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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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Storm

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

BY SUE BUCK AND TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITERS sbuck@oe.homecomm.net thruscato@oe.homecomm.net



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

A heavy thunder-

storm 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

Please see STORM, A6

Schools to probe facility names

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

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

The school board painstakingly took weeks in naming Discovery Middle

Please see NAMES, A4

25 years is Golden at Fox Hills



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.

BY VALERIE OLANDER STATT WRITER volander@oe.homecomm.net

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 45hole 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 tour-

naments. 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

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

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 sev eral times before it fell to neglect. That's when the Duls took owner-

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New 18 holes at Fox Hills up to par

BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER volander Ooc.homecomm.net

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 spring with a July 2001 opening. The course will be locatthe 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

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

"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 rep-

resentative at Fox Hills. A ground-breaking is planned for next ed on the 50 acres fronting North Territorial on the east

side of the golf course's driveway.

ommission hopefuls delve into issues

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER & tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

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

about 50 onlookers, including four current city commissioners. 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 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

the Plymouth city commission faced new police chief, and whether or not 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 to 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

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuck@oe.homecomm.net

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

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-

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

hoods throughout Plymouth Township will be hosting a variety of special even 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

The third annual event brought honor to Plymouth Township in the

"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.

City attorney battle rages on

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

The Plymouth city commissioners want a larger role in determining who the next city attorney will be.

Mayor Joe Koch said he hasn't decided if he'll let them.

At last Monday's meeting, in which Koch was away on business, city commissioners expressed their desires to become more involved in the naming of a new city attorney, much as they were in the naming of a new city manager. In effect, they want it to become a group effort and consensus.

"It wasn't what I asked them to do," said Koch, who gave commissioners a letter outlining issues he wanted resolved before he selects a new attorney. "I'll take their wishes under advisement. I'm still waiting for a formal response from them.'

While the mayor ultimately has the responsibility of naming the city manager, former mayor Don Dismuke allowed

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the commissioners to take an active role by looking at all the resumes and narrowing down the field to the final pick.

Commissioners want to do the same in selecting a new city attorney. However, Koch has noted he wants to look at all the incoming proposals from firms or individuals who want to become the city's next attorney and then present one to the commission for its approval.

"That's the way Don wanted to choose the city manager at that time," added Koch. "It doesn't mean I won't do the same in selecting the city attorney, though I do have a committee of myself, (Commissioner) John Vos and (City Manager) David Rich to review the proposals.

"I'll make my decision on how to do it in the near future," said Koch. "I'm looking at ways that may allow the commission to participate which allows me to make the final decision.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stella

Greene, who chaired Monday's meeting in Koch's absence, said she'd like to see each commissioner have equal status in the decision-making process.

"That's so it can no longer be a test of wills," said Greene. The more we can neutralize the process the more we can take the personalities out of it and look at it in an objective, intelligent forum.

"We don't want to negate the fact that he (Koch) ultimately makes the recommendation and we approve," added Greene. "We want to put it in the context that we validate his decision rather than challenge

The issue of the city attorney contract came to light when commissioners were informed the city's bill from Plunkett & Cooney for the 1998-99 fiscal year will be about \$170,000. The city had budgeted \$52,000, which didn't foresee lawsuits such as the one filed by the CSX railroad against the city that has cost \$50,000.

"We're in a place where we

need to put a retainer agreement in place." said Commissioner Colleen Pobur. "This isn't a battle about who's right and who's wrong. It's about the best way to run a city."

Commissioner Dave McDonald is adamant that a new city attorney should be appointed by the new commission in November.

"The new city attorney will be providing advice to the next commission, and I think they should be involved in this process," said McDonald.

Some commissioners feel

that could be too late. "We're already going to be halfway through another budget year," said Commissioner Ron Loiselle. At the rate we're spending, we could be through our (attorney) budget by Octo-

"If we sit here for the next four months and let the good times roll, we're going to spend an awful lot of money," added Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury. "We've got to get it under control."

Girl robbed in Canton

A 16-year-old Plymouth girl was the victim of a strong-armed robbery Thursday in Canton.

According to township police reports, the girl arrived at a friend's house in the 40000 block of Trails Court in Canton at about 10:30 p.m. After dropping off a friend, the 16-year-old went back to her car.

Reports said a man, later described as African-American, 6-foot 4-inches tall and about 200 pounds, came up behind her and demanded money. The girl turned around then attempted to get into her car.

At that point, reports said the man punched the 16-year-old in the back of the head. She fell down and hit her head on the

The Plymouth girl then gave the man, who was wearing a North Carolina baseball hat, a T-shirt and blue jeans, \$30 in cash. Reports said the man then fled on foot northbound towards Joy Road.

The Canton Police K-9 unit attempted a track. It led police across Joy Road into a residential area, but was lost after that point, reports said.

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The case is under investigation. Those with information should contact Canton Police at (734) 397-5344.

Candidates from page A1

"We've been given a legacy in Plymouth, and it's our responsibility to preserve the city for those who are here now and those who will come," said Al Thomas, 39 a real estate agent. "We need to keep it a jewel."

"I think we've had a little bit of a dysfunctional situation going on," said Jerry Vorva, 47, also a real estate agent. "We really need just one direction, good government for the city and its residents. This is not rocket science."

"I think what's most important is fiscal responsibility ... put together a good budget and stick to it," said Kevin Decker, 47, who buys and sells metalworking plastic machinery. "I think government should stick to what government should do ... police, fire, trash pickup and roads. And be very careful about other things it gets into."

The candidates all agreed that keeping Plymouth's downtown viable is a top priority.

"The city needs to remove obstacles to get business to locate here," said Michele Potter, 35. a behavioral health coordinator. "An increase in business means an increase in the share of the tax burden. The city needs to move forward, progress and be positive."

"I want to see more adult traf-

fic downtown," added Daniel Dwyer, 36, who works for the state corrections department. "I would like to see more families walking around downtown at night."

Penny Rowland, a 35th District Court employee, said keeping Plymouth unique is as important as fiscal responsibili-

"I think the joint services with the township is a good thing and will allow each community to grow," said Rowland, 38. "My best qualification for this job is that I care about my city."

Sean FitzGerald, an attorney for Wayne State University, believes politics has gotten in the way of what's best for the

"People have allowed personalities and politics to come before Plymouth," said FitzGerald. "I don't want to be mayor ... I don't want to be a state representative

... I want to be a city commissioner and put Plymouth above

The only candidate who didn't attend the forum was Paul

The primary is slated for Tuesday, Aug. 3. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.









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> August 13- Forest Avenue rocks to the tunes of James Harison Bates, sponsored by Sideways, Inc.

August 20- The Regular Boys, a nine piece R&B powerhouse, features the vocal talents of Jeanne Stales in Kellogg Park, sponsored by Delta Diamond Setters & Jewelers.

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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

"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 com-

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



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

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 proficiency 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 16year-old girl into high school this fall. "They're using a little English every day," Shepard

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-

CSX reports suicide at tracks near Hines

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

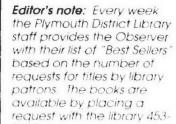
"It's an unfortunate incident," said Plymouth Township Police Lt. Bob Smith. "We were there in a support role. We have a limited

Local CSX officials in Livonia referred all calls to the CSX A CSX train crew notified 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

A police report indicated that a man was seen in the area by oth-



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Trial set in parents' sexual assault case

their own children, plus a family friend, has been scheduled for

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

Trial for the Plymouth parents the mother and father before accused of sexually assaulting 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 by residents are compared to the 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 reading on the register, on the outside of the home. By filling out and returning the self-read card, you can avoid incorrect

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 read-

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

Please return the card within 10 days of receipt

Names from page A1

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 poliey 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.





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 Dalmation 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 you arrangement.

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HINT: Try assembling a floral arrangement on the basis of duplicating a floral motif from wallpaper found in the living areas of your home.

"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

"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

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.

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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).

■ 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.

"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.

The new 18 hole "strategic course" is a "byproduct of the Tiger Woods influence and the number of juniors entering the game," said Raymond Hearn of Raymond Hearn Golf Design in Plymouth.

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."

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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.

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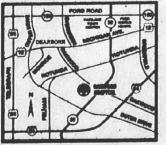
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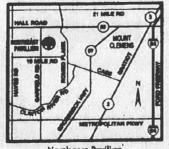


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O'Hair to keynote NAACP fund dinner

T h e NAACP Western Wayne County Branch will hold its annual Freedom Fund Dinner on Oct.

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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.

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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."

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."

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

The NAACP Western

I-696 to I-275 ramp reopens Thursday

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@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 newl paved ramp from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275 as early as Thursday (July 29) when it is scheduled to reopen 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

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,

roads in Oakland County will be 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 1-96.

MDOT and project engineers continue to examine how traffic can best be managed through the area. A detour that now directs motorists to a turnaround 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 nar; rows 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 ad official detour, but we won't discourage motorists from finding and using alternate routes."

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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

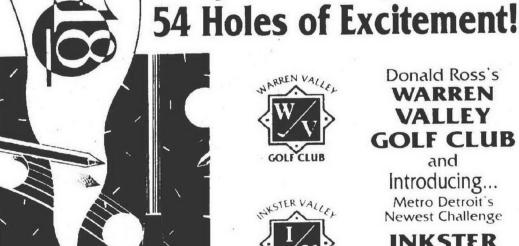
operation for years. A regiment of non steroidals and/or tylenol for pain relief, and periodic visits to your doctor to remove accumulated knee fluid, may suffice for an indefinite period. You also need to be watchful that compromise of your ability to walk does not impair your state of physical fitness. The better your heart, lungs and muscles, the better your

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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

If you are covered by managed care health insurance or an HMO, a potential diet drugs for a referral to a cardiac specialist. If you are denied a visit to a specralist for this, you should know that al insurance companies have an appeals pro-

HINT: A question of product liability may arise over a drug manufacturer's

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OBITUARIES

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 North-western 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 Seminolem 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.

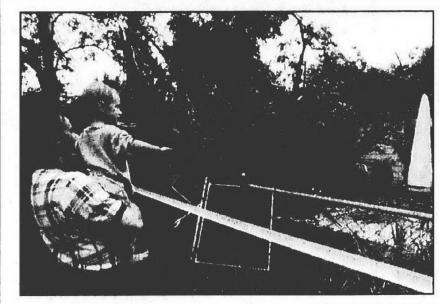
CATHERINE MARY MITCHELL

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 Volkswagon 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, 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 ... SB(WtC

"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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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 sité respondent contact:

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

George Paturalski, Vice President, Browning-Ferris Industries Ltd. 10599 West Five Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, 48167 USA Phone: (248) 349-3215 / Fax: (248) 349-5634

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ORDINANCE NO. 83.100

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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/AAE

Publish: July 25, 1999

CAMPUS NOTES

WALSH GRADS

The following Canton residents earned degrees from Walsh College on June 5: Laurie A. DeMers, Thomas Lloyd McKee, Lila P. Gould, Jeffrey J. Vergolini, Michael J. Hackman, Scott H. Kemp, Robin Ann Klavon, Daniella B. Sugg, Shawn Lorenzo Ross, Robert J. Dempsey, Shelley R. Schroeter,

Joseph H. Stevens, Michael J. DeBarr, Therese M. Tyler, James Patrick Allen, Michael P. Simmerer, Tonya Corinna Zabawa, and Cassandra J. Zott.

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

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)

Unit #5243 - REED - Couch, loveseat, cabinet, misc. boxes, microwave, end tables and small dresser.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. E.D.T. on Thursday, August 5, 1999, at 201 South Main Street, at which time all proposals received shall be publicly, opened and

RIM CLAMP TIRE CHANGER & BALANCER

Specifications, bid documents and proposal forms may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent during regular office hours.

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If you have any questions, please contact: Gary Lindsay

Mechanic Municipal Services Department

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SHURGARD OF PLYMOUTH **41889 JOY ROAD CANTON, MI 48187**

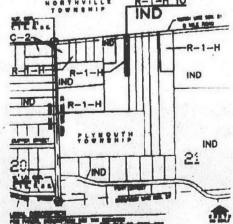
Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of an open bid on AUGUST 27, 1999 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at Shurgard Storage Centers located at 41889 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Unit #162 and #264, ROY MASON. Approx. 1000 specialty bricks, plenty of construction equipment and supplies including saw, generator, hand tools, etc., bicycle

Unit #32, MICHAEL TAYLOR. Chairs, T.V., dressers, washer and dryer, drum set, exercise bike, ladder, bed frame, table, rocking horse, misc. bags and boxes.

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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. 88.100 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.

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 28, 1999



CITY OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE PRIMARY ELECTION, AUGUST 3RD, 1999

(734) 453-7737

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:

(please be award that the school and city precinct locations are different, check your voter registration card or call the Clerk's office to verify)

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CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL 650 CHURCH STREET If you are a qualified voter and find it necessary to require an absent voter ballot and have not applied for one, applications are available for pickup or mailing at the front office or Clerk's office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AAE City Clerk

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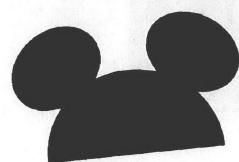


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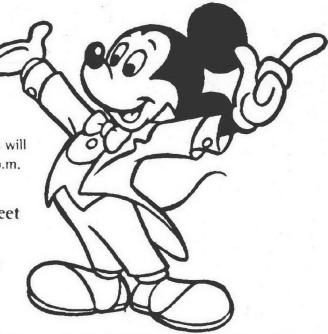
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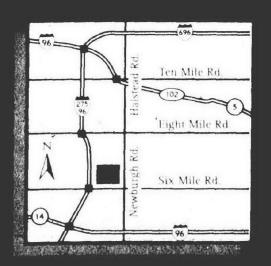
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Culinary Extravaganza set for Sept. 20

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER Fakogiund@oe.homecomm.net

Mark your calendars and start

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

an \$130,000. "It's wonderful, wonderful. e're 'way ahead of schedule. he packaging is very exciting, ery unique," said event coairwoman and foundation ard member Suzanne Thomas ughes of Plymouth.

Thomas Hughes and co-chairoman Colleen Pobur of Plyouth put their time and talent gether last year to make the fuction one of the most successattractions of the Culinary atravaganza. The auction ised \$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 Pair Lane Drive, west of Ever-

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

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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 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-tonuts 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.

Moré 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

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-

Supreme Court upholds merger

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

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 threeyear-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 necessary costs 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

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

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 apéritif 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 know to contain up to 60 percent

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 Bruxellenis.

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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1819 OF DELIGH Chilled soups offer cool comfort

BY RENER SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

hat 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 gaspacho is chock full of cucumbers, onions and sweet peppers. A purist, Ice chops his veggies by hand to preserve their tex-

"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 elive 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-canteloupe 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."

The secret to making excellent cold soups is choosing almost overly ripe fruit, said Allen. "The softer to 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.

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 al 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 gar-

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



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



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

"It is dee-lishous. It has the grilled taste of the chicken and the fresh taste of

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 toma-

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 STAFF WRITER rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net

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 fami-

lies 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 PROTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Leave the cooking to them: Chefs Keith Matherly (left), and George Shier of Adventures in Dining stand ready to deliv- wants sloppy joes, we don't have a problem. We're not er 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

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CHILLED GAZPACHO WITH CORN

- 3 pounds tomatoes, peeled, seeded and coarsely chopped
- 1 medium bell pepper, coarsely chopped
- 1 small red onion, coarsely
- chopped
- 4-5 cloves of garlic
- 1/4 cup olive oil 1/4 cup red wine vinegar 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pep-
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin

Pinch of kosher salt

- 1 cup fresh-cut corn
- 3 tablespoons chives. chopped fine
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 quart tomato juice

Combine all ingredients except the corn and chives in a large bowl. Place small amounts of the mixture into a food processor; blend but leave chunky. Transfer mixture to a bowl and fold in corn and chives. Refrigerate one to two hours. Adjust seasoning and serve in a chilled bowl or glass with herb croutons. Option: 1 teaspoon shredded crab meat. Serves 6-8

Recipe compliments of Chef Keith Matherly, "Adventures in

COOL HONEYDEW-MINT

- 1/2 large honeydew melon (about two pounds), seeded, peeled and cut into pieces
- 1/4 cup loosely packed fresh
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice, or as needed
- 1 tablespoon honey
- Salt to taste Paper-thin slices of lime

Mint sprigs

Working in batches, place the melon, mint leaves, lime juice and honey into a blender. Process on high speed until smooth and light. about two minutes for each batch. Transfer to a container, cover and chill at least one hour. Before serving, season to taste with more lime juice and salt. Ladle the soup into chilled bowls and garnish with lime slices and mint sprigs. Serve well-chillled. Serves 6

Recipe from "Summer, Recipes Inspired by Nature's Bounty" by Joanne Weir from the Williams-Sonoma Seasonal Celebration (Time-Life Books; June 1997,

CLARKSTON UNION GAZPACHO

- 1 cup Roma tomatoes, seed-
- ed and diced
- 1 green pepper, finely diced 1 red pepper, finely diced
- 1 medium cucumber, peeled and diced
- 1 small red onion, finely diced
- 3 cups tomato juice
- 2 cups red wine
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic Dash of hot sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste 1 teaspoon horseradish

Celery salt to taste 2-4 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

Place prepared vegetables in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, mix together tomato juice, red wine, garlic, hot sauce, salt and pepper, horseradish, celery salt and Worcestershire sauce. Combine liquid and vegetables and adjust seasonings to your taste. Refrigerate until well chilled. Serve in a chilled bowl and top with croutons. Option: A little fresh cilantro is

Recipe compliments of Chef Jeff Ice of the Clarkston Union restaurant in Clarkston.

always nice to add to this dish.

Chef whips up 'simple' crab salad

NEW YORK (AP) - Daniel Boulud explains that his Crab. Mango and Cucumber Salad is a very simple salad.

And the renowned chef-restaurateur demonstrates it in the kitchen of Cafe Boulud. His practiced ease, his deft chopping and mixing, convince the food writers gathered around him that, yes, it actually is simple.

But not unsophisticated. The recipe is from "Daniel Boulud's Cafe Boulud Cookbook" (Scribner, \$35, due to be published in November), from the section tagged "Voyages," inspired by distant places.

His recipe includes directions for making mango coulis, an optional sauce. The full recipe for mango coulis makes about 1 cup, he explains, which is twice as much as you'd need for the salad. You can cut the recipe in half, but he suggests you make the full amount anyway. "It will keep for a day and is terrific served as a dipping sauce for simply boiled shrimp or cru-

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CRAB, MANGO AND CUCUMBER SALAD

- 1 pound fresh lump crab meat, preferably from Maine, picked over for shells and cartilage
- 1 1/2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin
- olive oil 1 tablespoon finely chopped cilantro leaves, plus 4
- whole leaves for garnish 2 teaspoons finely chopped mint leaves, plus 4 whole

Salt and freshly ground white pepper

- Tabasco
- 1 medium mango, peeled, pitted and cut into 1/4 inch
- 1 cucumber, peeled, seeded and cut into 1/4-inch dice
- 1 tablespoon unsalted peanuts, toasted and roughly chopped

Season the crab meat with 1 tablespoon of the lime juice, 1 1/2 tablespoons of the olive oil, 2/3rds of the chopped cilantro and mint, salt and pepper to taste and about 10 drops of Tabasco. Toss the crab meat lightly with a fork or your fingers. If you wish to serve the salad family style, put the crab in a chilled shallow bowl. For individual servings, arrange the crab in 4 chilled shallow soup plates.

Season the mango and cucumber with the remaining lime juice, olive oil, chopped cilantro and mint, salt and pepper to taste and about 10 drops of Tabasco. Mix well and scatter the mixture over the crab meat, in either large or small bowls. Sprinkle the salad with the chopped peanuts and top with the whole cilantro and mint leaves. Serve mango coulis on the side, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

MANGO COULIS (OPTIONAL)

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive
- 1 ripe mango, peeled, pitted and cut into small dice Salt and freshly ground white pepper
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice

Heat the olive oil in a small pan over medium heat, add the mango, season with salt and pepper and cook, stirring, for about 3 minutes, until the fruit is very tender. Add the water, bring to a boil and then pull the pan from the heat. Stir in the lemon juice, then scrape the mixture into the jar of a miniblender or, better yet, a container in which you can use an immersion blender. Puree until smooth, let cool and chill until needed. (Make the coulis up to a day ahead

and keep tightly covered in the

dictating you have what we

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offer. These are your choices."

Rochelle Feldman of West Bloomfield and Karen Thomczak of Farmington Hills, who work next door to Martin's Butcher Block, often stop by to pick up some ready-made

"I don't cook. This is an answer to my prayers. Every carries me through the weekend," said Feldman, who often shares the dinners with her 5year-old grandchild.

"We just have such busy schedules with two jobs, one child at home. You don't want to get hooked on fast foods," said

Feldman said Shier and Matherly really do pay attensingle week I get dinners, and it tion to their customers' crav-

ings. "I told them I had a craving for ambrosia, and three days later it was here.

The two women plan to be customers for a very long time. "We can always count on them to make a really good meal," said Thomczak.

For more information about Adventures in Dining, call (248)

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takes place. There is a third fermentation in the bottle. The

result is a beer that is peach champagne. Lindemans Peche has very fine bubbles, it's dry with a nice peach flavor.

Box Bar

Check out the expansion and

great beer list at The Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. They have all my favorite beers including Fullers 1845. It's a bottle conditioned ale made for the 150th anniversary of Fuller, Turner and Smith.

They also offer St. Georgenbrau Keller Bier and a whole slew of Belgian beers including Lindemans Peche.

Chef Joseph Styke is sous chef at the Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth, and an award-winning home brewer. Look for his column on the last Sunday of the month in Taste.

Share your favorite chili recipes

The Observer will publish a special section about the Plymouth chili cookoff Sept. 30, and we'd like to include your favorite naw, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia,

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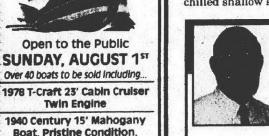
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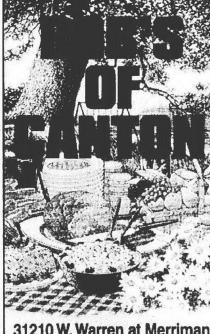


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Skip fat, calories with delicious oven-fried chicken

BY DANA JACOBI SPECIAL WRITER

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If fried chicken is high on your love-hate list of foods, meaning that you love to eat it but hate all its fat and calories, oven-baking is the answer.

The secret to enjoying this American favorite, crisp and crusty outside and succulently moist inside, but without the fat, lies in finding the right recipe.

It took some experimenting to get golden brown "fried" chicken cooked in the oven, full of juicy flavor and with a delicious crust that's not soggy.

Using breast meat added to the challenge of producing moist and tender results.

cess, I started out using both boneless chicken breast and halves with the ribs. With each, I tested one wet coating, several dry ones, and two different oven temperatures. In every case, the cutlets came out cardboard dry, the bone-in breasts moist.

From the start, I knew yogurt would be the best wet coating. Its tart flayor is close to the tang of the true buttermilk used by old-time cooks.

Normally, I would use milk to thin the yogurt. Experience, though, demonstrated that lightly beaten egg white was better because chicken coated in this mixture stayed moist without needing time to soak in it.

For the dry coating, I tested four possibilities: corn flakes, soda crackers, bread crumbs, To arrive at the recipe for suc- and flour. Ultimately, a base of

seasoned flour, followed by a outdoor parties coating of the yogurt mixture, then a generous covering of crushed crackers, produced superb results. Perfectly crisp when hot, this coating was still appealing on leftover chicken refrigerated overnight. It tasted great, hot and cold.

An oven temperature of 375°F made the chicken properly brown and cooked it all the way through; a higher temperature singed the cracker coating and hardened the meat. Placing the chicken on a greased rack helped it brown evenly without turning.

In sum, using a rack and coatings of seasoned flour, yogurtand-egg white, and crushed soda crackers, produced great, lean "fried" chicken to serve proudly at home and enjoy at picnics and

OVEN-FRIED CHICKEN

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon mustard powder
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano 1 teaspoon rubbed sage
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pep-
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 egg white 1/2 cup low fat yogurt
- 3 cups finely crushed fat-free soda crackers, about 40
- 2 whole chicken breasts. about 2 pounds, split and

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Spray a cake rack and place it on a foil covered baking sheet. In a wide, shallow dish, combine the flour, basil, mustard, oregano, sage, thyme, cayenne, salt, and pepper.

In another dish, with a fork, beat the egg white until frothy. Mix in the yogurt. Place the crushed crackers on a plate.

Dip the chicken in the seasoned flour, turning until completely

Cover with the yogurt mixture, then roll it in the cracker crumbs. Place the coated chicken on the prepared rack. Leave at least 1 inch between the pieces of chicken Spray the coated chicken with cooking spray.

Bake the chicken for 45 minutes, or until it is golden and the juices. run clear when a breast is pierced with a fork. This chicken is crunchy when served within one hour. It keeps, wrapped in foil or plastic, in the refrigerator for 2

Nutrition information: Each of the four servings contains 336 calories and 6 grams of fat.

Written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by Dana Jacobi, author of "The Best of Clay Pot Cooking" and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!"

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My love for fresh, homegrown food was cultivated throughout childhood, especially during the time I spent on my grandparent's farm in

Montrose, Mich. There are certain tastes or smells that

immediately transport you back to what feels like a simpler time. Fresh fruit is that magical food for me.

My siblings and I loved to wake up early in the morning and head out with our baskets to pick wild berries.

The method was always the same - one for the basket, one for our belly. Once we filled the baskets, we raced back to the house to wash our bounty, while my grandmother prepared the griddle for fresh blueberry pan-

Now that summer is in full swing, the selection and availability of fresh fruits and berries is incredible. Picking fruit and vegetables at a nearby farm or orchard is a fun, and relatively inexpensive, family outing. I guarantee your recipes will taste better if you use freshly picked

fruits and vegetables. I have put together a few recipes for you to make for family and friends at your next gettogether or picnic. Each recipe contains a fruit that you can buy at a farm market or pick at a and serve. local farm or orchard.

BLUEBERRY CREPES WITH GOAT CHEESE AND FRESH TARRAGON

(Yields 10 crepes)

- 2 eggs 2 1/2 tablespoons heavy
- cream

2 1/2 tablespoons fresh blueberries pureed

Mix these ingredients together. 1 tablespoon powdered sugar 1/2 cup all purpose flour

Add to above liquid.

Heat small 7-inch non-stick pan over high heat. Pour 2 tablespoons of the batter into the pan. Swirl the pan to evenly distribute the batter on the bottom of the pan. Cook 30 seconds, or until bottom is golden brown.

Use a toothpick to flip the crepe and finish cooking, about 15 seconds. Turn onto a plate. Stack crepes with a sheet of wax paper in between layers, and set aside.

GOAT CHEESE

TARRAGON FILLING

- 3/4 cup goat cheese (you may substitute cream cheese)
- 2 tablespoons freshly chopped tarragon
- 1/4 cup heavy cream 1/2 teaspoon fresh black pepper

Whip all of these ingredients in a food processor until well mixed.

Place 2 tablespoons of the filling on half of the crepe, and fold in half two times. Reheat in warm oven for five minutes.

Drizzle with balsamic vinegar

FRESH BLACKBERRY JAM (Makes 1 quart)

2 pounds fresh picked black-

- berries, washed
- 3 cups sugar 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Place berries and sugar in a bowl and mix well. Let stand overnight in refrigerator.

The next day, add lemon juice and bring to a boil in a saucepan. Cook to the jelling point, and cool.

Serve with peanut butter, or pate de foie gras.

GRILLED CHICKEN WITH GRANNY SMITH APPLES. CHEDDAR CHEESE, AND ROSEMARY SAUCE

Serves 4

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1 large Granny Smith apple. cored and sliced
- 1 small shallot, julienne Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar

1 tablespoon butter

In heated pan, sauté shallots and garlic in butter for about a minute, then add sliced apples. Season with salt and pepper. Cook until apples are golden brown and soft. Set aside.

ROSEMARY SAUCE

- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup white wine 1 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup water
- 3 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Mix together all of the above ingredients, simmer, and reduce until the consistency is similar to

Grill chicken until cooked completely through. Divide apple mixture among breasts, and top with cheese. Close grill to melt cheese. Remove, pour rosemary sauce over the chicken and serve.

Chef Scott Peterson is the executive chef at Big Rock Chop & Brewhouse in Birmingham.



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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

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.

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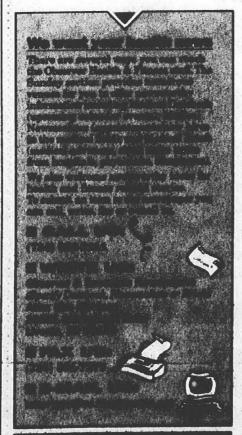
Men who are experiencing hair loss are being sought for a research study at Henry Ford Hospital. The study, conducted by the department of Dermatology, is investigating the effectiveness of an approved drug to treat male pattern hair

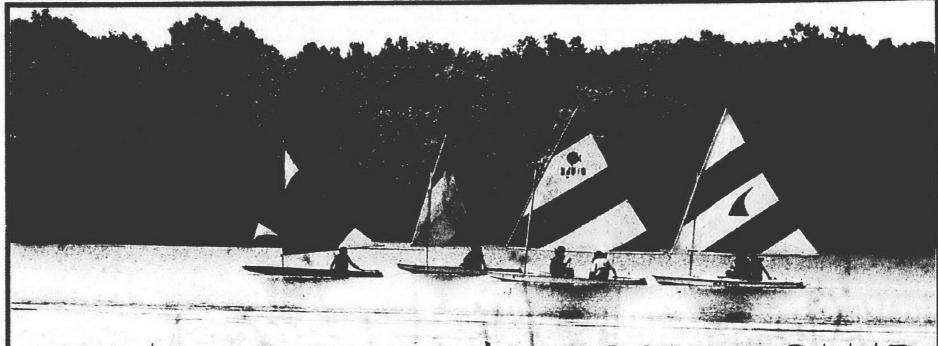
Patients should be 41-60 years old and currently suffering from hair loss. Medication, doctor visits and parking are free. Patients will be compensated for their time. Call (313) 916-8847 or (313) 916-9759.

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

Ordinary experiences are special for kids with medical needs

Eric Ziga, also from Dearborn,

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BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON

ooking 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 NKFM 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.

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

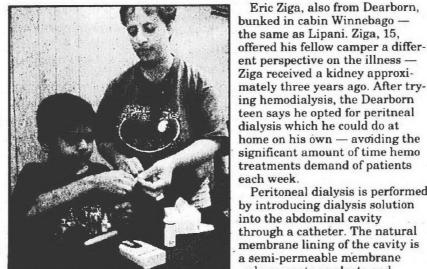
been through," said Camille.

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

"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 should to "It's a nice opportunity for monitor his levels.

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

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.

who have walked in their shoes was an added

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 peritneal 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

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.



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



Ready, alm: 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.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Items for Business Marketplace are welcome from all companies and residents active in the Observer-area business community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Business Marketplace, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

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. The contract is to provide training for the new release of "GM Online One" - a global, company-wide upgrade from Microsoft® Windows 3.1 to Windows 95, and an upgrade from Microsoft® Office 6.0 to

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 Engi-(SAE) Foundation designed to assure a skilled scientific and engineering work force for the year 2000 and beyond. Their objective is to prepare professionally developed classroom materials to assist teachers at all levels, K-12.

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. CEO of ALNM, Abe A. Munfah, stated the Canton office will allow them to increase capacity and expand services to their clientele in Wayne County.

Fastest growing

Livonia-based ZenaComp Incorporated was honored as the ninth fastest-growing privately owned business in Michigan. This is the fourth straight year the technology firm was

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, application development and integration and network implementations.

Outstanding recognition

The TM Group Inc. of Farmington Hills recently received recognition from Great Plains for outstanding sales achievement. The President's Club award recognizes exceptional Great Plains resellers whose commitment to clients is reflected in their business performance and high level of sales achieve-

Purchase

G B Sales & Service Inc. of Plymouth recently purchased Prepolec Lift Truck Service Inc. of Warren. The closing of the purchase was completed June 30. A new corporation was formed and will operate under the name Prepolec Sales & Ser-

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Items for Business Newsmakers are from business and companies throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted re welcome to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Memberships renewed

Doris Carter, of Livonia, has renewed her membership in the Association of Bridal Consultants. Carter was a member since 1995 and has earned the title of Professional Bridal Consultant for her work in the Association's educational programs.

She operates Carter's Creations from Livonia serving western Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland counties. She is a floral designer and wedding planner.

Tracy Kohls, of Canton, has renewed her membership (in the Association of Bridal Consultants. She operates Couture Bridal in Canton and serves brides in the metropolitan

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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

New account supervisor

Tiffany Devon has joined Hermanoff & Associates, a fullservice public relations firm as an account supervisor. In her new position she will lead on several consumer, healthcare and government sector accounts as well as new business efforts. Before joining Hermanoff, Devon was the 6 p.m. news producer for WJBK-TV Fox 2 in Detroit. She lives in Livonia with her husband and their two children.

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. In her new position, she will be responsible for fundraising and development, tutor training, volunteer coordinating, and assisting in strategic planning. She reports directly to the CLC Board of Directors.

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. D'Amico had been director of body and exterior / interior systems design.

Computers make for better investors



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 invest-

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.

NAIC has been around almost half a century and it has nearly 800,000 members. It's built around some very simple and basic principles and ... they

Several dozen of those in attendance last weekend have become millionaires by stashing away small amounts each month for years on end, watching it compound and grow until, as one 61-year-old Chicago-area man told me, "I retired two years ago and don't have to ever worry about money again."

I came to Dallas for a couple of

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.

So one reason I was there was to research the book.

But the other reason I went to Dallas was to see how computers and online investing are being applied.

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 compa-

"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."

Now, it's computers.

"We never could have envisioned what computers and the Internet would do," Seger told me. "It really is a marvelous

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 like not playing the market, but buying companies with proven track records of sales and profit growth and sta-

ble, mature management. le, 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.

"It's like gambling," said the venerable Tom O'Hara. "It's very risky and for every one success through Day Trading, there are scores of disasters. The one thing we've learned in our long history is that the only sure way for investment success is long term.

NAIC's principles are aimed at seeing an investment double in value every five years. If you want to learn more about this group, or how to identify growth companies or start an investment club, visit their Web site, www.better-investing.org for

Two other Web sites worth checking out for investment edu-

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 communi-

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-tocoast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

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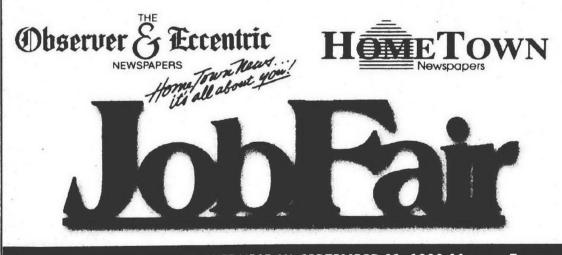
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Imported illegally from China and other countries, the insecticide chalk is touted as effective against roaches and other household pests when a

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. In recent months it has been advertised in newspapers and on the Internet.

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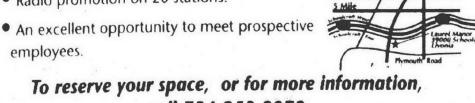
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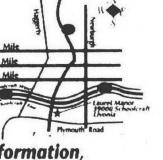
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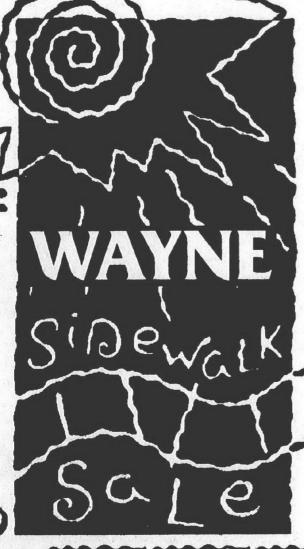
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Art devotees gather in Ann Arbor

little rain and change in starting time didn't stop Sue Gentz and Jan McDonald from arriving at 9 a.m. for the Ann Arbor Art Fairs on Wednesday, July 21. They simply took refuge in Amer's restaurant on the corner of Liberty and Main. That's where I ran into them. They kindly shared their table with my sister and me.
"The size of fairs and the variety of

artists is why we never miss it," said Gentz, a Plymouth resident. "There's something here for everyone."

McDonald, a Livonia resident, likes to watch people so Ann Arbor was the perfect place to be July 21-24.

"I get a lot of Christmas shopping done," said McDonald. "We always come on opening day. The threat of rain didn't deter us. When my hus-



Reflections: This classic car painting by Tom Hale was on display at the State Street Area Art Fair in Ann Arbor.

band asked me when I'd be home, I said we'd stay until my hair got wet."

By 10 a.m., this year's official opening time, Gentz, McDonald, myself and my sister Gwen Dietrich were on the streets looking for art. The first stop for me, since I was writing my column on the art fairs, was Tom LeGault's booth.

"I'm running on fumes. I've been working 18 hour days to get ready for Ann Arbor," said the Plymouth painter. "Ann Arbor is the best. We'll probably have four days of thunderstorms but the people don't care. They'll still come.'

If you missed LeGault in Ann Arbor, you can find his impressionistic boat and Northern Michigan scenes at the Northfield Hills Art on the Lake 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, on Long Lake Road between Crooks and Coolidge in Troy, (248) 641-9080. He will also be at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Artists and Craftsmen show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at Central Middle School, Church and Main Street. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

On the road again

This was Tom Hale's 19th year in the State Street Area section of the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, which are actually three fairs in one. A Farmington Hills artist best known for his paintings of classic cars, Hale brought new landscapes to the fairs, which feature nearly 1,100 artists. His cars, however, remain favorites with their lyrical lines, and nature reflected in their chrome and body parts

"I don't think anybody's ever ready for Ann Arbor," said Hale. "It's physically exhausting. It's the hardest

When Hale wraps a red rose around a fender in his paintings, his years as an automotive designer are evident. He says he's always trying to feel the contour of the car when he sees a reflection in it, and it shows. But you can see for yourself when Hale shows his classic car paintings at the Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance Invitational Art Show 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 on the grounds of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Sixteen automotive artists are bringing their work from France, Canada, Germany, England and the U.S. to the 21st annual Concours d'Elegance. Along with the artworks, there will be the real Bugattis, Packards and 250 additional vintage

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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

A new world: This "Study for Jersey Homesteads Mural" by Ben Shahn shows a group of immigrants coming down a gangplank onto Ellis Island in the mid-1930s.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

en Shahn comes alive with every story his widow Bernarda Bryson Shahn tells. Her voice is smitten as a schoolgirl's as she talks about Diego Rivera excusing himself to retrieve his young assistant to speak about the mural he was painting at the Rockefeller Center in New York. The project turned into an international scandal and was never completed because Rivera sketched in heads of Lenin and Marx. But it did succeed in bringing together Bernarda and



Working man's rights: Labor organizer John Lewis is the focus of "East Side Soap Box", a 1936 painting by Ben Shahn.

They first met when she was writing about Shahn's Sacco and Vanzetti paintings for the Ohio State Journal. The paintings, which focused on the executed Italian-immigrant anarchists, established Shahn as a social realist painter.

"Diego couldn't speak English well and said 'let me get my assistant.' His assistant was Ben," said Bernarda Bryson Shahn.

Like Bernada's stories, all of the paintings in the exhibition, opening today at the Detroit Institute of Arts. recall a time in Shahn's life. Bernarda said she thinks the exhibition captures the essence of those years — from 1936 through the early 1960s. She saw "Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn" last winter at The Jewish Museum, New York, which organized the exhibition of 43 paint-

The exhibit, grouped in five galleries dealing with social realism, religious tradition, war, humanity, and the Saga of the Lucky Dragon, continues through Sunday, Oct. 31.

"I thought it was a wonderful show," said Bryson Shahn about the exhibit which traveled to New York and Allentown, Pa. before opening in Detroit. "It required a lot of work to find as many as they did."

A study for the Jersey Homesteads mural is one of Bernarda's favorites. It reminds her of the days she assisted her husband in creating the work dedicated to Jewish immigrants resettled in what is now known as Roosevelt, New Jersey. It's where Bernarda and Ben began their married life and where she lives today. The mural captures the plight of Jewish immigrants coming to this country in the mid-

"We were both working for the Resettlement Administration in Washington, D.C. when the mural was painted," said Bryson Shahn. "Ben's father grew up working with his hands so Ben associated with people who worked with their hands." His father and grandfather were woodcarvers.

Shahn related to the Jewish immigrants he painted, because his family emigrated to the U.S. from Lithuania in 1906. Leaving behind his grandfather to whom he was especially close, and his father, exiled to Siberia for anti-czarist activities, was a traumatic experience for Shahn. His father eventually joined the family in the new country.

The Saga of the Lucky Dragon, displayed in the fifth gallery, is based on illustrations published by Harper's in a three-part article about Japanese fishermen exposed to radioactive poisoning during an American bomb test in 1954. When Shahn created the works in the early 1960s, they pleased him immensely.

"At the time he thought it was his most important work," said Bryson Shahn. "The Saga of the Lucky Dragon was a crown of his thinking and more mature painting."

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Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave. For more information, call (313)

833-7900. When: Through Sunday, Oct. 31. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, and until 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. The museum is open until 9 p.m. on the first Friday of every

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Local collectors are smitten with Shahn

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER Ichomin@oe.homecomm.net

Lois Pincus Cohn considers Ben Shahn an artist for all times. The Bloomfield Hills resident says it's one of the reasons she admires his work and would like to share it with others.

Pincus Cohn and her husband Judge Avern Cohn are among the nine private collectors who have lent work to "Ben Shahn and Detroit" opening today at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The 11 paintings, spanning the years 1931 to 1958, complement "Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn."

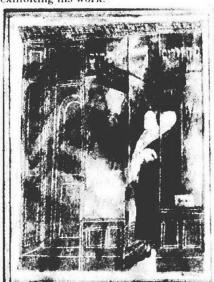
This exhibit includes Shahn's study for the post office mural in the Bronx, an image from the Dreyfus Affair, two studies for the Social Security Building murals, and a series of prints on Sacco and Vanzetti.

The Cohns lent their gouache painting titled "Mason," Shahn's portrait of a working man.

"I like Ben Shahn because he evokes an era in the 30s and 40s and evokes a social consciousness," said Pincus Cohn, owner of Artspace, a Birmingham gallery. "In 'Mason,' you begin to understand the pain of the Depression years. Shahn was Jewish and liberal in his politics, and believed passionately in light and dark forces. He painted a universal realism. His paintings are very moving. He painted the human condition."

Hugh and Carolyn Greenberg lent two gouache paintings - "Les Expert" and "Carpentar" that they bought in the 60s and 70s. The Franklin residents own several of Shahn's works.

"Shahn's a great craftsman and humanist," said Carolyn Greenberg. "1 relate to his people. He has a social and political consciousness that dovetails with our sensitivities. Ben Shahn has not received as much attention as he deserves. It's wonderful that they're exhibiting his work.



Old-world ways: Ben Shahn typifies how Jewish immigrants clung to their Eastern European ways and dress in the 1953 painting "Bookshop: Hebi w Books, Holy Day Books.

PROFILE

DSO's Spisto is heading home to New York

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net Finding time for lunch hasn't been easy for Louis

By all accounts, in a year-and-a-half whirlwind after arriving at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra from the Pacific Symphony, Spisto has succeeded in

enhancing the public perception of the DSO.

Lunch? Obviously, that's had to wait. When he took over from former DSO President Mark Volpe, who moved on to the Boston Symphony, Spisto inherited a prestigious arts organization that had just recently become "financially credible."

While at the time, the orchestra had plans for trips to Japan and Europe, there was a clear mandate for the new president set forth by DSO board members.

"There weren't any programs in place, nor was the image of the DSO effectively communicated to the public. I looked at my position as a minister," said Spisto, who met with the Observer & Eccentric over lunch at 220/Edison, a restaurant in downtown Birmingham. "I'm always on call."

The ministry is moving.

Recently, Spisto has been called home. Back to New York, where he grew up in Brooklyn and Staten



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Island, where Spisto will live near his many family members and friends.

Heading East

In early September, Spisto will become executive

director of the American Ballet Theatre, arguably the finest dance company in the world. He has been hired to expand audiences for ABT's New York performances at the Metropolitan Opera House and City Center. He'll also be in charge of finding a way to increase concerts in the United States and around the world for the company's 80 dancers.

Spisto might be heading East, but there are sure signs he hasn't pulled up all roots in Detroit. Last year, ABT established a formal relationship with the Michigan Opera Theatre to make the Detroit Opera House its Midwest home.

In many ways, joining ABT is an extension of the groundbreaking marketing programs Spisto enacted with the Pacific Symphony and the DSO.

Creating a marketing strategy to connect with a wider audience for dance, according to Spisto, will be the "toughest of all.

Everyman demeanor

To know first-hand the depth of Spisto's ability makes his departure difficult to accept, especially when his creativity, leadership and everyman demeanor are needed to deflate elitist attitudes that sometimes dissuade prospective ticket buyers from

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Even though Shahn put his art education on hold to work as a lithographer to help support four younger siblings, he eventually attended New York University. City College of New York and the National Academy of design. He later traveled to Paris to study art.

Shahn's works in the DIA exhibition are as relevant today as they were when he painted them.

"Allegory" with its red lion and pile of dead children symbolizes the suffering of African American Jim Hickman.

"In 'Allegory' Shahn refers to Jim Hickman living in a tenement in Chicago and his family who perish in a fire believed to be set by the landlord," said Rebecca Hart, assistant curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the DIA. "Shahn's work was always about social injustice, the plight of the working man, his belief in moral action and moral life. The exhibition's a reconsideration of Ben Shahn as

a modernist not as a social realist which has the connotation of propaganda art. Shahn is much more than that."

The exhibition may reconsider Shahn as a modernist painter but his themes of social injustice prevail throughout the five gal-

"Shahn's taking war experiences and Jewish experiences and applying it in a universal way for social justice," said Hart. "As a WPA photographer, Shahn's job was to document the devastation of the Great Depres-

Religious influences

Throughout Shahn's life his Jewish heritage and traditions also influenced his work.

"By 1930, he eschewed ritual observance of Judaism but the tradition stayed with him, the storytelling and the moral action," said Hart. "In 'New York,' painted from a photo of a fish market and an orthodox Jewish man, Shahn is moving away from realism. It becomes sort of a dream or a memory.

Allegory and symbolism

By 1943, Shahn was working with the Office of War Information designing posters, but his own painting had shifted from political issues to universal issues, which focused on the individual. An Italian landscape which is surreal in nature, shows the experience affected him deeply.

"At this point, Shahn's one of the few people privileged to have access to photos of what's happening in Europe," said Hart.
"He sees some of the first documents of the Holocaust. He decides the devastation is so awful he decides to refers to it in an allegorical way."

Among Hart's favorites is Study for Clarinet and Tin Horn" from the DIA's permanent collection. Painted in 1951, the work refers to the agony a musician goes through when creating. Here, he sits imprisoned by a row of horns, his head invisible.

"Shahn's trying to talk about the intensity of creativity. He's talking about high and low art with the row of clarinets and a carnivalesque horn. The artist is in agony," said Hart.

At a time when self expression was dominant, Shahn reached international recognition when the Museum of Modern Art chose him to represent the U.S., along with Abstract Expressionist Willem de Kooning, at the Venice Biennale in 1954.

"Shahn was a representational artist," said Hart. "Critics after the war tended to disregard him. Shahn decides to put emotional content into a single figure and tell the story. One of my other favorites is 'Age of Anxiety' (1953) because it speaks to the fears felt world wide after the development of the Atom Bomb. This was a time of McCarthyism, a time when Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were executed for allegedly selling atomic secrets to the Soviets. A woman with an

Ben Shahn Exhibit — Related activities

■ 2 p.m. today, Rebecca Hart, assistant curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, discusses Shahn's work during and after World War II in the Knight Gallery.

■ 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, Dora Apel of the Wayne State University art history department talks about Shahn and the problem of Jewish identity in postwar American art (Lecture Hall).

2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, and 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Hart speaks about Shahn's work (Knight Gallery).

■ 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, conference: Ben Shahn: Art and Politics, an exploration of Shahn and his contemporaries (Lecture Hall). Followed by 3 p.m. lecture by Diana Linden, visiting assistant professor in the art at the University of Michigan (Knight Gallery).

■ 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, Anthony Lee, assistant professor at Mount Holyoke College, talks about radical art in the postwar era (Lecture Hall).

x-ray body looks like she's pregnant and poses the question what happens to our children."

Saga of the Lucky Dragon

Shahn's Saga of the Lucky Dragon, with its obscurely placed fire dragons or hydrogen beasts, are also favorites of Hart.

"These Japanese fisherman are awakened by the "sun" rising in the west then "death ash" descends on their boat. They collect it and bring it back to Japan. Shortly thereafter the radio man is the first to die," said Hart. "I'm taken at how beautiful Shahn's paintings are. They're just as topical as they were 40 to 50 years ago because he's made these universal. They touch a chord in people."

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classic, sports, racing, and 50s ■ Patricia Bombach's cars on display. For more inforbooth was crowded mation, call (248) 370-3140.

Clay art

Alan Gibson, who brought his contemporary wall pieces and clocks to Ann Arbor, approaches the fairs as a seasoned veteran as well. He's been doing the show for more than 15 years and accepts the grueling hours as the price he has to pay to expose his work to the public. Gibson, a Livonia resident, will bring all of his works, including smaller abstract pieces perfect for accenting a wall, to the Novi Art Festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-8 at the Novi Town Center. Admission is free. Call (248) 347-3830.

Pet portraits

Patricia Bombach's booth was crowded with people who wanted. to see examples of her people and pet portraits. The publicity she received when Fox 2 reporter Lee Thomas featured her in a spot on the Livonia Arts Festival at Greenmead Historical Village in June was obviously overflowing into Ann Arbor. I was there because I'm consid-

ering commissioning Bombach to do a portrait of my three-yearold Irish Wolfhound, Shamrock. Bombach recently retired as a teacher's aide from Livonia's Churchill High School and plans to take a breather from doing art fairs as well. So if you're interested in a portrait of your pooch

with people who wanted to see examples of her people and pet portraits.

or child, call her at (248) 437-

African animals

One of the most interesting booths in Ann Arbor was Nancy Strailey's. The Pennsylvania artist creates drawings of cheetahs, elephants and other animals on papyrus. Strailey's love. for the animals shows in the works on this rare form of paper. She used to do volunteer work at a sanctuary in North Carolina which took in a lot of the "big cats." Strailey leaves for Africa in two weeks to research elephants for her drawings. The results will be on display at Arts, Beats & Eats, Sept. 3-6 in downtown Pontiac. Check out their

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attending classical music con-

"I've always approached classical music from the audience's perspective," said Spisto, whose participation in the arts includes acting and directing in summer stock during his undergraduate years at the University of Wisconsin and during graduate studies at the University of Notre Dame, where he earned an MBA in arts administration.

In the upcoming season, Spisto proudly points out, the DSO will begin a program intended to educate adults on the history of

With the DSO's 1999-2000 season set, the expanded schedule of summer concerts at Meadow Brook selling beyond expectations, a new management team hired, and the Orchestra Hall expansion in place, at least Spis-

to's departure comes when the momentum is increasing.

"It would have been preferable to see things through for another couple years, but I think there's a strong purpose and understanding about the programs for the next five years," he said.

A logical decision

Spisto, 42, made it clear that he didn't initially approach ABT and that at one point he withdrew from any consideration. When ABT persisted, he realized that going back home was a "logical decision."

To live within walking distance of ABT's offices in Manhattan - and a short drive to visit his family - was simply irresistible. "In the end, it was the strong pull to go back to New

Nothing personal, Detroit. Indeed, the strong relationships forged with DSO board members, he said, made it an especially difficult decision.

"It wasn't easy," he said. "I've had many good relationships here. But it was clear, and then there's the fact that ABT is at the peak of their game."

Bittersweet

While the DSO's 75-member board is a Who's Who of the corporate world, it wasn't until Spisto applied his marketing wizardry that one of the region's most prestigious cultural institutions began to appear more spir-

In addition to the 200-plus yearly events at Orchestra Hall and nearby venues, under Spisto's leadership the DSO has expanded its educational pro-

grams while elevating its role in shaping the cultural renaissance of downtown Detroit.

If there were any doubt of Spisto's vigor and zeal, it would be dispelled by the many public photos, where he's smiling broadly with mayors, corporate executives and marquee musicians who have performed at Orchestra Hall.

"I have a deep love for the orchestra," he said. "I always felt like I could excite people."

Unfortunately, in his final weeks at the DSO, Spisto will have more time for lunch and farewells.

The minister of arts might be moving to New York, but he leaves behind a congregation that is alive and well.

Going home is bittersweet.

New director to assume duties at DIA

the Los Angeles County Art Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. Museum, will be named as the next director of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

In the next several weeks, the formal hiring will require the approval of the DIA board, the

Beal is expected to assume the duties of director of the DIA in early September.

Beal received a unanimous recommendation from the DIA's search committee, which Richard Manoogian and A. in 1997. Alfred Taubman.

The full endorsement by the search committee, according to a DIA spokesperson, is certain sign that Beal will be offered the post, which has been vacant

Graham W. J. Beal, director of Detroit Arts Commission and includes influential members since Samuel Sachs II resigned

In the last two years, Maurice Parrish has served as acting director. Parrish is expected to continue in a high executive position at the DIA.







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The Camerata Choir from the Monestery of Jasha Góra Czestochowa. Poland, 7 p.m., Thursday, July 29 at the Queen of Apostles Church, Conant & Prescott, Hamtramck. (810) 228 1792.

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Kirk in the Hills Cariffon music series. 10 a.m. and noon, Sunday, July 25 and August 1. Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Meadow Brook series: "Symphonic Blockbusters" 8 p.m., Friday, July 30: The Planets, 8 p.m., Saturday, July 31, "Big Band Bash," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, August 1, (313) 576-5111 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Jazz Sunday, 10 a.m. July 25 featuring Judie Cochill and the Matt Michaels Trio. 300 Willits at Bates Streets.

Birmingham, (248) 644-0550. LIVONIA CONCERTS Bob Durant's big band sound at

Livonia's Wilson Barn (Middlebelt and W. Chicago), 7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 29. (734) 466-2540.

SOUTHFIELD CONCERT SERIES 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 28, Motor City Road and Civic Center Drive, 7 p.m.

Brass Band. Held at Burgh Park at Berg Sunday, July 25, Imperial Swing Orchestra and August 1, Black Market (reggae) both on the front lawn of the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. (248) 424-

TROY SUMMER CONCERTS Air Margaritaville & the Chameleon Caravan, 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 28 at the Troy Civic Center. (248) 524-3484.

EVENTS

AFTERGLOW

Ann Arbor Artisans' Market Art Fair AfterGlow will be held 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at the City Market, 315 Detroit Street, at Kerrytow Saturday evening will feature David Swain and his band from 6.10 with swing, blues, jazz, and rock favorites Sunday Ken King (acoustic guitar) will play traditional and modern folk music from noon-3:00. Chicken and ribs barbecue and other Delong's specialties for sale, plus all the fixin's for raspberry scone shortcakes by Kern Road Farms. Wide variety of high quality arts and crafts for sale. The Artisans' Market is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Sunday through December.

FOR KIDS **BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART**

Featured artist: Joan Painter this mixed

Jones titled media work "Guardian Angel #2" She is one of the artists the Livonia Arts Commission is featuring this month. Painter Jones' twoand threedimensional works can be found 31 in the Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

SPECIAL

CENTER Summer art class "A Feast for Your

Eyes," for children grades 1-3. Runs to August 11 on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon, 1516 S.

> through July Livonia Civic

Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-

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Summer camps in the performing and fine arts for children ages 3-12, at Rochester/Avon Recreation Authority 1551 E. Auburn Road. Summer Stock Camp, Monday-Thursday, 11:15 a.m. 2:45 p.m., July 26-29 for ages 11-15 and 11:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Mon. Thurs., August 2-5 for ages 7-12; Short Circuit Mini-Camp, 8:30-11 a.m., Mon. Thurs., July 26-29 and August 2-5 for ages 3-7; Colorama Art Camp, 3-4:30 p.m., Monday, July 26 and August 2 for ages 6-12; Preschool Colorama Art Camp, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Monday, July 26 and August 2. (248) 375-9027

MUSEUM DAY CAMPS The Rochester Hills Museum at Van

Hoosen Farm sponsors "Summer on the Farm Day Camps" (ages 9-11) from July 26-30. 1005 Van Hoosen Road Rochester Hills. (248) 656-4663.

SUMMER ART CAMP

"Circus! Circus! Under the Big Top" is the theme for D&M studios' 33 camps in three locations in Plymouth and Canton. Five-day camps available for children 3-16. (734) 453-3710.

SUMMER ORCHESTRA CAMP Detroit Symphony Orchestra Summer Institute at Meadow Brook, July 26-Aug. 8. (313) 576-5167.

LITERARY

POETRY AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Eliot Katz, Chicago poets Carlos Cumpian & Cynthia Gallaher and Hilda Vest & Naomi Long-Madgett, August 2 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Sponsored by the Writer's Voice of the YMCA. (313) 267-5310. extension 338

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," through Friday, Aug. 13. Jazz concert: Northwoods Improvisers, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3361. CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCI-ENCE

Nature Place open for daily activities, also "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," exhibit through Sept. 6. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBrook

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Opens July 25- "Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn through October 31. "Where the Girls Are: Prints by Women from the DIA's Collection" through September 26. Ancient Gold: The Wealth of the Thracians, Treasures from the Republi of Bulgaria through August 29, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-

U-M MUSEUM OF ART

Through September 12 - Touchstone 200 years of artists' lithographs; 1900. Through July 25 - Gina Ferrari: Garden, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor, (734)

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

The Third Root: Africans in Mexico runs through Aug. 22, 315 E. Warren Detroit, Also, New Images: Eileen Monteiro, 1313 494 5800

EXHIBITS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Opens July 29 - "I Dentity" presents te works of visual artists Diana Faris, Irina Koukhanova, Eun Young Koo Lee, Paul Solomon and storyteller LaRon Williams, 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY Opens July 27 - Exhibit of new p

artist Judy Pfaff through September 11 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham 248) 642-8250

GALLERY EXHIBITS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER Phrough July 25 - "Content Contained at the Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 West iberty Ann Arbor 734 994 8004

BIEGAS GALLERY Through July 31 - "Artists That Teach

exhibition and sale 35 Grand River Ave F Detroit 313 961.0634 BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Through Aug 15 The 18th annual Alma Print competition exhibition 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, 248, 644-

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER Through August 28 - Regional 4:1 A Legacy to Acquire 7 47 Williams Street.

ntiac | 248| 333-7849.

CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY Through July 31 - Promising Abstractions * Opening reception 6:30-9 n m . Thursday, July 8 162 North Old

Woodward, Birmingham (248) 647

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY

Through August 12 - Exhibition and sale of works by Jay Lefkowitz Opening reception 6.8 p.m. Thursday. June 24 at the lewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield 248 661 7641

C-POP GALLERY

Through August 10 - "Apocalypse Noir." the constructivist art of Brutet (aka Aidan Hughes). 4160 Woodward. Detroit

HABATAT GALLERIES

Through July 31 - Works by Dale Chihuly, Martin Blank, Dan Dailey, Pavel Hlava, Clifford Rainey and Toots Zynsky. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY Through July 31 - Glass sculpture by

Chris Hawthorne and *Construction: Shields" by Danielle Bodine, 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY Through Aug. 28 - Two solo exhibitions:

New paintings by California artist

William Glen Crooks and paintings from the 1990s by New York artist Lester Johnson, 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700. MANISCALCO GALLERY

Through Aug. 15 - An exhibit of works by Tyree Guyton and Sam "Grandpa" Mackey. 17329 Mack Avenue, Detroit.

(313) 886-2993. G. R. N'NAMDI GALLERY Through July 30 - "Art of the City." 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-

NETWORK

Notebooks," functional art created by Cranbrook Academy of Art alumni and students. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-3911 OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

Through August 19 - 'View and

Visions," an exhibit of the Milford

Village fine Arts Association, 1200

Through Aug. 21 - *Incomplete

North Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-

REVOLUTION

PEWABIC POTTERY Through Aug. 28 - The annual student, faculty and staff exhibit, 10125 East Jefferson, across from Waterworks Park, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

multi-artist presentation, 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444 SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through July 31 - "Aqua/Agua," a

Through July 30 - Art created by Hashim Al-Tawil. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022 SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Through July 30 - Traveling exhibit of children's insect art and poetry. Also included art works by Karen Klein of Klein Gallery and Robin Kittrell Laughlin, author of Backyard Bugs. 26000 Evergreen road, Southfield.

(248) 948-0470. SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES

Through July 31 and Sept. 2-30 -"Peace Warriors," an exhibit by Gilda Oliver, 33 E. Adams, Detroit, (313) 963-

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Through Aug. 6 - Woodcuts by Tom Huck at the Elaine L. Jacob Gallery 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993

WENTWORTH GALLERY

Diane Anderson exhibition at Laurel Park Place, 37648 West Six Mile Road, Livonia, 734, 462-5840, and at the Somerset Collection, 2801 West Big Beaver Road, Troy. (248) 816-8372

ZEITGEIST GALLERY

Through August 31 - Saints, Streets & Stations paintings by Vito Valdez. Opening reception 7 p.m. midnight, Saturday, July 17, 2661 Michigan Ave. Detroit (313) 965-9192

VOLUNTEERS

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Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651. West Bloomfield, Mich. 48325-1651 | 248 | 626-2285

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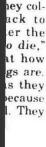
CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GAR DENS 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through

and 1.15 p.m. Thursdays through September 30, at 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3000 GERMAN ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Sept. 26. Lunch and home tour, 11 a.m.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center instructors Russell and Nancy Thaver will lead a tour of the art and architec ture of Cologne and Berlin, Germany, November 9-17. Deposits are being taken now. Call (248) 544-0866 for

information and reservations.



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STAR WARS: EPISODE I: THE

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SUMMER OF SAM (R)

12:25, 5:50

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TARZAN (G)

10:55, 1:25, 3:40, 6:15, 8:25, 10:30, THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER (R)

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THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER (R)

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MENACE (PG)

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"The Silly Season," by Susan readers will remember from Holtzer (St. Martin's press, \$22.95).



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gan grad, Susan Holtzer. This book is a But that is as it is intended.

" 'Summer in

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As Holtzer tells us in a brief preface: "After the serious . . . content of "Black Diamond:" (her previous novel), I felt that Anneke and Karl and Zoe - and their creator - deserved a break . . this one . . . was written strictly for fun."

Fun it is, too, and maybe especially fun for those readers who remember Ann Arbor's 1966 UFO sightings and all the brouhaha surrounding the events. These turned out to be something called "swamp gas," according to UFO. investigator/Northwestern University professor J. Allen Hynek. who came to town to look into things. In this work of fiction, UFO's once again hover in and

of swamp gas. The story begins one sultry June evening with a sighting over Michigan's vast sports complex at the corner of Stadium and Main Streets. Zoe Kaplan, the intrepid student reporter

about Ann Arbor, but this time

they definitely are not the result

other Holtzer mysteries, and her gal pal, Jenna Lenski, are on their way to a State Street ice cream parlor when they spot the strange lights, and speed off to investigate.

" 'Maybe it's a flying saucer that thinks it's found a friend,' Jenna remarks, referring to Crisler Arena's resemblance to the cosmological mothership in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

When the two arrive at the scene, the strange lights appear to have intensified, and a small crowd is gathering. As they watch the strange phenomenon, the arc lights in the parking lot flicker, dim, and finally go out. Almost simultaneously, the UFO seems to grow in size, nearly blinding the watchers. Then, it disappears suddenly, leaving all to wonder what they have witnessed.

But the excitement has only just begun. The very next night, a similarly-spectacular sighting occurs directly above The Rock, a historical granite "monument" at the intersection of Washtenaw and Hill Streets.

Ultimately, Prof. Thomas Edison Stempel, "the University's resident expert on UFO's,' " discovered dead near still another of the sightings. Electrocuted by some mysterious device, it looks as if the controversial academic may have actually been done in at the hands of little green men.

Holtzer does some of her best work when sketching word-pictures of Ann Arbor and the UM campus. Readers can practically savor the coffee and raisin toast at Zingerman's on a sticky June morning, or feel the oven-like heat of the old Daily offices in the summertime, or smell the dewy grass in Fuller Park.

Sometimes, a comically-wicked touch adds to the brisk action. TV media folk from Detroit are "over-coiffed." Nestled among the colored crystals, "ceramic unicorns, pewter elves and . . . candles" at a thriving New Age store are "greeting cards featuring dyspeptic-looking angels." The only thing more ridiculous here than the infighting among academics is the infighting among various factions of UFO "experts."

Combining forces, Michigan Daily reporter Kaplan, Ann Arbor police lieutenant Karl Genesko, and his fiancee, Anneke Haagen, eventually uncover what lies at the heart of this eerie mystery. Readers take note, however: As in "Black Diamond," journalist Kaplan seems to be pushing Genesko and Haagen more and more away from center stage, and Haagen especially seems to play almost a cursory role here.

Many fans may feel that the series is a bit poorer for this change in direction.

I, for one, miss Haagen's spirit and influence, and hope she'll soon take more of a starring role again. Holtzer implies that she will, assuring us that in the next novel, she and Genesko will finally tie the knot, making official a relationship that's gone on for years now between the former Wolverine football star and the 50-year-old computer whiz.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

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

BOOK SIGNINGS

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

BARNES AND NOBLE (BLOOMFIELD HILLS)

Cinema-Lit book group will discuss "Tarzan" by Edgar Rice Burroughs and the several movies based on the books Friday, July 30 at 8 p.m. Special visit for kids (storytime) of the Cat in the Hat Saturday, July 31 at 11 a.m. at the store, 6575 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 540-4209. BORDERS (ARBORLAND)

"Fight Club IV," a short story writing workshop geared for 14-20 people, 4 p.m. Thursdays; John Finan performs acoustic folk and rock, 2 p.m. Sunday, July 25; "How Science and Music Work Together" with Phil Kaput "The Rhythm Man," 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at the store, 3527 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 677-6948.

BORDERS (AUBURN HILLS)

Wednesday July 28 a special storytime (11 a.m.) will honor Beatrix Potter's birthday with a reading, snacks, interactive crafts and a drawing for a Potter prize, all for the kids. Friday July 30, David Laabs will perform classical and contemporary guitar music 8 to 10 p.m. at the store, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. (248) 335-5013

BORDERS (DEARBORN)

A book signing and discussion of author Jean Madden Pitrone's life of Martha Raye, "Take it from a Big Mouth" will be held Monday, July 26 at 7 p.m. Also, Beverly Inman-Ebel, author of "Talk is Not Cheap," will offer one-on-one sessions with patrons, giving advice on how to achieve good business and personal relationships, Friday, July 30 noon to 2 p.m. at the store, 5601 Mercury Dr., at Ford Road, Dearborn. (313) 271-

4441. **BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)**

The Jewish Authors Book Group discusses "Primo Levi: Tragedy of an Optimist" by Miriam Anissimov, 7:30 p.m. July 27. Friday night music is 3rd Coast Chamber Ensemble (classical) at 8 p.m. at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110.

BORDERS (NOVI)

Camp Borders (kids 7 to 12) event is papermaking Thursday, July 29 at the store, Novi Town Center, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi. (248) 347-0780.

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Anderson will discuss "The Mental Game of Golf." She conducts programs on business golf and the mental game and coaches executives on how to improve both their handicap and their bottom lines. Her book is "Teeing Off to the Green: Using Golf as a Business Tool" available at the store, 1122 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558

Tuesday, July 27 at 7 p.m. Judy

SOUTHFIELD LIBRARY

Book discussion series at the library, 26000 Evergreen Road. Southfield features the works of Edith Wharton. Registration is required and participants will be responsible for providing their own books. Register at the Fiction Desk, or call (248) 948 0470. Discussion dates are 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, "Summer;" and 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, "The Mother's Recompense." Series is part of the Summer Humanities Program.

BOOK FAIR The Jewish Community Center will hold their annual Jewish Book Fair Nov. 6-14. Included in the event is the authors mini-fair on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Deadline for submissions for the fair is Aug. 31. Books must be by a Jewish author or contain Jewish content. The fair will take place at the center's facilities in West Bloomfield and in Oak Park More than 30 speakers will appear, and entertainment is provided (both free). Phone the center for submission requirements,

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(PRNewswire) As the heat across the country. To enter, index climbs, Borders. com is kicking back with cool contests and giveaways all summer long. Here's a rundown of freebies on the site right now.

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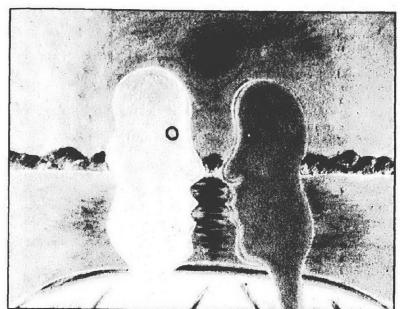
BALLET WORKSHOP

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, inlcude 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



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 mation, call (734) 427-9103.

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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 Mussorgsky 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 Birm-

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 gallery the gallery at (734) 623-0060.

ARTIFACTS ART CLUB Artifacts Art Club presents its first summer multimedia exhibit Aug. 115 at the Joanne Winkleman

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.

Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N.

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."

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

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.



The Henry Ford Community College Renaissance Voices chorale 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 dur-

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 pos-

tant 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 Voic-

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

ing the first 10 days of their trip the tour, administrative assis- 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 recoreded John Rutter's "Requiem" for a CD to be released this fall.

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True, we have an image problem. The outside world doesn't regard Detroit as a mecca of style and sophistication.

Let's face it, we're known for our heavy duty, fuel-injected automobiles, not our fashion aesthetics and voracious hunger for stylish cloth-

It's even fair to say the metropolitan Detroit area lacks a signature style.

Female residents of New York City, the nation's fashion capital, are, for instance, known for wearing black apparel day-in and day-out.

In contrast, women in Dallas are known for donning somewhat flashy clothing. Men there feel naked until they've slipped on a pair of stylish cowboy boots.

Women from the South, a sales representative with Anne Klein in New York City tells me, prefer brighter, more colorful clothes, which explains why the company markets and sells different portions of their apparel collections to different regions of the country.

While metropolitan Detroit may not be known as a high style headquarters, residents from the Detroit area may have recently surprised a few outsiders, among them internationally known clothing designer Carolina Herrera. They even may have surprised themselves.

Herrera was in town to present her fall collection of women's clothing at the Detroit Institute of the Arts at a benefit for the museum put on by Saks Fifth Avenue.

To begin with, the event was well attended. More than 300 people showed up, and museum personnel were scurrying to set up additional chairs around the runway just minutes before the show began. Perhaps local residents are simply more excited about fashion and style than outsiders perceive

More importantly, the majority of attendees were, pardon the expression, dressed to the nines. There were numerous floor-length ball gown skirts and a plethora of tasteful black cocktail dresses.

Once more, a significant portion of the attendees were men, and most of them were dressed in tuxedos.

Yes, the event was billed as black tie. But, if anyone challenged the dress code that night, it was the women, not the men.

Even the Eccentric fashion photographer who accompanied me to the event, Jerry Zolynsky, showed up in black dress pants, a crisp, freshly ironed shirt, red tie and polished black shoes. (Newspaper photographers adamantly defend their right to wear blue jeans on the job, no matter the occasion.)

Noteworthy attendee, writer Elmore Leonard, wore a colorful, patterned bow tie with his penguin suit, a nice touch and a perfect way to distinguish himself.

Sure, everybody loves to kick back in a pair of soft blue jeans and looks forward to casual Fridays at the office.

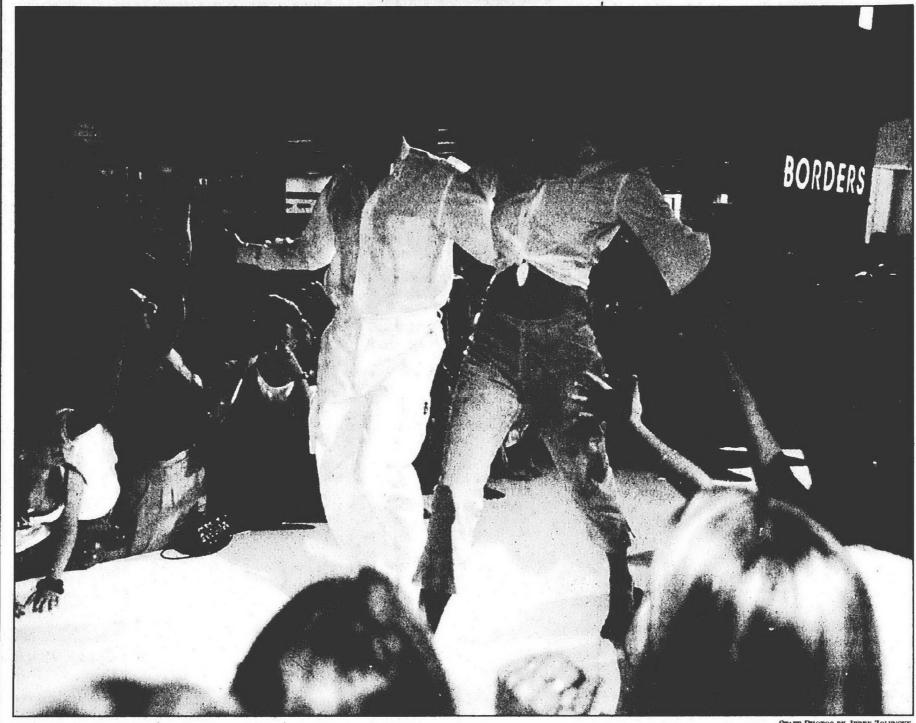
But if we're interested in convincing the outside world to look upon Detroit as a sophisticated metropolitan community, we have to, at least occasionally, play the part.

It's not as if we're being bombarded with a sea of invitations to black tie dinners and swanky galas one week after another.

And fashion isn't simply a matter of getting dressed. Fashion is culture. Fashion is art. While most of us can't afford the best and most unique that fashion has to offer, we can still watch it come down the runway, appreciate its beauty, or oddity, and form an opinion about it.,

Besides, if we're supposed to dress up, especially for a fashion show, why not do it well?

Here's Tommy!



Tommy time: Designer Tommy Hilfiger, along with supermodel and MTV House of Style Host Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, took to the runway after a presentation of Hilfiger's fall clothing for children and young adults at Hudson's, Oakland Mall in Troy. Hilfiger was greeted with hundreds of adoring fans, most of them pre-teens and teenagers.

Tommy Hilfiger likes modern preppy look for suburban Detroit



New nylon: Sleek, sporty nylon showed up in pants, skirts and jackets in Hilfiger's fall clothes for young adults, as did lots of hoods, hats and cargo pants.

Tommy Hilfiger is currently touring the country to promote his fall clothing colleccaught with him by phone (while he was watching a Winnie Pooh movie with his children) to talk about the popularity of outdoorinspired sportswear and how his designs speak, not just to America, but to the metropolitan Detroit area.

Q: Why is athletic and outdoor-inspired

sportswear so popular today? A: People are living a more casual lifestyle, and I think people would much rather be relaxed than not. ... It stands for fun. It makes people feel very comfortable.

Q: How has your clothing impacted sportswear?

A: When I came on the scene in the early 80s, I was really the first to develop a total casual sports collection and it immediately touched a nerve. It made (people) feel more relaxed and more comfortable. ... It was relaxed and it was happy, and it still is.

Q: Your logo and name seem to be everywhere today, what do you think about that? A: I think that there are a lot of people who like to wear logos because of status.

Q: How important are logos to fashion

A: I think that the label is as important as the product is. If the product is good, the label is important.

Q: Which pieces in your fall collections for tions and new fragrance line, Freedom. We men and women do you think are particularly well-suited to suburban Detroit residents and why?

A: We have a lot of very modern prep edge ... a lot of stretch, fine gauge sweaters, chinos, cargos and drawstrings.

Q: Music and culture obviously interest and influence you. What does music from metropolitan Detroit - for example, Motown in the '60s - say to you about clothing and have any of these artists influenced your designs?

A: Actually, I'm doing a book now on rock style and how it has influenced fashion. ... I think the Motown style had a big effect on everybody. They were all in uniform, so to speak. The Supremes were really the first

Q: Sailing is extremely popular here and I understand you are a sailor. Has the sport influenced your designs?

A: Absolutely. In a major way. ... The (sailing) look is exciting. It's fresh and makes people look and feel good.

Q: Has the sport of sailing incorporated the Hilfiger look and how?

A: A few years ago, I started doing sailing gear, and I saw that a lot of people in sailing were wearing my clothes partly because of the red, white and blue colors.

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Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday. SUNDAY, JULY 25

ANNUAL LILY SHOW

Laurel Park Place in Livonia hosts the Michigan Regional Lily Society's lily display and contest with auctions and give-aways of lily stems courtesy of the society, 12-6 p.m., center court.

BASEBALL CARD SHOW

Wonderland Mall in Livonia holds a baseball card show featuring an appearance by Detroit Rocker Neil Gilbert, appearance, 1-3 p.m. and show, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., center court. For additional information, call (734) 522-4100.

TUESDAY, JULY 27

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia offers free blood pressure screenings courtesy of Botsford General Hospital, 8-10 a.m. WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

Oakland Mall in Troy hosts a finger-snapping, toetapping celebration for children and their families

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

called the Peanut Butter Jamboree as part of the mall's summer theater series for kids, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., center court. For more information, call (248) 585-6000, ext. 4

THURSDAY, JULY 29

TRUNK SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA Edward Dorian, 237 Pierce Street in downtown Birmingham, hosts a trunk show of knits by Margaret O'Leary, sweaters by Shu & Shu, suiting by Zion and jewelry by Tracey Harrington through July 30. Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For additional information, call (248) 642-9424.

MICHAEL DAWKIN'S TRUNK SHOW

View the latest jewelry collection by Michael Dawkins at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first

FRIDAY, JULY 30

PLYMOUTH ANNUAL SIDEWALK SALE

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the downtown merchant's annual sidewalk sale through July 31, Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. For additional information, call

(734) 453-1540.

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN As part of downtown Plymouth's Friday Night Fun

free concert series, the Crystal Diamond Setters, Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Trio play at Kellogg Park, 7-10 p.m.

MODE DU CONCOURS SHOW

The Fall 1999 collection of Ellen Tracy comes down the runway at the annual Mode du Concours fashion show with Elle and Mirabella magazines at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester, guest reception, 11 a.m., luncheon and fashion show, noon. Proceeds benefit Meadow Brook Hall. For tickets and information. call (248) 370-3140.

MEET CLIFFORD

Clifford the Big Red Dog, star of several children's books, visits Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, 11 a.m.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

SATURDAY, JULY 31

BARBIE DOLL SHOW

Vintage and collectible Barbie dolls and accessories come to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street in Plymouth, for the return of the Barbie Fashion Doll Show, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For admission prices and other information, call (734) 455-2110.

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Sans sun: No need to sit in the sun to achieve a healthy summer tan; try a sunless tanning kit, including tanning cream, bath and shower gel, body treatment scrub, avocado body lotion and loofah mit, regularly \$70, priced at \$52.50 through July at Mira Linder Spa in the City in Southfield.

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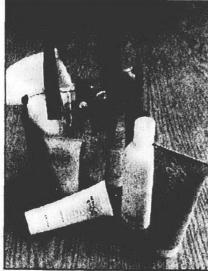
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Coaster art: Washable, organza-like fabric in vibrant colors make these cocktail coasters a piece of art, \$11.50 each at Bellisimo in downtown Rochester.



Body performance: Greensman has developed a line of 15 allnatural, herbal supplement tonics to help the body perform, about \$18 at Margot's Euro Spa in Birmingham.

Dior's nature: New from Christian Dior, the Nature tote bag is made from grain leather that patinates over time and changes tone color in different

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

WHAT WE POUND:

A booklet containing a list of local stores that carry products for mastectomy patients and a brochure about products carried by the American Cancer Society can be picked up at the American Cancer Society office in Southfield. Similar products are also available through the Shop at Home catalogs (\$2), (800) 366-4010.

· Corrugated boxes, magazines, and foam packing material can be dropped off for recycling every first and third Saturday of the month in Waterford in the parking lot of the township's municipal offices, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

- A Mickey Mouse waffle iron can be purchased through the Disney catalog,

- A "Special Day" plate can be found in the Pampered Chef catalog, (800) 728-0253, and the Lillian Vernon catalog, (800) LILLIAN or on the Internet at www.lillianvernon.com.

- A product similar to Revion Color-Lock is sold by Revlon Ultima.

- Huckleberry jam can be found at the Bon Ton Shop at the Bush's Supermarket Center on Six Mile and Newburgh roads in

- A Rockford sock monkey kit can be purchased at Noodle Kiddoodle on Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

- A replacement glass carafe for a coffee server can be bought at the Corning outlet at Birch Run.

Men's athletic dress shirts are sold at J.C. Penney at Westland Mall and at Meijer stores.

Computer imaging makeovers are done at Salon William in the Waterfall Plaza on Dixie Highway in Waterford. We also found a Password game.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR: - A Zoot Suit for Kevin.

- Hux towel material for Linda of Dear

- A green reflective address sign to be attached to rural mail boxes. - A 1944 Lake Orion High School year-

book and a canvas cover for a child's metal butterfly chair for Judy.

 Perma Soft Fresh Control cream. Coy's Country Incredible corn bread

· Wicked Wahini perfume for Lisa, a resident of Commerce Township.

· Someone who would like 200 Betty Crocker points from a reader willing to donate them.

- Coty 24 lipstick in any color for Diane in Lake Orion. A machine-washable, polyester shirt

dress without a waist in a size 16, for Jean. A Macomb County location for recycling plastic grocery bags.

- A Rainbow Brite doll from the 80's for Diane.

A Victorian style Crazy Quilt machine for Pat.

- A video of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" made in 1964 with Leslie Ann Warren for Sharon.

A business that will repair a New Haven electric chime mantel clock and a cuckoo clock for Marga.

- A person who does in-home chair caning at a reasonable price near Livo-

- An Old Glory twin bedspread pattern

(American flag motif) for Dale. - A 1979 Wayne Memorial High School

yearbook for Alberta. Revlon Fine Line Natural brow pencil refills in "Light Brown" for Lorraine.

A Ziggy doll dressed in a nightshirt and nightcap for Jim. - A 1968 Clarkston High School year-

book for Gary Thermo-Serve coffee mugs for Maggie A large, black plastic hook with

adhesive backing for Gloria. - A used "Little Tyke" Playhouse log

cabin for the backyard and a Childcraft changing table with the "Honey Oak" finish for Leslie.

- Ultima II lipliner in "Tawny" color for Carol.

-Compiled by Sandi Jarackas



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-from The Zen of Beachfreaking in the book "Beach Freaks" Guide to Michigan Best Beaches" by Joan and Bob Elmouchi.

BY DOUG JOHNSON

Four summers ago while basking in the sun on one of Michigan's beaches, Joan Elmouchi and her husband, Bob, got a terrific idea

Why not write up the best beaches in Michigan and maybe turn the information into a book?

The result is "Beach Freaks," a neat paperback book full of details about Michigan's best beaches

Joan is director of the Garden City Public Library. Bob is an environmental and safety engineer for a car seat leather manufacturer in Rochester Hills.

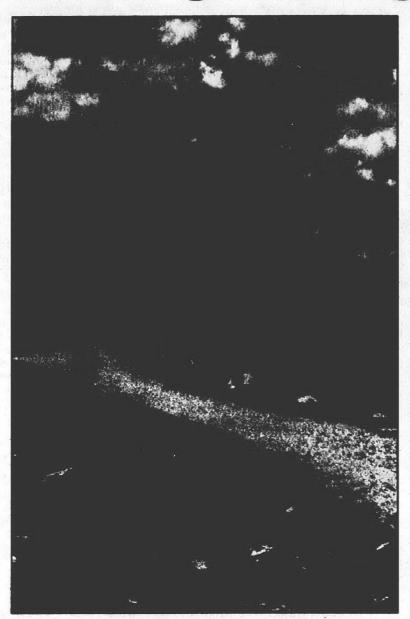
The couple live in Southfield making the job commute bearable. She was born by the beach (Atlantic City, N.J.) but came to the University of Michigan for a library science degree and has never left.

"I had seen books on parks, hiking trails and Michigan travel but none on Michigan beaches. So, we started taking notes, writing up the best beaches,

Joan said. After the initial idea four years ago, the book became a warm-weather project. During the last three summers the couple have traversed the state in search of the perfect beach.

The book lists beaches from four areas: Detroit Metro, West Coast, East Coast and Upper

Peninsula. "The first summer we did the local beaches within about an hour of Detroit and included



Empire Beach: Hunters of Petosky Stones scour the

some state parks, county and Metro parks.

"The second summer we concentrated on the east coast ... the thumb area, Tawas, Alpena. It, took a lot of weekends, but there is a lot you can see in a weekend. Plus we used a week of vacation. "Last summer, we covered the

west coast and some of the UP. It meant a lot of traveling," Joan explained.

The couple had a book contract right from the start, working with Glovebox Guidebooks of America, out of Saginaw. Bob did all the photographs for the book, putting to use an avid



Holly Recreation Area: Sand and water make for a restful afternoon at a beach in the Metro area. Joan and Bob Elmouchi (below) gather gear for a beach trip.





interest in computer graphics and 20 years experience as a professional photographer.

The title comes from phrases like "movie freak" or "tennis freak," meaning a hardcore devotee or buff.

The book contains details on each beach, locator maps, list of

and a "beach finder" giving the page number, map cross reference letters and numbers in two common Michigan Atlases: DeLorme and Universal.

amenities using common icons,

The layout, excellent photographs, and clean, clear graphics complement Joan Elmouchi's words perfectly. A chapter on Michigan's sand dunes is includ-

How did she pick her Top Ten? "I was looking for natural beauty, not concession stands. We picked the beach on Sturgeon Bay No. 1 because it is extraordinarily beautiful. It's pristine; there's miles of shoreline, clear, sparkling water, sand dunes."

The beach is just a few miles from Mackinaw City in Wilderness State Park and is a "Beach Freaks' paradise" according to the book. The rest of the Top Ten were based on scenic value, sand quality and openness of

"Some sand is trucked in and. has a lot of dirt. Some is very stony," Joan said, like a true beach connoisseur.

If you use a wheelchair, you might want to check out Bronson Park near Muskegon, where you can get very close to the water on a wooden ramp.

The book also is critical where necessary, especially about dirty beaches. "But, things change fast at beaches," Joan said. "Water levels, amenities, sand dunes, clean-up - all can change rapid-

The Top Ten also include some hard-to-find places. North Bar Lake, for example, is not on most maps; there are no clear road signs. It is in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. "Duck Lake Sate Park got an honorable mention. It's near Lake Michigan and has the uncommon linking of a Great Lake with an inland lake, although it is not as fully developed as some parks," Joan said.

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"Beach Freaks' Guide" is 269 pages; \$16.95; available at Borders, Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com on the Web; or by calling (800) 289-4843.

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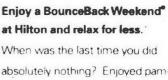
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OBSERVER **SPORTS** SCENE

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 96yard 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-

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-

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 12and-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. leam coaches are Kon Kzeppa, Don Shumaker, Tom Byrne and Troy Kim-

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

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

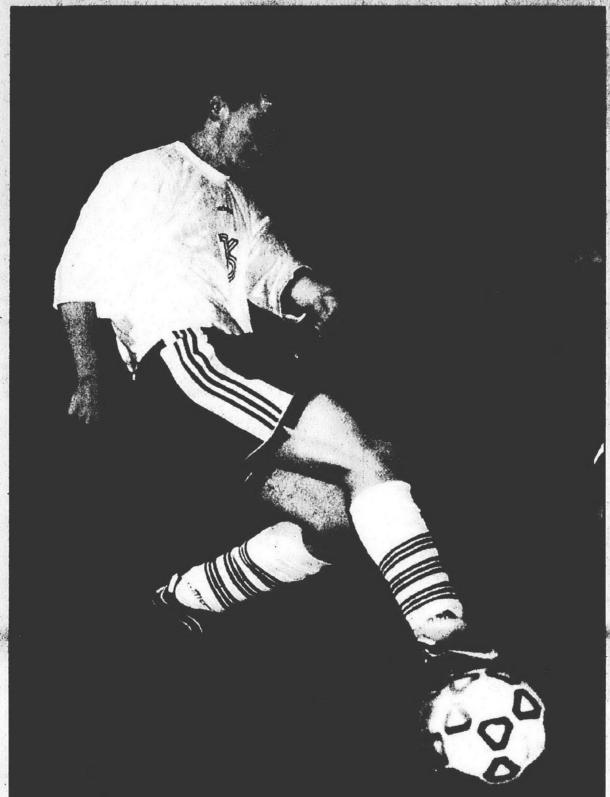
Players in grades 9-12 are needed for a fall league baseball.

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.

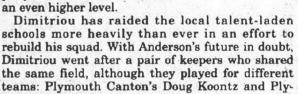
In the last two years, Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team has put 36 wins up on the board. What has eluded the Ocelots is an NJCAA title, something they were hoping to get a shot at last year.

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

Only two players from last season's 18-4 squadwill 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 academi-

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.



Doug Koontz

mouth 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 1.48 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

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Bulldogs clinch MSHL regular-season title

Even with an unbalanced regularseason 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

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

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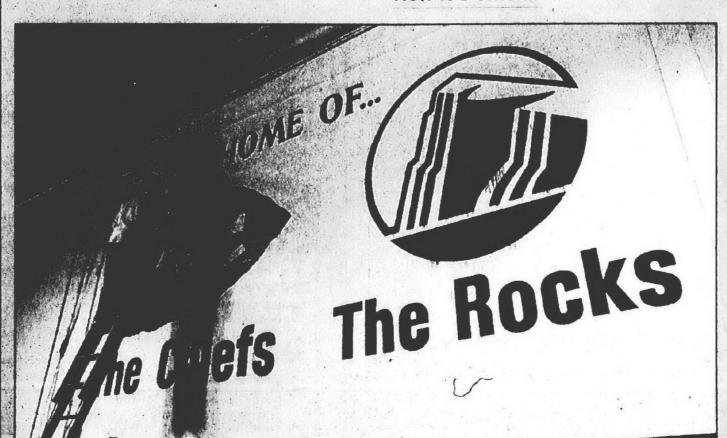
this season in the MSHL, league commissioner Keith Pietila was forced to go to a schedule in which the Huskies played 12 regular-season games and the rest of the league played 11. The schedule balances out in the first round of the playoffs, which all the teams? qualify for. The Huskies don't play in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

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 inaugral 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.

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Hockey DI

with 17 points; the Huskies, who finish their 12-game regular season today against the Lakers, can accumulate no more than 16. The best any other team can do is 12 points.

The game had additional incentive, especially for the Bulldogs. One of their two losses had been to the Huskies, by a 5-3 margin on July 7.

Swider alone provided more offense than the Huskies could handle. After John Pietila had given the Huskies a 1-0 lead 4:29 into the game, the 'Dogs scored seven times before the end of the period. Swider was a major problem for the Huskies; at one point he scored four-straight goals in a 6:08 span. He finished with six goals.

Adam Krug (Livonia) and Troy Milam contributed two goals and one assist apiece, while Jason Basile (West Bloomfield) had a goal and four assists. Corey Swider (Livonia) had two goals and Eric Bratcher had a goal and an assist.

Ted Martens and Phil Osaer (Livonia) divided time in goal for the Bulldogs.

Dwight Helminen had a hand in all four of the Huskie goals, scoring one and assisting on the three others. John Pietila and Phil Pietila added a goal and an assist each, with Jayme Joncas also scoring a goal.

Art Baker was in goal for the Huskies.



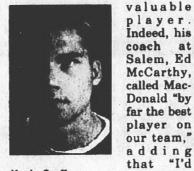
versatile kid. He's definitely a starter.'

For Barnes (who was all-Division and second team all-Observer), the question is where - forward, midfield or defense. Dimitriou isn't adverse in using Barnes at any of those positions, even in the same game. However, at present he sees Barnes at forward.

Perhaps that's because of the depth of incoming defensive talent.

Another defender expected to have an immediate impact is Plymouth native Kevin Graff, a Redford Catholic Central graduate. "He's very likely a starter," Dimitriou projected of the former CC captain. Again, Graff is versatile; at CC, he started the season on defense, then moved to midfield to help the Shamrocks control play more. He finished with four goals and five assists, and was a third-team all-state selection. At 6-foot-3, he should help playing balls in the air.

There's also Aaron MacDonald, a Salem grad who was second team all-state, first team all-WLAA and first team all-Observer. MacDonald's marking ability was so profound he was named the Rocks' most



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Indeed, his

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The final defensive recruit is Tom Stark, another player with size (6-2) and solid bloodlines he's from Brighton, which tackled Novi in the Division I state final. He was also instrumental in the Bulldogs' elimination of Canton in the state semifinals.

At midfield, Dimitriou has more talent, starting with Gary Bell, an Irish immigrant whose brother Charlie is a midfield standout at Madonna Universitv. And there's Dan Wielechowski, from Salem: second team all-Observer and all-division, a player Dimitriou called "very heady."

Northville graduate Nick



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Sergio Mainella Spartan standout

problem. Sergio Mainella, a second team all-

stater from Livonia Stevenson and a first team all-WLAA and all-Observer selection, is currently pencilled in at forward with Barnes and Mike Jones, a Fenton grad who scored 24 goals as a senior.

But Mainella played midfield for the Spartans, serving as a team co-captain. He scored seven goals and assisted on 16 others as a senior, with Stevenson coach Lars Richters calling him the team's "engine, and a great leader by example."

Still. Dimitriou thinks Mainella possesses "more moves than anyone on the team right now. And he's very strong.

Dimitriou compared Jones to

"Phil Esposito," a hockey Hall of Famer who always managed to find the net by positioning himself in front of it - and staying there. "(Jones) puts the ball in the net with either leg," the SC coach noted.

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Size and strength won't be lacking at forward, for certain. Jeff Azumah, from Taylor Truman, is 6-2 and 200 pounds, and Dimitriou believes he has "enough raw talent that by the end of the season he could be a big help." Then there's Kevin Brown, another Brighton grad, and George Donnelly, from Royal Oak Kimball.

Dimitriou thought the same thing about both: "Once they pick up your program, they'll help.

All things considered, the 16 new recruits have enough raw ability to carry SC back to the "Big Dance" in November. Problem is, there are so many of them: There's a lack of experience at the collegiate level.

"It's mostly new people, but they are quality people," said Dimitriou. "It will take time to get it together."

Which means the length of their upcoming season will depend greatly on "how quickly they jell.

CCJBSA Fall ball

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association intends to form fall baseball leagues for youngsters 9-12 and will inaugurate a Tee Ball program for kids ages 5-7.

The Tee Ball program will cost \$45, is co-ed and is tentatively scheduled to play a September-October season, weekends only. Those interested should call

Chris Angel at 981-3007. Angel is also directing the fall baseball league for 9-year-olds. Site for games and length of sea-

son have not been determined. The 10-12 age group will play at McClumpha park on Tuesdays and Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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Date and site for registration

have not been determined. **Open tennis**

The City of Livonia Parks and Recreation Department will stage its open tennis tournament for singles (July 30-Aug. 1) and doubles (Aug. 7-8) at Shelden Park, located on Plymouth Road, one block east of Farmington Road (behind Alfred Noble

Library). Resident entry fees ar \$10 for adults and \$6 for youths (17and-under). Non-resident fees

are \$15 and \$8, respectively. Each player or team must furnish a new can of U.S.T.A. approved tennis balls.

Singles entries must be received by 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 28 and doubles entries by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at the Livonia Parks and Recreation Office, 33000 Civic Center Drive,

There is a limit of 32 entires per event. All semifinals and will be played on Sunday. Awards will go to the winners and runner-ups in all divisions.

Match-play format is best twoof-three sets (no add scoring).

Match play times for singles on Friday, July 30 will be at 8

a.m. (Boys 17-and-under), 10 a.m. (Boys 14-and-under), 2 p.m. (Girls 17- and 14-and-under).

On Saturday, July 31, singles starting times include 8 a.m. (men 18-34); noon (men 35-49 and men 50-and-over); 2 p.m. (women 18-34 and 35-and-up).

Doubles action on Saturday, Aug. 7 will feature men's (8 a.m.), women's (11 a.m.) and mixed (1 p.m.).

Age division eligibility is determined as of July 30, 1999.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Keeper needed

An under-13 boys select soccer team playing in a Little Caesars division is searching for a keeper. Boys born between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987 are eligi-

For more information, please

Fall leagues

The Sports Academy of Novi will begin its Fall Baseball/Softball Leagues on Aug. 14 and continue it until Oct. 3. Registration for the league ends Aug. 1; schedules and rosters are sent to every professional and college team in the state. Age divisions are 11-12, 13-14

and high school. Cost per team is \$1,400 for baseball, \$1,100 for softball; for individuals, cost is \$200 for baseball and \$150 for softball.

For further information, call Hockey offerings Aaron Knieper at the Sports Academy (248) 380-0800, ext.

3-on-3 hoop tourney

The Sports Academy will hot a three-on-three basketball tournament Saturday, July 31, at the Novi Community Parks basketball courts, located on northeast corner Eight Mile and Napier roads.

Each team is allowed four players. The double-elimination

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Sports Academy through Thursday, July 29. For more information, call (248) 380-0800.

tournament is for players 17-

and-over. Check-in is at 8:30

a.m. with games starting at 9

a.m. (Rain date is Sunday, Aug.

The first place team wins \$250.

The entry fee is \$125 per team.

Youth can register at the

The city of Plymouth Recreation office is offering an ice hockey open skate and some late night drop-in hockey through the rest of the summer at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

The open skate will be every Friday through Aug. 27. From 1-2:20 p.m. there will be a hockey skating skills session, with no pucks or sticks, for all ages; cost is \$6 per person. From 2:30-3:50 p.m. each Friday, there will be a hockey skills session with sticks and pucks, for ages 6-and-over; cost is \$6 per person.

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays through Aug. 27, there will be late night drop-in hockey from 11 p.m.-midnight at the Cultural Center for adults 18 and over. Cost is \$7 per player, with the first four goalies admitted for free.

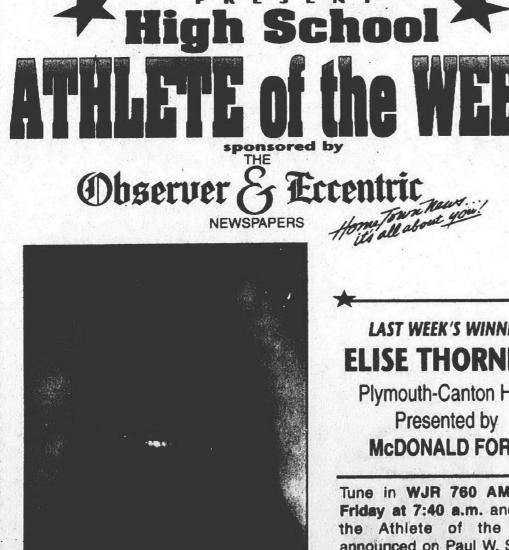
For information regarding either, contact the Recreation office at (734) 455-6623.

Soccer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Canton will host a soccer camp for children 5-11 years old from 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 2-5 at the church, located at 46001 Warren, just west of Canton Center. The camp is aimed at aiding beginning and intermediate soccer players to develop proper skills and a knowledge of the game. The camp will be under the instruction of Bill Friend.

Cost is \$15 per player, which includes instruction, snacks, materials, a water bottle and a soccer ball to take home. To register, call (734) 522-6830.

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.



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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.

tour," said Bahrami, who learned to play tennis while working as a ballboy at a Tehran Tennis Club.

"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 tournament, 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 INFORMA-TION: 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 tiebreaker 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 shoulderlength blonde hair in place. Borg sports shart 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

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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 wait 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.

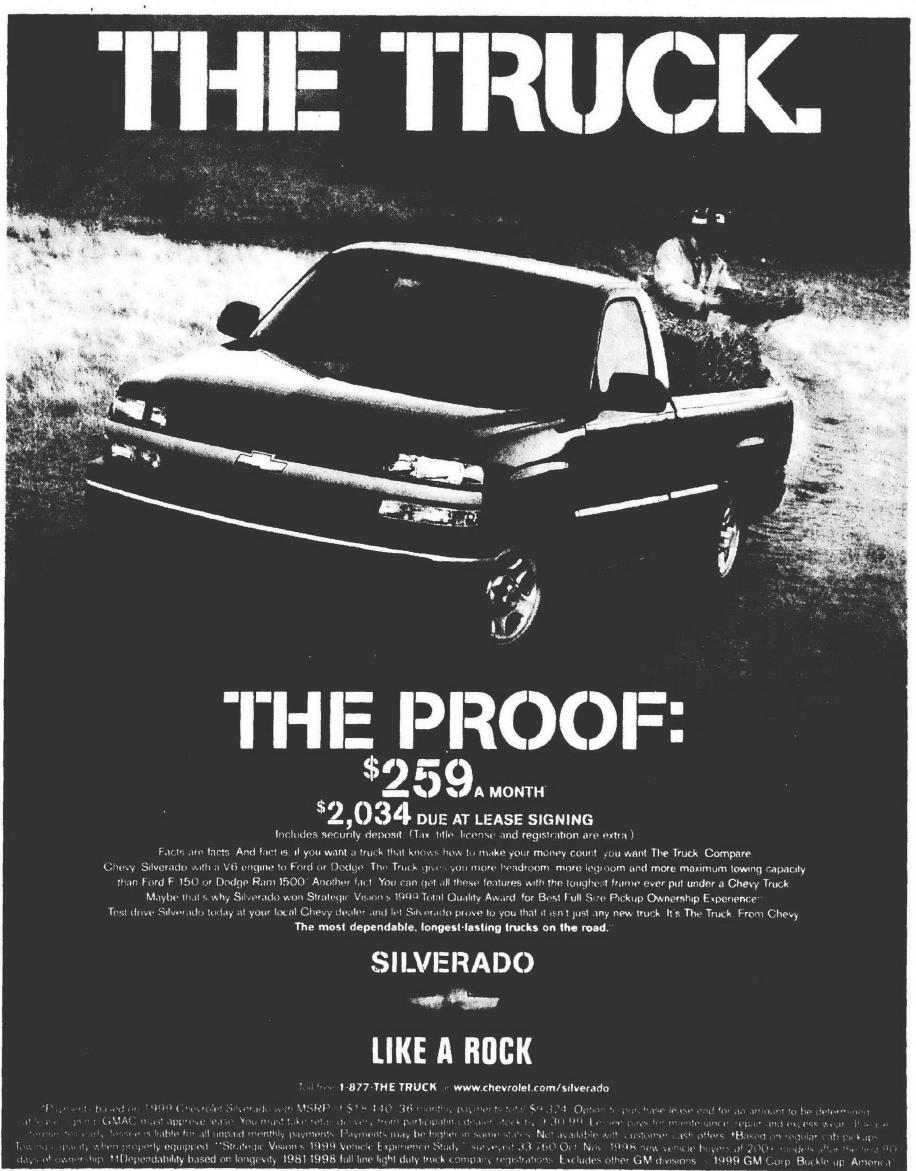
KIM WOODRUFF MEMORIAL

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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Knights clip Cobras; Cyclones rip Thunder

Meghan Misiak turned out to be the Livonia Knights' in shining armor.

The right-handed pitcher tossed a seven-inning, two-hit shutout in the opener as the Knights swep the Canton Cobras, 6-1 and 18-4, to win the National League title in the Incredible Girls Fastpitch Softball League.

Misiak, who also took National League MVP honors, struck out 11 and walked just one in the first game at Livonia Churchill High School.

Christine Fones and Sallie Kuratko paced the offensive attack with two hits apiece. Fones had an RBI triple in the first inning and Kuratko scored a pair

The Knights then invoked the 10-run mercy rule in the second game with six runs in the second innin and 12 in the third to complete their season at 14-2

Three Cobra pitchers combined for 15

Winning pitcher Renae Ritz struck out four, allowed just one hit and did not walk a batter during her threeinning stint.

Kuratko again led the offense, going 3-for-3 with three runs scored. Fones, Courtney Cross and Kathleen Schram also scored three runs apiece.

This is first time we've won the summer league and it's exciting even though the Canton varsity team was not in it this year," Knights manager Dana Hardwidge said. "The kids were pretty dedicated that's the key to a good summer league team.'

Cyclones 10-6, Thunder 8-3: The Livo-

nia Cyclones wound up their season in the National League with a 9-6 mark after sweeping a double-header Thursday from the host Plymouth Thunder at

Salem High School.

Mary King had a three-run triple and Lindsay Hollandsworth contributed a two-run triple in the opener for the Cyclones in a 10-8 victory in the opener.

Hollandsworth also had a run-scoring single to finish with three RBI. Kelley Hutchins contributed a two-run single.

The Cyclones put the four-inning game (time limit) away with four runs in the second inning and six in the

Winning pitcher Kim White struck out three, walked three and scattered

The Cyclones secured fifth place in the league by winning the nightcap, 6-3, in five innings.

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Hutchins, the winning pitcher, gave up five hits and one walk.

Emily Campbell had a two-run single, while Sara York and Hutchins each added RBI singles.

King, the catcher, was outstanding defensively, throwing out a total of four base stealers in the twinbill.

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Coach leaves impressive legacy

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER e.homecomm.net

1990s.

For a guy who didn't know much about high school wrestling when he started out, Don Berg certainly got a lot out

of the sport. Berg is calling it quits after 19 seasons as Livonia Stevenson's varsity coach. During his tenure, his program became one of the

area's strongest. He wanted his exit to be quiet, tendering his resignation after

the team banquet last spring. But his teams made a lot of noise, especially during the

Berg's final numbers are impressive:

•134-11-4 dual meet record; ·Seven team dual district

championships; • Four Western Lakes Activi-

ties Association crowns: •Three Observerland Invita-

•Two team regional dual

crowns; One state semifinal berth

(1995) followed by another quarterfinal berth (1996);

•Thirty-three state qualifiers and 27 state placers;

•Two state champions (Craig Martin, twice, and Josh Gunterman);

• Earned Regional Coach of the Year and Observerland Coach of the Year honors.

"It's a good time to leave," Berg said. "Ron Krueger (of Plymouth Salem) said when you leave, 'don't leave the kitchen empty,' and because of the good kids and the good coaches I've had with me at Stevenson, it's far from empty.

"I also appreciate the good support I received from Dr. (Dale) Coller (Stevenson's principal) and Roger Frayer (Stevenson's athletic director)."

Berg, who has taught both alternative and adult education in the Livonia Public Schools since 1982, plans to retire from teaching in December.

"My wife (Joyce) just retired ball at Berkley High School from the Farmington (Public) Schools after 27 1/2 years and I have three grandchildren, it's time to let somebody else do it," Berg said. "I'll still be around to help out, but when the cold weather hits, I just might decide to go south.

I'll miss the kids more than anything else because in wrestling they're are so dedicated. It's a sport where if you work real hard, you'll reap the suc-

"And you really don't have to make any decisions like when you cut kids in baseball. It's the best kids at each weight and there's no question about it and no decisions in that regard made by the coach."

Joel Smith, who has been Berg's assistant the past three seasons, will take over the position. (See related story). Ironically, Berg had little

knowledge of the sport when he was asked to take over the program by Frayer. "I learned as I went through,"

Berg said. "I always had fine assistants. I went to clinics, read books, looked at tapes.' Berg, who also coached baseball at Stevenson, had a minor

setback in 1987 when he suffered a heart attack. He decided to quit coaching baseball and stick with

wrestling. "It was either inside or outside, and I decided being inside

was best for me," Berg said. Berg played baseball and foot-

where he was a high school teammate of former major league pitcher Dick Radatz.

He went on to obtain a degree in education from Eastern Michigan University before taking a job 14 years with the Crestwood Public Schools in Dearborn Heights.

"When Don started at Stevenson nobody really wanted it,' longtime Spartan assistant coach Bob Moreau said. "Don kind of grew into the position. He was the glue who kept the puzzle together. "He's very organized and put a

lot of years and a lot of dedication into it. We weren't very good at the beginning, but we worked our way up and Don was the captain of the ship, the guy who held us together."

Berg let his assistants get heavily involved in practices, demonstrating wrestling moves and technique.

And when the Stevenson coaches walked into a gym, they were always easily identified by their matching blue coaching "He treated all of us (the assis-

tants) with dignity and respect, we all worked well together,' Moreau said. "He treated us like us own sons. And he treated the kids the same way.

"If a kid was having academic problems, Don would set aside time to tutor him.

"He was a good guy and a pleasure to be around.

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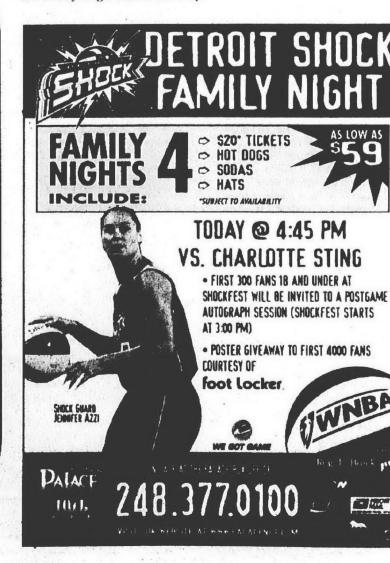
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MEG MALLON GOLF OUTING

The ninth annual Meg Mallon Golf Outing will be held Monday, Aug. 30 at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. This event is open to the public and tee sponsorships are available. Activities will include afternoon tee times, refreshments and an evening dinner reception with Meg Mallon. Individual tickets are available for the evening reception. For reservations and sponsorship information, contact the Mercy High School Development Office at (248) 476-8922.

CANTON LIONS GOLF OUTING The Canton Lions, a self-sup-

porting junior league football team, will host a fundraiser Aug. 14 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. The object: to raise funds for the program, which benefits boys and girls 8-14 years old, and for some muchneeded equipment.

The fundraiser starts with a four-person golf scramble and finishes with a party that evening. Cost for 18 holes of golf, cart and lunch: \$65 per person; for 18 holes of golf, lunch and evening party, it's \$85; for party only, it's \$30.

For more information, call Ron Bradley at (734) 397-1720.

OUTDOORS & BOWLING My bear memories revisted

Reading Tim Nowicki's Nature Notes column about black bears in the Observer last brought to mind an experience I once had with bears.

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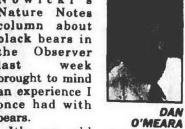
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It's an old story that

occurred 20 years ago this month but one I recall fondly and remember well.

Just a half year out of college, I was working as the sports editor of The Pioneer, a small daily newspaper in Big Rapids, which is about an hour north of Grand Rapids.

On a hot, July morning, I was at my desk when photographer Chris Mikula walked into the newsroom and asked if I wanted to go along that afternoon to investigate a report of bear sightings.

After lunch, we drove a half hour north to Reed City and west to a little town called Chase in Lake County.

When we arrived at Don Palmer's summer cottage, I had an idea what it was like to be a pioneer. A single home stood in a clearing in the middle of thick woods and dense underbrush.

And there, staying a safe distance from a handful of humans, were two little cubs, just hanging around. Actually, there were three of them, but one hadn't been seen for a while.

Department of Natural Resources field biologist Fred Ignatoski estimated the age of the bears to be five to six months, their weight 15 to 20 pounds and their height 11/2 to two feet.

The bears had been seen in the area for several days, and the obvious question was 'Where's mama bear?"

That was a real concern at first. We didn't know the full situation as we exited the vechicle, and even a city kid like me knows female bears are extremely protective and aggressive when the youngins are involved.

With that in mind, the speculation was the sow was probably poached or shot after getting into somebody's garbage and too close for human comfort.

So the cubs were on their own, and this was the spot they picked. No doubt they were encouraged by the food handouts they'd been receiving.

They were nosing around like they were hungry — and they were! They were starved to death," Palmer said. "I put some bread and milk out there and, boy, they got into that."

Each of us took turns offering goodies to the bears, and it was an unforgettable experience to have a wild animal eat from my hand. Though it was only a cub, it was still a bear.

One of the bears, the smaller of the two, was more willing to leave his safe haven near a tree and venture toward us. The smell of grape jelly smeared over bread was too irresistible.

The cub approached cautiously on all fours and rose to its back legs as it neared me

Even as I knelt down, holding out my right hand with the food, the tiny bear stood barely half as tall as me.

The bear used the soft pads of its paws to lightly grip my wrist and brace itself. I was impressed by the length and apparent sharpness of its claws as they extended above my arm.

It seemed even a little bear like this could do damage if it had the mind to do so.

But the cub was very focused on its meal and ate voraciously. The bread was gone in no time as the bear's tongue moved at a feverish pace.

It licked each of my fingers, had a quick look to see if there was more and, content there was not, was down on all fours again and heading back to the security of the nearby tree.

I remember how coarse its tongue was. It had a sandpaper quality to it, like that of a cat only magnified several times. Afterward, I thought 'Now I know how bears are able to lick honey from a tree trunk.'

The bear had a musty odor to it, too. That was due to the fact it spent a lot of time laying in a pool of water in what appeared to be an old automobile fuel tank for the purpose, I presumed, of cooling itself on a hot day.

As you can see from the accompanying photo on the front page,

Even the smaller, less inhibited bear hadn't completely lost its fear of man, however. Without the offer of food, there was no way of getting close to the bears.

After giving it a handout. another person attempted to pat the bear on the head, but the bear reacted defensively, scurrying away and making a growling sound that, frankly, was impressive for such a little creature.

The DNR was aware of the situation but planned to let the bears stay where they were a while longer to see if the mother or third cub returned.

"If it wasn't for the third one and giving it a chance to come back, we'd take them out now, because it's so very, very unusual for her to leave them," the DNR's Ignatoski said. "We'll wait three or four days to see if the sow shows up, though. That would be the best solution for the problem.

"If not we'll have to capture them, because they're not old enough to take care of themselves. If the sow was around, they wouldn't be anywhere near

"They'll probably end up in a zoo, because if you have to hand feed them, you can't send them back into the wild."

We hear a lot nowadays about suburban sprawl encroaching on the natural habitat of wild animals, and wild animals learning to adapt to living in close proximity to man.

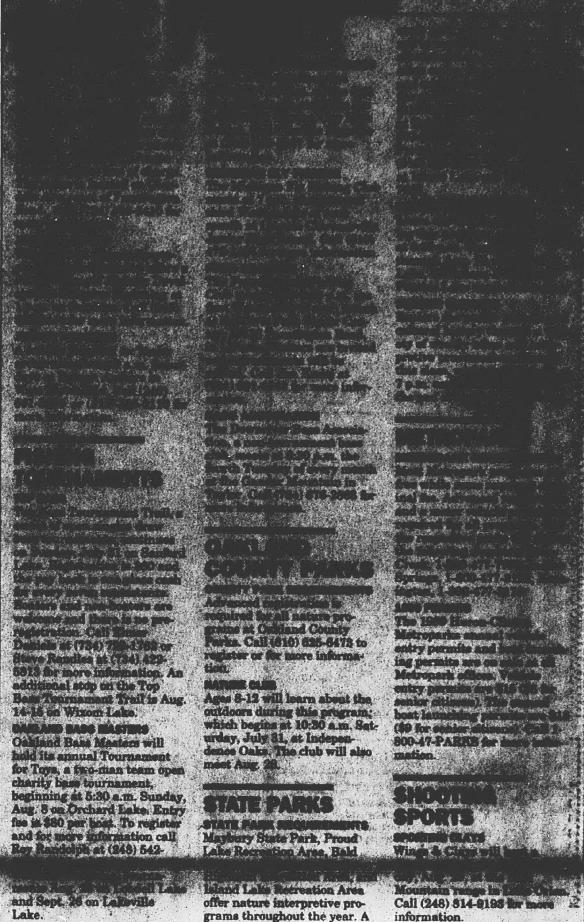
Now, bears doing that seems extreme, but I found it interesting that Nowicki wrote about a black bear who wandered into the Clarkston city limits.

Twenty years ago when I wrote my bear story, such a sighting was rare even in the west, central part of Michigan.

It was thought to be the first in a quarter century for an area us suburban residents would consider remote.

"But there's a lot of swamp around here," Palmer said. "They could be back there for a long time and nobody would see

"I guess I've had just about everything in my front yard. I've had deer, wild turkey and now bears. I made sure I had a witness for these two bears, though, before I called anybody.



Osprey prove they can hack it at Kensington

Osprey, sometimes called a fish hawk, are impressive birds of prey.

Three young osprey, about 5 to six weeks old were brought from Sault St. Marie to Kensington Metro Park last week to continue the reintroduction program started in 1998.

The three young osprey will live in the

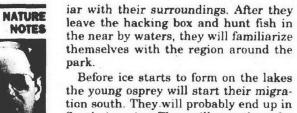
hacking box, as its called, for about three weeks until they are ready to fly. While in the hacking box looking out

over Wing Lake, they will become famil-

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the young osprey will start their migration south. They will probably end up in South America. They will stay there for about three years

Mature males will return to the area in which they were raised - Kensington Metropark, if all goes according to

Many times it does

Birds banded throughout the years by researchers have demonstrated time and again, that birds typically return to the area in which they were raised.

This is accomplished through a pro-

cess which behaviorists call imprinting. Young birds become "attached" to the first thing they see when they hatch from their egg. Typically its one of their adults.

Bonds that develop like this are very beneficial to the young and the adult. Inexperienced young learn from their adults and young stay with the adults for protection

This behavioral phenomenon was recognized and popularized by Konrad

Wildlife biologists have taken this basic behavioral practice and used it to their advantage. By exposing birds at an early age to an area where they are to be introduced, scientists learned that researchers to introduce a species into a

this technique will cause them to return in the future.

Evidence is sketchy as to whether osprey were nesting in southeastern Michigan before settlers arrived, but based on their range and choice of habitats, it seems very likely that they were native to our area.

The discovery of imprinting, and lots of trial and error, has enabled researchers to bring back species that were extirpated.

Peregrine falcons, California condors, Cooper's hawk and others have all been successfully reintroduced to once native areas using the hacking/imprinting technique.

This technique also allows

new area in order to establish two or more populations

Establishing new populations in new areas is beneficial in the event disease or disaster strikes the only established group. Among some species they could be the only existing individuals.

Bringing back native species to an

area is valuable to the natural systems. Native species coexisting with other native species have been able to maintain their relationships for a long time. Introduction of alien species often disrupts relationships between species causing problems.

I'm looking forward to viewing osprey during the summer in southeastern Michigan in about three years

Blind bowler Craft put name in books with 300

There was a sports item a few weeks ago that made every late night news channel as a blind golfer shot a hole-in-one.

The scene was caught on video and it probably went coast to coast as a sports highlight.

Yes, it was a rare and unusual feat, but the bowling world has that one beaten, or at least equaled.

It came about on Dec. 15, 1997 at Cherry Hill Lanes North in Clarkston, David Craft, a legally blind bowler rolled a 300 game in league play

You may well remember that one, for it ran exclusively in Ten Pin Alley. The blind golfer made one incredible shot, but the bowler made twelve perfect shots

in succession Unfortunately nobody captured this rare feat on videotape. so we could not expect either Bernie Smilovitz or Don Shane to run it as a sports highlight.

It also takes a certain amount of good luck and skill even for a sighted person to accomplish either feat, and the debate could go on forever as to which is more difficult, but at least Craft could have been given the same amount of recognition on TV

sports. ·Phil Horowitz has brought home another two gold medals from bowling in International competition last week.

These two will likely adorn his trophy case in West Bloomfield to go along with the other gold medal and countless trophies he has won over the years.

This time, it was in Mexico City's C.D.I. Bowling Center for the Maccabi Pan American Games representing the USA in the bowling event.

His gold medals were for winning the doubles and team events, also scored with a bronze gold medal was accomplished in CT. Israel a few years ago in the

Maccabiah Games. This is an Olympic type of competition for Jewish athletes in a variety of sports including basketball, soccer, swimming,

gymnastics, baseball, softball, tennis, table tennis, bowling and more. The Team USA did very well,

winning in basketball, softball among their other triumphs. During the event, Phil bowled

a total of 27 games, his highest a The Maccabi Pan American games take place every four

years, the next will be in Venezuela in the year 2003. which Phil hopes to qualify for and compete in again.

• The ladies pro tour is currently back in action and will give our local combatant elite in the person of Aleta Sill a good opportunity to hit her next goal of topping the \$1 million mark in career earnings.

She will be the first woman bowler to hit this figure.

The event is the U.S. Open LPBT and is going on currently medal in triples play. His first at AMF Milford Lanes in Milford

> The finals will be televised live at 1 p.m. Sunday Aug. 1. Watch the TV listings for the station. probably ESPN 1 or 2

Aleta will make bowling history when she hits the \$1 million mark, all of her friends back home are pulling for her to do it this week in Connecticut.

• The Michigan State Amateur Championships were held July 10-11 at Cherry Hill Lanes with all bowlers participating in the 16-game format

Michigan will send one man and one woman to the National Championships Dec. 13-19 in

The winners of this event will qualify for Team USA 2000.

State Results: Men's winner Joseph Labak, Northville, 3,202; alternates: Garrett Nagle, Westland, 3,164; and Larry Franz of Redford, 3,114.

Ladies winner - Karen Martin of Southgate, 3,000; alternates: Michelle Anger, Waterford, 2,940; and Susan Paschal, Warren, 2,922.

· Do you have any surplus bowling equipment to sell?

Or, would you like some good buys on used equipment at the upcoming Bowling Ball Swap & Meet to be held on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8 at Westland Bowl on Wayne Road.

There will lots to select from at great values, so come on in and 205; C. Maliszewski, 200; B. Golen, 213;

get free games and door prizes. too. Call (734) 722-7570 for more information.

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Woodland Lanes (Livonia)

Ed Glaub, 200: Mac Clark, 211 Tuesday Trio: Jim Burton, 299/734; Al Anderson, 279-287/768, Shelton Sherman, 280/746; Bill Zacheranik, 712; Larry

Helle, 256/682 Keglerettes: Marilyn Niznik, 210/568; Sue Ivancik, 225/606; Linda Batke, 233/673; Sandy Teeter, 210/592; Drane Takesian, 220/525

Bowlerettes: Kim Farmer, 519 (132 pins

Afternoon Delights: Meg Tenbroeck.

218/538 Merri Bowl (Livonia)

Senior Lads & Lassies Summer: Ray Pino, 212; John Rudetys, 201; Audrey Homminga, 203; Fred Janaulis, 201. JJ's: Derek Takala, 728; Lucian Harbar,

279; Debbie Blanchard, 256/718; Joe King: 279/703; Steve Haeger, 247/727; Mike Miville, 266

Cloverlanes (Livonia)

Friday Foursome: George Saddler.

Tuesday Senior Drop-ins: E. Tosh. 215: N. Kovala, 224/631; J. Page, 232/617; D. Uller, 205; R. Budzik, 230/613; J. Gonsior, H. Simons, 225/593; T. Rve, 221; Erickson, 213

Dynamic Doubles: Jack Clark, 279 Kaseem Sauls, 274: Cliff Richards 253/676; Dana Rogers, 644; Josephine Hampton, 231/633.

Unique Trio: G. Smith, Jr., 276; Y. Jones 245/625; S. Rowe, 241; R. Goodwin 264/639; V. Terry, 652; W. Johnson, 640 4 Clark, 688.

Town n' Country Lanes (Westland) Summer Mens Trio: Kurt Potulski. 290

Danny Altizer, 266; Bob Rose, 260; Ernie

Westland Bowl Thursday Summer Trio: Pete Zerge

228/609; Don Korona, 205/607; Bot Brown, 213/622; Joe Belanger, 256/654 256/683; Dick Clarke, 246/645; Darren Clarke, 256/641; Gil Reppenhagen 226/620; Dave Krivitz, 266/649; Rvan Wilson, 226/639; Korey Elermann 243/614; Tyrone Medley, 222/629; Steve Dirks. 250/643; Randall Lombard 223/636; Kurt Coleman, 226/602; Victor Gyetval. 241: Terry Anderson, 236; Ron Lechevaller, 226/619; Murray Hote 240/652; Chris Kliczinski, 245/658 George Fineran, 279/620; Jason Dillaha 242/611; Ken Everett, 251/602; Cliff Out

ley, 265/646. Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)

Battle of the Sexes: Chuck Morris, 300 Kevin Trumbuil, 215-214-279/708; Bryan Macek, 248-254-221/723.

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