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THE WEEK AHEAD

Jazz show: An American jazz show featuring the Phil Gram Combo begins at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Pavilion behind the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Rain location is the Bailey Center.

MONDAY

Council meets: Westland City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, second floor, Westland City Hall, Ford Road west of Wayne Road.

TUESDAY

Primary election: Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday in Westland.

Clowning around: Clowns will visit Pirate Point Adventure Golf, at Sport-Way, 38520 Ford Road, west of Hix, Westland at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. An after-golf snack, about 9 p.m. Tuesday will be at Dairy Dan's Ice Cream, 35705 Ford Road.

WEDNESDAY

Free concert: Paul Vornhagen Quartet will perform jazz 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday as part of a free Coffeehouse Concert Series sponsored by the Westland Community Foundation.

Puppet show: The Parade of Stories Puppet Theater presents "Three Billy Goats Gruff" and "Three Little Pigs," 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Community Meeting Room at the Westland public library. (734) 326-6123.

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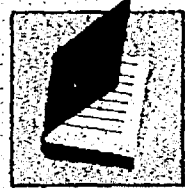
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District sets Sept. 2 opening day for schools



Officials have announced that students will return to school on Wednesday, Sept. 2. School officials and teacher union leaders also are negotiating for a new contract. The current pact expires Aug. 21.

In what promises to be a landmark year for Wayne-Westland schools, district officials have announced starting times to help parents and students plan for the 1998-99 school year.

The new year will bring widespread changes as officials continue to implement a \$108.3 million, voter-approved bond issue that includes money for a districtwide plan to upgrade school

buildings and beef up classroom technology.

School officials and teacher union leaders also are negotiating amid hopes of reaching a settlement for a new contract. The current pact expires Aug. 21.

"We are anticipating a smooth start of school," said Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent for general administration.

To that end, officials have announced that students will return to school on Wednesday, Sept. 2 - two days after their teachers.

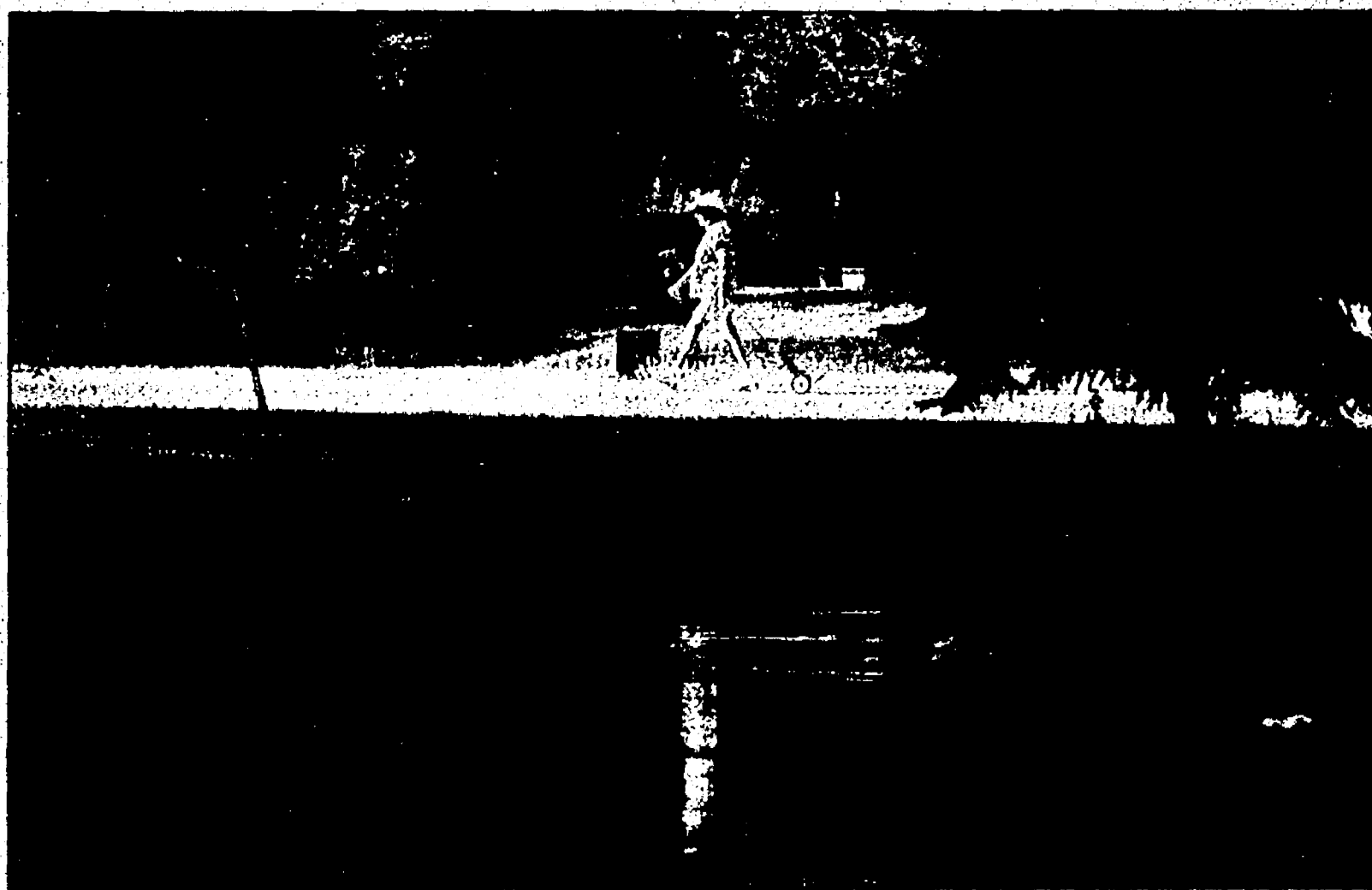
Tracey Dobry, who will be teaching English at Franklin Middle School, said she and her family have been waiting to hear word of startup times.

"We're going out east for a vacation, and it helps to know when I have to be back," she said. "I tend to go in a week or a week and a half before school starts."

Students will attend school only a half-day Sept. 2, but they will dive into

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A day in the park



The great outdoors: Westland's Central City Park offers a scenic spot for outdoor exercise. At top, Betty Martin walks past the pond along the walking track recently. At left are Flora Mikedis and Snuggles. Above, Gloria Even and Ellen Horie, left, walk along the walking track. Richard Siebenaller is at far right.

Robbins top spender in race

Scoring a victory in her debut campaign, Wayne-Westland school board trustee Teresa Robbins also spent more money than her two rivals, new expense reports show.

Statements filed at county elections offices indicate that Robbins spent \$3,547 on the June 8 race, but she said she actually spent \$2,547.

Robbins attributed the \$1,000 gap to a mathematical error and said she plans to file an amended campaign

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expense report. "This was all new to me," she said, referring to campaign expense statements. "That was probably the hardest part of my campaign."

By law, candidates must file expense reports if they spend more than \$1,000. According to elections documents,

neither of Robbins' opponents - incumbent Debra Fowlkes and past board member Patricia Brown - reached the \$1,000 mark.

"I think altogether I would say the maximum Debra spent was \$900," Fowlkes campaign treasurer Martha Pitsenbarger said. "I wrote all the checks."

Fowlkes couldn't be reached for com-

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Westland to host wheelchair pool events

A Westland billiards club will draw top wheelchair pool players from around the world during a two-tiered tournament that begins Aug. 28, officials announced Thursday.

The Electric Stick, an upscale billiards hall nestled in a Wayne Road strip mall north of Hunter, will lure an estimated 100 competitors when it hosts the six-day event.

"It's a great place for a tournament," Livonia resident Bob Calderon, a double amputee and 1997 state wheelchair pool champion, said.

The event's first round will be Aug. 28-30, when

the National Wheelchair Pool Players Association's national championship comes to The Electric Stick for a third consecutive year.

Calderon, association president, said competitors from the United States, Canada and Europe will participate.

That will be followed Aug. 31 through Sept. 2 by the first-ever Olhausen International Pro Wheelchair 9-Ball Championship.

"It's never been done before," Calderon said.

Following the national championship, the top 12 U.S. players and the 12 best European players will

square off in teams to try to claim the international title.

The international event is expected to be filmed by ESPN and shown on the network, bringing some worldwide attention to Westland.

"It will give us hopefully some international recognition," Mayor Robert Thomas said Thursday, announcing the tournament with Calderon and The Electric Stick owner George Marvaso during a press conference at Westland's city cable offices on Warren Road.

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WESTLAND'S AUG. 4 PRIMARY Election

REPUBLICAN PARTY

STATE GOVERNOR
 • Gary Artinian
 • John Engler

CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

18TH DISTRICT
 • Tom Hickey

LEGISLATIVE

STATE SENATOR
8TH DISTRICT
 • Loren N. Bennett

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

17TH DISTRICT
 • Dan Smetser
18TH DISTRICT
 • Steve Conley

COUNTY

COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 • Edward A. Romanowski
 • Herbert A. Scott

DEMOCRATIC

STATE GOVERNOR

• Doug Ross
 • Geoffrey Fieger
 • Larry Owen

CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

18TH DISTRICT
 • Lynn Nancy Rivers

LEGISLATIVE

STATE SENATOR
8TH DISTRICT
 • Kenneth A. Warfield

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

17TH DISTRICT
 • Thomas K. Kelly
18TH DISTRICT
 • Eileen DeHart

COUNTY

COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 • Wallace R. Serylo
 • Edward H. McNamara
 • Sharon McPhail

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

12TH DISTRICT
 • Kay Beard

NONPARTISAN

JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

1ST DISTRICT

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO

• Daniel P. Ryan
 • Myron H. Wahls
 • Helene N. White
 • Helen E. Brown
 • Susan Bieke Neilson

JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO

• Gary Edward Gardner
 • Jane E. Gillis
 • Muriel Diane Hughes
 • Brian R. Sullivan
 • Annette Jurkiewicz Berry
 • Patricia Susan Fresard

PROPOSITION A

Supermajority

PROPOSITION J

Jail millage renewal

PROPOSITION S

Wayne County Transit Authority Millage

Primary election Tuesday

About one out of every five Westland voters is expected to cast ballots in Tuesday's primary election, acting Deputy Clerk Pat Gibbons predicted Friday.

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An estimated 18 percent to 20 percent of the city's 57,063 voters will help decide partisan races, judicial contests and three countywide ballot proposals, she predicted.

Gubernatorial candidates appear to

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OBITUARIES

FRANKLIN D. GLANCY

Funeral services for Franklin Glancy, 64, of Westland were July 21 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Officiating was the Rev. Bob McDonald.

Mr. Glancy died July 18. He was a production supervisor.

Surviving are: wife, Beverly; sons, George and Mark; daughter, Dawn; brothers, Ernest, Carl, Donald, George and Ron; sister, Doris Karol; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

GARETH W. LANE

Funeral services for Gareth Lane, 32, of Westland were July 28 in Vermeulen Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. James A. Severance of the Palmer Road Baptist Church, Westland.

Mr. Lane, who died July 24 in Wayne, was born in Gaithersburg, Md. He was a construction laborer.

Surviving are: wife, Christine; son, Robert Lane; daughters, Tira, Casey and Sarah Severance; Stephanie Lane, Abbey and Ashley Pankoff; brothers, William and Steven.

Memorials may be made to the Family Fund.

HELEN M. DEARTH POLLACK

Funeral services for Helen Pollack, 72, of Westland were July 31 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Hope Memorial

Gardens, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Miller.

Mrs. Pollack died July 28 in University Hospital. She was a librarian with Wayne-Westland Public Schools. She was a member of VFW Post 3323 Women's Auxiliary.

Surviving are: son, Ron Dearth; daughters, Verna Jones, Nancy Henry, Debra A. Demoisey and Patricia Engle; sister, Irene Mott; and nine grandchildren. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

GAILYN A. FREEBORN

Funeral services for Gailyn Freeborn, 69, of Westland were July 25 in Kirk of Our Savior Church. Officiating was the Rev. Neil D. Cowling. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mrs. Freeborn, who died July 22 in Westland, was born in Peoria, Ill. She was a secretary for Wayne-Westland Schools (Wildwood), retiring in 1998.

Surviving are: husband, John; sons, Christopher of Tucson, Ariz., David of Stafford, Va., and Robert of Van Buren Township; daughters, Lynn Poirier of Garden City and Melissa O'Neil of Westland; sister, Iris Thompson of Utah; mother, Ruth Biegel of Westland; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Association; Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland; or Hospice of Washtenaw.

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be sparking the most interest among local voters, Gibbons said.

"If they're saying anything, they're saying they want to vote in the governor's race," she said.

Of the 3,117 absentee ballots that had been pulled by voters, about 2,000 had been returned as of Friday, Gibbons said.

In some key races, partisan candidates will automatically advance to the Nov. 3 general election because they are unopposed. Consider:

State Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, and Republican challenger Steve Conley face no opposition in their respective races. They are competing in the 18th District that serves most of Westland and a small portion of Canton Township.

State Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, will face Republican Dan Smelser in November because they, too, are running alone in their partisan 17th District races.

Likewise, state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, will automatically face Democratic challenger Kenneth Warfield of Wayne on Nov. 3 because of unopposed partisan races in the 8th District.

Westland voters will, however, will help narrow the field of candidates in races for the governor's seat and the county executive's post.

They also will help decide judicial races for the Court of Appeals and Circuit Court.

Local voters also will cast ballots on the following three county-wide proposals:

The so-called "supermajority" Proposition A would, if approved, amend the county charter to require 60 percent of voters to approve a tax increase before it would go into effect. It also would require a two-thirds vote of Wayne County Commission members to place tax increases on the ballot.

A county jail millage, Proposition J, would, if approved, renew a tax of .95 mills and generate at least \$31,636,566 in property tax revenues in 1998.

The proposal would support jail operations of the Dickerson facility for four years, costing the owner of a \$100,000 home with a taxable value of \$50,000 about \$48 a year.

The proposal also would allow Wayne County to use the funds for jail acquisition, construction or operations, including misdemeanor prisoners, juvenile incarceration or detention facilities. It also would pay for adult penalty options, such as work release, home detention and community restitution with at least one-10th of the mill used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution.

PRECINCTS: LOCATIONS

- 1 and 19: Madison School, 1076 S. Carleton
2 and 32: Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard
3 and 7: Stottlmyer School, 34801 Marquette
6 and 29: Edison School, 34505 Hunter
8: Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
9: Patchin School, 6240 Newburgh
10: Jefferson School, 32150 Dorsey
10: Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse
11 and 23: Elliott School, 30850 Bennington
12, 28, 38: Whittier School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
13 and 18: Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
14: Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
15 and 41: Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Court
16: Holiday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
17 and 37: Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20: Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21: Lowell Middle School, 8400 Hix
24: Lutheran High School-Westland, 33300 Cowan
26 and 33: Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
27 and 36: Nankin Mills School, 8100 Hubbard
28: Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
30 and 31: Hayes School, 30600 Louise Court
34 and 39: Dyer Social Services Center - Senior Wing, 36745 Marquette
39: Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40: Divine Savior Parish, 39375 Joy



Polls are open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Every qualified voter in line at 6 p.m. will be permitted to vote.

The millage was approved by voters in 1988.

Proposition S, if approved, would renew for four years a tax of 0.33 mills levied by the Wayne County Transit Authority in 1997. It also would allow contin-

ued support to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation to serve the elderly, handicapped and general public. The plan would raise about \$6.3 million in 1998.

SPOTLIGHT ON Orthodontics by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D. KEEPING TEETH CLEAN Braces may help orthodontic patients keep their teeth clean in the long run by enabling them to brush and floss more efficiently...

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ment, but Pitsenbarger confirmed that Fowlkes had a couple of small fund-raisers, "and they were very limited."

Moreover, Pitsenbarger said Fowlkes didn't have to spend nearly as much money this year because she used many of her campaign signs from her last election.

"She had a whole lot of signs left," Pitsenbarger said.

With her estimated campaign tab at \$900, Fowlkes spent much less than the \$5,990 she spent between April 3 and May 28, 1994, as she waged her first - and successful - campaign, expense reports show.

Brown, meanwhile, also didn't report campaign expenses this year, saying she spent under \$1,000.

"I had a lot of leftover signs,

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and we ran a very small campaign," she said. "I had made my decision (to wage a campaign) at the last minute."

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Fowlkes finished second with 712 votes, while Brown came in third with 354 votes. Brown suffered her second defeat in as many years; voters last year ousted her at the end of her first four-year term.

Notably, Fowlkes and Brown had both risen to the post of board-appointed president before voters ousted them from office.

As this year's top spender, Robbins said she shelled out more money because she was a "brand new" candidate who needed to buy hundreds of signs and send out literature to make

her candidacy known.

Prior to her campaign, she had attained name recognition primarily from her heavy involvement in a successful effort to save 50-plus acres of school district land - known as Sassafras Trails - from residential development.

Even though she spent the most money, Robbins attributed her victory not to dollars but to how hard she and her supporters worked to win votes.

"I was out there listening to the constituents," Robbins said. "That's the only way I'm going to be an effective board member is to be out there and listening to what their needs are - and what their ideas and visions are for the community and for their children's education."

Many school board candidates actually spend more to be elected than they will actually earn during an entire year serving in their post.

According to district offices, board members earn a maximum of \$1,830 a year.

They receive \$30 a meeting, with an annual ceiling of \$1,530, plus they are paid \$25 a month for mileage, with a cap of \$300 a year.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 20, 1998 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none. Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, and City Attorney Salamone.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the City of Westland: (APPENDIX A) Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th day throughout the months of May, June, July, August and September of 1998. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the dates mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of penalties set forth in section 1-6 of the Westland City Code and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the City in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner or occupant shall be spread against the property on the next County and School tax roll or the next general City tax roll.

Plea bargain for city man is expected

A plea bargain was made with a 19-year-old Detroit man and is expected to be made with his alleged accomplice in a Dec. 7, 1997, shooting at the Holiday Estates Mobile Home Park in Canton.

■ Timothy Scott, 26, of Westland is charged with one count of assault with intent to commit murder.

Tom Esch, 20, of Livonia was injured after a shot from a 12-gauge shotgun pierced the rear passenger door of his friend's Ford F150 truck as the two of them were leaving the trailer park. The shot struck the 1995 Franklin High School graduate in the lower back, searing a kidney.

"The shooting stemmed from an alleged racial incident involving the victims... The defendants claimed they were just scaring them for the earlier incident," said Assistant Prosecutor Maurice Morton.

Edward Boldon pleaded guilty to pulling the trigger in the shooting. He faces up to four years behind bars for one count of felonious assault and a mandatory two years in prison for felony firearm.

He will be sentenced Aug. 13 by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Prentis Edwards.

"It was discussed with the victims. I can't comment much more than that," said Morton.

Boldon was originally charged with intent to commit murder and felony firearm. His attorney Cyril Pessina was unavailable for comment.

Boldon's alleged accomplice, Timothy Scott, 26, of Westland is charged with one count of assault with intent to commit murder. A plea bargain has yet to be made, although Morton indicated it was possible.

"We need another opportunity

to speak with the victims," he said. "There won't be an offer until the victims approve it."

According to testimony at the preliminary exam in 35th District Court, Esch's friend Patrick McVeigh said they went to the trailer park twice that day to meet girls another friend had met through the Internet.

McVeigh and Esch spoke by telephone with the girls that day, and the girls invited them over for a party, McVeigh testified.

McVeigh said he saw a suspicious vehicle, a dark-colored Thunderbird at Hemlock and Orchard and circled around the trailer park.

As he neared the car again, McVeigh saw the passenger step out of the car, then he heard the gunshot. Esch told McVeigh he was hit. McVeigh sped off, calling 911 on his cell phone.

Meanwhile, police officers on a domestic violence call at nearby Sherwood Village trailer park spotted a speeding Thunderbird as they headed west on Michigan Avenue. The suspect's car was heading east. The men were apprehended at the I-275 entrance ramp.

Officers found a 12-gauge shotgun on eastbound Michigan Avenue, west of Haggerty. The gun was in two pieces after apparently being thrown from a car window.



'Berry festive

Pick of the crop: Garden City Hospital's annual strawberry festival last weekend drew people from all over Wayne County. Above, hospital volunteers Arline Schweim, left, of Westland, and Marge Palmer (right) of Livonia make strawberry shortcakes at the festival. At left, hospital guild volunteers Marie Hertz (left) of Garden City and Sandy Wilson (center) of Westland help Ruth Chappell of Redford pick out something at the festival's white elephant sale.



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their full-time schedule the following day, Sherman said.

The district's two high schools and middle schools will have the same hours as last year.

■ John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high school students will attend classes from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Adams, Franklin, Marshall and Stevenson middle school students will start school at 8 a.m. and leave at 2:30 p.m.

Some elementary schools will have new hours this year as officials move to streamline attendance times and ensure that all students leave school by 3:30 p.m. at the latest - compared to some 4 p.m. exit times last year.

Elementary schools have been divided into two groups.

Students at Edison, Elliott, P.D. Graham, Hoover, Madison, Roosevelt-McGrath, Schweitzer and Vandenberg elementary schools will start at 8:30 a.m. and leave at 3 p.m.

Pupils at Hamilton, Hicks, Jefferson-Barns, Kettering, Lincoln, Patchin, Taft-Galloway, Walker-Winter and Wildwood elementary schools will start at 9 a.m. and leave at 3:30 p.m.

"Last year the hours ranged from as early as 8:30 a.m. to as late as 4 p.m., and lunch times varied," Sherman said. "This year, we're pleased to say we've got uniform lunches, and the latest any elementary school will get out is 3:30 p.m."

When students return to school Sept. 2, they will attend only a half-day with delayed starting times as follows:

■ 11 a.m. at the two high schools.

■ 11:30 a.m. at the four middle schools.

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■ 11:45 a.m. at Edison, Elliott, P.D. Graham, Hoover, Madison, Roosevelt-McGrath, Schweitzer and Vandenberg elementary schools.

■ 12:15 p.m. at Hamilton, Hicks, Jefferson-Barns, Kettering, Lincoln, Patchin, Taft-Galloway, Walker-Winter and Wildwood elementary schools.

Sherman confirmed school hours late last week, and she said the district also will announce the information in a newsletter to be sent to district homes by mid-August.

Former school board member Patricia Brown, contacted about a separate matter of campaign finances, said last week that several teachers and parents have voiced complaints to her that they haven't received timely information about the new school year, particularly starting times.

"I've never known a year when employees didn't know (before now) when they were to report to work and when students didn't know when to report to school," she said. "Usually they know by the end of the (previous) school year."

Meanwhile, negotiations are continuing as district officials and the teachers' union - the Wayne-Westland Education Association - try to reach a contract settlement. Talks started in spring.

When asked about the possibility of a strike that could delay the school year, Sherman said there has been "certainly no discussion of any kind regarding that matter."

"We're negotiating this week," Sherman said Wednesday. "We're proceeding."

PLACES AND FACES

Earth Angels, a local group of performing youngsters, will appear at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Bailey Center pool to entertain teens and middle school students attending their weekly swim night.

The cost is \$1 on the final teen swim night of this season, pool supervisor Debbie Lindquist announced. Anyone from the public also is invited - regardless of age - to the \$1, one-hour performance.

"This is the final night for the teen night, and we want to make it special for the teens and middle school (youngsters)," Lindquist said in a press release.

Court closing

The 18th District Court will be closed Tuesday for the national-state primary election. No evening probation will be held Tuesday. The court will be open for regular business at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5.

TOURNAMENT

Calderon at (734) 422-2124, but don't expect to team up with him; Mayor Thomas has already claimed him.

Wheelchair pool players also may call the same number for more information about participating in competition.

The new international championship will include contests for single players, doubles and four-person teams. The tournament will culminate with an awards ceremony on Sept. 2.

One of the National Wheelchair Pool Players Association's goals is to get disabled people involved in pool by holding free clinics around the country. People like Calderon have been playing for years and are looking forward to this year's championship.

"We're going to be having a good time," he said.

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"Everybody wins - the association wins, the city wins, George wins by getting recognition (for his business)," Thomas said.

The Electric Stick will host its first international wheelchair pool competition and its third national contest.

"It has been a huge success in the past," Marvaso said.

Calderon released a list of competitors who plan to come from countries as far away as England, Germany, Belgium and Sweden.

The event also will include a fund-raising competition to benefit The Children's Miracle Network, which Calderon said helps terminally ill youngsters fulfill dreams such as visiting Disney World.

For \$15 a person, the event includes a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, followed by a competition that will pair fundraising donors with wheelchair pool players for competition.

Register by Aug. 21 by calling

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County proposals Jail millage worth of renewal

Observer area voters will decide on Aug. 4 whether to renew 1-mill for Wayne County jail operations, juvenile detention facilities and youth assistance programs for four years.

The millage renewal is a key to continuing the fight against crime in Wayne County and merits voter support.

The mill costs the owner of a \$100,000 home with a \$50,000 taxable value \$48 annually.

While the communities are not getting all their jail needs fulfilled, a recent compromise is a good start.

In weighing the millage question, voters should consider this: The criminals are being

locked up. In 1996, the Dickerson Detention Facility in Hamtramck detained 6,033 inmates from Wayne County suburban communities and townships, including 1,115 sentenced felons, 3,782 sentenced misdemeanants and 1,098 ordinance violators.

County officials say they have more than delivered on the millage, delivering 2,724 beds in cells for prisoners after promising 1,220.

Although we recommend that voters approve the millage, county officials also need to follow up on promises made to the CWW.

Public safety is key to healthy, strong, economically viable communities. The 1-mill renewal will continue to build on the successes in battling crime in Wayne County.

SMART deserves tax renewal

The property tax rate we voted three years ago for SMART, the suburban bus system, not only helps the elderly and handicapped take care of their periodic chores, but it opened the doors to jobs for hundreds of thousands of people.

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help people get to work here in the western Wayne County suburbs.

The SMART renewal Aug. 4 is four years this time. The tax amounts to 33 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. For a home with a market value of \$100,000, SMART costs \$16.50 a year.

Voters in Westland should continue SMART's successful jobs program by renewing its millage Aug. 4.

'Supermajority' bad policy

Voters in will decide Proposition A - known as supermajority - on Tuesday's ballot.

If approved by voters the proposal will amend the county charter to require a two-thirds vote of the county commission to place any new tax increase on the ballot. It will also require a 60 percent (or supermajority) vote of the electorate to approve any new tax increase.

The proposal represents bad public policy and according to information from the Citizens Research Council violates the state Constitution and the Headlee Amendment.

The proposal goes against the very basic democratic principle of majority rule.

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, don't forget to vote the nonpartisan portion of the ballot and vote no on Proposition A.

WESTLAND OBSERVER'S ENDORSEMENTS ✓

TUESDAY, AUG. 4, PRIMARY ELECTION

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

REPUBLICAN PARTY

- Edward A. Romanowski
- **Herbert A. Scott ✓**

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

- **Edward H. McNamara ✓**
- Sharon McPhail
- Wallace R. Serylo

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PROPOSITION A

SUPERMAJORITY

- Yes
- **No ✓**

PROPOSITION J

JAIL MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

- **Yes ✓**
- No

PROPOSITION S

WAYNE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY MILLAGE RENEWAL

- **Yes ✓**
- No

McNamara, Scott top choices

On Aug. 4 voters will nominate candidates in the Democratic and Republican races for Wayne County executive. Given the current political demographics in Wayne County, the Democratic primary is tantamount to election.

The Democratic race features incumbent Edward H. McNamara, former mayor of Livonia, and challenger Sharon McPhail, an attorney and unsuccessful candidate for Detroit mayor in 1993. Also on the Democratic ballot is Wallace Serylo of Detroit.

In the Democratic race, we recommend that voters return McNamara to a fourth term to finish the job he started nearly 12 years ago.

The McNamara Administration has been the engine for economic growth and fiscal responsibility in Wayne County. It has improved the parks system (western Wayne County taxpayers need only to travel along Hines Drive to see the positive results), been an advocate for a cleaner environment (Rouge River cleanup and Newburgh Lake restoration) and a champion of public transportation.

McNamara offers voters a proven track record of getting the job done. Unemployment is at a record low, and crime is down. He has put the county on a solid financial track. He



McNamara



Scott

has surrounded himself with, and delegated responsibility to, a diverse, dedicated, hard-working group of people.

He has, however, some unfinished business with airport expansion and renovations and deserves to be returned to office to finish what he started. What happens in the next four years will be his political legacy, and we're confident that he won't disappoint the residents of Wayne County.

McNamara has the experience, vitality and vision to lead Wayne County into the 21st Century.

In the Republican race, the Observer recommends Herb Scott of Canton Township. Scott, vice president of Major Pharmaceuticals of Livonia, serves as treasurer for the GOP in the 13th Congressional District.

Scott knows the issues and offers Republican voters a credible, intelligent candidate for county executive.

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PRIMARY ELECTION '98

Voters to narrow circuit court field on Tuesday

For many attorneys, becoming a judge is a dream that may go back to their days as law students.

Six attorneys who live in Wayne County hope to achieve that dream in November. But only four will advance to the general election Nov. 3 when two will be elected.

Six candidates are running to replace Wayne County Circuit Judges Terrence Boyle and Geraldine Ford. The terms end Jan. 1, 2005.

They are: Annette Jurkiewicz Berry of Taylor, an assistant attorney general with the state of Michigan; Patricia Fresard of Grosse Pointe Woods, an assistant Macomb County prosecutor; and practicing attorneys Gary Gardner of Dearborn, Jane Gillis of Grosse Pointe Woods, Muriel Hughes of Grosse Pointe Woods and Brian Sullivan of Grosse Pointe Park.

Jurkiewicz Berry

Jurkiewicz Berry, 38, said she's always wanted to be involved in public service, but also wanted to be a judge since she was 19 during her undergraduate days at the University of Michigan.

But it was her father,



Jurkiewicz-Berry

Joseph Jurkiewicz, who started her on the path of public service during his days as a Wayne County commissioner and city council member in Taylor.

Jurkiewicz Berry worked on high profile cases such as ticket fixing with court employees and working on a task force prosecuting stores that trafficked food stamps illegally. She worked on the task force for more than six years.

Jurkiewicz Berry graduated from the University of Michigan, then later the Detroit College of Law.

Fresard

Fresard, 41, has worked in the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office since 1987, currently serving as chief of criminal sexual conduct division, personally prosecuting or overseeing criminal sexual conduct and child molestation cases in Macomb County.

"As a judge there's no better



Fresard

way to get experience than to be in the court room every day," Fresard said.

Fresard said she brings outstanding credentials to the race and a desire to serve as a "dedicated and fair" judge. Active with the National Child Advocacy Centers, Fresard is their Midwest regional speaker.

Fresard initiated CARE houses for child abuse and molestation cases in Macomb and Oakland counties. The houses are located near courts and allow an unbiased social worker to interview molestation victims so prosecutors and police can obtain a clearer picture of the truth in a case.

She hopes to bring a similar program to Wayne County.

Fresard's appointments include a team that studies child's deaths, Carehouse Program Committee, Turning Point Nurse Examiner Committee, and Michigan Juvenile Officers' Association. Fresard has been involved with Governor's Task Force Against Child Abuse.

Gardner

Gardner, 45, has practiced family law for 17 years. Gardner is president and founder

Please see **CIRCUIT, A7**

5 candidates vie for seat on state court of appeals

The nonpartisan ballot for two six-year terms on the 1st District State Court of Appeals (covering Lenawee, Monroe and Wayne counties) is crowded this year in part because incumbent Judge Helene N. White is waiting to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate to fill a vacancy on the federal 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

White was nominated by President Bill Clinton almost two years ago, but has yet to be confirmed by the Senate. If the Senate confirms before the November election and White still finishes first or second in the voting, the third-place finisher will win the state court of appeals term.

But on Tuesday, Aug. 4, primary voters will whittle the list from five candidates to four, as just the top four vote-getters will advance to the November election, where two will be elected.

White, 43, is a New Yorker by birth and got her law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1978. She clerked for former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Charles L. Levin 1978-80 and was elected judge of the Common Pleas Court for the City of Detroit in 1980. She became a 36th District Court Judge through court reorganization in 1981 and was elected to the Wayne County Circuit Court in 1982 and re-elected in 1988. She was elected to her current seat on the Court of Appeals in 1992.



White

NONPARTISAN BALLOT

Appeals Judge Myron Hastings Wahls, 66, is also up for re-election. He is originally from Illinois and got his law degree from Northwestern University in 1961. Wahls was in private practice 1964-75 and a Wayne County Circuit Court judge 1975-82. He was elected to



Wahls



Ryan

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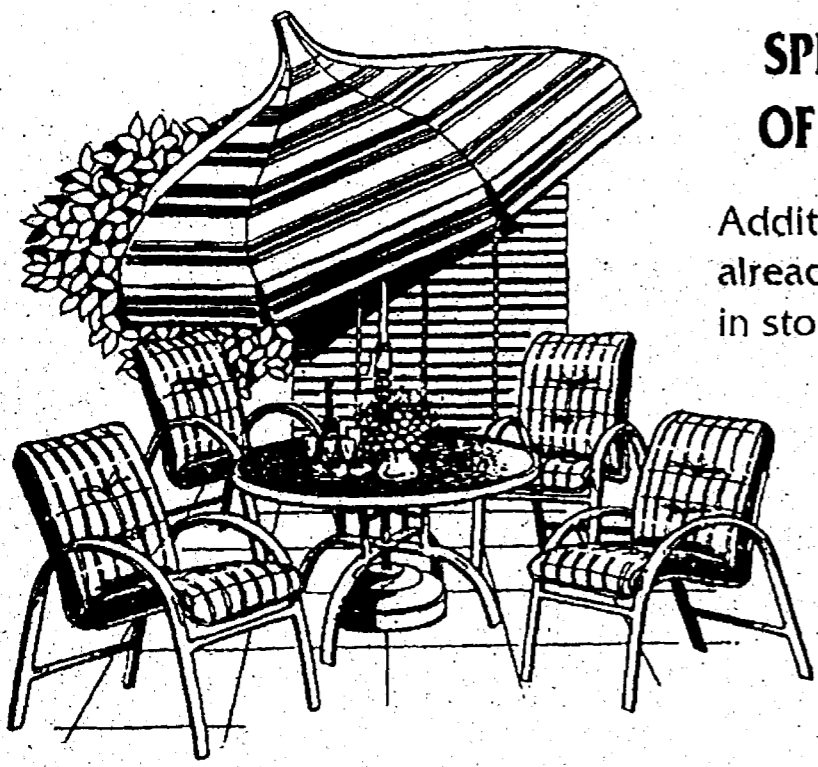
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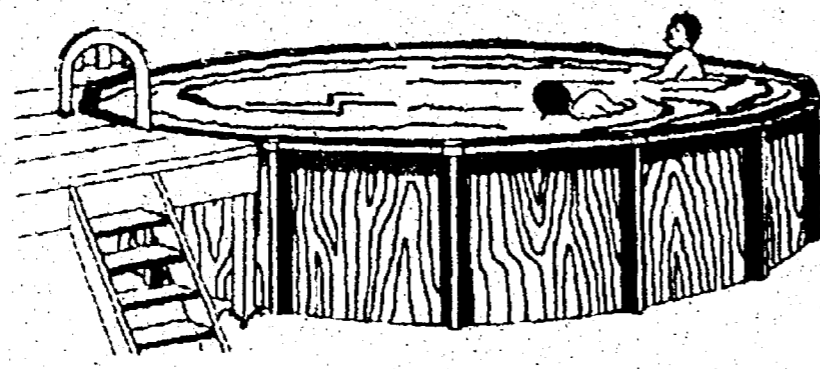
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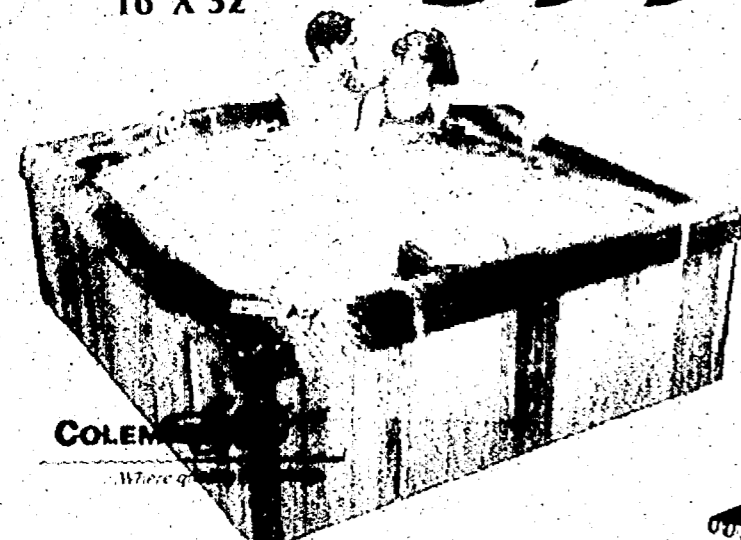
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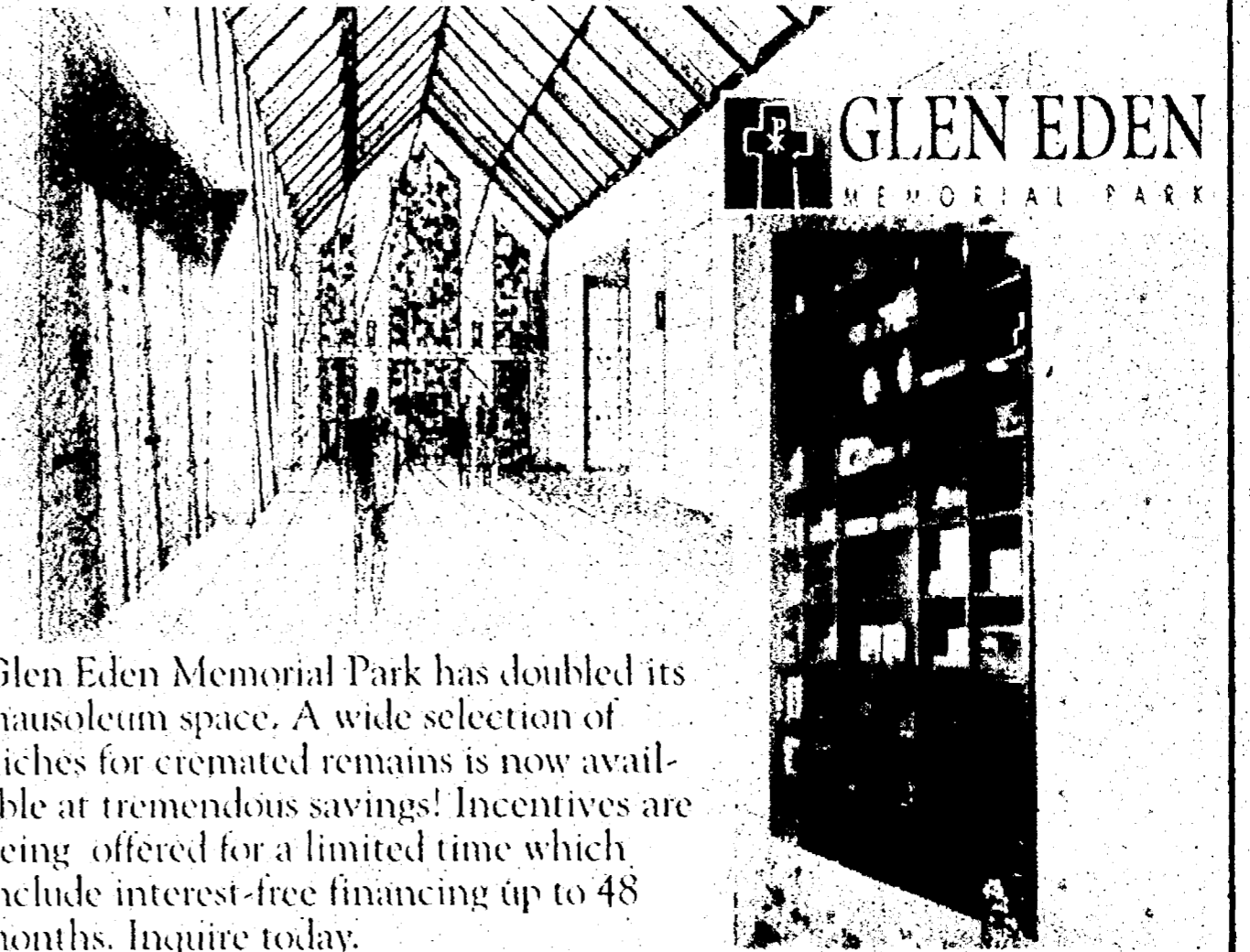
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Lotz Corridor project would border Westland

Imagine a multi-screen movie complex, fine hotels, upscale retail shops and unique restaurants all tied together in one development.

That's the vision of Canton's new Lotz Road Corridor Development Plan. Farmington Hills-based Burton Katzman Development Company is working on a \$150 million project along Ford Road and I-275 that would be the centerpiece of the new plan.

The Lotz Road corridor spans nearly two square miles bounded by the highway on the west, Koppernick Road on the north, the township boundary on the east and Cherry Hill Road on the south.

The plan, which has been more than a year in the making, seeks to create a mixed use for the area with residential, commercial and light industrial. Community Planner Jeffrey Goulet said the 124-acre Burton Katzman development would set the tone for the corridor.

"I think it would be the impetus," he said, "because it would be so large."

Recently, Canton's planning commission unanimously recommended approval for amending its comprehensive development plan by incorporating the Lotz corridor plan.

Volunteers from the commis-

CANTON TOWNSHIP

sion, the township board and a consulting firm put the plan together. The plan was necessary to properly tap the corridor's potential, Goulet said.

"It's a long-range plan and a decision-making tool for the planning commission and board," he added.

The idea is to avoid piecemeal development that has occurred elsewhere in Canton. Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin praised all those involved with creating the plan.

"It was immensely difficult to come up with this plan," she said. "It truly meets the township's needs. I think you guys did a very good job."

The plan identifies five major goals for the corridor. Additionally, it states that the corridor should act as a "gateway" to Canton from Westland and establish a "corporate park" identity for the township.

The plan's first major goal is to ensure development is consistent with community standards for site and architectural design. Goulet said it will be important for the corridor to match existing development, especially along Ford Road.

Providing safe and convenient access to the area while minimizing the impact of increased traffic from new developments is another of the plan's goals. Limiting and consolidating curb cuts plus restricting the number of new access points off of Ford Road could accomplish the goal, according to the plan.

It also seeks to preserve the corridor's natural features. A 22-acre wetlands area on the north side of Ford Road, for example, would be preserved.

The plan calls for "adequate infrastructure" such as roads and storm drainage systems. This could be a sticking point for the Burton Katzman development.

The company wants Canton to contribute \$3.2 million to the project to build an interior road system and water management system. Goulet said the township won't commit to providing the funds, which would likely come from a bond sale.

The Lotz corridor plan's final goal is to "provide for coordinated appearance of Ford Road frontage with DDA plans and proposals."

Lighting, landscaping and signs for any new project in the corridor would have to conform with design concepts of the Downtown Development Authority. The plan also allows for the DDA to review development plans for the corridor.

Devising such an extensive plan for Lotz Road is key in Canton's continued development, Goulet said. Little remaining commercial area exists, he said. "It's one of our most important corridors."

The plan now heads to the township board of trustees for final approval.



On patrol: Paramedics on mountain bikes Mike Murray (left) and David Wilbert (right) patrol around the Westland Summer Festival in July.

Paramedics on bikes patrol at area events

If you're sick or hurt at a local event, a person on a bike might just come to your rescue.

Paramedics are patrolling on bicycles as part of a program of the Westland Fire Department.

In its second year, the program just finished a busy time earlier this summer at the Westland Summer Festival. But paramedics on bikes can be found at work on Saturdays in Hines Park and at other area events such as the concerts behind the library.

Riding a bike gives paramedics more and easier access at community events. At the festival, access is easier because vehicles can't very easily get back to where the rides are, according to Capt. Mike Reddy, EMS coordinator.

Many patients the paramedics deal with have only bumps and bruises. They are patched up and sent on their way, Reddy said.

But more serious injuries and emergencies are also handled such as a pedestrian hit by a car or someone overcome by the heat.

Access was also easier on bicycles during the festival fireworks show which was held in Central City Park in an area where rescue vehicles didn't have easy access, Reddy said.

People who needed emergency medical help before, during and after the festival parade

■ The program goes along with the department's conversion to the Advanced Life Support system in February 1997, which offers the highest level of emergency medical treatment.

were also assisted more quickly by the paramedics on bikes, according to assistant fire Chief Bob Fields of the public education division. "The bikes were there in 15 seconds," he said, while the closest rescue was up to 10 minutes away.

Paramedics on bikes also helped the young band members who suffered dehydration during and after the parade, Fields said.

Being on bikes "allows a quick response in a crowded situation," he said.

The bikes are able to carry all the needed medical equipment in packs. In fact, they are equipped with everything on a rescue vehicle except a heart monitor.

"It brings the emergency room right to the scene," he said.

The program goes along with the department's conversion to the Advanced Life Support system in February 1997, which offers the highest level of emergency medical treatment, including drug intervention and heart monitoring.

Reddy, who rides on patrols,

worked during the festival. Paramedics made about 35 runs during the festival ranging from a bee sting to a pedestrian hit by a car, he said. They also put out a small trash fire so an engine didn't have to be called to the scene, Reddy said.

In Hines Park, paramedics work with all types of emergencies including injured roller skaters and kids hurt at picnics.

"It's a great program," Reddy said. "In these types of events they're very useful."

The effectiveness really shows up in big situations such as at the festival, Fields said.

About 50 firefighters are trained paramedics with a goal of the entire department being trained. "We're working up to that," Reddy said. Six are in training and 12 are left to be trained.

Groups or civic organizations can request paramedics on bikes at their events. For information, call Fields at (734) 467-3182 or Reddy at (734) 467-3154.

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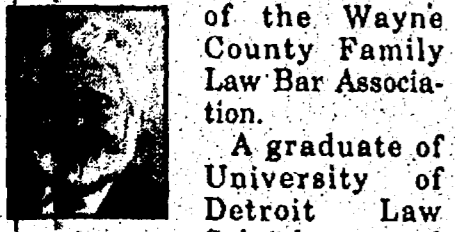
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Gardner

of the Wayne County Family Law Bar Association. A graduate of University of Detroit Law School and Michigan State University, Gardner is running for the fourth time for judge. He has previously run for Michigan Court of Appeals and twice for 19th District judge in Dearborn. Gardner also was a law instructor at Detroit College of Law for eight years until 1990.

Gardner also worked for Ford Motor Co. for five years, twice relocating to Australia in the late 1970s. Today, he practices out of a law office in Dearborn.

Gardner has indicated he wants to adjudicate in the family division of the circuit court if elected.

"When you think of the volume of cases with family court, Judge (Kirsten) Kelly has done a good job," Gardner said. "This is the place I want to go."

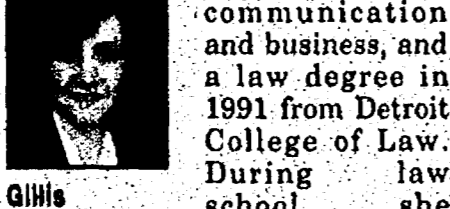
"It's something where I think I can make a difference. I would bring fairness and effectiveness to the court."

Jane Gillis

Gillis, 35, has practiced law in

areas of probate, criminal, collection, appellate and family law.

Gillis received a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University in communication and business, and a law degree in 1991 from Detroit College of Law.



Gillis

During law school, she interned at the Michigan Court of Appeals and the former Detroit Recorders Court.

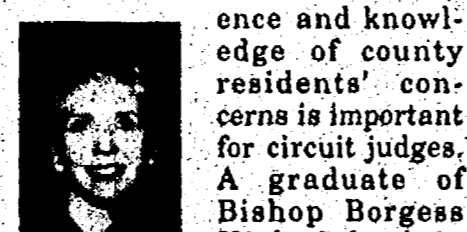
Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley appointed Gillis to special assistant attorney general in May 1995. She also worked as a law clerk for the Third Judicial Circuit Court from 1987 to 1991. Prior to that, she worked on the staff of the Michigan Court of Appeals in Detroit.

Gillis also has tutored at the Dominican Literacy Center for four years, which resulted in her receiving the "Spirit of Detroit" award in 1993.

Gillis believes she is qualified because she has a diverse practice. She calls her organizational skills another strength.

Hughes

Hughes, 40, believes experi-



Hughes

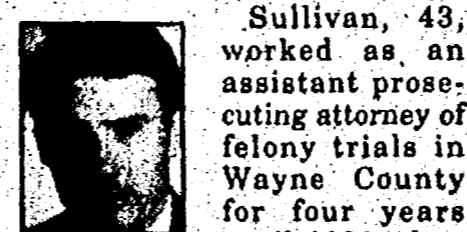
ence and knowledge of county residents' concerns is important for circuit judges. A graduate of Bishop Borgess High School in Redford, Hughes attended and received degrees from St. Mary's College-Notre Dame and University of Detroit Law School.

She has been a trial attorney in general practice for 14 years with her brother, John, at Hughes and Hughes. She also has been a public administrator in Wayne County for nine years and a mediator in Wayne County Circuit Court for eight years. Hughes has worked on cases ranging from neglect and abuse to guardianship.

Hughes said she can "see the wisdom" in the recent circuit court reorganization. The old system sometimes had different rulings in different courts, with judges not knowing what happens in other courts, such as a circuit judge handling a divorce may not know a ruling in probate.

"I'm a person who is able to listen to individuals and get people to focus on solutions."

Sullivan



Sullivan

Sullivan, 43, worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney of felony trials in Wayne County for four years until 1988 when he went to the firm of Thomas, DeGrood and Witenoff.

Sullivan received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Wayne State University and a law degree from Detroit College of Law.

As a prosecutor, Sullivan has prosecuted such high profile cases such as the father who shot and killed his 16-year-old daughter in Dearborn and a case where a child reached under the bed for gun and shot himself.

Sullivan points out that he received a "well-qualified" ranking from the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association's public advisory committee. All the other candidates received the ranking of "qualified."

For 19 years, he's also run a free legal clinic at Holy Trinity Church in Detroit, Sullivan said.

Sullivan also serves as a fellow and life member of the Michigan Bar Foundation since 1985. Membership is limited to 5 percent of the active membership of the State Bar of Michigan.

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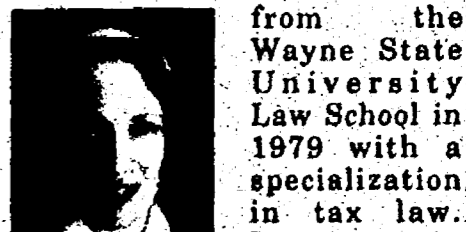
the Court of Appeals in 1982. He is married to the former Shirleyann Chennault and has two children.

White and Wahls were each rated "outstanding" by the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association.

The challengers are Wayne County Circuit Court judges Susan Bieke Neilson (rated "well qualified") and Helen Brown ("qualified") and 17th District Court Judge Daniel Patrick Ryan ("qualified").

Ryan, 36, grew up in Redford Township and got his law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School. He was appointed to the 17th District Court by Engler in 1994. The Michigan Supreme Court made him the chief judge of the 17th District Court in 1996. Ryan also presides as a visiting judge in the Wayne County Circuit Court. He was previously a trial attorney at Plunkett & Cooney.

Brown, 49, got her law degree



Bieke Neilson

from the Wayne State University Law School in 1979 with a specialization in tax law. Brown was in private practice from that time until her election as Recorder's Court judge in 1990. She was appointed to the Family Division of the Wayne County Circuit Court in 1997.

Bieke Neilson, 41, grew up on the east side of Detroit and got her law degree from the Wayne State University Law School in 1980. After 11 years in private practice, she was elected to the Wayne County Circuit Court in 1992 and re-elected in 1996. Bieke Neilson has been married for 20 years to Jeff Neilson. They have two daughters.

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SMILE WITH ME I'm an outgoing Born-Again SWCM, 35, 6'3", who enjoys outdoor activities, sports, boating and am in search of a SCF, 24-40, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3061

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FOCUS ON WINE



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New Zealand wines make market splash

Some of the best wine regions of the world tout the merits of their maritime climate. Coastal wine regions are warmed by sunlight during the day and cooled by sea breezes at night. Grapes grown in these ideal conditions are referred to as "cool climate."

New Zealand's two main islands (known simply as North Island and South Island), create a long narrow country where no site is greater than 80 miles from the sea. White grapes, in particular sauvignon blanc and chardonnay, and red pinot noir have a happy homeland in New Zealand.

French and English missionaries brought grape vines to New Zealand over 150 years ago, but it was not until the 1980s that New Zealand wines with intense, high level varietal aromas and flavors began to make international waves. Some very good wines from Giesen Estate and Tasman Bay are now making a big splash in our market.

Wine Picks

Take the heat out of the peak of summer with chilled white wines. All of the following whites will complement prawns and shrimp, seared sea scallops, fresh crab, smoked fish, cheese souffle, and Mediterranean-style vegetable dishes.

■ Pick of the Pack: 1997 Preston Vignier. \$22 is brimming with fresh summer fruit aromas and flavors such as peaches and pears.

■ Take the heat out with: 1997 La Vieille Ferme (France), white Rhone blend \$7.50; 1997 Clos du Bois Sauvignon Blanc \$8.50; 1996 Simi Sauvignon Blanc \$12.50; 1996 Quivira Sauvignon Blanc Reserve - nice oak style \$16; 1997 Iron Horse Fume Blanc - very stylish \$18; and 1997 Iron Horse Vignier brimming with fresh peach notes \$18.

■ Best buy red from France: 1996 La Vieille Ferme blend of Grenache, Cinsault and Mourvedre sporting new label \$7.50.

While the styles of the wines and other considerations about Giesen and Tasman Bay are quite different, the owners have one element in common - neither are native New Zealanders.

Home in New Zealand

Brothers Theo, Alex and Marcel Giesen, owners of the estate, are natives of Germany. Following a desire to go some place "far away," they made New Zealand their new home. Marcel is the schooled winemaker. Theo and Alex assist during the harvest, but market their family wines through-

out the rest of the year.

California native Philip Jones has degrees from California's best universities specializing in grapegrowing and winemaking. After spending 18 years as a consultant to the horticultural industry, conducting research and development in California, he and his wife Cindy sought a smaller population, less congestion and a temperate climate.

"We went to New Zealand, found it a lot like California and fell in love with the country," Jones said. There the couple founded the brands Tasman Bay and Spencer Hill (not yet available in this market, but probably soon).

By New Zealand standards, Giesen is large, producing 60,000 cases annually and includes Selwyn River as a Giesen second label. The Jones' operation is 10,000 cases.

Recommendations

■ 1997 Giesen Estate Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, \$14.50 is an unoaked wine highlighting the varietal intensity of the grape and finishing fresh and crisp.

■ 1997 Giesen Estate Chardonnay, Canterbury, \$16 is big and full, but very balanced. Definitely not an

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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- Main Dish Miracle



Chill out...

with quick, easy summer desserts

Easy, that's the name of the game for Eleanor Bailey of Redford, especially in the summertime when the last thing she wants to do is turn on the oven.

Bailey's Crunchy Fudge Sandwiches are a hit at her husband Bert's company picnic. "I made them a couple of times, and they just disappeared," she said. The recipe is nearly 20 years old, and came from a booklet - "Baking Made Easy," written by Mrs. Marie Silverstein and her students at Pierson Junior High in Redford.

"I like to make desserts more than main dishes," said Bailey, who cooks most every night. Strawberry Fluff is another one of her favorite no-bake summertime desserts. "Most people like strawberries," she said. "It's easy."

The crust is made with store bought angel food cake torn into bite size pieces. It's topped with a mixture of strawberry Jell-O, sliced strawberries and Cool Whip.

Mary Piontek of Redford would rather bake than cook, but every night, no matter what, she cooks dinner for her husband, David, and 18-month-old daughter, Madeline.

"My husband gets a home cooked meal everyday," she said. "You can make time for things that are important. Life is centered around meals. They say the kitchen is the heart of the home."

Piontek's Best Banana Pie is a family favorite. "It's easy, and the almond flavor is a nice surprise," she said. "This cream pie is also very light."

Her recipe is three or four recipes combined. "I changed things and added things," she said. "I have a lot of my grandma's cookbooks. People always like this pie. The almond flavor surprises them."

She got the idea from a breakfast she and her husband enjoyed at a bed and breakfast. "They served French toast and bananas soaked in Amaretto. Almond is one of my favorite flavorings. I never thought of combining it with bananas until then."

If you crave chocolate, consider Mocha Frost Dessert (pictured above) - fat-free or low-fat coffee and chocolate-flavored frozen yogurt or ice cream are layered onto a crunchy wheat germ crust laced with cinnamon and brown sugar. The wheat germ adds a delicious nut-like flavor that compliments

the mocha filling.

Lime Twist Daiquiri Pie takes the flavor of one of summer's favorite beverages - the daiquiri - and turns it into a delicious, tropical dessert.

The crunchy oatmeal cookie crust is easy and bakes in just 15 minutes. The rum and tangy-lime flavored filling is made with reduced or fat-free cream cheese, condensed milk and whipped topping.

A chocolate-lover's dream, Frozen Chocolate Mint "Julep" Squares features a minty chocolate ice cream filling in a quick and easy chocolate oatmeal cookie crust. Using fat-free ice cream and whipped topping cuts the fat, but not the flavor. A sprinkling of crispy chocolate oatmeal cookie crumbs is a delicious finale in this triple-layer frozen dessert.

Both of these oat crusts are very versatile. Simply bake either crust and fill with fat-free ice cream or frozen yogurt, layering several different flavors if you prefer. Or swirl ice cream topping through the softened ice cream before spooning it into the crust and freezing.

See recipes inside.

Preserve fruits, vegetables to enjoy later

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Harvest time is fast approaching. Now that your garden is growing by leaps and bounds, what do you do with the fruits (vegetables and herbs) of your labor? There are many ways to preserve home-grown produce. The advantage is that you can consume the freshest foods possible in or out of season.

Growing your own produce, and especially herbs, is a highly economical way of obtaining a nutritious diet.

Food preservation methods

Anne Kohls, Living Better Sensibly's Healthy Home Cooking program chef, suggests these methods for preserving the fruits of your labor:

■ Canning - Yields the best quality results with fewest risks. Canning maintains integrity of the product, natural color, fresh flavor and generally high nutritive value.

Canning also prevents moisture loss and reactions with oxygen which, in turn, prevents the activity of food enzymes that can destroy the food. However, you may lose nutrients, specifically in vegetables. Canning also takes time, and requires special equipment. Organization and following directions carefully are very important to avoid the risk of food poisoning.

■ Cold storage or Root Cellaring - Is the easiest, fastest and oldest form of food preservation and perfect for our climate. However, you must have a basement or outdoor cellar. You can create an outdoor storage facility by digging mounds and trenches in

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—Cathy Fresia,

Huntington Woods Seed and Sod Garden Club

the ground, below frost level. Root crops such as beets, cabbage, and potatoes can be stored for up to eight months, unwashed, in cardboard boxes, baskets, crates or containers in a cool and dry atmosphere. Late fall is a good time to use this method.

■ Drying - Fruit, vegetables, herbs and spices can be dried or dehydrated using special equipment. Apples, bananas, cherries, grapes, peaches, nectarines, pineapple and pears are most popular fruits to dry. Vegetables that work well include beans, beets, carrots, mushrooms, peppers, tomatoes, squash.

You can dry foods any time of year. Make baby food at half the cost by adding water to dried fruits or vegetables and then blending them. Drying herbs and spices is very easy. You can hang them, or use a conventional oven or dehydrator.

■ Freezing - Freezing can be done as soon as produce is ripe. You can freeze anything that you would normally eat cooked such as green beans, broccoli, tomatoes, and carrots. Freezing vegetables is both convenient and fast. All you need is a heavy duty pot to blanch your foods and plastic containers or heavy duty freezer bags for storage.

If you're interested in preserving foods, pick up a copy of "The Ball Blue Book: Guide to Home Can-

ning, Freezing & Dehydration." It explains how to safely can, freeze and dehydrate fruits and vegetables. Look for the "Blue Book," wherever canning supplies are sold, or call 1-(800)-240-3340.

Cathy Fresia, vice president of the Huntington Woods Seed and Sod Garden Club, has an organic garden in her backyard. Cathy feels strongly about organic herbs.

"If your herbs are not organic, removal of water in the drying process makes for a high concentration of pesticides in the finished product," she said.

Satisfaction guaranteed

"Canning is the most satisfying form of food preservation," she said. "When I walk downstairs to my basement, I can see the beautifully canned foods that sit on my shelves."

She uses her canned foods for gifts and exchanges home canned products at Christmas-time with friends and family.

Preservation of food has endless possibilities. Learning how to preserve foods can be a very rewarding experience for children. Having a pantry stocked with homemade spaghetti sauce, fruits, and vegetables is a time saver for families on the go. Canned and dried fruits and vegetables can be healthy, nutritious snacks, and additions to tasty meals.

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Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste. See recipes inside.

Whip up these cool desserts when temperatures soar

See related story on Taste front. This refreshing frozen dessert is courtesy of Kretschmer Wheat Germ.

MOCHA FROST DESSERT

- 1 1/4 cups Kretschmer wheat germ, any flavor
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon plus additional for garnish
- 1 egg white
- 2 teaspoons water
- 1 pint (2 cups) fat-free or low-fat coffee frozen yogurt or ice cream, slightly softened
- 1 pint (2 cups) fat-free or low-fat chocolate frozen yogurt or ice cream, slightly softened
- Fat-free whipped topping (optional)

Heat oven to 350°F. In small bowl, combine wheat germ, brown sugar and 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon. Measure out 1 1/4 cups wheat germ mixture; reserve remaining. In medium bowl, beat together egg white and water with fork until frothy. Stir in 1 1/4 cups wheat germ mixture, mixing until dry ingredients are evenly moistened. Press onto bottom of

ungreased 8-inch square baking pan. Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely on wire rack.

Spread coffee frozen yogurt over cooled crust. Freeze 30 minutes or until top feels firm to the touch. Spoon chocolate frozen yogurt over coffee frozen yogurt, spreading to edges of pan. Sprinkle with reserved wheat germ mixture, gently pressing into yogurt. Cover and freeze until solid. At least 3 hours. To serve, cut into 8 rectangles. Top with whipped topping, if desired, and cinnamon. Serves 8.

Crunchy Fudge Sandwiches and Strawberry Fluff are compliments of Eleanor Bailey of Redford.

CRUNCHY FUDGE SANDWICHES

- Butter to grease pan
- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 4 cups Rice Krispies
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons soft margarine

Butter a 9-by-9-by-2-inch pan. In a small saucepan, melt butterscotch chips and peanut butter over low heat. Stir until smooth.

In a large bowl add 4 cups Rice Krispies, stir butterscotch mixture

into Rice Krispies.

Press half of cereal mixture into buttered pan. Chill for 30 minutes.

In a small saucepan, add and stir while melting, 1 tablespoon water, 1 cup chocolate chips, 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar, 2 tablespoons soft margarine.

Spread chocolate mixture over cold cereal mixture. Cover with rest of the Rice Krispy/butterscotch mixture. Chill 45 minutes, cut into squares.

STRAWBERRY FLUFF

- 1 purchased angel food cake
- 1 (8 ounce) tub Cool Whip
- 1 (3 ounce) package Jell-O
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- 1 (10 ounce) package sliced frozen strawberries (thawed)
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- Pinch of salt

Dissolve Jell-O into 1 1/2 cups boiling water. Stir in strawberries, sugar, and pinch of salt. Cool until mixture thickens, 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

Cut 3/4 of the angel food cake into bite-size pieces. Set the other 1/4 aside for later, or eat it while you work. Put the angel food cake pieces in the bottom of 9-by-13-inch Pyrex baking dish.

After Jell-O thickens, fold in Cool Whip. Pour mixture over

angel food cake. Refrigerate 4-5 hours or overnight. Cut into squares to serve.

This Best Banana Pie recipe is compliments of Mary Piontek. "I use very, very ripe bananas," she said. When the skins of your bananas start to turn black, don't throw them out, make banana pie.

BEST BANANA PIE

- 1 baked 9-inch pie shell
- 3/4 cup sugar (divided)
- 1/3 cup cornstarch
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 5 egg yolks
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 1/2 teaspoons almond extract
- 3 1/2 very ripe bananas
- 1 1/2 cups heavy (whipping) cream

In a saucepan, mix 1/2 cup sugar and cornstarch. Add milk to pan. Cook, stirring over medium heat to thicken (approximately 5 minutes). Remove from heat.

Put egg yolks in a small bowl. Stir 1/3 of the hot mixture into egg yolks. Then stir egg mixture back into remaining hot mixture in pan. Heat again to boiling, stirring constantly, 3-5 minutes until very thick (custard like).

Remove from stove, stir in but-



Fabulous dessert: Lime Twist Daiquiri Pie has a crunchy oatmeal cookie crust, rum and tangy-lime flavored filling.

ter, 1 1/2 teaspoons almond extract. Cover surface with plastic wrap. Cool 20 minutes in pan.

Slice bananas to cover bottom of pie crust. Stir other slices into cooled custard. Pour custard into pie crust. Refrigerate 4 to 5 hours, cover pie with plastic wrap.

Beat whipping cream and 1/4 cup sugar in bowl until stiff peaks form. Uncover pie. Use pastry bag and star tip to top with cream for a fancy, delicious pie.

Here's a recipe from Quaker Oats. If you want, just make the crust and fill it with fat-free ice cream or frozen yogurt, layering several different flavors if you prefer. Or, swirl ice cream topping through the softened ice cream before spooning it into the crust and freezing.

LIME TWIST DAIQUIRI PIE

- 1 cup Quaker oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 5 tablespoons stick margarine, melted
- One 8-ounce package reduced-fat cream cheese
- One 14-ounce can fat-free sweetened condensed milk
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons dark rum or 1

- 1/2 teaspoons rum extract
- 2 teaspoons grated lime peel
- One (8 ounce) container frozen fat-free or reduced-fat whipped topping, thawed and divided
- Sliced fresh strawberries (optional)

To make crust. Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray 9-inch glass pie plate with cooking spray. In medium bowl, combine oats, flour and brown sugar; mix well. Add margarine; mix well (mixture will be crumbly). Press firmly onto bottom and sides of pie plate.

Bake 13 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely on wire rack.

In large bowl, beat cream cheese with electric mixer until smooth. Add sweetened condensed milk, lime juice, rum and lime peel; beat well. Reserve 1 cup whipped topping; cover and refrigerate. Stir remaining whipped topping into cream cheese mixture; mix well. Spoon into cooled crust, spreading evenly. Cover and chill 5 hours or overnight.

Cut pie into wedges. Top with reserved whipped topping and, if desired, sliced strawberries. Store tightly covered in freezer. Serves 10.

Wine from page B1

overblown California style.

Marlborough is a region where grapes have been grown since 1973, but the biggest progress has been made in the last 10 years. Canterbury, while known for chardonnay, is becoming an exciting region for pinot noir.

Giesen Canterbury Pinot Noir from the 1998 vintage won't be available for another year.

■ 1997 Tasman Bay Nelson Oak-Aged Sauvignon Blanc \$17.50 states its difference on the label. It was fermented and aged in a combination of French

and American oak. The region is Nelson, located at the northern tip of South Island. Most New Zealand sauvignon blancs are unoaked. Additionally, the wine is blended with 15 percent semillon which fills in any voids and rounds out the palate.

"With 285 wineries all making sauvignon blanc in New Zealand, I wanted to be different," Jones remarked. Different for New Zealand, perhaps, but this wine has international flare.

If you find New Zealand sauvignon blancs a tad too high in acid, the Tasman Bay is not. It underwent 100 percent malolactic fermentation that changed very tart acids to those that are milder.

■ 1997 Tasman Bay Chardon-

nay, Marlborough \$19.50 is also fully barrel fermented and aged in French and American oak. Its acid levels were tempered by malolactic fermentation. The wine is a superb blend of all that's great about cool climate New Zealand wines, bright apple fruit and citrus accents, but it is very balanced in the finish with just the right acid and fruit punch. An American has made a New Zealand wine definitely suited to American palates.

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Once upon a time there was a young man named Bob who loved to run in the morning and work in the meat business after school. In fact, he loved working in the meat business so much that he wished he could own a meat market some day. He continued to work and learn everything he could about the meat business. So where was Bob? He was the manager of the meat department at Chatham's. His passion for his work was unsurpassed until he ran into a different passion.

Her name was Cindy. He hired her to work in his meat department and quickly learned that she was a woman he could be a lifelong partner with, both in and out of the business world. She was a hard worker, a true wine connoisseur and she shared his dream to own a store of their own. So where was Bob? Well, twenty-some years ago he and Cindy were at the altar saying "I Do," and planning their next commitment; to open a party store of their own.

From that party store they went on to other ventures until they met another Bob and decided to go into partnership with him. So where was Bob? Co-managing Bob's Farm Market in Westland. During this partnership he and Cindy dreamed of a different kind of market. A magical place where customers could shop and not have to wait in long lines. Where they could find specialty spices and seasonings to add flavor to their favorite recipes. A place where they could discover new ways to prepare quality cuts of meat, poultry or seafood.

Bob and Cindy were so determined to make their dream come true that they should their interest in Bob's Farm Market and journeyed to Canton. So where was Bob? He was busy opening his new market, Bob's of Canton. If you didn't know what to serve for dinner or how to prepare a certain cut of meat you could just "ask Bob." HE was always willing to share his vast knowledge of food, preparation with his customers. And if you couldn't find Bob, he had trained all of his employees so well that any of them could answer your questions. Or they would find someone who could. This was the special kind of service Bob had always dreamed of for his store.

His dedication to customer satisfaction grew out of a genuine love of people. So where was Bob? He could be found lending his freezer to an elderly couple who had just lost power and desperately needed some place to store their perishables. Or may-be he was in the back room preparing one of the 732 food baskets for the less fortunate of Holy Trinity. And sometimes he was out in the parking lot sponsoring a fund raiser for his other favorite cause, the "Make-a-Wish" Foundation. Now Bob was able to help make the wishes of others come true!

Just when Bob thought all of his dreams had come true, something else happened. The owner of the old Bob's Farm Market building called. It seems that the other Bob had since gone out of business and the old building was in need of a new tenant, as well as some tender loving care! So where was Bob? Back in Westland totally rebuilding and equipping a NEW Bob's of Canton-Westland! He

could be found tearing out everything and putting in all new flooring, walls, shelves and fixtures. Or he could be found sealing up the windows to make more wall space for a larger variety of unique foods, spices and seasonings. Or may-be he was in the meat department stocking his beautiful new display fixtures with the highest quality meats, poultry or seafood. When all was said and done, Bob had returned to Westland to build the kind of store he and Cindy had dreamed of there, just years before!

So where IS Bob? He's now in Canton AND Westland working his magic with quality meats, poultry, seafood and so much more. And offering the kind of customer service the citizens of Westland and Canton have always dreamed of experiencing! So if you're looking for quality, value and service "just ask Bob"! And remember what Bob says, "Don't be afraid to make a wish...dreams really do come true!" Come see for yourself!

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Casserole is a flavorful way to use up summer squash

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

Once the zucchini season starts, the supply of summer squash seems to increase faster than you can get a sunburn. The year I shared a country house, complete with its own garden, the zucchini situation got so out of hand that we even tried playing softball with the squash that had grown to the size of a baseball bat. Since then, I have settled on three more practical strategies for using zucchini. They should help you cope with even the most enormous glut.

My first strategy is to reach for the grater. Shredded zucchini can be used in much more than cake and muffins. Try it in a casserole; toss it raw, with lemon juice and a drizzle of olive oil to make a light "slaw," or sauté it with chopped scallions and basil. This last dish is an easy way to use large amounts of zucchini, since the squash cooks down in the pan like fresh spinach.

As much as zucchini itself, I love eating the squash's golden blossoms. They are one of summer's unique delicacies, as well as a great way to literally nip an over-abundance of squash in the bud. If you don't garden, check your local farmer's market, or ask neighbors and friends to

pluck some of their zucchini blossoms for you.

One way of eating zucchini blossoms is to wilt the blossoms in a dab of butter, then pour eggs beaten with extra whites over them to make a special fritata. You can also enjoy their buttery flavor by tossing a handful into the pan when you sauté grated zucchini or make zucchini risotto. Add the flowers near the end of the cooking so they retain their shape and texture.

As a last resort, when I have exhausted all of my zucchini recipes and the squash continue to produce faster than rabbits, my generous nature takes over. I load up the back seat of my car with my excess supply and pay a visit to my city-dwelling friends. Neighbors in my apartment building are delighted to get a garden-fresh taste of summer's bounty. One woman even requests the baseball bat-size squash; shredded, they make the best zucchini bread.

This "en-lightened" version of an old-fashioned casserole is great for two reasons: it uses a fair amount of zucchini and, it has a rich creamy flavor the whole family will enjoy.

ZUCCHINI AND RICE CASSEROLE

- 1 cup fat-free ricotta cheese
- 2/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 1 whole egg, plus 1 egg white
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 cups cooked long-grain white rice
- 3 cups shredded zucchini, 2 medium squash
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions, about 4, green and white parts
- 2 tablespoons dry bread crumbs

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Spray a 2-quart casserole with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, combine the ricotta, one-half cup of the Parmesan cheese, the mayonnaise, whole egg and egg white, salt and pepper.

Add the rice, zucchini and scallions and stir into the cheese until evenly blended. Spread the mixture into the prepared casserole.

Sprinkle the bread crumbs over the rice mixture, followed by the remaining Parmesan.

Bake the casserole, uncovered 30 minutes, until it is hot and



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lightly browned on top. Each the six servings contains 299 calories and 9 grams of fat.

Recipe and information written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by Dana

Jacobi, author of "Claypot Cooking," and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!"

Casserole: This old-fashioned casserole uses a fair amount of zucchini, and has a rich creamy flavor the whole family will love.

Stock up on homemade pickles, zucchini relish

See related Living Better Sensibly column on Taste front.

Join Beverly Price and Chef Annabel Cohen for a variety of fall educational programs and cooking classes, call (248) 539-9424 for more information.

To receive Anne Kohls' booklet on food preservation, send \$7.50 (includes tax and shipping) to Food Preservation, 28592 Orchard Lake Road, Suite #305, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

Here are two of Anne's favorite recipes.

SOUR PICKLES

- 2 quarts cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup dry mustard
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup pickling salt
- 60-80 tiny cucumbers (1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches long)

Combine the vinegar, mustard, sugar, and salt. Pour into a clean gallon jar or container.

Add the cucumbers. Let stand for 7 days in a cool place.

Preheat hot tap water in the

canner; prepare the jars and lids. Meanwhile, drain the pickles and save the brine. Pack the pickles in clean jars. Fill the jars with the saved brine to cover the pickles. Leave 1/2-inch headspace.

Process for 10 minutes in the preheated boiling water bath canner. Start counting time as soon as water returns to boiling.

Cool in sealed jars. Check seals. Remove screw bands. Label. Store.

Yield 7-8 quarts

ZUCCHINI RELISH

- 10 cups finely chopped zucchini
- 4 cups finely chopped onion
- 1 green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 sweet red pepper, finely chopped
- 5 tablespoons pickling salt
- 2 1/2 cups white vinegar
- 1 large cayenne pepper with seeds
- 1 tablespoon nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon dry mustard
- 1 tablespoon turmeric

- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 teaspoons celery salt
- 4 1/2 cups water

Chop the vegetables and sprinkle salt over them. Mix well. Let stand overnight.

Drain the vegetables. Rinse thoroughly with cold tap water. Drain again.

Place the vegetables in a large kettle with the remaining ingredients. Puree the cayenne pepper in blender with a little of the vinegar for better flavor. Bring to a boil. Simmer for 30-45 minutes until thick. Meanwhile, preheat hot tap water and jars in canner. Prepare lids.

Pack jars, leave 1/2-inch headspace.

Put filled jars in preheated canner. Process for 10 minutes once the water has returned to a boil.

Cool jars. Check seals. Remove screw bands. Label. Store.

Yield 7 pints.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Infant learning

Even before infants comprehend the spoken or written word, reading to them helps develop language and listening skills, according to developmental experts.

Reading to infants is the fascinating topic of August's "Pathways to Parenting," a free support group sponsored by Botsford Hospital. This month's group meets 12:30-2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5 at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 46200 Ten Mile Road (just west of Taft) in Novi.

Pathways to Parenting meets the first Wednesday of each month. It gives moms an opportunity to network with peers, share concerns and obtain information.

Call (248) 477-6100.

Hospice volunteers

Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital needs daytime volunteers for Hospice of Washtenaw, which serves many Wayne County communities. Volunteers are needed stay with patients while the caretaker takes a much needed break and to provide bereavement follow-up with family members. Training consists of 18 hours, starting Tuesday, Aug. 18 at the hospice office, 806 Airport Blvd. in Ann Arbor. Pre-registration required. Call Gail Marie at (734) 327-3413.

Kudos for Ford Hospital

Henry Ford Hospital has been ranked one of America's best hospitals for its excellence in seven special care areas, according to a recent issue of "U.S. News and World Report" magazine.

The hospital was chosen from 1,985 nationwide hospitals that met the magazine's criteria for its annual "America's Best Hospitals" survey. There are 6,400 hospitals in the United States.

The survey named 132 hospitals in 16 specialties: Henry Ford ranked 20th in pulmonary disease, 23rd in cardiology and cardiac surgery, 24th in neurology and neurosurgery, 26th in gastroenterology, 27th in orthopedics, 30th in cancer, and 31st in otolaryngology.

Henry Ford was one of just three Michigan hospitals to make the list. The other two were University of Michigan Medical Center and William Beaumont Hospital.

Cancer march

Attention, cancer survivors! Enter a drawing to march into Michigan Stadium with the University of Michigan Marching Band at the U of M/Michigan State football game Sept. 26. One hundred cancer survivors will be selected.

In conjunction with "THE MARCH - Coming together to conquer cancer," a national campaign to win the war against cancer, the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center is holding a cancer awareness rally during the pre-game show at the stadium. Cancer survivors will be part of the band formation during the rally.

To enter the drawing for an opportunity to march into Michigan Stadium, call (800) 742-2300 and press category 9268. All entries must be received by Aug. 24.

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 Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/now hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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Sleep disorders

Over 35 million Americans complain about insomnia

Oh, for a good night's sleep, some peaceful zzz's, a little shut-eye.

Not everybody is as fortunate as Rip Van Winkle, who snoozed for 30 years, most likely in sleep's deepest and most health-restorative delta and REM stages.

Facts compiled by St. Mary Hospital Sleep Disorders Unit indicate more than 35 million Americans complain about chronic insomnia and one in four Americans over age 60 suffer from sleep apnea or experience disturbed breathing.

Dr. Mark Villeneuve, a pulmonologist and director of the Sleep Disorders Unit, said a person deprived of one night's sleep is equivalent to being legally drunk. "You can imagine if someone has sleep apnea on a steel girder."

Consider these implications of sleep deprivation:

- Sleep experts have linked lack of sleep with major catastrophes like the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989, the Three Mile Island nuclear accident in 1979, the space shuttle Challenger explosion in 1986, and the Chernobyl nuclear reactor explosion in 1986.

- The Michigan Sleep Disorders Association reports that sleepiness behind the wheel is associated with 240,000 motor vehicle accidents in the United States each year, with 60,000 fatalities.

- A National Sleep Foundation survey released in March 1998 reported 23 percent of 1,027 Americans surveyed had fallen asleep while driving.

- The Institute of Circadian Physiology says sleeping problems in work-place - the result of irregular shifts or medical disorders - cost companies about \$70 billion annually in lost productivity, medical bills, and industrial accidents.

Sleep study: Registered sleep technician Edna Ouilette demonstrates the placement of electrodes and a device that measures breathing on patient John Chelenyak of Livonia prior to a sleep study. Chelenyak has sleep apnea.



compromised," said Dr. Thomas Gravelyn, director of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Sleep Disorders Center.

Middle-aged men weighing 120 percent of their ideal weight and with collar sizes of 18 inches and over (and women with collar sizes of 16 inches and over) are most at risk for sleep apnea. As their neck sizes increase, their air passageways decrease in size. Interruption in oxygen flow causes the basal metabolic rate to go down.

"It's almost impossible for them to be treated for obesity without the sleep apnea being treated," said Villeneuve.

Other causes of sleep apnea include a backwards displaced jaw, huge tongue, backwards positioned soft palate, large uvula, and use of alcohol or sleep aids.

Sleep's stages

Normal sleep consists of two major states: REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep and NREM (nonREM) sleep. NREM sleep is further divided into four deepening sleep stages. Sleep typically begins with stage 1, light sleep, before progressing into the later stages. Stages 3 and 4, also called delta sleep, provide the deepest sleep. Our fifth stage is REM sleep, the place of dreams.

The National Sleep Institute says our sleep needs remain constant throughout adulthood, including our golden years. Most of us still require the same seven to nine hours of sleep a night that we did when we were younger.

However, middle-aged and elderly people spend less time in deeper sleep than younger people. By age 60 or 70, many adults experience a decrease in the proportion of time spent in delta sleep.

The NSI also reports that middle-aged and elderly people suffer from

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Sleep apnea

With sleep apnea, severe and prolonged snoring occurs when the breathing airway becomes obstructed. Breathing briefly stops (apnea), causing oxygen levels to drop. The person then wakes from a deep sleep, often gasping for air.

Besides chronic fatigue and nodding off during the day, Villeneuve said medical risks of sleep apnea include high blood pressure, heart attack and stroke. Sadly, sleep apnea is also linked to a three- to seven-time increase in risk for falling asleep at the wheel.

Sleep apnea is most associated with the obese, although studies have shown the obesity-sleep apnea connection in the elderly is much less pronounced.

According to the National Sleep Institute, 4 percent of middle-aged men and 2 percent of middle-aged women suffer from sleep apnea. After age 65, the figure rises to 28 percent for men and 24 percent for women.

John Chelenyak, 73, of Livonia suffered from sleep apnea for several years before seeking help.

"I snored loudly, and my wife noticed my shallow breathing and that I would sometimes gasp for air. It was getting to the point where I was waking up two or three times a night, and it was interfering with her sleep almost nightly."

Last February Chelenyak had a sleep study done at St. Mary Hospital and received a diagnosis of sleep apnea.

Villeneuve recommended the use of "continuous positive airway pressure" or CPAP. Chelenyak began

wearing a mask over his nose at night that emitted air pressure in waves, which created an air splint to hold his airway open during sleep.

"My wife noticed that I slept through the night the first couple of times I used the CPAP device. There was a remarkable difference in my sleep."

Studies have shown CPAP is 85 percent effective, and surgery is 40-50 percent effective in treating sleep apnea.

"Usually the trade-off of the discomfort of wearing the mask is more than balanced by the sense of well-being and productivity that had been

Rules for 'sleep hygiene'

You may wash behind your ears and brush your teeth every day, but that doesn't mean you have good "sleep hygiene." Here's a few rules from the sleep experts:

- Sleep only as much as needed to feel refreshed and healthy. Curtailing time in bed solidifies sleep; excessive time in bed leads to fragmented and shallow sleep.
- Get up at the same time in the morning. Don't compensate by sleeping late. Remember, it's the time you get up that sets your sleep clock.
- Daily exercise can deepen sleep. However, vigorous exercise should cease three hours before bedtime.
- Do not go to bed on a full stomach; a light snack is OK.
- Occasional loud noises (aircraft flyovers) disturb sleep even though you don't wake up and cannot remember them in the morning. Sound-proof your bedroom as much as possible if you must sleep close to noise.
- Excessively warm rooms may disturb sleep; however, there is no evidence that excessively cold rooms solidify sleep.
- An occasional sleeping pill may help, but their chronic use is ineffective in most insomniacs.
- Caffeine (including chocolate) in the evening disturbs sleep, even in those who believe it doesn't.
- Alcohol helps tense people fall asleep more easily, but the ensuing sleep is disruptive and fragmented.
- The chronic use of tobacco disturbs sleep.
- Leave your troubles behind. Download your mind at least a half hour before sleep.
- Do not read or watch TV in bed. Your bedroom should be associated with sleep.
- If you cannot sleep, do not allow yourself to get angry or frustrated. Get up and do something else. Turn your clocks around or cover their faces. Your body will tell you when it's time to sleep.

Mortality rates higher for disadvantaged

Scientists, policy makers and pundits have generally assumed that disadvantaged Americans have higher mortality rates primarily because they more often engage in risky health behaviors. Not true.

Health-risk behaviors such as smoking, drinking, lack of physical activity, and being overweight account for only a small part of the excess mortality among Americans with low levels of income and education, according to Paula Lantz, assistant professor of health management and policy at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Lantz's study, titled "Socioeconomic Factors, Health Behaviors and Mortality: Results from a Nationally-Representative Prospective Study of U.S. Adults," appeared in the June 3 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The study investigated the association between high mortality rates, socioeconomic position, and four behavioral risk factors - cigarette smoking, alcohol consumption, physical activity and weight. Using a national sample of 3,617 adults first interviewed in 1986, Lantz and her colleagues examined the impact of education, income and these health behaviors on the risk of dying in the next 7.5 years.

Compared with people with annual

family incomes over \$30,000, those with incomes of less than \$10,000 were over three times as likely to die. Those with incomes between \$10,000 and \$30,000 were more than twice as likely to die.

The increased prevalence of health risk behaviors, however, did not explain the higher rate of age-adjusted mortality among those with lower incomes.

"After taking baseline health status and personal health behaviors into account, we found that people with lower incomes still had a much higher risk of dying," said Lantz.

A combination of other factors associated with lower income likely play a greater role than personal lifestyle factors in explaining the elevated mortality risk. These factors include the greater chronic and acute stresses of daily life, decreased social supports, lower self-esteem, heightened levels of anger and hostility, and a decreased sense of control.

Other key elements thought to be associated with high mortality rates among the disadvantaged include increased exposure to occupational and environmental health hazards, and lack of preventive medical care.

Programs designed at improving individual health behaviors have limited

potential for reducing socioeconomic disparities in mortality. This gap is due to more than lifestyle choices and therefore would persist even with improved health behaviors, Lantz said.

"The bottom line here is that income differences in mortality are due to a lot

more than health risk behaviors. If we just focus on personal health behaviors in our policies and programs, we will not adequately address, much less reduce, the large economic and social inequalities in health that exist in this country."

Weight management programs offered by health care providers

The National Institutes of Health recently released new federal guidelines determining body mass index (BMI), a height-to-weight ratio correlated to risk factors of obesity. The Observer ran an article on BMI last Sunday, July 26.

The following list of area health providers offers weight-management programs taught by registered dietitians and certified diabetes educators:

St. Mary
LifeSteps - 12-week program that includes materials, \$225.
Free orientation: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9
Classes: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept.

16 to Dec. 2
Call Community Outreach Department at (734) 656-2922 or (800) 494-1650. (Individual nutrition counseling also available.)

Oakwood
Quick & Easy Low-Fat Cooking, Healthy Eating on the Run, Healthy Eating for the Whole Family, Supermarket Nutrition (class offered in August).

Call (800) 543-WEILL for more information.

Oakland Healthcare Center-Westland also has several psychiatrists on staff for counseling on eating disorder.

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Sleep

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least four sleep disorders in numbers far greater than younger people: sleep apnea, restless legs syndrome, periodic limb movements disorder, and advanced sleep phase syndrome.

Insomnia

Signs of insomnia include difficulty falling asleep, waking up frequently during the night with difficulty returning to sleep, waking up too early in the morning, and unrefreshing sleep. Insomnia results in tiredness, a lack of energy, difficulty concentrating, and irritability during the day.

However, insomnia is a symptom, not a disorder in itself. Villeneuve said don't confuse an insomnia with a "night owl," whose sleep clock is based on a different set of circadian, or physiological, rhythms.

Transient insomnia is most likely stress related; chronic insomnia is more complex, often involving a combination of underlying physical or mental disorders. One of the most common causes of chronic insomnia is depression.

Depression is often "reactive" and results from the loss of a job or a loved one. It does not require seeing a sleep specialist but needs to be addressed through a family physician.

Physical causes of insomnia include arthritis, kidney disease, heart failure, asthma, sleep apnea, narcolepsy, restless legs syndrome, Parkinson's disease, and hyperthyroidism.

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In the resulting report, Thomas Roth, Ph.D., Health and Scientific Advisor of the National Sleep Foundation and director of the Sleep Disorders Research Center at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit,

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warned:

"People have no idea how important sleep is to their lives. Most of us need eight hours of sound sleep to function at our best, and good health demands good sleep. Conversely, lack of sleep and sleep problems have serious, often life-threatening consequences. This is a case where what we don't know can harm us - and harm those around us."

Thirty-seven percent of those polled reported being so sleepy during the day that it interfered with daily activities, and the percentage increased to 52 percent for shift workers. Those who reported daytime sleepiness believed their job performance dropped by 30 percent and their performance of family duties fell by 50 percent.

Chronic insomnia may also be due to behavioral factors, including the misuse of caffeine, alcohol, or other substances; disrupted sleep/wake cycles resulting from shift work or other nighttime activity schedules; and chronic stress.

Villeneuve said shift-workers need at least four or five days to adjust their sleep clocks. The minimum they should be assigned to a shift is one month.

Sleep clinics

Gravelyn said people experiencing insomnia do not need expensive sleep studies unless they have underlying physical problems. However, with sleep apnea and other physical-based sleep disorders, a sleep study is necessary. Diagnosis and treatment are important. What does diagnosis entail?

In an overnight sleep study at a sleep disorders clinic, individuals are monitored by noninvasive polysomnographic equipment that measures respiration (breathing) and arousal through EEG (brain wave) readings.

The activities that occur during sleep (brain waves, muscle movements, eye movements, breathing through your mouth and nose, snoring, heart rate, leg movements) are monitored by applying small metal discs called electrodes to the head and skin.

Flexible elastic belts are placed round your chest and abdomen to measure your breathing. A clip that fits on your finger or earlobe monitors the level of oxygen in your blood and your heart rate.

Some clinics use regular hospital rooms, while others have set up suites. However, don't expect a find a TV in your room.

"Most of the people are sleep apnea patients, and most are pretty beat" by the time they check in by 9:30 a.m., said Jon Lapinski, head technician at St. Mary Hospital Sleep Disorder Unit.

If the disorder is mild, weight loss, use of pillows, a change in sleep position (avoiding lying on one's back), and abstaining from alcohol and sedatives may be all that's get back into good sleep patterns.

However, if the disordered breathing is moderate to severe, the sleep specialist may recommend the CPAP mask.

With a sleep-related health problem affecting approximately 4 percent of the population, Villeneuve hopes more people will seek help. "With two to three million people in the Detroit metropolitan area, this means that potentially about 100,000 people suffer from sleep-related problems."

Everybody deserves a good night's sleep.

HEALTH NEWSMAKERS

Items for Medical Newsmakers are welcome from throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279. E-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

Research grant

Kimberly Hunter of Livonia has received a graduate student research grant from Central Michigan University.

Graduate student research grants provide \$250 to offset costs associated with conducting research. Hunter, who is pursuing a master's degree in experimental and general psychology, is involved in research that examines the use of positive bedtime routines and white noise to treat sleep problems in infants and children.

She also presented two research papers titled, "An Exploration of Links to the Psychological Adjustment in Adolescent Mothers" and "Assisting Infant Sleep with White Noise: A Telephone Survey" at CMU's Student Research and Creative Endeavors Exhibition in April 1996.

A graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia, Hunter received her bachelor's degree in psychology from CMU. She is the daughter of Morris and Therese Hunter.

Family practitioner

David N. Schindler, M.D., a board-certified physician in family practice, has joined the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor medical staff.

Schindler received his medical degree from Wayne State University and completed a residency in family practice at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He has been a member

of the Oakwood Hospital Family Residency Faculty since 1993.

His office located in Livonia at 37595 Seven Mile Road, Suite 340.

Worldwide research

Dr. E. N. Papisafakis, medical director of cardiology at Garden City Hospital, has been invited to participate in a worldwide research study called ASSENT 11 (Assessment of the Safety and Efficacy of a new Thrombolytic Agent).

The study compares a promising new clot-dissolving drug with a standard clot-buster for the treatment of heart attacks. The new drug is given as a single injection.

Papisafakis is also director of the Cardiology Fellowship Program at Garden City Hospital and serves as medical director of the hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation Program.

Enrollment in the study will continue until November. For more information, contact Terry Carroll, director of community relations, at (734) 458-4267.

Red Cross

David Brandon of Plymouth has been elected to the board of directors of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross. All board members are volunteers.

Brandon, chairman of Valassis Communications, Inc. in Livonia, will serve one year as a vice chairman and will help oversee service to Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

The Red Cross helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Red Cross programs include disaster preparedness and relief, military social services, health and safety education and volunteer and youth services.

HEALTH DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.

MON, AUG 3

TOPS CLUB

TOPS Club, Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Monday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh in Livonia. For more information please call Marilyn at (734) 464-2844.

FOURINE MEETINGS

Meets every Monday (ongoing) at St. Paul Presbyterian Church (5 Mile, one block west of Inkster). Club for men and women who need to take off a few pounds or a lot. Call Doris Knolberg, (422-7595 for more information).

HEART PALS

Support offered for cardiac patients and/or significant others which will meet at 7 p.m. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call 458-4330, Garden City Hospital.

TUE, AUG 4, 6

SAFE SITTER CLASS

The Marian Women's Center will offer a Safe Sitter Class for people ages 11-13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday, August 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Safe Sitter is a medically-accurate instruction series that teaches boys and girls aged 11-13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. Cost, \$40 per student. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

WED, AUG 5

PATHWAYS TO PARENTING

Offers the opportunity for new mothers to network, share concerns and gain information. Free. Aug. 5 program: "Reading to your Baby." Meetings held monthly from 12:30-2 p.m.. Call Botsford at (248) 477-6100.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet on 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia in the West Addition Conference Room B. The guest speaker is Patricia Haney, Exercise Specialist, Cardiovascular Services, St. Mary Hospital. There is no charge to attend the meeting but registration is required.

CANCER SUPPORT

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 655-8940 or toll free 1 (800) 494-1650.

CHILD & INFANT CPR

Offered monthly at 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital approved by the American Heart Association. Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques

are taught in three hour class. Call 458-4330 to register.

DIABETES SUPPORT

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30-7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support at Garden City Hospital.

THUR, AUG. 6

MY BODY, MYSELF WORKSHOP

Two-hour workshop for women only. Thursday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. Preregistration and \$50.00 fee. Information: call Botsford at (248) 477-6100.

TOPS CLUB

TOPS Club, Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Thursday from 9:15-10:30 a.m. at Church of the Holy Spirit, Newburgh Road north of Joy in Livonia. For more information please call Elsie at (734) 522-5444.

JUST FOR DADS CLASS

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a class for new and expectant fathers, "Just for Dads... Childbirth and Beyond," from 7 to 9 p.m. in West Addition B. This two-hour class helps fathers understand feelings and changes associated with the birthing process, how to become an active participant in childbirth, and the new role of fatherhood. Cost, \$15 per person and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

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CHILD ID/BEAR CLINIC

St. Mary Hospital is sponsoring a free Child Identification and Teddy Bear Clinic on Saturday, August 8, from noon to 4 p.m. at Wonderland Mall, at Plymouth and Middlebelt in Livonia. Staff members from St. Mary Hospital will obtain height and weight on each child. Photos will be taken, and a Livonia Police Department officer will fingerprint each child. Children are invited to bring their "injured" stuffed animals to be cared for by St. Mary staff members. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

TUE, AUG. 11

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

Meetings provide mutual aid and support as well as affording the opportunity to share problems/concerns. Meet at 7 p.m. in Classroom #1 of Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Call 458-4330 for information.

MOTHER POSTPARTUM SUPPORT

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will offer a Mother-Baby Support Group from 10-11 a.m. Mothers and their babies are invited to attend this free support group that provides information and emotional support for new moms. Call (734) 655-1100.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

St. Mary Hospital's Marian Women's Center offers a Breast Cancer Support Group that is a free, self-help/education group that provides women the opportunity to share experiences and discuss subjects of mutual concern relating to breast cancer. The support group meets the second Tuesday of each month from

7-8:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Preregistration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

St. Mary Hospital will offer a course on Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday in the Auditorium. Fee, \$25. Register at (734) 655-8940.

WED, AUG 12

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Join other adults with diabetes and family members to ask questions and share problems at the St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Hospital Auditorium near the Five Mile entrance. There is no charge to attend the meeting and registration is not required.

THUR, AUG 13

CANCER SUPPORT

A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. Group meets in the Medical Office Building and is free of charge. Call 458-3311.

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PRE MARITAL COUNSELING CLASS

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Premarital Counseling Class on Thursday, August 13 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Pavilion Conference Room A. Those who wish to marry in Michigan are required to receive information about sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS before applying for a marriage license. Upon completion of the class, each person will receive the certificate necessary to obtain a marriage license. Certificates are valid for 60 days. Registration is required. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Call (734) 655-1100.

MON, AUG. 17

SIBLING CHILD BIRTH CLASS

This sibling birth class prepares children to be present at a birth. \$10 per family thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. Call the Family Birthing Center of Providence Hospital at (248) 424-3919.

FIGURINE MEETINGS

Meets every Monday (ongoing) at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, (5 Mile, one block west of Inkster). Club for men and women who need to take off a few pounds or a lot. Call Doris Knolberg, (422-7595 for more information).

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

St. Mary Hospital will offer an Infant and Child Immunization Program from 5:30-8 p.m. Cost is \$5 per child no matter how many immunizations are given. All state-required immunizations will be administered pending availability of serum, including hepatitis B and H.

Influenza type B, for children under age 18. Please bring all available immunization records with you. No registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

TUE, AUG 18

STROKE SUPPORT

Support for those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group meets free of charge at Garden City Hospital. Call (734) 458-3381.

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT

Social Security disabilities lawyers will be the featured speakers at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Wayne. Sponsored by the Lyme Disease Support Group. No charge. Call Connie (734) 326-3502.

WED, AUG 19

LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT

For people who have had or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords and their family members/friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services. Meets at 2 p.m. free of charge at Garden City Hospital. Call (734) 458-3381 for information.

BREATHERS SUPPORT

A support group for person/and or families with respiratory problems. Meets at 7:30 p.m. in Classroom #2 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building and is free of charge. Call (734) 458-3481 for additional information.

PRENATAL EXERCISE CLASS

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a six-week Pre-Postnatal Exercise Class from August 19 through October 7. The six-week class meets for 60 minutes one day a week and is designed to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle prior to and following delivery. The class will meet in Pavilion Conference Room A from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Cost of the class is \$35 per person. Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

THUR, AUG 20

TOPS CLUB

TOPS Club, Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Thursday from 9:15-10:30 a.m. at Church of the Holy Spirit, Newburgh Road north of Joy in Livonia. For more information please call Elsie at (734) 522-5444.

BREASTFEEDING CLASS

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is committed to providing education and support to area mothers who decide to breast-feed their babies. A Breastfeeding Class is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost of the class is \$20. Pre-registration is requested, but mothers can register at the class. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will sponsor a Community Blood Drive at St. Mary Hospital from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Rooms A and B. This is an important time of year to give blood as supplies are down. To

schedule a time to donate, call St. Mary Hospital at (734) 655-2980. Walk-ins are accepted but appointments are preferred.

MON, AUG 24

BREASTFEEDING CLASS

A one session class providing information to expectant parents on the many positive benefits of breastfeeding. Class meets at 6 p.m. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-4330 for registration information.

TUES. AUG 25

FIBROMYALGIA

Dr. Martin Tamler, specialist in fibromyalgia, will present an overview of research updates and treatment protocols for fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome from 7-9 p.m. at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Pre-registration required. Cost: \$3. Call Sharon (248) 344-4063.

THUR, AUG 27

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Weight

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Call (734) 467-1111 for more information.

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Call (248) 473-5600 to register.

St. Joseph Mercy

NutriWay - 10-week program held at multiple locations, including the Summit in Canton. All classes include taste-testing of new foods and some classes have cooking demos.

ShapeDown - 10-week weight management program for children and teens. Parents and kids work together.

Tasting is Believing - Cooking classes for heart-healthy eating.

Also available: Individual weight counseling, weight control for eating disorders, and weight control support sessions.

Call the St. Joseph Mercy HealthLine at (800) 231-2211.

Take steps to avoid Internet pedophiles



MIKE WENDLAND

If you have Internet access at your home and allow your young children to have access to chat rooms, it is practically impossible for them not to be bombarded by pornography, X-rated ads for Web sites and ... worse.

Much worse. In the past three months, a dozen men have been arrested around the country for using the Internet to sexually prey on young boys and girls. Two of the arrests involved Michigan men, including a 37-year-old Romeo man who used the Internet to try and "buy" a 13-year-old girl for sex.

Ex-con drove to Boston

Three weeks ago, an ex-con with a record for sex crimes drove his pickup from Hillsdale County in Michigan to a suburb of Boston. He had posed as an 18-year-old teenager and had convinced a 16-year-old girl to runaway with him for sex.

The girl's father saw his daughter sneaking out the door with her suitcase and was able to stop her just as she was getting in the suspect's truck.

These cases are not unusual. In Oakland County, Sgt. Bob Kowalski of the Troy Police Department had a case earlier this year involving a 13-year-old girl who ran away from home. Kowalski located her in Baltimore, where a 40-year-old man she met on the Internet had put her up in a sleazy motel.

"This is a very real concern for parents," said Kowalski. "Child molesters frequent the Internet chat rooms that the kids are more apt to be at. Either they'll pose as kids to get into the conversation or they'll pretend to be somebody they're not."

'Ashley' gets mail

A couple of weeks ago, as part of a television investigation into online predators, I sent up an America Online screen name and profile for a 15-year-old girl called Ashley. The first ad for a Web site offering live sex videos appeared four minutes later. Over the next four days, 53 other ads and pornographic e-mails came in.

Then I logged "Ashley" onto a teen chat room. Almost immediately, messages arrived on my computer screen in which "Ashley" was propositioned, offered more pornography, solicited for dates and asked to meet older men.

Kids who use the Internet told me my

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experience as "Ashley" was typical. Cyberspace chat rooms can get very ugly.

Mary Jane is from Royal Oak. She's 19 and has been using the Internet since she was 12. She met three of her boyfriends online but says there are "seriously dangerous" people online.

Personal questions

"They'll first start talking to you about general things and then they'll start asking personal questions about what you look like and what you like doing for fun. They'll bring up sex," she says. "I have a girlfriend who was talking to one guy. He said he was 18. He turned out to be 35 years old and he actually had a criminal record."

Sgt. Kowalski says police agencies are sharing information, setting up online sting investigations and doing all they can to catch these perverts. "But we need more resources, maybe a multijurisdictional law enforcement

task force to really put the pressure on," he says.

"The Internet is part of our lives now. And it's a great resource. But parents need to know that there are down sides, too, and before they just hand over a computer and modem to their kids, they'd better think about their online safety."

Here's my advice on what parents can do:

- If you have Internet access at home for the kids, first make sure you understand how e-mail and instant messaging works. Then talk to your kids about the dangers of online predators and striking up online "chats" with strangers.

- Keep the computer in an area accessible to the whole family so adults can observe what is happening on screen. Don't let young kids have Internet access from their room.

- Restrict young children from using chat rooms... no matter how innocent

they sound. I wouldn't allow any child under 16 to ever access a chat room. Period. There are simply too many sickos online who troll these areas, and it is impossible to keep their trash from your kids.

- Install filtering software such as Net Nanny or Surfwatch and use parental controls on America Online to block access to X-rated Web sites, prevent your children from entering chat room and using instant messaging features. Don't forget to block your child's screen name from receiving any e-mail from strangers.

- Never give out personal information on the Internet such as an address, telephone number or Social Security number. And change your passwords frequently, monthly, if possible.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM1270. His latest book "The Complete No Geek Speak Guide to the Internet" is available in book stores or through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

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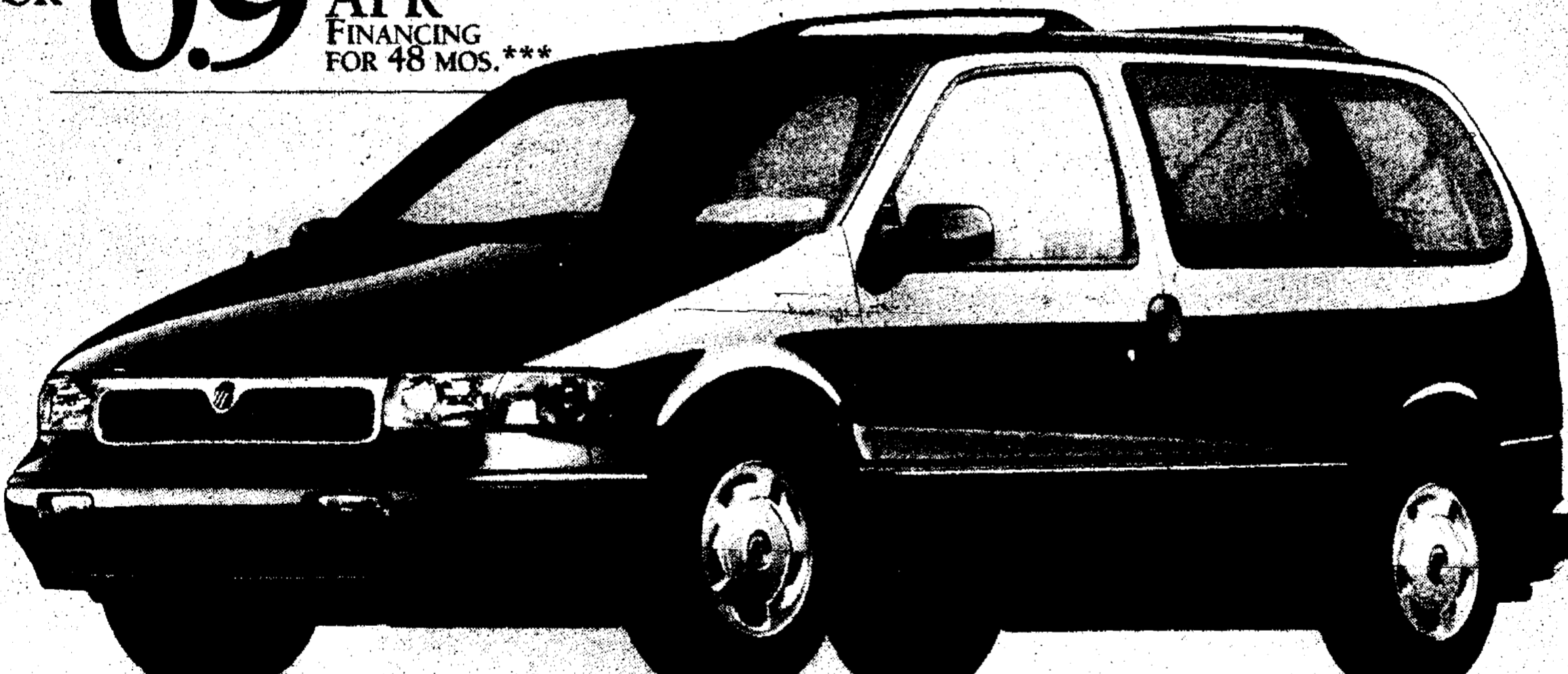
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Artist plays on his love of music

Music and art just seem to go hand-in-hand in John Nieckarz's paintings. When he was 15, and playing trumpet in the school band at John Glenn High School in Westland, Nieckarz painted a portrait of Dizzy Gillespie.

Nieckarz, now 22, no longer plays trumpet because of a lung infection he suffered, but that doesn't stop him from painting horns. His love of music seems to run in the family. Twin brother Steven is principal trombone with the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra.

"There was a time when anything I painted or drew had to do with music," said Nieckarz, a Wayne State University student. "There are a lot of people out there who are in music who like art."

The ceramic hand and keyboard sculpture on the coffee table of his family's Westland home is evidence of the brief interlude clay played in Nieckarz's life. Ceramics failed to hold his interest. Nearly all of the art works he does now are on paper or canvas. The sculpture, and white line drawings of Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Parker on black T-shirts, reveal a strong love of jazz music.

Self-portrait

A surreal self-portrait featuring Nieckarz playing trumpet reflects his admiration for the work of Salvador Dali. Head in the clouds, Nieckarz pours horn music into the river below. In the distance a pair of leafless trees serve as a makeshift stand for sheet music. In another work, Nieckarz is authentic right down to the score. The black and white drawing of a trumpet and note-for-note sheet music could be played by a viewer without missing a beat.

"I have to listen to music while I paint," said Nieckarz. "I like classical



Art and music: John Nieckarz is pictured with two of his favorite portraits, a surreal one of himself, and in the background, one of trumpet great Dizzy Gillespie.

music, Chopin, and anything by the Dave Matthews Band, or someone with good lyrics who gives me inspiration and makes me think."

For the last few weeks, Nieckarz's plan to start a new painting were delayed due to a flare-up of rheumatoid arthritis in his right arm. Nieckarz's first bout with rheumatoid arthritis came at age 11. The disease sometimes prevents him from painting. When he can paint, he has "to move around so as not to stiffen up." He also finds it easier during a flare-up if he paints while lying on the floor. When he's "really hurting," Nieckarz finds it necessary to use his left arm.

"I don't touch a canvas unless I'm truly inspired," said Nieckarz.

The art of Monet has significantly influenced Nieckarz's work. He also likes art ranging from the realism of Edward Hopper to the surrealism of Dali.

"I'm a huge fan of Claude Monet," said Nieckarz. "When I saw the recent Monet exhibit in Ann Arbor, I almost cried, just to be able to study his brush strokes that closely."

Reflections of life

Nieckarz's paintings tend to reflect his life. When he worked last summer parking cars in the executive lot at Joe Louis Arena, the result was a drawing of the Red Wings' player number 16 Brett Hull.

This summer Nieckarz is working at Clyde Smith and Sons Greenhouses and Farm Market in Westland to

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Sculpture a well-kept city secret

An environmental sculpture nestled between Livonia's City Hall and the Police Department attracts so little attention that it's almost a secret.

The Livonia Arts Commission wants to draw visitors to the work by placing a traditional sculpture on top of the interactive artwork - an idea that doesn't sit well with the artist.

Set in a grassy area, the environmental sculpture by New York artist Andrea Blum was completed in November 1992, but few people know of its existence. The top of the gray cement structure, which looks like the foundation for a building, is all that is visible from Civic Center Drive.

Approaching the pit-like structure, the depth of the sculpture lures visitors down one of two sets of stairs into a space meant for exploration. A half circle ledge on one wall allows visitors to sit and ponder the space or anything else of their choosing. One of Blum's major considerations when designing the piece was city hall's location and design. Since Livonia lacked a downtown or central point, she created lines to radiate outward to the city's streets and subdivisions. The curves of Blum's work mirror the reflecting golden glass structure to the north.

Plans call for the traditional sculpture to rest on one of Blum's discs, and that's where the controver-

Art's history

The Livonia Cultural League, through the cooperation of the Livonia Arts Commission, City of Livonia, National Endowment for the Arts, the Michigan Council for the Arts (now the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs), and generous contributions of businesses and citizens of Livonia, was able to bring to fruition the project on the site of the Livonia Civic Center in 1992, but not without a lengthy process.

"The idea started off slowly and humbly," said Sheridan in reference to the project which began in the early 1980s.

Robert Bishop, then a city councilman and liaison to the Livonia Arts Commission, served on the sculpture committee which obtained a \$10,000 planning grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in 1983. After a national search was conducted for an artist to carry out the design, Blum was commissioned in spring of 1984.

By the time Sue Slavik became president of the Livonia Cultural League in 1987, Blum's design had been selected for the public art project. She remembers only the controversy between the sculpture committee and artist during the two year construction period. Blum wanted to use white concrete. Instead of off-white concrete. The committee decided to build the sculpture with off-white because of cost.

"It's a space you can participate in," said Slavik, a Livonia Public Schools art teacher, "but because it's tucked away, it's not easily accessible. I would like to see performance art or a sculpture garden there to make it more user friendly."

ARTIST PROFILE

Love of paint and cars come to life in exhibit

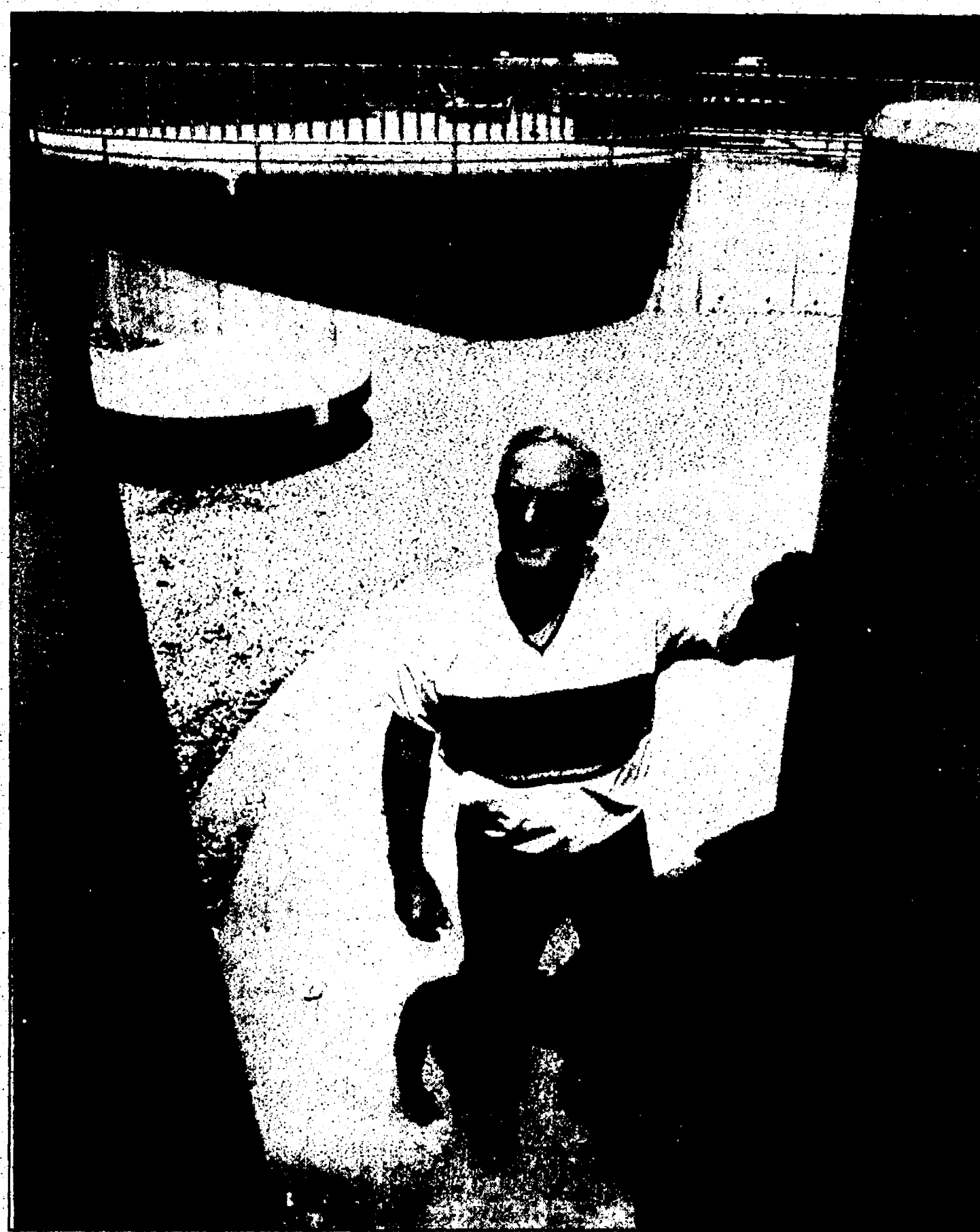
The love of nature apparent in Elbert C. Weber's paintings, more than likely, is a reflection of earlier days when he was growing up on a farm in Illinois. The simplicity found in the Livonia artist's compositions no doubt was instilled in Weber during elementary years spent in one-room school houses.

Weber's affinity for experimentation, however, dates back only 20 years or so to when he modeled clay concept cars for Ford Motor Co.

"New Attitude," one of 50 watercolors in Weber's one-man exhibit at the Livonia Civic Center Library Arts Gallery, is a portrait of an African American woman painted on paper he marbled. Sponsored by



Experimental art: Elbert C. Weber, a retired concept car clay modeler, frequently demonstrates his watercolor techniques at area art shows.



Interactive art: Bob Sheridan and the Livonia Arts Commission are working together to give higher visibility to the city's Environmental Sculpture by New York artist Andrea Blum.

sy comes in. The placement was cleared by the city's legal department according to community resources director Sue Montambeau "but nothing is set in stone" to a final decision.

"We hope in the next few months to review some sketches and sculptures," said Montambeau. "Ultimately it has to go to city council for their approval."

When contacted in New York City about the placement of a new sculpture on her environmental art, Blum was unaware of the plan to use her art as a pedestal. She plans to contact the arts commission with her concerns.

"I'm shocked," said Blum. "This is not acceptable. It's against the copyright of the piece. That's like putting a Berpini on top of a Picasso."

But arts commission president Bob Sheridan said something has to be done to help residents better appreciate Blum's work.

"We feel very strongly that the people of Livonia will relate to this well and maybe appreciate the sculpture more," said Sheridan. "No one in the city at all appreciates it or understands it at all. We want to make it more people friendly."

Sheridan, a Livonia resident for 34 years, first learned of the sculpture when he became a commissioner for the nonprofit organization dedicated to

promoting the arts. Sheridan admits, some people would like to see the sculpture bulldozed but the arts commission has a vision. After all, the value is already there. Sheridan estimates that in today's market Blum's site-specific sculpture would cost between \$200,000 and a quarter million dollars to construct.

"We'd like it developed as a plaza of sculptures," said Sheridan. "We'd like to see lunch time concerts in summer. It's something that can be embellished and can be a source of enjoyment."

After becoming arts commission president last year, Sheridan oversaw the building of a planter leading to the sculpture, but the addition did nothing to attract visitors. Sheridan donated the \$3,000 in foundation work through his Garden City construction company. The arts commission paid \$5,000 for the brick work.

In the next couple months, the arts commission will make a decision on the artist for the new public art project. Farmington Hills sculptor Kegang Tazian made a presentation to the commission's board meeting March 24. Frank Varga of Grosse Pointe Park is also being considered. Installation and minor restoration work, such as painting the hand

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painting is something I've never done before," said Weber. "I enjoy that."

As a consultant for Ford Motor Co. after his retirement in 1982, Weber was coordinating the shipping and exhibition of concept cars at auto shows around the world when he painted the purple exterior of a Venezuelan restaurant in 1992. The oldest work in Weber's show is a polar bear, "The Northerner," exhibited several years ago in an endangered species show in the House of Representatives building in Washington, D.C. Painted in 1984, the fur of the polar

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Watercolor Paintings by Elbert C. Weber

What: A one-man show of works featuring vintage cars, florals, music scenes, landscape and wildlife continues to Monday, Aug. 31, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile Road, (east of Farmington Road). Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday; and until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Associated Artists Invitational Exhibit

What: A show of painting, colored pencil, photography and fabric art by a group of independent artists 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, in the parking lot of Rio Bravo Cantina, 19265 Victor Parkway, (north of Seven Mile, east of I-275), Livonia, call (734) 542-0700 for more information.

Dearborn Homecoming

What: An annual festival featuring artworks, fireworks, performances by The Shirelles and The Contours, food, strolling clowns, children's games, pony rides, art fair and raffles Friday-Sunday, Aug. 7-9, at Ford Field (near Michigan Ave.) in Dearborn; call (313) 943-2320.



Vintage art: "Packard Brass" is the title of this classic car painting by Elbert C. Weber.

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.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH SHOWS

The Livonia Arts Commission spotlights media ranging from clay to photography at its three venues in August.

At the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, it's watercolors by Elbert C. Weber through Aug. 31. In the circular showcases next to the gallery, Angela De Angelis of Bloomfield Hills exhibits contemporary pottery Aug. 4-25.

Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Bruce Janda of Livonia shows his photographs of Bohemia through Aug. 31 at Livonia City Hall. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The library and city hall are located in the Livonia Civic Center complex at Farmington Road and Five Mile. For more information, call the city's community resources department at (734) 466-2540.

TICKETS ON SALE

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is now selling individual tickets for its theater series beginning Friday, Sept. 25 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts.

Tickets are \$27.50, or \$75 for the series of three events. Call (734) 416-4ART.

There are three evening performances in the series including an award-winning one woman Broadway show "The Belle of Amherst" Friday, Sept. 25; "Innocent Merriment: the World of Gilbert and Sullivan" Friday, Oct. 23, and "Parisian Soiree" Friday, Nov. 13.

Nancy Heusel, an Ann Arbor actress, plays the role of Emily Dickinson in the first production. Contemporary satirists William Lutes, director for Wisconsin Public Radio, and wife, Martha Fischer, sing the music of Gilbert and Sullivan Oct. 23. For the final event of the series, Deanna Relyea, founder/director of the Kerrytown Concert House, and Julia Broxholm, winner of the Detroit Metropolitan Opera auditions, step into the spotlight to sing French cabaret songs.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Community Arts Program for the Michigan State Fair is

looking for groups of volunteers to host the Fine Art Show 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 to Monday, Sept. 7.

Community Arts Program director Alice Diefenthaler thought an art club or organization could divide a day long session among its members. A sign will be posted thanking the group for volunteering.

For more information or to volunteer, call (313) 369-8260.

OPEN HOUSE

Kindermusic of Canton hosts an open house 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23 at the Southeast Michigan Fine Arts Conservatory, 5701 Canton Center Road, north of Ford Road, Canton.

A demonstration class will be held 3:30-4 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 453-7590.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Artists and crafters are needed for the third annual Craft Show sponsored by St. Stephen Parents Guild Oct. 3-4 in the activity center at St. Stephen Church, 18800 Huron River Drive, New Boston.

The show is held during Huron Township's Apple Fest.

For information, call (734) 654-8817 or (734) 753-5876.

LINCOLN COMES TO PLYMOUTH

An Abraham Lincoln Collection donated to the Plymouth Historical Museum by Dr. Weldon Petz remains on exhibit through December at the museum, 155 South Main Street, Plymouth.

The collection includes several thousand artifacts relating to Lincoln's life and times in addition to a comprehensive research library and archives relating to Lincoln. The compilations of this memorabilia creates the largest collection of Abraham Lincoln research material in Michigan.

Highlights of the collection include a lock of Lincoln's hair cut from his wound the night of the assassination by then Surgeon General Barnes, one of the bronze copies of the Volk Life Mask and Hands of Lincoln made in 1860, Sandburg's works on Lincoln, signed First Editions and printer's dummies, campaign items, Civil War items, and more.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students, and \$5 for families. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. For information, call (734) 455-8940.



The Northerner: The fur of this polar bear mirrors a rainbow of color in the landscape painted in a wildlife scene by Elbert C. Weber.

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bear mirrors a rainbow of color in the surrounding landscape.

Weber began painting seriously after retiring in 1982 but took art classes with Livonia artist Nancy Hurd even before retiring from Ford. His years of training in mechanical engineering at Purdue University and fine arts classes at Indiana University taught him the importance of drawing. Before beginning any painting, Weber does "a thorough, reliable drawing."

"I use a photo to get a good drawing down because of the immediacy of watercolor," said Weber. "I like the transparency and brilliance you can get with watercolors, the way the pigment and water react when you put them down."

Weber, a frequent exhibitor in judged shows presented by the Visual Arts Association of Livonia, Livonia Artists Club, Canton Project Arts, and the Scarab Club in Detroit, is painting five and six days a week to prepare for his one-man show at the library and a group show—the Associated Artists' Invitational Art Exhibit and Sale Aug. 8 at Rio Bravo Cantina in Livonia.

That same weekend, Weber also exhibits his work and demonstrates painting techniques at the annual Dearborn Homecoming.

In between painting sessions, Weber is restoring a kit car he built in 1968 on a Volkswagen chassis. Weber seems to like working with his hands. Maybe that goes back to the days when he was developing the model for the 1994 Mustang. Now, he works on the fiberglass roadster and builds custom clubs for his family and golfing buddies.

Livonia arts commissioner Billy Thompson learned of Weber's paintings several years ago. The two belong to several art clubs together including the Visual Arts Association of Livonia and the Livonia Artists Club. Thompson scheduled Weber's exhibit in the library's fine arts gallery to spotlight his talent and versatility.

"Al's work needs to be shown, his tremendous ability for design and color," said Thompson. "I love his work. He does a wide variety of subject matter."

Weber and his wife, Edith, recently took a trip to Stratford to celebrate their 48th anniversary. The experience probably will not evolve into painting but will inspire mood, instead.

"The drama of the stage inspires me to get more drama into my painting," explained Weber.

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earn money for his art studies at Wayne State University. He bought a cement statue of an angel recently at Clyde Smith which he plans to incorporate in a future painting, possibly one with a surreal theme.

A painting of Jesus on a cross was "done" for his mother. This work illustrates that content is an important element in Nieckarz's art work. Quiet by nature, Nieckarz prefers to let his paintings speak for themselves. One of the acrylics, Nieckarz is currently working on features a chair, table and a clock with no hands.

"One half of the face of Christ on the cross is white the other

half is a black man," said Nieckarz. "I want the viewer to stop and think."

The moon, stars and water show up frequently in Nieckarz's paintings. Camping is one of his favorite activities. Nieckarz loves nature.

"Art relaxes me," said Nieckarz. "It relieves stress. When I paint I go away on vacation. Right now, I'm working on a large canvas of a night sky with water and the whales of Nova Scotia."

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rail, is scheduled for next summer.

Plans to "enhance" Blum's work has won the support of other commission members. Billy Thompson joined the arts commission two years ago and, like Sheridan, she knew nothing of the sculpture. While she thinks a tall, traditional sculpture on a nature theme is necessary to draw attention to Blum's interactive art, other additions are needed as well.

"It's a well hidden secret back there," said Thompson. "I'm thinking it would be a nice place to come and have lunch. I would like something on the walls. It seems unfinished. It's an interesting concept but it's not finished."

Robert Bishop was president of

the Livonia Cultural League when the nonprofit organization, founded as an adjunct to the arts commission, presented Blum's sculpture to the people and doesn't see anything wrong with placing the new art on top of it.

"The project was a long process and very difficult," said Bishop, now retired from his position as city treasurer and living in Beulah, Michigan. "It's a very large sculpture and very expensive (\$140,000). As far as placing the new sculpture on Andrea's, I'm not sure the artist would not agree but on the other hand, she strongly believed that this was public art and interactive, and that if others would like to use it as a spring board, then why not." But others involved in the arts

community question the ethics of changing an artist's original concept.

Livonia artist Jack Olds, a former arts commission president, served on the Environmental Sculpture Advisory Board along with then mayor Edward McNamara and architect Louis G. Redstone among others. He questions the ethics of the decision to place another sculptor's work on top of Blum's let alone deface it in any way. Olds says an alternative might be to create the sculpture garden discussed by the arts commission when Olds was president.

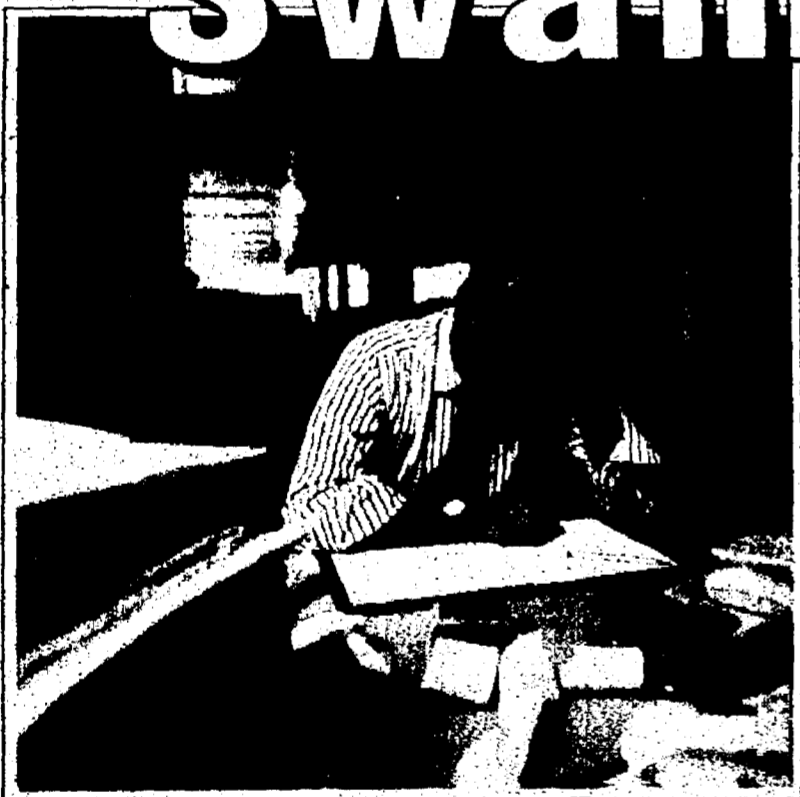
"That changes the entire work," said Olds. "We have some creative minds. Let's find some way to attract attention by some type of programming instead."

Kay German, who was on the cultural league and in on the planning for the public art project from the beginning, agrees. She is dismayed by the news that arts commissioners would even consider such a placement.

"How can they change her art work?" asked German. "It would be like painting over a painting." German would like to see the arts commission reconsider the placement of the new sculpture but also to review the original plans to building a bandshell near Blum's art to draw attention instead.

"My concern is it's never received public acceptance for what it was — environmental art on site," said German. "I could see them placing it near the sculpture but not on it."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee on Ways and Means of the Wayne County Commission will meet for regular Committee meetings and budget deliberations regarding the proposed 1998-99 Appropriations and Budget Ordinances as listed below:

Tuesday, August 11, 1998, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 13, 1998, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 19, 1998, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 20, 1998, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held in:
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1998 WOOD CARVERS SHOW

The Livonia Wood Carvers present their annual show, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2. Wood carvings in 40 categories. Prices from \$5 to \$9,000. Also Michigan Chainsaw Carving Championships. Tickets: \$1; \$2 for families; (734) 421-8310. Edgar Sports Arena, 33814 Lyndon at Farmington Road, Livonia.

FERDALE ART FAIR

Sixth annual fair 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, Ferndale Civic Center, 300 E. Nine Mile Road, one block east of Woodward Avenue; (248) 988-1074.

HAMTRAMCK ART FESTIVAL

More than 50 art, ethnic and food booths 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 8-9 in Hamtramck's Zussman Park, across from City Hall; (313) 323-8765.

NOVI ART FESTIVAL

4th annual show features international and Michigan artists, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, August 15-16, Novi Town Center, 1-275 and 196. Admission free; (248) 347-3830.

AUDITIONS /CALL FOR ARTISTS

BERKELY ART/ANTIQUES

Artists sought for Aug. 29-30 show. Call (248) 584-0253 or (248) 548-8881.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

"100 Creative Hands: Festival of Arts," presented by the Ladies of Gold and the Search for Life, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and recruiting potential bone marrow donors. Festival held Oct. 24-25 at Focus: HOPE Conference Center, 1400 Oakman Blvd., Detroit. Interested artists send a self-addressed stamped business envelope to: "100 Creative Hands," Festival of Arts, P.O. Box 37890 Oak Park, MI 48237. Deadline: Sept. 1, 1998.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Artisans and crafters for the Third Annual Craft Show sponsored by St. Stephen Parent's Guild, held Oct. 3-4, St. Stephen Church, 18800 Huron River Drive, New Boston. For information, (734) 654-8817 or (734) 753-5876.

MICHIGAN THEATRE & DANCE TROUPE

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Seeks a chorus director for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday evening rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 165, Troy, MI 48099. (248) 879-0138.

BENEFITS

ART WORKS FOR LIFE

Midwest AIDS Prevention Project sponsors a live and silent auction featuring nearly 100 pieces of original works by area artists. 6:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, August 8, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets: \$40; (248) 545-1435.

FANCLUB FOUNDATION

Featuring live music from the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band. Sponsored by Gallery Function Art of Pontiac. 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16 Deck of the Roostertail Restaurant, 1 1/2 miles east of Belle Isle Bridge off Jefferson Ave., Detroit. General admission: \$35; (248) 559-1645.

CAMPS

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lessons. For information, (248) 375-9027.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Summer theater, music and visual arts classes. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. 24350 Southfield Road. To register and for information on times of camps, (248) 354-4224.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Summer classes, including watercolor, collage, weaving, bead stringing, photography and stained glass. 117 W. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004, ext. 113.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Summer classes include drawing, painting, floral still life. Formerly known as the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0886.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

Summer classes, including drawing, sculpture and painting. Children's classes included drawing and cartooning, painting, mask-making, arts and crafts and printmaking. Teen and adult classes include beaded jewelry, ceramics, photography, Chinese brush painting and blues guitar. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

D & M STUDIO'S SUMMER ART CAMP

This year's theme, "North to Alaska." Explore Alaskan Territory through drawings, paintings, paper mache, ceramics and more. Camp runs through Aug. 14. All classes at Once Upon an Easel, 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton; (734) 453-3710.

GETTY MUSEUM TOUR

The Community House in Birmingham is offering a tour of the Getty Museum, located in the foothills of the Santa Monica Mountains. Tour will be held Nov. 12-16, 1998. Limited space. For information, call (248) 644-5832.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

"The Pleasure of Painting," demonstration and instruction by Sandra Levin. 12:30 & 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 8. Second session begins Nov. 3. Must register by Aug. 31. Fee for five-week class: \$50. 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays at 11:30 a.m. 5626 W. Drake, West Bloomfield; (248) 932-8699.

LONGACRE HOUSE - ART CLASSES

Range of art classes, including watercolor, drawing and collecting pottery. The Longacre House of Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. To register, (248) 477-8404.

MARCIA CLEMENT ART STUDIO

Summer art classes for children. Monday-Wednesday. Classes include drawing, acrylic painting,

arts/crafts. 4417 S. Commerce Road, Commerce Township; (248) 360-1216.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Summer classes, through August 21 for children from 4 years old. Pastels Class - 1-4 p.m., through Aug. 18; fee: \$40. Watercolor Workshop - 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Fridays, through Aug. 14; fee: \$67. 407 Pine Street, downtown Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

PAINTING IN THE PARK

Drawing and painting every Saturday beginning at noon. Meet at Heritage Park, Spicer House Visitor Center, on Farmington Road, just north of 10 Mile Road; Farmington Hills; (248) 661-5291.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Summer classes and workshops. Class size limited to 12 students. Classes include tile making, basic ceramics, hand building, sculpture portraiture, wheel throwing, ceramics for parent and adult. Fees vary. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

"Summer Stuff for Kids" ages 4-14, through August - workshops in drawing, ceramics, cartooning, crafts, photography, tie-dye. Adult classes in batik, drawing, garden stepping stones, yoga. Tai Chi. 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth; (734) 416-4ART.

U-M DEARBORN

Non-credit studio art classes and workshops over 14 weeks through July. Instructors include Susan Kell, Electra Stamelos, Donna Vogelheim, Grace Serra, Kitty Green, Mary Stephenson. For more information, (734) 593-5058. 4901 Evergreen Road, 1165 AB, Dearborn.

CLASSICAL/POPS /WORLD MUSIC

DSO AT MEADOW BROOK

"Summer's Fantastique!" 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2; "Top Down" Pops, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7; "A Tchaikovsky Spectacular!" 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8; "Giants of Broadway," 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9. Tickets: \$13-\$45. Meadow Brook Outdoor Theatre, Oakland University campus, Rochester; (313) 576-5111 or (248) 645-6666.

CAMP CONCERTS

Lyric Chamber Ensemble showcase of students of its Summer Chamber Music Camp in two grand finale concert, 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2 at the Detroit Institute of Arts Prentiss Court, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Admission free. For information, call (248) 357-1111.

AFRICAN RHYTHMS FESTIVAL

The Ensemble Kalinda, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13. Tickets: \$15-\$40. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit; (313) 576-5111.

EXHIBIT

INTERN'L AUTOS

20th annual Meadow Brook Hall

Concours d'Elegance 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday, August 2, featuring over 250 historic and vintage automobiles from around the world. Meadow Brook Hall grounds, Oakland University campus, Rochester. Tickets: \$20, adults; \$10, ages 13-17; free, children under 12; (248) 370-3140.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

PLYMOUTH - KELLOGG PARK

Harpbeat performs at noon Wednesday, Aug. 5, in Kellogg Park, Main Street, (between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman). Free. (734) 416-4ART

SOUTHFIELD CITY CENTRE PLAZA

11:10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 27, a variety of musical bands perform at plaza one block west of the Southfield Civic Center. For information, (248) 424-9022.

MUSEUMS (ON-GOING)

U-M MUSEUM OF ART

Through Aug. 9 - "Traditions in Clay: Chinese Ceramics from the Permanent Collection"; through Aug. 31 - "African Arts: Objects of Power, Knowledge and Mediation"; through Aug. 31 - "American Visions: 19th-century American Paintings"; through Sept. 2 - "Jim Dow: The National League Stadiums," a photography exhibit. 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor; 764-0395.

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through Aug. 16 - "A Loaded Brush: Recent Paintings by Nancy Brett"; through Aug. 16 - "Bound & Gagged: The Sculptural Book" through Sept. 6 - "Cranbrook Intimate Space: Photography by Gene Meadows." 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3314.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Through Aug. 16 - "The Scent of Glamour," a collection of perfume bottles and atomizers; through Sept. 30 - "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," produced by the Michigan State University Museum and the Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services. 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7934.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through Sept. 6 - "Japanese Resist-Dyed Textiles: Yuzen and Shibori," an exhibit of Japanese textiles. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends. 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Through Sept. 30 - "Passages to Innovation," in collaboration with students from Center for Creative Studies. 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn; (734) 271-1620.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through October 18 - "Detroit's

Black Bottom & Paradise Valley," and "Juke Joint," a recreation of southern country nightclub life by artist Willie Little. 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

OUTDOOR CONCERTS

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

Livonia Parks & Rec. & Livonia Arts Commission present summer concerts every Thursday through August - 7:30 p.m. Aug. 6, "Ed Zelenak Band," 7:30 p.m., Aug. 13, "Panchito and the Mexican Fiesta Dancers," Civic Center Park, Five Mile Rd., east of Farmington Rd. Wilson Barn, Middlebelt at W. Chicago; (734) 464-2741.

NARDIN PARK METHODIST CHURCH

Every Wednesday through August 19, summer music series: August 5 - Clarinetist David Bennett; August 12 - Chautauqua Express; August 19 - "An Evening with Irving Berlin." 29887 W. Eleven Mile Road, just west of Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills.

SUMMER CARILLON RECITAL SERIES

Presented by Christ Church Cranbrook, concerts begin at 4 p.m.: Aug. 2 - Carillonist Beverly Buchanan; Aug. 9 - White Heater Highlanders. 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 644-5210.

VOLUNTEERS

ART & APPLES

Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks volunteers for its annual Art & Apples Festival, Sept. 12-13 in Rochester Municipal Park. Volunteers needed 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 & Sunday, Sept. 13. Persons interested in donating 3-4 hours can also call PCCA, (248) 651-4110.

MUSEUM DOCENTS

Volunteers to conduct school tours for grades 3-1, special pre-school tours and tours to the general public and adult groups. Volunteers receive extensive training, including one-and-a-half days of class per week from September-June. For information, (313) 833-9178.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

SWANN GALLERY

Through Aug. 9 - "Small Works Show," 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

SURFACE DESIGN ASSOCIATION

Through Aug. 13 - Textiles & mixed media. Oakland County Galleria, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

Through Aug. 14 - "B.F.A. Thesis" of Wayne State University art students. WSU campus, 150 Community Arts Bldg., Detroit; (313) 577-2423.

LEMBERG GALLERY

Through Aug. 14 - "Summer Selections," works by Chuck Close, Ellsworth Kelly, Sol LeWitt, Stephen Magsig, Jennifer Reeves, Robert Schefman, Kiki Smith and others. 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-6623.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through Aug. 15 - New paintings by William Glen Crooks and recent paintings by Lester Johnson. 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through Aug. 15 - New paintings by Winifred Godfrey and new sculpture by Chris Berti. Opening reception 6 p.m. Friday, July 10, 107 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

SYBARIS GALLERY

Through Aug. 15 - "Treasures from the Back Room: A Selection of Gallery Artists." 202 E. Third St., Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

SOUTHFIELD CTR. FOR THE ARTS

Through Aug. 21 - Works by Fran Wokok. 24350 Southfield Road, just south of 10 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY

Through Aug. 23 - "Peace Through Humor: Visions of Peace From The Hands of Children." Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

MOORE'S GALLERY

Through Aug. 15 - "The Young African Experience," a selection of stone sculptures, clay fig-

urines and wood carvings by apprentice artists of southern Africa. (248) 647-4662.

CHRISTIE'S

Through Aug. 20 - A celebration of the "Dream Cruise," featuring prints, posters and paintings of classic cars. 34649 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 594-5803.

MASTERPIECE GALLERY

Through August 22 - American graffiti artist Daze. 137 W. Maple Road, Birmingham; (248) 594-9470.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through Aug. 25 - Angela De Angelis of Bloomfield Hills. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road; (734) 421-7238.

A.C., T. GALLERY

Through Aug. 28 - "Freedom to Create." 29 E. Grand River, across from the old Hudson's bldg., Detroit; (313) 831-2862.

GALLERY NIKKO

Through Aug. 29 - New work by Patrick Meyer, Eric Arcese, Suzan Benzel and Jeff Rossi. 470 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 647-0680.

BORDERS IN NOVI

Through Aug. 30 - "Inspirations thru the Lens" by Judith G. Yaker. Novi Town Center, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi; (248) 347-0780.

THE ANDERSON GALLERY

Through Aug. 31 - "Africa: The Art of a Continent." 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 335-4611.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through Aug. 31 - "POP-ISM," an exploration of icons of popular culture, featuring Michigan artists Madeleine Barkey, Deborah Friedman and AWOL. Lecture by Prof. Richard Rubenfeld 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (734) 994-8004.

ARIANA GALLERY

Through Aug. 31 - A variety of bug oriented arts. Exhibit is also held throughout the Royal Oak Business District in downtown. 119 S. Main, Royal Oak; (248) 546-8810.

HABATAT GALLERIES

Through Aug. 31 - Glass sculpture of Antoine Lepelier and Janusz Walentyowicz. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

HERMITAGE GALLERY

Through Aug. 31 - "Santa Margherita" by Sam Parks, serigraph on canvas. 235 Main Street, Rochester; (248) 656-8559.

NETWORK

Through Aug. 31 - "Trans," an exhibit that investigates changes beyond boundaries by fiber artists. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through Sept. 5 - Annual Pewabic Students, Faculty and Staff exhibit. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

SUMMIT PLACE MALL

Through Aug. 31 - Photographer David McLay's lighthouses, waterfalls and animal life. POSA Gallery in the Summit Place Mall, M-59 & Telegraph Rd., Waterford; (810) 683-8897.

PARK WEST

Through Sept. 3 - Animation of Chuck Jones, creator of Road Runner, Wile E. Coyote, and others. 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; (248) 354-2343.

CREATIVE ART CENTER

Through Sept. 7 - "Richard Witt: A Retrospective." 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

THE PRINT GALLERY

Through Aug. 31 - "Willi's Wine Bar," posters imported from the Paris wine bar. 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield; (248) 356-5454.

CASS CAFE

Through Sept. 30 - Drawings and painting of Robert Bailey, Sherry Moore, Kathleen Rnsid. 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit; (313) 831-1400.

BOOKS

'Someone Else's House' vents over the failure of integration



TAMAR JACOBY

Someone Else's House
By Tamar Jacoby
(Free Press, \$30, 614 pp.)

In a section on Detroit's racial problems, Tamar Jacoby writes about how the city's white leaders following the 1967 riot invited young black "thugs" (her word) to "vent" their frustrations. She views this as a waste of time that gave credence to people who had no real leadership positions.

But "Someone Else's House" is itself "venting." Jacoby, a former Newsweek and New York Times journalist now associated with the conservative Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, vents about the sorry state of race relations in this country. In her peculiar take on history, it is white liberals who sabotaged the dream of an integrated America. Hers is the latest in a series of books by conservatives who are suddenly neo-integrationist and integrationist who became neo-conservatives.

Jacoby is strong in her support for integration and subtitled her book "America's Unfinished Struggle for Integration." Her book is a carefully researched but bitterly skewed view of race history since the 1960s.

Jacoby examines the recent racial history of three cities - New York, Detroit and Atlanta. The section on Detroit ("gritty, grimy, violent") deals with city-suburban relations and Irene McCabe and the busing controversy but centers particularly on the alienating effect of Coleman Young's administration as Detroit mayor.

The villains in this piece include white liberals who tried to "social engineer" racial policies and caved in to black militants. The result was they alienated whites who would have supported racial integration and encouraged blacks to see themselves as a separate group rather than as Americans, giving them a major chip on their shoulders.

But the real villains are black militants who changed Dr. Martin Luther King's dream of integration into a nightmare of racial separatism. They are described as "hulking," "menacing," "sour looking," "sullen," "embittered." We apparently have these cretins to blame for "diversity politics." By emphasizing black pride they apparently undermined black Americanism.

When describing the New York mayoral contest between John Lindsay and William Buckley, Jacoby allows that Buckley was guilty of "race-baiting" rhetoric, but the real problem was that squishy Lindsay was so full of himself that he wouldn't listen to Buckley's "intelligent" perspective on race relations. (Essentially that blacks have themselves to blame for their poverty, pregnancies, slums, crime, drug problems etc.)

Race is a cauldron in this country and always has been. It boils and bubbles and makes a mockery of politics as usual. Conservatives have a catch phrase, "The failed liberal policies of the past." This is yet another take on that worn and mostly dishonest theme.

For hundreds of years white society and whites individually have seen black Americans as a group (when they saw them at all), but now Jacoby and her conservative allies want to deal with blacks as individuals and help them get over the "sin" of "color-coding" (another of those banal catch phrases).

Jacoby certainly captures the anxiety, terror really, that whites felt when confronted by the likes of Malcolm X, Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown. She also captures the frustrations of suburban Detroiters at Judge Stephen Roth's busing decision and the prospect of

sending their children to ghetto schools. Her portrayal of the failure of Coleman Young's last terms and his growing alienation are well chronicled up to a point.

But except in passing phrases, her history of America's black ghettos begins in the '60s and inner-city problems are primarily caused by black culture. Her discussion of Young's police reform program, for instance, skirts over "police brutality" complaints as if they were an illusion. And she just can't grasp what Young was so angry about.

In her opening section on New York, she has a ready villain in Sonny Carson, a thug by anyone's definition, who bullied his way into a position of power. According to Jacoby's take on history, it is the failure of Lindsay and the Ford Foundation's McGeorge Bundy to stand up to Carson and his ilk that created racial separatism. Never does it occur to her that for many young blacks seeing someone, even a gangster, standing up to the "white man" after years of being Stepin' Fetchits was a rallying point. They were already separated - denied access to decent housing, good schools, any but the most dangerous and lowest paying jobs. Sonny Carson didn't create separatism; he exploited it.

The conservatives of his day created separatism scores of years before he was even born. Wretched as he was, he was a product of the problem not the problem.

She is willing to forgive the rhetoric of good old Bill Buckley as "politics" but not the political posturing of black militants whose speech was certainly ugly and violent, but so was that of George Wallace, Orval Faubus, the Ku Klux Klan etc.

The disasters of decentralization, attempted cross district busing and other programs were the failure of good people trying to overcome a pattern of racism that had strangled this country since Reconstruction.

Jacoby allows that there is white racism and it is "a" factor but not the most important factor in the condition of America's black community. But she never spends much time discussing racial steering, block busting, insurance red lining, newspaper ads for "colored only" or "white only" schools that openly discouraged black students from taking college prep classes, unions that wouldn't allow blacks into their training programs, absentee landlords who never fixed the plumbing and on and on and on.

She writes about how "social engineering" by upper middle class white liberals created a wedge between working class whites and blacks, but she never acknowledges that wedge was created decades before. She briefly mentions and then skirts over Henry Ford's cynical hiring of blacks for the most dangerous jobs as a hedge against unionization, when he would use them as strikebreakers, further dividing working class whites and blacks.

(And Ford wasn't the only company to use this ploy.) And real estate agents created panic selling whenever a black family moved into a white neighborhood.

Clearly, Jacoby thinks of racism in terms of personal bigotry. In a visit to the Observer & Eccentric she said she thought institutional racism was no longer an issue. If it is less an issue, it is because of liberal legislation that makes such blatant racism illegal, the same legislation that conservatives fought tooth and nail.

This is the point. Jacoby writes strictly from a white point of view. Her notes show that she interviewed blacks, but only in her section on Atlanta do you get a sense that she even tried to get beneath the rhetoric or understand the history.

Atlanta is presented as a somewhat positive example of racial cooperation, though too racially separated and not without its conflicts. But when discussing the city's first black mayor, Maynard Jackson, she writes about his racially divisive tactics. What about the 150 years of white only power, wasn't that racially divisive?

She also discusses Afro-centric education in this section, rightly deploring the shoddy scholarship and pure fantasy of some of these courses but totally missing the point that education in our diverse country has been too Euro-centric and too dismissive of any other cultures.

Finally, what this book is really all about is to suggest a conservative approach to "integration," after decades of standing in school doorways and other conservative approaches. This is an argument against affirmative action (color coding). Jacoby also argues for acculturation, against big government programs, for committing to national ideals. The real point is that black people will just have to make it on their own, shape up and stop whining.

Oh, she does suggest training programs but heaven forbid that "big" government should pay for it. Some mythical private groups are going to do this.

As someone who respects and lives by "middle-class" values, I don't particularly argue with some of this or with the plethora of black columnists who have won syndication for their conservative views (Thomas Sowell, Ken Hamblin, Armstrong Williams etc.). These columnists essentially blame black inner-city people for their own problems.

And, to an extent, that's true. It's depressing to drive into Detroit and see rundown housing, gangs of aggressive looking teenage boys, drug deals being transacted just blocks from the Detroit Institute of Arts. Clearly the black community has long lacked leadership that will drive the criminal element from the city. The constant whine that everything is "white racism" doesn't cut it anymore. And the recent enthusiasm for Dennis Archer's leadership will last only so long as he is able to solve that problem.

But I don't see our wrecked city and its population of poor, under-employed black residents and think that the larger society and its decades of racism don't have a lot to answer for; and Jacoby hasn't convinced me that black anger is the reason for racial separatism.

If you want a more detailed history of Detroit's race problems leading to the 1967 riot, read Thomas Sugrue's "Origins of an Urban Crisis." He doesn't have a big publisher and the backing of the conservative power groups. He's just an honest scholar who tells the whole story.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

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BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, WOODWARD)
Camp Borders "Fables & Folktales of the Forest," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4; Marvin Kahn Trio performs 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at the store 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham (248)203-0005.

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, SOUTHFIELD)
Contemporary Literature group discusses Pete Hamill's "Snow In August," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4; Camp Borders on "Living Eco System," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5 at the store, 31150 Southfield, (248)644-1515.

Bloomfield Hills (248)540-4209.
HALFWAY DOWN THE STAIRS
Story time features "Insects are my Life" 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at the store 114 E. Fourth St., Rochester, MI 48307.

BORDERS (DEARBORN)
Maureen Holohan, author of the Broadway Ballplayers series, 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3; Karen Trask signs "For the Sake of Appearances," 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6 at the store, 5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn, (313)271-4441.

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Perfectly polished: Ann Zousmer has her nails done by Lisa Zeskind.

Customers lend a hand to Nail Suite

SHOPPING CENTERED



DONNA MULCAHY

Here's a story about a downtown Franklin business that catered to its customers and treated them like valued friends.

Two weeks before the Fourth of July, the owners of Gayle's Nail Studio in Franklin announced that the salon would be going out of business, effective July 3.

The closure came as a shock to customers and the five nail technicians who worked there, said Michelle McCue of Birmingham, a seven-year customer, and Chrissi Novak of Livonia, who was a nail technician at Gayle's for about 13 years.

McCue said she hated to see the salon close because, "I made a lot of friends there and you could just tell that all of the people who worked there were friends with each other."

"They were very accommodating," she continued. "If you couldn't make an appointment with your regular nail technician, you could make one with one of the other girls and feel good about it, because they were all equally talented and trained."

Novak explained, "We never felt like we were in competition with each other. We always worked as a team." Patrons began urging the nail technicians to stay together and go into business for themselves.

Longtime customers Sue and Ellie Rontal told them about some office space that was available above their store, Mesa Arts. The office had been used as a storage room for several years and was a mess. But as it turned out, the rent was within the technicians' budget and the location couldn't have been better. One of the technicians decided to take a job at a Birmingham salon. But the other four - Novak, Suzanne Gardner, Angel East and Lisa Zeskind - agreed to set up shop. They got the keys on July 6 and immediately began ripping out the old carpeting. Their salon, called The Nail Suite, opened a few days later.

Knowing that the technicians are working on a shoestring budget, many of their customers have volunteered to help out. Connie Scillagy of Dearborn helped them pick out new light fixtures and paint. She's also donating a couch, Gardner said.

Dan Fink, husband of longtime customer Ann Fink, helped install the new lights, and the Rontals donated a small table and "an incredible piece of art that's also a coat rack," Gardner said. A client named Mrs. Galassi donated an antique shelf, and Julie Pincus, a graphic designer, has volunteered to work on a logo for the new salon. Kim Finateri of West Bloomfield and Judy Berger of Birmingham donated a big floor plant. And Sue Schwayder has offered a magazine subscription.

Beth Lipin and Jill Stone sent over a tray of assorted candies and nuts; Linda Levitt and her sister-in-law, and Paulette Lerman brought over candy dishes.

Countless other customers have helped just by offering encouragement. Gardner said she was totally surprised by this outpouring of affection. "You know, I'm just a nail technician," she said. "I'm totally dispensable. But I guess our customers feel otherwise. I feel like Jimmy Stewart in *It's a Wonderful Life*. You just never realize how important you are to people."

The Nail Suite is located at 32800 Franklin Road. For more information, call (248) 538-6245.



Franklin facade: Giftpeople's yellow house with the wide porch and white picket fence is typical of Franklin village's vintage architectural styles.

Sidewalk Stroll

Franklin retains a timeless ambience

There are few sidewalks in Franklin's meandering little one-road business district. And it's not the sleepy village that it once was, as mammoth-sized new homes have encroached upon the older, more genteel neighborhoods. But the town's charm still is evident in its quaint shops, white picket fences, wide verandas and New England-style architecture.

Nestled between 13 and 14 Mile roads, just a stone's throw from busy Northwestern Highway, the village was settled in 1825 and its active historical society has dedicated itself to preserving its 19th-century ambience. In fact, in 1969, the downtown historic district (a few blocks along Franklin Road), was the first in Michigan to be recognized by the National Register of Historic Places.

In addition to its vintage cider mill and one-of-a-kind shops, Franklin village is home to a picturesque cemetery that is the resting place of Levi Warner, an early settler who is believed to be the first resident buried here (1929). The town also has preserved acres of green space for a park, complete with a large white gazebo, tennis courts, a baseball diamond and a playground. Adjacent to the park is the Village Library, 32455 Franklin Road, a tiny wooden cottage that, in addition to serving as a book repository, is a friendly gathering spot from June through September. History buffs will want to peruse the shelves for *All About Franklin*, a primer to the village's colorful past, with legends and lore about the historic buildings in the area and the interesting characters who peopled them.

From the Cider Mill to the Cemetery

We begin our stroll at the Franklin Cider Mill, a landmark situated at the bottom of the hill where 14 Mile Road intersects Franklin Road. The rustic facade once housed a grist mill, built by Peter Van Avery in 1832. Today, visitors can ogle one of the largest and oldest waterwheels in the country while they sip cider and savor warm doughnuts. The cider mill is gearing up for its opening on Labor Day weekend.

On the east side of Franklin Road, at 32800, stands a pillared home with green trim and giant wooden tulips that tower over the blooming annuals in the flower beds. Inside, find the Curiosity Shoppe Ltd., a warren of rooms filled with decorative home accessories, furniture, artwork and reams of fabric swatches. Interior design services are available. Check out the animal-skin painted metal spheres on stands.

Down the hall is Mesa Arts, a contemporary space filled with Southwest painted furniture, pillows, pottery, rugs and lamps. Native American art

and jewelry also are featured. The gallery will soon move to new digs in Birmingham, so visit here before the summer ends.

Next door, you'll see longtime storefront Gerald's hair salon and just across the driveway, The Village Barn, 32760 Franklin Road, a welcoming red mews that resembles the original circa 1825 buggy works barn that burned to the ground in 1979. The shop's display vignettes carry a bumblebee theme right now, with wooden beekers, beeswax candles, bumblebee glassware and table linens. Climb the stairs to The Christmas Attic for holiday finery. On Saturday, Aug. 8, breakfast at The Village Barn while shopping its sunrise sale from 8-10 a.m.

As you leave the barn, peek around the corner to see if Franklin Buggy Works is open for browsing. The rustic wooden shed houses garden and patio fixtures, including cement statuary.

Tucked in the corner at 32744 Franklin Road, Escapades may be diminutive but it's filled with exclusive table linens, painted trays and Gail Pittman's charming handpainted pottery. Also find

unique gifts and vanity items.

See Spot Run, a stamping and stickering emporium at 32716 Franklin Road, is like a candy shop for arts and crafts lovers. It offers children's birthday parties and classes in stamping, stenciling, calligraphy and sticker art. Just around back at 32722 Franklin Road, is the jewelry making studio called Fritzwillis. Workshops in silversmithing are offered.

Time for a lunch break? The only gastronomic game in town is the deli counter at Market Basket, 32652 Franklin Road. Tables out front offer unobstructed views of the street scene. Enjoy fresh soups, salads, sandwiches and pastries. The mini grocery store also shelves gourmet foods and party supplies.

Intrigued by the big yellow house with the wrap-around porch and old-fashioned screen door? It's home to Giftpeople, a custom invitation, stationery and gift emporium. Look for vibrant ceramics and a huge selection of bath accessories.

Cross the street to Yanke Designs, 32611 Franklin Road, and find cases filled with award-winning jewelry creations. Kim and Frank Yanke's innovative custom designs are recognized throughout the area.

Who says customer service is a thing of the past? In Franklin, the BP gas station is full-serve and a bevy of eager young attendants use elbow grease to keep your car in tip-top shape.

Don't miss the window display at Gorback photography studio. The experts there specialize in copying and restoring old photographs, and some of those photos give passersby a glimpse of the village at the turn of the century. You'll recognize the facades of several of the shops you've visited.

Franklin's lone clothier is Apple Tree Room, 32749 Franklin Road. Pretty handknit sweaters line the shelves, along with great silver-buckled belts and other supple leather goods.

The building next door at 32751 Franklin Road contains several unique shops, including Bead Works, Thing-A-Majigs and Paige Stanton. Thing-A-Majigs plans and hosts arts and craft parties, from doll making to collage, and ceramic painting parties that include firing. Paige Stanton is a tiny boudoir-like space that displays decoupage furniture (check out the rocker), quilts, pillows, broken china jewelry (bring in your cherished fragments and see them transformed into pins and bracelets). Eighty percent of the merchandise is made by the owner or her friends.

Save Monday, Sept. 7 for Franklin's Labor Day Parade and Art Fair in the park. It's a memorable extravaganza in "the town that time forgot."



Christmas in August: Hollyhujah ceramic tableware at Escapades.

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

MONDAY, AUG. 3

EVENING GLAMOR

View an extensive collection of evening gowns from Melinda Eng, Badgley Mischka, Bob Mackie, Donald Deal and more at the Neiman Marcus fall couture show. Informal modeling 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Continues on Aug. 4. Somerset Collection, Troy.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5

BRITISH ISLES BASH

There's still time to get tickets to Hudson's Fash Bash celebrating British Isles Style. The show benefits Founders Junior Council of the Detroit Institute of Arts and is held at the State and Fox theatres.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

The fashion extravaganza is scheduled for 8 p.m. \$27.50-\$150. Call the Fash Bash Hotline for tickets (313) 833-6954.

FUNNY MAN

Ventriloquist Richard Paul performs his family-fun-filled show at Livonia Mall at 1 p.m. Join him and his puppet friends.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

VAUNTED VERSE

Borders Book Shop in Birmingham hosts a discussion brunch in honor of U.S. Poet Laureate Robert

Pinsky's National Favorite Poem Project. Members and guests are invited to bring a copy of their favorite published poem to read to the group. A discussion will follow. Coffee, fruit and pastries provided. 1 p.m.

Borders Book Shop, 31160 Southfield Road, Birmingham.

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

COOL KIDS

Jacobson's Laurel Park Place store hosts a back-to-school fashion show in the Children's Department at 7 p.m. Receive a tri-fold silver-plated picture frame with a \$25 purchase of children's merchandise.

Jacobson's, 37500 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in Sunday's column. Thank you.

- What We Found:**
- Aluminum tumblers can be found at the Knight's Bridge Antique mall on Seven Mile Road, two miles west of I-275, (248) 344-7200.
 - Reproduction swords and gargoyles can be found through Toscano Mail order, 1-800-525-1233.
 - Coconut Crunch marshmallow can be found at Kitchen Glamour.
 - About a year ago Joyce found wooden wall racks for passettes at Meijer in Commerce.
 - Rosemarie owns Flirting With Fabrics and can make sheer white pleated drapes, (248) 620-6370.
 - Richard makes vinyl and leather handbags. Call (734)

- 425-2891.
- Marilyn found crystal flag pins in the Windsor Collection Catalog (800) 800-0500.
 - Barbara has a Dec. 1995 Bon Appetit magazine. Call 476-2671.
 - We're Still Looking For:**
 - Ruth from Oxford wants the Zim Zam, an outdoor game, (new or used).
 - Denise is looking for a game called Battling Tops.
 - Anne wants Scratch Guard made by Turtle Wax.
 - Alberta wants a 1979 yearbook from Wayne Memorial High.
 - Joyce is looking for house numbers that are written out, and less than three inches.
 - Colleen is looking for the lilac-colored Fiesta Ware.
 - Dale wants men's Code Blue walking shorts and jeans, used to find at Kohl's.
 - Emily is looking for a light-up display pedestal made of whitewashed oak or whitewashed oak laminate.
 - Emma is looking for a distributor of SASCO cosmetics.
 - Patrick is looking for a tape measure in inches and

- centimeters (metric and English).
 - Cathy is still looking for a size 12/13 Jet ski shoes by Kawasaki.
 - Doris is looking for a portable oven with a spit (sits on a counter).
 - Kathleen is looking for little girl's underpants with the Pocahontas design on them.
 - Joyce wants the board game Dark Tower.
 - Norma is looking for Park & Shop game.
 - Pat wants the Epilady Shaver.
 - Stan is looking for a mechanic to repair his 1967 Volkswagen engine.
 - Kim is looking for the gimmick gift Boyfriend-In-A-Box.
 - Jackie wants Nabisco Crown Pilot Crackers.
 - Brenda wants a copy of instructions for her Pit game, and the Uno Madness game.
 - Linda wants verdigris Medici side tables.
 - Beverly wants a 1945 Mackenzie High yearbook.
- Compiled by Sandi Jarachas

RETAIL DETAILS

BOOK BONANZA

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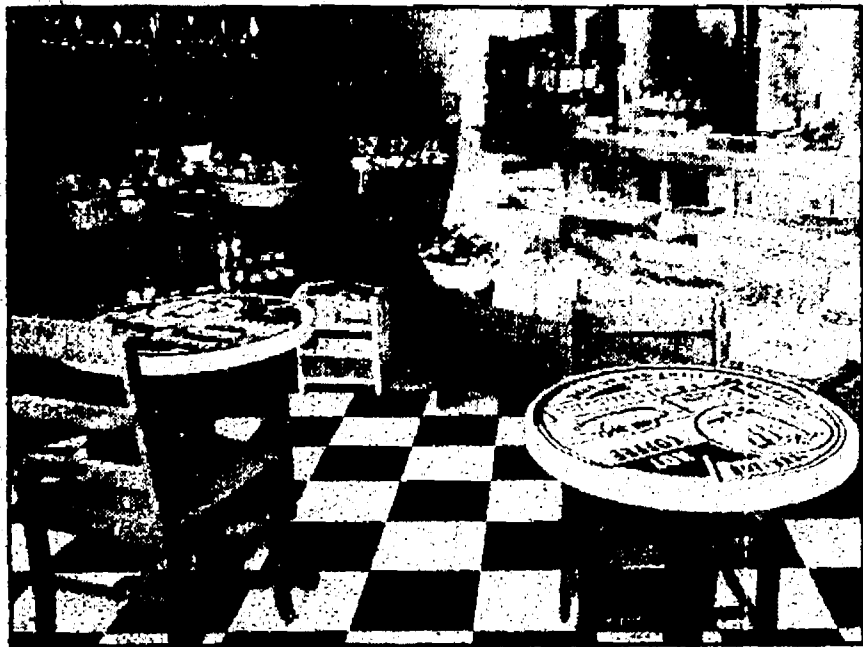
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Above par: Forest Dunes developer Jerry Peterson with golf legend and course designer Tom Weiskopf, shown left at the grand opening of the Forest Dunes Marketing Center.

Sweetshop Cafe



We goofed: Last week's Sidewalk Stroll featured this photo of the Union General Sweetshop Cafe, but placed it in the wrong community. The cafe is in Clarkston and features such Michigan-made delectables as Gayle's chocolates, Ray's ice cream, Mrs. Mason's brittles, fresh-baked scones and cookies.

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TRAVEL

Visitors to Hawaii take ride down volcanic mountain

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

On a cool morning in March, Canton residents Bob Bulmer and Tim Carter coasted down a volcano.

It was just another wonderful day in paradise - Hawaii.

This was the fifth trip for Bob and Nancy Bulmer.

"I had never wanted to go, then we had an opportunity to go in 1984 to a time share condo on Kauai," Bulmer said. "It was great. We've gone five times, and I would go again in a heartbeat."

The Bulmers have done the usual tourist things - the visit to the Arizona Memorial marking the attack on Pearl Harbor ("It gives you goosebumps"), the Polynesian Cultural Center and

If you go
Biking: Mountain Riders, 220 Lalo St., Suite 5, Maui, Hawaii 96733. 1-(800)706-7700.
Whale watching: Pacific Whale Foundation, 101 North Kihei Road, Kihei, Maui, Hawaii 96753. 1-(800)942-5311.

a helicopter ride on Kauai. "We've never been ripped off and there are only two things I would never do again," Bulmer said.

He said a luau on Oahu made him feel like cattle being herded and a train ride on the Quaquano Railroad was a very

expensive view of messy backyards.

But this year, sharing a time share condo with Tim and Diana Carter, included two special activities, the bike ride down a volcanic mountain and whale watching.

Bulmer, retired from Chrysler, was working at McCabe Funeral Home when he got the chance to go again to his favorite place.

"We had this opportunity to go for \$780 a week for four people," Bulmer said.

At the condo, day excursion operators set up shop by the pool and that's where Bulmer found out about Mountain Riders, a van ride up a mountain and bicycle coast down.

"We got up at 2:30 in the morning to go on this crazy trip," Bulmer said.

Nancy Bulmer opted to stay on the beach, and once up on the mountain top, Diana Carter decided to take the van down.

"It's the best maintained highway on the island because satellite communications are on the top," Bulmer said.

The early start was so that Mountain Riders could have their group among the first to go.

Bulmer and Carter were outfitted like spacemen in motorcycle helmets and warm, bulky clothing to ward off the morning chill.

"They ask you a bunch of questions, like when was the last time you rode a bike. At our mid-60s we were the oldest, the youngest were in their mid-20s," Bulmer said.

After being served coffee and rolls in 41 degree temperatures,



Ready to go: Robert Bulmer, left, and Tim Carter are suited up for their ride down a volcanic mountain.

the bikers waited 2-1/2 hours for sunrise. Mountain Riders were the second group out. Carter and Bulmer took the back positions, 12 and 13.

"The sign at the shelter said we were at 9,640 feet elevation," Bulmer said.

The bikes, no gears and hand brakes, coasted down at 25 to 30 miles an hour, as bikers held to the center of the lane. The van followed behind and would signal the bikes to get over when cars stacked up behind them. The mountain was a popular spot for sunrise watchers.

"It was a nice constant speed; there was one spot where ground

leveled off and we pedaled for 200 yards," Bulmer said. "We stopped three times on the way down. You could see we were even with the clouds."

Before setting off, one of the guides took breakfast orders from all the riders. About half-way down, at about 9 a.m., the bikers stopped at the town of Makawao to have breakfast at Polli's Mexican Cafe. At the Cafe, bikers took off the heavy gear as temperatures began to rise.

The ride ended at Baldwin State Park in Paia, where bikers cooled their feet in the surf waters of the Pacific.

One of the biking guides led the Bulmers and Carters to the Pacific Whale Foundation where his wife worked. It was another early morning as the foursome had to be on the boat at 6 a.m.

A 30-40-foot catamaran carried 25 people out to watch for whales.

"We had 10 whale sightings," Bulmer said.

He said he has video shots of a baby whale leaping over its mother.

If you've got a time share deal, Bulmer would gladly go again to experience the special activities of Hawaii.

Lush life: The deep greens and blues of Hawaii could be seen from the Bulmer's condominium.



GREAT ESCAPES

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CONCORDE CONTEST

Detroiters are invited to dress up as their favorite space traveler to celebrate the "Year of the Concorde" and compete to win a trip to London during British Airways "Concorde '98 ... Ride the Rocket" exhibit traveling to Detroit Aug. 13 at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village.

The first 500 costumed participants to register for the "Come Dressed as Your Favorite Space Traveler Contest" will be eligible to compete in a costume contest to win one of 50 pairs of British Airways round-trip economy class tickets to London. Contest

registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with judging at 1:30 p.m.

In addition, visitors to the exhibit may enter a drawing, part of a \$1 million ticket giveaway to win the trip of a lifetime - a trip for two on Concorde plus three nights at the luxury Millennium Hotel in London. One winner will be chosen in each of 22 cities across the United States. The Detroit winner and guest will join the other winners

and guests for a gala reception in New York before departing for London on Saturday, Nov. 21.

The "Concorde '98 ... Ride the Rocket" exhibit will be open to the public at 9 a.m. Aug. 13 in front of the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. The exhibit features the largest collection of Concorde memorabilia ever assembled in the United States. The exhibit also features a Concorde model, authentic pieces of

Concorde history, interactive activities on the future of supersonic travel, space travel and a multimedia flight experience.

For more information, call 1(800)-AIRWAYS or check the British Airways web site at www.british-airways.com/ride-therocket.com

MICHIGAN TRAVEL IS A BARGAIN

A survey by AAA has found vacation costs in Michigan this year to be the 20th lowest of the 50 states.

Michigan's average daily vacation cost for food and lodging for a family of four (two adults, two children) is \$196, according to AAA's survey. As in past years, the survey found North Dakota to be the state with the lowest

average daily vacation cost, \$131 and Hawaii the most expensive at \$383.

The national average for vacation costs, according to AAA, is \$218, which means vacationers in Michigan save approximately 10 percent from the national average. The national average is up \$19 from the summer of 1997, according to AAA.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Fitness meet medallists

Among the area competitors who earned plaques for firsts, seconds or thirds at the 41st annual Detroit Metropolitan Youth Fitness meet held July 23 at Kensington Metropark near Milford included:

• **Firsts** — **Andrea Dunn** (Garden City), Class A (ages 13-14) softball throw, 128 feet, 11 inches; **Matthew Dunn** (Garden City), Class D (ages 7-8) agility run, 24.57; **Matthew Bessen** (Livonia), Class C (ages 9-10) chinning, 15; **Greg Hogan** (Farmington Hills), Class D chinning, 13.

• **Seconds** — **Lisa Montgomery** (Livonia), Class B (ages 11-12), running long jump, 10-6; **Brittany Pask** (Canton), Class A standing long jump, 5-10; **Curtis Rose** (Canton), Class B running long jump, 12-2; **Steve D'Annunzio** (Canton), Class D running long jump, 8-8.

• **Thirds** — **Bridgette Sotzen** (Livonia), Class A chinning, 13.45; **Gina Kilgore** (Canton), Class C chinning, 9; **Andrea Hurn** (Livonia), Class A, running long jump, 9-11.

Garden City golf tryouts

Tryouts for the Garden City high school boys golf team will be from Monday, Aug. 10 through Friday, Aug. 15 at GC Junior High.

For more information, call coach Ron Pummill at (734) 762-8350.

Women's Suburban golf

Joey Kraithoff of Novi won first flight low gross honors with an 87 at the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop Friday at Pine View G.C.

Carolyn Benninger (Northville) and Sandy Rivers (Rochester Hills) tied for second with 90 each.

Low net honors went to Dolly Vettesse (Northville) with a 71. Mary Wallen (Wayne) was second with a 73.

Dorothy Cortes (Livonia) and Penny Irwin (Westland) tied for first with 103 each. Mary Cunningham (Westland) was second with 106.

Mary Ann Kraft (Dearborn Heights) took low net with a 72, one stroke ahead of Jinny Valentine (Dearborn).

Besco homers twice

Former University of Michigan and Westland John Glenn High standout Derek Besco clubbed his third and fourth homers of the season July 27 to help Jamestown (N.Y.), a Detroit Tigers Rookie League team, to a 17-11 win over St. Catharines.

The outfielder-designated hitter, who went 3-for-6, is batting .265 in 29 games with four homers and 13 RBI.

• Redford resident Nancy Wilkie finished tied for 52nd at the Golf Association of Michigan Women's Championship July 28.

Wilkie totaled 201 for the two-day tournament held at the Loon Golf Club at Hidden Valley Resort in Gaylord. East Lansing's Stacy Slobodnik posted a winning total of 156.

Bantam hockey tryouts

A new Bantam A hockey team, the Arctic Pond Penguins, will hold conditioning and tryout skates at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

The coaches of the 1995-96 state champion Livonia Squirt Devils will conduct the conditioning and tryout sessions.

Conditioning sessions will be from 9-10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 2 and 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6.

Tryouts will be from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7; 9-10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9; and 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11.

For more information, call Craig O'Neill at (734) 462-2365 (home) or (248) 477-5002 (work) or Doug Wischmeyer at (734) 425-2736.

Bell's summer stroll

More than 2,000 walkers are expected for the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan will stage its seventh annual 5-kilometer Summer Stroll for Epilepsy on Saturday, Aug. 15 at Tiger Stadium.

Livonia resident and Detroit Tigers manager Buddy Bell will serve as honorary chairman.

Check-in begins at 2 p.m. with Bell kicking off the walk at 3 p.m. from the stadium to the Corktown area surrounding the ballpark.

Sponsors include Henry Ford Health System, General Motors, National Bank of Detroit and Tigers.

For registration information, call the Epilepsy Foundation's Summer Stroll hotline at 1-800-377-6226.



Wrestlers: This Livonia Stevenson High School trio of (from left) Dan Seder, Joe Moreau and Katsuhiko Sueda will be spending the week representing Michigan at the AAU Junior Olympic Nationals in Norfolk, Va.

Junior Olympians

Stevenson trio head to Norfolk meet

Summer vacation? Not for three wrestlers from Livonia, who consider their sport year-round.

The Stevenson High trio of Dan Seder, Katsuhiko Sueda and Joe Moreau will represent a team from Michigan in the AAU Junior Olympic Freestyle Wrestling Tournament, Aug. 2-7, in Norfolk, Va.

Sueda and Seder will be walk-ons this fall at the University of Michigan, while Moreau is entering his senior year.

"I don't know how I'm expected to do, but I know you can get in a lot of matches — up to 17-18," said Seder, a Division I state runner-up in the 135-pound class. "And freestyle is a totally different style. I have to put together different moves than what I already know."

Seder finished his Stevenson career with a 130-40 record, including 50-2 as a senior.

Seder, who counts Olympic gold medalist Steve Fraser "as somebody to look up to," was Western Lakes Activities Association, lower weights MVP at the Observerland Invitational, regional and district champion.

During the summer he has his own lawn business.

"Between practice and cutting lawns, it keeps me in pretty good shape," said Seder, who will wrestle at 143 pounds in Norfolk.

The trio travels twice per week to

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train at Roseville. They also practice at local gyms.

Sueda, third in Division I in the 112-pound class, will compete at 123 pounds.

He was 141-25 as a Spartan, setting the school record for career wins. A three-time state qualifier, Sueda finished 48-5 as a senior en route to a third-place finish at the state meet. He won Observerland, WLAA and district titles, along with a second at the regional.

"I'm going because I'm looking for competition," said Sueda, who didn't try wrestling until he entered middle school. "Freestyle is a little bit different. I'm still learning the rules."

"It's also a chance to be part of Team Michigan."

During the summer, Sueda works as a busboy and host for Akasaka, a Japanese restaurant in Livonia.

And he doesn't shy away from eating raw fish.

"Katsuhiko is fast, strong and can hit moves from anywhere," his teammate Moreau said. "You think you've got him taken down, but there he is on top."

Sueda also has another admirer on the mat.

"He's pretty slick, he's fast and comes from nowhere," Seder said.

Moreau, who wrestled 103 pounds as a junior, will compete at 98 at the AAUs.

He finished 30-11 last year with a second place at Observerland and a third in the WLAA.

Moreau also gained some valuable experience, along with Seder, wrestling at Fraser's summer camp.

Fraser's camp also provided the ultimate test, requiring a 15-mile run and a two-hour match on the mat.

Amazingly, Seder ran the 15-miler in 1 hour, 46 minutes.

"Dan works real hard, always doing extra," Moreau said. "He's strong and he has a lot of moves."

Moreau, meanwhile, spends part of his summer building decks.

"That keeps me in pretty good shape," the 98-pounder said. "I hope this tournament will make me a better wrestler on my feet and give me more experience."

Moreau's diligence is starting to pay off.

"Joe never gives up," Sueda said. "He works real hard. He's a good opponent in practice."

Ironically, the trip to Norfolk doesn't come cheap.

Each of the three wrestlers will fork out \$350 apiece and travel by van. Part of the fee includes uniform and meal money.

But the three wouldn't have summer vacation any other way.

U.S. TARGET MEET

Big-time

Top archers taking aim for Canton

The first year Canton hosted the National Target Championships, the top names seemed to adjust pretty well.

In the men's recurve division, No. 1-ranked Butch Johnson of Woodstock, Conn., edged Justin Huish of Simi Valley, Calif., outscoring him 2,631 to 2,612 in the three-day event. Huish was coming off a big year in 1996, having won two gold medals at the 1996 Olympics; he followed his second-place finish with a gold medal-winning performance in the first-ever U.S. Open Elimination Round, a single-day event held in conjunction with last year's National Target Championships.

Huish outshot Norway's Martinus Grov in the final, 109-104, to win the elimination round. Johnson was beaten in the quarterfinals of the elimination round by eventual bronze medalist Grzegorz Targonski of Poland, 110-108.

In the women's division, No. 1-ranked Janet Dykman of El Monte, Calif., was the winner of the National Target Championship in the women's recurve division, scoring 2,606 points to outdistance runner-up Khatouna Lorif of Flanders, N.J., who scored 2,591. But Dykman and No. 2-ranked Wenche Lin-Hess of Norway were eliminated early in the U.S. Open Elimination Round, leaving it an open battle for the recurve gold — which was captured by Mexico's Erika Reyes, who beat Australia's Melissa Jennison, 105-95 in the final.

The format for this year's week-long tournament, the 114th National Target Championship, will be much the same as last year's. Competition will be in traditional, recurve and compound divisions (the traditional tournament started Saturday and will be completed today). Archers will compete through two rounds, shooting 36 arrows from four distances in each for a total of 288 arrows.

Competition at Heritage Park, located at 1150 S. Canton Center, starts at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday, following a 45-minute warm-up session (8-8:45 a.m.). Friday's Olympic Round competition will put the top 64 male and female archers, from all divisions, into one Olympic-style elimination round tournament from 70 meters.

There will also be team competition.

Please see U.S. TARGET, D4

'Teamwork' reason for rare double sailing feat

Livonian Charles Miller, the 61-year-old skipper of Diversion 2, had the only boat this year to win both the Port Huron-to-Mackinac and Chicago-to-Mackinac races.

And he makes no secret what it takes to win.

"You have to give the crew credit," he said. "Four have been with me all 16 years."

"What wins races is the crew. They have a lot of experience, talent and desire."

The 6-year-old Diversion 2 is a 40-foot sloop, a C and C 37/40 to be exact. It races under the PHRF — Performance Handicap Racing Formula — Class D.

"There's no handicap, the first boat across wins," Miller said.

Port Huron-to-Mackinac, which circles around Cove Island, is 256 nautical miles and 294 statute miles.

"We had a little of everything in that race," Miller said. "Zero wind at Port Sanilac where we were drifting in circles. We had to cross the lake (Huron) twice. The last 20 miles the winds kicked up to 25 knots."

Out of 23 boats in its class, Diversion 2 won going away, the third time since 1987 for Miller's crew.



Sweep pair: Diversion 2 Skipper Charles Miller (far right) of Livonia had seven dependable mates last month as they captured PHRF Class D in both the Port Huron-to-Mackinac and Chicago-to-Mackinac races.

But the win from Chicago-to-Mackinac was a little bit sweeter.

Diversion 2 beat the runner-up boat by nearly 17 minutes. It was his first Chicago-to-Mackinac victory in four tries.

Diversion 2 was second the previous outing and third prior to that finish.

"We only go to Chicago-to-Mackinac every other year," Miller said. "Port Huron it's more upward sailing and tactics whereas Chicago the winds are generally out of the southwest where the spinnaker runs across the lake."

Miller's crew consists of eight, including himself. He will soon retire as a stock broker from the discount house of Quick & Reilly.

All three sail trimmers are relatives, including daughter Amy, 28, who resides in West Bloomfield.

Miller's two nephews, Rick Rossio, a

chemical engineer from Brighton; and Ron Rossio, an employee of Chrysler, round out the sail trimmers.

The tactician is Mike Welch, a Birmingham stock broker. The navigator is Detroit Mike Foyle, a compliance manager for a brokerage house in Farmington Hills.

The four-deck person is Brian Beaudet of Birmingham, an engineer at Chrysler.

Bill Gadde of Royal Oak, owner of a commercial real estate firm, is the helmsman.

"It's a very cohesive group," Miller said. "You better get along or it won't work. It's a team race and you have to have a plan."

Miller pays the bills when it comes to buying new sails and upgrading equipment. He now uses a computerized G.P.S. Chart Plotter.

"It's just like Indy cars, you have to keep up with the improvements all the way down," Miller said.

Since '87, Miller's crew have won three Mackinacs, finished second twice and taken third three times.

(In 1993, Miller's boat set a Class record with a time just under 37 hours.)

"We got our butts kicked the first five Mackinacs and then we finally figured it out," the skipper said. "Like any other sport, you sit down and figure out how to win."

"I figure about a third of the boats are out for the ride, another third are in the middle, while the other third have the desire, the will and means to do it."

"We just don't take a cruise up the island. Our goal is to win."

Please see MILLER'S CREW, D4

ASA NATIONAL 16-AND-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH TOURNAMENT

Motor City Madness hosts tourney

It's only appropriate that a team called the Motor City Madness will be a co-host in the Amateur Softball Association Girls 16-and-under Fastpitch National Championship.

Approximately 80 teams from across the country, including the defending champion Fresno (Calif.) Force, will converge this week on Founders Sports Park in Farmington Hills and Power Park in Novi.

The madness begins in earnest with tournament pool play starting at 8 a.m. Tuesday at both sites, which contain five fields each.

The championship bracket of the double-elimination tourney gets underway at 1 p.m. Wednesday and run right through until in the championship game at 4 p.m. Sunday (6 p.m. if necessary).

The other local co-host from

the Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association, is Compuware.

Motor City Madness is managed by former Livonia Franklin All-Stater and ex-University of Detroit first baseman Gar Frantz.

Along with assistant coaches Bill Crews and John Fitzgerald, Frantz has put together a potent lineup.

Madness has compiled an impressive 36-10 record this summer, including a respectable 7-3 mark in the Ann Arbor Women's Fastpitch League.

Madness has captured the state ASA and USSSA 16-and-under titles. They also finished fourth behind three California squads in a World Qualifier.

Three of the team's original members played together on the NSA 12-and-under national championship squad — pitcher/third baseman Amanda

PREVIEW

Fitzgerald (Byron High School); outfielder/pitcher Joelle Frantz (Novi); and infielder Katie Cameron (Novi).

Fitzgerald, an All-Stater, is 20-8 with a 0.22 earned run average. She is also hitting .327.

Frantz, hitting .361, has combined with Fitzgerald to strike out over 700 high school batters.

Meanwhile, Cameron leads the team in hitting with a .368 average.

Second-year Madness players include the Crews sisters from Westland John Glenn — Samantha, a shortstop who played slow-pitch last summer with Finesse, and Stephanie, a catcher-shortstop.

Stephanie, just 13, an incoming freshman at Glenn, is hitting

.341 and leads the team in homers with nine.

She doubled twice in a game recently against Jamie Gillies, the University of Michigan's No. 2 pitcher.

"Stephanie has the ability to hit the long ball and just has a great arm," Frantz said. "She just steps up and hits it hard."

"She's got to be one of the top ten 14-year-olds in the country."

Two Farmington Hills Mercy players also provide solid play.

Outfielder Dana Falvo came over from Compuware, while catcher-infielder-outfielder Erin Carson (.351) has been with Madness since she was 14.

Rounding out the Madness roster is Theresa Flowers, who helped Waterford Kettering capture the Division I state girls softball title; Jackie Ruma, Waterford Out Lady of the

Lakes; Megghan Honke, Byron; Kim Klever, Dexter; and Laura Burkhardt, Whitmore Lake.

The tournament draw will be Monday at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi.

Pre-sale tickets (all-tournament dates) are \$20 (ages 6-16) and \$25 (adults). Gate prices are \$25. Individual day tickets are \$8 per person. For discounted ticket information, call Scott Cameron at (248) 305-8833.

Power Park is located on Ten Mile between Taft and Novi roads.

Founders Park is on Eight Mile between Gill and Newburgh.

Opening ceremonies will be at 4 p.m. Monday at the Novi High School football stadium.

For more information, call Scott Mercer at Novi Parks and Recreation at (248) 347-0700.

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NSA 18-AND-UNDER WORLD SERIES

Stingers grab 12th in Columbus

The Stingers 18-year-old and under travel team finished 12th at the NSA World Series, July 20-26, in Columbus, Ohio.

The 18 and under bracket was made up of 66 of the best teams in the nation and Canada. All of the participants had to win berths to attend the prestigious five-day event.

A loss in the first game put the Stingers in the losers bracket early and set the tone for an early exit. But the Stingers players set their minds to play for pride and finished the tournament with a 4-2 overall record.

It was the first time the Stingers have been to the World Series.

The squad opened the tournament against the Lady Louisville Sluggers, falling 6-2. Jen Elwell pitched a six-hitter for the Stingers, striking out four.

Poor defense plagued the Stingers. Five errors contributed to several Louisville runs.

The Stingers out hit with seven for the game. Shayla O'Mara, Wendy Boase and Melissa Baliko each had two hits.

In game two, the Stingers came back to blank the Indiana Sting 7-0. LeAnne Schraufnagle (Livonia Stevenson) was the winning pitcher and didn't allow a runner past second base.

The Stingers edged the Rascals of Lexington, Kentucky, 4-3 in game three. Leah Moeller pitched a five-hitter for the Stingers, striking out five and allowing no walks.

Rachel Viers had two hits to lead the offensive attack. Her two-run triple sealed the win.

Good defense and great pitching led to a 2-0 win over the Indiana Pride in game four. Elwell tossed a one-hitter.

Neither team scored in regula-

tion, which forced the international tie-breaker to be invoked. The Stingers got a chance to score forced as the visiting squad.

Kerry Fitzgerald was placed at second base to start the inning. Kelly Sylvester moved her to third on a bunt and later scored on a passed ball. Kate Homant made it 2-0 when she scored on a squeeze bunt by Wendy Boase.

The Stingers continued their winning ways in game five by beating the Ohio Silver 8-6.

Leah Moeller started and earned the win. Elwell relieved her in the fourth inning and picked up a save.

Marrisa Melchior smacked two triples while Sylvester had a timely single that set up the winning runs. Shayla O'Mara added a home run.

The Stingers closed the tournament with a 4-1 loss to the Ohio Pride. The team was depleted for the game as several

players headed for home to in an all-star game.

Schraufnagle started for the Stingers and took the loss. She allowed seven hits and a pair of walks.

An untimely error by the Stinger defense allowed two runs to score. Shortstop Janine Kurpiel led the offense with a single that led to the Stingers' only run.

Team players this summer included: Leah Moeller, Shayla O'Mara, Terri Schroeder, Kate Homant, Kerry Fitzgerald and Erin Fitzgerald of Farmington Hills Mercy; Jen Elwell and Janine Kurpiel of Dearborn Divine Child; LeAnne Schraufnagle of Livonia Stevenson; Wendy Boase of Livonia Ladywood; Marrisa Melchior of Regina; Melissa Baliko of Hartland; Rachel Viers of Onsted; Allison Luczak of Franklin Road Christian; and Kelly Sylvester of Garden City.

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SANDLOT BASEBALL

Lumberjacks advance to AABC district semis

The Livonia Lumberjacks fell 9-6 to the North Oakland A's in the American Amateur Baseball Congress district semifinals (July 27) in Rochester.

The Lumberjacks, as has been their trademark all year, did not go down without a fight. With a pitching staff weakened due to injuries, the Lumberjacks were forced to use an assortment of hurlers.

After giving up eight runs in the first few innings, the Lumberjacks settled down and fought their way to narrow the gap, 9-6, after five innings.

Key hits by Brian Williams (Redford Catholic Central), Jeff Potts (CCI) and Tim Greenleaf (Livonia Churchill) fueled the comeback, which was capped by a three-run homer by Ricky Strain (Churchill).

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning and down by three, the Lumberjacks made a last ditch effort. Mark Gursky (CC) beat out an infield single and Joe Tackett (Ann Arbor Huron) walked to put runners at

first and second.

The Lumberjacks were unable to push the runners across, however, as North Oakland got a key strikeout to close the game.

Livonia advanced to the semifinal by beating the Waterford Renegades, 9-6.

"This was one of the better games we played all year," coach Jim Moss said. "It was a great game to be involved in with great pitching, outstanding hitting performances, and some clutch defensive plays by both teams."

The one-two defensive punch of lead off hitter Brian Williams and second baseman Dave Moss got the ball rolling for the Lumberjacks as they have all year. Williams, who led the team in on base percentage (.790) and walks (32), lead off the second inning with a single.

Moss followed with a single. The Lumberjacks ended up sending nine men to the plate and scored five times. Brad Bescoe (Churchill), Jeff Potts, Gursky and Steve Bauer all contributed

hits during the uprising.

Again in the sixth inning, after the Renegades had chipped away to tie the game 6-6, Tackett tripled and scored on a Bauer single. Williams capped the rally with a two-run double.

The Lumberjacks got a fine pitching performance from Tom Oestrolee (Ann Arbor Huron), a tournament pick up, who went five strong innings. Greenleaf worked the final two innings in relief.

"This has been just a tremendous group of ball players," coach Moss said. "They don't know the meaning of the word quit. We got contributions from everybody all season."

The Lumberjacks close the season as Little Caesar Travel co-champs with a 27-6 overall record.

Other team members included Tom Alberty, Mike Wilk and Aaron Harkness.

The coaching staff also included Greg Williams, Mike Potts, Dennis Tackett.

Rams crown Kings to earn spot in Louisville Collegiate tourney

The Michigan Lake Area Rams beat the Adray Kings, 4-2, on Wednesday night in the Adray Metro Baseball Association finale played at Livonia's Ford Field.

The Rams finished with a 14-11-2 overall record for 30 points, one point behind Collegiate Division champion Livonia D.C.I. (15-11, 31 points).

As sole owner of second place, the Rams are headed to the National Amateur Baseball Federation College World Series in Louisville, Ky. Livonia D.C.I. is the league's representative for the All-American Amateur Base-

ADRAY METRO

ball Association national tournament that begins Saturday in Johnstown, Pa.

The Rams beat the Kings behind the relief pitching of Dave Wampler (Livonia-Franklin/Wayne State), who earned the win after allowing two runs on three hits and five walks with three strikeouts in 3 1/2 innings.

Starter Tom Willeher allowed one run on three hits and two walks with five strikeouts

through 3 1/2 innings.

Aaron Lawson (Farmington Hills Harrison/Wayne State) was 2-for-3 with two RBI to lead the Rams.

Todd Miller (Farmington Hills/Madonna) was 1-for-3 with an RBI, Eric Pierce (North Farmington/Central Michigan) was 1-3 with a run scored and Lance Siegwald 1-2 with a run.

D.C.I. is playing a scrimmage game at 8 p.m. Monday against the Rams and another at 8 p.m. Tuesday against Downriver Adray. Both games will be at Ford Field.

METRO SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUE

Bulldogs, Lakers gain championship berths

The stage is set.

And for once in the long, and storied, history of the Metro Summer Hockey League and its playoffs, there is no major surprise heading into the championship game. For most of the season, three teams dominated the league; two of them have survived to meet in the final.

The most dramatic of the semifinals was Wednesday between the Lakers and the Huskies in the Bakes Conference final. Until the final week of the regular season, the two teams had battled for the top spot in the conference. A late Laker collapse — they lost their last three regular-season games after going unbeaten through the first eight — handed first place to the Huskies.

The Lakers avenged that ignominy last Wednesday, repelling a late Huskie rally to post a 5-4 victory at Plymouth Ice Arena.

In the Eagle Conference final Thursday at Plymouth, the Bulldogs scored three times in the last 1:37 to win going away over the Broncos, 8-4 — thanks to four goals and two assists from Ben Blackwood.

Which means the Bulldogs and the Lakers will meet for the MSHL championship at 8 tonight at Plymouth Ice Arena.

In the Bakes final, the Huskies had the early advantage, getting first-period goals from Jesse Hubenschmidt (from Redford) and Scot Curtin (Redford) to go up 2-0. The Lakers trimmed that deficit to 2-1 by the end of the period, thanks to a goal by Matt Frick with 3:25 left, then took command in the second with three unanswered markers, by Ryan Ward, Nick Jardine and Jeramie Murray (Redford).

The Lakers made it 5-2 with 10:49 left in the third period on a goal by Eric Dolesh (Farmington Hills). The Huskies narrowed the gap with goals by Sean Kass and Jeremy Sladovnick, but the latter came with just 12 seconds remaining in the game.

Hubenschmidt and Bobby Davis each added two assists to the Huskies' cause. Nick Jardine had two assists for the Lakers.

Lanny Jardine was in goal for the Lakers. Ed Souilliere (Livonia) played in the net for the Huskies.

BULLDOGS 8, BRONCOS 4: Blackwood's outburst was the key ingredient in the 'Dogs semifinal victory Thursday at Plymouth, but the goal-keeping of J.J. Weaks helped, too.

PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

Blackwood's second goal of the game, with 1:37 left in the second period, had given the Bulldogs a 5-2 lead. But the Broncos weren't quitting: third-period goals by Jim Storm and Matt Langley trimmed the gap to 5-4 with more than 6 1/2 minutes left.

But with Weaks manning the net, the 'Dogs kept the Broncos from drawing any closer, and Blackwood insured the victory with two goals in an 11-second span (with 1:37 and 1:26 left in the game). Ian Crockford iced it with a goal with 30 seconds remaining; his second of the game.

Also scoring for the 'Dogs were Eric Bratcher and Matt Grant (Livonia), each with a goal and an assist. Kevin Swider (Livonia) also contributed two assists.

The Broncos were led by Langley, with three goals. Jake Wiegand and Mark Pietila each had two assists.

Weaks played the whole game for the Bulldogs, while Kevin Brady (Livonia) and Art Baker split time in the Broncos' goal.

BRONCOS 16, FALCONS 6: Jim Storm and Jake Wiegand each netted three goals, with Darrin Sylvester adding two goals and three assists, to lead the Broncos to an opening-round victory over the Falcons Wednesday at Plymouth.

The Broncos never trailed in the game and were tied only briefly, at 1-1 early in the first period when the Falcons' Paul Goleniak scored with 10:49 left. The Broncos then scored four unanswered goals to take a 5-1 lead into the second period; the gap was never less than two after that.

Lewis Lanway added two goals and an assist for the Broncos, with Nick Smyth, Matt Langley, Frank Bourbonais and Corey Almas adding one goal apiece. Smyth also had four assists, with Almas getting three and Langley two.

The Falcons were paced by Goleniak with three goals. Paolo DeCina (Canton) chipped in with a goal and three assists, with Josh Shuryan getting a goal and an assist and Vic DeCina (Canton) collecting a goal and an assist. Scott Goleniak also had three assists for the Falcons.

Kevin Brady (Livonia) and Art Baker split time in goal for the Broncos. Casey Osting was in the net for the Falcons.

ADRAY STANDINGS

FINAL ADRAY METRO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION STANDINGS

Adray Division: 1. Adray Kings, 18-8-0/36 points; 2. Warren Reds, 16-6-0/32; 3. Windsor Stars, 13-10-1/27; 4. Windsor Selects, 6-20-1/13.

Livonia Collegiate Division: 1. Livonia D.C.I., 15-10-1/31; 2. Michigan Rams, 13-11-2/28; 3. Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury, 12-13-0/24; 4. Livonia Adray, 5-20-1/10.

RECENT RESULTS

July 26: Rams 9, D.C.I. 6; Livonia Adray 4, D.C.I. 2; Hines Park 16, Livonia Adray 10; Adray Kings 13, Windsor Selects 12; Windsor Stars 15, Adray Kings 14.

July 25: Hines Park 2, D.C.I. 1; D.C.I. 2, Hines Park 0.

July 24: D.C.I. 5, Windsor Selects 0; Hines Park 3, Windsor Stars 2.

July 23: Rams 6, Adray Kings 2.

July 22: Adray Kings 5, Hines Park 4; Livonia Adray 12, Windsor Selects 7.

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Chargers champs: Livonia Churchill's pom pon squad recently were named grand champions and most improved squad at Grand Valley State University's camp. The pom pon camp and competition was held July 8-11. Mid-American Pom Pon sponsored the event. In addition to being named champs and most improved, the Chargers also had eight young women named to the camp's all-star squad. They were: Dana Petroskey, Kelli Tilt, Ann Senne, Melissa Peckham, Carri Miller, Heather Petres, Kristen McGowan and Jamina Ramierz. Other team members are: Emily Arent, Kelly Burnett, Amber Cohl, Teresa DeVore, Michelle Ewing, Jillian McDonald, Kristen McGowan, Kelli McIntosh, Shelly Mitchell, Jenny Renaud, Candice Scott, Julie Snow, Kelli Taylor, Sarah Gorski, Stacey Harrison, Chrissy Hickman, Meghan Leahy, Heather Reed, Rachelle Wahl, Katie Webster and Courtney Malo.

Concealed 11s take 2

YOUTH BASEBALL

So far, so good. Concealed began its quest for a Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series championship Friday with a pair of wins in Tarkio, Missouri.

The Farmington Hills-based squad edged Tamaulipas, Mexico in the opener then whitewashed a club from Iowa. Concealed was set to play two more games Saturday and one today.

The 11-year-old tournament features 24 teams from Mexico, Canada and various American states. Squads were broken down into four divisions of six.

Each division played round-robin this weekend with the top four teams advancing to the double elimination round starting Tuesday.

Concealed (45-9) put itself in a solid position to advance by garnering wins Friday.

Chris Rusin (Canton) was the story of game one. He pitched a one-hitter, striking out nine and walking just one in a 3-1 victory over Mexico.

"He had good command of everything," coach Lou Pirronello said. "He mixed his knuckleball, fastball and curveball well. He struck out three guys on his knuckleball."

Rusin (11-1) also had two of Concealed's three hits. Ryan Shea (Garden City), however, scored the team's first run in the first inning.

He singled and advanced to second on a Rusin single. Shea then came around to score on a pair

of Mexico wild pitches.

Concealed scored two more runs in the fourth inning.

Rusin singled to lead off the frame and was promptly balked to second. He later scored on an error after Scott Szpyrka laid down a perfect bunt.

Concealed got a second run on a squeeze bunt from Casey Sargent (South Lyon). Pirronello said his team had to make everything count.

"Mexico's pitcher was the best we've faced all year," he said. "He was the hardest thrower we've seen."

The same couldn't be said of game two.

Concealed took an easy 9-0 win in a game shortened to four innings because of the mercy rule.

A run in the first got things started as Concealed added five in the third and three in the fourth. The team ended up with nine hits in total.

Szpyrka, Shea and Richard each had two hits. Szpyrka belted a two-run homer.

On the mound, Phil Mabey (Livonia) was perfect. He tossed a no-hitter, walking two and striking out seven.

Concealed moved on to play Colorado (0-2) and Tennessee (1-1) on Saturday.

New web site created for state youth soccer

In response to the tremendous growth in youth soccer, Michigan Live has launched the Youth Soccer Connection at <http://www.mlive.com/ysc>.

This feature offers Michigan youth soccer teams, clubs and leagues the chance to build their own free, easy-to-update Web sites or link to their existing Web sites.

Michigan Live's Youth Soccer Connection enables soccer groups to:

- Post their group's information, news and schedules
 - Publicize tournaments, clinics and activities
 - Publish Web links and information on how to get and stay involved in the sport;
 - Find out the latest youth soccer news and events around the state;
 - Be listed in Michigan Live's searchable statewide soccer directory
- "The sport's become so popular, that 'soccer moms' are as abundant as minivans," says Dave Farrell, Michigan Live Editor-in-Chief. "Being a soccer dad, I can attest to the usefulness of this site."
- "It's so easy to use, my 10-year old son built a Web site for his team."
- Anyone with Internet access can build a free Web site or promote their existing site through Michigan Live.
- The process takes only minutes and it begins at <http://www.mlive.com/ysc>.
- Michigan Live (<http://www.mlive.com>) is a comprehensive Web site featuring news and information about Michigan people, places, and things to do.
- Michigan Live features daily news, sports, entertainment, games, weather, talk and more.
- It's available free to anyone with Internet access.
- Michigan Live is an affiliate of Advance Internet Inc., which is a subsidiary of Advance Publications Inc., owner of 26 newspapers in 22 cities, Conde Nast magazines, Parade and React.

U.S. Target from page D1

Monetary awards are also up for grabs; a gold medal in either the men's or women's recurve, or compound, competitions is worth \$250, while a silver medal is worth \$150 and a bronze \$100.

A team winning a gold medal earns each team member \$100; a silver is worth \$75 to team members, and a bronze is valued at \$50 per team member.

Johnson, Hui-sh, Dykman, U.S. Women's Olympic Team member Jennifer O'Donnell (from Farmington HS and Livonia) and Adam Wheatcroft (from Clarkston), who teamed with Nicholas Risinger and Walter Ruchniewski to win a gold medal with a record-setting performance at the fifth Junior World Archery Championships in Sunne, Sweden last Sunday, are all scheduled to compete this week in Canton.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

AREA GOLF DIVOTS

• The foursome of Dr. Robert Legel, his sons Eric and Jeff, along with Dave Lenden, have qualified by one stroke for the Oldemobile Scramble regional, Sept. 8, at Grosse Ile Country Club.

Whispering Willows pro Paul Worley will anchor the team.

The winning team advances to the Nationals later this year in Las Vegas, Nev.

• Paul Chirgwin of Novi women's low net honors with a 63 and Livonian Chuck Wallin was

second with a 66 in the Ford Golf Association's annual Club Championship July 11 at the Lakes of Taylor.

In the women's division, Angie Snyder of Ypsilanti took now net with a 78 and Susan Farran of Bloomfield Hills was next with a 79.

Chirgwin and Snyder are now eligible to compete next month in the Golf Association of Michigan's Tournament of Champions.

The Ford Golf Association is a division of Ford Recreation Association, made up of Ford retirees, agency and contract personnel.

Miller's crew from page D1

Sailboat racing is definitely a labor of love. Miller's team receives no money for its triumphs, just a victory flag to hoist, wall plaques and a trophy.

During the summer, Miller and his crew keep sharp by competing in series of Saturday races on Lake St. Clair (sponsored by the Detroit River Yachting Association). The boat also goes out each Wednesday evening for casual races near Jefferson Beach and Nine Mile Road.

"We do a lot of racing," said Miller, who grew up on the water on Lake George near West Branch. "It's been a great year. It really doesn't matter what happens the rest of the season."

But hopefully Miller got that cleared with his crew.

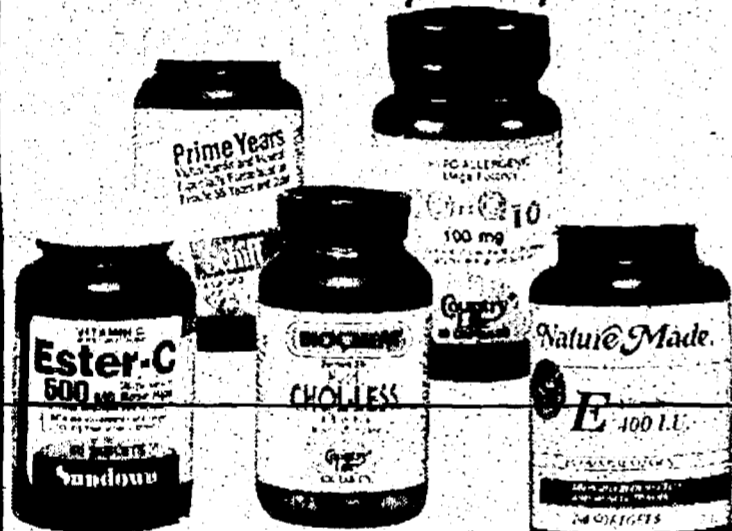
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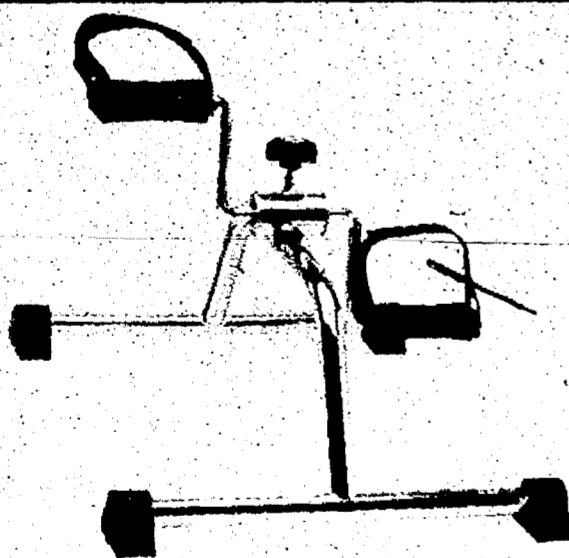
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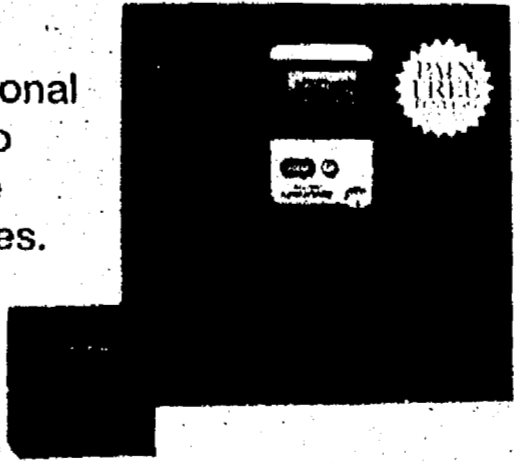
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RECREATION

Butterflies make comeback

Lives of invertebrates are just as intriguing as the vertebrates.

In fact, in many cases, even more interesting.

Zoos and private institutions have begun to recognize this, resulting in more and more invertebrate exhibits for display.

Butterfly houses are just one example of how popular one invertebrate can be.

Back in the 1980s private enterprises began to establish tourist attractions with the lure of butterflies.

Butterfly World in Florida started and, as far as I know, is the largest display of butterflies in the United States. They have separate houses for North American butterflies and for exotic, tropical species.

Several other butterfly houses have now started, like the one at the Detroit Zoo.

Watching these colorful jewels fly next to you, only inches away,

NATURE NOTES



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can be breath taking. Sometimes they even land on you. Their colors and patterns are beyond the imagination.

Not only do the butterfly houses have adults, they also display the chrysalises of many of the butterflies. They too can be colorful and distinctly shaped.

Exotic butterflies are not allowed to leave their enclosures, nor breed, because host plants are not available for them to lay their eggs on. It's better to keep tropical dealers in business and get shipments into the facility, rather than have some of these exotics escape and begin reproducing in a foreign land. Many situations like this in the past have proven very costly.

Mackinac Island has a butterfly house and Meijer's Gardens has butterflies in the spring for a short period of time. Calaway Gardens in Georgia also has butterflies, while the Cincinnati Zoo has both butterflies and many other invertebrates.

One of the popular invertebrate exhibits are the walking sticks.

One species of walking stick is the longest insect — over one foot long.

Tropical walking sticks do not look just like a twig. Many tropical species are camouflaged to look like lichen covered twigs, or leaves.

Some even have bright colored wings to startle potential predators. North American walking sticks do not have wings.

Toronto's Science Center has both walking sticks and a working leaf cutter ant colony.

The Toledo Zoo is another location to view different invertebrates.

If you are plagued with cockroaches, be thankful you don't have the large hissing cockroaches they have on display, they are about three inches long.

If you are interested in invertebrates, especially insects, the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park near Clarkston, Michigan will host an insect festival from 1:30-4 p.m. Saturday Aug. 8.

There will be insects, both live and mounted on display, hikes to demonstrate collecting will be conducted, lectures, crafts and more will be featured.

For more information, call the nature center at (248) 625-6473.

Bow hunter finally bags a bear

For many years, Jeff Weisswasser has dreamed of bagging a "big bear" with his bow.

A veteran of many years of bear hunting in Ontario, Weisswasser decided to try his luck a little further west this year and embarked upon a trip to Edmonton for a go-round with some Alberta black bears.

Upon arriving at his wilderness tent camp at mid-day, it didn't take the Bloomfield Hills hunter long to realize his dream.

"The first day there we went out about 4 p.m. and by 9 p.m. I was still sitting in my blind watching shadows," said Weisswasser. "All of a sudden one of those shadows started to move and the biggest bear I've ever seen or dreamt of was coming in to my bait."

But the bear didn't come right in for a text book shot. Instead he grabbed some food and laid down in a position that didn't offer a good shot. "A little voice in the back of my head said 'Jeffrey, if you let this one walk away you'll be kicking yourself forever,'" said Weisswasser.

He didn't let that happen.

While trying to calm himself, Weisswasser watched the bear begin moving again. He drew his Mathews solo-cam bow and when the bear presented a brief opening Weisswasser made a lethal shot.

The monster bruin measured 7-feet, 8-inches from nose to tail and had a girth of 4-feet, 8-inches. The skull had a green score of 20-inches, well within the Pope & Young Club requirements.

"It was after dark when we finally found him," explained Weisswasser. "When my guide held up the light and said 'There's your bear,' I almost had a heart attack."

"I literally fell to my knees and gave thanks. I was overcome by sadness, joy, humility and exhilaration all at the same time."

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS

Hot summer fishing

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club founder Harold Leider, of Rochester Hills, reports that steelhead action is cooking in Erieau, Ontario (an hour east of Detroit).

We went on a trip over there last week and just hammered them," said Leider. "We caught nine steelhead between eight and 12 pounds each and four walleye, between eight and nine pounds each."

Leider also reported that he and his wife Audrey recently returned from a fabulous trip to Prince Edward Island where they fished for and caught flounder and cod.

"We had a fabulous time," Leider said. "We learned to dig clams and shuck oysters. It was a great time all the way around."

Deer, turkey deadlines approaching

Hunters are running out of time. The application deadline for the fall wild turkey season and for antlerless deer permits is Saturday, August 1.

Applications are available at license dealers statewide.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

Hall of Fame nominees on tap

Tomorrow is the day that the Greater Detroit Hall of Fame committee convenes to consider this year's nominees.

Those bowlers who are up for consideration this year are, in the men's category — Ken Kossick (Canton), Fred McClain, Jerry Penxa, Lee Snow (Farmington Hills), Harry Sullins, Larry Walker (Garden City) and Dave Bernhardt.

In the women's category, those nominated include — Marilyn Lueck Frederick (Canton), Cheryl Stipeck (Redford) and Sandra Winbiger.

Veteran's category hopefuls — Syl Thiol and Jarv Woehlike.

The lone nominee for the Thomas McKay Award is Dorothy Thompson.

Nominated for meritorious service — Doug Bradford, Margaret Restivo, Warren Teubert (Redford) and Lewis Saad.

To be selected out of this illustrious group, one must have performed on the lanes above and beyond the usual for a reasonable length of time.

Victories in league and tournament play are heavily considered.

Using Ken Kossick as an example, he has bowled in the All-Stars for 16 years, a member of the championship Ansara Big Boy team, ABC sanctioned high games, 19 300 games, 12 299 games, eight 298 games and seven 800 series.

He has captured five Michigan State titles, several Greater Detroit Bowling Association city titles, All-City team five times including King of Bowlers in 1986-87, and 1992-93 with 94.5 points (an all-time record), 1987 GDBA bowler of the year, 1997 Masters winner, high

TEN-PIN ALLEY



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individual average in the Thursday Travel All-Stars with 1983 (223) and 1985 (228).

This is not to say that Ken would be elected, the others have very strong credentials also. It's all up to the election committee.

For anyone who has ever visited the GDBA Hall, it is located in Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

It's well worth the trek for any bowling enthusiast, a nostalgia trip and the showcases are filled with the individual plaques and trophies, going from past to present with the names and faces that have made it to the Hall of Fame.

Tim Wiczorek is the proprietor of the Rack Attack pro shop in Thunderbird Lanes on Maple Road in Troy.

Tim has been a feature story in this column, having had to give up his aspirations for the Pro Bowlers Tour because of physical disabilities, and how he has come back to help teach others how to bowl better.

He has developed an advanced video/computerized system for instruction that is a look into the next century.

Carrying it another step, Tim will be hosting an advanced school for all bowlers who wish to improve their game in this high tech fashion.

The date is Oct. 4 and costs \$85 to sign up, (\$100 after Sept. 7). The class is limited to 50 entrants. There will be many door prizes, which will be supplied by a large number of sponsors including Columbia, Brunswick, Ebonite, King Louie, Turbo 2-N-1 Grips, Linds Shoes, E-B Sports, DiLaura Bros., GLC Balls, Mitchell Sales and Classic.

There will be several USA certified instructors for the session which will run from 8:45 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m.

The staff includes Randy Hart, Jeff Briggs, Randy Harvey, Mark Robey, Jeff McCormick and George

Bukowski, all Silver level in addition to Tim Wiczorek, Bronze level.

The class will be on the lanes at Thunderbird and using the computer/video analysis.

It's a sure-fire way to step your game up a notch or two.

For more information, call (248) 362-2212.

Last week, a couple of well known area bowlers struck it rich on national Televised Pro Bowling events.

Gene Stus, just back from cardiac surgery, won for the second week in a row at the Northwest Senior Classic in Beaverton, Ore. after capturing the Seattle Senior Open the previous week.

Next stop is Las Vegas, the town where winners can become losers quickly.

Stus has had two triple bypass heart operations.

He looks great and is bowling perhaps his best ever.

Also last week, Aleta Sill took another step towards her next goal with a victory at Danville, Va.

The first place money was \$9,000 which moves her closer to the \$1 million mark, yet to be achieved by a woman bowler.

The victory was Sill's 30th title, which ties her with Lisa Wagner for the all-time record on the ladies pro tour.

These events are carried at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays on ESPN (times may vary).

The next three events will be in Chattanooga, La., Terre Haute, Ind. and Rockford, Ill.

At 36, Sill remained at the top of her game, but as she says, there are a lot of great young bowlers coming up, and the competition just keeps getting stronger.

She is hoping to hit that magic number of \$1 million before the year is up.

Sill, who entered the Detroit Hall of Fame last year, is from Dearborn, formerly of Garden City and Westland.

ARCHERY

NAA NATIONAL
The National Archery Association will hold the 114th annual National Target Championships Aug. 1-7 at Heritage Park in Canton. Shooting begins at 9 a.m. each day and the public is welcome.

BROADHEAD LEAGUES
Broadhead leagues are forming and will begin the first week of August at the Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston. There will be evening leagues on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and a morning league on Wednesdays. Call 623-0444 for more information.

3D SHOOT
The Oakland County Sportsman will hold a 30-target 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, on its walk-through range in Clarkston. Call 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 941-9688.

WINGSHOOTING SCHOOL
Hunters Ridge Hunt Club in Oxford will host the Fieldsport Wingshooting School on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13. Master gunfitter and certified instructor Bryan Bilinski, who is credited with bringing sporting clays to the United States, will lead the school, which will cover all aspects of proficient shooting. Call (616) 933-0767 (daytime) or (248) 837-2446 (evenings) for more information.

CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center

Outdoor Calendar

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 12-13, at the Holiday Inn-Petoskey, 1444 US 131 S., Petoskey. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

DEER
Aug. 1 is the deadline to apply for an antlerless deer permit.

TURKEY
Aug. 1 is the deadline to apply for a fall wild turkey permit.

WATERFOWL
Waterfowl hunters may apply for a reserved hunt permit Aug. 1-28.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. On Mondays and Tuesdays, shotgun and archery shooting is available noon-sunset while the rifle and pistol range is open 3 p.m. to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The

Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5770 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

FISHING IN THE PARKS
Learn the basics of fishing including how to bait a hook, basic knots, casting and fish ecology during this weekly program, which is offered Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. through Aug. 11 at Metamora-Hadley, Pontiac Lake and Island Lake.

BIRD HIKE
Learn to identify some of the area's birds during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 at Maybury. Participants should meet at the riding stable parking lot off Beck Road, 1/4-mile south of Eight Mile Rd.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS
The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

FREE WOOD CHIPS
Free wood chips from the Oakland County Parks Christmas tree recycling program will be available on Saturday, Aug. 29, at Orion Oaks at the Clarkston Road entrance. Individuals are asked to provide their own shovels and to load the chips by hand. No motorized equipment is allowed and no commercial haulers. Additional wood chip dates are scheduled for Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.

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

Schoolcraft College hosts Classic

The 4-Seasons Kite Club, along with help from the M2S2 Kite Club and many sponsors, will again host the third Michigan Sport Kite Classic.

The event will be held at Schoolcraft College Aug. 8-9, located on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. The Kite Classic is free to all spectators.

While competitive sport kite flying is not well known by the general public, it is one of the fastest growing sports around. Anyone can enjoy and participate in the sport, adults, kids and the young at heart.

It embodies the beauty and grace of figure skating with the sky as its canvas instead of ice. Like figure skaters, the competitive kite flyer must execute certain maneuvers, in order, within a certain amount of time.

There is also a "ballet" portion of the competi-

SPORTS KITES

tion, which is a series of maneuvers choreographed to music. Flyers are judged against specific criteria at several skill levels and accumulate points throughout the year.

Top flyers from around the country are then invited to compete at the national convention at the end of the season.

The Michigan Sport Kite Classic will have games and kite building for kids. Room will also be set aside to teach folks how to fly their kites.

If you would like more information about the Michigan Sport Kite Classic, the 4-Season Kite Club, the M2S2 Kite Club or kiting in general, please call (248) 684-5288. E-mail can be sent to joew@conch.msen.com.