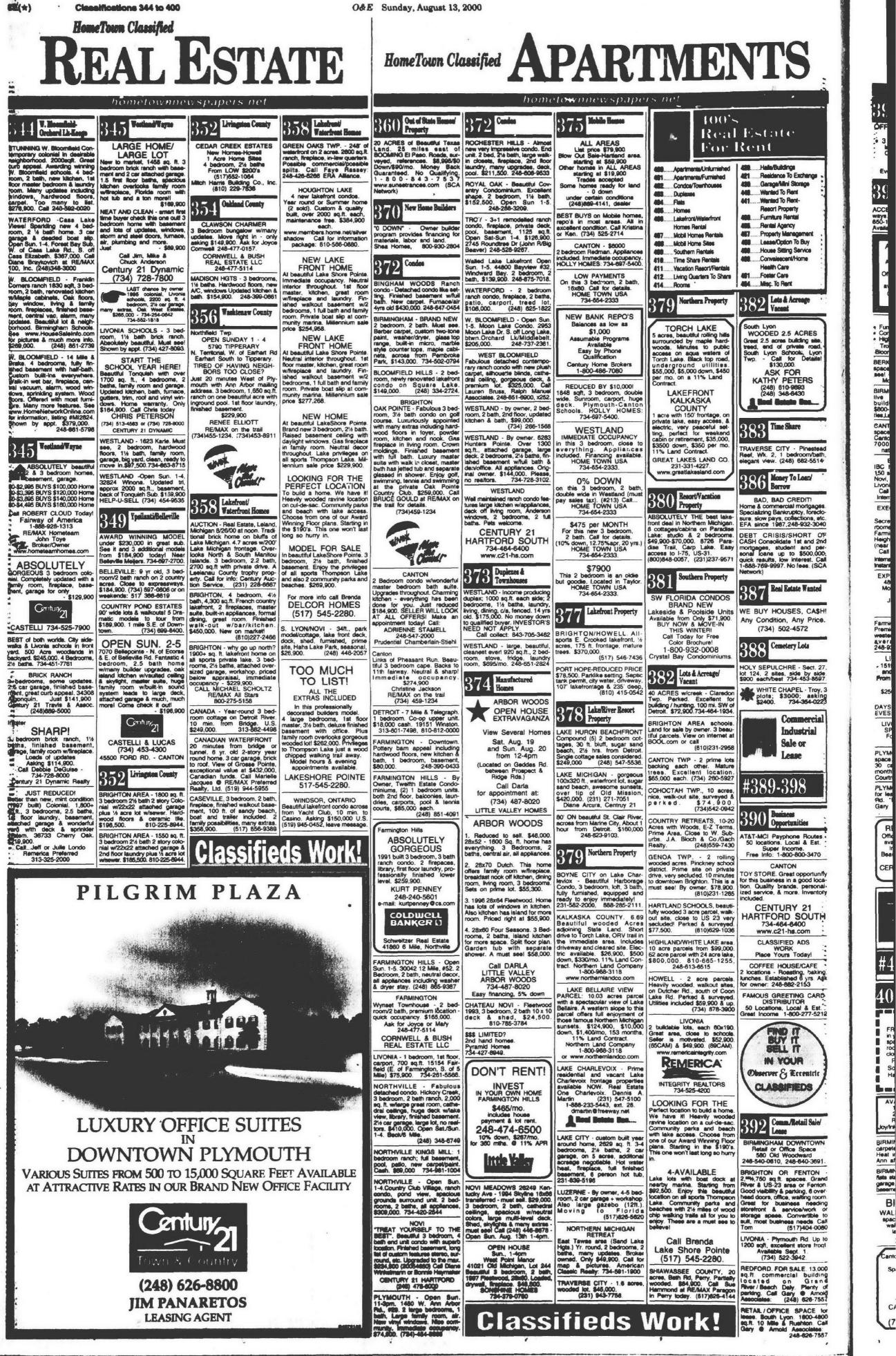
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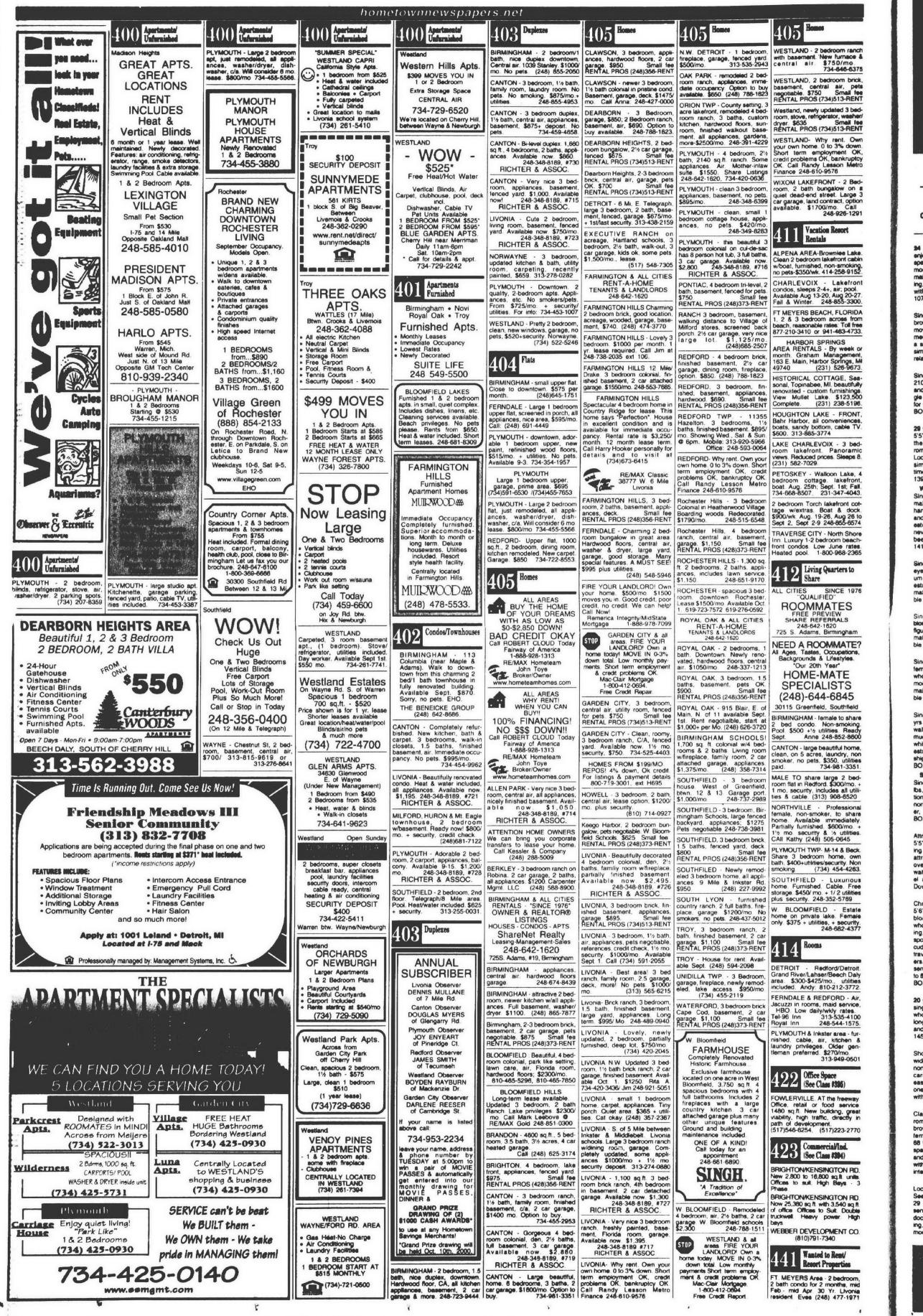
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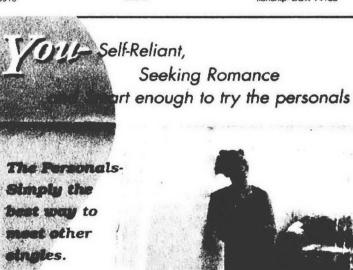
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Single Christian male, 43, enjoys sports, fishing, camp-ing, cooking, the outdoors and more. Looking for a single Christian female, for triendopen, friends first, no games Let's talk. BOX 36006 ALONE BUT NOT LONELY And happy with myself, white female, 53, looks 43, 5'10", ship and companion. BOX 150 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker, blonde, ex-model

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for possible long term relation-ship, friends first. BOX 38008 Single male, 6'1", 190 lbs, black hair and blue eyes, ROMANTIC AT HEART 47 yr old, black Christian pro-fessional female, 145 lbs, 5'6', seeks a single female, 18 to 30, for dating leading to a casual relationship. BOX physically fit. Enjoys outdoor activities, dining in and out, movies, romantic evenings, singing and travelling. 13962

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Seeking a secure gentlemen, 40 to 55, non-smoker, sense 24 yr old, single white male, 5'7". 153 lbs, brown hair and of humor. Enjoys the finer things in life for friendship and eyes, non-smoker or drinker. employed, enjoys golf, volley ball, bike riding and working possibly more. BOX 36062 out. Looking for a single white PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR male, 29 to 36, 5' to 5'9" 54 yr old, curvy, giving, loving and lots of fun. Loves movies, family oriented and Catholic. BOX 13978 plays, concerts, opera, ballet,

ALL IN GOOD TIME

boating, swimming, traveling Single white male, 41, 5'8". and life itself. Looking for a 175 lbs. blonde hair, blue successful, eves, fit, positive and happy, Caucasian gentleman. 48 to enjoys travel, fishing, camping 75, who is positive and loves and more. Seeking a single life as much as I do. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today BOX white female, 40 to 50, for friendship and possible relationship BOX 14188

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Single white main, 577, 160 lbs, blue eyes, gray hair, seeking a single white female, 35 to 55, under 5'7", who enjoys long walks and more, for friendehip and poseible relationship. BOX 20888 CAN'T WAIT

43 yr old, divorced white male, 6'1", 210 lbs, with blonds hair, blue eyes, active, honest and affectionate, who enjoys biking, working out, the outdoors and much more. Seeking single white female, slim to medium build, open minded, with a good sense of humor, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 20944

LOST IN LOVE Single white male, enjoys the outdoors, cooking, movies, long walks and more. Seeking a single white female, for friendship and possible long term relationship. BOX 21102

LOOKING FOR LOVE Single Christian male, 5'9" 155 lbs, enjoys hunting, fishing, cooking, swimming and more. Looking for a single Christian female, for a one or one relationship. BOX 21103 MELODY OF LOVE

27 yr old, single male, 5'11", 230 lbs, brown hair and haze iyes, smoker, likes sports, the outdoors, quiet times home long walks and more. Looking for a single white female, 21 to 29, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 22146

NO GAMES PLEASE Good looking, well built. wid-owed male, 50, seeks a well dressed, secure, non-smok ing temale, 45 to 55, who res, dancing, romantic can delight dinners, movies and more. BOX 22154

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CEDAR POINT FUN Single white male, 34, brown/blue, attractive, fit, seeks attractive fit single white female, 25 to 35, for a date at my company picnic at Cedar Point. BOX 36110

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50 yr. old woman, children 18-30 MOM WANTED okay, good conversationalist and who is able to enjoy life Single white male, 36, 5'9". 160 lbs. jeans and t shirt guy. as it is given to us. BOX Troy homeowner. Seeks a 33417 non-smoking white mom, 18 to 30, for doing family things: If you are. 48 to 58, slim, white Caesarland, birthdays Christmas, Little League and attractive, call me. If you are looking for a non violent School Plays, Mother's Day. loving, happy go lucky, non-drinking guy, call me. I'm 5'9". beaches, rollerblading, I'll be there and make it fun to be a 175 lbs. attractive, widowed

parent BOX 36114 and lonesome, looking for a DESIRES OF THE HEART life time relationship. I'l answer your call. Down River 39 yr old, divorced white male no games. BOX 33419 168 lbs, college educated. who enjoys the outdoors, travel, boating, and much more. Seeking single white female. Divorced white male, 5'11" financially secure, profession with similar interests, who enjoys life BOX 22307

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29 yr old single shy male

seeking female 20 to 30 who

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Needs stitching and tender loving care 61" blue eyes early 40's looks 37 likes

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walks, traveling, and quiet times BOX 33406 GIVE ME A CHANCE 33. 6'1'. 280 lbs., nice guy looking for a single lemale, 24 to 39, who enjoys doing a lot

ship, good times, possibly more BOX 22312 of fun stuff, for friendship and ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT long term relationship What Divorced white male 48 counts is not on the outside 5'11", large build, non-smoker, What is on the inside is the ker enjoys walks in best BOX 36036 the park shopping cooking SURF AND TURF biking, movies, and quiet romantic times. Seeks white Single white male, 36, 5'6' stocky, hardworking, fun lov lemale. 49 to 57 honest car ing, smoker. Likes boating ing with similar interests or fishing. concerts. sporting willing to teach something events, dining, movies, moed-in nights and romantic walks new and is looking for a relaionship. Non-smoker a plus Seeking a temale, race open ith similar interests. 26 to 45 WARNING: MAY CAUSE. for friendship and more. BOX Happiness Answer this ad. 33412

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Divorced professional blonde, 52, 510° likes adventure, the outdoors, travel, art dining out and more Looking for a tall, sincere, good loo educated male BOX

gle male. 40 to 55, who enjoys movies, dining, and having fun, for a possible long term relationship BOX 33656

SEEKS MR. WONDERFUL 9", divorced white female 47. full figured lady, who likes country music, movies, long walks and hugs and kisses Looking for a tall gentleman, 45 to 60, who knows how to treat a lady Non-smoker social drinker with similar interests BOX 33428

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LOOKING FOR YOU divorced white female. 48 Single female, 5'4", blonde hair, green eyes, likes camp-5'2" sense of humor open with feelings and understanding barbecues, walks in the park, movies and theater ing Enjoys movies, dining Seeking a single male, 35 to out, art fairs, and much more 59. for a friendship, possible

relationship BOX 22197

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going, intelligent, pretty, single white female, for companion ship and long term relation ship. BOX 36092

HOPE TO HEAR FROM U 50 yr old, white professional male, 5'11", 198 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, college edu-cated, no dependents, good listener, nice smile and good BOX 33404 conversationalist Emoys the outdoors, weekend getaways you won't be sorry' Attractive. movies and more Looking to financially secure profession a professional temale. 40 to

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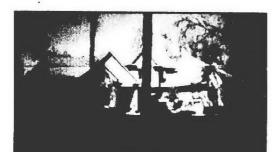
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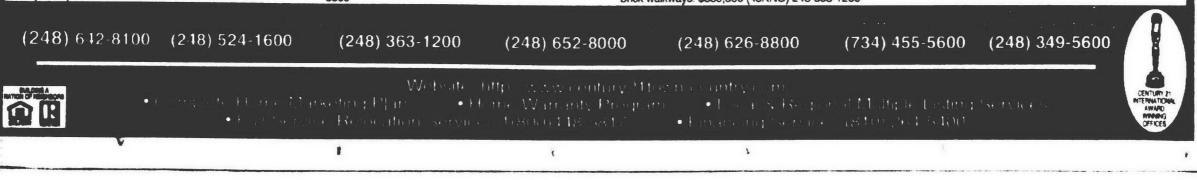
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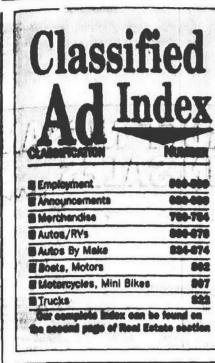
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the 3.2 CL is Acura's cool, new entry into the mid-size, luxury coupe class. Reports show the

luxury coupe market will grow over 150 percent in the next few years, and Acura, hoping to compete with coupes from BMW and Mercedes-Benz, has redesigned the CL to attract these selective, upscale, coupe buyers.

The CL is targeted at career couples in their 30s and the active, over-50 crowd, whose kids have already left home. Of course, the CL is the logical next step, when loyal Honda owners are ready to move up to a more expensive auto purchase.

The 3.2 CL is a hot number, and the Type S version adds some extra spice in the performance department. The exterior lines are sharp, clear, and well defined. The Asian genealogy is quite apparent

in the front end. The overall styling is very good looking.

Sprinkle a bagful of Saffron, for taste and distinctive color, into the makings of the new Acura CL Type-S, and you've got a dish as appealing and intriguingly exotic as any curry-colored meal company founder, Soichiro Honda, might have savored in his childhood home in Japan.

The saffron color is totally wild. I first saw this color a few years back, when Volvo introduced it with the C70. At that time, the color was, perhaps, a little too progressive for the 1990s market, and it certainly didn't make it into Crayola's top 10. In the new millennium, the positive feedback on this color was non-stop.

Although still very advanced, people really seemed drawn by it now, and asked a lot of questions. As for me, I wasn't to keen on the shade at first, but being fashionably fickle, I ended up liking

it, too. The interior of my CL was absolute charcoal. It had a flat slate appearance that worked well with the vibrant exterior. The only color break came from the dark, wood-tons trim, that actually resembled brown pearl granite, rather than any wood I've seen

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Without a doubt, the look is original. All controls were conveniently located and easy to use, except for the heated-seat switch that was hidden away under the stereo.

The leather steering wheel, along with the leather seats, comfortably wrap you into the slateness of the cabin. With the power-operated, multiadjustable seats, I was able to find an ergonomically correct position and enjoy a pleasurable ride. There are lots of useful storage compartments throughout,

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but the glove box was tiny.

The spacious interior provides ample room for four adults, and is a comfortable place to spend a long trip.

The Type S delivered an exciting, high-perforance drive, when given the opportunity. With 50 horsepower and 232 pound feet of torque, is six-cylinder coupe boasts the most power in class. The Formula 1-inspired, Sequential ortShift, five-speed, automatic transmission ows the driver to select gear changes manuy or operates as a full automatic. Besides adding interest to the driving, this ransmission provides greater fuel efficiency, which the EPA rates at 18-mpg city and 28 mpg

highway. My week with the 3.2 CL was, unfortunately, pent on the freeways in heavy traffic. I had a few chances to make some quick-punch passes, and found the midrange torque strong, and the topnd power vivid. Four-wheel, disc brakes with ABS and P215/50VR-17 Michelins provide gener-

dus stopping power and great cornering ability.

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There is a wonderfully secure feeling to the handling, and the Type S offers a truly great driving experience. I was quite excited by it.

Acura uses a very clever sales strategy for the 3.2 CL. Almost every option a driver could possibly want is included as standard equipment. The automatic transmission, an Acura/Bose steree/cassette with a six-disc CD changer, power moonroof, heated, power seats, Xenon headlights and leather are all on board.

The one exception is the in-dash navigation system, which is really easy to use and an excellent navigator. Pricing is aggressive at \$30,330 base. All CLs are covered by a fouryear/50,000-mile bumper-to-bumper, limited warranty. Another extra for owners is Acura's "TLC," which provides 24-hour roadside assistance.

With the heightened interest that seems to buzz around this car, it will be fascinating to watch how 2001 CL sales take off. My guess is that the competition will need to stay up on their wheels.

Helpful tips to beat the summer's heat

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Hartney, vice president of communications and training at AutoZone. "Extreme heat can cause expansive damage to your vehicle unless steps are taken to prevent it." With that in mind, AutoZone offers these four simple steps to prevent damage from summer heat. If Use a sumshade. Eves a simple cardboard sum-shade for your windshield can lower the tempera-ture inside your windshield can lower the tempera-ture inside your windshield can lower the tempera-ture inside your car by nearly 50 degrees, and stud-ies show that half of all cars on the read have su damage that could have been prevented by one. A sun-damaged dash can impact your vehicle's resale value by as much as \$2,000, while most sunshades cost less than \$5. Apply dashboard protectant. A spray-on solu-

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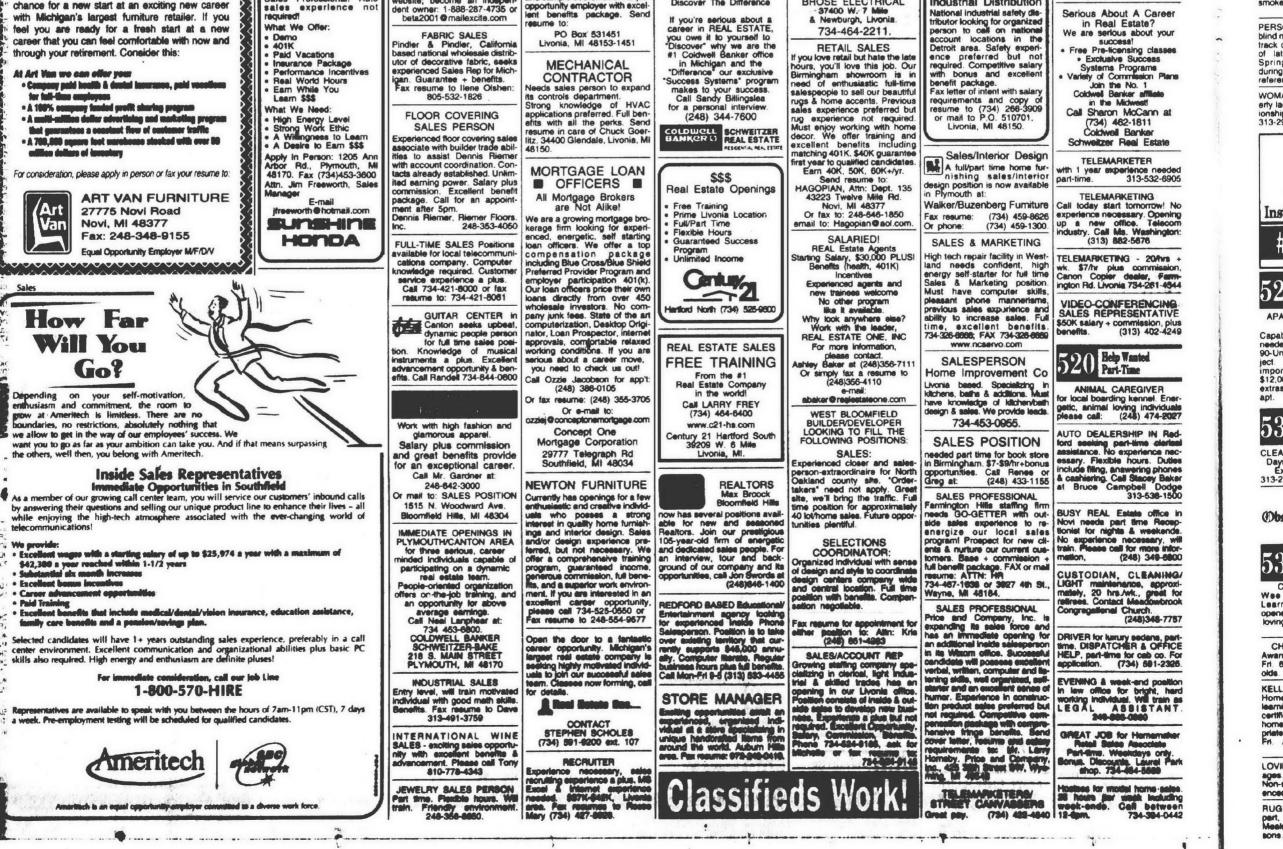
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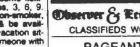
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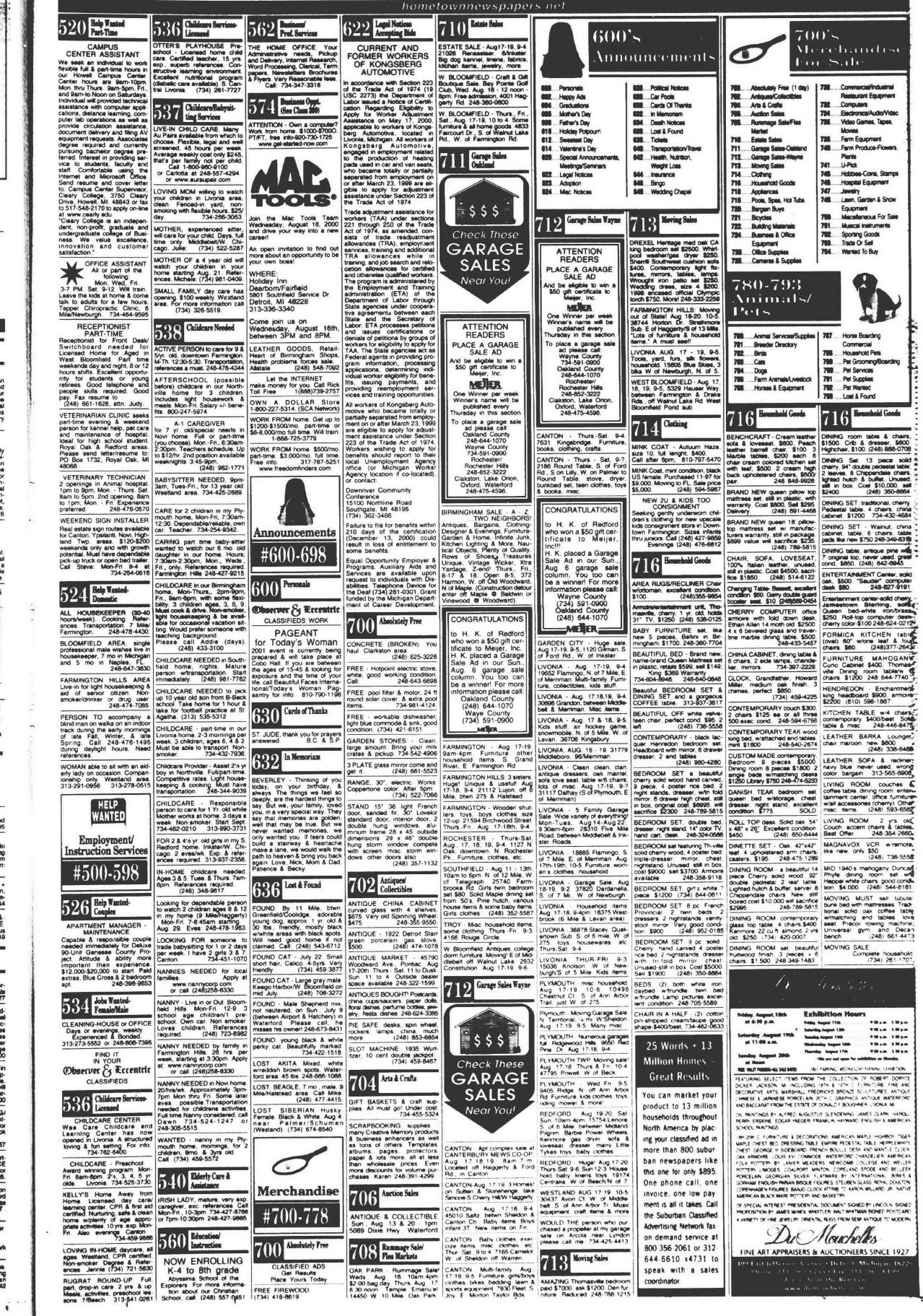
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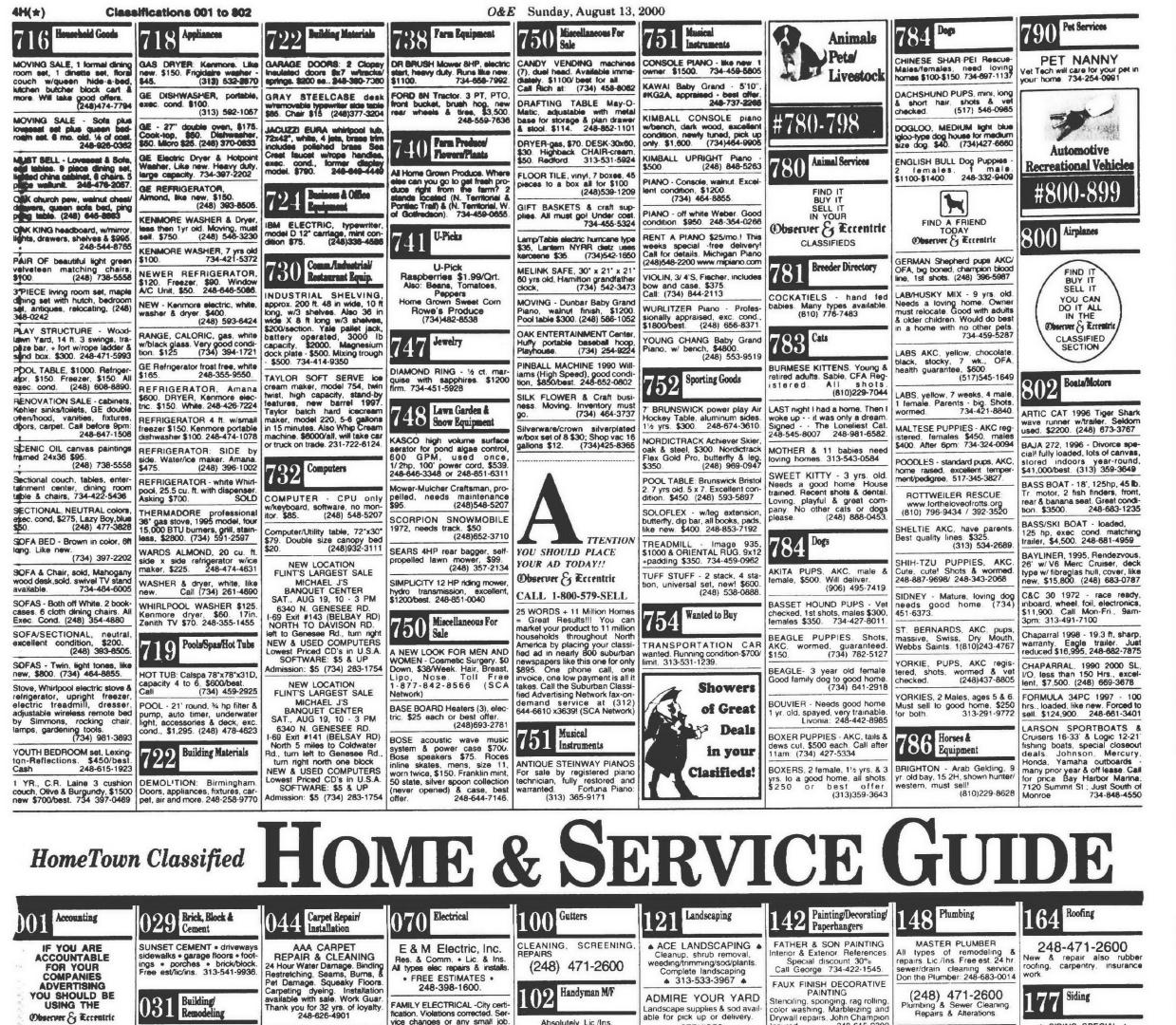
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