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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Free Movie Days: "Little Rascals" will be showing for free 1 p.m. at the Penn Theater. Sponsored by the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation. Children must be accompanied by proper supervision.

TUESDAY

School meeting: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClelland Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey.

WEDNESDAY

Music in the Park: The Gratitude Steel band will perform for children in Kellogg Park at noon. Sponsored by the Plymouth Arts Council thanks to Sealant Equipment & Engineering of Plymouth.

THURSDAY

Children's Summer: Ben Spitzer, juggler and magician, will be featured at 1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Shows run 40-45 minutes. Kids \$3, adults \$4 and city residents receive \$1 discount. For more information on advanced tickets call the Plymouth Recreation Office at 455-6620.

FRIDAY

Sidewalk sales: The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Downtown Merchants will hold its annual Plymouth Sidewalk Sales 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday.

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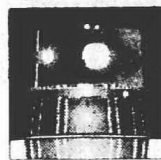
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Storm zaps 911 tower

■ Lightning struck the tower on the Plymouth Township Police station during a late Friday afternoon storm.

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Plymouth Township Police used portable radios and cell phones late Friday after lightning hit the tower on the police station.

A heavy thunderstorm blew into the area about 4 p.m. "It struck about 4:30 p.m.," said Police Chief Larry Carey about 5:30 p.m. as he hurried into the station. "We transferred E-911 calls to the city. Actually, we can operate like this for quite some time. The radio repair guy is on the way."

At fire headquarters (is also located in the same complex) Chuck VanVleck, an administrative assistant, said the fire department was still able to transmit. "So, we aren't really out of the

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Schools to probe facility names

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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Trustees at Tuesday's meeting will examine a written policy that outlines the procedure for naming and re-naming district facilities.

The subject came to light after the district decided to name what is currently known as Phase III at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park after Sandra Segear, a former Plymouth High School student who suffered from polio.

The school board painstakingly took weeks in naming Discovery Middle

Please see NAMES, A4

25 years is Golden at Fox Hills

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The matriarch of Fox Hills Country Club & Banquet Center doesn't play golf. She never has.

"I tried to, but I never did very well," admitted Estelle Dul, Fox Hills' owner for the past 25 years.

The Livonia resident will be 87 years old in September, although her age hasn't slowed her down from working four days a week at the 45-hole golf course on North Territorial, west of Gotfredson in Salem Township. The course includes the 18-hole championship Golden Fox, designed by Arthur Hills, which has attracted such names as Nancy Lopez and Meg Mallon to several pro-am tournaments.

A groundbreaking for an additional 18-hole "strategic course" for beginning golfers is expected next spring. That would make 63 holes in all - also making Fox Hills the largest golf development south of Clare.

It was Estelle's late husband, Al, who was the golf enthusiast. Al was a successful builder, who constructed homes and a handful of commercial properties, including the Livonia (Middlebelt) and Inkster U.S. post offices.

Both Al and Estelle were in their 50s when Al came home one day and said he was going to buy a golf course. As Estelle tells the story, Al was being ribbed by several of his golf buddies because they couldn't get a tee time one afternoon. "The guys told him, 'Gee, Al, you have the money, why don't you just buy one.'"

So he did. The Duls first bought Shady Hollow Golf Course in Romulus during the 1960s and later, in 1974, bought the then run-down 18-hole Fox Hills. The golf course first opened in 1921 as the Plymouth Country Club and later became known as the Fox Hills Country Club. It changed hands several times before it fell to neglect. That's when the Duls took owner-

Please see FOX HILLS, A4



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BURCKHARDT

Sisters Sandy Mily, left, and Kathy Aznavorian flank their mother Estelle Dul as they pose next to a wood sculpture of a Fox and her two cubs at Fox Hills' Golden Fox golf course Thursday. The three Duls own the 45-hole golf course.

New 18 holes at Fox Hills up to par

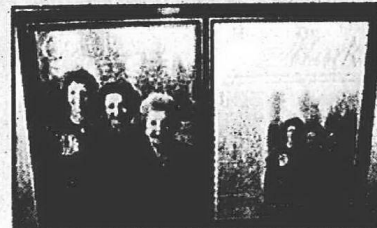
BY VALERIE OLANDER
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The new 18-hole "strategic course" planned for Fox Hills won't be anything to snub your nose at, according to Raymond Hearn of Raymond Hearn Golf Designs in Plymouth.

Besides, from the double greens and the waterfalls that drop 15-feet in elevation on holes 9 and 18, the new course will offer a challenge for the beginning golfer as well as the handicapper wanting to hone his or her iron skills, he said.

A "strategic course" may be better known as an "executive course" or "Par 3."

"This is a byproduct of the Tiger Woods influence and the number of juniors entering the game," said Hearn,



In the news: A framed cover story from Golf Business magazine featuring the Fox Hills golf club owners.

remembering the days when "touring pros would never be caught dead at Par 3s."

Golf Pro Tom Fasio popularized the Par 3 at the Master's Tournament in Augusta, Ga., and an upcoming \$1 million shootout at Tree Tops in Gaylord will feature Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer on a Par 3.

"I guarantee you'll use every club in your bag with the varying lengths, wind direction and terrain (at the new Fox Hills course)," Hearn said.

The new 18 holes has yet to be named, although "Wild Fox" has been one option, said Liz Cascaden, a public relations representative at Fox Hills.

A ground-breaking is planned for next spring with a July 2001 opening. The course will be located on the 50 acres fronting North Territorial on the east side of the golf course's driveway.

Commission hopefuls delve into issues

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Most of the candidates running for Plymouth city commissioners appeared on the same page at Thursday's "Meet the Candidates" night: the fiscal welfare of the city should be first on the minds of city commissioners; the current game of politics which is causing infighting among commission members needs to stop.

Nine of the 10 candidates running for

the Plymouth city commission faced about 50 onlookers, including four current city commissioners. They expressed their views and ideas at a forum at the Plymouth District Library, sponsored by the Plymouth Republicans Club.

Candidates answered questions dealing with the city's downtown priorities, the downtown parking situation, thoughts on what should replace Central Middle School someday on prime downtown property, qualifications of a

new police chief, and whether or not the city and Plymouth Township should merge.

Six of the nine candidates said they wanted Plymouth to remain separate from Plymouth Township, with Bill Graham, Sally Repeck and Jerry Vorva saying they would be willing to look at a merger if it made sense financially.

"I'm not exactly for it, but would take a look at the advantages of finances and delivery of city services," said Graham, 56, a vice-president of Peoples

State Bank. "I have some real concerns about the fiscal issues the city faces."

"I would look at the financial issues. We need to keep an open mind," said Repeck, 43 a consultant for non-profit organizations. "Plymouth's downtown also serves as the downtown of the township. I'm a proponent of downtown development."

The candidates were able to discuss their platforms in opening statements.

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Police cook up neighborhood get-togethers

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Four areas in Plymouth Township will be sites for neighborhood barbecues during "America's National Night Out" from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3.

The event is expected to bring neighborhoods together to fight crime and drugs in Plymouth Township and in the country.

Allen Elementary School, 11100 Haggerty, Farrand Elementary School, 41400 Greenbriar, Plymouth Hills

Park, a mobile home park at M-14 and Ridge, and Westbriar Subdivision, Whittlesey Lake Drive and Barrington, are the event locations.

"Residents in neighborhoods throughout Plymouth Township and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police," said Officer Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township community resource officer. "Many neighbor-

hoods throughout Plymouth Township will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, visits from police, and youth activities."

Senkbeil, who is the coordinator, anticipates local businesses will provide hot dogs, snacks and beverages.

"What we're looking for at this time are citizen volunteers to help organize activities at the neighborhood sites," Senkbeil said. "We really need community involvement to make this event a

success."

The third annual event brought honor to Plymouth Township in the past.

"In 1997 and 1998, Plymouth Township was selected as a National Award winner by the National Association of Town Watch, which sponsors National Night Out," Senkbeil said. "The Crime Prevention Association of Michigan presented two awards to Plymouth Township Police for their National Night Out Program in 1998."

To volunteer or for more information, call Senkbeil at (734)354-3243.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Speakeasy

Kosovo refugees find peace in learning English

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Jasmina Cocalic, 27, is still learning English, but her face lights up when a translator asks if she likes being in the U.S. In Kosovo, there weren't such basics as food and clothing.

She was among participants in a recent English as a second language class at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. Classes, which meet twice a week, started last month.

"These people are going to need that before the kids can go to school, before the adults can get work," said Janet Newcomer of Farmington, chairwoman of the Kosovar Refugee Resettlement Effort at the church.

The Kosovars are being sponsored by one family, Raso and Jasmine Zverotic of Westland, originally from Albania but now living in the U.S. They sponsored their parents and siblings. "So they each have brothers and sisters here as well," said Newcomer. Family members of the siblings, including an infant, have arrived in Westland as well. A young woman expects a baby in September.

Teaching English isn't the only area where the church is helping in its six-month commitment. Leases have been signed for two apartments and a house; church members worked with companies to furnish the homes. Appeals within the congregation and outside have helped.

"There is really nothing for them to go home to," said Newcomer, who hopes to encourage the men to participate in the English classes. She and others don't know if the Kosovars will

want to stay in the U.S. "They want to be in their own homes. They're refugees."

Leaving home

The Kosovars were told to leave in the middle of the night, given just 15 minutes to gather belongings. "Luckily, the whole family was able to escape," she said. They spoke no English, but sign language has helped in communicating.

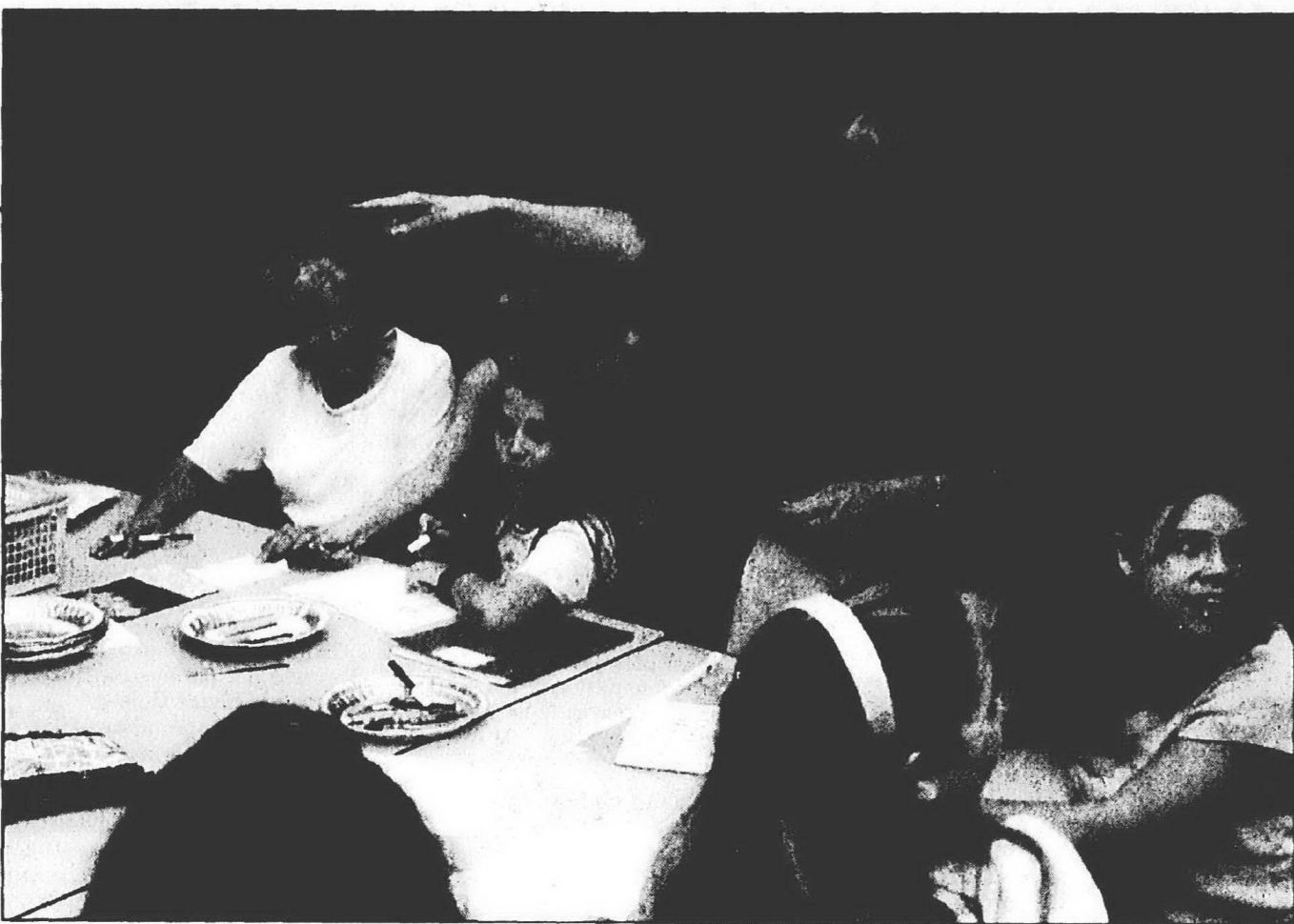
The Zverotics speak English and the Serbian language, and 7-year-old daughter Melissa is a big help translating in classes. Classes will continue all summer with volunteer teacher Sue Shepard, with space for up to 20 refugees and six signed up now.

The program is being offered through the Episcopal church. "Honestly, it's been a godsend for them," Newcomer said. "The Episcopal church is doing a good job of teaming churches with people who can help them."

The Kosovars have been here about a month. "It's been a whirlwind," said Newcomer, who works for the Phoenix Group, in database management, in Farmington Hills. "It's an amazing thing when you think about leaving your home."

They are proud people accustomed to help primarily from family, she said, but are grateful for the church's support, Newcomer said. Margaret Walker, a church secretary and committee member, initially doubted the project would work. She got a call on the infant coming in.

"I made a few phone calls to the United Methodist Women and some friends," said Walker, a Westland resident. They col-



STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX



Finding peace: Jasmina Cocalic, 27 years old, says she may smile on the outside but (gesturing and not quite finding the English words) her heart is not.

lected the essentials, and loved surrounding the baby with warmth and love.

"I like this feeling of community," Walker said, adding that some of the baby clothes selected were too small, with givers

assuming the child would be small.

The next step is jobs, said the Rev. Melanie Carey, associate pastor at Newburg and a Livonia resident. They're looking for something where English profi-

ciency isn't a priority. "And something that they can make enough money where they can get on their feet."

Health a priority

The Kosovars' medical needs are being looked after as well. "We were able to find some people who were just wonderful," Carey said of health professionals. One Kosovar is a dentist, but unable to work in his field without English.

The Kosovars are Muslims, so don't worship at the Methodist church in Livonia. The sponsoring family has a mosque.

The English classes are happy times, but a bit different from regular instruction. "I would normally never have all these age groups together," said teacher Shepard, a Livonia resident and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools ESL teacher. She's a volunteer at Newburg who doesn't know the Serbian language.

A regular class would be more intense, Shepard said, but she

seeks "fun, real-life activities." She has lots of volunteers who work one-on-one with Kosovars. So far, they've worked on such basics as "My name is ..." colors, fruits and vegetables. She wants them to go to the library and get library cards.

"That's my hope," she said. "I think that's important." Class members recently held a birthday party for a 9-year-old.

The students are motivated, and organizers hope to get a 16-year-old girl into high school this fall. "They're using a little English every day," Shepard said.

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia 48150, (734) 422-0149, accepts cash donations to help Kosovars. Items to be donated, such as furniture and household goods, should be directed to Anna McPhee of the Episcopal Diocese of Detroit, (313) 833-4417.

CSX reports suicide at tracks near Hines

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A CSX train crew notified police about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday that they noticed the body of a man 250 feet west of the tracks and Hines Drive in Plymouth Township.

The Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office determined that Christopher Norman, 28, of Plymouth died from decapitation. Police are calling his death a suicide.

"It's an unfortunate incident," said Plymouth Township Police Lt. Bob Smith. "We were there in a support role. We have a limited

position."

Local CSX officials in Livonia referred all calls to the CSX media office in their corporate office located in Jacksonville, Fla. They, in turn, referred calls to the local police.

A witness said that when the coal train went by, the body at first looked like a mannequin, a police report said.

An autopsy report will determine time of death, a spokesman for the Medical Examiner's office said.

A police report indicated that a man was seen in the area by others a day before.

Trial set in parents' sexual assault case

Trial for the Plymouth parents accused of sexually assaulting their own children, plus a family friend, has been scheduled for January.

A Wayne County Circuit Court hearing Friday resulted in ordering of competency hearings for

the mother and father before trial begins. An earlier competency exam is being challenged by the defendants.

The parents are being held in the Wayne County jail on \$950,000 cash bond.

Return meter cards

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

The Plymouth Township Department of Public Works will mail out self-read meter cards to residents in August through October. It's important that residents fill out the cards and mail them back.

Residents are asked to record on the cards their inside water meter reading. Then, mail the completed middle portion of the card to the address already printed on the front. The water meter is located in the basement or elsewhere inside the home. No postage is required. The inside readings submitted

by residents are compared to the reading on the register, on the outside of the home. By filling out and returning the self-read card, you can avoid incorrect billings.

About 15 percent of water users in the township will not receive the self-read cards, as new meters don't require residents to submit an inside reading.

If you have any questions, call the Plymouth Township DPW Water Department at 453-8131.

Please return the card within 10 days of receipt.

POPULAR PICKS

Editor's note: Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library 453-0750.

FICTION

- **Hannibal**
Thomas Harris
- **Granny Dan**
Danielle Steel
- **White Oleander**
Janet Fitch
- **Mother of Pearl**
Melinda Haynes
- **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets**
J.K. Rowling

NON-FICTION

- **The Greatest Generation**
Tom Brokaw
- **Tuesdays with Morrie**
Mitch Albom
- **Encore Provence**
Peter Mayle
- **Yesterday I Cried: Celebrating the Lessons of Living and Loving**
Ilyana Vangant
- **The First World War**
John Keegan

PARENT'S CHOICE

- **Cowboy Bunnies**
Christine Loomis
- **Jump!**
Steve Lavis
- **Alice and Aiso**
Alison Lester
- **Look Once, Look Again at the Seashore**
David Schwartz
- **When the Wind Bears Go Dancing**
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PARISIAN

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School and George Dodson Elementary. However, trustees hastily named the Canton High School athletics building after Segear without much discussion on the same day it announced the naming of Dodson Elementary. It opened the door for policy questions in not only naming new facilities, but current buildings, libraries and rooms in the district in honor of people who have left their marks on Plymouth-Canton Schools.

"My sense is that we need to establish policy for naming a building," said Elizabeth Givens, vice president. "We don't have a process in place, we only have traditions, like only naming elementary schools after people. And we don't have any policy in place to name a third high school."

While trustees don't have second thoughts about honoring Segear, many are struggling with the thought they jumped the gun in not following procedure in naming a building after her.

"I like the idea of the Segear school name, but at the same time I'm concerned we didn't follow a policy," said Trustee Judy Mardigian. "I'm really struggling with this one. If we had waited a few weeks I probably would have come back with the same name."

There have been other facilities named after people, such as the George Dodson Media Center at Gallimore Elementary and the Raymond R. Buckman Media Center at Bird Elementary. However, the key to naming the libraries was the input from the school's principal, teachers and parents.

There are rumblings from Canton High School that since Phase III is a part of that school, administrators, teachers, parents and students ... not the board ... should have the opportunity to attach a name to the structure.

"We are looking for an opportunity to have input, that's been the practice in the past," said Patricia Patton, Canton High School principal. "We're hopeful a re-examination of the situation will allow for us to be included in the decision."

Fox Hills from page A1

ship and began a transformation that has put the golf course on the map.

Today, Dul's two daughters, Sandy Dul Mily and Kathy Dul Aznavorian, operate Fox Hills, which employs 250 people at the height of the golf season. However, both credit their mother with being the "business insider" who made the links thrive over the past 25 years.

Sandy has been general manager since she was 18 years old. She moved into an old house that sat overlooking Fox Hills when the family first bought it. The administration building now stands where the house was located. Sandy single-handedly ran the course while her parents continued to operate Shady Hollow.

Sandy remembers that so few people played the course then. She'd start the golfers out on the first tee, run inside to do her laundry and then back outside to cook up a few hot dogs that she'd bring to the golfers at the turn (to play the back nine holes).

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Kathy said the new course will allow for a transition for the beginning golfer at Fox Hills. "They can go from the driving range to there. We have the regulation course and of course, the championship course. We'll have all levels of play."

Hearn, who has designed golf courses in nine states, as well as Egypt and Italy, and is an instructor on golf course design at seminars held in Scotland and Ireland, called Fox Hills "one of the most well run courses in the Midwest."

For the 25th anniversary of the golf course, Fox Hills is having a week long celebration beginning Aug. 30 that will offer discounts on merchandise, food and greens fees.

"In the 1980s everything just mushroomed," said Kathy. The population boom in western Wayne County coupled by the growing interest in the game resulted in the course's expansion. In 1983 nine holes were added to Fox Hills, and in 1989 the Golden Fox was opened with clubhouse and banquet center. Al Dul died in 1986 before the championship course opened.



Say it with Flowers

by Steve Mansfield

LIFE IMITATES ART

If you are looking to draw inspiration for a flower arrangement from an unexpected source, try to duplicate an arrangement depicted by a Flemish painter on a 17th-century masterpiece. One suggestion is to find a copy of the 1662 oil-on-canvas "A Bouquet of Flowers in a Crystal Vase" by Nicolas van Veerendael. The painting features pale blue Dalmatian iris, red-throated white Rose of Sharon or hibiscus, full-blown Damask roses, anemones, yellow St. John's Wort, dark blue wood hyacinth, carnations, and a striped tulip. Come as close as you can to assembling the various flowers needed. The fun of the arrangement comes from duplicating its lines. Display a picture of the painting next to your arrangement.

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Sidewalk sale set for weekend

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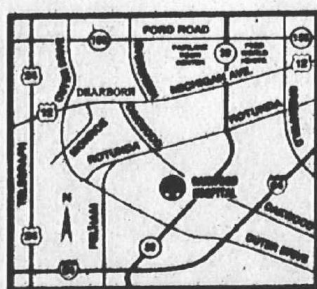
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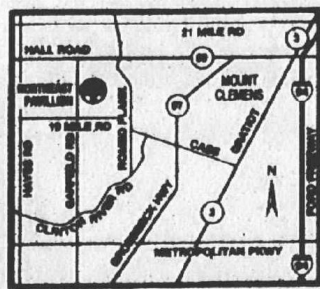


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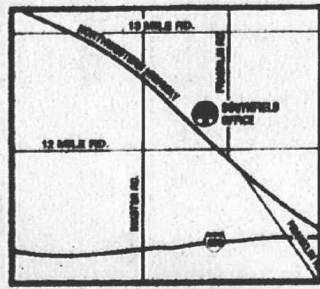
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O'Hair to keynote NAACP fund dinner

The NAACP Western Wayne County Branch will hold its annual Freedom Fund Dinner on Oct. 17 at Crown Plaza, 8000 Merriman, Romulus.



O'Hair

For more information, call Netter at (734) 729-8812 or e-mail him at JATC153@aol.com

The dinner is a fund-raiser for the NAACP's western Wayne County branch, which serves 15 communities. But Netter also underscored the importance of "bringing together people of diverse backgrounds once a year to break bread and talk with each other."

Retiring Wayne County Prosecutor John D. O'Hair will be the keynote speaker. Retired UAW Vice President Ernest Lofton has been named honorary chairman.

A reception will begin at 3 p.m., followed by dinner at 4 p.m. Dinner Chairman James Netter said.

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be ordered by sending a check, payable to NAACP Western Wayne County Branch, to P.O. Box 153, Wayne MI 48184.

Netter said O'Hair was chosen as keynote speaker because he has supported minority issues.

"He has never hesitated to stand up to the Nazis and the Klans and those kinds of hate groups," Netter said. O'Hair will retire next year. "That takes the politics out of it."

The NAACP Western Wayne County Branch will be planning a separate membership drive, likely sometime in February, Netter said. Details will be announced later.

I-696 to I-275 ramp reopens Thursday

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER
kabracyk@oe.homecomm.net

Western Wayne County residents who drive on I-275 each day soon will face another traffic shift as the freeway's new southbound lanes will be opened the first week of August.

Motorists who drive into Wayne County also may be using a newly paved ramp from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275 as early as Thursday (July 29) when it is scheduled to re-open to traffic.

The Michigan Department of Transportation also announced Friday that the second phase of the Haggerty Connector — or M-5 — between 12 and 14 Mile

roads in Oakland County will be will open to traffic in early August.

Dates will be finalized on the crossover and the Haggerty Connector this week. That first week of August marks the halfway point for the I-275 project, while the I-75 project downtown is expected to be completed along with the Southfield Freeway construction at that time, according to Gary Naeyaert, MDOT spokesman.

"That is a big week for us," Naeyaert said.

As the \$50 million construction project to repave the five miles of I-275 between I-696 and the M-14/I-96 interchanges nears its halfway point, MDOT,

engineers and contractors are preparing for many transitions in the project that will affect the 200,000 motorists that use the freeway each day.

I-275's current six lanes of traffic — both northbound and southbound — will be moved from the northbound side to the recently paved southbound side, which contains four new lanes and two shoulders.

That crossover route will run between Five Mile and Grand River.

While the ramp from I-696 to southbound I-275 will be opened, only one lane of traffic will be maintained on the ramp because the traffic flow needs to be narrowed for the three lanes

of southbound traffic through the construction zone. Additional traffic merges from eastbound I-96.

MDOT and project engineers continue to examine how traffic can best be managed through the area. A detour that now directs motorists to a turn-around ramp on M-5 just south of 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills will be closed and then modified, Naeyaert said.

"Some time after Thursday, that detour route will be temporarily unavailable as we make final preparations for M-5," Naeyaert said. Once that modified route is re-opened, it will act as an "unofficial detour" route for motorists who wish to avoid any traffic backups on westbound I-696 as that narrows to a single lane.

"It's likely that after M-5 opens, we may decide to keep the ramp open," Naeyaert said.

"It won't be assigned as an official detour, but we won't discourage motorists from finding and using alternate routes."

Women's Center needs volunteers

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College seeks volunteers to assist in its role of helping people who wish to enter or re-enter college, research new careers, find information on available services or who need help through a difficult situation.

The WRC offers peer counseling, financial aid for education, a program for women in transi-

tion, a divorce support group, career information and help with community and campus resources and referrals.

If you would like to volunteer or would like to know more about this rewarding role, attend an informational meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, in

the WRC, room 225 of the McDowell Center. Attendance at the meeting is to gain information only and is not a commitment to the volunteer training.

For additional information, contact Barbara Campau, volunteer program coordinator, at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5524.

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Instability brings the risk of an injury. The experience of the medical community is that such injury too often results in an operation more serious and urgent than what you considered for your knee.

If pain is your main problem, then it is possible you may delay a knee replacement operation for years. A regimen of non-steroidal and/or tylenol for pain relief, and periodic visits to your doctor to remove accumulated knee fluid, may suffice for an indefinite period.

You also need to be watchful that compromise of your ability to walk does not impair your state of physical fitness. The better your heart, lungs and muscles, the better your chances for successful surgery.

Though this discussion concerns the knees, the same comments hold for the shoulder, hip, and ankle.

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LEGAL SERVICES
By Mark Slavens, P.C.
Attorney at Law

PRESCRIPTION FOR TROUBLE?

Recently, new evidence concerning popularly prescribed diet pills has raised the possibility that thousands of patients may have suffered silent heart valve damage as a result of having taken them. Current estimates put one million Americans as having taken a combination of drugs that was never approved by the FDA as a weight-loss regimen, advocates of which claim helps people lose weight by curbing their appetites for carbohydrates. Potential benefits aside, the downside is that the combination of drugs may have caused heart damage in several hundred thousand Americans without their knowing it. It is recommended that those who took the drugs undergo exams to diagnose damage, and then discuss their legal recourse with a lawyer if they have.

If you are covered by managed care health insurance or an HMO, a potential conflict of interest may arise: you may have to ask the doctor who prescribed the diet drugs for a referral to a cardiac specialist. If you are denied a visit to a specialist for this, you should know that all insurance companies have an appeals process.

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OBITUARIES

VERA HILL
Services for Vera Hill, 91, will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 26, in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Lt. James Spencer of the Salvation Army officiating.

She was born March 18, 1908 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. She died July 9 in Westland. She was a homemaker. She became a Naturalized American Citizen in 1946. She also helped with her husband's house painting business. She lived in Detroit for 40 years. She worked at Plymouth Historical Museum, Plymouth YMCA. She also was a resident librarian and assistant in the Nutrition Program at Plymouth's Tonquish Creek Manor Senior Citizen Apartments. She was a 1926 graduate of Northwestern High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alexander and Rose Nonen. Survivors include her daughter, Florence Anderson of Plymouth; two sons, Raymond Hill of Seminole Fla., Thomas J. Hill of Fraser; one brother,

James Nonen; one sister Lena Nonen; 10 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Dunning Hough Library or Plymouth Historical Society.

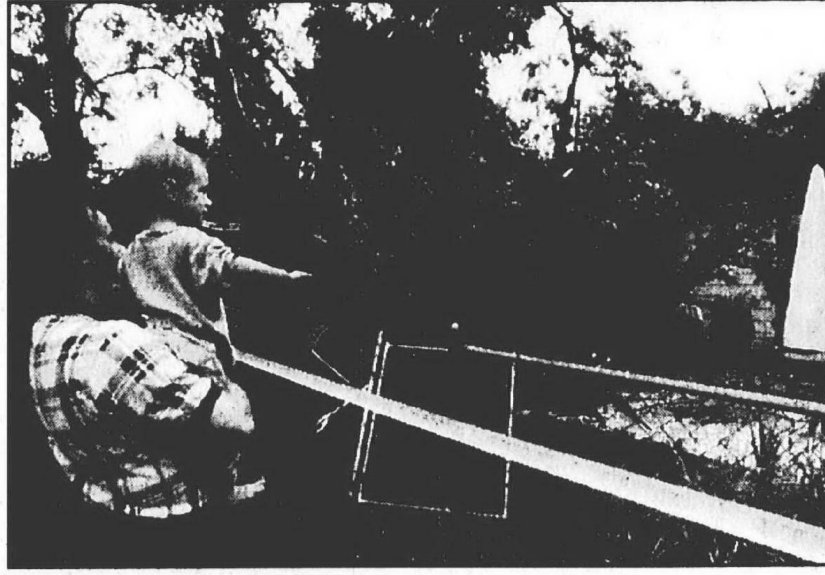
CATHERINE MARY MITCHELL

Services for Catherine Mary Mitchell, 34, of Plymouth were July 23 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Larry L. Bartlett of Prayer Baptist Church officiating.

She was born July 11, 1985 in Wayne. She died July 19 in Superior Township. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Prayer Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Kim E. Mitchell of Plymouth; parents, Orville and Mary Templeton of Westland; one son, John Henry Mitchell of Plymouth; and one sister, April (Mike) Greenshield of Wayne.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate, 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48075-3680.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Crash: Mark Hein and his two-year-old son Brenden overlook a tree that was blown down on Ross Street, near Dewey.

Insured: A tree fell on a 1991 Volkswagen Jetta owned by Mitch and Dory Cultana on Dewey Street.



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business. Actually, each one of our stations is able to transmit."

"We've been handling the 911 calls from the township, and then calling them with out direct connection," said Plymouth police Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck. "We've been getting a lot of calls about traffic signals that don't work, train crossing malfunctions, and downed power lines and trees."

Joe Connor of Ross Street in Plymouth said he likes watching storms, and was enjoying the wind and rain come down Friday afternoon.

"But all of a sudden, as my chairs were blowing across the yard, I heard a loud crack," said Connor. "The next thing I saw was my tree crashing down on the house next door. I was going to have it cut down. I guess Mother Nature took care of it for me."

Luckily, it appeared the tree didn't do major damage. It also partially knocked down some power lines.

Firefighters ... also responded at Canton High School where a panel box reportedly caught fire ...

"We've been everywhere," said one firefighter. "At downed wires, downed trees, it's been a mess."

Firefighters from the Plymouth Community fire department also responded at Canton High School where a panel box reportedly caught fire, though no major damage was reported.

Municipal Services Department Assistant Director Scott Baker said there were about a dozen reports of trees down and about six runs for downed power lines.

"Luckily, we didn't have any major damage," said Baker.

MSD chipper crews were out Saturday helping residents get rid of tree limbs that scattered the neighborhoods.

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The following Plymouth residents also earned degrees from Walsh College: Bryce Andrew Korowin, Terry C. Hoffman, Sherry L. Adams, and Kevin C. Gibson.

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City of Toronto announces results of Expression of Interest and invites public comment on next steps
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This submission may involve truck haulage and disposal of municipal solid waste at an existing landfill, Sauk Trail Hills Landfill Site, located in Canton, Wayne County, Michigan.
From July 14 - August 27, 1999, members of the public living in the vicinity of the proposed facility are invited to provide comment on evaluation criteria for Toronto's Request for Proposals. To receive a copy of the draft evaluation criteria, contact:
Tracey Ehl Harrison, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator, City of Toronto
Tel: 24-hr Comment Line: (416) 397-7777 / 1-800-465-4056
Fax: (416) 392-2974 / E-mail: works_consultation@city.toronto.oh.ca
Local site respondent contact:
George Paturalski, Vice President, Browning-Ferris Industries Ltd. 10599 West Five Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, 48167 USA
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF MEETING
The City of Plymouth will be conducting the "Public Accuracy" test on the voting equipment for the City on Friday, July 30th, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Commission conference Room at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan.
The test will be done to show that the equipment has been programmed properly for election day.
This is a public meeting and any interested person is invited to attend and view the testing of the optical scan voting equipment.
LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE
City Clerk
Publish: July 25, 1999

SHURGARD OF CANTON 2101 HAGGERTY RD. CANTON, MI 48187
Notice is hereby given that the following unit(s) will be sold to the highest bidder by open bid auction on AUGUST 27, 1999 at approximately 9:30 a.m. at Shurgard Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd., Canton, MI 48187. (734) 981-0300.
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Publish: July 25 and August 1, 1999

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 83.100
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.
THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:
Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 111, attached thereto, and made part of this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 83.100 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 111 PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Part II. **CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.** Any ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.
Part III. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on June 11, 1999.
Part IV. **ADOPTION.** The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1949, at a meeting duly called and held on July 20, 1999, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.
Adopted by the Board of Trustees on July 20, 1999
Effective Date August 20, 1999
Publish: July 25, 1999

CITY OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE PRIMARY ELECTION, AUGUST 3RD, 1999
Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Plymouth on Tuesday, August 3rd, 1999 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.; Eastern Standard Time. At that time candidates for the following offices will be voted on in the City of Plymouth.
CITY COMMISSIONER (FOUR POSITIONS)
Also to be voted on will be separate ballot issues for the following:
VACANCY POSITION FOR CITY COMMISSION (2 years)
Absentee ballots may be requested from the Clerk's office, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Telephone number is 453-1234, x225 or 234. Absentee ballots will be issued to qualified absentee voters in person in the Clerk's office from 8:30 to 2:00, on Saturday, July 31, 1999. On Monday, August 2nd, qualified voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the City Clerk's office until 4:30 p.m.
All polling places in the City are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped (ADA Requirements). You are further notified that the City's two (2) precinct locations are as follows:
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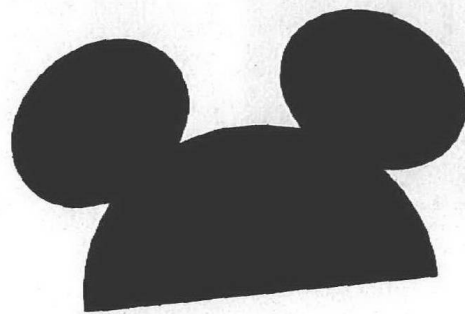
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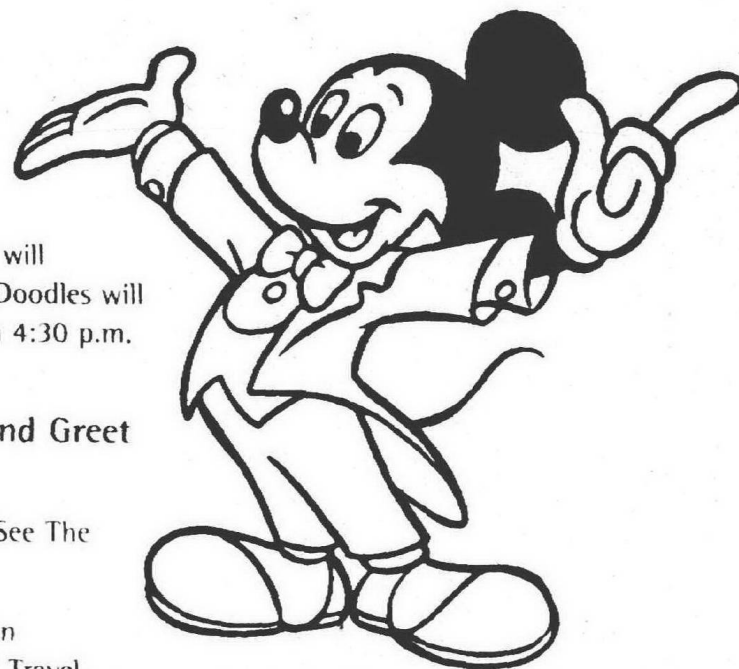
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Live Disney Spectacular!

Join us for these great FREE Disney events Friday, August 6 through Sunday, August 8 from 1 p.m. through 5 p.m.:

- Mickey's Rock-A-Robics, Mickey, Donald Duck and Goofy will be performing on the hour from 1 p.m. through 4 p.m. (Performance lasts approximately 20 minutes.)
- Disney Doodles features a Disney sketch artist who will narrate and sketch a scene from a Disney film. Disney Doodles will be performed on the half hour from 1:30 p.m. through 4:30 p.m. (Performance lasts approximately 20 minutes.)
- Mickey & Minnie and Belle & Beast Meet and Greet (1 p.m.-5 p.m.)
- Enter to win a "Disney Girls" denim jacket. See The Disney Store for details.
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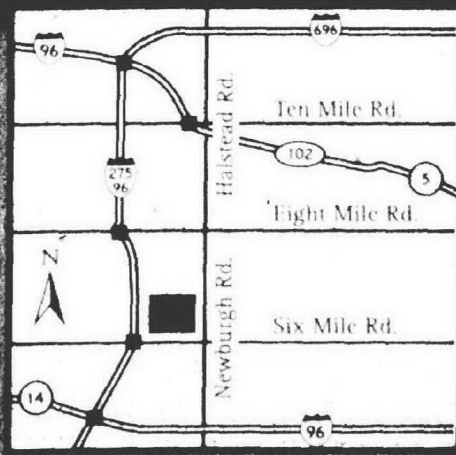
Other Events/Happenings in August:



- August 6 through August 8: Grab-bag Giveaway. 250 bags containing \$10 gift certificates, coupons and samples will be given away each day.
- August 9 through August 19: 10 Days at 10% Off Sale. Pick up your coupons at the Laurel Park Place Management Office or at any directory stand. Take 10% off a regularly-priced item at any of the participating stores.
- Saturday, August 7, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.: Kids' Cookie Decorating at Mrs. Fields Cookies.
- Saturday, August 7, 2 p.m.: Jacobson's Back-to-School Fashion Show in the Children's Department.
- Saturday, August 14, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Cooking Demonstration with a Master Chef at Williams-Sonoma.
- Saturday, August 21, 1 p.m.: Parisian Fashion Show in the Parisian Court.
- And...a taste of what's to come...To celebrate the opening of the new Sweet Lorraine's restaurant coming soon to the Livonia Marriott, they will be giving away samples of their delicious cuisine throughout the month.



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Culinary Extravaganza set for Sept. 20

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER
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Mark your calendars and start dieting.

Plans are well under way for Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza Sunday, Sept. 20. The event is a premier fund-raiser for the Schoolcraft College Foundation, which provides scholarships for students in all programs.

Last year's event raised more than \$130,000.

"It's wonderful, wonderful. We're way ahead of schedule. The packaging is very exciting, very unique," said event co-chairwoman and foundation board member Suzanne Thomas Hughes of Plymouth.

Thomas Hughes and co-chairwoman Colleen Pobur of Plymouth put their time and talent together last year to make the auction one of the most successful attractions of the Culinary Extravaganza. The auction raised \$20,000.

Center holds open house

The Early Learning and Child Development Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn invites parents to an open house 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, July 28.

Visitors will meet staff at the Center Office, Room 1031, in the CASL Annex, on the campus's Fair Lane Drive, west of Evergreen Road.

The center offers full- and half-day kindergarten programs from September through June plus developmentally appropriate, play-based programs and summer day-camps for preschoolers and toddlers.

For information, call the center at (313) 593-5424



Whetting their appetites: Co-chairwoman Colleen Pobur, center, discusses plans for Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza with participants Lee Hershey, left, and Madeline Triffon.

This year, the two women want to up the ante. "Our goal is to raise that bar by 20 percent," said Thomas Hughes.

With 45 restaurants already committed and several attractive bid packages taking shape, selling tickets, which go for \$75 for two or \$40 for one, won't be a problem.

"It's a huge value to come to this party, with all the wine and ambiance," said Pobur.

The emphasis of this year's auction packages is on soup-to-nuts completeness, nothing left for the winning bidder to do but enjoy. Here's a sampling:

■ Two tickets to next year's MIS 2000 races. Package includes clothing and possible

driving experience.

■ Dinner party for several couples prepared by a master chef in the host's home.

■ Embassy Suites getaway that includes a massage for two and roses in the room.

■ Soaring Eagle Casino overnight package.

■ RE/MAX balloon ride with pick-up and return in the RE/MAX Hummer. (Last year, the package included driving the Hummer, which raised another \$500, said Thomas Hughes.)

■ Food and wine presentation for 10 couples by master sommelier Madeline Triffon of Unique Restaurant Corp.

Raffle prizes include two round-trip tickets from North-

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west Airlines to anywhere in the continental United States, a three-month auto lease from Saturn of Plymouth/ Farmington Hills, and a garnet-and-diamond lady's ring from Orin Jewelers. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.

Raffle tickets carry an extra bonus: Each ticket is good for \$5 off any dinner or purchase at participating restaurants.

Thomas Hughes, a loan center officer at Flagstar Bank in Plymouth, and Pobur, director of concessions and quality assurance at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, will soon be squeezing even more volunteer time out of their busy lives as the event nears.

More auction packages are being planned and polished. "We want the packages to be so complete, you don't have to do a thing. We take care of all the details. The coordination is included," said Thomas Hughes.

There's still time to be part of the Culinary Extravaganza. In addition to auction items, sponsors are needed. Depending upon the level, sponsors' packages include tickets, program advertisement, names on outdoor lighting, VIP parking and event preview.

More restaurants are welcome. The Waterman Center has room for at least 60 restaurants.

For more information, contact Schoolcraft's Office of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417.

Supreme Court upholds merger

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Wayne County and the city of Detroit's attempt to stop the abolition of Detroit's Recorder's Court has failed. The Michigan Supreme Court upheld a three-year-old state law that merged the court into Wayne County's Third Circuit Court.

In a 4-3 decision issued Tuesday, justices rejected the argument that the court reorganization outlined under Act 374 - approved by state lawmakers in 1996 - violated the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution.

Detroit and Wayne County had argued that the reorganization law requiring Detroit to pay for 36th District Court and Wayne County to pay for the newly reconstituted Third Circuit Court violated the Headlee Amendment because it placed financial obligations on them that they were not previously required to shoulder.

That argument focused on the second sentence of Headlee, which reads: "A new activity or service or an increase in the level of any activity or service beyond that required by existing law shall not be required by the legislature or any state agency of units of local government, unless a state appropriation is made and disbursed to

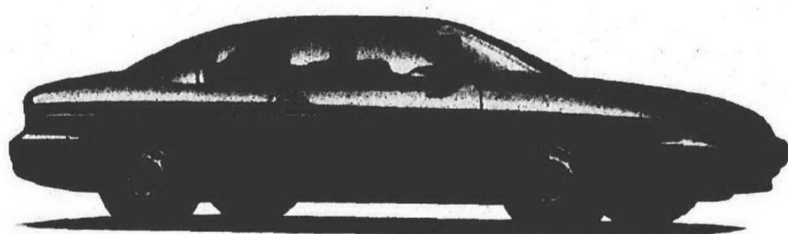
pay the unit of local government for any necessary increased costs."

In the majority opinion that rejected that argument, Justice Clifford Taylor wrote: "We conclude that Act 374 neither imposes new activities nor increases the levels of activities on local units."

"Further, because in 1978 and under Act 374, the state's only contribution to the activity at issue relates to the payment of judicial salaries, these matters are not subject to an analysis to determine whether Act 374 decreases the state's proportionate share of the activities it requires of these local units."

Concurring with Taylor were Chief Justice Elizabeth Weaver, and Justices Maura Corrigan and Robert Young Jr.

Justices James Brickley, Michael Cavanagh and Marilyn Kelly dissented. Cavanagh wrote in the opinion: "I believe that the state's obligations under the second sentence of Article 9, Section 29 (Headlee) flow to each individual unit of local government and not local governments in the collective. Therefore, I would hold that, if the state should mandate a program shift from one local unit to another, that program is 'new' to the unit that must now provide the activity."



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Belgian beer is just peachy

Last Sunday Michelle and I went to a barbecue at a friend's house and everyone brought a dish to pass.

We wanted to bring something different — it's summer, and we thought cold peach soup would be a winner. It's rich, refreshing, soothing and cooling on a hot day.

Then the question of what beer to serve with the soup came up. Michelle really does not like beer except for four or five kinds, and one of them is Lindemans Peche or "peach," a lambic made with fresh peaches.

This stuff is awesome, and the perfect accompaniment for chilled peach soup. It makes a nice aperitif too. You can serve Lindemans Peche in a champagne flute.

History

Lambics originated in the town of Lembeek on the River Zenne southwest of Brussels 500 years ago. There was a brewer's guild in Lembeek and it was an important brewing center in that part of Belgium. Today, the only brewery left in Lembeek is Boon's.

Lambics are made in the fall from September to March or April. The early spring and summer is for fermenting and aging. By royal decree, a lambic must be made with at least 30 percent raw wheat and the remainder malted barley, but some have been known to contain up to 60 percent wheat.

Mashing times of three hours are not unheard of and boils of two to five hours are not uncommon. The hops used seem to be whatever was handy or the best price. Lambic brewers use hops for their preservative value rather than flavor and aroma.

The hops are aged two to three years. Lambic brewers use three to four times more hops than conventional brewers, but because the hops are so old there really is no flavor or bitterness from them.

Fermentation

Now comes the interesting part. After the boil, the wort is pumped up to large shallow copper or steel vats in the attic to cool overnight. Windows are left open to expose the wort

CHILLED PEACH SOUP

- 2 1/2 pounds ripe peaches, peeled and cut into chunks
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/8 cup sugar
- Pinch of allspice to taste

Drop peaches into boiling water for 15 seconds, and then plunge into ice water.

Peel and pit peaches and cut into chunks. Place them in a food processor with the sugar and puree until smooth.

Pour into a stainless steel or glass bowl. Add cream and half-and-half. Mix well. Add vanilla and allspice. Chill for 5 hours or overnight. Makes a little over a quart.

to the night air so the wild yeasts of the region can attack the wort and start fermentation. There are more than 100 microorganisms at work in the valley. Two are named for the area — Lambicus and Bruxellensis.

After the ferment starts the wort is pumped into old wooden wine barrels about 250 liters in size. After the lambic is about 16 months old, fresh ripe peaches are added. The beer is allowed to sit on the fruit for 6 to 8 weeks while another fermentation

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Shivers OF DELIGHT

Chilled soups offer cool comfort

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What better way to cool your palate this summer than with a bowl of delicious cold soup. Don't shy away from these cool-as-a-cucumber delights. The choices are downright flirtatious, from tangy gazpacho to silky smooth honeydew-mint and luscious strawberry-banana.

"A lot of people are scared of cold soups until they try them, and then it awakens them to a whole new world," said chef Jeff Ice of the Clarkston Union, a popular restaurant in Clarkston.

Ice likes to make big batches of gazpacho in the summer. In addition to lots of chopped tomatoes, his gazpacho is chock full of cucumbers, onions and sweet peppers. A purist, Ice chops his veggies by hand to preserve their texture.

"You're looking for crispness when you make a cold soup, things that go snap when you chew them," he said.

When it comes to tomatoes, Ice favors the Roma. "It releases more juices and has a better color. In fact, I use only Romas in all my recipes."

While most gazpacho recipes call for vinegar, Ice prefers to use wine, a shiraz or cabernet, and he doesn't add any olive oil. He also insists only fresh herbs will do since dry herbs do not soften and release their flavors as well in cold soups as they do in hot.

And if you're hesitant about using a hefty splash of Worcestershire sauce in your gazpacho, relax and splash away. Ice's recipe calls for one-fourth cup. "I recently made my gazpacho for a big catered party. They loved it."

Chef Steve Allen of Steve & Rocky's in Novi grows his own melons in his Hartland home garden. As soon as they're ripe, Allen will transform them into a wonderful honeydew-cantaloupe soup that includes pineapple or cranberry juice, Major Grey chutney, maybe a touch of grated fresh ginger and "a little bit of cayenne for a little bit of kick."

Secret

The secret to making excellent cold soups is choosing almost overly ripe fruit, said Allen. "The softer the touch, the riper it is and the more flavor you'll get."

Allen said people should experiment when making cold soups and adjust the spices to their taste.

"I was taught never to cook by numbers," he said. "If it's not right, we fix it." Like most cold soup-loving chefs, Allen personalizes his gazpacho. He adds sliced green Spanish olives, chopped hard-cooked eggs and cumin. "Don't be afraid to spice things up, especially during the summer," he said.

"Spicing up your soups will cool you down faster."

Color and flavor

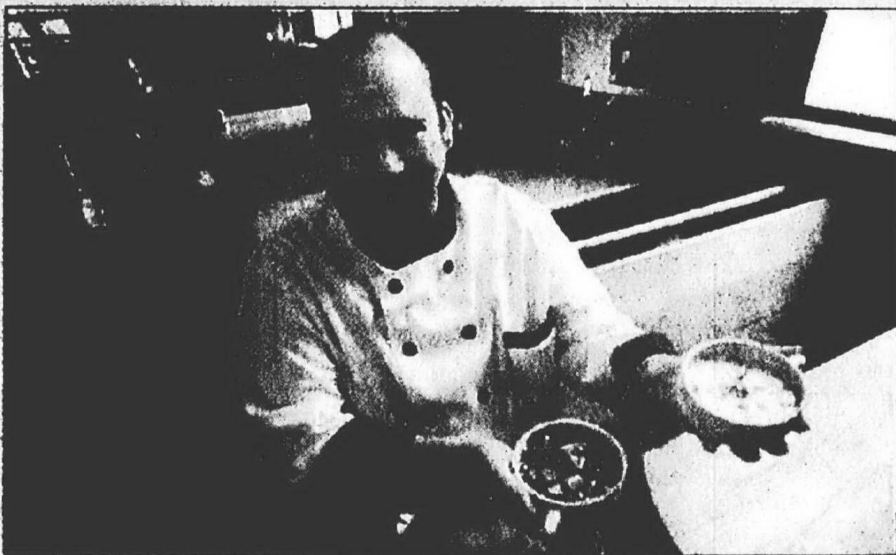
Chef Keith Matherly, who owns Adventures in Dining, a personalized chef service, and Martin's Butcher Block in Livonia with partner George Shier, adds cut fresh corn to his gazpacho "for color and flavor."

He also adds cumin and cayenne pepper. "I like my gazpacho hearty. It's almost a meal in itself. It's cool, refreshes you and gives you good nutrition."

Matherly also makes a chilled cucumber soup seasoned with mint and dill. When selecting cucumbers, Matherly recommends avoiding the stubbier waxed cucumbers sold year-round; rather, buy the longer, thin-skinned English cucumber. It has less water, denser meat and tastes better.

Consistency of cold pureed soups is important. Adding water may or may not be necessary during the puree process. "The soup needs to hold up a garnish," he said.

If you are a soup lover but don't have time to make your own, head to Zoup!



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Difficult choice: Jeff Ice of the Clarkston Union offers his guests a choice between chunky gazpacho or smooth cucumber-dill. You can always take them both.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACKVELD

Soup satisfaction: Cold soup? Cool! Eric Ersher of Zoup! Fresh Soup Company in Southfield presents (left to right) Grilled Chicken Gazpacho, Strawberry-Banana and Chilled Tomato Basil with Shrimp.

Fresh Soup Company, 29177 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. It features 12 different soups daily but has a soup repertoire of 200.

Zoup! offers two cold soups a day, including the popular Grilled Chicken Gazpacho.

"It is dee-lishous. It has the grilled taste of the chicken and the fresh taste of cilantro," said Eric Ersher, managing partner.

Zoup! soups are made fresh daily off-site at the restaurant's huge commercial kitchen near Eastern Market and delivered early every morning. Cold soups include a tart-tasting berry and Summer Avocado with chopped tomatoes.

Customers get to sample soups before selecting, and each order comes with a "big hunk" of sourdough or multi-grain bread, said Ersher.

Whether you decide to make your cold soup at home or dine out, all that's needed to complete your meal is some good bread and a light fruit dessert of fresh berries, cold plums or sliced peaches.

And, of course, a second bowl of cold soup.

See recipes inside.



Glorious gazpacho: It's hard to resist Chef Jeff Ice's Spanish veggie-packed cold tomato-based soup on a hot summer day.

New chef service eliminates messy kitchen

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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Don't feel like cooking tonight? No problem. Don't feel like cooking for ... like, the rest of your life? No problem, say the owners of "Adventures in Dining," a new personal chef service based in Livonia.

Chefs George Shier and Keith Matherly do the menu planning, food shopping, cooking, and packaging of delicious entrees such as Sweet Pepper Chicken and Polish Reuben Casserole for people who live alone or for families too busy to prepare a main meal.

"It's geared for singles, couples and working families of four or five. They just do not have time for things they need to do — sit down to a good meal. It's not an afterthought," said Matherly.

Prices are based on 20 dinners, which include a vegetable and a starch. The average price is \$200 for one person, \$275 for two people, and \$325 for a family of four. Discounts are given for referrals.

Matherly and Shier, who own Martin's Butcher Block & Deli on Farmington Road in Livonia, were looking for a new concept to showcase their culinary talents since they bought the deli 18 months ago.

"We wanted to find a good opportunity, something



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Leave the cooking to them: Chefs Keith Matherly (left), and George Shier of Adventures in Dining stand ready to deliver delicious entrees to your home.

that everybody wasn't doing," said Shier.

That opportunity came when Shier's father and Matherly's brother-in-law sent them copies of a *Wall Street Journal* article on personal chefs at the same time. Something clicked, and Adventures in Dining was born.

Unlike personal chefs, who cook in private homes, Shier and Matherly do not make a mess in their customers' kitchens. All the cooking is done in the commercial kitchen of Martin's Butcher Block. Entrees are neatly packed in microwavable and oven-proof containers and delivered direct to customers' homes, anywhere within the Detroit area.

This is no one-entree-fits-all kind of service. Shier and Matherly meet with customers to customize a two- to three-week menu that accommodates all kinds of dietary needs or preferences.

"If you're on a low-fat diet, there's a lot more than just salads," said Shier.

There's also variety.

"You would not see the same dish for six months. That way you don't get bored, and we don't get bored," said Matherly. Added Shier, "If someone wants sloppy joes, we don't have a problem. We're not

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Benefit book fair

The Henry Ford Medical Center - Livonia will host a book fair July 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thirty to 70 percent discounts will be given on new books.

National best sellers, children's books, gardening books are among some of the topics that will be represented. A percentage of the proceeds will benefit the volunteer services program of the Livonia medical center. Visit the fair at 29200 Schoolcraft, at the corner of I-96 and Middlebelt.

The public is encouraged to attend and children will receive a small gift for visiting. For more information call (734) 523-2403.

Dr. S. Covey lecture

Well-known author Dr. Stephen Covey will host a series sponsored by Wayne State University's College of Lifelong Learning (Lessons in Leadership) from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 at the Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia.

Dr. Covey will talk about "The Four Roles of a Leader: How to Make Every Team Player a Leader." Register by calling (800) 873-3451.

Whole life center

The Treehouse Health Center of Farmington will host a seven week series every Wednesday at 7 p.m. with Dr. Sharon A. Oliver, M.D. \$15 per class or \$95 entire course.

Learn to prepare sesame dishes and drinks; kefir, juices, nut milks, wheatgrass, fresh mint tea and more. The Treehouse is located at 22906 Mooney St. For information call (248) 473-0624 or (248) 442-7449.

Hair loss study

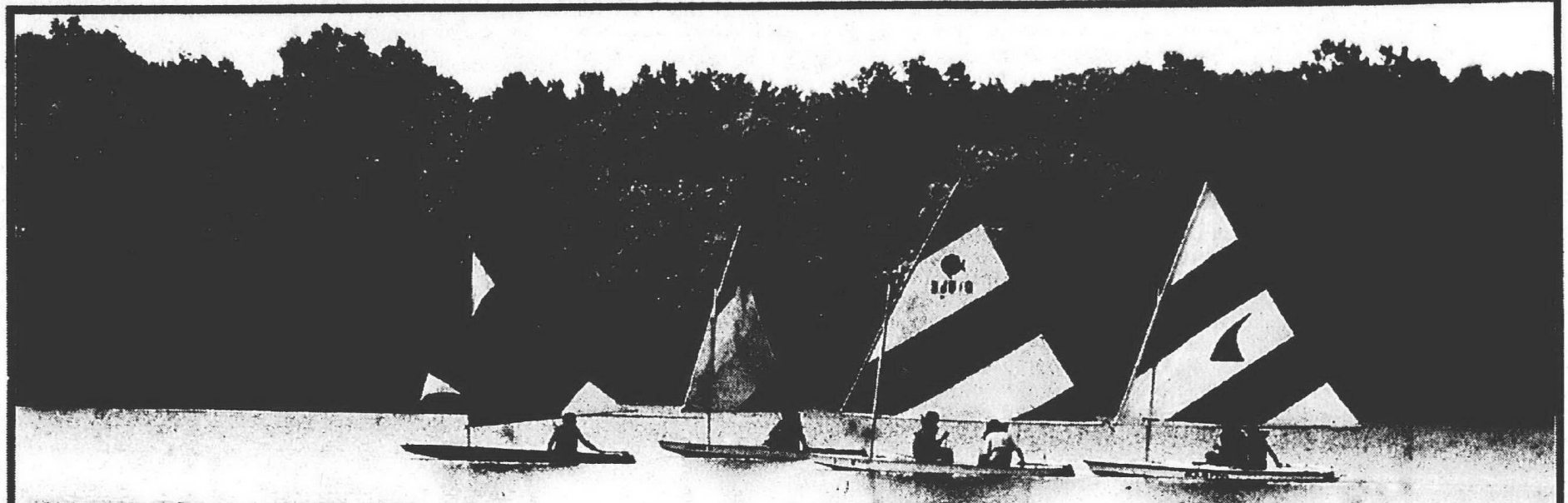
Men who are experiencing hair loss are being sought for a research study at Henry Ford Hospital. The study, conducted by the department of Dermatology, is investigating the effectiveness of an approved drug to treat male pattern hair loss.

Patients should be 41-60 years old and currently suffering from hair loss. Medication, doctor visits and parking are free. Patients will be compensated for their time. Call (313) 916-8847 or (313) 916-9759.

Smoking cessation

A smoking cessation seminar occurs Thursday, Aug. 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center on Seven Mile at Newburgh in Livonia.

The first 45 minutes is free. The last 75 minutes cost \$59 and includes hypnosis, a home reinforcement audio tape and unlimited free repetitions of the seminar. Call (877) 345-5500 for reservations.



THE 'KIDNEY KIDS' DISCOVER CAMP

Ordinary experiences are special for kids with medical needs

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Looking out at more than 100 kids, from the porch of the main lodge at Camp Copneconic in Fenton, it's hard to distinguish the children they call the "kidney kids" from everyone else.

The nickname comes from the fact that they have kidney disease. The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan has been hosting the week-long Kids' Camp at the 84-year-old retreat for approximately 15 years.

The goal of the Kids' Camp, according to NKF's Program Coordinator Linda Johnson, is to provide activities for young people who might not otherwise find a camp that could accommodate their need for dialysis and frequent medical attention.

"It's a nice opportunity for the kids to have fun and forget about it. We don't want them to dwell on their health so they camp right along with other children who don't have kidney problems," said Johnson. "Camp Copneconic is owned by the YMCA and is used year-round by a wide variety of groups and organizations ... not just the Kidney Foundation of Michigan."

Because of the special nature of the camp, children come from throughout Michigan and nearby states like Illinois and Indiana. Physicians, children's hospitals and outpatient dialysis centers make recommendations to their patients and families to attend the camp.

Dearborn resident Joe Lipani, 17, was urged by his doctor to partake in the camp for the first time in July. The Dearborn High School senior suffered from kidney failure at the age of eight after consuming what his mother Camille Lipani believes was undercooked "chicken."

Lipani's organs suffered permanent damage, causing a gradual decline in his kidney's over the past eight years.

"I'm really proud of him knowing all that he's been through," said Camille. In 1998 the Dearborn teen's health status made it necessary for him to start hemodialysis, three times a week for up to five hours at a time.

"I'm on the machines Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school," said Lipani who receives dialysis treatments at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

Lipani says he currently maintains an inactive status on a transplant list to receive a kidney and will progress to active status when he chooses to do so.

"It's my decision," said Lipani. "I'm not quite ready. I'm scared of rejection."



Test: Eric Ziga, 15, checks his blood sugar level. Kathy Carroll of Canton, a registered nurse from Children's Hospital of Detroit, looks over his shoulder to monitor his levels.

Eric Ziga, also from Dearborn, bunked in cabin Winnebago — the same as Lipani. Ziga, 15, offered his fellow camper a different perspective on the illness — Ziga received a kidney approximately three years ago. After trying hemodialysis, the Dearborn teen says he opted for peritoneal dialysis which he could do at home on his own — avoiding the significant amount of time hemodialysis demand of patients each week.

Peritoneal dialysis is performed by introducing dialysis solution into the abdominal cavity through a catheter. The natural membrane lining of the cavity is a semi-permeable membrane where waste products and excess water from the body pass through the membrane into the dialysis solution. This solution can be drained out of the abdomen into a bag and be thrown away in about 45 minutes compared to the 4-5 hour process of hemodialysis.

Ziga said he too had fears about a transplant but wouldn't trade how he feels now for anything. "I was tired all the time, now I feel fine."

Lipani and Ziga both said they didn't come to camp with the purpose of sharing their medical backgrounds but to have fun — meeting other kids who have walked in their shoes was an added bonus.

Like any other camp

For the most part, the Kids' Camp is no different than any other. Children between the ages of 8 and 17 participate in activities such as archery, games, swimming, arts/crafts, boating, canoeing, softball, kayaking and horseback riding.

There are very few restrictions for the "kidney kids." All of them are weighed and have their blood pressure monitored each morning and medications are distributed throughout the day. If a child is receiving peritoneal dialysis they cannot swim and transplant patients must wait one year beyond their surgery date to horseback ride.

Johnson said camp counselors are very conscious of the kids health and know what to look for if they are becoming fatigued or need to take time-out. "There's a rest period after lunch that gives everyone the opportunity to catch their breath and relax. The counselors know some of these kids can't be pushed as much and may need a break."

The health center for the kidney kids, a separate building from the camp's main medical building, is staffed with volunteer nurses and physicians from Hurley Medical Center in Flint and Children's Hospital of Detroit.

Canton resident Kathy Carroll, a registered nurse from Children's Hospital, has been volunteering at the Kids' Camp since the very beginning.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Reaching out: The low-ropes exercise provides an opportunity for the kids to work together. Above, Eric Ziga, 15, of Dearborn, pulls one of his fellow campers to safety.

Ziga, a diabetic, visits with Kathy twice a day to check his blood sugar levels and to receive medication. She'll accompany Lipani and a handful of other campers twice during the week-long camp to Hurley for their hemodialysis treatments.

"I volunteer because it's nice to see many of the kids I see at the hospital enjoying themselves. Because of their health some of them lead pretty sheltered lives and don't get the chance to be involved in so many activities like they do here," said Carroll.

Helping hand

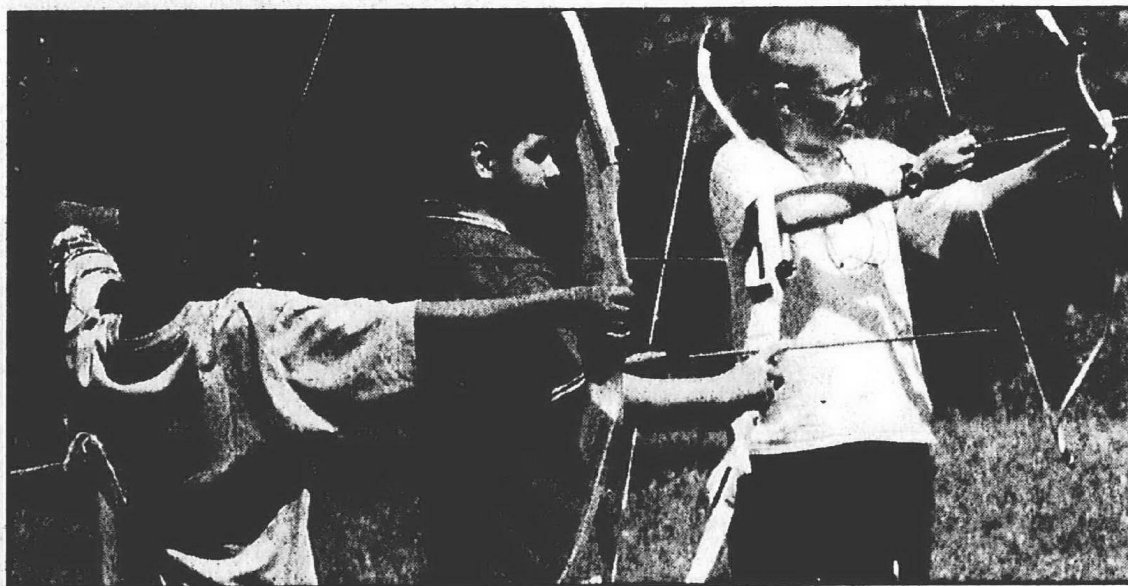
The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan also sponsors a Family Weekend Getaway in the fall for adult kidney disease patients and their families. Johnson said many of the same activities are available to the adults with additional programs for their children or guests.

"The Kidney Foundation through fundraising pays for the cost of the camp for a good percentage of the kids. No one is turned away," said Johnson.

NKFM works with thousands of people annually who are coping with kidney failure through education, programming, patient services, advocacy and research to promote organ and tissue donation.

"This camp is something we're proud to be involved with," said Johnson. "It's very rewarding to see the kids enjoy themselves and form new friendships while they're here."

For information about NKFM visit their Web site at www.nkfm.org or call (734) 971-2800.



Ready, aim: Some of the more than 45 "kidney kids" try their hand at archery including Justin LeDuc from Atlanta, Mich., Brandon Mims of Detroit and Miguel Sandoval of Chicago.



Games: Lipani plays "Cats Cradle" with Brandon Mims from Detroit.

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BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Items for Business Marketplace are welcome from all companies and residents active in the Observer-area business community.

Major contract

New Horizons Computer Learning Centers of Michigan, a Livonia-based company, has been awarded a major contract with General Motors Corporation that will result in more than 20,000 GM employees receiving computer training on an annual basis.

Detroit Diesel sponsors

Detroit Diesel Corporation has become a sponsor of the VISION 2000 program in partnership with the South Redford School District.

VISION 2000 is a campaign of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Foundation designed to assure a skilled scientific and engineering work force for the year 2000 and beyond.

Detroit Diesel has successfully implemented and completed the first year of SAE "A World in Motion," program in the South Redford Elementary Schools at the fourth grade level.

New office

Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. is recently opened a satellite office in Canton in the Lilley Professional Building.

Fastest growing

Livonia-based ZenaComp Incorporated was honored as the ninth fastest-growing privately owned business in Michigan.

recognized for its impressive five-year compound annual rate of revenue growth. ZenaComp is an information technology consulting company that assists businesses in formulating and implementing web-based business strategies.

Outstanding recognition

The TM Group Inc. of Farmington Hills recently received recognition from Great Plains for outstanding sales achievement.

Purchase

G B Sales & Service Inc. of Plymouth recently purchased Prepolec Lift Truck Service Inc. of Warren.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Items for Business Newsmakers are from business and companies throughout the Observer area.

Memberships renewed

Doris Carter, of Livonia, has renewed her membership in the Association of Bridal Consultants.

Tracy Kohls, of Canton, has renewed her membership in the Association of Bridal Consultants.

Detroit area. She is a full-service wedding planner and consultant.

She has been an Association member since 1993 and has earned the title Professional Bridal Consultant for her work in the Association's educational programs.

New account supervisor

Tiffany Devon has joined Hermanoff & Associates, a full-service public relations firm as an account supervisor.

New ex. director

The Community Literacy Council, Inc. of Plymouth recently announced the appointment of

Kimberly L. Black to executive director. The CLC is a non-profit family literacy program located on Holbrook in Plymouth.

Black lives in Farmington Hills with her husband Major Bill Black, United States Marine Corps, and their two-year-old daughter Mackie.

Nissan VP

Shigeo Ishida, president of Nissan Research and Development, Inc. of Farmington Hills, announced that Ron D'Amico has been promoted to vice president for vehicle engineering.

Computers make for better investors



They came to Dallas from 48 states and even Saudi Arabia, nearly 900 of them, about half women and all with one thing on their mind. Investing. Specifically, using computers and the Internet to help guide them to make prudent, responsible and ultimately profitable long-term financial investments.

The gathering last weekend at the huge Wyndham Anatole Hotel in Dallas was called CompuFest '99 and it was sponsored by the computer group of the National Association of Investors Corporation (NAIC), a not-for-profit group headquartered in Madison Heights.

First, I'm writing a book on the history of NAIC, telling the story of how Detroit's own Tom O'Hara founded NAIC with several other forward-thinking men like the late George Nicholson, Jr. on the idea that common, everyday people can "own a part

of America" by buying common stocks. It's a terrific story of Main Street meeting Wall Street, of how investment education has allowed hundreds of thousands of average Americans to have control over their futures, no matter what eventually happens to Social Security.

The first thing that struck me about those attending CompuFest '99 was the wide diversity in the ages of those attending. There were kids as young as eight learning how to invest in stocks, and several people well into their eighties, seated around computer screens using a sophisticated piece of software called Investor's Toolbox to identify and track growth companies.

"I remember when the calculator came out in the Sixties," said Ralph Seger, an NAIC trustee from Detroit. "Up to then, I had been using a slide rule to do the numbers. One day I went to the old Cunningham's Drug Store in downtown Detroit and walked out with a portable calculator. It was quite the thing."

But, as attendees at CompuFest heard over and over last weekend, computers are just tools. While they efficiently provide valuable information, they are no substitute for judgment. And judgment can only come by following sound investment principles.

Principles like not playing the market, but buying companies with proven track records of sales and profit growth and stable, mature management.

The current trend of Day Trading, or buying and then quickly selling stocks to capitalize on market fluctuations, sometimes within hours, was universally condemned by those I talked to last weekend.

Investorama (www.investorama.com) - Online financial guru Douglas Gerlach has put together a huge collection of investment links on this site.

The Armchair Millionaire (www.armchairmillionaire.com) - This site is all about community.

Dozens of message boards and real life investment stories and strategies can be found here.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT.

HEALTH WARNING

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is warning the public not to purchase a chalk-like product illegally sold as an insect control for homes, schools, and restaurants.

line of chalk is drawn along the floor or baseboards. It is typically sold at swap meets, flea markets, and urban ethnic grocery and hardware stores.

Job Fair advertisement for The Observer & Eccentric and HomeTown Newspapers. Includes details about the event at Laurel Manor on September 29, 1999, and a list of benefits for attendees.

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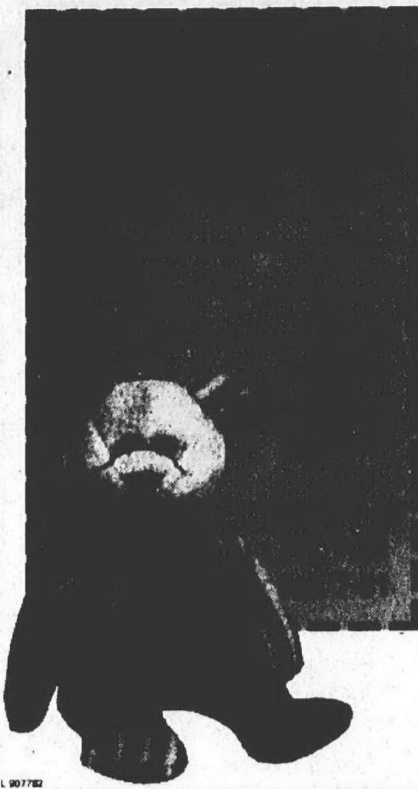
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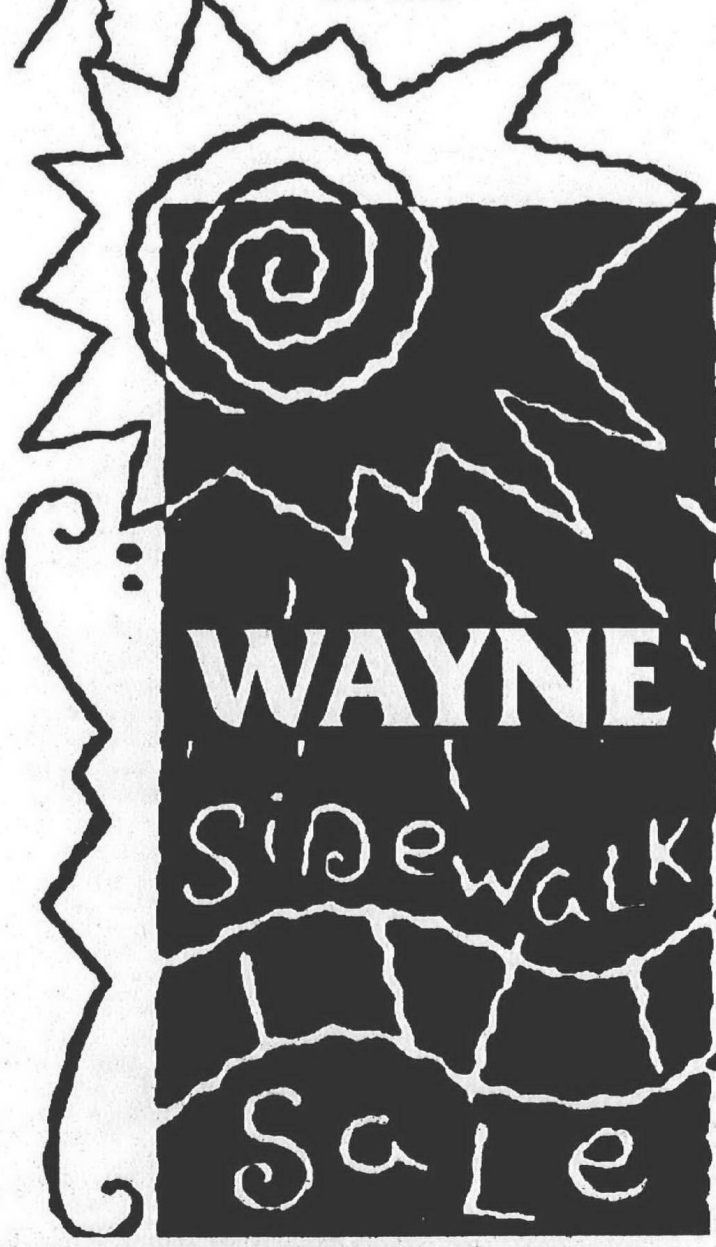
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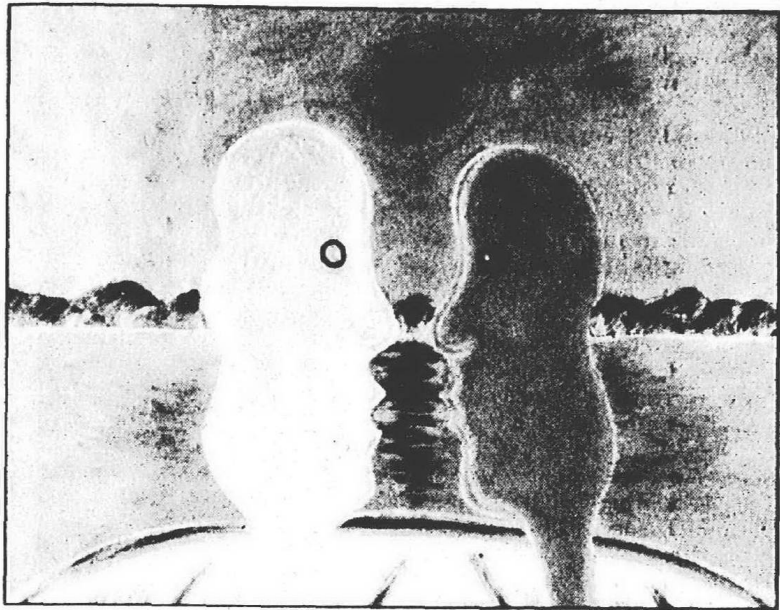
BALLET WORKSHOP

The Livonia Civic Ballet Company hosts a dance workshop 1-4:45 p.m. Friday, July 30 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 31-Aug. 1 at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 15619 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Guest teachers are Brunilda Ruiz, a faculty member of

member of the Boston Ballet Center for Dance Education. The classes for advanced, intermediate and youth level dancers, age eight or older, include ballet, pointe and character.

Ruiz was one of the six founding members of the Joffrey Ballet and a principal dancer with both Joffrey and Harkness Ballet companies. Pawlyshyn danced with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Louisville Ballet and Nevada Dance Theatre. He is a graduate of the Pavlo Virsky Character Dance School in Kiev, Ukraine, and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School.



New relationship: Cheryl Conlin painted this work titled "The Anticipation." It's one more than 50 paintings she's created so far this year.

LaGuardia High School for the Performing Arts in New York, and Peter Pawlyshyn, faculty

To register or for more information, call (734) 427-9103.

CLASSICAL CONCERT

Daniel Paul Horn, associate professor of piano at the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music in Illinois, will perform the works of Rachmaninoff, Prokofiev, Scriabin and Musorgsky at a free recital 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4 in the Forum Building Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

Horn, who was born and raised in Livonia, is an avid chamber musician and regularly collaborates with members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Horn, who earned a doctor of musical arts degree at the Juilliard School, has performed with the Ying String Quartet and Guarneri Quartet violinist John Dalley. He recently recorded a CD of fantasies by Schubert and Mendelssohn and will be featured on a forthcoming recording by Chicago Symphony cellist Donald Moline.

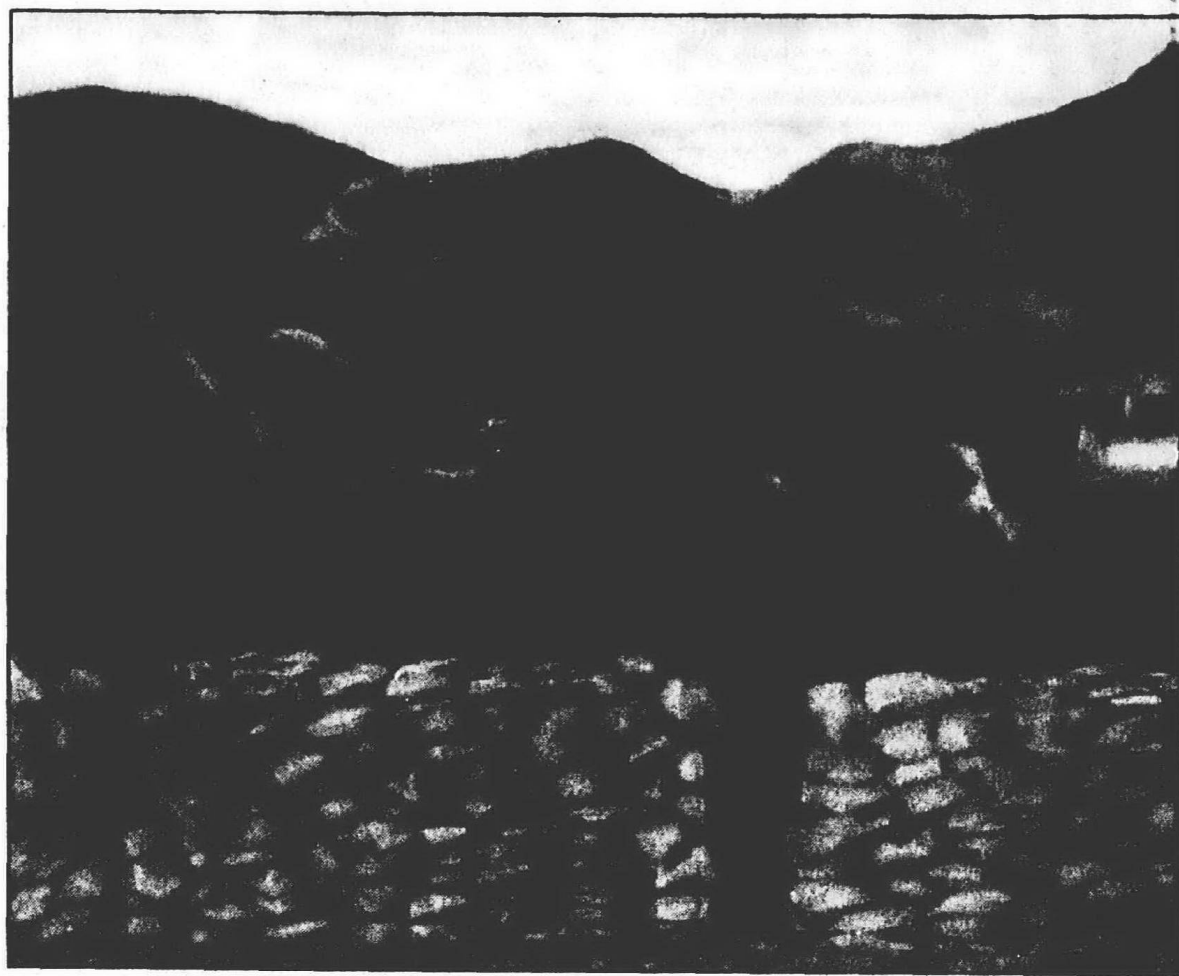
ONGOING EXHIBIT Redford artist

Cheryl Conlin exhibits her oil paintings through Aug. 22 at Studio Sixteen, located at 16 Nickels Arcade on Maynard Street, between E. Liberty and E. William, Ann Arbor.

Conlin's work was featured in a one-person show last October at the Wyland Gallery in Birmingham.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (734) 623-0060.

ARTIFACTS ART CLUB Artifacts Art Club presents its first summer multimedia exhibit Aug. 1-



Artifacts exhibit: Peggy Gray created this pastel view of Croagh Patrick in Ireland.

15 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

The public is invited to an artists' reception 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Among the 15 exhibiting artists are Sherry Eid, Peggy Gray, and Amy and Don Allen.

All are Livonia artists.

"This is a very special event for us," said Eid, a pastel and colored pencil artist. "We'd like to see our group get into more shows. We already have an annual spring show at Livonia City Hall in spring."

Expect to see a variety of mediums at the Artifacts show.

"Our art club is like a social group so there's not a lot of competition going on. It's just an opportunity to exhibit," said Amy Allen, an art student at Madonna University.

Hours for the show are 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, until 7 p.m. Wednesday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Local student visits Europe with HFCC choral

The Henry Ford Community College Renaissance Voices choral tours in different places around the world yearly, and France and Switzerland will do the honors this year.

Renaissance Voices, a women's choral ensemble led by Kevin G. Dewey, HFCC's Director of choirs, is performing music such as madrigals, chant, church music, spirituals and jazz in Europe until Aug. 8. Sue Fazzini of Livonia is a member of the ensemble.

The chorale will perform at Masses in famous cathedrals and give concerts in France during

the first 10 days of their trip which began on July 25. The last six days will be devoted to the International Choral Festival of Neuchatel in Switzerland, where the singers will compete against chorales from Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldavia, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, Switzerland and Taiwan.

"It's fun to travel but also, this is a very high-level performance group in the state," said Dewey. "It gives you an extra reason to do your best and attain the highest level of musical artistry possible."

Another fascinating aspect of

the tour, administrative assistant Nancy Scott added, is the opportunity to visit famous buildings such as the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris.

Funding for the tour came from individual members and fund-raisers, such as the HFCC President's College Concert, which was held at Orchestra Hall in Detroit on March 21 and featured music from HFCC choral and instrumental ensembles, including Renaissance Voices.

Renaissance Voices has performed in a variety of languages and musical styles at concerts,

music festivals, church services and madrigal dinners.

The group has traveled in the United States, Canada and Europe and has sung at such historic locations as St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey in London. Renaissance Voices released its first CD, "Joy to the World! International Holiday Music," in December 1996 and has recorded John Rutter's "Requiem" for a CD to be released this fall.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

First ace

A lot of golfers play all their lives and don't do what Justin Sharkey did last Monday at Fellows Creek Golf Course, in Canton.

Sharkey, playing in the city's Youth League, put his first shot on the 96-yard fifth hole on the East Course into the cup for a hole-in-one.

It was Sharkey's first ace. No kidding — after all, he's only 11-years-old.

Thunderbirds take 2nd

The Plymouth-Canton Thunderbirds, a 12-and-under fast-pitch girls softball team, finished second in the United States Specialty Sports Association state tournament, held at the Canton Softball Center. The Madness of Novi team finished first, winning the best-of-three series two-games-to-none.

Thunderbird team members are: Season Barnes, Megan Chappo, Tracey Delcol, Kelley Delcol, Lindsey Draftz, Stephani Duncan, Laura Duncan, Katie Gietl, Whitney Gould, Heather Richardson, Rebekah Sauers, Brittney Scero, Lindsey Seageren and Ashley Tankersley. Team coaches are Bill Duncan, Jim Gietl, Tony Gould and Ray Barnes.

Cobras have solid trip

The Plymouth-Canton Cobras, a 12-and-under travel baseball team, took a trip to Cooperstown, N.Y., for a weeklong tournament that featured 48 teams. Despite a highly-competitive field, the Cobras managed to finish sixth in the tournament, collecting six wins against two losses.

There were a couple of individuals who gathered honors, too. Nathan Rzeppa placed third in the Golden Arm competition, and C.J. Greenwell was third in the Road Runner contest.

Other team members are: David Scherbaty, David Kelly, Chris Drabicki, Alex Enright, Chris Musa, Brian Whiting, Bob Pollard, Eric Byrne, Sean Downey and Andrew Shumaker. Team coaches are Ron Rzeppa, Don Shumaker, Tom Byrne and Troy Kimberle.

Young spikers camp

Volleyball players between ages nine and 13 years-old can take advantage of a volleyball camp offered at the St. John Center in Plymouth from 5-7 p.m. Aug. 5-7.

Players will be grouped according to skill level. The camp will concentrate on the overall development of basic offensive and defensive play. Doubles, triples and six-on-six competition complement this camp in a fun, but competitive, manner.

For more information, please call (734) 453-9180.

Soccer players needed

Our Lady of Good Counsel is looking for six-to-eight boys to play on its junior varsity soccer team this fall. Boys entering the fourth, fifth and sixth grades and who belong to the parishes of Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Victory and St. Kenneth are eligible. CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) soccer is a fall-only sport.

For more information, call Mark Seifert at (734) 454-0038.

Hitting camp

The Sports Academy, located on 22515 Heslip Drive, Novi, will hold a baseball and softball hitting camp, from 9-11 a.m. (ages 8-12) and noon to 2 p.m. (ages 13-18), Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 10-12.

Former Montreal Expo minor leaguer Aaron Knieper will run the instructional camp with tips on increasing bat speed and proper hitting techniques.

To register, call Knieper at (248) 380-0800, Ext. 112.

Fall baseball league

Players in grades 9-12 are needed for a fall league baseball.

Those interested should call Charles Grant at (734) 326-5626.

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.

An all-star gathering

Schoolcraft coach signs Observer's top talents



A defensive terror: Aaron MacDonald was good enough at what he did to earn Most Valuable Player honors in his senior soccer season at Salem. It is precisely those kinds of skills that got Schoolcraft College coach Van Dimitriou's interested.

BY C.J. RISAK
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In the last two years, Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team has put 36 wins up on the board. What has eluded the Ocelots is an NJCAA title, something they were hoping to get a shot at last year.

Those hopes remain for the upcoming season, as buoyant as ever. But to realize them, coach Van Dimitriou is going to have to depend heavily on a completely rebuilt roster.

"In essence," Dimitriou said, "we're counting on our incoming class."

Only two players from last season's 18-4 squad will return for certain: Dave Lotarski and Livonia Churchill graduate Mike Slack. Others, like keeper Eric Anderson, midfielder Naum Popovsky and stopper Joel Wizinsky, are attending summer classes in an attempt to qualify academically.

But Dimitriou, who has coached at SC for more than 20 years, knows better than to count on such things. He has therefore recruited heavily at every position, with plans to not just continue the team's success of the last couple years — but to take it to an even higher level.

Dimitriou has raided the local talent-laden schools more heavily than ever in an effort to rebuild his squad. With Anderson's future in doubt, Dimitriou went after a pair of keepers who shared the same field, although they played for different teams: Plymouth Canton's Doug Koontz and Plymouth Salem's Jeremy Finley.

Both were strong in their senior seasons of high school, with Koontz earning all-Observer first-team honors after helping the Chiefs reach the Division I state semifinals. An all-Western Lakes Activities Association all-Division pick, Koontz — who was honorable mention all-state — averaged 1.43 goals against while collecting six shutouts.

"Personally, I think our biggest question mark was in goal," Dimitriou said. "That's why we recruited two of them."

On defense, there are plenty of top-caliber talents to help make either Finley's or Koontz's job easier. Start with Paul Ansara, who played last fall on Novi's state championship team. "He's a very good marking back," said Dimitriou.

Then there's a couple of others from Canton: Mike Bennett, who can play sweeper or stopper and was good enough to be recruited by Eastern Michigan, and Rob Barnes, whom Dimitriou called "our most

Doug Koontz
former Chief

Please see SC RECRUITS, D2

Bulldogs clinch MSHL regular-season title

Even with an unbalanced regular-season schedule, there was no doubt this game meant a lot in the Metro Summer Hockey League. And the Bulldogs made certain they reaped the biggest benefit.

The 'Dogs wrapped up first place, and they did it in commanding fashion Wednesday night. After spotting the Huskies an early lead in a game that

SUMMER HOCKEY

could decide the MSHL regular-season championship, the Bulldogs put 10-straight goals on the board — five of them by Kevin Swider (from Livonia) — and rolled to a 14-4 triumph at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Because there are only seven teams

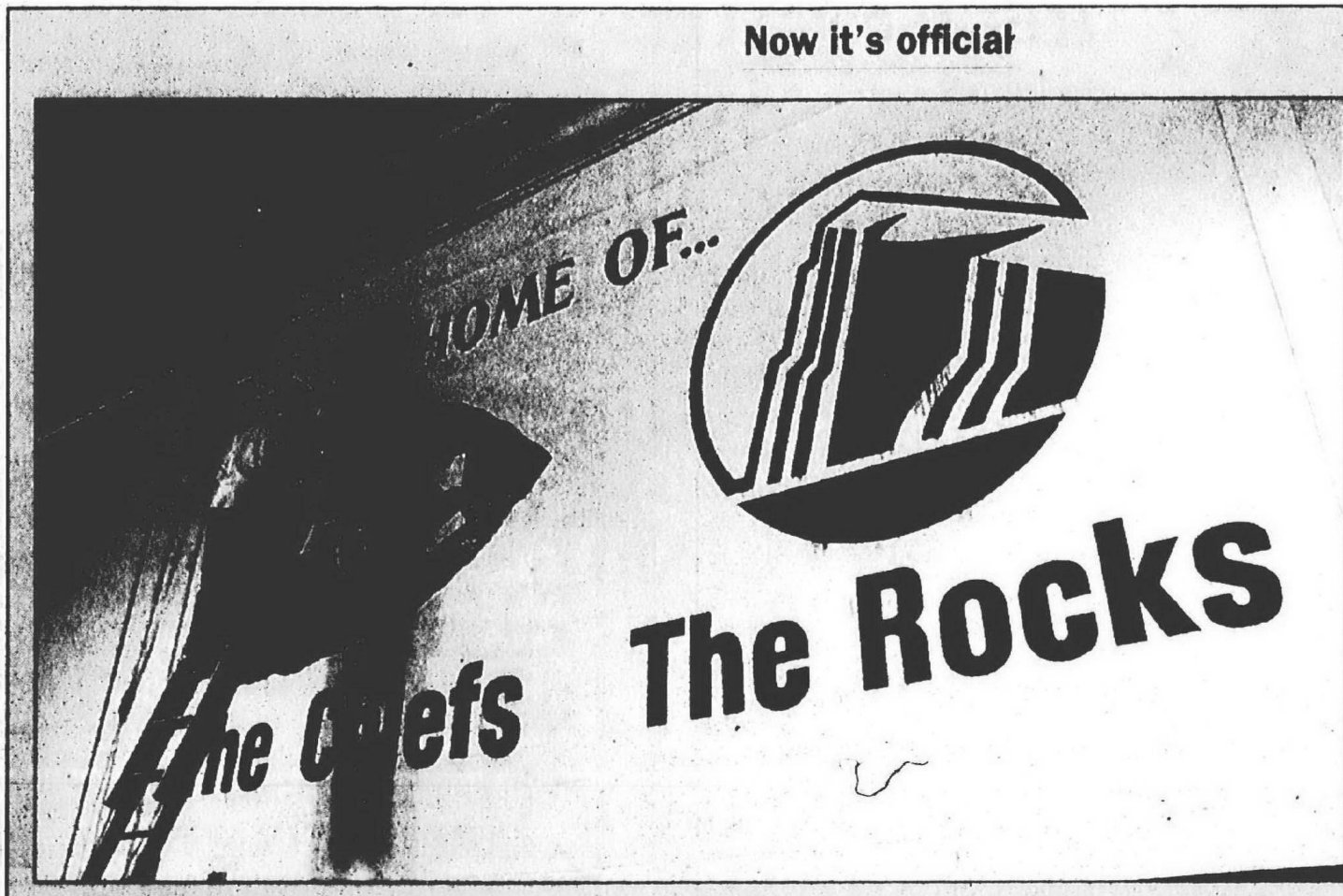
this season in the MSHL, league commissioner Keith Pietila was forced to go to a schedule in which the Huskies played 12 regular-season games and the rest of the league played 11. The schedule balances out in the first round of the playoffs, which all the teams qualify for. The Huskies don't play in the first round, getting an automatic bye.

Pietila had considered giving the top team the bye, but such a thing would be difficult to plan around — particularly with one team playing an extra regular-season game.

Going into Wednesday's game, the 'Dogs were 7-2-1 (15 points), while the Huskies were 7-3 (14). The win means the Bulldogs finish the regular season

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Now it's official



Officially christened: The finishing touches are put on the wall overlooking the ice surface at the Plymouth Cultural Center, labeling it as the home ice for both Plymouth Canton's and Plymouth Salem's inaugural hockey teams, which will start their first seasons this fall. After years of deliberating, the two programs were finally adopted by the school system this spring. Coaches have been hired, too: Fred Feiler will coach Salem and Dan Abraham will handle Canton. And, as the writing on the wall indicates, the Cultural Center will handle both teams.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Bahrami's style caters to Senior Circuit fans

BY MARTY BUDNER
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Jimmy Connors provides the marquee name. Short-haired Bjorn Borg provides the superstar presence. Yannick Noah, Mats Wilander, Guillermo Vilas and Johan Kriek provide a formidable field of senior tennis stars.

But it's Mansour Bahrami, a relative unknown on the professional tour circuit two decades ago, who makes the crowds roar on the Worldwide Senior Tennis Circuit. The eighth event on the worldwide tour concludes this afternoon at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club with championship singles and doubles matches slated to begin at 1:00.

Bahrami played in both singles and doubles competition at this year's event, hosted by the BOH for the second straight year after two previous stints at the Fairlane Tennis Club in Dearborn.

Bahrami could not play the regular tour as a youth because of the volatile political situation in his native Iran when overseas travel was restrained. He eventually made it to France, where he now calls home, and, at 33, competed in the 1989 French Open. He finished in the top 50 in doubles in 1987, '88 and '89.

The 43-year-old Iranian joined the Worldwide Senior Tennis Circuit in 1994 — two years after its inception — and immediately gained a reputation as the tour's court jester.

He entertains with an engaging style of play that includes a number of behind-the-back and between-the-leg trick shots. Combined with an appealing personality that often finds him interacting with the crowd, it's easy to understand why Bahrami is a fan favorite.

However, while a charming and humorous court presence is his manner, he is quick to point out there is quite a serious side to his often overlooked ability.

Bahrami is currently the Worldwide Senior Tennis Circuit's fourth-leading point scorer after the first seven events. He won the singles title at the Delta Airlines ATP Senior Tour of Champions earlier this year in Doha, Qatar, and was a doubles



Tour headliner: Mansour Bahrami, an Iranian expatriate, plays a type of game that draws fans in the Senior Tennis Circuit. And he also wins.

finalist with Kriek at the BTI Championships in Raleigh, N.C.

"I have plenty of disguises. I won the first tournament of the year and I'm number four on the tour," said Bahrami, who learned to play tennis while working as a ballboy at a Tehran Tennis Club.

"So don't get me wrong. Don't think I am a clown. No, I am not a clown. I am a tennis player who is playing different tennis than the other guys."

"I play the game I always play. It is no antic," he said. "That's the way I play. And that's what I enjoy."

While he insists his comedic style is no act, Bahrami realizes his brand of entertainment is a valuable commodity on the circuit.

"People like the way I play because it's different," said Bahrami. "I like to play and keep the people happy. This is the

way I've played since I was 10 years old.

"I feel that people like what I do, and I just love to see them laugh and have a good time. I love to see them laughing and that's what keeps me going."

"If nobody comes to watch us there would not be a tourna-

ment, and so I like them to give them their money's worth," he said. "If they're not having a good time I don't like it. I like to win, but I like to do it this way."

BOH SENIOR TENNIS INFORMATION: Noah arrived in town Tuesday evening, lost a singles match to Peter Fleming Wednesday evening, and was headed back to New York by the weekend. It was a quick exit for the mobile Frenchman, who lost in a championship 10-point tie-breaker after splitting the first two sets with Fleming. Noah is pictured on the tour's media guide along with Connors, Borg and John McEnroe, and is considered one of the tour's marquee players. "I'm sure there are several people who are upset that Yannick lost, but I'm not one of them," said Fleming after the match. While Noah still has the long, braided locks that made him an easily-recognizable tour player, the same cannot be said for Borg. The 43-year-old Swede was known for his white bandana that kept his shoulder-length blonde hair in place. Borg now sports a short haircut. John McEnroe won last year's tournament at the BOH. However, he did not return to defend his title. McEnroe caused a bit of a stir last year after he threw his racquet and yelled at the crowd when his infamous temper took over during a quarterfinal match. Word around BOH circles said it was pretty much a mutual agreement that he did not want to return and BOH officials really did not want him back.

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GOLF OUTINGS

PICO/SPINAL GOLF CHALLENGE

The fifth annual PICO/Spinal Victory National Golf Challenge to benefit the Kent Waldrep National Paralysis Foundation will be Monday, July 26, at TPC of Michigan, One Nicklaus Drive, Dearborn.

The Foundation was established in 1985 to fund research to find a cure for paralysis for spinal cord injury and brain injury.

Registration and breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Dennis Walters Show, featuring the only person paralyzed below the waist who earns a living as a professional golfer.

Practice and warmup follow at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start scheduled for 10 a.m.

Cocktails and a silent auction will be a 4 p.m. with dinner served at 5 p.m. The awards ceremony is at 6 p.m.

Corporate sponsorships and player spots remain available.

For more information, call (972) 248-7100.

KIM WOODRUFF MEMORIAL

The Kim Woodruff Memorial Classic/LINKS for the LITTLE ONES '99 will be held Monday, July 26, at Bogie Lake Golf Club in White Lake. This popular event, in its fourth year, is a fund-raiser for the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County. Call (248) 332-7173 for ticket information.

TEE OFF FORE PARKS

Tee Off Fore PARKS, a fundraiser for West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation and sponsored by PaineWebber, will be held Friday, July 30, at the Links at Pinewood Golf Course and Banquet Facility in Commerce Township. The event begins with lunch at 11 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 12:45 p.m. The tournament costs \$140 per golfer or \$500 for a foursome and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, buffet lunch, beverages, awards dinner, silent auction, raffles and door prizes. Tournament sponsorships are also available with fees ranging from \$250 to \$1,000. All sponsors receive an imprinted tee sign placed on the course. com-

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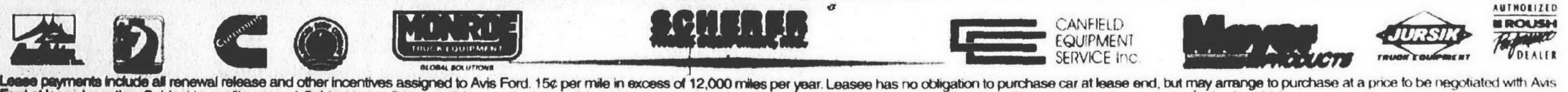
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