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THE WEEK AHEAD

1-275
construction
update

Motorists may be using a newly paved ramp from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275 as early as Thursday when it is tentatively scheduled to re-open to traffic.

But late last week Michigan Department of Transportation officials and project engineers wrestled with how traffic can best be managed through the area. They are considering leaving the ramp's old detour open as an alternative route to ease traffic backups onto westbound I-696.

That detour directs motorists to a turnaround ramp on the new M-5 (the Haggerty Connector) just south of 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. MDOT is considering modifying that detour so that the portion of M-5 between 12 Mile and 14 Mile roads, located north of the detour, can be opened to motorists in August.

Southbound and northbound I-275 traffic is expected to be crossed back over to the newly paved southbound side during the first week of August. (See accompanying story on xx.)

UPCOMING

Unique: An Ukrainian egg painting workshop will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Westland Historical Museum. The class will be limited to 12 people, and is designed for school age children and adults. All materials will be provided. The museum is located at 857 N. Wayne Road. Call (734) 326-1110.

MONDAY

Meeting: The Wayne-Westland Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. to interview applicants for the vacant board of education seat. The Board of Education meets at the Timothy J. Dyer building on Marquette.

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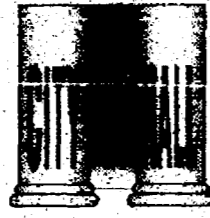
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Cox appointment draws criticism



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David Cox's appointment to a Westland City Council vacancy continues to stir strong emotions among his critics and supporters - one month after he was tapped for the job.

Cox's selection as a six-month

Citizens continues to question the city council regarding David Cox appointment to a vacancy left by resigning member Chuck Pickering. Cox was chosen over nine other applicants for the six month position.

appointee has angered residents like Joseph Zuccaro, who lashed out Monday at council members who chose Cox over nine other candidates.

Zuccaro noted that voters in 1995 ousted Cox from office after he served a two-year council term, and Zuccaro angrily criticized the June 21 appointment.

"It's like spitting on us," Zuccaro said. "My son asked me, 'Dad, does

your vote count?' I said, 'No, I guess not.'"

Zuccaro's statements came during a Westland City Council meeting and echoed criticism that resident Jim Davis fired at council members earlier in July.

Davis repeatedly described himself as "angry" over the appointment, and he loudly criticized the council for ignoring voters' wishes and choosing Cox for the vacancy.

Cox was picked for the job after former Councilman Charles Pickering



Cox

resigned early from his four-year term. Pickering chose to step down after deciding not to seek re-election this year.

A divided council voted 4-2 to place Cox in Pickering's seat, giving him incumbent status as he campaigns for election this year.

Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin on Monday defended his support of Cox, calling him "a stellar candidate" among a group of 10 appealing applicants.

"All of the other people were stellar people, but I had to make a choice,"

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A Hawaiian hop



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY



Aloha: Above, Shelly Bernier, 11 (foreground) of Westland and other teens test their skills at Hawaiian dancing during the weekly Teen Night event at the Westland Bailey pool this past week. (Far left) Life Guard Bill Cummings (left) and Jill McPartlin get into the music at teen night. 150 sixth graders enjoyed the 2-hour dance and swim party. (Left) Swing dancing also proved to be a popular poolside dance. See related pictures and story, A4.

Three candidates file for vacant board seat

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In a decision that will help steer local public education, Wayne-Westland school board members Monday are expected to choose a one-year appointee in the wake of David Cox's resignation.

Board members will choose from three hopefuls:

- Diane Abbott, longtime Westland municipal cable station director.

- Richard Eisiminger, a Realtor serving on a school construction bond oversight committee.

- Marshall Wright, a social worker who recently earned his elementary education bachelor's degree.

The three candidates beat a 2 p.m. Friday deadline for entering the competition.

Six school board members hope to fill a seventh seat after interviewing board hopefuls during a meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at district offices,

36745 Marquette east of Newburgh. The interviews will be conducted in public session.

Board member Ed Turner, contacted at home Friday, said he believes the field of candidates is big enough.

"I'm comfortable with three," he said. "Numbers don't mean that much to me. It's the quality of the people who are applying."

Even before Cox resigned July 12 to accept a Westland City Council appointment, rumors of his impending

departure prompted interest in his successor.

District resident Nancy Pride has urged the board to appoint Wright because he ran for a seat in the June 14 election.

Wright lost the race but finished just 58 votes behind one of the winners, Lorne "Skip" Mont. Wright garnered 708 votes compared to Mont's 766.

Board President Robin Moore could-

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Kmart race

The Westland Kmart offered some fun for children while pledging \$4,500 to help two Westland Police Department programs.

The Kmart store on the southeast corner of Wayne and Cherry Hill sponsored a Kids Race Against Drugs event in the parking lot on July 17-18.

Kmart donated \$5 for every child who rode along a makeshift race track in electric Mustangs that police officer Tom Lochinski described as "sort of like modified golf carts. They were pretty neat."

Kmart ended up donating \$2,600 to DARE America, allowing Westland police to order supplies from the company for their Drug Abuse Resistance Education program in schools.

Kmart also donated \$2,000 to the Westland Police Explorers, a program that lets youngsters get involved in helping their police department.

PLACES & FACES

Children also received small gifts such as hats and various certificates.

Westland City Councilman Richard LeBlanc attended the event and said, "It was fun. These kids were having a blast."

There was a mishap, however. On July 18, Lochinski said strong winds toppled tents and metal towers that had been set up around the track, and one tower fell on an Explorer and injured her leg.

"She had to be rushed to the hospital," Lochinski said. "She got some stitches and had to use crutches for a few days, but she's going to be OK."

Whopper golf outing

Burger King is helping to sponsor a 20th Annual

Junior Golf Tournament for youngsters on Monday Aug. 2, at the Westland Municipal Golf Course.

Boys and girls will be divided into classes for ages 11-12; 13-14; and 15-16. There will be first place and runner-up trophies awarded in each class.

A \$7 entrance fee includes getting onto the golf course, receiving a Burger King golf ball and tee-marker set, and a certificate for a Whopper meal.

Entry forms are available at Westland Burger King restaurants at 120 S. Merriman at Cherry Hill and 237 N. Wayne Road at Cherry Hill, and at a Canton Burger King at 45114 Ford Road.

Entry deadline is Wednesday, July 28, before 5 p.m.

The tournament will be held Aug. 9 if the Aug. 2 is rained out. Burger King is working with the Westland Parks and Recreation Department to sponsor the event.

Cable staff receives acknowledgements, raises

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Westland's municipal cable station director, praised for airing triple the local programming she's required by contract, has been rewarded with a 20 percent raise.

WLND station manager Diane Abbott's salary increased from \$43,044 to \$51,900 following a sweeping vote Monday from the seven-member Westland City Council.

Her raise followed a third consecutive year that WLND has captured a first-place award for overall excellence in government access programming from Washington, D.C.-based Alliance for

Community Media. WLND, honored by industry peers, beat out many strong competitors from cities such as Farmington Hills.

"I'm real pleased with this award," Abbott said. "It's nice to get an award from your peers."

Council President Sandra Cicirelli praised Abbott and her staff for an "excellent job" in local programming.

"Every year it gets better and better," Cicirelli said.

Abbott's executive producers, David Monak and Craig Welkenbach also received salary increases putting their annual pay at \$39,500. Their pay hikes ranged from 6 percent to 16 percent.

Abbott has led WLND since 1991, and she and her staff now produce 350 to

380 hours of local programming each year.

That's more than triple the 115 hours that she said her contract requires.

"Our local access channel is one of the finest in the state," Councilman Charles "Tray" Griffin said.

Programs appear on Channel 10 for viewers who have cable service through Ameritech; Media One customers tune in to Channel 12.

WLND not only airs city council and planning commission meetings, but also covers local ice shows, senior citizen events, community concerts, festivals and parades. Most shows are repeated.

The station also periodically airs informative programs featuring Mayor Robert Thomas, Fire Chief Mark Neal,

'Diane does do a fine job for us in that department.'

Glenn Anderson
—City councilmember

Police Chief Emery Price and other administration officials, Abbott said.

The few people who have openly criticized programming have often been political enemies who accused Thomas of trying to boost his image as mayor by frequently appearing on WLND.

However, some who have had differences with Thomas still praise the city's government access programming.

"Diane does do a fine job for us in

that department," Councilman Glenn Anderson said Monday.

He supported the salary increases even though he said he would have preferred to see the pay hikes implemented in two steps, rather than all at once.

Abbott, meanwhile, said WLND provides more programming than required by contract because the station serves a city that is busy with events and government meetings.

"I just thought that's what we should do," she said, explaining why the station covers so many events.

Some council members noted that cable station directors from other communities have often sought advice from Abbott on how to provide quality programming.

CRIME WATCH

Supermarket punks

A Farmer Jack manager told police that as many as seven young males have been coming to the store on Ford Road near Wildwood, harassing a worker and trying to get him to fight.

The manager said members of the group scream in the worker's face and threaten to beat him up, but they leave as soon as someone starts to call police for help. He described the culprits as 16 to 18 years old with shaved heads.

The manager reported that the group

has caused problems on several occasions in recent weeks and "has been scaring his customers with their behavior," a police report said.

The manager told police that he feared the situation would escalate into a fight unless the problem is addressed. Police are investigating.

No peace and love

This apparently isn't the summer of love, despite a Woodstock concert that comes 30 years after the original.

As Woodstock '99

loomed this weekend, one Westland woman had reported losing her tickets to an apparent thief at her residence on Norris.

The 24-year-old woman told police that the tickets may have been taken by someone who had knowledge of her receiving them from the United Parcel Service.

She went to work after receiving her tickets on July 14 but found them missing when she returned home at 2 a.m. July 15. She found that her back door had been kicked in.

Missing were a pair of Woodstock tickets valued at \$351. She also lost

\$12, taken from a purse that had been emptied on the bedroom floor.

The woman couldn't be reached to determine if her tickets had been returned or if she had made alternative arrangements to attend the concert.

String of thefts

Police believe that a young woman and a young man may be responsible for at least three thefts in Westland.

The latest occurred at 4:50 p.m. July 17 when a Farmington Hills woman reported that a young man grabbed her purse outside of Toys R Us, on the

northeast corner of Wayne and Warren roads. She said he escaped in a small red vehicle.

About two hours earlier, another purse-snatching incident was reported at Farmer Jack on Ford near Wildwood, and a police report said a young woman and a young man escaped in a small red vehicle.

Police believe that the same two suspects may have been responsible for a July 13 incident in which a "boom box" was stolen from a garage in a Westland residential neighborhood.

The incidents remain under investigation.

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Griffin said.

Griffin's vote for Cox on June 21 was echoed by colleagues Sharon Scott, Sandra Cicirelli and Justine Barns, but Councilmen Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc opposed the decision.

Cox had been rumored as a front-runner for the job long before the votes had been cast,

but he was selected only after council members interviewed all 10 applicants.

Scott has described Cox as more mature than he was when he served his two-year term that ended in 1995. She and others have said Cox emerged as the most qualified candidate for the post.

Cox has remained quiet as

questions about his appointment have trickled in at Westland City Council meetings, and the criticism — while highly vocal — hasn't been widespread.

Cox works full time as Romulus deputy mayor, but his council appointment prompted him to resign his position as Wayne-Westland school board president — a post in which he also drew mixed reviews.

A majority of his school board colleagues supported him, and city officials such as Cicirelli and Mayor Robert Thomas also have commended Cox's role in education.

Cicirelli said Cox's performance as a school board member, coupled with his council experience, convinced her to support him for Pickering's seat.

But Cox also drew his share of criticism — partly for asking then school board candidate Lorne "Skip" Monit to join him in a

Memorial Day parade even before Monit was elected June 14. They appeared with a classic car, owned by Cox, that flashed a Board of Education sign.

Meanwhile, Cox's supporters continue to defend him against charges that he shouldn't have been chosen for a council vacancy — if only because voters ousted him in 1995.

Some council members pointed out that everyone now serving on council has — at some point — lost an election.

Cox and nine other candidates will square off in a Sept. 14 council primary, with eight surviving to compete in the Nov. 2 general election.

Other council candidates include incumbents Anderson and Griffin and hopefuls James Chuck, Debra Fowlkes, James Godbout, David James, Michael Keher, Michael Rintz and Dorothy Smith.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
ORDINANCE #99-006
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, July 19, 1999, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 99-006

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 92-005, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, SPECIFICALLY THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY, WITH RESPECT TO THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14 DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 14, T2S R9E, PROCEEDING THENCE N. 0 DEGREES 42'40" EAST ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 157.94 FT., THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 02'20" EAST 139.0 FEET, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 42'40" EAST 18.34 FT., THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 09' EAST 158.95 FT., THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 39'15" WEST 176 FT. TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 14 LINE 298.18 FT. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT THE SOUTH 60 FEET THEREOF, N.E. CORNER OF CHERRY HILL AND HENRY RUFF, PARCEL I.D. #019-99-0003-001 FROM R-3 TO O-1.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

THAT ORDINANCE NO. 92-005, THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, SPECIFICALLY THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY, WITH RESPECT TO THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14 DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 14, T2S R9E, PROCEEDING THENCE N. 0 DEGREES 42'40" EAST ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 157.94 FT., THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 02'20" EAST 139.0 FEET, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 42'40" EAST 18.34 FT., THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 09' EAST 158.95 FT., THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 39'15" WEST 176 FT. TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 14 LINE 298.18 FT. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT THE SOUTH 60 FEET THEREOF, N.E. CORNER OF CHERRY HILL AND HENRY RUFF, PARCEL I.D. #019-99-0003-001, FROM R-3 TO O-1.

REPEAL

The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Garden City, specifically the zoning map of the City, as said map relates to the zoning classification of that part of the Southeast quarter of Section 14 described as beginning at the South 1/4 corner of Section 14, T2S R9E, 99-07-19, Council, PH, Notice, NE Corner Cherry Hill & Henry Ruff proceeding thence N. 0 degrees 42'40" East along the North and South 1/4 line of said section 157.94 ft., thence South 89 degrees 02'20" East 139.0 ft., thence North 0 degrees 42'40" East 18.34 ft., thence South 89 degrees 09' East 158.95 ft., thence South 0 degrees 39'15" West 176 ft. to the South line of Section 14, thence North 89 degrees 09' West along said South line 298.18 ft. to the point of beginning, except the South 60 feet thereof, N.E. corner, PARCEL I.D. #019-99-0003-001, FROM R-3 TO O-1 as previously adopted by the City, shall be repealed on the effective date of this Ordinance. The repeal of this zoning classification with respect to said parcel does not affect or impair any act done, offense committed or right accruing, accrued, or acquired, or any liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred prior to the time enforced, prosecuted, or inflicted.

All ordinances or parts of other ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed.

PUBLIC PURPOSE

This Ordinance is declared necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the people of the City of Garden City and is given immediate effect upon its publication.

SEVERABILITY

This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason, such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court, such judgment shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

Effective Date

Made and passed by the City Council of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan on this 19th day of July, 1999, and effective upon publication as required by law.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

ALYSON M. BETTIS,
Treasurer/City Clerk

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Merry fundraising

Christmas in July benefits local students, organizations



Festive: (Above) All eyes on the big red balloon as Parris Meek, 7 months old, reaches for it with his mother Erin Meek at the Westland Community Foundation annual Christmas in July benefit. (Top right) Juanita Mills gets a hug from Santa John Foley. (At right) Singing Winter Wonderland David James (l-r), Andy Spisak, Glenn Shaw, President of the Westland Community Foundation, and Patty Shekell at the Hellenic Cultural Center.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HARLEY



Beautiful: Christmas decorations, ice sculptures and displays of desserts were part of the Westland Community Foundation Christmas in July benefit.



Generous donations help further cause

In the holiday spirit, Westland donors gave thousands of dollars to the Westland Community Foundation for a Christmas in July fund-raiser Thursday at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

"It was wonderful," board of directors member Sharon Scott said. "People were very generous." As of Friday, foundation President Glenn Shaw said the amount collected had reached \$34,000. Some single contributions reached \$1,000 to \$2,500, Scott said.

The money helps pay for programs for The Salvation Army and the Wayne-Westland YMCA, and it provides scholarship money for local students.

Scott said some 200 people attended. Many brought canned food for The Salvation Army. The crowd also enjoyed an Army band, a performance of oldies music by The Laredos and ice sculptures.

Scott praised Shaw for putting his "heart and soul into this foundation."

Trek offers historical perspective

The Nankin Township Pioneer Trek has been designed to introduce its travelers to the rich pioneer history of the area. The travelers will visit sites that had an impact on the development of the Westland community.

Those who complete the trek will receive an embroidered patch.

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To start the trek, first visit the Westland Historical Museum and pick up your trek packet. All information needed will be in the packet. The Westland Historical Museum is located at 857

N. Wayne Road. The museum is open Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. except on Saturdays before a holiday.

The treks are sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Friends of the Westland Museum. Call (734) 326-1110 for information.

OBITUARIES

VERA HILL
A memorial service for former Plymouth resident Vera Hill, 91, of Westland will be 2 p.m. on

Monday, July 26, in Vermoulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Officiating will be Lt. James Spencer from the Salvation Army.

Mrs. Hill was born March 18, 1908, in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and died July 9 in Westland. She became a naturalized American Citizen in 1946. She lived in Detroit for 40 years and helped with her husband's house painting business. Mrs. Hill never learned to drive and moved to downtown Plymouth in 1973 where she was within walking distance of everything she needed. Pursuing her interests, she volunteered as a guide at the Plymouth Historical Museum, a volunteer leader at the Plymouth YMCA and became the resident librarian and an assistant in the Nutrition Program at Plymouth's Tonquish Creek Manor senior citizen apartment.

She was a 1926 graduate of Northwestern High School in Detroit. She maintained a lifelong passion for reading and classical music, often attending Plymouth Symphony Orchestra concerts.

Surviving are her sons, Raymond (Marge) Hill of Seminole, Fla. and Thomas (Sandra) Hill of Fraser, Mich.; daughter, Florence (Richard) Anderson of Plymouth; brother, James Nonen; sister, Lena Nonen; 10 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hill was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey. Memorials may be made to Dunning Hough Library, 223 S.

Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170 of Plymouth Historical Society, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170

PHILIP M. SOTELL
Services for Philip Sotell, 41, of Wayne were July 17 in Vermoulen Funeral Home in Westland with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West. Officiating was Brother Savio.

Mr. Sotell was born Dec. 3, 1957, in Detroit and died July 13 in Wayne. He was a computer technician. He was a veteran, having served with the Army.

Surviving are his wife, Jane; daughters, Joyce Sotell of Wayne and Lisa Sotell of Wayne; step-father, Bill Sotell of Wayne; mother, Dolores Sotell of Westland; sisters, Paula (Ron) Clymer of Livonia, Kathy Sotell of Florida, Debbie Sotell of Garden City and Marie Sotell of Ohio; and his cat, Snowball.

HELEN RADTKE
Services for Helen Radtke, 81, of Westland were July 20 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Radtke was born Feb. 13, 1918, in Detroit and died July 18 at her home in Westland. Surviving are her husband, Richard; sons, Gerald (Donna) and Thomas (Sheila); daughter, Linda Montagne; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

CATHERINE M. MITCHELL
Services for Catherine Mitchell, 34, of Plymouth were July 23 in Vermoulen Funeral Home with burial at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. Larry L. Bartlett of Prayer Baptist Church.

Mrs. Mitchell was born July 11, 1965, in Wayne and died July 19 in Superior Township. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Prayer Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Kim; son, John (age 9); father, Orville Templeton of Westland; mother, Mary Templeton of Westland; and sister, April (Mike) Greenshield of Wayne.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate, Inc., 23700 Providence Dr., Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48075-3680

FARRIS NELSON
Services for Farris Nelson, 70, of Westland were July 23 in Community Free Will Baptist Church with burial at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. A Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112 F and AM was held July 22.

Mr. Nelson was born Jan. 17, 1929, in Floyd, Ky. and died July 20 in Superior Township. He was a pipe fitter in the automotive industry. He was a member of Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112 F and AM.

Surviving are his wife, Bertha; sons, Robert Nelson and John (Alisa) Nelson; daughters, Deborah (Gregory) Lowe, Linda (Lory) Fischer, Wendy (Anthony) Lesnick and Patricia (Shawn) Mitchell; brother, Denver Nelson; sisters, Penny Jones and Faye Havens.

Mr. Nelson was preceded in death by his daughter, Dolores Nelson and brother, Donald Nelson.

Memorials may be made to Community Free Will Baptist Church. Arrangements were made by Ubi Funeral Home.

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Livonia making progress with MEAP scores

Livonia Public Schools have been improving steadily on low scores, set in 1991, on the Michigan Education Assessment Program in math, reading, science and writing. At that time, the percentages of students demonstrating proficiency in those subjects ranged in the 30s and 40s - meaning more than half of students taking the test that year didn't pass.

tests given in January - fourth- and seventh-graders are tested in mathematics and reading, fifth- and eighth-graders in science and writing - two percentages are in the 80s. Two are in the 70s and two are in the 60s. Science is the one subject with the proficiency level in both tests still below 50 percent, but those scores are still well above state averages.

Only two test scores show backsliding: a two-point drop on the fifth-grade science test and a 10-point drop on the fifth-grade writing test. The 10-point drop also shows up in the statewide average. And it also shows up in the results of such nearby school districts as Farmington Community Schools. The charts above show the 1998-99 MEAP results, by building, for the Livonia Public Schools.

LIVONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 1998 MEAP Scores by Schools

| 4TH GRADE SCHOOL | READING | | MATH | |
|---------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 98-99 | 97-98 | 98-99 | 97-98 |
| Adams | 61.5 | 48.8 | 84.6 | 56.1 |
| Buchanan | 67.2 | 59.2 | 93.1 | 92.1 |
| Cass | 67.4 | 73.0 | 76.7 | 78.4 |
| Cleveland | 54.5 | 44.6 | 72.7 | 68.7 |
| Coolidge | 75.3 | 48.8 | 79.5 | 64.3 |
| Cooper | 41.7 | 26.7 | 30.0 | 35.6 |
| Garfield | 80.7 | 86.9 | 98.2 | 93.4 |
| Grant | 80.3 | 52.9 | 94.7 | 84.3 |
| Hayes | 83.1 | 43.1 | 96.8 | 70.8 |
| Hoover | 86.6 | 79.4 | 89.6 | 89.1 |
| Hull | 63.2 | 65.6 | 77.2 | 78.1 |
| Johnson | 71.7 | 60.8 | 90.6 | 84.3 |
| Kennedy | 72.5 | 65.0 | 80.4 | 75.0 |
| Marshall | 64.1 | 60.0 | 92.3 | 70.9 |
| McKinley | 61.2 | 61.5 | 85.7 | 73.1 |
| Nankin | 71.1 | 48.2 | 93.3 | 64.3 |
| Randolph | 71.8 | 60.7 | 81.9 | 78.7 |
| Roosevelt | 73.5 | 67.4 | 79.7 | 71.7 |
| Taylor | 77.6 | 74.1 | 89.5 | 92.6 |
| Tyler | 68.0 | 52.7 | 80.0 | 74.7 |
| Washington | 61.0 | 87.5 | 73.2 | 96.0 |
| Webster | 97.8 | 94.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| District | 71.0 | 60.4 | 83.8 | 76.9 |
| State | 59.4 | 58.6 | 71.7 | 74.1 |

| 7TH GRADE SCHOOL | READING | | MATH | |
|---------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 98-99 | 97-98 | 98-99 | 97-98 |
| Emerson | 56.0 | 54.6 | 64.8 | 55.7 |
| Frost | 66.8 | 62.8 | 82.8 | 79.3 |
| Holmes | 66.5 | 65.1 | 91.7 | 75.8 |
| Riley | 63.6 | 56.4 | 68.5 | 67.8 |
| District | 63.3 | 60.0 | 76.8 | 70.2 |
| State | 53.0 | 49.8 | 63.2 | 61.4 |

LIVONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 1998 MEAP Scores by School

| 5TH GRADE SCHOOL | WRITING | | SCIENCE | |
|---------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| | 98-99 | 97-98 | 98-99 | 97-98 |
| Adams | 87.2 | 91.8 | 78.6 | 96.1 |
| Buchanan | 67.1 | 84.5 | 52.6 | 54.2 |
| Cass | 85.0 | 83.9 | 50.0 | 48.2 |
| Cleveland | 63.4 | 83.6 | 27.2 | 41.8 |
| Coolidge | 58.2 | 83.1 | 33.8 | 53.2 |
| Cooper | 45.8 | 37.5 | 20.8 | 6.5 |
| Garfield | 62.5 | 72.7 | 63.8 | 46.3 |
| Grant | 70.3 | 78.3 | 47.3 | 26.1 |
| Hayes | 56.0 | 72.6 | 75.3 | 52.8 |
| Hoover | 66.2 | 77.1 | 60.3 | 50.7 |
| Hull | 83.1 | 90.8 | 46.2 | 51.4 |
| Johnson | 79.5 | 83.7 | 37.0 | 39.2 |
| Kennedy | 63.6 | 74.5 | 22.5 | 30.0 |
| Marshall | 77.2 | 88.4 | 50.9 | 65.9 |
| McKinley | 86.0 | 58.3 | 51.2 | 46.0 |
| Nankin | 58.3 | 51.6 | 29.8 | 45.2 |
| Randolph | 88.1 | 98.4 | 64.4 | 72.6 |
| Roosevelt | 44.0 | 57.3 | 32.7 | 33.3 |
| Taylor | 70.2 | 100.0 | 67.2 | 67.7 |
| Tyler | 68.3 | 83.3 | 41.5 | 51.5 |
| Washington | 58.3 | 83.9 | 40.0 | 32.3 |
| Webster | 91.2 | 75.0 | 77.6 | 93.0 |
| District | 68.9 | 78.4 | 49.1 | 51.0 |
| State | 54.8 | 64.3 | 37.5 | 40.4 |

| 8TH GRADE SCHOOL | WRITING | | SCIENCE | |
|---------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| | 98-99 | 97-98 | 98-99 | 97-98 |
| Emerson | 68.7 | 65.6 | 35.0 | 26.0 |
| Frost | 88.6 | 84.4 | 35.4 | 36.3 |
| Holmes | 85.5 | 87.5 | 37.5 | 26.7 |
| Riley | 81.9 | 79.9 | 32.8 | 28.1 |
| District | 81.4 | 79.4 | 35.2 | 29.5 |
| State | 63.5 | 69.0 | 23.0 | 22.0 |

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Poolside party



Line dance: Teens dance poolside in Westland.

Things are hopping poolside every Tuesday at the Westland Bailey Center. Teenager from throughout Wayne County gather for the weekly Teen Night dance and swim party sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

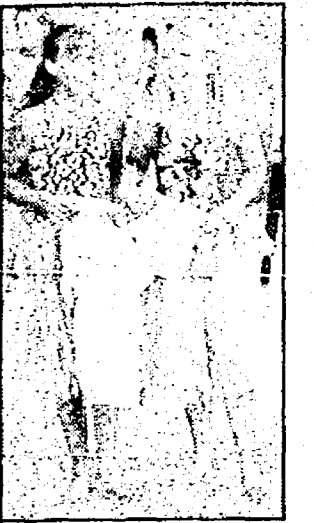
According to Debbie Lindquist, pool manager, approximately 130-150 middle and high school students meet each week to enjoy the music of a themed party behind the Bailey Recreation Center.

Attraction

"We have a mom from Detroit who brings a car load of girls and this week someone from Dearborn came up and introduced themselves," said Lindquist.

Following the 8-9:30 p.m. event every Tuesday, teens are provided with Toarina's pizza as they head home. Former city councilmember Chuck Pickering donated t-shirts that say "I swam at the Bailey Pool." Winners of weekly best dressed and best dancing contests take home the shirts.

If you would like more information about the Teen Night event call, (734) 722-7620. A \$1 fee is charged at the door. The event runs through Aug. 17.



Winners: Christine Fry, 12 (left) won the dance contest to the song "Wipe Out" and Kim Hagelthorn, 12 (right) won for best Hawaiian outfit.

Criticism from page A1

n't be reached for comment Friday on the selection process.

Turner said he won't have a favorite candidate until after interviews have been completed, even though he conceded that he is friends with Abbott.

"I don't have a favorite (candidate)," he said. "I truthfully don't think I'm going to make up my mind until Monday. Although I'm a good friend of Diane's, that doesn't mean I'm committed to her for the appointment."

The board's appointee will

receive a one-year term. Cox resigned after finishing three years of a four-year term.

Turner said he hopes the board can reach a consensus Monday.

"I would hope so, because the sooner we get the seventh person on board, the better it will be for us," he said.

Turner said he hopes to find a candidate who has no political motives for seeking the seat.

"I want to make sure that no one has any personal agendas," he said.

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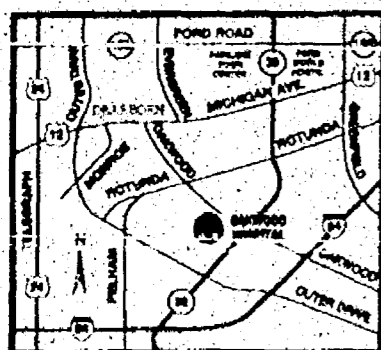
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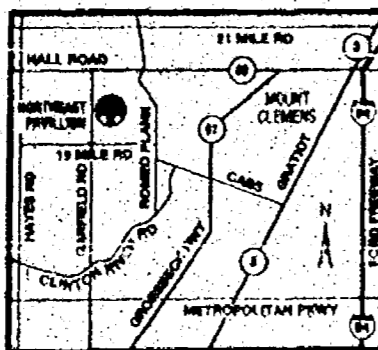


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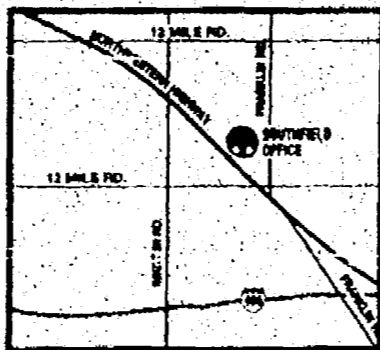
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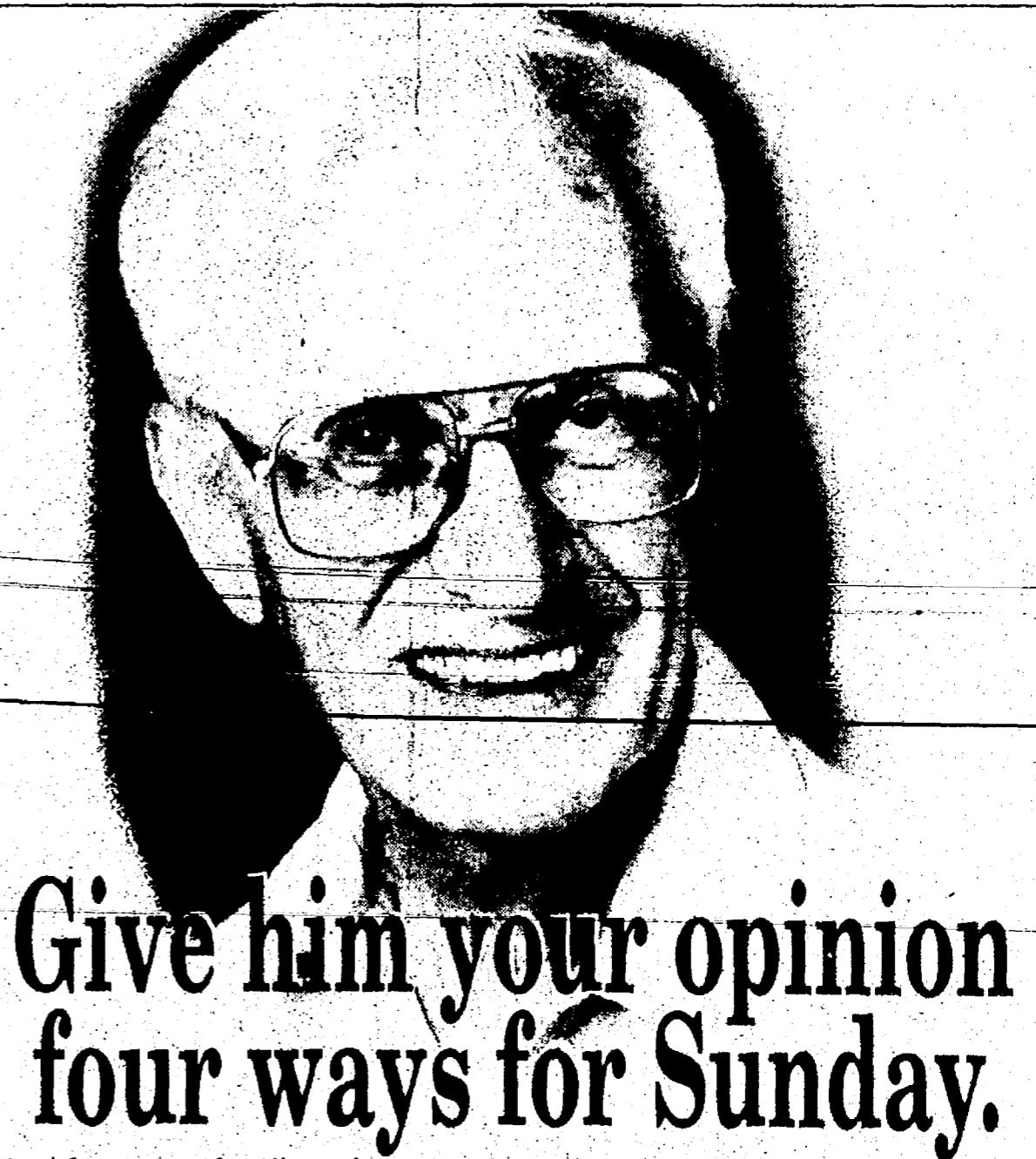
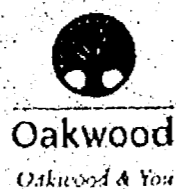
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O'Hair to keynote NAACP fund dinner

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



O'Hair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I-696 to I-275 ramp reopens Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Women's Center needs volunteers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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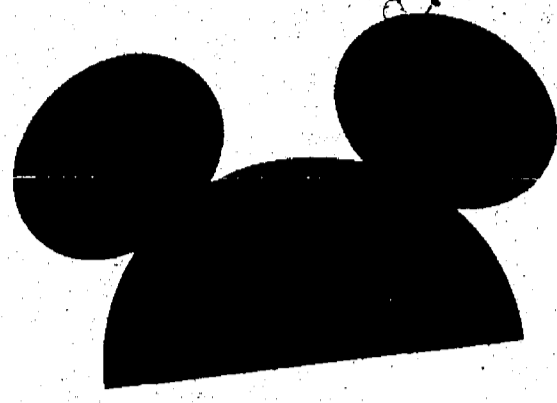
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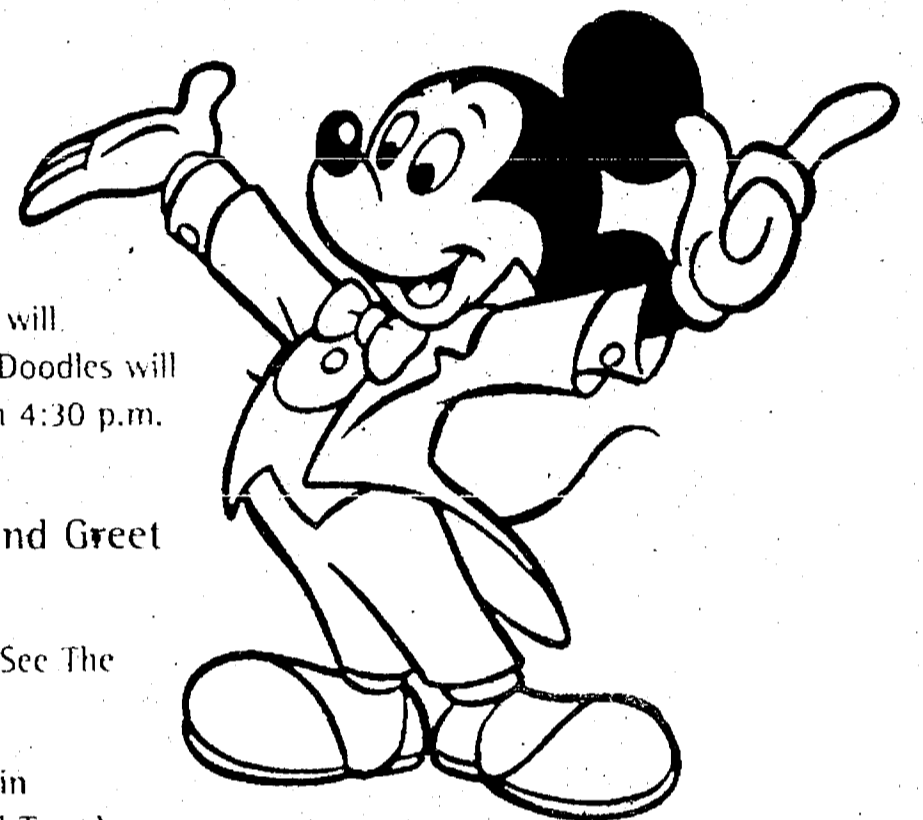
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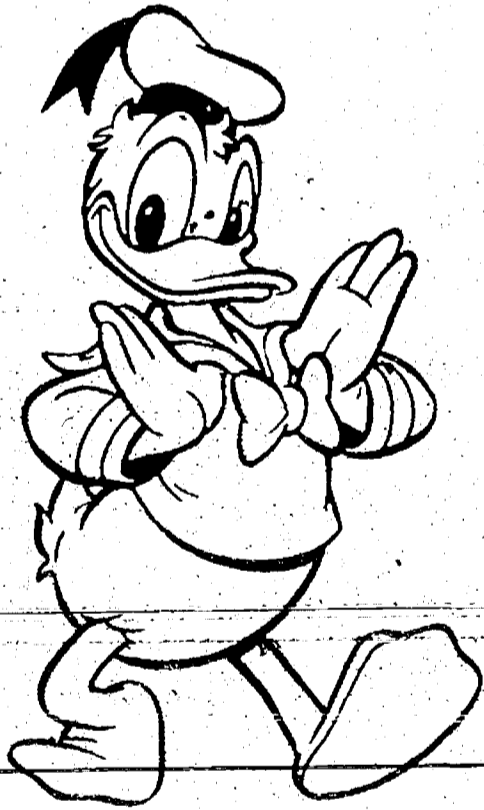
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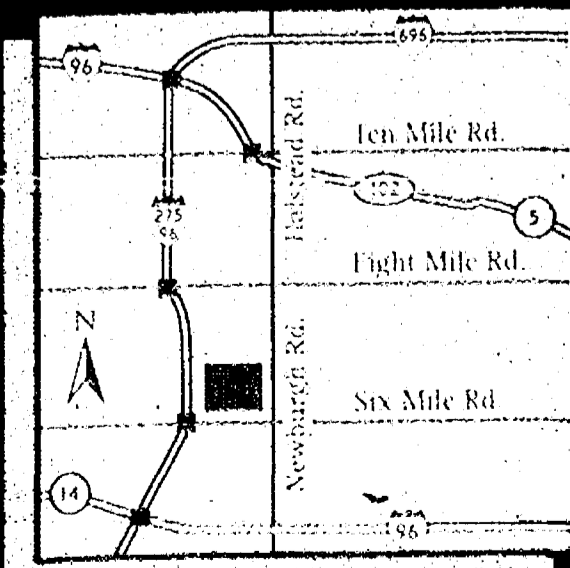
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- Saturday, August 7, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.: Kids' Cookie Decorating at Mrs. Fields Cookies.
- Saturday, August 7, 2 p.m.: Jacobson's Back-to-School Fashion Show in the Children's Department.
- Saturday, August 14, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Cooking Demonstration with a Master Chef at Williams-Sonoma.
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Culinary Extravaganza set for Sept. 20

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Mark your calendars and start dieting.

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

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

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

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

Center holds open house

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

driving experience.

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

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

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

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

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Supreme Court upholds merger

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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CHEF JOSEPH STYKE

Belgian beer is just peachy

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

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

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

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

History

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

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

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

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

Fermentation

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

CHILLED PEACH SOUP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Shivers OF DELIGHT

Chilled soups offer cool comfort

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Secret

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

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

"I was taught never to cook by numbers," he said. "If it's not right, we fix it."

Like most cold soup-loving chefs, Allen personalizes his gazpacho. He adds sliced green Spanish olives, chopped hard-cooked eggs and cumin. "Don't be afraid to spice things up, especially during the summer," he said.

"Spice opens up your pores and cools you down faster."

Color and flavor

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

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

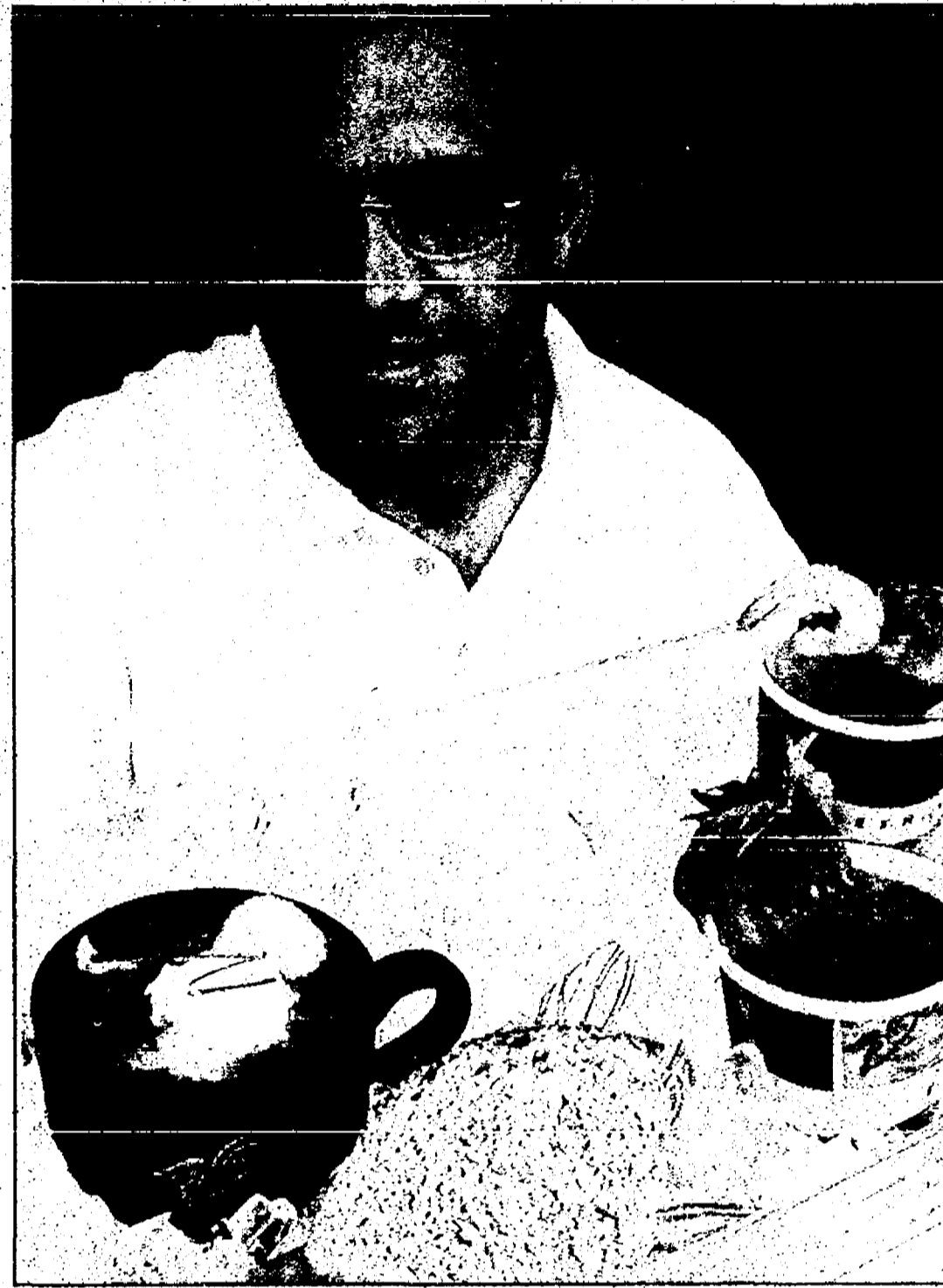
Matherly also makes a chilled cucumber soup seasoned with mint and dill. When selecting cucumbers, Matherly recommends avoiding the stubbier waxed cucumbers sold year-round; rather, buy the longer, thin-skinned English cucumber. It has less water, denser meat and tastes better.

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

Customers get to sample soups before selecting, and each order comes with a "big hunk" of sourdough or multi-grain bread, said Ersher. Whether you decide to make your cold soup at home or dine out, all that's needed to complete your meal is some good bread and a light fruit dessert of fresh berries, cold plums or sliced peaches.

And, of course, a second bowl of cold soup. See recipes inside.



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

New chef service eliminates messy kitchen

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

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

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

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

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

"We wanted to find a good opportunity, something



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MICHIELLI

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

that everybody wasn't doing," said Shier.

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

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

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

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

There's also variety.

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

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Chilled summer soups refreshing on hot days

See related story on Taste front.

CHILLED GAZPACHO WITH CORN

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

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

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

people. Recipe compliments of Chef Keith Matherly, "Adventures in Dining."

COOL HONEYDEW-MINT

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

Mint sprigs

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

Recipe from "Summer, Recipes Inspired by Nature's Bounty" by Joanne Weir from the Williams-Sonoma Seasonal Celebration (Time-Life Books; June 1997, \$21.95).

CLARKSTON UNION GAZPACHO

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

Celery salt to taste
2-4 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

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

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

Chef whips up 'simple' crab salad

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

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

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

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

CRAB, MANGO AND CUCUMBER SALAD

- 1 pound fresh lump crab meat, preferably from Maine, picked over for shells and cartilage
- 1 1/2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped cilantro leaves, plus 4 whole leaves for garnish
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped mint leaves, plus 4 whole leaves for garnish
- Salt and freshly ground white pepper
- Tabasco
- 1 medium mango, peeled, pitted and cut into 1/4-inch dice
- 1 cucumber, peeled, seeded and cut into 1/4-inch dice
- 1 tablespoon unsalted peanuts, toasted and roughly chopped

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

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

MANGO COULIS (OPTIONAL)

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

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

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dictating you have what we offer. These are your choices."

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

"I don't cook. This is an answer to my prayers. Every single week I get dinners, and it

carries me through the weekend," said Feldman, who often shares the dinners with her 5-year-old grandchild.

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

Feldman said Shier and Matherly really do pay attention to their customers' crav-

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

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

For more information about Adventures in Dining, call (248) 477-1906.

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takes place. There is a third fermentation in the bottle. The result is a beer that is peach champagne. Lindemans Peche has very fine bubbles, it's dry with a nice peach flavor.

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

They also offer St. Georgenbrau Keller Bier and a whole

slew of Belgian beers including Lindemans-Peche.

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

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Skip fat, calories with delicious oven-fried chicken

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

To arrive at the recipe for suc-

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

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

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

For the dry coating, I tested four possibilities: corn flakes, soda crackers, bread crumbs, and flour. Ultimately, a base of

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

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

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

outdoor parties.

OVEN-FRIED CHICKEN

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

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

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

Dip the chicken in the seasoned flour, turning until completely coated.

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

Spray the coated chicken with cooking spray.

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

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

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

Just-picked vegetables and fruits are the best kind

COOKING CONQUESTS



SCOTT PETERSON

My love for fresh, home-grown food was cultivated throughout childhood, especially during the time I spent on my grandparent's farm in Montrose, Mich.

There are certain tastes or smells that immediately transport you back to what feels like a simpler time. Fresh fruit is that magical food for me.

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

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

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

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

BLUEBERRY CREPES WITH GOAT CHEESE AND FRESH TARRAGON

- (Yields 10 crepes)
- 2 eggs
- 2 1/2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 2 1/2 tablespoons fresh blueberries pureed

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

Add to above liquid.

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

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

GOAT CHEESE TARRAGON FILLING

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

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

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

Drizzle with balsamic vinegar and serve.

FRESH BLACKBERRY JAM

(Makes 1 quart)

- 2 pounds fresh picked blackberries, washed
- 3 cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

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

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

Serve with peanut butter, or pate de foie gras.

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

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

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

ROSEMARY SAUCE

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

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

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

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

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Benefit book fair

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

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

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

Dr. S. Covey lecture

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

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

Whole life center

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

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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.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databank (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical savans, short news items from hospitals, physicians, etc.).

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THE 'KIDNEY KIDS' DISCOVER CAMP

Ordinary experiences are special for kids with medical needs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I'm really proud of him knowing all that he's been through," said Camille.

In 1998 the Dearborn teen's health status made it necessary for him to start hemodialysis, three times a week for up to five hours at a time.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Like any other camp

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Helping hand

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Items for Business Marketplace are welcome from all companies and residents active in the Observer-area business community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Business Marketplace, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. e-mail: kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to: (734) 591-7279.

Major contract
New Horizons Computer Learning Centers of Michigan, a Livonia-based company, has been awarded a major contract with General Motors Corporation that will result in more than 20,000 GM employees receiving computer training on an annual basis. The contract is to provide training for the new release of "GM Online One" — a global, company-wide upgrade from Microsoft® Windows 3.1 to Windows 95, and an upgrade from Microsoft® Office 6.0 to 7.0.

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

School District. VISION 2000 is a campaign of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Foundation designed to assure a skilled scientific and engineering work force for the year 2000 and beyond. 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. Mufah, stated the Canton office will allow them to increase capacity and expand services to their clientele in Wayne County.

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

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

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

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Items for Business Newsmakers are from business and companies throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted re welcome to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kimberly L. Black to executive director. The CLC is a non-profit family literacy program located on Holbrook in Plymouth. In her new position, she will be responsible for fundraising and development, tutor training, volunteer coordinating, and assisting in strategic planning. She reports directly to the CLC Board of Directors.

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

Nissan VP
Shigeo Ishida, president of Nissan Research and Development, Inc. of Farmington Hills, announced that Ron D'Amico has been promoted to vice president for vehicle engineering. D'Amico had been director of body and exterior / interior systems design.

Computers make for better investors



MIKE WENDLAND

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

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

NAIC has been around almost half a century and it has nearly 800,000 members. It's built around some very simple and basic principles and ... they work. Several dozen of those in attendance last weekend have become millionaires by stashing away small amounts each month for years on end, watching it compound and grow until, as one 61-year-old Chicago-area man told me, "I retired two years ago and don't have to ever worry about money again."

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

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

So one reason I was there was to research the book. But the other reason I went to Dallas was to see how computers and online investing are being applied.

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

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

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

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

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.

HEALTH WARNING

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is warning the public not to purchase a chalk-like product illegally sold as an insect control for homes, schools, and restaurants. Marketed under several labels, including "Miraculous Insecticide Chalk" and "Chinese Chalk," the product is deceptively dangerous to children as it can easily be mistaken for common blackboard chalk and may be eaten.

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

line of chalk is drawn along the floor or baseboards. It is typically sold at swap meets, flea markets, and urban ethnic grocery and hardware stores. In recent months it has been advertised in newspapers and on the Internet.

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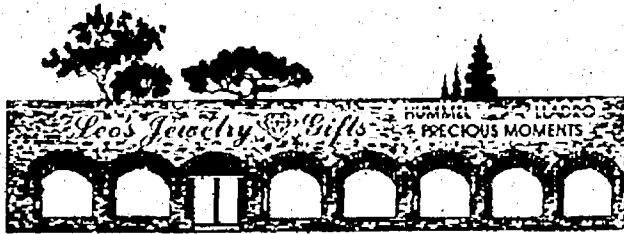
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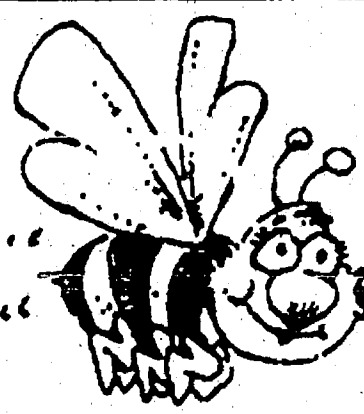
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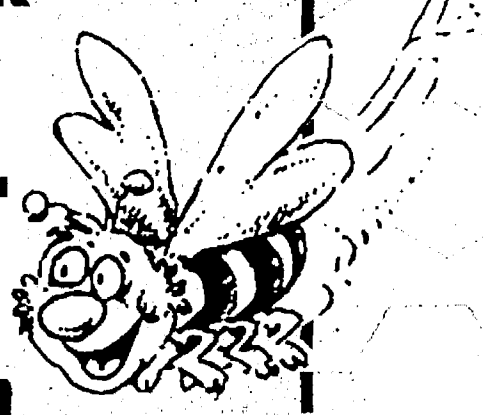
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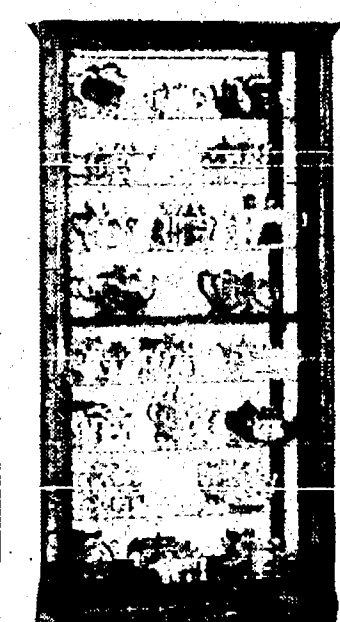
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WOMEN'S HEALTH This informative free series is presented by Bharti Srivastava, M.D., senior health specialist. Group meets from 1-2 p.m. at the Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Call (734) 397-5444.

national 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.

Oakwood Healthcare Center Livonia will host an osteoporosis screening from 1-5 p.m. Aug. 18 at 37650 Professional Center Dr. in Livonia. Cost \$10. Call (800) 543-WELL to register.

Bone density (osteoporosis screening) and blood pressure will be offered at a cost of \$10 at the Hindu Temple, 4955 Cherry Hill Road in Canton from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, call (734) 981-8730.

THU, 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.

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.

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.

WED, AUG. 11

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.

WEIGHT CONTROL 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.

SAT, AUG. 14

BREAST CANCER Admission is free to the "Inter-

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.

WED, AUG. 18

INFANT CPR Course intended for those 12 years and older interested in learning basic knowledge of the heart and lungs, household safety tips, CPR and choking rescue skills for infants and children one to eight years old.

OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING

THUR, AUG. 19

TEEN NUTRITION 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.

SAT, AUG. 21

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC Immunizations provided except chicken pox. Bring your child at the most convenient time from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUN, AUG. 22

BONE DENSITY, BLOOD PRESSURE

THUR, AUG. 26

BLOOD DRIVE The American Red Cross will sponsor a Community Blood Drive at St. Mary Hospital from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 26 in West Addition Conference Rooms A and B.

SAT, SEPT. 18

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC Immunizations provided except chicken pox. Bring your child at the most convenient time from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MEDICAL NOTES

Among the healthy elderly, people with higher education levels exhibit more severe brain

shrinkage with age than people with fewer years of education. Yet, these seniors do not show

severe problems with their memory or thinking, according to a researcher at Henry Ford Health System.

they are afforded greater protection from age-related mental impairment and possibly dementia.

said C. Edward Coffey, M.D., chair of Henry Ford's Department of Psychiatry and the study's principal investigator. "Education doesn't reduce brain changes associated with disease or aging, but rather enables more educated individuals to resist the influence of deteriorating brain structure by maintaining better cognitive and behavioral function."

320 healthy men and women ages 66 to 90 living independently in the community. All were pre-screened for impairment using a mental state examination. Researchers used magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technology to measure brain size.

Medicare/Medicaid Notice to the Public

Notice is hereby given that on August 8, 1999 the agreement between the Secretary of Health and Human Services and Nightingale West Nursing Home, located in Westland, Michigan as a skilled nursing facility in the Medicare program will be terminated.

The Medicare program will not make payment for skilled nursing facility services furnished to residents admitted to the facility on or after June 6, 1999. This date is due to a previously imposed denial of payment for new admissions.

MARILYN SAMUELS, Program Representative for GWENDOLYN MICHAEL, Branch Manager Michigan/Minnesota Operations Branch Division of Survey and Certification

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GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 6000 MIDDLEBELT GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on August 3, 1999 at 9:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI 48185.

Please Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

Table with columns: YEAR & MAKE, STYLE, VIN #, listing vehicle details for auction.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING JULY 12, 1999

Council informed the public that there would be seven installments with 4.75% interest applied after December 31, 1999. WHEREAS, at a Regular Meeting of the Council, the public hearing having taken place before this Council of July 12, 1999...

WHEREAS, after hearing all persons presenting themselves, it is determined that the roll as filed be approved, and WHEREAS, this Council does hereby estimate that the period of usefulness of said project improvements is not less than seven (7) years;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assessment shown on said roll be divided into seven (7) annual installments, payable on the 31st day of October each year from 1999 to 2006, inclusive; and that the City Clerk transmit said roll to the City Treasurer with his warrant for collection accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the installments of said Special Assessment Roll shall bear interest at the rate of 4.75 percent per annum; said interest to be paid annually on the due dates of the principal installments of said Special Assessment Roll.

In my family, learning is everything. Books don't just enlighten. They empower. Our children are growing up knowing this. A good education is one of the most important things we can give them.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

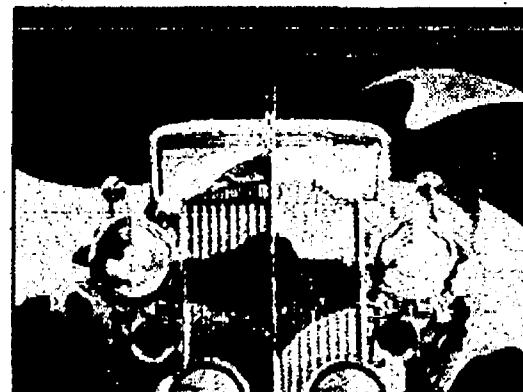
Art devotees gather in Ann Arbor

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

"The size of fairs and the variety of artists is why we never miss it," said Gentz, a Plymouth resident. "There's something here for everyone."

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

On the road again

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

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

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

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Ben Shahn

AN ARTIST FOR ALL TIME



DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A study for the Jersey Homesteads mural is one of Bernarda's favorites. It reminds her of the days she assisted her husband in creating the work dedicated to Jewish immigrants resettled in what is now known as Roosevelt, New Jersey. It's where Bernarda and Ben began their married life and where she lives today. The mural captures the plight of Jewish immigrants coming to this country in the mid-1930s.



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

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

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

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

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

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Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn

Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave. For more information, call (313) 833-7900.

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

Admission: Free, with recommended museum donation of \$4 adults, \$1 children.



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

PROFILE

DSO's Spisto is heading home to New York

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Finding time for lunch hasn't been easy for Louis G. Spisto.

By all accounts, in a year-and-a-half whirlwind after arriving at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra from the Pacific Symphony, Spisto has succeeded in enhancing the public perception of the DSO.

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Leaving: Louis G. Spisto, president of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will become the executive director of the American Ballet Theatre in New York.

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

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

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

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

Everyman demeanor

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

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

Heading East

In early September, Spisto will become executive

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Religious influences

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

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

away from realism. It becomes sort of a dream or a memory."

Allegory and symbolism

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

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

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

row of horns, his head invisible.

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

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

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

Ben Shahn Exhibit — Related activities

- 2 p.m. today, Rebecca Hart, assistant curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, discusses Shahn's work during and after World War II in the Knight Gallery.
- 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, Dora Apel of the Wayne State University art history department talks about Shahn and the problem of Jewish identity in postwar American art (Lecture Hall).
- 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, and 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Hart speaks about Shahn's work (Knight Gallery).
- 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, conference: Ben Shahn: Art and Politics, an exploration of Shahn and his contemporaries (Lecture Hall). Followed by 3 p.m. lecture by Diana Linden, visiting assistant professor in the art at the University of Michigan (Knight Gallery).
- 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, Anthony Lee, assistant professor at Mount Holyoke College, talks about radical art in the postwar era (Lecture Hall).

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

Saga of the Lucky Dragon

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

"These Japanese fisherman are awakened by the 'sun' rising

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

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classic, sports, racing, and 50s cars on display. For more information, call (248) 370-3140.

Clay art

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

Pet portraits

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

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

Patricia Bombach's booth was crowded with people who wanted to see examples of her people and pet portraits.

or child, call her at (248) 437-7732.

African animals

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

If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the visual or performing arts, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

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attending classical music concerts.

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

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

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

departure comes when the momentum is increasing.

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

A logical decision

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

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

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

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

Bittersweet

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Going home is bittersweet.

New director to assume duties at DIA

Graham W. J. Beal, director of the Los Angeles County Art Museum, will be named as the next director of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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

Detroit Arts Commission and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer.

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

Beal received a unanimous recommendation from the DIA's search committee, which

includes influential members Richard Manoogian and A. Alfred Taubman.

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

since Samuel Sachs II resigned in 1997.

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

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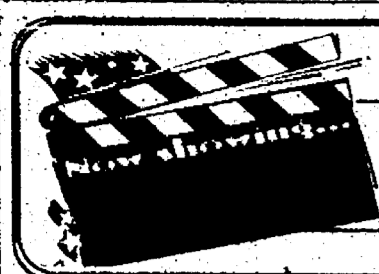
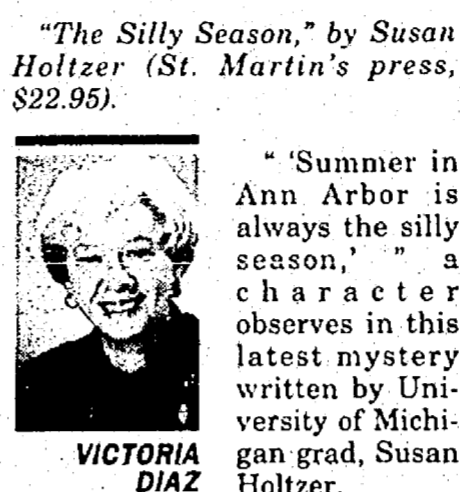


Table with 4 columns listing movie titles, theaters, and showtimes. Includes sections for National Amusements Showcase, Star Rochester Hills, United Artists, Waterford Cinema 11, Star Southfield, Star Theatres, Star Great Lakes Crossing, Showcase Dearborn 1-8, Showcase Pontiac 1-5, Showcase Pontiac 6-12, Star John R at 16 Mile, Star Winchester, Birmingham Theatre, United Artists Theatres, United Artists Oakland, and One Valet's.

BOOKS U-M and UFOs mix in fun-to-read whodunit



VICTORIA DIAZ

'Summer in Ann Arbor is always the silly season,' a character observes in this latest mystery written by University of Michigan grad, Susan Holtzer. This book is a little silly, too. But that is as it is intended. As Holtzer tells us in a brief preface: 'After the serious... content of "Black Diamond" (her previous novel), I felt that Anneke and Karl and Zoe - and their creator - deserved a break... this one... was written strictly for fun.'

readers will remember from other Holtzer mysteries, and her gal pal, Jenna Lenski, are on their way to a State Street ice cream parlor when they spot the strange lights, and speed off to investigate. 'Maybe it's a flying saucer that thinks it's found a friend,' Jenna remarks, referring to Crisler Arena's resemblance to the cosmological motherhood in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." When the two arrive at the scene, the strange lights appear to have intensified, and a small crowd is gathering. As they watch the strange phenomenon, the arc lights in the parking lot flicker, dim, and finally go out. Almost simultaneously, the UFO seems to grow in size, nearly blinding the watchers. Then, it disappears suddenly, leaving all to wonder what they have witnessed. But the excitement has only just begun. The very next night, a similarly-spectacular sighting occurs directly above The Rock, a historical granite "monument" at the intersection of Washtenaw and Hill Streets. Ultimately, Prof. Thomas Edison Stempel, "the University's resident expert on UFOs," is discovered dead near still another of the sightings. Electrocuted by some mysterious device, it looks as if the controversial academic may have actually been done in at the hands of little green men. Holtzer does some of her best work when sketching word-pictures of Ann Arbor and the UM campus. Readers can practically

savor the coffee and raisin toast at Zingerman's on a sticky June morning, or feel the oven-like heat of the old Daily offices in the summertime, or smell the dewy grass in Fuller Park. Sometimes, a comically-wicked touch adds to the brisk action. TV media folk from Detroit are "over-coiffed." Nestled among the colored crystals, "ceramic unicorns, pewter elves and... candles" at a thriving New Age store are "greeting cards featuring dyspeptic-looking angels." The only thing more ridiculous here than the infighting among academics is the infighting among various factions of UFO experts. Combining forces, Michigan Daily reporter Kaplan, Ann Arbor police lieutenant Karl Genesko, and his fiancée, Anneke Haagen, eventually uncover what lies at the heart of this eerie mystery. Readers take note, however: As in "Black Diamond," journalist Kaplan seems to be pushing Genesko and Haagen more and more away from center stage, and Haagen especially seems to play almost a cursory role here. Many fans may feel that the series is a bit poorer for this change in direction. I, for one, miss Haagen's spirit and influence, and hope she'll soon take more of a starring role again. Holtzer implies that she will, assuring us that in the next novel, she and Genesko will finally tie the knot, making official a relationship that's gone on for years now between the former Wolverine football star and the 50-year-old computer whiz.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

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

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

Tuesday, July 27 at 7 p.m. Judy Anderson will discuss "The Mental Game of Golf." She conducts programs on business golf and the mental game and coaches executives on how to improve both their handicap and their bottom lines. Her book is "Teeing Off to the Green: Using Golf as a Business Tool" available at the store, 1122 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558

BOOK SIGNINGS

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

BARNES AND NOBLE (BLOOMFIELD HILLS)

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

BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)

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

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Trip to France for Two

To celebrate the American release of the new French film, "The Dinner Game," Borders.com is offering a chance to win a nine day trip to France, including stops in Paris, Normandy, Brittany and Chateaux Country. One runner up will win Berlitz language lessons. Enter at the Dinner Game Sweepstakes page: http://go.borders.com/promo/dinnergame/index.xcv

Sarah McLachlan

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Eloise Extravaganza

And speaking of Paris, the youthful but sophisticated Eloise everyone's favorite fictional troublemaker, is back. After 35 years, Eloise in Paris is back in print and Borders is celebrating with a nifty giveaway: a full set of Eloise books, Eloise canvas bag, Eloise mask, and a poster of Eloise in all her glory. Enter to win at the Eloise Extravaganza page: http://go.borders.com/promo/eloise/index.xcv

Lyle Lovett Tickets

Win Tickets to See Lyle Lovett. To celebrate the return of his Large Band, you can win one of 16 pairs of tickets to see Lyle and his band play at venues

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In conjunction with the video release of the Emmy-award winning documentary, "From the Earth to the Moon," Borders.com is giving away a \$2,300 Omega Speedmaster watch - the same model worn by astronauts on their trips into the final front-

Borders (Arborland)

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

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

BALLET WORKSHOP

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

Guest teachers are Brunilda Ruiz, a faculty member of

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

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

CLASSICAL CONCERT

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

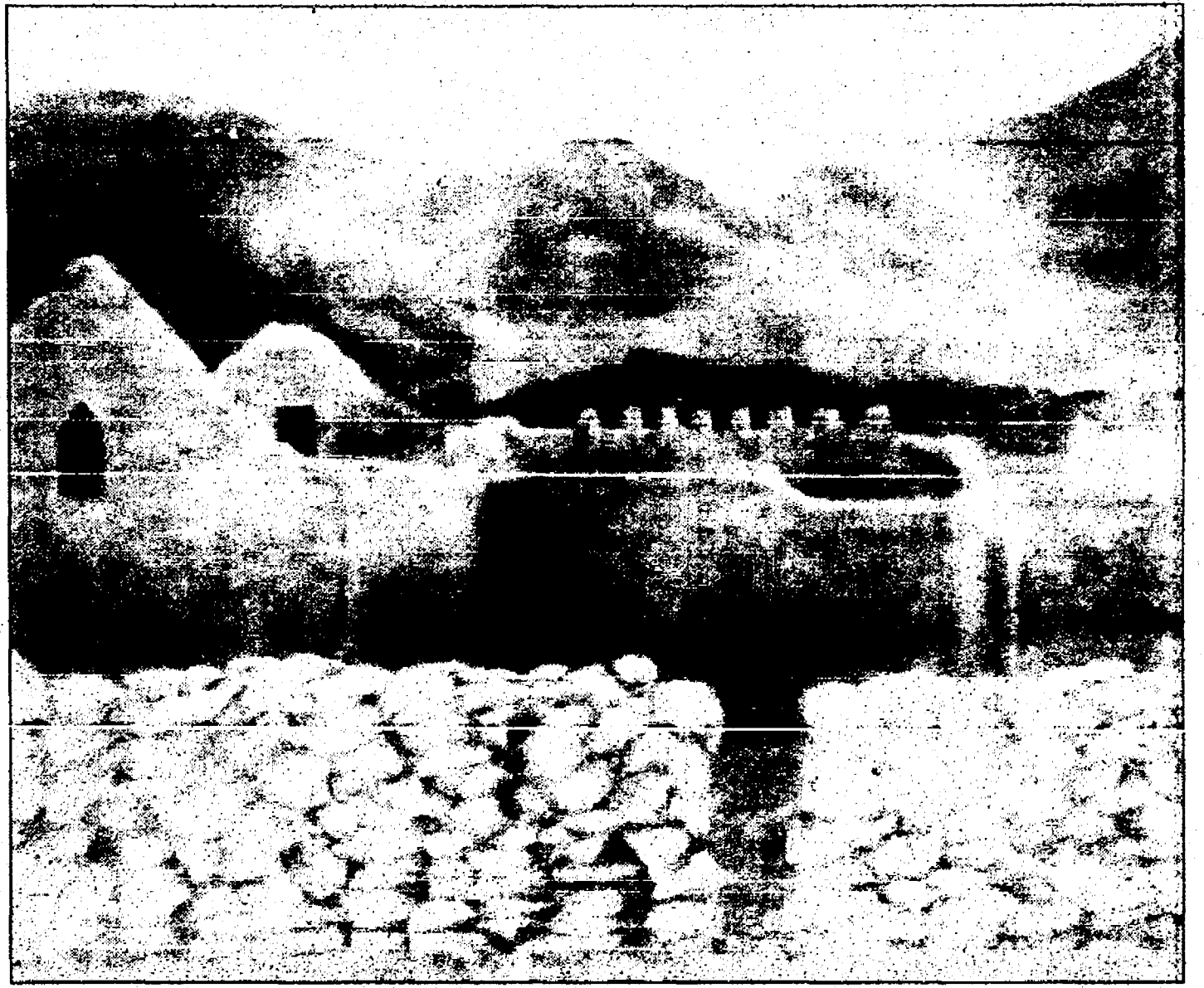
Horn, who was born and raised in Livonia, is an avid chamber musician and regularly collaborates with members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Horn, who earned a doctor of musical arts degree at the Juilliard School, has performed with the Ying String Quartet and Guarneri Quartet violinist John Dalley.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

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

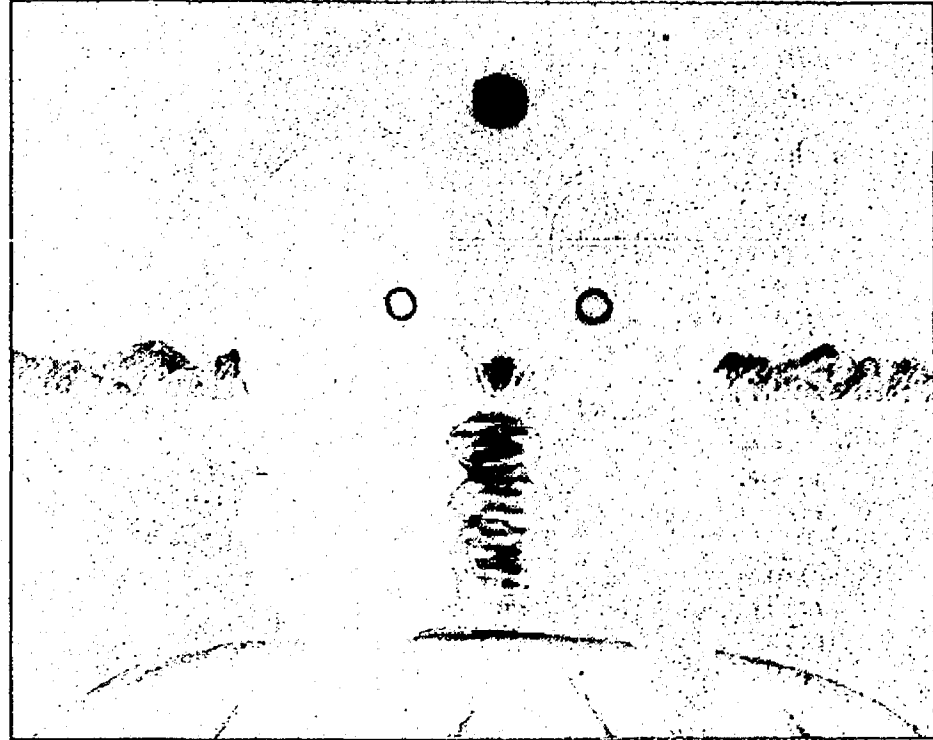
Conlin's work was featured in a one-person show last October at the Wyland Gallery in Birmingham.

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

All are Livonia artists.

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

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

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

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

Local student visits Europe with HFCC choral

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

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

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

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

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

Another fascinating aspect of

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

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

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

music festivals, church services and madrigal dinners.

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

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Malls & Mainstreets

Turnout and evening attire are impressive at fashion show

SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

I'm fairly certain that most people, if asked to free associate about metropolitan Detroit, aren't likely to spit out the words "extremely fashion conscious."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here's Tommy!



STAFF PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

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

Tommy Hilfiger likes modern preppy look for suburban Detroit



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

Tommy Hilfiger is currently touring the country to promote his fall clothing collections and new fragrance line, Freedom. We caught with him by phone (while he was watching a Winnie Pooh movie with his children) to talk about the popularity of outdoor-inspired sportswear and how his designs speak, not just to America, but to the metropolitan Detroit area.

Q: Why is athletic and outdoor-inspired sportswear so popular today?

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

Q: How has your clothing impacted sportswear?

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

Q: Your logo and name seem to be everywhere today, what do you think about that?

A: I think that there are a lot of people who like to wear logos because of status.

Q: How important are logos to fashion and style?

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

Q: Which pieces in your fall collections for men and women do you think are particularly well-suited to suburban Detroit residents and why?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Special Editor Nicole Stafford

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

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

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

TUESDAY, JULY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

KIDS JAMBOREE
Oakland Mall in Troy hosts a finger-snapping, toe-tapping celebration for children and their families

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

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

THURSDAY, JULY 29

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

MICHAEL DAWKIN'S TRUNK SHOW
View the latest jewelry collection by Michael Dawkins at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor.

FRIDAY, JULY 30

PLYMOUTH ANNUAL SIDEWALK SALE
The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the downtown merchant's annual sidewalk sale through July 31, Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Satur-

day, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. For additional information, call (734) 453-1540.

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN
As part of downtown Plymouth's Friday Night Fun free concert series, the Crystal Diamond Setters, Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Trio play at Kellogg Park, 7-10 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 31

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

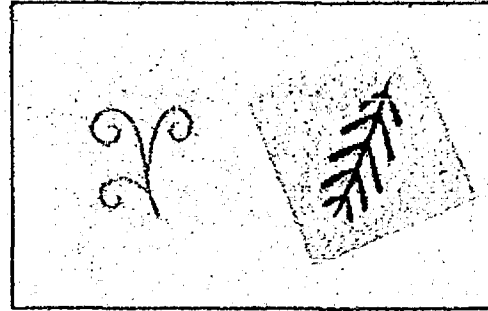
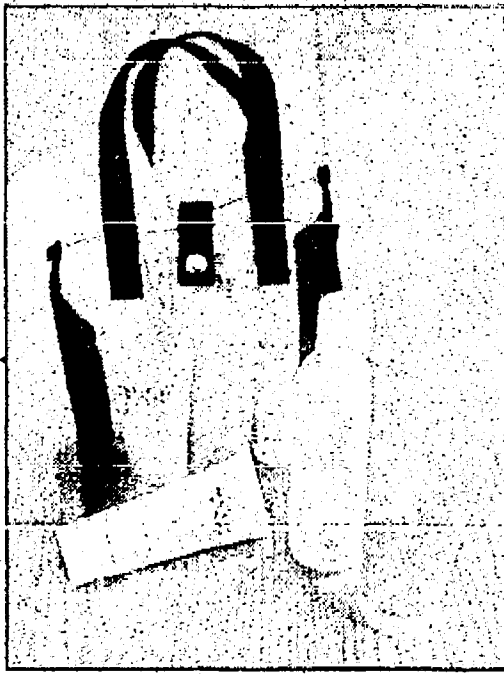
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

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

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STUFF WE CRAVE

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



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



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

Dior's nature: New from Christian Dior, the Nature tote bag is made from grain leather that patinates over time and changes tone color in different light settings, \$1,060 at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Where can I find?

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

WHAT WE FOUND:

- A booklet containing a list of local stores that carry products for mastectomy patients and a brochure about products carried by the American Cancer Society can be picked up at the American Cancer Society office in Southfield. Similar products are also available through the Shop at Home catalogs (\$2), (800) 366-4010.
- Corrugated boxes, magazines, and foam packing material can be dropped off for recycling every first and third Saturday of the month in Waterford in the parking lot of the township's municipal offices, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- A Mickey Mouse waffle iron can be purchased through the Disney catalog, (800) 237-5751.
- A "Special Day" plate can be found in the Pampered Chef catalog, (800) 728-0253, and the Lillian Vernon catalog, (800) LILLIAN or on the Internet at www.lillianvernon.com.
- A product similar to Revlon Color-Lock is sold by Revlon Ultima.
- Huckleberry jam can be found at the Bon Ton Shop at the Bush's Supermarket Center on Six Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia.
- A Rockford sock monkey kit can be purchased at Noodle Kiddoodle on Six Mile and Haggerty roads.
- A replacement glass carafe for a coffee server can be bought at the Corning outlet at Birch Run.
- Men's athletic dress shirts are sold at J.C. Penney at Westland Mall and at Meijer stores.
- Computer imaging makeovers are done at Alan William in the Waterfall Plaza on Dixie Highway in Waterford.
- We also found a Password game.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A Zoot Suit for Kevin.

- Hux towel material for Linda of Dearborn.
- A green reflective address sign to be attached to rural mail boxes.
- A 1944 Lake Orion High School yearbook and a canvas cover for a child's metal butterfly chair for Judy.
- Perma Soft Fresh Control cream.
- Coy's Country Incredible corn bread mix.
- Wicked Wabini perfume for Lisa, a resident of Commerce Township.
- Someone who would like 200 Betty Crocker points from a reader willing to donate them.
- Coty 24 lipstick in any color for Diane in Lake Orion.
- A machine-washable, polyester shirt dress without a waist in a size 16, for Jean.
- A Macomb County location for recycling plastic grocery bags.
- A Rainbow Britie doll from the 80's for Diane.
- A Victorian style Crazy Quilt machine for Pat.
- A video of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" made in 1964 with Leslie Ann Warren for Sharon.
- A business that will repair a New Haven electric chime mantel clock and a cuckoo clock for Dana.
- A person who does in-home chair caning at a reasonable price near Livonia.
- An Old Glory twin bedspread pattern (American flag motif) for Dale.
- A 1979 Wayne Memorial High School yearbook for Alberta.
- Revlon Fine Line Natural brow pencil refills in "Light Brown" for Lorraine.
- A Ziggy doll dressed in a nightshirt and nightcap for Jim.
- A 1968 Clarkston High School yearbook for Gary.
- Thermo-Serve coffee mugs for Maggie.
- A large, black plastic hook with adhesive backing for Gloria.
- A used "Little Tyke" Playhouse log cabin for the backyard and a Childcraft changing table with the "Honey Oak" finish for Leslie.
- Ultima II lipliner in "Tawny" color for Carol.

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State's beaches get loving treatment in new book

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

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



BOB ELMOUCHI

Empire Beach: Hunters of Fetosky Stones scour the shoreline.

some state parks, county and Metro parks.

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

"Last summer, we covered the

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

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



BOB ELMOUCHI

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



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNIGNE

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

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

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

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

The layout, excellent photographs, and clean, clear graphics complement Joan Elmouchi's

words perfectly. A chapter on Michigan's sand dunes is included.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We love Michigan. We love traveling in Michigan. We want people to realize what an unique resource we have with both a sunrise (east) and sunset (west) coast."

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

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UP NORTH

Every summer, regular as the season's turn, residents of southeast Michigan head Up North for recreation, relaxation and inspi-

ration. We'd like to know where you go when you go Up North. Tell us about your favorite Up North spot. Is it a beach house on Lake Michigan, a resort around Traverse City, a cabin in the deep woods, a river cottage near Lake Huron, a bed and breakfast on Mackinac Island or a hideaway in the UP? Do you enjoy boating on the Great Lakes, golfing on the designer courses, hiking the rugged trails, biking the back roads, antique hunting, fudge eating or simply watching the

sunset on a beautiful beach? Tell us in 50-75 words about your favorite Up North place and if you have a photograph send it along for a travel story about Michigan's special paradise. Send your stories and pictures to: Keely Wygonik at the Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Or e-mail your comments to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

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the remainder of the season: ■ Overnight package for Tuesday, Aug. 3: "Trouble Begins at Eight" as Traverse attorney Dean Robb recreates Mark Twain's famous national speaking tour. Twain was at the Grand in 1895. Stay includes dinner, show, reception, breakfast and work-

shop next morning. ■ "Games and Garden Week." Aug. 29 through Sept 2 (stay three nights, the fourth is free). Tours of the Grand's private gardens included. ■ Sept. 3-6 a Labor Jazz weekend features nationally known performers in the Tea Room and

Theatre and a gospel performance Sunday on the front porch. ■ Sept. 10-12 a Fall Connoisseur's weekend includes a seven course silver service meal and wine tasting reception. For details contact the hotel at (800) 334-7263; or try grandhotel.com on the Web.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Blackmore an All-Star

Livonia Churchill product Ron Blackmore, a shortstop with the Michigan Panthers of the Great Lakes Collegiate League, was selected to represent to West Division squad in today's All-Star game at Westview Park in Celina, Ohio (home of the Grand Lake Mariners).

Blackmore, who plays for the University of Detroit Mercy, batted .289 in 36 games. He was sidelined for three games during mid-season after taking a fastball to the jaw.

Blackmore rebounded from the injury with a nine-game hitting streak.

Gregg Mucerino (Citadel) coaches the Panthers in the wooden bat league.

Junior golf divot

Scott Wolfe, an incoming sophomore at Livonia Stevenson High School, took first place Thursday in the Boys 14-15 division at the Power-Bilt Junior Tour tournament stop at The Meadows in Allendale.

Wolfe shot an 18-hole round of 75 to lead the 53-player field.

He has qualified for the Tournament of Champions event Aug. 6-7 at Forest Akers (West Course) in East Lansing.

Youth soccer champions

The under-12 Michigan Hawks, a girls team coached by Derek Williford, recently captured the Best of the Midwest Tournament in St. Charles, Ill. capped by 5-0 championship win.

Members of the Hawks, who allowed just two goals during the Memorial Day Tournament include: Chelsea Atiyeh, Renee Farrell, Meghan Garrity, Katie Hendrickson, Lauren Hill, Jennifer Kritch, Kelly Lepper, Lynne Raymond, Sarah Rudzinski, Rachel Rudzisk, Kim Sykes, Megan Szczycka, Kristi Timar, Kim Trenacosta and Kristin Evey.

The Hawks also place first during the spring season with a 12-0 record, allowing just four goals.

MIAA honor roll

Among the area athletes named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association honor roll include Todd Wilson (Livonia Stevenson), who plays baseball and football at Kalamazoo College, and Mike Allison (Stevenson), a grinder at Alma.

The honor recognizes scholar-athletes who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average (on 4.0 scale) for the entire 1998-99 academic year. A student also needs to have won a varsity letter in a sport to be eligible.

Fall baseball league

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

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

Youth soccer tryouts

Tryouts for Livonia Waza '90, an under-10 boys soccer team, will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 26 and Wednesday, July 28, at Hoover Elementary School, located on Levan between Five and Six Mile roads in Livonia.

Players will receive personal training from former Detroit Rocker Dominic Scicluna, along with Mario Scicluna of the Mid-Michigan Bucks.

For more information, call Dave Cervenak at (313) 537-3079.

Youth hitting camp

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

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

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

To submit items for the Livonia-Westland Observer Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.



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Grin and bear it: Farmington Sports Editor Dan O'Meara recalls his encounter with some baby cubs during his sports writing days at the Big Rapids Pioneer. The assignment proved to be interesting as his story attests on page D5.



Spartan mat coach Berg retires

BY BRAD EMONS
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For a guy who didn't know much about high school wrestling when he started out, Don Berg certainly got a lot out of the sport.

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

He wanted his exit to be quiet, tendering his resignation after the team banquet last spring.

But his teams made a lot of noise, particularly during the 1990s.

Berg's final numbers are impressive:

- 134-11-4 dual meet record;
- Seven team dual district championships;
- Four Western Lakes Activities Association crowns;
- Three Observerland Invitational titles;
- Two team regional dual crowns;
- One state semifinal berth (1995) followed by another quarterfinal berth (1996);
- Thirty-three state qualifiers and 27 state placers;
- Two state champions (Craig Martin, twice, and Josh Gunterman);
- Earned Regional Coach of the Year and Observerland Coach of the Year honors.

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

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

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

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



Mat coach retires: Livonia Stevenson's Don Berg (left), with state champion Josh Gunterman (top), is stepping down after 19 years at the helm with the Spartans.

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

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

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

Ironically, Berg had little knowledge of the sport when he was asked to take over the program by Frayer.

"I learned as I went through," Berg said. "I always had fine assistants. I went to clinics, read books, looked at tapes."

Berg, who also coached baseball at Stevenson, had a minor setback in 1987 when he suffered a heart attack.

He decided to quit coaching baseball and stick with wrestling.

"It was either inside or outside, and I decided being inside was best for me," Berg said.

Berg played baseball and football at Berkley High School where he was a high school teammate of former major league pitcher Dick Radatz.

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

"When Don started at Stevenson nobody really wanted it," longtime Spartan assistant coach Bob Moreau

Please see **BERG RETIRES, D2**

Smith ready for challenge

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Joel Smith is no stranger to the wrestling mats.

The new Livonia Stevenson High varsity coach, who is replacing the retiring Don Berg, brings with him wealth of experience even at the young age of 33.

"I really enjoy the sport, and what knowledge I have, I want to give back," Smith said. "Stevenson has had some very successful seasons. There will be a few changes, but the goal is to keep bettering the program."

Stevenson returns several grapplers, including 103-pound state champion Josh Gunterman and state qualifier Imad Kharbush.

"I think we'll have a more balanced lineup, but we're still rebuilding because we're still really young," Smith said. "And our kids have been doing a good job with the training program the last few years. We're excited about next year."

One of the changes Smith plans to implement is stage a team dual meet tournament at Stevenson.

"We're going to bring in some really good teams, build on something that we all can be proud of, even if we take a few lumps in our own tournament," Smith said.

Smith is no stranger to success on the wrestling mats.

He was a three-time state prep champion at Detroit Bethesda Christian (now Warren Bethesda).

Smith went on to become a two-time Mid-American Conference champion at Eastern Michigan University. In 1989, Smith placed fifth at 158 pounds in the NCAA Division I tournament.

"I'm just going to try to be a positive influence whether it's wrestling or life," Smith said.

Bucks plan Scicluna halftime tribute

The Mid-Michigan Bucks, who have set the Premier Development League on its ear, will honor former co-owner Paul Scicluna with a halftime tribute in his final regular season home game, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at White Pine Middle School (formerly Saginaw MacArthur High School).

Scicluna, the Godfather of soccer in western Wayne County and Eastern Michigan women's coach, passed away this past spring in a tragic automobile accident.

There will also be a postgame party at Shooter's of Saginaw immediately after the game.

By presenting their ticket stub, fans will be able to purchase a meal and a seat at the private comedy show, both for only \$10.

Fans are asked to call (517)



BRAD EMONS

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Bucks are for real

I was fortunate a few weeks ago to see the Bucks, made up primarily of collegiate players, take on the Tampa Bay Mutiny of the Major League Soccer.

The Mutiny, despite a 2-1 victory, got more than they bargained for before 4,800 fans in Saginaw in a third-round U.S. Cup matchup.

Co-owners Jim and Dan Duggan, Livonia natives, have put together quite a team.

Valderrama, the great Colombian star, appeared to be going through the motions, while the rest of the Mutiny had to pick up the slack.

I'm sure the Mutiny never envisioned spending a Monday evening in Saginaw playing for pride.

The best player on the field that night?

Bucks defender Benjamin Djeukeng,

a native of Cameroon who plays for two-time defending NAIA champion Lindsay Wilson (Ky.).

Djeukeng could start for any team in the MLS right now, but each MLS team allows only four foreigners per roster.

It was a very well played match and the Bucks, who are 18-1 overall and 13-0 in the Great Lakes Division, are well worth the trip to Saginaw to watch.

Modano hits Late, Late Show

Winning the Stanley Cup has its perks. Just ask Westland native Mike Modano who brought the famed hardware into the studio of the CBS Late, Late Show, hosted last month by former Montana State hoopster Craig Kilborn.

Modano, in his sixth year with Dallas, presented Kilborn with a No. 99 Dallas Jersey and a Minnesota Wild golf shirt.

Apparently it was a miracle Modano even finished the championship series

against Buffalo.

He broke his wrist in the third game. "I kind of jammed it into the boards and I figured it was done and that was it," Modano told Kilborn. "The doctors put a cast on it. They numbed it up and the next morning it felt pretty good."

Modano spent his third three years with Minnesota, playing in the 1991 Stanley Cup finals (losing 4-2 to Pittsburgh) before the team moved to Texas.

"We knew we were going somewhere else after going to the finals and then we're shocked to hear we're only drawing 8,000 (in Minnesota)," Modano told the Late, Late Show host. "We get good support in Dallas, almost every game is a sellout and we'll be in a new arena in two years."

When Brett Hull scored the game-winner in the third overtime to beat the Sabres, a great burden had been lifted off everybody's back in the Stars' organization.

Please see **EMONS, D2**



Mustang district champions: Members of the Westland Youth Athletic Association 9-10-year-old baseball team celebrate their title.

YOUTH BASEBALL ROUNDUP

WYAA All-Stars finish 1st

The Westland Youth Athletic Association All-Stars rallied from a 14-3 defeat to beat Team Lakes twice, 10-0 and 12-5, to win the Pony Mustang (9-10 year-olds) district baseball championship July 18 at Garden City Park.

The WYAA All-Stars, managed by Robert Zickafoose, played this weekend in the state tourney also at GC Park.

WYAA opened district play with a 20-1 mercy-rule win over the Garden City All-Stars before suffering its first defeat in the double-elimination tourney.

Members of the WYAA All-Stars include: Matthew Cretens, Justin Hall, Micheal Fraser, Jeffrey Girgeh, Christopher Kangas, Alexander Koenig, Matthew Martella, Mitchell Murphy, Troy Maskelis, Joshua Neldon, Kenneth Offman, Jerry Smith, Zaid Taamneh, Justin Reid, Christo-

pher Fischer and Burtrum Brintley.

Todd Kangas is the assistant coach, while Ray Koenig is the business manager. Jeffrey Girgeh, Sr. handled equipment repair.

Livonia Travel hot

Livonia Travel Blue, a 15-16 year-old team, moved closer into contention for the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation playoff spot with a 6-2 victory last week over the previously unbeaten Windsor Titans.

Livonia Travel Blue, which captured its fourth straight, is now 13-5, while Windsor dropped to 16-1.

Paul Mercier (Livonia Churchill) pitched a five-hit, seven-inning complete game, allowing just one earned run.

Mercier has a 5-1 record with

three saves.

Offensively, Jason Dominas (Churchill) and Paul Price (Walled Lake Western) each went 2-for-3. Eric Allen (University of Detroit-Jesuit) contributed a three-run double, while Chris Smilo (Plymouth Canton) delivered a key two-run single.

Defensive standouts included Brandon Ray (Livonia Stevenson), Brent Kwiatkowski (Canton) and Ryan Opalinski (Canton).

Rounding out the Livonia Travel Blue squad is Derek Vermeulen (Canton), Dan Dziekan (Redford Catholic Central) and David Latin (Canton).

Livonia Travel Blue is coached by Joe Mercier, John Ray, Russ Price and Tony DeMarco.

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Bahrami continues as tour's master showman

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

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

Bahrami played in both singles and doubles competition at this year's event, hosted by the BOH for the second straight year after two previous stints at the Fairlane Tennis Club in Dearborn. He was the number-two seeded singles player and advanced to the semifinal round after an exciting victory over Borg Friday afternoon.

Bahrami could not play the pro tour in his younger days because of the volatile political situation in his native Iran when overseas travel was restrained. He eventually made it to France — where he now calls home — and competed in the 1989 French Open. He finished ranked among the top 50 doubles players in 1987, '88 and '89.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"People like the way I play because it's different," said Bahrami. "I like to play and keep the people happy. This is the way I've played since I was 10 years old.

"I feel that people like what I do, and I just love to see them

laugh and have a good time. I love to see them laughing and that's what keeps me going.

"If nobody comes to watch us there would not be a tournament, and so I like them to give them their money's worth," he said. "If they're not having a good time I don't like it. I like to win, but I like to do it this way."

BOH SENIOR TENNIS SERVICES: Noah arrived in town Tuesday evening, lost a singles

SENIOR TENNIS TOURNEY

match to Peter Fleming Wednesday evening, and was headed back to New York by the weekend.

It was a quick exit for the mobile Frenchman, who lost in a championship 10-point tiebreaker after splitting the first two sets with Fleming. Noah is

pictured on the tour's media guide along with Connors, Borg and John McEnroe, and is considered one of the tour's marquee players. "I'm sure there are several people who are upset that Yannick lost, but I'm not one of them," quipped Fleming after the match. . . . While Noah still

has the long, braided locks that made him an easily-recognizable tour player, the same cannot be said for Borg.

The 43-year-old Swede was known for his white bandana that kept his shoulder-length blonde hair in place. Borg now sports a short haircut. . . . John McEnroe won last year's tournament at the BOH.

However, he did not return to defend his title.

McEnroe caused a bit of a stir last year after he threw his racket and yelled at the crowd when his infamous temper took over during a quarterfinal match.

Word around BOH circles said it was pretty much a mutual understanding that he did not want to return and BOH officials really did not want him back.

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Dimitriou restocks Ocelots' roster

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In the last two years, Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team has put 36 wins up on the board.

What has eluded the Ocelots is an NJCAA title, something they were hoping to get a shot at last year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On defense, there are plenty of top-cal-

iber talents to help make either Finley's or Koontz's job easier. Start with Paul Ansara, who played last fall on Novi's state championship team. "He's a very good marking back," said Dimitriou.

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

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

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

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

There's also Aaron MacDonald, a Salem grad who was second team all-state, first team all-WLAA and first team all-Observer. MacDonald's marking ability was so profound he was named the Rocks' most valuable player. Indeed, his coach at Salem, Ed McCarthy, called MacDonald "by far the best player on our team," adding that "I'd rate him as the premier marking back in the state."

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

At midfield, Dimitriou has more talent, starting with Gary Bell, an Irish immigrant whose brother Charlie is a midfield

standout at Madonna University. And there's Dan Wielechowski, from Salem: second team all-Observer and all-Division, a player Dimitriou called "very heady."

Northville graduate Nick Skotanis has size (6-1) and could develop, either at stopper or midfield.

Versatility, again, is not a problem. Sergio Mainella, a second team all-stater from Livonia Stevenson and a first team all-WLAA and all-Observer selection, is currently pencilled in at forward with Barnes and Mike Jones, a Fenton grad who scored 24 goals as a senior.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

METRO SUMMERY HOCKEY LEAGUE

'Dogs, Huskies eye playoff run

ROUNDUP

Even with an unbalanced regular-season schedule, there was no doubt this game meant a lot in the Metro Summer Hockey League.

And the Bulldogs made certain they reaped the biggest benefit.

The 'Dogs wrapped up first place, and they did it in commanding fashion Wednesday night. After spotting the Huskies an early lead in a game that could decide the MSHL regular-season championship, the Bulldogs put 10-straight goals on the board — five of them by Kevin Swider (from Livonia) — and rolled to a 14-4 triumph at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Because there are only seven teams this season in the MSHL, league commissioner Keith Pietila was forced to go to a schedule in which the Huskies played 12 regular-season games and the rest of the league played 11.

The schedule balances out in the first round of the playoffs, which all the teams qualify for. The Huskies don't play in the first round, getting an automatic bye.

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

Going into Wednesday's game, the 'Dogs were 7-2-1 (15 points), while the Huskies were 7-3 (14). The win means the Bulldogs finish the regular season with 17 points; the Huskies, who finish

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

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

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

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

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

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

Art Baker was in goal for the Huskies.

| METRO SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Through July 21) | | | | LEADING SCORERS (Through July 21) | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----|----|-----|
| Bulldogs | 8 | 2 | 1 | 17 | Name (team) | G | A | Pts |
| Huskies | 7 | 4 | 0 | 14 | Kevin Swider (Bulldogs) | 31 | 18 | 49 |
| Wildcats | 5 | 5 | 0 | 10 | Sean Kass (Wildcats) | 29 | 17 | 46 |
| Lakers | 4 | 4 | 2 | 10 | Eric Bratcher (Bulldogs) | 18 | 28 | 46 |
| Broncos | 4 | 4 | 2 | 10 | John Pietila (Huskies) | 18 | 17 | 35 |
| Wolverines | 3 | 7 | 0 | 6 | Jim Tudor (Huskies) | 19 | 13 | 32 |
| Spartans | 1 | 6 | 3 | 5 | Phil Pietila (Huskies) | 17 | 15 | 32 |
| | | | | | Dwight Helminen (Huskies) | 12 | 20 | 32 |

| LEADING GOALTENDERS (Through July 21) | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|------|--|
| Name (team) | GA | Avg. | |
| Phil Osaer (Bulldogs) | 18 | 4.00 | |
| J.J. Weaks (Huskies) | 17 | 4.85 | |
| Rick Marnon (Broncos) | 30 | 4.97 | |
| Will Hamiele (Spartans) | 21 | 5.30 | |
| Brandon Hothem (Lakers) | 26 | 5.74 | |
| Ted Martens (Bulldogs) | 28 | 6.23 | |
| Dan Dobrowski (Wildcats) | 37 | 7.30 | |
| Larry Jardine (Lakers) | 33 | 7.39 | |

| METRO SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (Through July 21) | | | |
|--|----|----|----|
| Darrin Silvester (Wildcats) | 9 | 23 | 32 |
| Corey Swider (Bulldogs) | 15 | 15 | 30 |
| Brian Jardine (Lakers) | 14 | 16 | 30 |
| Ben Blackwood (Huskies) | 11 | 14 | 25 |
| Glen Pietila (Huskies) | 7 | 16 | 23 |
| Brant Thomas (Wildcats) | 14 | 9 | 23 |
| K. McNeill (Broncos) | 15 | 7 | 22 |
| Eric Hawkins (Wolverines) | 14 | 8 | 22 |
| Adam Krug (Bulldogs) | 10 | 12 | 22 |
| Jason Basile (Bulldogs) | 7 | 15 | 22 |

FOX airs grid All-Star game

The 1999 Michigan High School East-West All-Star football game, played July 31 at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing, will be televised tape-delay by FOX Sports Net Detroit at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 and Monday, Aug. 2.

Matt Shepard and former Buffalo Bill Ray Bentley will provide play-by-play and color analysis. Area players scheduled to suit

up for the 1:30 p.m. start include Walter Ragland (Livonia Clarenceville), Nick Brzezinski (Redford Catholic Central), Reggie Spearmon (Westland John Glenn), Scott Genord (Redford Thurston) and Ricky Bryant (Farmington Hills Harrison).

This is the 19th year for the All-Star game with the East leading the West in the series, 10-8.

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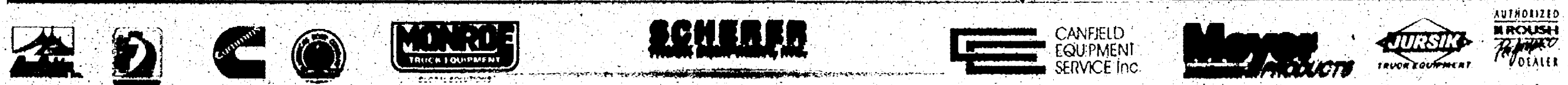
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