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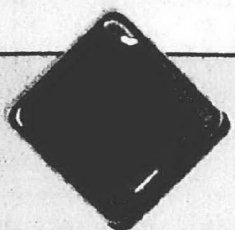
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■ I-275's southbound traffic has been switched to the freeway's new southbound lanes. It is the first phase of the traffic shift to the southbound side. Large rectangular concrete blocks used to create a barrier wall will be moved from the northbound side of the freeway to the southbound side, then the northbound traffic will be crossed over to its three lanes in about 10 days or two weeks.

■ The old northbound lanes will be closed for reconstruction as the freeway's four lanes and two shoulders will be rebuilt, along with entrance and exit ramps and bridge decks.

■ The six lanes (three lanes in each direction) of northbound and southbound traffic located on the southbound side will remain there for the duration of the project, which will end no earlier than October.

■ The M-5 Haggerty Connector between 12 Mile and 14 Mile is tentatively scheduled to be opened on Monday afternoon.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Vote today: Polls are open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. in the city of Plymouth for the City Commission primary race. Precincts 1, 2 and 4 are at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Precinct 3 is at Central Middle School.

Night Out: The Plymouth Township Police Department and the Plymouth Rotary is sponsoring cookouts in honor of "National Night Out" from 6 - 9 p.m. Cookouts will be at Allen Elementary, 11100 Haggerty, Farrand Elementary, 41400 Greenbriar Lane, West Briair subdivision at Whittlesey Lake and Plymouth Hills Park.

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Squeaky clean kids



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Scrubbing up: Jeanne Sagaert of Canton, 10 1/2, clockwise from front tire, Katie Hale of Canton, 11, and Elise Holland of Plymouth, 10, give the treatment to a customer.

Kids Time Camp Club washes up for summer

Central Middle School fourth- and fifth-graders enrolled in the Kids Time Camp's Club Connection held a car wash Thursday in front of the school to raise money for planned trips to Cedar Point (Aug. 18) and Marvin's Marvelous Museum in

Farmington (next week).

The car wash was free, but a \$5 donation was encouraged. Many of the customers were parents of the children who lined up to get their cars washed before picking up their child from the camp.

10 square off in Tuesday primary



The primary election may be a little confusing for voters who will find 12 names on the ballot Tuesday, although only 10 are in the running for four City Commission seats.

See candidate profiles A3

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Eight candidates will be chosen in Tuesday's primary election to vie for four seats on the Plymouth City Commission.

Voters will find 12 names on the ballot, although two have dropped out of the race. Bill Case, who decided not to run for office early on, and Mayor Joe Koch, who recently announced he wouldn't seek re-election, could still make the cut for the November election.

Both had cited job and family considerations in their decisions to withdraw from the race.

"These are viable candidates until they decline the position," said Clerk Linda Langmesser. "If they make the

final eight, then they will go on to the general election."

According to state election law, Case and Koch had only a week from filing their nominating petitions to withdraw from the race and remove their names from the ballot.

"It will be confusing. Election workers are not allowed to talk about it either," said Langmesser.

Any discussion of the candidates by election workers would result in disenfranchised votes, she said. So, voters should have a good idea for whom they vote before entering the poll booth, Langmesser advised.

The 10 candidates still in the city commission race: Kevin Decker, Daniel Dwyer, Sean FitzGerald, Bill Graham, Michele Potter, Sally Repeck, Penny Rowland, Paul Schulz, Al Thomas Abdou and Jerry Vorva.

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Community rallies for ticketed teens

BY SUE BUCK
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Plymouth resident Mary Ann Cannon is expected to provide a written statement Monday claiming that four teens ticketed by police for sitting on a sidewalk on Penniman Avenue were not blocking her path as she walked by them July 1.

Matt Sikes, a 15-year-old Plymouth Township teen, was ticketed for allegedly obstructing the sidewalk and interfering with pedestrians.

The three young people he was with also received similar tickets, according to Margaret Sikes, Matt's mother. Matt couldn't be reached for comment because he is in England visiting his aunt.

"I remember the kids," said Cannon, who was walking her dog, Sandy, on the way to the ATM machine. "They were sitting on the edge. The kids I

passed weren't in my way. They were not obstructing. I walk there four nights a week and I have never had a problem with the kids. They aren't obnoxious or rude. I think that (the police) they are harassing the kids."

The incident has spurred a flurry of calls to the Plymouth Observer from people in the community who are angry and upset by the harsh punishment imposed by 35th District Court Judge Ronald Lowe. Sikes was fined \$210 and ordered to serve 32 hours of community service, and six months probation.

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Next step: Mayflower Hotel demolition

BY VALERIE OLANDER
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It's a done deal. A three-story retail/office/condominium project will be built on the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail to replace the dilapidated Mayflower Hotel.

Construction on the foundation is expected to take place before winter so that a fall of 2000 completion date is met.

In addition to buying a city-owned

■ The Plymouth Planning Commission unanimously approved the \$7 million project Thursday night that would replace the 60-year-old Mayflower Hotel with a three-story plan for retail, office, and condominiums.

parking lot for an estimated \$120,000 to \$130,000, all Tri-Mount Vincenti Companies needs to do to move ahead with its plans is obtain a demolition permit.

"We've been talking to the city about

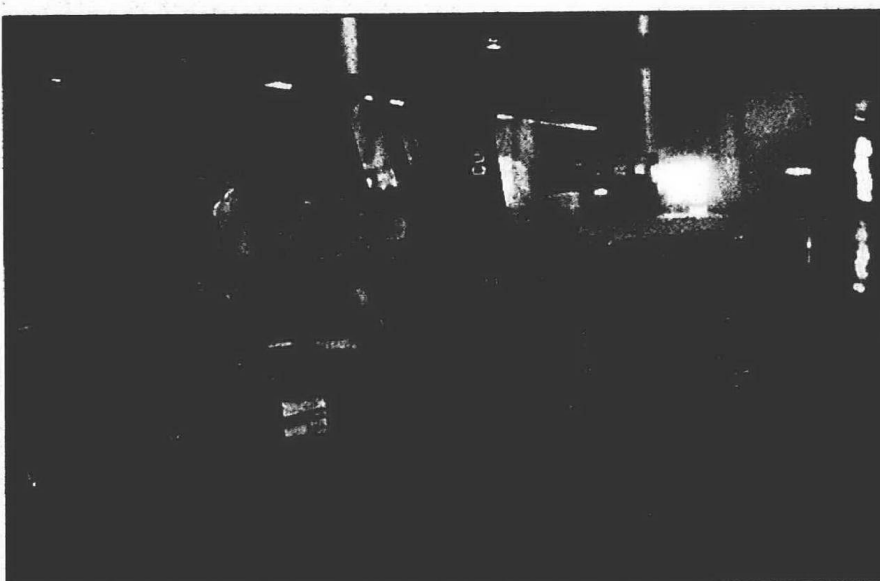
the demolition. We do realize the Fall Festival is coming up," said Craig Smith, vice president of Tri-Mount.

The Plymouth Planning Commission unanimously approved the \$7 million project Thursday night after delaying

the issue earlier this month due to parking concerns, a drive-through bank, building materials and landscaping. Two conditions were added to the approval to address landscaping and lighting issues.

"I think the size of this building may surprise you 18 months from now," Planning Commissioner Bob Bake warned the 50 or so in attendance. He voted in favor of the project since it was in compliance with city ordi-

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STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Cookie crew: Hi-Lo driver Jeff "Big Country" Geiman moves a load of cookies as workers at the Keebler Company Sales & Distribution Center in Plymouth Township prepare for a move to the Brighton area.



Elves on the move

Keebler clears out its cookie haven

BY SUE BUCK
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The Keebler Elves began packing up yesterday leaving behind a Hollow Tree in the Plymouth Township business sector.

The 64,950-square-foot sales and distribution center has been located on Port Street, east of Beck, since August 1987.

The 40 employees will be transferred to their new 128,100-square-foot location in the Lyon Research and Industrial Park in New Hudson, about 15 miles away, said Dave Ashburn, distribution manager. Its corporate office is located at One Hollow Tree Lane in Elmhurst, Illinois.

"This was a great building, a great location," Ashburn said. "But we needed more space. We could have added on but then parking would be a

problem. We needed to be further west."

When the company first located here, they didn't need to park tractor trailers, Ashburn said. "We need more room to park them."

The national company is known for its promotional ads touting the "elfin magic" used in creating their products.

This center will focus on its expanded Traverse City, Bay City, and Saginaw geographic (sales) area, Ashburn said.

"We didn't settle on the decision to move until last October," Ashburn said. "We have been exploring this for a couple of years. We have outgrown this building."

In September 1998, the Keebler Foods Company completed the \$450 million acquisition of President Inter-

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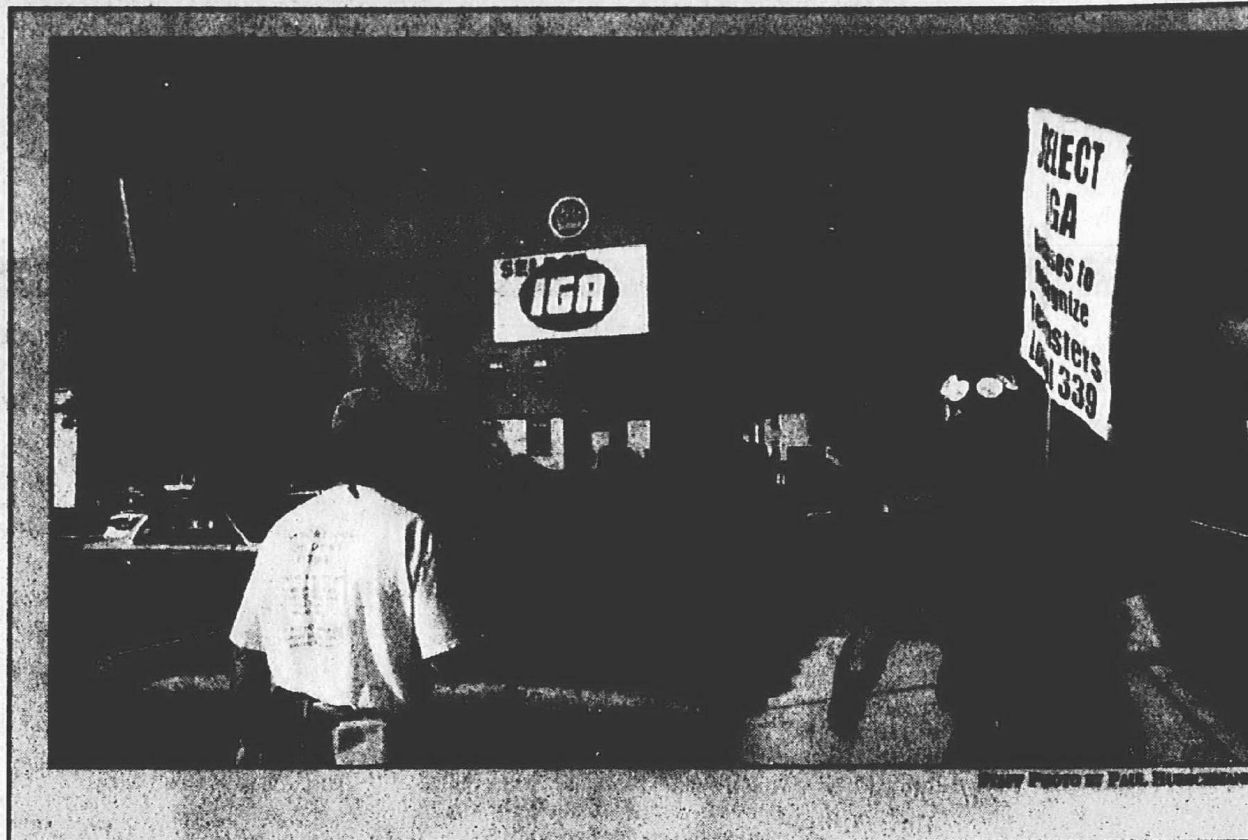
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Grocer turns to picket line

Dennis Naselli of Teamsters Local 372, left, and Jim Blaska of Local 13 with a picket line in front of the Select IGA grocery store on Main Street in Plymouth Wednesday. The two are among several manning picket lines at the eight Select IGAs in the metro Detroit area. The company bought out the Danny's stores, which had a union contract.

District probes school naming policy

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
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A new policy that defines the procedure for naming and renaming Plymouth-Canton School district facilities is expected to be approved next month.

A written policy was requested by Plymouth-Canton Board of Trustees after they recently named what is currently known as Phase III, an athletics building, at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park after Sandra Seegar, a former Plymouth High School student who suffered from polio.

Previously, the school board followed historical precedent in naming buildings and rooms. Board members solicited input from community, parents and staff.

"We do it over weeks and sometimes months," according to Judy Evola, director of community relations.

However, in naming the athletics building at a board meeting earlier this month, trustees acted quickly without much public discussion.

"The issue is that when we name buildings and portions of buildings we need policy to follow," Evola said after the board meeting Tuesday evening.

The proposed policy calls for input from the community, parents and staff over a two-month period when naming buildings and/or portions of buildings. Buildings will be named after employees, board members, community members and/or students living within or outside the district.

The new policy comes as the

district approaches the need for naming a third high school, which will be in the same complex as the existing two high schools bounded by Canton Center, Joy and Beck roads. The entrance to the new high school will be on Beck.

The board recently named a new middle school, on Hanford and Canton Center in Canton, "Discovery" and a new elementary school on Cherry Hill and Beck also in Canton, the "George Dodson Elementary."

"We don't have a process in place, we only have traditions, like only naming elementary schools after people," Elizabeth Givens, board vice president, said at a meeting earlier this month.

The proposed policy also calls for elementary schools to be named for past or present significant educational contributors to the district, which includes

teachers, administrators and board members. Middle schools are named for geographic directions, as well as educational ideals and philosophies. And high schools are named for the communities in the 54-square mile district.

Board members were given a first draft of the policy at Tuesday's meeting and were asked by Kenneth Walcott, interim superintendent, to make changes before the next board meeting. The revised policy is expected to go into effect in August.

"In the case of buildings, they're around in the district for many, many years," Evola said. "Everyone in the district should have an opportunity for input. The district is like a democracy - you give everyone a chance to be heard."

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Hopefuls vie for 8 spots on Nov. 2 ballot

Voters will choose eight of 10 candidates running for Plymouth City Commission during Tuesday's Primary election. The 10 candidates running for four four-year terms on include:

Kevin Decker, 47, has been a resident since 1989. Decker is self-employed at Industrial Auctions, Inc. and his community involvement includes "helping out the neighbors and complaining about the water bill." He is divorced with no children.

Daniel Dwyer, 36, has been a resident for seven years. Dwyer is prison administrator

for the Michigan Department of Corrections. He currently serves as chairman of city's beautification committee, organizer for law enforcement for Torch Run for Special Olympics, and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. He is married with two children.

Sean FitzGerald, 38, has been a resident for seven years. FitzGerald is an attorney working at Wayne State University. Currently he serves as chairperson of the Plymouth Planning Commission. He is married and the couple are expecting a child.

Bill Graham, is a 55-plus year resident, and is vice president of Peoples State Bank. He currently serves on the Plymouth Planning Commission and previously served as Canton Township Trustee from 1967-1971 and as Plymouth's finance director from 1987-1996. He also served as city clerk, treasurer and interim city manager. Graham also served as a board member of the Downtown Development Authority and Municipal Building Authority. He is married with two grown daughters.

Michele Potter, 35, has been a resident for three years.

Potter is a Behavioral Health Coordinator for Michigan Peer Review Organization. Her community involvement includes "frequenting our community activities, patronizing our local businesses and attending all city commission meetings." She is married, with two cats.

Sally Repeck is a consultant with Warger, Eavy & Associates. She currently serves as chair and board member of Wayne County Department of Social Services (Family Independence Agency) and the chairwoman of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. She is married with

one child.

Penny Rowland, 38, has been a resident for seven years. Rowland is a deputy court clerk for the 35th District Court. She is involved with the YMCA. She has one son.

Paul Schulz, 28, has been a resident for eight years. Schulz is a writer, producer, director for Motor City Films; P.R. and marketing director for Black Sole Muzik. He is vice chair of Old Village Development Authority and patronizes the Plymouth Rotary Club. He has one daughter.

Al Thomas Abdou, 39, has

been a resident for one year. Thomas is a residential real estate for Re/Max. He is a volunteer of West Trail Nursing Home, the Jaycees, and a church youth leader at Northville Christian. He is single.

Jerry Vorva, 47, has been a resident for 25 years. Vorva is a Realtor for Realty Executives West Plymouth. He is a former state representative, city commissioner and city police officer. He is a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, and board member of the YMCA. He is married with four children.



Grim discovery: Keith Brown said he was walking toward his black Labrador retriever, which was on its way back to the banks after retrieving a ball in the water, when he looked to his left and saw the body in Newburgh Lake. At left, Brown points to the area where the body was found. His fiancée, Carla Liberato of Livonia was standing nearby when Brown saw the woman.

Election from page A1

Tuesday's primary election is expected to bring out 15 percent of the 7,200 registered voters in the city of Plymouth, according to Langmesser. Of the 603 who requested absentee ballots, 301 had been returned to the clerk's office last week.

For the first time since 1993, voters in the city of Plymouth will have a primary election due to so many candidates running for a seat on the commission. A primary is held if more than double the number of petitions are filed as there are seats available, according to

city charter.

Term limits required three commissioners to step down. Mayor Pro Tem Stella Greene and Commissioners Dennis Shrewsbury and Ron Loiselle have served two terms. The fourth seat is that of Mayor Koch's.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the city's four voting precincts. Precincts 1, 2 and 4 are located at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Precinct 3 is located at Central Middle School, 650 Church Street.

Police investigate death of woman found in lake

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Authorities are investigating the death of a woman whose body was found in Newburgh Lake, outside Livonia's Lakepointe Yacht Club, Friday afternoon.

The woman, preliminarily identified as a Westland resident in her 50s, was spotted by a couple exercising a dog in the water about 2:30 p.m.

Keith Brown said he was walking toward his black Labrador retriever, which was on its way back to the banks after retrieving a ball in the water, when he looked to his left and saw the body.

"Not the kind of think you expect to find in the middle of an average day," said Brown's fiancée, Carla Liberato of Livonia, who was standing nearby when Brown saw the woman.

Liberato went into the Yacht Club and asked a waitress to call the police.

A diver from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department recovered the body shortly before 4 p.m., as investigators from the Livonia Police Department and the sheriff's department searched for possible evidence in the midday heat.

They opened a blue-gray Mer-

The woman, preliminarily identified as a Westland resident in her 50s, was spotted by a couple exercising a dog.

cury Sable parked near the water, in the Yacht Club's parking lot, and found the driver's license of a Westland woman.

It turned out the woman had been reported missing Thursday by her daughter, police said. She had last been seen by her family on Wednesday, police said.

A positive identification had not been made by late Friday, however.

Sheriff Robert Ficano said the death was being investigated as a crime.

"We're treating this as a crime scene until we gather all the information," Ficano said.

The woman had been in the water since Thursday or perhaps Friday morning, the sheriff said. The body was fully dressed in casual clothing, he said.

At least a dozen law-enforcement officers were at the scene during a 90-minute period Friday. Parts of the Yacht Club's lawn area and parking lot were blocked off with crime-scene

tape. Patrons of the Yacht Club, on Ann Arbor Road, as well as local television news crews, gathered outside and on the tavern's outdoor deck to watch the operation.

Brown and Liberato, who were among the patrons after they were interviewed by a sheriff's deputy, said they go there about once a month to exercise the black Lab and enjoy a drink.

"Really, we needed one after that," Brown said.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY'S POPULAR PICKS

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Tips offered on how to buy a computer

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY

The Plymouth District Library will host an informational meeting for those wanting to know "How to Buy a Computer" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, in the library.

Richard Truxall, an independent consultant and trainer in computer issues, will answer questions from the audience following his commercial-free presentation of basic computer buying information. Truxall, a

librarian at Wixom Public Library, helped develop the Internet Public Library and is the collection librarian for the Michigan section of the Michigan Electronic Library.

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OBITUARIES

FRANCIS L. KRUPA

Services for Francis L. Krupa, 85, of Plymouth were July 27 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating.

He was born April 10, 1914 in Detroit. He died July 25 in Livonia. He was a shipping manager. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II.

He was preceded in death by

his parents, Ignatius and Anna Krol Krupa. Survivors include his wife, Eleanore M. Krupa of Plymouth; one daughter, Gaylynn N. (James) Harris of Canton; one son, Douglas L. (Lois) Krupa of Whitmore Lake; three grandchildren; and one great grandson.

ELIZABETH A. (LARK) LADOW

Services for Elizabeth A. (Lark) LaDow, 76, of Walled Lake were July 30 in St. John Neumann Church, Canton.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 3, 1922 in Detroit. She died July 27 in William Beaumont Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Henry; one brother, James D. (Mary) Lark; one sister, Dorothy J. (Stephen) Kish of Canton; and many nieces and nephews.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

Teen from page A1

Judge Lowe couldn't be reached Friday because he is vacationing in Arizona.

Matt's father, Wendall Sikes, said he and his son thought the ticket would result in a slap on the hand, which is why Matt plead guilty. "I was flabbergasted," said Wendall.

"The prosecutor agreed to one day community service, but said he couldn't waive court fees. That would be up to Judge Lowe."

Public outrage

Ken Zylich, a Plymouth Township resident who doesn't know any of the parties involved, was aghast when he called a reporter Friday. He wants all the fines and charges dropped against the teens.

"I was so appalled by the strong-arm tactics," said Zylich, who works for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn. "This is a community of people — parents and children. I have never had any problems with the kids. During the recent hot rod show, there were 30- 40- and 50-year olds sitting in lawn chairs blocking the sidewalks and they weren't ticketed."

If this treatment of young people continues, Zylich said that he will shop in Northville or on the way home from work, but not in Plymouth.

He stressed that Plymouth-area teens could be city taxpayers one day.

A kid who makes \$4 or \$5 an hour at a part-time job would have to work a lengthy time to pay a \$210 fine, Zylich said.

Plymouth's small town atmosphere attracted Zylich to the area that he likens to the small-town reflected in Andy of Mayberry episodes. "Andy never gave out tickets," he said. "How would Andy handle this?"

Marylou Hemme, who works with her mother at the Coffee Bean, said that many young people, especially high school freshmen and sophomores, enjoy coming to the coffee shop.

She was surprised to learn about Sike's ticket and fine. "Young kids sit out and on the sidewalk," Hemme said. "They

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Ken Zylich
resident

'If more property owners knew what is going on in their parking lots after 5 p.m., they would put an end to it.'

Paul Schulz
resident

don't purposely cause trouble. Sometimes we have to tell them to calm down. But they have never broken anything or done anything."

Sometimes kids who sit in a group with their friends seem intimidating to some people, Hemme said.

Don Keeth, a grandfather of a teen who frequents downtown Plymouth, called the incident "ridiculous. It's just like fining them for skateboarding."

"There's a city truck blocking the sidewalk in front of City Hall. They're out there painting... Do you think they went and got a permit from the city (to obstruct the sidewalk)," he said. "What's the difference? These kids weren't sitting on the sidewalk for four days."

No second guessing

Mayor Joe Koch said that he has every confidence in Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck's judgment in writing Matt's ticket and that the teen was advised to move three or four times. "I'm not going to second guess his judgment," Koch said. "He is a police officer who respects the kids. He understands kids and the other kids in town like him."

Koch added that maybe Judge Lowe "should have thrown in a little more community service and less fine."

A message was left on both Plymouth Police Chief Robert Scoggins' and Hundersmarck's voice mail Friday but neither could be reached for comment.

Paul Schulz, who has addressed the city commission several times on this issue, urged other residents and busi-

ness owners to witness the large amount of kids who congregate and litter on Main Street and parking lots daily between 9 p.m. to midnight.

"If more property owners knew what is going on in their parking lots after 5 p.m., they would put an end to it," Schulz said.

Schulz admits that he cruised Main Street when he was a youth but maintains that teens today are less respectful. Further, he said that teens from Ypsilanti and Detroit are also congregating in Plymouth. "I've seen the guns come out," he said.

Schulz added that there are gang members in the crowd based on the symbols and type of clothing worn. When pressed to explain this further, he said, "I've been around."

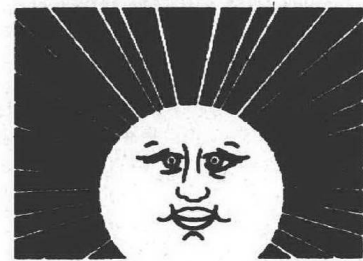
Schulz also favors renting out the band shell in Kellogg Park twice a week to encourage kids to gather there. With the police chief leaving soon, Schulz suggests that serious consideration be given to hiring Hundersmarck for the position.

Solutions

Scott Lorenz, who with Hugh Harsha, a member of the Educational Excellence Foundation, plan a community-wide meeting on school violence in September, said that they will focus on solutions to teens congregating in Plymouth and related issues.

"I guess it all depends on your perspective," Lorenz said. "To the kids, it's not a problem."

He said that he has seen the people at R. G. Myers & Associates daily pick up litter and debris.



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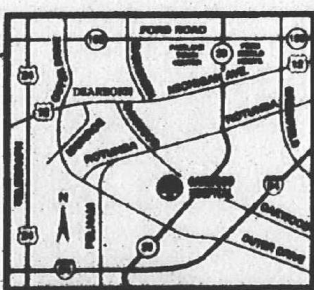
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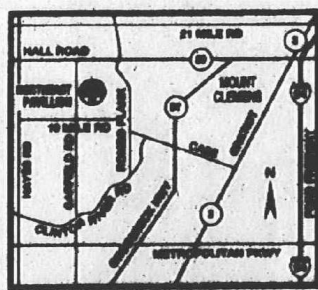


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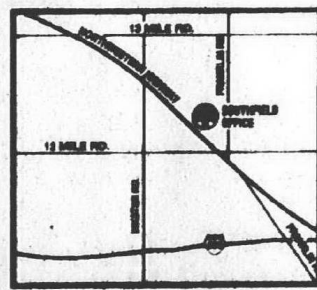
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Law to keep sexual material from minors overturned

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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A federal judge struck down a state law Thursday that would keep sexually explicit material from minors, ruling that the government cannot infringe upon the free speech of adults.

The state attorney general's office hasn't yet decided whether to appeal.

U.S. District Judge Arthur Tarnow declared that the law was unconstitutional and that the government cannot infringe upon the free speech of adults.

The law, which was to be effective Saturday, prohibited the dissemination, exhibiting or dis-

playing of certain explicit matter to minors. A person who knowingly distributed such material would have been convicted of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two years, a fine of \$10,000 or both.

The law also contained language that allowed for parents, teachers or a physician in the treatment of a patient to obtain material that would be used for topics such as AIDS education or sexually transmitted diseases. Public or private universities were allowed exceptions for research.

Tarnow said in his ruling a family "with values" will supervise their children, including set-

ting limits "or utilizing technology to do so." With such less restrictive means to monitor online activities of children, the government "need not restrict the right of free speech guaranteed to adults," Tarnow wrote in the ruling.

Nine Internet firms and the American Civil Liberties Union brought the lawsuit.

Genna Gent, spokeswoman for state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, said the attorney general and her staff were disappointed with the ruling. "Safety of children on the Internet is important to the attorney general," Gent said.

Other state and county offi-

cials were dismayed by the ruling.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, said that law was crafted "to keep adults from sending pornography to children, not to restrict free speech."

But another new law making it a felony to use the Internet to solicit or arrange to meet a minor child remains on the books and is not affected by Tarnow's ruling, Rogers said.

That law makes it a felony to use the Internet or computer network to solicit, abduct, sexually assault or arrange to meet a minor child. A person guilty of this crime faces up to two years

in prison and \$2,000 in fines for the first offense in addition to any other charges. Subsequent offenses would add an additional five years and \$5,000 to a person's sentence.

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said the Sheriff's Internet Crime unit will continue to pursue child predators on the Internet and monitor chat rooms. The unit has made seven arrests of accused child predators.

Tarnow's ruling only decided on a law regarding the use of the Internet to distribute pornographic material to children, not Rogers' legislation that bans the meeting of a minor child through the Internet, Ficano said. That is a law that sheriffs have been using to prosecute offenders.

Ficano also recognized the free speech issue, but still believes the distribution of pornography

involving children should be prosecuted.

"(Tarnow's) ruling will not affect how we pursue child predators," Ficano said.

Ficano hoped Granholm would pursue an appeal of the ruling and, if necessary, state legislators would revise state laws.

State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said state Senators had tried to write the legislation to attack child pornography distributors and include penalties for using the Internet for that distribution for commercial gain.

McCotter had not read the court ruling yet, but expected lawmakers to revisit the issue.

"We'll have to go back and see how we can do it," McCotter said.

Business growth boosts county bond ratings

Three financial agencies have boosted Wayne County's bond ratings, citing the growth in business development in several Wayne County communities, including the city of Detroit, in the rating upgrade.

For the first time since 1978, Moody's has given Wayne County an A3 rating on its limited tax general obligation bonds. Moody's also upgraded the county's outstanding general obligation unlimited tax bonds to A2 from A3 and its outstanding par-

ity obligations to A3 from Baa1.

Standard & Poor's Service and Fitch IBCA raised the limited tax general obligation rating to A-

County officials believe the end result will be millions of dollars saving in interest charges on money the county borrows. In the current market environment, this upgrade could mean an estimated savings of 2 percent of the par amount of a bond issue or \$440,000 on the anticipated sell of \$22 million in sewer bonds to

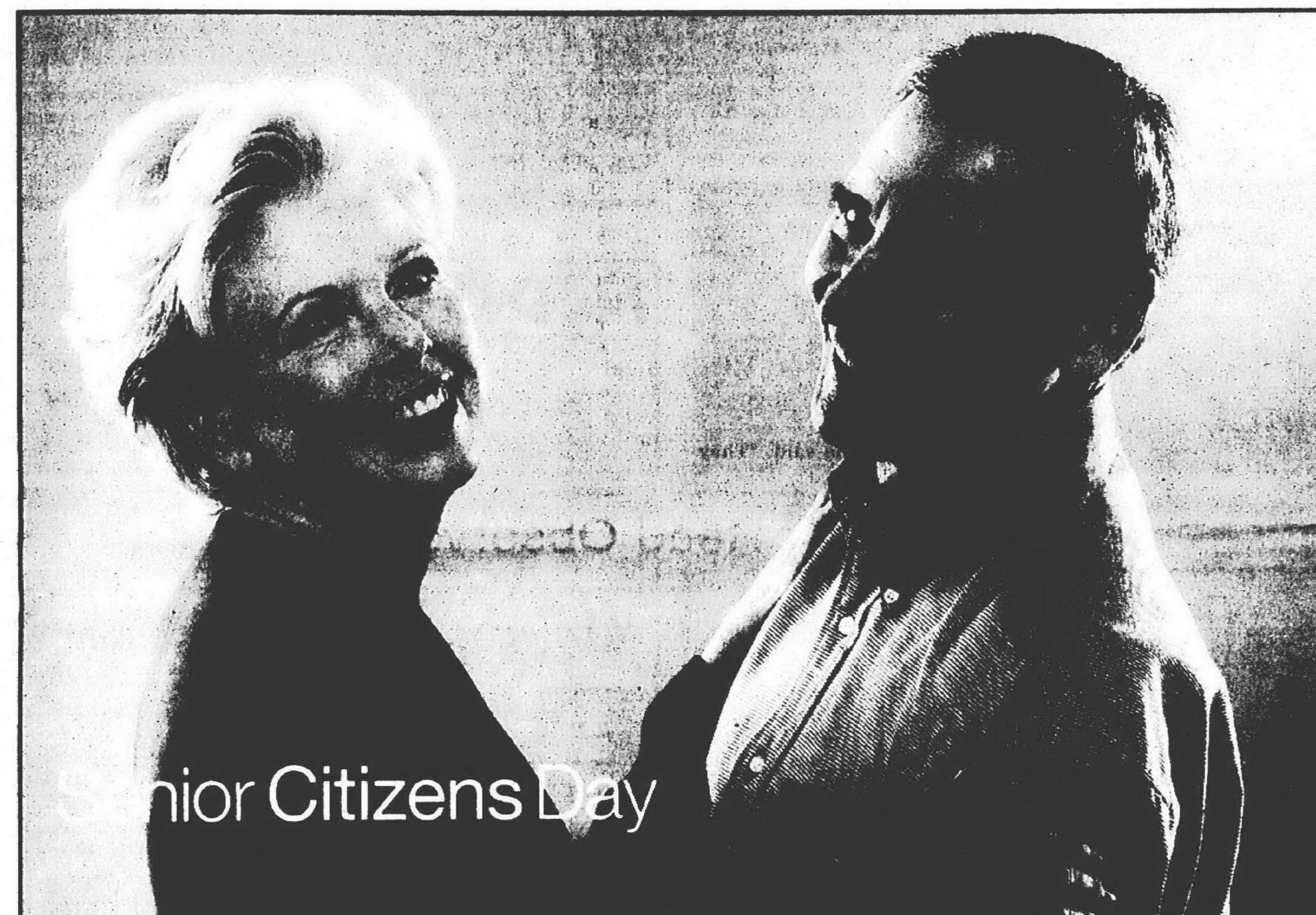
take place later this month.

"Wayne County gets financially stronger every year," said County Executive Edward McNamara. "This is the sixth upgrade of our bond rating in 10 years. A good economy certainly has helped, but keeping the budget balanced for the past 11 years has given the county the stability to bring in record new investment."

According to the ratings agencies, a more stable financial position has come from major pro-

jects like the county's Pinnacle Aeropark mixed-use development south of Metro Airport, Metro's new midfield terminal now under construction, booming suburban residential development, investments in the city of Detroit by General Motors and Daimler-Chrysler along with construction of the two downtown sports stadiums.

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Betting good on casino ... for now

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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With Thursday's opening of the MGM Grand Detroit Casino, visitors now can enjoy more than 80 gaming tables, including Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Baccarat, Mini Baccarat and Pai Gow.

The new Grand is at 1300 John C. Lodge at Abbott, one block south of Michigan Avenue.

More than 2,300 slot machines charge a range from 5 cents to \$500 to play. More than 50,000 decks of cards and 3,600 die will be used each month.

The facility will employ 2,200 people and it will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year.

But what will that cash flow mean for the region?

"What you have to look for is a spreading of the economic well-being beyond the casinos," said Joe Cepuran, a professor of public administration at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

For the most part, the MGM casino, along with the two others planned in Detroit, are being welcomed in the region for now because of the creation of jobs.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said Detroiters have watched a \$1 million a day go across the Detroit River to the Windsor casino.

"Keeping those dollars circulating on this side of the river will certainly help the businesses in downtown Detroit and throughout the region," McNamara said.

'The temptation will be to get more revenue out of casinos, which may cause problems,'

Joe Cepuran

University of Michigan-Dearborn

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McNamara said the casinos add a new dimension to the region as a destination for many people outside of the metro area.

"They have the potential to attract visitors who may also decide to have dinner, shop and spend a night in the area," McNamara said.

"Most importantly, the casinos have already created hundreds of new jobs in Detroit with a few thousand more expected. Many of these employees come from all over the region; they also shop and do business all over the region, making the economic impact far broader than the dollars spent at a gaming table."

Steve Carter, general manager of the Holiday Inn Livonia West, believes it will be positive in the long run.

"It's been a hindrance because I've lost a few key people, but in the long run, I think it will be positive in this area, because hotels will be able to put together packages to bring people for the casinos."

Carter added that his hotel was still putting together those guest packages.

Others believe casinos will

provide a mixed bag to the local economy.

Richard Fox, professor of economics in the Department of Business at Madonna University, believes the casinos will help previously unemployed people get jobs, albeit low paying ones at the \$9-\$12 per hour level for food service jobs, for example.

"If you don't have a job, it's a plus, but with a family of four, that (wage) still might put you below the poverty level," Fox said.

Fox believes good economic indicators to gauge the casinos' success are the number of jobs created, what the "real take" is in taxes for the state and city and how this revenue is used. Those indicators should be measured against the statistics of casino-related crime that develops in Detroit.

Fox speculated that casinos may have a regressive effect, in that the poor are more likely to spend a larger portion of their income on gambling.

"It's clearly not a win-win situ-

ation," Fox said.

Cepuran said studies of Atlantic City and Las Vegas show that two different economic groups visit casinos: tourists with high disposable income and local residents with a lower or no disposable income.

"The poor people can be spending money that is not at their disposal," Cepuran said.

Cepuran is also concerned that state and city tax revenue will be sought from other sources to replace the revenue from any of the three casinos that may close in the future. It remains to be seen whether the Detroit market can support all three, Cepuran said.

"The temptation will be to get more revenue out of casinos, which may cause problems," Cepuran said. More state regulation may be sought by lawmakers, Cepuran said.

Only time will tell whether the casinos will develop into an entertainment-type district in downtown Detroit. Most casinos are destinations where people drive to, enter and spend money, then leave and drive back home without spreading money around that casino area.

To have an impact, "you have to see the economic development spread beyond the casinos," Cepuran said.



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If you have a pool, you will want to check to see what is mandated by local code. Some places require a minimum fence height and/or self-closing gate mechanisms. You should also be certain that your homeowners insurance covers any potential liability incurred as a result of pool ownership. When in doubt, check with your attorney.

HINT: An open pit or hole in a backyard is another example of an attractive nuisance from which children should be protected by property owners.

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Cardinal Maida named to European panel

Pope John Paul II has named Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, as a member of the Second Special Assembly for Europe of the Synod of Bishops. This assembly, which will be held Oct. 1-23 at the Vatican, is the last in a series of regional synods aimed at preparing the church for the third millennium.

Cardinal Maida was the only U.S. bishop named as a papal nominee. He currently serves as president of the U.S. Bishops' Committee for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. During his tenure on the committee the cardinal has traveled to Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia and Poland. And, during his years as a priest and bishop, he visited most of the countries in Europe.

"I am most honored to be selected as a papal nominee to synod," said Cardinal Maida. "This certainly will allow me and

my co-workers on the Committee for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe an opportunity — a platform — to share with the Holy Father and our brother bishops what we have seen, heard and done over the past several years."

"I expect to learn more than I impart," the Cardinal continued. "And, what I am able to come home with will be most helpful in our continuing effort on the national and local level to work with the priests and people of our Church in that part of the world."

This is the second Special Assembly for Europe which Pope John Paul II has called. He will attend all of the sessions. Each of the papal nominees will be given approximately 10 minutes to deliver a speech. Each will then submit a paper. A year after the synod, the Holy Father

is expected to deliver a formal document, based on the conclusions and recommendations of the assembly, in a European location recommended by the synod members.

During his pontificate, the Pope has also called special assemblies for Asia, Oceania, Africa and the Americas. Cardinal Maida, along with several American bishops, went to the American (North and South) Synod. Fourteen months later, the Pope went to Mexico City to speak about the work of that Special Assembly for the Americas.

Bishop Raymond Roussin of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, will be the other North American representative at the Second Special Assembly for Europe, which will involve 23 papal nominees, 17 experts and 38 auditors invited by the Pope.



Appointed: Cardinal Adam Maida

Schoolcraft registers for fall '99 semester

Registration is in progress for Schoolcraft College's fall semester with classes beginning Thursday, Aug. 26.

This fall will mark the beginning of several new offerings. Four sections of English Composition 101 will be offered as computer-based instruction classes for those who want more writing experience than the traditional lecture class offers.

A new integrated humanities class, Humanities in Western Culture — Antiquity through the Renaissance, will examine Western culture through a variety of perspectives. Advanced ceramics, sculpture and watercolor painting have been added to the art department's curriculum, and stu-

dents can take Introduction to Philosophy on-line for the first time.

New students must meet with a counselor before registering. Mail-in registration continues through July 31. Phone-in registration continues through Aug. 24 by calling (734) 462-4800 except Sundays and holidays; and walk-in registration is available Aug. 9 through Aug. 24.

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CLARIFICATION

The date for Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza is Sunday, Sept. 26, not Sept. 20 as reported. The event is a fundraiser for the Schoolcraft College Foundation, which provides

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INFLAMMATION OR STRAINS?
A recent column discussed the importance of distinguishing between a joint that is painful because it is inflamed, from one that is painful because it is strained. If the joint is inflamed, your doctor will consider adding drugs to your arthritis regimen. If the joint is suffering strain, then medicine for pain relief and a referral to an orthopedic surgeon are in order.
Inflamed joints often are swollen because they contain excess joint fluid. Palpation of such joints brings on additional discomfort. The joints hurt all the time though less at rest, and the pain may encompass several joints to an equal degree.
In contrast, a strained joint shows a marked deformity. In the hands the digits are severely angulated, a finding known as ulnar drift. The fingers are crooked, a deformity called swan neck change. Often the joints are not swollen, but if so, firm palpation will not bring more pain.
Laboratory studies and x-rays are not helpful in distinguishing the pain from inflammation from the strain of structural impairment. An exception is the sedimentation rate test, which if normal speaks in favor of structural not inflammatory change. However, a high sedimentation rate may occur for a number of reasons, and does not confirm the presence of joint inflammation.
At times, even the most experienced physician has trouble distinguishing the cause for joint pain. In such instances, doctors treat for inflammation. They observe the results not so much to test the efficacy of their medication but to confirm the diagnosis of active disease.

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FOCUS ON WINE



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Rosé wines take sizzle out of summer

For those who like sunshine, great outdoor picnics and barbecues, this has been a glorious summer. Suspecting that it will continue, we suggest you take some of the sizzle out of summer with rosé (ro-zay') wines.

Until recently, rosé has been a wine for people who know and really love it. Those who taste it for the first time (often in southern France) invariably comment on its pretty color, fruitiness, freshness and that it's much drier than they expected. In other words, a new taste experience.

Freshness is the key to enjoyment and you should not buy anything other than a 1998 vintage now.

Rosé is not easy to make. To attain delicacy, the issues of correct color and flavor extraction, without excess tannin, need to be met. There are a number of red grape varieties chosen for a rosé. This difference impacts taste and style.

Style and taste

Joseph Phelps Vineyards Vin du Mistral Grenache Rosé \$11 has achieved style consistency. Winemaker Craig Williams says, "I prefer a style that has bright deep color, more fruit, better balance and focus. Our Grenache Rosé is more like a light red wine than a rosé. It's one of the hallmarks compared to the gamut of rosés in the market."

"Part of the rosé connection that causes consumer rejection is light color. There's still the image that rosé is a second-class citizen in the wine world. Once people try rosé, they have a different view."

Another single grape, zinfandel, defines the Pedroncelli style of rosé \$8.50. It's similar at Simi Winery with its Rosé of Cabernet Sauvignon \$10. Toad Hollow Eye of the Toad \$10 is 90 percent pinot noir.

One might believe that a unifying theme among rosés is a lack of barrel influence. Not true. Preston Vineyards Le Petit Faux \$12, a Rhone-style rosé made from cinsault, grenache and mourvèdre takes its inspiration from the salmon-colored wines of France's Bandol region.

Winemaker Kevin Hamel barrel ages Le Petit Faux to create a rich palate impression.

At Iron Horse, winemaker David Munksgard says Rosato de Sangiovese \$14 is made because it is the winery's goal to make a bigger, bolder sangiovese. He draws off a portion of sangiovese from the fermentation tank after about three days and it is

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Wine Picks

- Pick of the pack: 1996 Byron Estate Pinot Noir, Santa Maria Valley, \$40. If you've not discovered the Central Coast's Santa Maria Valley for fabulous pinot noir, start right here. Drinking well now, this wine is a keeper for several years if well cellared.
- Less expensive, but still very good pinot noirs are: 1996 Benziger \$18 and King Estate, Oregon \$18.
- Sauvignon blanc is another made-for-summer wine. Serve these well chilled: 1998 Preston Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Creek Valley \$12 and 1998 Morgan Barrel Fermented Sauvignon Blanc \$12.
- For maximum pleasure, serve any wine well chilled in this assortment of unusual and well-priced whites: 1998 F. Coppola Bianco \$10; 1998 D'Albola Pinot Grigio, Friuli \$10; 1998 Antinori Campogrande Orvieto \$10.
- Wines to be served, again well chilled, for dessert: 1997 St. Supery Moscato \$13 and 1997 Castelletto Moscato \$16/375mL.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- 2 Unique
- Main Dish Miracle



Great meals are just a click away

By MARGIE BRYAN
Special Correspondent

Looking for new recipes? The Internet is a treasure trove.

A recent trip to a search engine yielded 535,424 Web pages for recipes. Forget the kitchen television; get a computer. It could replace your cookbook shelf. Recipes can be saved on your hard drive, or printed out on paper. Here are just a few good Web sites to get you started.

Begin with SOAR—the Searchable Online Archived Recipes Web site at <http://soar.berkeley.edu/recipes>

This site has 63,000-plus recipes currently indexed and growing. New recipes are added to the site on a regular basis. From Medieval to microwave, appetizers to Vulcan Wedding Cake (a non-ritual version), you are sure to find something new and fun to try here.

Go ahead — type in an ingredient. You will be quickly presented with hundreds (thousands!) of recipes using the item. I tried "garlic" and had to stop after 400 listings. From an Alpine Mushroom Salad to Garlic Ice Cream, as well as a recipe for grilled shark, you

Cyberspace cooking

Here are some places to search for recipes on the Internet:

- SOAR—the Searchable Online Archived Recipes — <http://soar.berkeley.edu/recipes>
- American Diabetes Association — www.diabetes.org
- American Heart Association — www.deliciousdecisions.org
- Vegetarian Resource Group — <http://www.vrg.org>

could be overwhelmed. You can also search the site by clicking on one of the eleven food categories, such as main dishes, snacks, and so on.

These eleven categories are further broken down into 163 groups, such as breakfasts, salads, soups and more.

If the 55,000 plus recipes aren't enough, SOAR is part of a "Recipe Webring" — a collection of Web sites that have joined together to allow users to find other interesting sites. This Berkeley, Calif.-based site is the creation of people who "enjoy cooking and computers," and cannot provide specific information on diets or medical conditions.

Healthy matters

If you are looking for specific

information on special diets and other health matters, two very good Web sites to try are those from the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association.

The Web site of the American Diabetes Association www.diabetes.org presents information on nutrition, exercise and risk factors for diabetes. While the information is sometimes specific to persons with diabetes, nutrition basics, such as cutting fat, or handling holiday overeating, are also covered. A new recipe is posted each day. There are archives of past recipes.

Recipes list diet exchanges, calorie counts as well as protein, sugar and fat information. Each week features selections from a different diabetic cookbook. The cookbooks are available for purchase from the Web site at a discount.

The American Heart Association Web site at www.deliciousdecisions.org offers a good selection of recipes that are low in fat, cholesterol, and sodium, along with fitness tips and a dieting workshop. The site is visually pleasing, with the format presented as a spiral-bound book.

Navigate the site by clicking on tabs of the book to access a new subject. You can search AHA recipes by category, from breakfast

to desserts, or by main ingredient.

Feeling like Italian, French, German? Select from one of seven international categories. You can even select low salt, or easy to prepare options. A note of caution: if you make your request too specific sometimes the search engine will not produce a result. While the recipes are all low in salt and fat, no exact dietary exchanges or sodium and fat content measures are given.

Vegetarian

The Vegetarian Resource Group, <http://www.vrg.org> is easy to read and navigate, the site provides news, recipes, nutrition information, links and ideas for those interested in becoming or remaining vegetarians. A fun, 20-question vegetarian game is also included. Your score is tallied at the end of the test, and you can review any incorrect answers.

Online ordering of vegetarian cookbooks is provided. Calorie counts and total fat grams are provided for all recipes. A grilled portobello mushroom recipe was a good find from this site.

One warning — when you start surfing the net for recipes, make sure you stop in time to cook what you've found!

See recipes inside

TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

Consider the benefits of organically grown food

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Today, more than ever, people are inquiring about the benefits of eating organic produce. Let's explore some common questions about organically grown foods.

What is organically grown food?

In terms of produce, the National Organic Standards Board developed standards which define organic fruits and vegetables as those which are grown and harvested on farms that do not use any fertilizers containing synthetic ingredients or any commercially blended fertilizers containing natural poisons such as arsenic or lead salts.

The use of nitrogen, sulfites, or heavy metals, along with the use of any packaging materials or storage containers that contain synthetic fungicides, preservatives or fumigants is prohibited.

Standards

Are there standards that organic farms must meet?

A certified organic farm is required to meet national standards recommended by the NOSB, but is certified

by independent state agents. Currently, the United States Department of Agriculture is attempting to standardize the use of the term "organic."

Health benefits

What are the health benefits of eating organic foods?

Joyce Word of Southfield was concerned about potential pesticide residues in the large amount of juice that her two-year-old daughter, Breanna, was drinking. She now gives her daughter organic apple juice which is 100 percent juice.

With any juice, however, experts recommend limiting the amount to no more than 12 ounces per day so your child can receive a variety of nutrients from other foods as well.

Judy Miller of Oak Park buys only organic produce for her family because fruits and vegetables grown in organic soil have a larger variety of nutrients.

Because one of her children has special needs, and another is a vegetarian, Judy is always seeking information to maximize the health of her family.

She and her friends belong to an organic "co-op" where they purchase organic foods together and learn from each other.

"I do this out of love for my kids," said Miller. "I want the best for them, and for them to understand what good

nutrition is all about. Kids think and learn better when they are receiving proper nutrition. Besides, the taste of organically grown produce is so much better! My husband, Greg, now eats pears and tomatoes where he would not touch them prior to our switch to organic produce."

Purchasing

Where can you purchase organic foods?

Full-service, specialty grocery stores, such as Holiday Market in Royal Oak and Canton, stock organic produce and traditionally grown fruits and vegetables.

Whole Foods Market, in Farmington Hills, Troy, Birmingham, Ann Arbor and Rochester Hills, offers a full line of organic products.

Whole Foods Market is committed to foods that are fresh, wholesome and safe to eat. They seek out and promote organically grown foods along with those that are free of artificial preservatives, colors, flavors and sweeteners.

Cost

Are organically grown foods more expensive?

Generally, yes. But, this is a choice people make and hold as priority in their lives.

Your neighborhood can organize its own buying club through organic dis-

tributors. Check out the web at www.us.food.co-op.directory.com for an organic cooperative closest to you.

Forming a buying club can offer you a more affordable means of purchasing organic foods.

How do you know if organically labeled food is truly organic?

You must know and trust the farmer that you are dealing with. Since we are not dealing directly with the farmer on the consumer level, don't be afraid to ask questions of your grocer.

In addition, it never hurts to thoroughly wash any produce that you buy with a formulated soap, such as Allens Fruit and Veggie Wash, to remove wax, oily pesticides, soil and chemicals that may remain on your foods.

Hopefully, we will see more standardization of organic food production in the near future.

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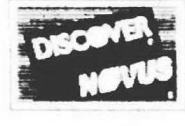
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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Vaccine program

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is sponsoring an immunization clinic for children from 4-7 p.m. in the Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh. The fee is \$5 per child and covers all vaccines (except chickenpox). Don't forget to bring your child's immunization records. For more information call (877) 345-5500.

Macrobiotics

Macro Val of Garden City offers macrobiotic cooking classes. Upcoming series include beginning cooking, picnic foods, summer pasta salads, vitality foods and all naturally sweet desserts. Learn step-by-step recipes and participate — hands on. For more information and to register for an upcoming class call (734) 261-2856. Dates include Aug. 2, 6-9 p.m.; Aug. 9, 6-9 p.m.; Aug. 16, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 23, 6-9 p.m. and Aug. 30, 6-9 p.m.

Restless leg

Restless Leg Syndrome, greater southeast Michigan area support group will meet from 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at Henry Ford OptimEyes, 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland. For information call Lillian Eory at (734) 641-1135 or OptimEyes at (734) 427-5200.

40-30-30 support

Dr. Martin Tamler and Sharon Ostalecki will host the first meeting of the 40-30-30 support group in Livonia. Please bring any questions, recipes or ideas that will help others who are on the 40-30-30 nutritional program. The meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24 at the Livonia Civic Center Library (32777 Five Mile - between Farmington Road and Hubbard). There is no charge. Call (248) 344-0896 or visit their Web site <http://community.mlive.com/cc/Fibromyalgia>

Hair loss study

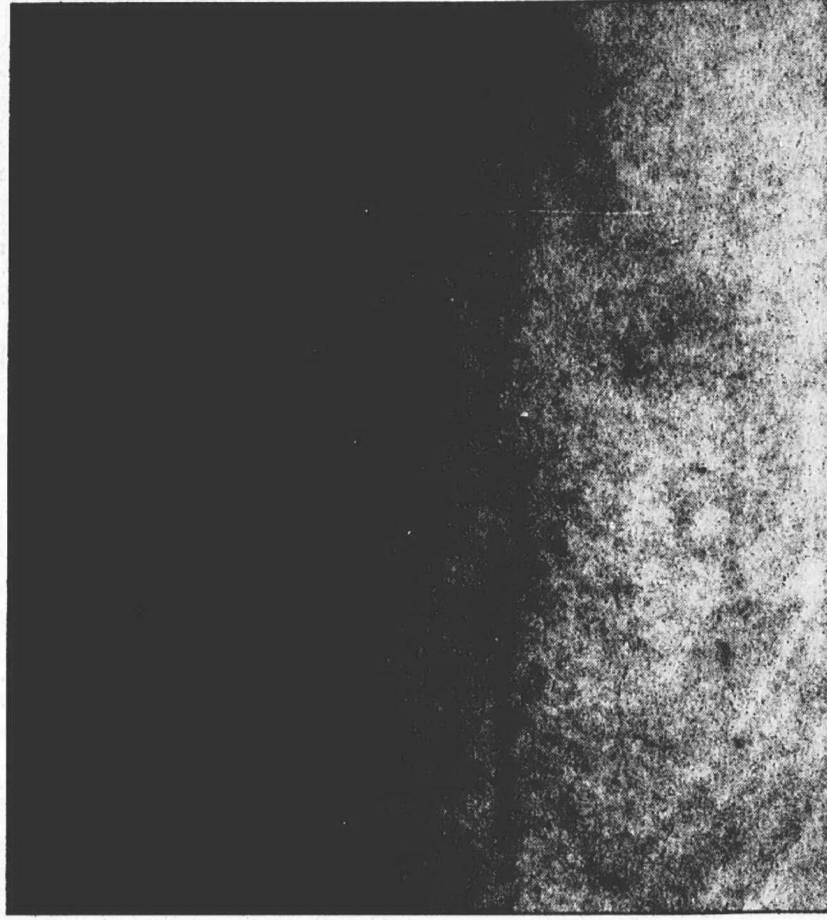
Men who are experiencing hair loss are being sought for a research study at Henry Ford Hospital. The study, conducted by the department of Dermatology, is investigating the effectiveness of an approved drug to treat male pattern hair loss. Patients should be 41-60 years old and currently suffering from hair loss. Medication, doctor visits and parking are free. Patients will be compensated for their time. Call (313) 916-8847 or (313) 916-9759.

Smoking cessation

A smoking cessation seminar occurs Thursday, Aug. 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center on Seven Mile at Newburgh in Livonia. The first 45 minutes is free. The last 75 minutes cost \$59 and includes, hypnosis, a home reinforcement audio tape and unlimited free repetitions of the seminar. Call (877) 345-5500 for reservations.



Unightly: prominent spider veins and varicose veins mar the upper thigh of this female patient.



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Varicose Veins

Sitting or standing too long can bring on unsightly condition

BY PATSY L. LAFAVE
SPECIAL WRITER

If you're a woman, it goes without saying you've been told to "keep your legs crossed." Who could guess that advice wasn't all that wise and, in fact, may be more harmful than in keeping with good manners.

We cross our legs without giving it a second thought — in fact, almost half of American women and men cross their legs nearly all of the time. It has become second nature to us, which poses the question, "Is it bad?"

Crossing your legs slows the flow of blood in the leg veins and can cause a painful and disfiguring condition called varicose veins.

After the blood has traveled all through our body in arteries, the blood reverses direction to carry the blood back to our heart through the leg veins.

Veins have one-way valves to keep gravity from

Red flag

When inflamed, the veins in your legs become tender to the touch and can hinder circulation. Tired, cramping and aching legs, ankles and feet are often the result. Varicose and spider veins are usually harmless unless they involve serious complications, such as severe bleeding, ulcers, blood clots and skin tissue damage. Once you have them, the only way to get ride of them is with medical treatment. They don't go away on their own.

It is important to keep your legs healthy, particularly if you are a candidate for varicose veins. Increasingly, men and women are working in physically demanding jobs and sitting or standing for longer periods of time than ever before.

Women are returning to work sooner after giving birth. Pregnancy and heredity are the biggest causes of varicose veins. If you have a parent with varicose veins, there is a good chance that you will develop them, too.

People who have a higher risk for weak veins are those who have had multiple pregnancies, who are obese, take birth control pills, wear tight garments, get little exercise, take hormone replacement therapies or stand/sit for long periods of time.

A possible solution for some women might be switching birth control pills to a low-estrogen formulation to avoid hormonal changes.

Remedy the problem

Which medical treatment is used depends on the type, size, location and depth of the vein problem. Laser treat-

ment is good for the spider veins, but for large varicose veins the treatment may require needle injection (sclerotherapy) or surgical treatment (ligation or stripping). In advanced cases, called chronic venous insufficiency (CVI), varicose veins can lead to chronic swelling, bleeding, ulceration and pigmentation.

If you are required to sit for a long period of time — stand and walk for five minutes every hour. You should also flex and rotate your ankles, lift feet and bend your legs back and forth at the knees, and elevate your legs to hip level when resting. If your job requires you to stand, make an effort to shift your weight from one leg to the other every few minutes.

Wearing support hose and eating a high-fiber diet that includes fruits, vegetables and whole grain breads all work in your body's favor. Other suggestions include maintaining an appropriate body weight and taking up an exercise such as swimming, walking, jogging, cycling or dancing that strengthens the leg muscles and helps push

blood up the vein. Herbal dietary supplements that contain flavonoid or standardized horse chestnut seed extract may help with leg vein circulation and protect against swelling. Vitamin D may also help reduce leg cramps and the mineral zinc can potentially further the healing process.

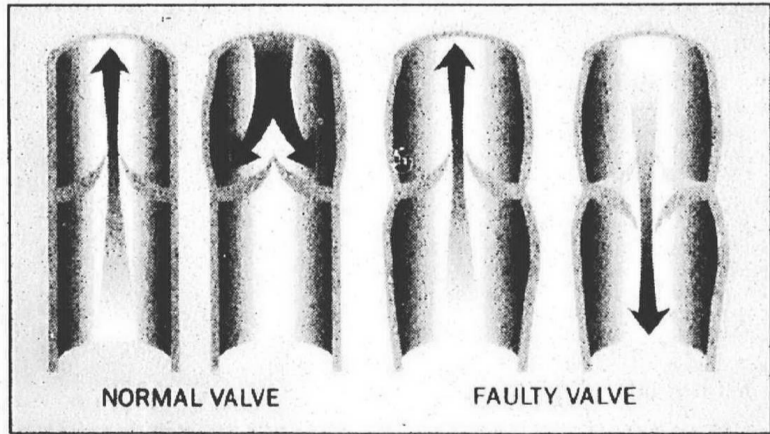
"Sitting for long periods of time, such as long plane or car trips, can lead to phlebitis," said Dr. Luis Navarro, director of The Vein Treatment Center in New York City.

"If a dietary supplement is taken for 10 to 12 days prior to a long plane or car trip, it may help prevent leg and feet swelling." Also, says Navarro, take short walks at least every 45 minutes when traveling.

An unsightly nuisance

Superficial vein problems are a relatively benign disease. A nuisance, a cosmetic concern, a dull ache, but almost never a life-threatening disease. Varicose veins are usually troublesome rather than disabling, but they occasionally have serious consequences. Early care and treatment can prevent all of these complications. There are new procedures being developed today to treat the problem that might lessen the discomfort and time off work, but the first step in getting treatment for leg vein problems is to consult a specialist. Many dermatologists and plastic surgeons are trained in these procedures, but if the problem is extensive, a vascular surgeon should evaluate the condition.

For more information contact Dr. John Iljas of St. Mary Hospital by calling (734) 462-8401 or Dr. Luis Navarro of The Vein Treatment Center/New York City, (212) 876-9284 or visit www.veintreatmentcenter.com



NORMAL VALVE

FAULTY VALVE

HELEN FURCEAN/STAFF ARTIST

pulling the blood downward, and sometimes these valves do not work properly or the vein walls become weak. When this happens, the blood flows back into the veins, building pressure inside the leg veins. This pressure causes the blood to pool and puddle in the veins. They then become stretched and swollen, and may protrude from the surface of the skin.

Dr. John Iljas, vascular surgeon on staff at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, says maintaining healthy legs is easy.

First and foremost, "Don't cross your legs," says Iljas. "For nurses, hair dressers, cashiers, line workers and people who stand for hours at a time ... wearing support hose is the best measure to take to protect against this condition."

The St. Mary surgeon also encourages his patients to keep moving. A sedentary lifestyle can lead to a host of health problems and sitting down for routine and significant periods of time only lends itself to occasions where you are apt to cross your legs.

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HELPING YOUR LEGS STAY HEALTHY

- ☑ Avoid sitting for long periods, especially with crossed legs.
- ☑ If you must stand a lot, wear support hose and shift your weight from leg to leg while standing.
- ☑ Keep moving during the day and get daily exercise such as walking, cycling and swimming.
- ☑ Maintain a normal weight.
- ☑ When resting, elevate the legs so they are higher than the heart.

Healthy approach acknowledged by Council

Botsford General Hospital's fresh approach to Worksite Wellness has earned the hospital recognition from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports.

The Rookie of the Year Award is presented to organizations with wellness programs started within the past calendar year.

"Botsford has always been a leader in the community by making programs available which help improve lifestyles," said Deborah Orloff-Davi-

son who coordinates the Employee Wellness program for the Botsford Health Care Continuum. "The secret to the success here is the enthusiasm and support of the administration and the staff. People are really excited to be involved in these programs and are even motivating other staff members to become involved. It's nice to see happy and healthy employees helping others."

Currently included in Botsford's

Employee Wellness program are weight loss programs, healthy cooking demonstrations, a walking club, a running club, smoking cessation programs, positive living seminars, aerobics, kickboxing, tai chi, and weightlifting classes. Botsford also offers subsidies for participating in health classes and clubs, health club discounts for employees and has set up relationships with local merchants who offer discounts on home exercise equipment and exercise shoes.

One-on-one

Internet cannot replace real human interaction



PC MIKE WENDLAND

As you read this, I should be getting ready to enjoy a great vacation in Hawaii. And it's no thanks to the Internet. Actually, the fact that I'll be in Hawaii and happy about it is because of Barb Redmond. Barb is a travel agent. A regular, old-fashioned person-you-call-on-the-phone-and-ask-for-help travel agent. She's my hero. Not the Internet.

If you read this column regularly, you know that I am a big fan of the Internet. I believe it has changed the way we do business. It gives consumers access to vast amounts of information and services and saves time and money. Yada yada yada. Not this time, folks. I did try to book my vacation online. I went to Travelocity (www.travelocity.com), one of the many big sites that let you search out low fares and book airplane tickets online. I also tried the Northwest Airlines Web site (www.nwa.com). I did a search on the dates I could go. When I sorted the

options and asked for the lowest possible price, it kicked back a round trip fare of right around \$1075. Fine, I thought, and booked tickets for my wife and me. But then, just on a whim, I decided to call Fox Hills Travel of Bloomfield Hills. That's where Barb Redmond came in. She found me a special package that Northwest offered that Travelocity didn't know about. And if it was on the Northwest Web site, it sure was hidden. But Barb found it and saved me big bucks. Using a travel agent, I was able to get round trip tickets for \$840 each. I canceled my original booking

and went with Barb. But Barb did more than save me money. She probably saved my vacation. A couple of days later, she called me back to say that she had learned that the hotel we originally were booked at was undergoing renovation. The pool was even closed. She wouldn't hear of it and got us a room at a different resort. If I had booked the room on the Net, I wouldn't have found out until it was too late. I can see the fate of this column now. Travel agents, who have been hurt mightily by the great rush to cyberspace, will

circulate this as proof that they're still needed. And you know what? They're right. By the way, so are car salespeople. We recently bought a new car. I tried to buy it on the Web. Or at least to get a price. I contacted two services, Autobytel (www.autobytel.com) and CarPoint (www.carpoin.com). I described the make and model I was interested in and fired off the e-mail. Both services promised quick responses, within 48 hours at the absolute latest, from three different local dealers. In the end, only one dealer

called me back. The other two never did. I ended up visiting another dealer that doesn't have a Web site and buying face-to-face. Which just goes to show you, in-person just may be better than the Internet. Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

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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 7.0.

Detroit Diesel sponsors
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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
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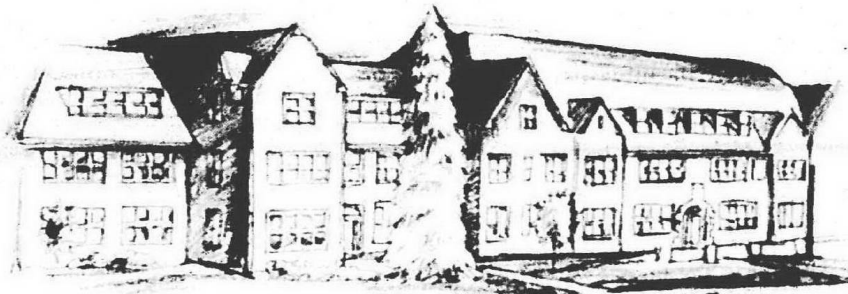
The President's Club award recognizes exceptional Great Plains resellers whose commitment to clients is reflected in their business performance and high level of sales achievement.

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 & Service LLC.

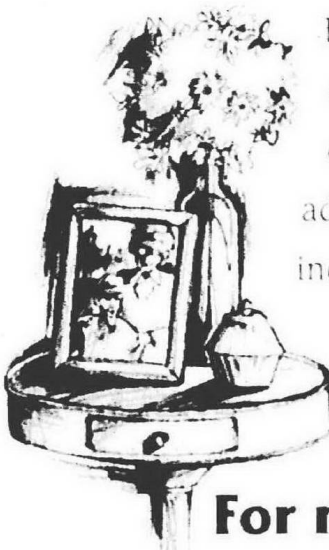
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effects of smoking, what to expect when you quit, coping techniques and strategies on staying smoke-free. The program is designed to give you the tools, confidence and support you need to eliminate your smoking habit. The \$25 fee includes all materials and is covered by some insurances. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

THUR, AUG. 5

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

MON, AUG. 9

SAFE SITTER CLASS
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will offer a Safe Sitter Class for young people ages 11-13 on Monday, Aug. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Safe Sitter is a medically-accurate instruction series that teaches boys and girls aged 11-13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. The program includes basic life-saving techniques, safety precautions to prevent accidents, how and when to summon help and tips on basic child care. Cost of the class is \$40 per student. Registration is requested. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

TUE, AUG. 10

STOP SMOKING
If you're ready to kick the tobacco habit, St. Mary Hospital has the class for you. The four-session Smoke-Free Living Class will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, from August 10 through August 31, in Pavilion Conference Room A. The Smoke-Free Living Class is a four-week program to help individuals quit smoking. The class covers the

WED, AUG. 11

WOMEN'S HEALTH
This informative free series is presented by Bharti Srivastava, M.D., senior health specialist. Group meets from 1-2 p.m. at the Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Call (734) 397-5444.

THUR, AUG. 12

WEIGHT CONTROL
A weight loss seminar occurs 3-5 p.m. and 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.

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The Mission Health Medical Center in Livonia will host a weight control class from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 12. This program combines behavior modification techniques with the power of self-hypnosis to help change your way of thinking regarding weight loss. First forty-five minutes is a free orientation. \$59. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

SAT, AUG. 14

BREAST CANCER
Admission is free to the "International Betty Ford Breast Cancer Symposium for the Patient" 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the University of Michigan Cancer Center in Ann Arbor. Speakers from medical centers will discuss prevention, nutrition, complementary and conventional therapies and genetics. To register, call (800) 654-1772.

TUE, AUG. 17

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

WED, AUG. 18

INFANT CPR
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OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING
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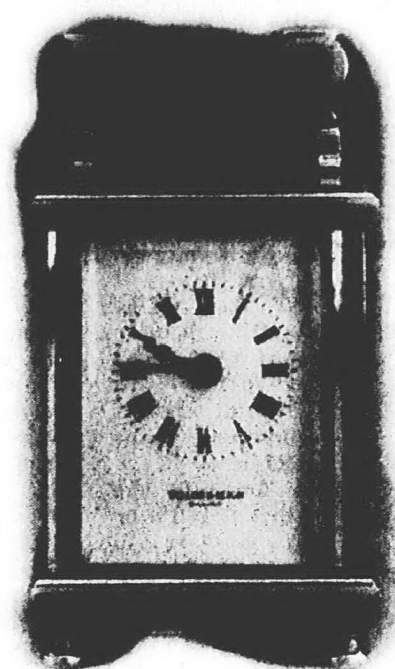
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How is your nutrition status — are you physically ready for school? Learn how to "feed" your body and mind without overloading on fat and calories. Meets from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Farmington Hills/Northwestern Providence Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. Call (877) 345-5500.

SAT, AUG. 21

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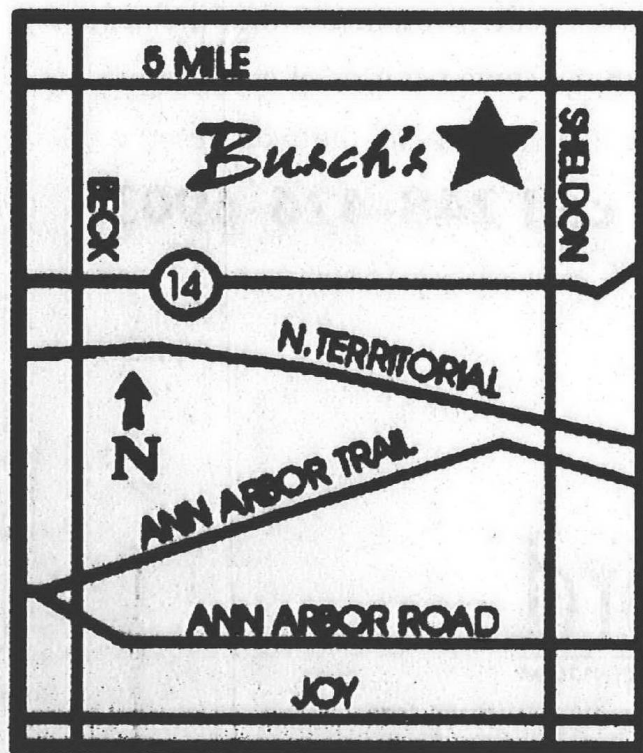
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Pianist comes full circle

Daniel Paul Horn's voice is serious as he talks about returning home to Livonia. He doesn't take the responsibility of teaching young musicians in Schoolcraft College's Summer Music School lightly. After all, if it weren't for the summers he studied piano at Interlochen Arts Camp and Schoolcraft College, Horn probably wouldn't be a guest lecturer at the Livonia college's Chamber Music and Concerto camp for the next two weeks. The summer of 1971 when he was a 14-year-old student in Schoolcraft's summer orchestra and concerto program, along with five summers at Interlochen, influenced Horn's choice of a career in music. Thanks to teachers at both camps encouraging Horn to pursue the piano, he went on to earn three music degrees at the Juilliard School in New York City. Now he's back in Livonia inspiring the next generation of pianists.

Making music come alive

"There's a limited amount I can do in two weeks, but I want to help them understand more in depth what the music is saying, make it come alive and teach them to listen in depth," said Horn, an associate professor of piano at Wheaton College Conservatory of Music in Illinois. "It all boils down to encouraging them not to copy what other people do but make the music come to life."

As a frequent guest artist at the American Liszt Society Festival and with Midwest orchestras such as the Chicago Symphony and the Detroit Symphony, Horn has acquired the knowledge young pianists need to become successful performers. The summer programs, taught by accomplished musicians at Interlochen and Schoolcraft College, provide the intense preparation to shape these young artists.

"Interlochen was important in pointing me in that direction," said Horn, who was first introduced to the piano at age five by his mother, Ann. By age 16 Horn was performing one of the children's series' concerts with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. "There was a great deal of music going on in Livonia growing up, but I was one of a relatively few in my high school who was serious about music. At Interlochen it was nice to know that other people were as interested as I was."

All Russian recital

Along with learning about making the music come to life, students at Schoolcraft, as well as the public, will be treated to hearing Horn perform Wednesday, Aug. 4. Horn programmed the recital entirely different from his recently recorded CD, "Wanderings: Fantasies of Schubert and Mendelssohn." "I chose a program of Russian music which had not been a part of my repertoire," said Horn, a 1974 graduate of Franklin High School. "What's interesting is that with the exception of 'Pictures,' all the pieces were written between 1900-1922, the

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Summer Music Festival

WHERE: All recitals begin at 7 p.m.
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- Wednesday, Aug. 4 - Daniel Paul Horn
 - Monday, Aug. 9 - Sanjay Mody
 - Wednesday, Aug. 11 - Anthony Bonamico
- Summer Music School Student Recitals**
- Friday, Aug. 6
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 - Friday, Aug. 13



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Supporting the arts: Noreen Desilets (left) discusses the art of Escher with a group of children at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Nicole Scott (center) looks on after presenting a check for \$5,000 to support the Art Volunteer Program. Seated (clockwise from lower center) are Cal Coplai, 7, his brother Brody, 9, Madison Derian-Toth, 8, and Cole Motley, 8. Meredith Derian-Toth, 11 and Marti Coplai are at the right.

Drawing on Businesses

ARTS ORGANIZATIONS SEEK HELP

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Everyone was smiling at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts July 22 when Nichole Scott, on behalf of Dick Scott Dodge, Plymouth, and Dick Scott KIA, Canton, presented a \$5,000 check to the Plymouth Community Arts Council for its Art Volunteer Program.

The scene is becoming more common as nonprofit organizations such as the arts council, Livonia Arts Commission and Plymouth Symphony Orchestra seek contributions from businesses and corporations to help fund programming.

The money for the arts council program means that more than 175 volunteers will carry new portfolios, bearing the name of Dick Scott dealerships, into some 300 classrooms every month during the school year.

Originally called the "Picture Lady Program," the volunteers bring art, sculpture and culture to 12,000 children in 14 Plymouth and Canton public elementary schools, five private and parochial schools, and seven schools outside the district each year. That's a lot of advertising mileage for Dick Scott's investment but for the arts council it means much more than that.

"To have what we're doing validated was heartwarming," said Stella Greene, outgoing arts council president. "To have Dick Scott say you're doing a good job in the schools was important because it gives our volunteers a boost. It's one of the significant programs we do in the schools."

"It was started 30 years ago by ladies who saw the need for supple-

mental studies in the arts," Greene said. "And because the Art Volunteers program has an image in the schools, the kids see those portfolios coming and know they're going to learn about art and culture."

Arts council executive director Jennifer Tobin, who approached Scott with the proposal for the contribution, is currently in the process of seeking funding from area businesses and corporations. Although the majority of their \$200,000 budget comes from membership fees, the group still struggles like all arts organizations.

Earnings from arts classes, concerts and rental of the facility help, but the arts council couldn't continue programming to meet the needs of the community without contributors such as Unisys, Ford Motor Co.'s Sheldon Road plant, Johnson Controls and Panasonic.

"We'd like to see more contributions," said Greene. "When you get a business or corporation to come forward, it enhances the awareness in the community."

Early years

Arts council founder Joanne Winkleman Hulce is grateful for contributions from businesses in the community. She remembers the early years of the Art Volunteer Program when exhibits were set up on folding screens in middle schools. Six months later, the Picture Lady Program would begin introducing students to art in five elementary schools.

Volunteers would leave a picture in each of the classrooms. During the month, teachers would rotate them so students could write stories about the works. The program

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Volunteers bring art into schools

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Noreen Desilets became involved with the Art Volunteer Program when her son, Justin, came home with tales about the art lady at Fiegel Elementary in Plymouth Township. The Canton mom had seen the volunteers in the schools and began asking questions. When she found out the program taught area children to appreciate the arts and culture, she volunteered. That was five years ago. Desilets now co-chairs the Plymouth Community Arts Council-sponsored program with Marti Coplai.

"It's truly an enriching program for the children," said Desilets. "You'll be in Meijer and some child will say, 'There's the art lady,' so it's fulfilling for the volunteers as well."

Desilets is especially excited about the \$5,000 donation the group received from Dick Scott Dodge, Plymouth, and Dick Scott KIA, Canton, because it means Justin, now 10, and her daughter, Danielle, 7, will continue to enjoy learning about Degas and Escher. More than 100 new portfolios containing information about art from the Renaissance to Warhol will soon be in the hands of volunteers because of the contribution.

"I'm really thankful for the donation," said Desilets. "It means we have the opportunity to update and enrich the program. The old portfo-

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BOOKS

History with a twist of Disney and dash of Lewis Carroll

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This mouse is neither mighty nor the object of affection for a fan club of members wearing god-awful hats with silly ears.

Like the times in which he was created, Jody the Mouse is a 1990s-styled down-to-earth androgynous human-looking rodent with a penchant for adventurous travel throughout the Great Lakes state.

Jody is the creation of Leigh Arrathoon and Jon Davio, authors of a seven-booklet series, entitled "Great Places: Jody's Michigan Adventures,"

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The pocket-sized books - targeted at fourth-grade reading level combine historical facts woven tightly into stories about Jody's spirited travels to Frankenmuth, Mackinac Island, the Upper Peninsula and northwest Michi-

gan.

The books were planned as a supplement to the state-mandated fourth-grade Michigan history curriculums. More than 3,000 copies of the series were sold to public school districts in the first month of printing. Another several thousand have been sent to local bookstores, including Borders and Barnes & Noble.

Davio conceived the idea and edited the manuscript drafted by Arrathoon, a freelance writer who holds a doctorate

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New director to transform the DIA

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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The confirmation of Graham W.J. Beal as the next director of the Detroit Institute of Arts is a mere technicality.

Even in the rarefied air of museum politics, a rather common phrase can be heard regarding Beal's impending appointment - "It's a done deal."

Ten days ago, the search committee gave its unanimous recommendation to the DIA board. In the near future - possibly as early as this week - Beal's candidacy will be rubber-stamped when the Detroit Arts Commission and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer give their approval.

Time for Beal to say "So long" to LaLa Land and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art where he served as director for the last three years.

In many ways, Beal is a prototypical modern-day museum director: Well-schooled in art history, in-the-know when it comes to contemporary art, and respectful of the most powerful art of the age - the art of marketing.

Building consensus

But before Beal takes any decisive steps with the DIA, he plans to spend plenty of time learning about the museum he's about to inherit.

His first step, he said, will be building bridges - and getting in step with the ambitious plan set forth by the DIA board to make the museum more accessible to the general public.

"I believe in building consensus, getting people to 'buy into' the process," said Beal, who was initially approached last fall by the search committee.

With a 75-member DIA board made up of the Who's Who in metro Detroit, a recently initiated \$320-million fund-raising campaign, and a mandate to become even more financially self-sufficient, Beal might find that there's an endless list of people to consult.

Nonetheless, Beal's self-described "consultative leadership style" should serve him well, especially considering the past political and territorial squabbles that have beset the DIA.

New-found vitality

When the genteel, British-born Beal, 52, gets his footing at the DIA in early October, expect to see a savvy, innovative leader with a sense of what is popular and critically significant.

Since the early 1970s, Beal's approach at museums where he's been either curator or director has been to develop an expanded exhibition schedule that balances blockbuster shows with diverse exhibits aimed to appeal to many ethnic groups and artistic tastes.

Perhaps the best way to demonstrate how the DIA enhances the quality of life in the region is for Beal to create a flurry of programs and exhibits that offer something for everyone.

It seems that he innately knows the demands of his new job.

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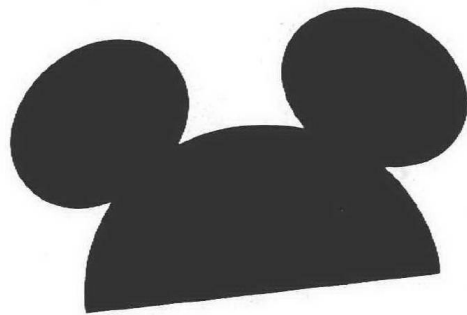


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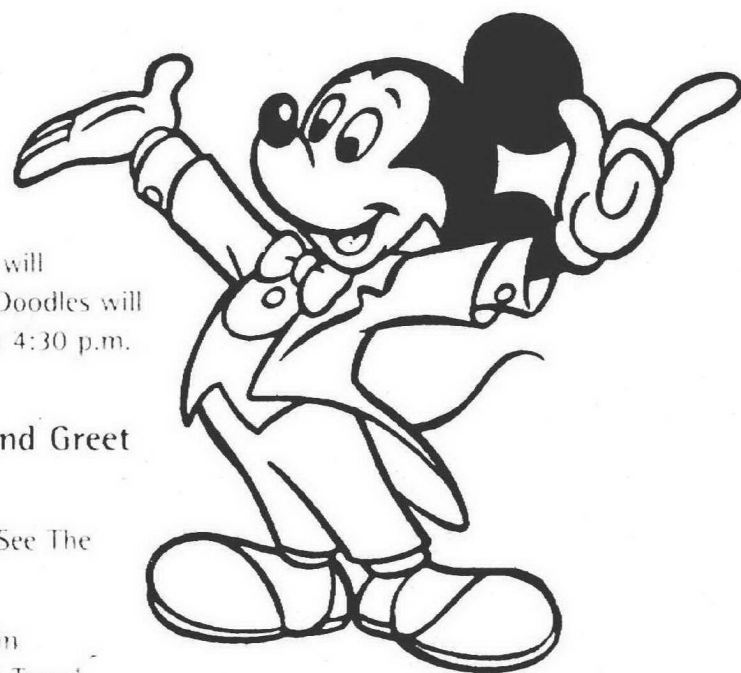
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- Disney Doodles features a Disney sketch artist who will narrate and sketch a scene from a Disney film. Disney Doodles will be performed on the half hour from 1:30 p.m. through 4:30 p.m. (Performance lasts approximately 20 minutes.)
- Mickey & Minnie and Belle & Beast Meet and Greet (1 p.m.-5 p.m.)
- Enter to win a "Disney Girls" denim jacket. See The Disney Store for details.
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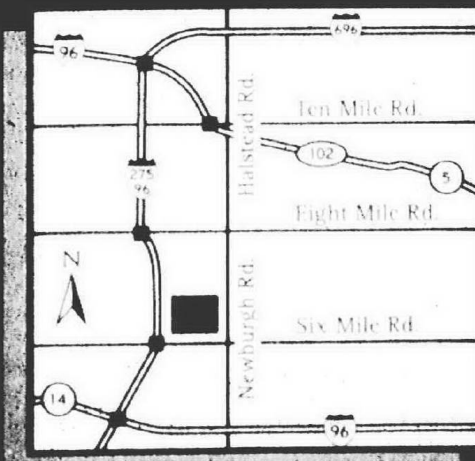
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- August 9 through August 19: 10 Days at 10% Off Sale. Pick up your coupons at the Laurel Park Place Management Office or at any directory stand. Take 10% off a regularly-priced item at any of the participating stores.
- Saturday, August 7, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.: Kids' Cookie Decorating at Mrs. Fields Cookies.
- Saturday, August 7, 2 p.m.: Jacobson's Back-to-School Fashion Show in the Children's Department.
- Saturday, August 14, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Cooking Demonstration with a Master Chef at Williams-Sonoma.
- Saturday, August 21, 1 p.m.: Parisian Fashion Show in the Parisian Court.
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Simon named new WSU coach

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COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Outside of the Wayne State University mascot, no one in the school's athletic department has assumed a more drastic identity change than Bob Simon.

An assistant coach for the WSU men's basketball team the last five seasons, Simon was recently appointed the school's new head women's basketball coach.

His appointment coincides with the school's announcement that it has changed its nickname from Tartars to Warriors.

This is Simon's first head coaching job in college. It's also the first women's coaching job, at any level, for Simon, 36, a graduate of Redford Thurston.

He interviewed for a men's head coaching job within the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference a couple seasons back but was passed over for someone else.

"I got an interview, things went well, the school chose someone else and that person is doing well right now," the Redford Township resident said, regarding the men's head coach's job he pursued.

The WSU men and women share the Mathei Building for practices and games and sometimes travel together so Simon may feel like he never left men's coach Ron Hammye's side.

Hammye gave Simon his start in college coaching eight seasons ago, bringing him in as a part-time assistant before promoting him to full-time. Simon coached for six seasons at Thurston, two as a varsity assistant and four as a junior varsity head coach, and four years as the head coach of the Southgate Anderson varsity before coming to WSU.

"It makes for a good relationship," Simon said. "We've worked together for so long now and can continue to help each other out. It's a great relationship that will continue and I'm excited to be coaching the women."

"I've been coaching boys or men for 18 years. The game is not much different. You coach it the same way, do the same thing you do with men - try to rebound, defend, shoot free throws."

"There's no special potion because it's women. I had a meeting with the girls, a lot are looking forward to already getting back to school and getting started. They know me. I've been around the gym."

The biggest change may be in tradition. The men have won four of the last eight GLIAC championships and the women have struggled to play near .500. The Warriors won only seven

games last year and return seven seniors.

Simon replaces Karen Hall who resigned and took another coaching position at North Carolina A & T. Simon said he has retained one of Hall's assistant coaches, Bryant Hobbs, and is adding former WSU player Fawne Allosery to the staff.

WSU is adding men's hockey as a varsity sport and there is talk the athletic program will move from NCAA Division II to Division I in the next three to five years, Simon said.

The change in nicknames was made more for better name recognition than anything else, according to Simon.

The biggest difference is WSU won't hear anymore "Tartar Sauce" jokes.

"Tartar was a warrior, so we went along the same path," Simon said. "It's a real nice logo and we kept the same colors (green and yellow and white)."

The WSU women's team has a scholarship allotment of 10 per season and Simon is eager to hit the recruiting trail, starting with the high school season in the fall.

"My contacts will be different but I'm not afraid to get on the phone and call people, get in my car and watch a game," Simon said. "Coaches will see me out

and my staff. We'll work hard to try to start doing something with the program."

"Women's athletics are on an upswing. A trend is going right now. Some things that have happened in women's sports everyone knows about: The Olympic gold the women's hockey team just won (at the 1998 Winter Olympics), the World Cup the women's soccer team won. The WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) is getting better and I don't believe all the best players are in the WNBA right now. Women in college see a goal past collegiate ball and to play professionally, so that league can only get better as it gets more franchises, promoting, endorsements."

Simon's family, which includes wife Donna, daughter Bobbie, 10, and son Devin, 8, is all for the move.

"My family is excited about it," Simon said. "My wife just wanted to make sure I'd be happy."

Announcer from page D1

When Eugene Lindahl is asked how he found every fan's favorite phrase, "Beeeee ya' back," he says it's his favorite time of night.

"That just right away pumps up the crowd," he said. He uses every program with "Beeeee ya' back."

"I couldn't tell you how many yell 'Beeeee ya' back' he said. He gets personal sometimes with the racers whom he knows well enough to joke with over the P.A. system.

"All ugly late-model drivers get in line for qualifying," he said, laughing after he shut off the microphone. "I couldn't say that if I didn't know these guys."

Lindahl started attending car races at age 3 with his father, Eugene.

"My mom (Stella) said to my dad 'Why don't you go have fun with your son,'" he recalled. "My next-door neighbors used to go to the track, we went with them once and my dad was hooked."

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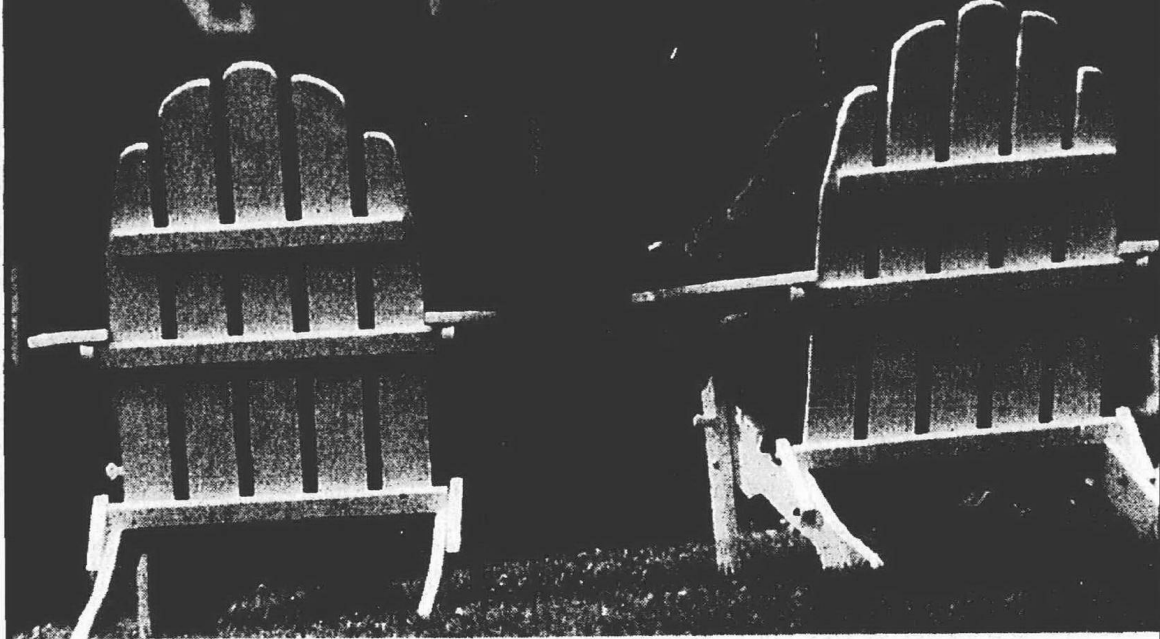
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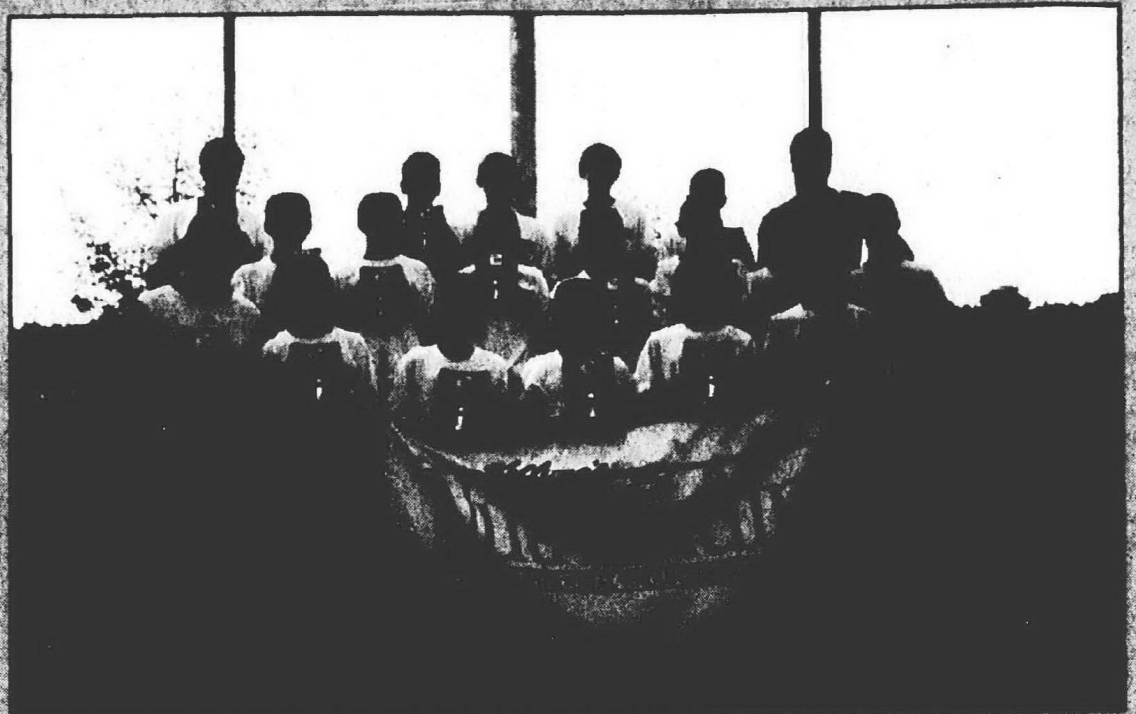
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Youth soccer champs



Tourney winners: The Canton Strikers, an under-12 boys soccer team, captured the Portage Invitational (July 17-18) with four straight victories. Members of the Strikers (front row, from left) include Steve Mischung, Jason Houdak, Kenny Coppola, Corey Bugeja, Ross Heidenreich, Ryan Lenahan; (second row, from left) Brian Stevanovic, Manny Palazzolo, Brad Marsh, Cody Newcomb, Chris Rowe, Joe Gauci, Chris French; (back row, from left) coach Paul Palazzolo, Kyle Gismondi, Jeff Morsency, Kevin Thornton, Andrew Cortellini and coach Mike Coppola. Not pictured is team member Michael Yates.

CANTON COMMUNITY JUNIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

White Sox capture best 2-of-3
World Series crown vs. Reds

It was another comeback effort.

After losing the opener of the best two-of-three series, the White Sox came back to win the Canton Community Junior Softball Association (ages 11-13) World Series with a 17-9 win over the Reds in the deciding game July 27 at Plymouth Canton High School.

The Reds won the opener at the Canton Softball Center, 15-12, but the White Sox evened the series in the next round.

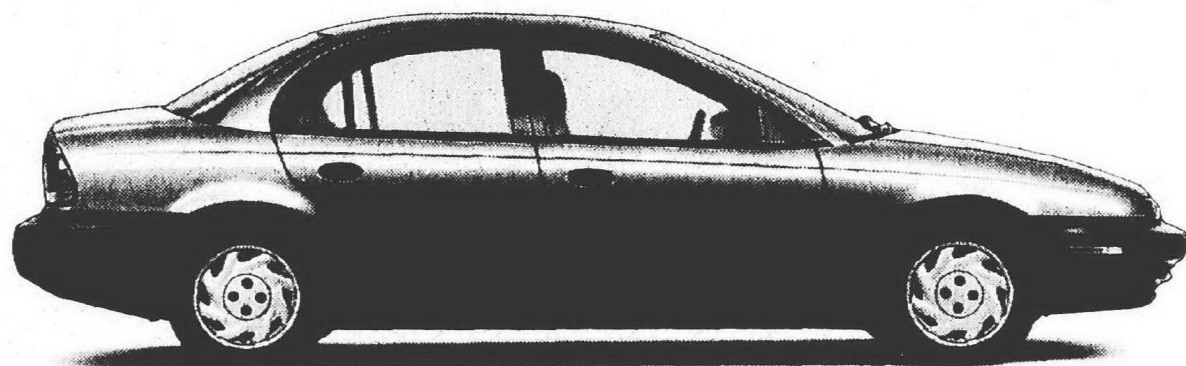
Using a combination of strong hitting and excellent defense, the White Sox roster included Sarah Amann, Jessica Bonello, Stephanie Herman, Emily Maletic, Jackie Perino, Christine Rovet, Kelli Szcpeanski, Rebecca Woodman, Rachel Sokira, Colleen Whately, Aletha Sturk, Jamie Hutchinson and Shata Parks-Ellis.

The White Sox, American League champions, are managed by Dan Amann. For the Reds, National League

champions, it was the third consecutive championship game appearance for three players — Laura Brunett, Brook Posler and Rebecca Horste.

In 1997 they were part of the Yankees team that captured the World Series and last year they helped the same team win the tournament title.

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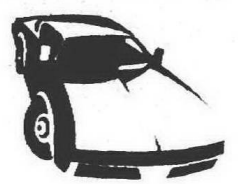
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Carriere from page D1

Looking for somebody with hang time, Mumford eventually signed Carriere on the dotted line.

"He (Mumford) is a classy guy, a good family guy," Carriere said. "They have the political science

curriculum I need because eventually I want to go to law school. "Right now I'm optimistic more than excited. I have three years eligibility left."

Seth Carriere will report three days late to preseason camp in

order to attend his brother Ryan's upcoming wedding.

"I expect to punt, but they have a senior kicker who's a pretty good one," Carriere said. "He had a 65-yarder (field goal) last year. "But two years from now I

think I can do both." Gabel said Carriere is a lesson in perseverance. "He's really done it on his own," the Stevenson coach said. "You want to see him do well because he's such a good kid."

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