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THE WEEK AHEAD

THURSDAY

Prosecutor forum: The five candidates for Wayne County prosecutor will debate the issues 7:30-10 p.m. June 22 at Livonia's Civic Center Library. The forum is co-sponsored by *The Observer Newspapers* and *The Northville Record; Time Warner; and the Community Democratic Club.*

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Crying game: With tears in her eyes, Roxanne Hammons embraces a family member following her graduation from Plymouth Salem High School last Sunday at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. David Oliver (bottom) strikes a pose as "The Thinker," by the sculptor Rodin, as his dad Terry videotapes him and his mom Pam snaps a photo on the steps of Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor following commencement. For a list of the graduates and more photos, please see Page D8.

Out of school: Audrey Jaskolski shows off her double 00 necklace as her tassel shows she's a member of the class of 2000 during commencement exercises last Sunday at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.



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Budget talks heat up

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Plymouth Commissioner Sean FitzGerald said he "ran (for office) on a promise to voters that I would scrutinize the actions of the administration."

FitzGerald, David Byers and Michele Potter did just that in a special meeting Wednesday night in which they scrutinized the 2000-01 budget line by line, eventually cutting nearly \$33,000 in expenditures just before midnight.

Commissioners will continue to look at budget line items Monday evening at 6 p.m., hopefully finishing before the regular meeting where the commission is expected to adopt the \$5.9 million general fund document.

"This is the taxpayers' money and we are responsible for it," said FitzGerald. "We shouldn't just rubber-stamp the budget brought to us by the administration. I think it makes for better municipal government."

The trio of commissioners weren't favorites among City Manager David Rich, Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock, five department heads who attended the session, and even fellow commissioners as FitzGerald and Byers challenged expenditures, and Potter questioned the number of overtime hours budgeted. Some even showed their disgust while answering questions by commissioners.

Among the cuts were \$22,000 for a new pickup truck, \$6,000 for new commission chairs and \$1,000 for a float in this year's July 4 parade.

"I am not going to vote against re-

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Judgeship hopeful to appeal ballot ruling

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One of two local attorneys left off the August primary ballot in the race for 35th District Court judge says he'll continue the battle to face incumbent judge Ron Lowe.

Despite a Circuit Court ruling dismissing a lawsuit aimed at getting him on the ballot, William Selinsky of Northville Township will take his case to the Michigan Court

of Appeals.

Selinsky's decision comes after Chief Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Michael Sapala ruled last month he had no jurisdiction to put Selinsky and Plymouth Township attorney Peter Bec on the ballot, despite a mistake by the Secretary of State's office which prevented both from being put on the primary ballot to face Lowe.

"We're going to conduct an analysis of the issues, but we believe there are sufficient

issues in the judge's decision that have a basis for appeal," said Selinsky. "It infringes on the fundamental right of candidates to be on the ballot."

Selinsky and Bec failed to get the required number of petition signatures to be included on the August ballot because the Secretary of State's office incorrectly assessed the number of signatures needed.

The Elections Bureau failed to include the population of the court district's three town-

ships with its two cities in determining the number of signatures required to be put on the ballot.

Despite admitting that it had made a mistake, state officials claim there is no recourse to rectify the problem. Sapala agreed, saying only that the state Legislature has the right to change the law.

"I'm at a significant disadvantage in not being on the ballot, so my campaign is in limbo," added Selinsky. "I can't effectively campaign and

raise money. I will keep looking ahead and hope the Appeals Court will hold an expedited hearing."

Meanwhile, Bec has yet to decide if he'll continue his fight to be put on the ballot.

"I haven't decided whether to pursue the case or chalk it up as a loss," said Bec.

For the time being, Lowe will run unopposed for a second six-year stint as one of two judges in 35th District Court, a position which pays \$118,000 a year.

Candidates to appear at union forum

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Members of AFSCME, Plymouth Township's newest clerical union local which organized last spring, will host a candidate forum for those running for election in the Aug. 8 primary. All seven, four-year spots on the township board are open.

The forum takes place June 22 at 6 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Mill Street.

Sixteen candidates have filed for office. Trustee K. C. Mueller announced she will not run for re-election for family health reasons.

Eleven candidates confirmed their attendance at the forum, including Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy who is running for a third term as supervisor, and Steve Mann, her challenger, who works as a Plymouth Township police officer.

Also, Ron Griffith, who seeks a fourth term as trustee and is a dean at Schoolcraft College, and Kay Arnold, a Colonial Collision manager running for re-election to her third term as trustee, will attend.

Other participants will be chal-

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Final fall



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Agonizing loss: Canton goalkeeper Amy Dorogi can't do anything but look up at Troy Athens players Jane Logsohn (17) and Cathy Rein after a goal in the Red Hawks' 4-1 win over the Chiefs in Saturday's Division I state soccer final at Canton High School. Junior Anne Morrell scored the Chiefs' only goal. For the complete story, please see Page B1.

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We're outta here



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Doffing their caps: The Starkweather Class of 2000 tosses their caps in the air as Plymouth Canton photography instructor Joseph Dakoske takes their picture after the graduation ceremony in the Salem Auditorium Thursday night. Starkweather graduate Heather Hall (left) hugs Principal Carol Saunders during the ceremony after Saunders awarded Hall with the January 2000 Student of the Month Award. Hall was also a student speaker for the ceremony.



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ommendations presented by the administration," said Commissioner Colleen Pobur who, along with Mayor Dave McDonald, wasn't pleased the questions weren't brought up at three previous budget sessions.

In fact, McDonald blasted FitzGerald for not finding out answers to his questions from department heads before the special meeting.

FitzGerald then asked McDonald and Pobur, who were ready to pass the budget at the June 5 commission meeting, what the budget line item labeled Unit 10 for \$22,000 represented. Neither could identify the expenditure.

"You don't care what Unit 10 is?" said FitzGerald. "You don't care what you're going to spend

\$22,000 on?"

Unit 10 was the \$22,000 pick-up truck that was removed from expenditures on a 4-2 vote.

Commissioner Dan Dwyer, who was visibly upset with the bickering, appeared at City Hall Thursday morning and apologized to department heads for the long night.

Some City Hall employees, speaking anonymously for fear of losing their jobs, said they don't mind the questions forcing justification of their budgets. However, they would've liked the questions presented ahead of time so they didn't have to squirm and answer off-the-cuff.

As one employee said, "We didn't serve the public that day. It was an embarrassment."

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lengers Jerry Trumpka, a human resources manager at Midas in Plymouth Township; Clayton Stacey, a property manager for RE/MAX on the Trail in Plymouth Township; John Morrison, a Pella Window salesman; and Abe Munkfakh, a former Plymouth Township trustee and civil engineer, all running for trustee.

Maurice Breen, a former Plymouth Township supervisor who is running for township clerk, will also attend.

State Rep. Gerry Law and Richard Reaume, a Worldwide Express owner, an authorized reseller of Airborne Express services and a Schoolcraft College board member, who are both running for township treasurer, also plan to participate.

"The questions will be given to the union representatives to review for approval," said Karen Akans, president of the AFSCME local. All other union employees have been invited to attend. Candidates will be allowed about 15 minutes. The public is welcome. Akans said.

Candidates participating in the forum will present their opinions, concerns, and the direction in which each wants to see Plymouth Township head in the future.

At press time, candidates running for office who had not responded to the AFSCME invitation included Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, who is running for re-election to the treasurer's position; Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill, who is running for re-election to her third term; and incumbent Charles Curmi, director of sales and programming for Johnson Controls in Plymouth Township, who is running for re-election for his third term as trustee and who will be on vacation.

Charlene Berry, a Madonna University librarian, and Jim Karrell, a shop floor employee at Romulus Powertrain, who are both running for trustee positions, also had not responded.

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Outing raises \$150,000 for Mercy

Pro Am event benefits hospital's campaign for women's health

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Cars, clubs and celebrities turned out to be a winning combination for the third annual St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic Wednesday at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

The pro-am classic raised more than \$150,000 for the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's Campaign for Women's Health.

The benefit coffers received a healthy boost from the auction of two cars - a 2000 Chrysler 300M donated by Superior Consultant and a 2000 Kia Sephia donated by Dick Scott of Plymouth.

Dan Rustmann, an attorney from Grosse Pointe, placed the winning bid of \$25,200 for the Chrysler while Camille Shy, director of fund development at St. Joe's, was the successful bidder at \$8,600 for the Kia Sephia.

In addition to 36 Michigan PGA golf pros, this year's event featured former Red Wing and local celebrity Ted Lindsay and golf celebrity/entertainer Chuck "The Hit Man" Hiter. Lindsay and Hiter greeted and entertained 180 golfers throughout

the daylong event. Landsay, a hometown favorite, is known for this place on the Wing's famous "Production Line" in the '50s.

Hiter's golf exhibition, although cut short by rain, was a special treat for the golfing crowd. A former baseball player and a golf professional, Hiter said he honed his hand-eye coordination by "hitting BBs with a broomstick."

Sports memorabilia, airlines tickets, local golf packages and weekend getaways, along with golf equipment books and a host of other items, helped raise some \$10,000 on the silent auction.

"It was our best ever and everything was donated," said Tina Hipp of St. Joe's.

Picking up the prize for tournament champions was the team from W. H. Greenwald Co. of Southfield. Team members included Joe Greenwald, Jim Greenwald, Greg Lopez, Bob Backie and pro Bob Makoski of Cooper Creek Golf Club in Farmington Hills.

Proceeds from this year's event will help expand women's health education and screening programs and community outreach services in western Wayne County. In 1999 some 1,300 women and girls participated in education programs in an effort to improve their health.

The Canton event is part of a \$12 million Campaign for Women's Health currently under way at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Canton resident and local attorney Bryan Amann was back for his third year as chairman of the event because of "St. Joe's commitment to programs and education that improve the health of women and young girls in western Wayne County."

The Canton event has raised some \$470,000 in the last three years. In the first two years, the event raised money for the new health exploration/education center at the St. Joseph center on Canton Center Road. More than 12,000 students - preschool through high school - have visited the health exploration center and participated in programs since it opened last September, according to Sally Bailey, regional administrator for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.



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Showing off: Chuck "The Hit Man" Hiter, a celebrity stunt golfer, drives off "the tall tees" while balancing on a pipe as the golfers from the St. Joseph Mercy Golf outing watch in amazement at Pheasant Run Golf Club on Wednesday. When asked about the stunt that Tiger Woods made famous in a Nike commercial, Hiter replied, "He got that from me. I wish I never showed him my videos."

The major sponsor of this year's event was Las Vegas Golf & Tennis.

Golfers enjoyed the pro-am format of the event.

Livonia resident John Atsalis, of Detroit Edison, played with Billy Ballow of Boulder Lakes

Golf Club. "He helped everyone on the team with everything from stance and grip to driving and putting. We had fun and improved our game," said Atsalis.

A St. Joe's spokeswoman confirmed plans to hold the fourth annual classic next June.



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Front row seat: Hockey legend and former Detroit Red Wing Ted Lindsay watches Chuck "The Hit Man" Hiter perform.

Consultant files report for city's recreation plan

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Cooperation between Plymouth and Plymouth Township will bring about the best opportunity for improvements in parks and recreation programs for the Plymouth community.

That is the crux of the findings reported by a Royal Oak consulting firm hired by the city to improve recreation programs and facilities in Plymouth.

According to the report by Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc & Associates, which put together the parks and recreation master plan, "a great opportunity exists to explore cooperative operating, capital improvements and joint service efforts with Plymouth Township, with the result being more efficiency in provision of services and betterment of quality of life for residents."

The consulting firm held focus groups last March to get input for the plan and reports "joint efforts to provide parks and recreation is strongly supported by residents of both the city and township."

One of the key provisions of the master plan has to do with partnerships to help improve the parks and recreation programs, as well as facilities, in Plymouth.

"One of the key elements of the plan is partnerships - with service clubs, the school, and especially the township," said Assistant City Manager Paul Simecek. "While Plymouth is only two square miles, in reality the service area for the Plymouth recreation department is the Plymouth community, which includes Plymouth Township. There probably does need to be discussion on some of those issues."

The master plan draft calls for improvements to the existing Cultural Center, which also asks for an exercise locker room, facilities, meeting rooms and concessions.

Based on public comment, the city should consider a number of improvements to the facility that will increase its appeal and efficiency, which will allow it to compete with similar facilities in neighboring communities," the draft reads.

Some of the recommendations include improving the locker rooms and the lighting on the surface, an interior "face lift," adding a second sheet of ice to accommodate high demand, spending the pro-shop, and installing new dasher boards and bleachers.

The plan also suggests that if the Central Middle School property ever becomes available, the city should acquire the entire site, because the area remains for public use and enjoyment, and to expand indoor and outdoor facilities."

The city of Plymouth has over 200 acres of park land within its boundaries - provided by the city,

public school sites, Wayne County and private facilities.

Of the total park land within the city, 14 city parks provide over 30 acres of open space. Some of the recommendations for improving the neighborhood parks include enhancing the landscaping, installing barbecue grills in some of the larger parks, adding drinking fountains at higher use facilities, designing unified park signs, and evaluating the need for restrooms at Kellogg Park and Masses Field.

As it pertains to programming, the consultant's master plan provides for maintaining and possibly expanding senior programs, using neighborhood parks as outdoor classrooms for free summer parks programs, offering a "dog park" where dogs and their owners can play, and expanding youth programs.

"There is a well-documented desire to offer a wider variety of activities for children, especially teens. These programs should be somewhat structured and directly supervised by younger adults that can better relate to youths."

The master plan recommendation calls for the city to hire a recreation department director to coordinate the plan.

"Plymouth is unique, compared to other communities, in that it has a well-established recreation program," said Cathy Thompson, who helped develop the master plan. "What sets Plymouth apart is its strong need for and use of recreation and park facilities."

In an analysis, the report indicates that, with the city's well-managed Recreation Department, a consolidated program would allow the township improved access to the city's programs and allow the city to expand programming to township and additional school facilities.

Within the developed city, there is not enough contiguous land areas to accommodate these facilities. Through joint cooperation, the township may be able to accommodate some of these facilities on currently vacant township land.

To the extreme, a unified Plymouth Community Parks and Recreation Department could be established that treats the recreation facilities and programs as if they were serving one municipality. A complete pooling of resources could present a number of new opportunities for funding, greater resources for grants, an expansion in recreation programs and increased abilities to make capital expenditures."

The Plymouth City Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed master plan at its regular meeting Monday at 7 p.m. The entire master plan can be seen on the city's Internet Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

The commission will then consider the plan for adoption at its July 5 meeting, scheduled to be held in Kellogg Park.

Couple arraigned on weapons charges

IN POLICE BEAT

Two parents were arraigned on concealed weapons charges following a June 13 incident in Plymouth Township.

Mark Edward Urbanik, 47, and his wife, Elizabeth Mary Urbanik, 48, both Ann Arbor residents, face an 8:30 a.m. preliminary exam June 23 on concealed weapons charges.

They were arraigned June 15 before Magistrate Eric Colthurst of 35th District Court.

A plea of not guilty was entered for them. If convicted, each could be sentenced to five years in jail and/or a \$2,500 fine.

Colthurst set bond at \$10,000, or 10 percent cash surety.

A 21-year-old woman told police her parents dropped off her 14-year-old sister at her McClumpha Road residence before June 13 with no information about when they would return for her.

Both sisters told police they are afraid of their parents, according to a police report. Police were concerned the parents would try to regain custody of the younger child with force. The parents are known to personally carry firearms in their 1992 Beretta, according to police. It wasn't known if

they planned to use the weapons.

Police found guns, loaded magazines, a double-edged blade knife, and a switch blade in the parents' car.

When police arrived at the apartment building June 13, the mother was sitting in the passenger seat with the door open. The father was at the apartment door where he returned after he banged on the bedroom window to get the older sister's attention.

The older sister notified police when their parents arrived and when the father began knocking loudly at the door.

Family Independence Agency representatives contacted the Plymouth Township Police Department June 7 on the child abandonment case. The 14 year old hadn't been in school for a year, according to a police report.

Breaking and entering

Police found the door and door wall was pried open at Magnum Manufacturing on General Drive about 3:51 a.m. June 8.

—By Sue Buck

Stamp sale raises \$12,500

By encouraging the use of a special fund-raising stamp on cards and letters, the Plymouth community, along with the employees of the Pennington Station and Plymouth Main post offices, accepted the United States Postal Service's one month nationwide challenge by raising \$12,500 for breast cancer research.

The national goal is to sell out the entire print run of 280 million stamps. The Postal Service's Detroit District (481, 482, 492 zip codes) sold more than \$200,000 in the month-long campaign, according to postal officials.

If the entire print run is sold out, an estimated \$20 million will be raised for breast cancer research. To date, more than \$14 million has been raised. The Breast Cancer Research "semipostal" stamp is the first in U.S. history to have its net proceeds exceed the cost of postage earmarked for research organizations.

"The self-adhesive Breast Cancer stamp will be available until July 29th," said Postmaster Yvonne Rozier Hayes. "There is still time left to be a part of a major impact in breast cancer research. Whether it is a family member, friend or friend of a friend, we all know someone who has been touched by breast cancer. I am encouraging everyone to purchase and use the stamp before it goes off sale."

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Penn opens as comedy smash

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Ron Cook, the owner of Plymouth's Penn Theater, was amazed at the crowds that were drawn for the Penn's first-ever comedy shows the weekend of June 2-3.

"I'm still amazed," said Cook. "I haven't seen that many people in the Penn since I bought it."

The four shows, two each night, drew nearly 1,200 people to the downtown theater/comedy club.

"We didn't know what to expect, so I was just hoping for

10 people," said Cook with a laugh. "We had people lined up outside and around the corner for one show. It was an upscale crowd, and they came from all over."

Mark Ridley, who owns the Comedy Castle in Royal Oak and is booking the comedy acts for the Penn, was surprised at the response to live entertainment in Plymouth.

"Ron did better than I did," said Ridley, who noted his Friday and Saturday shows this time of year total about 800 customers. "This is the slow season for clubs, and the Penn did quite

well. I think the numbers speak volumes to what the people in the area want for entertainment."

And some of those who went, including Plymouth Township resident Mike Gerou, thought it was a great evening out.

"I moved to Plymouth in 1973 and this is the most fun I've had in this town," said Gerou, who attended the comedy club with a group of 15 others. "This is just what Plymouth needs... the entertainment adds to the value of living in this community."

While Ridley believes the Penn should continue its once-a-month shows throughout the summer, Cook has decided to wait until September to resume the entertainment, which will include comedy shows, music and family shows.

"We'll take it a step at a time," said Cook. "But we certainly are encouraged by what we've seen thus far."

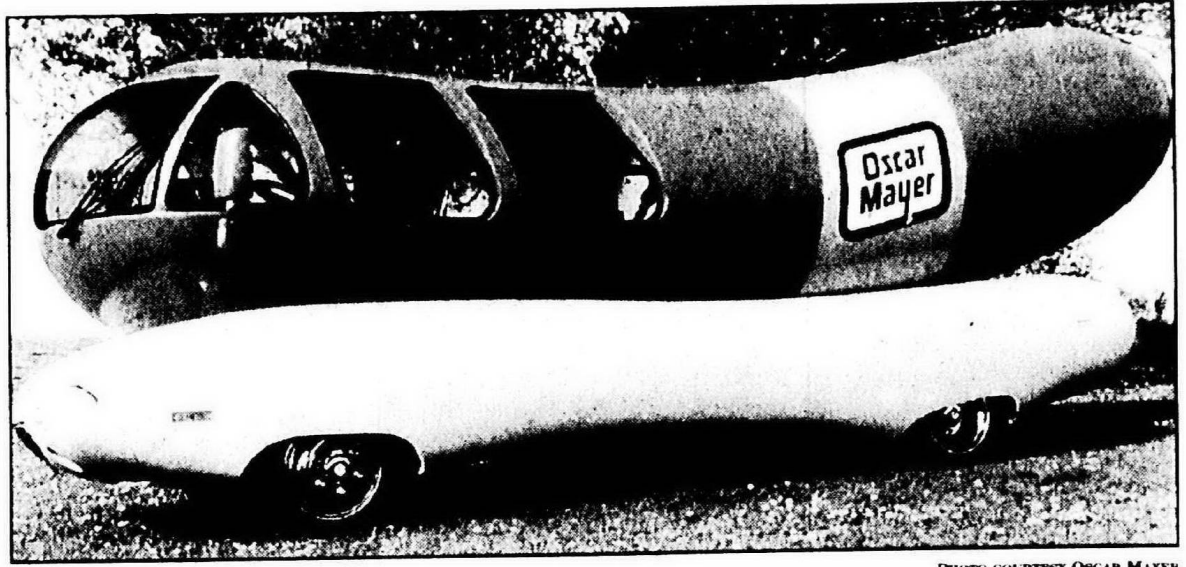


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Highway man: Canton resident Josh Delosreyes will travel the highways of the Midwest this summer promoting Oscar Mayer.

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Josh Delosreyes relishes life. Literally.

As a "Hotdogger" for Oscar Mayer, the 21-year-old Canton resident will spend his summer driving the famed Wienermobile across the Midwest. Delosreyes is one of a handful of recent college graduates to earn an internship with the Wisconsin-based lunch meat giant.

"I really feel lucky that I cut the mustard and met their standards," he joked.

Delosreyes graduated from Michigan State University last month with a degree in finance. He plans to return to East Lansing for graduate school in January to study labor and industrial relations.

The lifelong township resident said his internship with Oscar Mayer came quite by accident. Delosreyes attended a career fair at MSU earlier this year with the idea of securing a human resources internship.

He ended up going to a presentation by Kraft Foods, Oscar Mayer's parent company. Delosreyes spoke with a Hotdogger adviser at the end of the presentation.

Several interviews followed over the next few months and by late March Delosreyes was chosen to become a Hotdogger. He started training for the position in Madison, Wis., shortly after graduation in May.

"I'm attending Hot Dog High," said Delosreyes.

Doggin' it

Local man earns internship

He and other "students" are learning about Oscar Mayer history and products, special events planning, public relations skills and, perhaps most importantly, how to drive the Wienermobile.

"It's like driving a van," Delosreyes said. "The main thing is clearance because it's 11-feet tall."

He graduates from Hot Dog High this week. "This is a great opportunity to get some experience in things I've not been accustomed to," Delosreyes said, referring to public relations and marketing work.

He'll be part of a three-person team that hits the road all summer.

The first stop will be Kentucky. From there, he'll direct the Wienermobile to New York, North Carolina, Illinois and Ohio.

Most stops will include visits to supermarkets and YMCAs. Delosreyes will help conduct talent searches at each stop for children ages 4 to 10.

Kids will have a chance to take the famous Oscar Mayer jingle and improvise. One child will win a \$20,000 scholarship for college, Delosreyes said.

He's simply looking forward to his summer as Hotdogger.

"They say this will be one of the best jobs I'll ever have," said Delosreyes. "I think it will be, too."

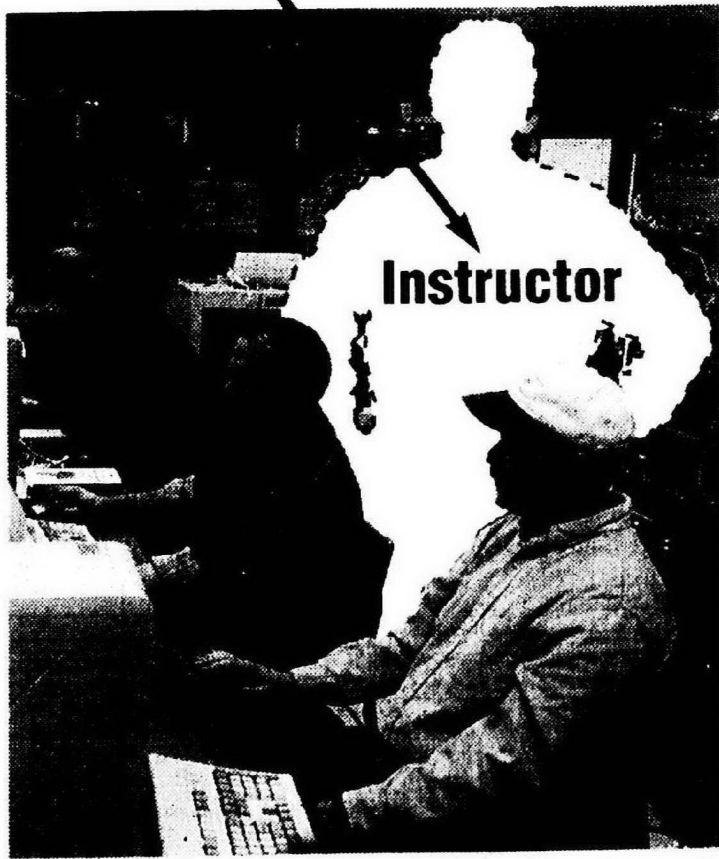
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Beard disputes comments on airport subpoena

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard of Westland on Friday strongly disputed another commissioner's statement earlier in the week that the commission lacked a majority to subpoena County Executive Edward H. McNamara to get Detroit Metropolitan Airport parking records.

Commissioner Lyn Bankes of Livonia had told the Observer's Thursday editions that "there was no strong consensus" about subpoenaing McNamara.

Beard stated Friday, however, that the committee of the whole on Tuesday voted to issue the subpoena.

"I find it very interesting that, the very next day, eight boxes (of airport records) were delivered," Beard said.

According to a commission spokesperson, the committee, with 13 of 15 members present, voted 8-4 Tuesday to authorize its chairman, Ricardo A. Solomon, to subpoena the county executive.

The records were being sought by county Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy of Plymouth in his ongoing probe of airport operations and contracts.

Voting with Solomon and Beard to subpoena were commissioners Jewel Ware, Alisha Bell, Robert Blackwell, George Cushingberry Jr., Susan Hubbard and Kathleen Husk of Redford.

Commissioners Edward Boike, Joseph Palamara, Bernard Parker and Hona Varga voted against, while Bankes abstained.

Absent were commissioners John Sullivan of Wayne and Christopher Cavanagh.

'Drag their feet'

Beard said the commission acted "because, as usual, the executive branch continues to drag their feet and not allow the auditor general to look at records which, under our charter, he has the right to do."

"And all county employees have the obligation to work with the auditor general," she said. "If they don't turn over the records, they're breaking the law."

"We don't want to threaten (but) we have held off on a lot of



Commissioner Kay Beard

this way longer than we should have, in hopes we could meet some kind of compromise" with McNamara, Beard said.

"What really bothers me about this is, I have been trying for years to have county auditors on-site at the airport," she continued. "It's the only major airport in the country that doesn't have auditors on-site, but the executive has blocked us."

"If we had had an auditor on-site, we could have found a lot of things that would have shown

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Kay Beard

— county commission vice chair

the airport was not being operated right in many cases. We could have found this and corrected it."

"In an operation that huge (Metro Airport), there needs to be a continuing audit presence and an overview, and why they have never allowed this, I will never, never understand," Beard said.

'Strange answers'

She said the executive branch "would give us strange answers" — that the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) will not

allow auditors on-site. "But we checked and found the FAA will allow" them.

"I would think they would want it because a lot of federal money is involved. What the heck is going on here?" she asked, perplexed.

As for Bankes' comments about the subpoena vote, Beard said, "Lyn is still learning our system. Our system is not the same as the state's. I'm not going to criticize her because she's still in the learning phase," Beard said.

Bankes is in her first term as commissioner after several terms as a state representative.

Beard, however, did criticize a comment by June West, McNamara's public relations director, who was quoted Thursday saying she thought it was "very unlikely" the commission would subpoena.

"I don't recall that she ever attends any of our (commission) meetings," said Beard. "I don't know how she could make any such comment as to what we would do or not do."

"We (commissioners) are a branch of government and we

are not subject to the county executive's rule," Beard continued, noting that commissioners can even override executive vetoes.

"He (McNamara) doesn't control the county commission — not that he wouldn't like to or doesn't try. Had the county executive or his people cooperated," she said, "we wouldn't have had the state auditor general's office in here going over the records."

"It's as simple as that." Beard said the audit committee, which she chairs, unanimously approved subpoenaing the records the week before, thus sending the issue to the committee of the whole.

The records involve APCOA, the company that manages the airport's parking lots. The county is suing to recover nearly \$1 million in overcharges which Dunleavy's 1998 audit revealed.

Solomon chairs both the commission and the committee of the whole.

Cushingberry is the chairman of ways and means, of which Bankes is a member. It met Tuesday, after the committee of the whole.

Sex offenders would have to register online screen names

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Is that person your youngster is typing messages to in an Internet chat room OK, or is he a sex offender?

That's the question state Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, wants to address in legislation she has introduced to require sex offenders to disclose their online screen names and Internet account information to the state police for inclusion on Michigan's sex offender registry.

"Few crimes are as brutal as sexual assault, and sex predators usually strike more than once," Johnson said, explaining her reasons for introducing Senate Bill 1312 on Thursday, June 8.

"Unfortunately, the Internet

has become a key tool for predators to seek out new victims while maintaining a sense of anonymity. My bill strips away the electronic veil from sexual predators and allows parents and potential victims to verify they are not chatting online with someone who poses a significant

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threat to their families' safety."

But the bill is also likely to run into opposition from civil liberties advocacy groups. Sean Kosofsky, director of policy and victims services for the Triangle

Foundation, a statewide gay and lesbian civil rights organization, said some people are getting on the list for "non-violent, non-predatory, unpaid for" sex between consenting adults.

When first enacted, those convicted of charges like sodomy and gross indecency were excluded

from the list. Since then, the list has been posted on the Internet and, in the last legislative session, sodomy and gross indecency were added back to the list, he said.

His organization believes gays and lesbians are "disproportionately persecuted" by police in

Michigan on such charges.

Kosofsky said he did not believe it was Johnson's intent to target homosexuals with this bill or get them placed on the list, but he believed that could be one result.

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DEBORAH JANE BACHUS

Services for Deborah Jane Bachus, 40, of Canton were June 2 at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Fred Cooley officiating. Burial was in Milford Memorial Cemetery, Milford.

She was born Dec. 18, 1959. She died May 27 in Alpena General Hospital. She was a secretary.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Doris Barclay. Survivors include her husband, Cornelius (Cory) Bachus of Canton; two daughters, Jennifer Bachus, Courtney Bachus; parents, Douglas Barclay of Hubbard Lake and Dorothy Barclay of Boynton, Fla.; three brothers, Douglas Barclay Jr., Dwight (Christine) Barclay, Duane (Angela) Barclay; and grandparents, Elmer and Lorraine Klein, and James Barclay.

Memorials may be made to the Bachus Children's Trust Fund, in care of First United Methodist

Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne, MI 48184.

TERESA MARIE PSZCOKA

Services for Teresa Marie Pszcolka, 77, of Plymouth were June 17 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. J.J. Mech officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

She was born on Nov. 30, 1922, in Allison, Pa. She died June 14 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She and Emil had been married for 54 years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1979. She was a member of the senior citizens club of Plymouth where she was the treasurer. She also was a member of the Friendship Club of Plymouth Township. She was a member of the Council on Aging, and she enjoyed working during the elections.

She bowled on the Senior League at Plaza Lanes. She attended many General Motors Retirees gatherings with her

husband. She played bingo and pinochle and enjoyed cooking. She loved family gatherings.

Survivors include her husband, Emil Pszcolka of Plymouth; two daughters, Kathy (Chris) Young of Livonia, Annette (Jim) Roberts of Livonia; one son, Steven (Tonya) Pszcolka of Perry Ball, Md.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made as Mass offerings.

WILLIAM PATRICK DUNN

Private services were held for William Patrick Dunn, 63, of Plymouth.

He was born Aug. 16, 1936, in Detroit. He died June 13 in Plymouth. He worked as an installer for Michigan Bell. He lived in Detroit until the 1960s, he moved to Farmington and then in 1983 he moved to Plymouth. He attended St. John Neumann Catholic Church and also at Tonquish Creek he attended Masses with the priests from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. He graduated from St. Mary's High School of Redford. He enjoyed music, good food and had a keen sense of humor.

Survivors include his son, Jef-

frey Dunn; one daughter, Claudine Gary, one sister, Karen Schraufnagle of Livonia; two nephews, Kenneth and Kirk, two nieces, Kim and Kerry; friend, June Weber of Plymouth; and four grandchildren.

JERRY A. MOUNTAIN

Private services will be held at a later date for Jerry A. Mountain, 77, formerly of Wayne and Plymouth. He died May 24.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Louis Mountain. Survivors include his three daughters, Joan Skeels of Erie, Jerry Lynn Pease of South Lyon and Jill Mountain of Northville; nephew, Duane Mountain of Bonita Springs, Fla.; niece, Lawana Zielinski of Naples, Fla.; nine grandchildren, Kimberley, Dawn, David, Michael, Patrick, Robert, Mindy, Nicholas and Whitney; and 10 great-grandchildren.

HELEN JAYNES WRIGHT

Private services were held for Helen Jaynes Wright, 86, of Maple City, Mich.

She was born Oct. 27, 1913. She died June 13 at Maple Valley Nursing Home. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, David (Sally) Beegle of Kalamazoo;

one daughter, Nancy (Marty) Keasal of Plymouth; one sister, Frances Novak; eight grandchildren, Tim (Sue) Nichols of Glen Arbor, Scott Hanna of Plymouth, Jay Hanna of Plymouth, Steven Hannah of Las Vegas, David (Angela) Beegle of Constantine, Laura Beegle of Kalamazoo, Julia Beegle of Berkley, Andy Beegle of Shoreline, Wash.; and two great-grandchildren, Elijah and Noah Beegle.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Maple Valley Nursing Home.

JUNE MARGARET SHIPLEY

Services for June Shipley, 79, of Canton were June 16 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Memorial Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born April 18, 1921, in Highland Park. She died on June 14 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church. She was a member of the Pioneers (Senior Group) where she played in the "Canton Kitchen Band." She was an avid organ player and enjoyed playing for friends and family. She and her late husband, Donald, spent their retirement in Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, and daughter, Pamela S. Shipley.

Survivors include her daughters, Carol A. Wirth of Canton and Diane M. (Paul) Kovceses of Novi; one brother, Thomas (Carol) Jollie of Port Huron; and four granddaughters, Susan and Shannon Wirth and Andrea and Kimberly Kovceses.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinson Foundation.

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Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

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Farmers and gardeners sought for aid program

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Wayne County is trying to take a fresh approach to making its Project Fresh program work this summer.

The state-funded summer-only program, operated by the county's public health department, provides qualified low-income families and individuals with coupons for fresh fruits and vegetables.

But, said program manager Deborah Wendt, many of those eligible lack "dependable transportation" to get to area produce markets to use the coupons. So this year, the department hopes to find gardeners and farmers who'll bring the produce to the

clients. Specifically, she said, the department has set aside 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays this summer for a farmer's market at the county health administration building at 33039 Van Born Road at Venoy in the City of Wayne. The targeted start date is July 6.

Also available will be a representative of the Michigan State University extension agency to demonstrate preparing, cooking and saving the produce and show safe food handling, said Wendt.

"A lot of them (department clients) are young, unwed mothers who don't know too much about" those topics, she said.

Wendt hopes the change in format will turn around a program

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which last year saw Wayne County rank at the bottom of the statewide list in coupon redemptions. The county has offered the program since about 1996.

This year, there will be 900 of the \$20, 10-coupon books available, one per family, said Wendt, down from the 1,300 books in 1999. The 900 coupon books are worth a total of \$18,000.

The coupons are good until Oct. 31, "so they can go buy pumpkins, if they want," Wendt said.

Suppliers set their own prices, she said. But they keep the change from unused or partly used coupons.

Project Fresh is a supplemental food program offered only during the growing season to those in WIC, the Women, Infant and Children federal food program operated year-round by the county. Wendt also is WIC coordinator.

Those qualifying for Project Fresh include pregnant or postpartum women with children ages 1-5, either of whom must meet federal poverty-income guidelines, she said.

"Single fathers with children can also qualify."

"They may be working people

who are maybe making decent wages," she said. A family of four can have up to \$31,543 in annual income and still qualify for WIC and Project Fresh, guidelines state.

The bulk of Wendt's clients live in Wayne, Inkster, Taylor, Ecorse and River Rouge, but some come from Canton and Sumpter Townships and other area communities.

"There's a lot of need out there," she said about 8,000 people qualify for Project Fresh.

With Project Fresh, "We're looking for partnering" with

senior citizen gardeners or farmers, said Wendt.

"It's a win-win situation" because they sell their produce and those who are "nutritionally at risk get to expand their awareness" of nutrition, besides eating healthier.

But the bottom line, Wendt said, is, "We should do what we can to assist those less fortunate than us."

To become a supplier, an application must be filled out and sent to the state by June 30, Wendt said. For more information, call her at (734) 727-7107.

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"Responsible legislators have got to introduce responsible legislation," he said. "The unintended consequences of this bill is that it will punish persons who have done nothing to harm anyone. Rape and child molestation are another matter altogether."

Kosofsky said he will offer proposals for changes to the wording to exempt non-violent, non-predatory offenders from the list. Without such changes, he said, his organization will oppose the bill.

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Brian O'Connell, an aide to Johnson, said the senator will proceed. Just as previously convicted sex offenders are required to submit their addresses to the state police for inclusion on the registry, the bill would require them to inform the police of their online screen names.

Enforcement may be difficult, he admitted, but the burden rests with the offender. If it is found they have failed to submit the information to the state police, O'Connell said, that in itself is a violation of the act.

Once the online IDs have been turned over, not only would that information be available to the public, but police could use the information to track offenders

while they are on the Internet, O'Connell explained.

"If you found a sex offender hanging around in a Pokemon chat room for 12-year-olds, that would be a sign something is wrong," he said.

"We must give parents every tool possible," Johnson said, "to protect their children from pedophiles and other sexual predators. An online sex predator can strike anywhere and anytime. Children using computers in their schools, libraries and homes are just as vulnerable as someone walking alone down a dark alley at night. The State Police publishes a list of convicted sex offenders that includes information on where they live. Adding pertinent information about their online profiles and accounts gives police another avenue to thwart further criminal activity."

Michigan tough

According to Kosofsky, Michigan already has the toughest sodomy statute in the country, making it a 15-year felony even if the sex act was consensual between adults. "Otherwise the charge would be rape," he said.

Additionally, offenders get on the list when they are convicted of a single felony or three misde-

meanors. Three misdemeanors for "gross indecency" or "lewd conduct" could get a person put on the list for life, he said, even though it was not a violent or predatory act.

Registry

The sex offenders registry list is often referred to as "Megan's Law" after a child who was kidnapped and killed by a previously convicted sex offender who had been released after serving his sentence. But recently, Kosofsky said, a federal judge has overturned that law in New Jersey as unconstitutional.

Sgt. Terry Young, of the Michigan State Police, has said he does not believe minor offenders get placed on the list. For the relatively minor offenses, like indecent exposure or lewd indecency, a person would have to be charged and convicted three times, which shows a pattern.

Although the list is often criticized as being inaccurate, Young said the state police consider the list to be "self-reporting" by offenders.

If there are inaccuracies in the list, it is because the offender has failed to give the updated information to the local police department, which is itself a further violation of the law.

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Antique hunt benefits cancer society

The Discovery Shop of Livonia will host "The Great Antique Hunt" Saturday, June 24, to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Working together with Brighton Gardens Assisted Living by Marriott and Knightsbridge Antique Mall of Northville, participants will have an opportunity to have two items appraised by local antique experts from Knightsbridge.

Individuals will also be on hand to teach people how to care for their antiques and a videographer will be demonstrating how to make a "video scrapbook" of the antiques in your collection.

The four-hour event is expected to attract a large crowd based on the popularity of PBS's "Antiques Roadshow."

Attendees are invited to bring antiques and collectibles to "The Great Antique Hunt" for free verbal appraisals. This is your opportunity to learn if your treasures are more than just aesthetically appealing.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the American Cancer Society's Livonia Discovery Shop. The retail store receives donations of merchandise and personal property from estates,

individuals and retailers. Run completely by volunteers the store sorts, prices, tags, displays and sells clothing and household items in a boutique-like atmosphere unlike most thrift shops.

Proceeds raised from store revenue benefit research, education and support services for cancer patients and their families through the American Cancer Society.

The \$5 admission fee (cash/check) includes two appraisals, silent auction, live entertainment (juggler, singers) and light refreshments (hot dogs, ice cream, beverages.)

The event runs from 1-4 p.m. with appraisal registration from 1-3 p.m. You can also choose to donate the items you have appraised to the Discovery Shop.

Both the Dearborn and Plymouth Historical Museums will have display tables set up from their collections.

The Great Antique Hunt will be held at Brighton Gardens by Marriott (15870 Haggerty Road) in Plymouth. On-site parking is limited. A shuttle from Knightsbridge Antique mall will be provided. Gifts will be given for pre-event phone registration. Call (734) 420-7917. This is a non-smoking event.

Frustration mounts over Head Start

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Frustration has boiled over for parents and teachers involved with the Redford Union Head Start program.

That was evident Thursday as nearly 20 members of the group traveled to Westland to picket at the Kay Beard Building, which is the headquarters for Wayne County Head Start.

The group was looking for answers from the county about the direction of the program, including what will happen to staff members and where it will be housed next year.

"We're trying to get the county to give us some straight answers about what is going on," said Sue Ghent, who has three children who have gone through the program.

"Although we have asked and asked, we have received no straight answers about where our program is going to be held and who is going to be on our

staff." Erlene Smith, a Redford Union Head Start staff member for 16 years, said she was picketing to support the parents, who she believes haven't been dealt with fairly.

"Everyone has been so frustrated," she said. "The parents have been asking us questions, and we just can't provide them with any answers because we don't know anything ourselves."

Head Start is a federally funded pre-preschool program for at-risk children between the ages of 3 and 5, who either come from low-income families or have impairments that would affect their ability to learn in a K-12 setting.

For 25 years, the Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency was the grantee for the area, but the county assumed that role last August.

Rather than use the various school districts as its delegates, as RESA had done, the county hired four organizations: The YWCA, Starfish Family Services, Wayne-Metro Service Agency, and Downriver Guidance.

Ever since, some of the 27 programs in the county have experienced turmoil, including Redford Union.

Last year Redford Union was under the guidance of Starfish, but was recently moved to the YWCA, which also runs programs in Garden City, Dearborn, Taylor, and part of Inkster.

With the change, staff members were told they would have to be rehired by the new organization.

The program, which has 92

students enrolled, has to find a new home.

Program officials have been told they have until June 30 to leave the Pearson Education Center on Beech Daly.

"This has been like a bouncing ball," said Sue Jerore, Redford Union Head Start site leader.

"We don't have jobs yet, or a location, but I have been assured there will be a program next year."

Before picketing Thursday, Redford Union parents were so frustrated by the process they wrote a letter to the Region V office in Chicago, which oversees the program in 10 Midwestern states.

The letter, signed by 800 people, addressed a number of issues, including why the Redford Union School District couldn't be the delegate, as it had in the past.

"You cannot be blind to the fact that program issues have been compromised, staff and parents have been lied to, and as a result, children and families are suffering," the letter states.

Smith said she has seen a lot of changes during her 16 years in the program, but nothing like in the last year.

"RESA used to work closely with us, with our children, and with our families. That just isn't the case right now," she said.

"With the letter and this protest, hopefully Region V will recognize there are problems in Western Wayne."

However, county officials said they were confused by Thursday's protest.

Carolyn Gray, Wayne County executive director of children and family services, said the county is close to securing a site within a mile of Pearson, and had done everything to ensure the staff would remain intact.

"Every staff member had the opportunity to be interviewed and rehired," Gray said. "However, some members chose not to do so. We wish they had, so there would be some similarity and familiarity with the program."

Audrey McKenzie, Head Start director for the county, said the county has "made every effort" to communicate with the parents and teachers. She said both the county and YWCA have issued newsletters about changes.

She also said Region V annually evaluates the program, and is familiar with what is happening.

"The federal government has a mandate, which we have to abide by," McKenzie said.

"They would not have re-funded us if we were not complying with that mandate. Clearly, they have confidence in the performance of our program."

Gray suggested the parents' concerns may have more to do with fear than fact.

"I understand the fear of change creates uncertainty in people's lives," Gray said.

"But the fact is, we are mandated to perform the same services as in the past. No matter where the location ends up and who is on staff, we will continue to do so."

Protester Peggy Modelski came out Thursday because she feels the program is too important to be altered or lost. Her son, who had a speech impediment, successfully completed the program last year.

"This program has done so much for me and my family," she said. "My son will be starting kindergarten in the fall, and there is no way he would be ready if it were not for this program."

Modelski said she has never participated in a protest before, but feels it was "the right thing to do," even though her son is no longer in Head Start.

"Just because my son is out now, doesn't mean I no longer care about it. It is a community program. We need it. I've seen it perform miracles for so many people."

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Purchase of Video Equipment for the Discovery Middle School. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClelland Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For additional information, please contact Jim Casteel, PCCS Director of Integrated Technology, at (734) 416-2708. Sealed bids are due on or before 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 12, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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PLEASE NOTE that Monday, July 10, 2000, is the last day to register for the AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION to be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2000. Registration for City Electors will be taken at the Office of the City Clerk, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, or at any Secretary of State Branch Offices. The telephone number of the City Clerk is (734) 453-1234 ext. 234 or 225. The offices will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during normal business hours, please call to set up a convenient time for accommodating the person's to register to vote.

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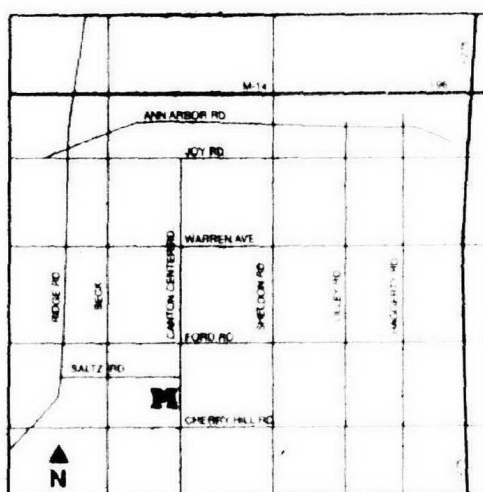


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Michigan United, one of Southeast Michigan's top developmental soccer programs is having tryouts on June 18th and 19th for the following age groups:

- U10 (ages 9-10)
- U12 (ages 11-12)
- U14 (ages 13-14)
- U16 (ages 15-16)
- U18 (ages 17-18)

Tryouts will be held at Stevenson Middle School in Westland from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on June 18th and 19th. For more information, call 734-481-1111. Registration fee: \$10.00. Contact: 734-481-1111.

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BY MIKE HOMTOWNS

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Police dispatch antenna excluded from state 'Christmas tree bill'

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Michigan lawmakers declined last week to allocate \$1 million for the construction of a new antenna in Livingston County to fix deficiencies in a state-wide police dispatch system.

Rep. Judith Scranton, R-Brighton, who asked for the money, was upset about the decision, especially since she was attempting to add the expenditure to a bill that has come to be referred to in Lansing as a "pork barrel bill" and a "Christmas tree bill."

The supplemental appropriations budget includes nearly \$650 million in grants for a long list of projects across the state from polar bear cages at the Detroit Zoo to an aviation museum in Kalamazoo.

But House Appropriations Committee Chair Terry Geiger opposed Scranton's amendment to tack on an extra million for the police dispatch antenna.

APPROPRIATIONS

He urged a no vote on the House floor during debate Thursday, June 8, saying he believed the project was too "geographically specific." Scranton disagreed.

"I'm trying to save some lives here," she said.

She explained that the Livingston County Sheriff's Department along with all other police departments in the county have joined in the state's emergency services communications system, known as the "800 megahertz" system.

According to Dick Winsett, director of 911 services in Livingston, the system is supposed to be an improved state-wide radio communications system, allowing police from all departments and the State Police to talk on the same channels in a coordinated manner.

But Livingston is a pilot program. And, because the county

lacks a radio tower, the signals are not strong there. When officers are on the inside of buildings, they often cannot communicate with their dispatchers by handheld radio, Scranton and Winsett said.

The addition of an antenna in Livingston County would resolve the problem, Scranton and Winsett contend. The tower is already under construction, but the county government is fronting the cash.

And Scranton's amendment would have provided the reimbursement for a segment of the state communications system.

Still, Scranton's amendment was rejected in a 13-87 vote, with 10 representatives not casting ballots.

Less geographically specific were amendments offered by Reps. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy, and Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

Gosselin proposed \$220 million for tax refunds to state taxpayers. He would have had the state issue checks of \$25 to every

person in the state.

"While we are spending all this money, why don't we give a little back to taxpayers," he said.

His amendment was defeated 36-59, with 15 members not voting.

Kelly's amendment would have allocated an additional \$50 million to the state school aid fund to make up for trimming done during the budgeting process.

His amendment was defeated 41-54, with 15 not voting.

The supplemental appropriations bill however did include:

- \$10 million for a polar bear exhibit and an amphibian conservation center at the Detroit Zoo.

- \$5 million for the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum.

- \$1 million for preliminary work on legislative redistricting.

- \$9.6 million for arts and culture grants.

- \$500,000 for a Vietnam veterans memorial in Lansing.

- \$500,000 for upgrades at the Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee.

- \$5 million for the demolition of abandoned buildings in Detroit and other cities.

- \$3 million to upgrade the St. Aubin Marina in Detroit.

- \$50 million for land purchases, and construction of roads and sewers in urban communities.

Island rhythms concerts free

Two free concerts featuring Caribbean music are scheduled this week by the Wayne County parks division.

On Tuesday, June 20, children can limbo along with The Gratitude Steel Band in a special 6:30 p.m. Kids Kaleidoscope Series concert at Bell Creek Park in Redford Township.

The band, which plays reggae, calypso, West African "Yelle" and American pop music on steel drums, also has a conga line and is made up of nine musicians from Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Grenada and the United States.

Bell Creek Park is at Inkster and Five Mile Roads

in Redford.

On Wednesday, June 21, Caribbean recording artist Ya Tafari will present an island rhythms concert at 7 p.m. in Inkster Park.

Tafari, a Bahamian, has received both the Spirit of Detroit and Detroit Renaissance Music awards. He has performed in the Caribbean and Latino World, Bob Marley Reggae and Cincinnati Street Jazz festivals.

Inkster Park is on John Daly, north of Michigan Avenue, in Inkster.

Both concerts are funded by the Wayne County Parks millage.

For additional information, call (734) 261-1990.

Starts Monday

Yes, there are free lunches - for kids

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Five Westland sites and one in Canton Township are among dozens of locations across Wayne County scheduled to participate in the public health department's 17th annual summer lunch program for children 18 and under.

However, volunteers are needed to help staff the sites due to some decreases the last couple of years in federal funding.

Parents make good volunteers to serve the lunches, said Patricia Soares, county public health director, whose department administers the program.

They work about two hours and get to take home leftovers. "We want to supply all the lunches we can," Soares said.

Running June 19-Aug. 18, the program provides lunches to qualified youngsters. Nearly 3,500 can get lunches at locations in Belleville, Canton, Dearborn, Ecorse, Inkster, River Rouge, Romulus, Taylor and Westland.

"Children will not go hungry just because school is out," said Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara.

Summer lunches are an extension of the county's regular school lunch program, he said. "A good lunch is available every day for kids who need it."

Although the program is for youngsters considered at-risk nutritionally due to family income levels, "We don't turn anybody away," said Soares.

The children "are given well-balanced meals that are low in fat and cholesterol and have only moderate amounts of salt and sugar," she said.

Menus vary, but offerings include milk, juice, fruit, applesauce, soup, cups and a sandwich of either luncheon meat or peanut butter.

The food must be eaten at the site and cannot be carried out.

Children do not have to register in advance for the program, which is aimed at reducing malnutrition and hunger among them.

Detroit Discount Distributors was the low bidder this year to supply the lunches.

Canton Commons, 1568 Stacey Drive, is the Canton Township lunch site this year.

There are two Belleville sites: Lower Huron Metro Park, Hagerly at Bemis, and Sumpter Coalition, 24101 Sumpter Road.

Westland sites are Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis Road; Daisy Girl Scouts, 34801 Marquette; Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey; Jefferson School, 32150 Dorsey; and Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse.

However, Soares said Lincoln School as yet has no one to serve the lunches, and so may not serve them.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Whalers make camp

Justin Williams and Stephen Weiss of the Plymouth Whalers have been selected to represent Canada.

Williams, who led the Whalers in scoring during the regular season with 37 goals and 46 assists, has been invited to the 2000 Canadian National Junior Team's evaluation camp in Calgary, Alberta. The evaluation camp will be used to select the Canadian National team that will compete in the 2000 World Junior Tournament.

Weiss, who had 24 goals and 42 assists during the regular season, was one of 22 players named to the Canadian National under-18 team. The National under-18 team will compete this August in the Four Nations Tournament to be held in Slovakia.

Along with Canada, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and the United States will field a team in the Four Nations Tournament.

Last season, Weiss played under Whalers Associate Coach Steve Spott for the Canadian National under-17 team, where he helped lead the team to a silver medal.

The Whalers were regular season champions of the Ontario Hockey League with the best overall league record of 45-19-4.

Junior golf clinic

Junior golf lessons will be conducted on July 12, 19 and 26 and Aug. 2 at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton. Cost is \$60 for all four sessions; there are no residency requirements. The first session is a clinic from 10 a.m.-11 a.m.; remaining times will be determined by age and skill level.

A T-shirt will be included in the cost. Participants should wear tennis or golf shoes and will need a three- or five-wood, a seven- or nine-iron, and a putter.

Registration is now underway at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services offices, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Call (734) 397-5110 for more information.

Canton camp

The Plymouth Canton baseball coaching staff and players will sponsor the Canton Chiefs baseball camp from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 19-23 at the Canton varsity field. The camp is for kids 7-14 years old.

Individual instruction in all phases of the game will be emphasized. Cost is \$85 before June 10, \$90 after. A T-shirt and lunch is included.

Also: An eighth-grade baseball camp, for those who will be freshmen in high school in the fall, is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 24 at the Canton HS varsity baseball field. Group and individual instruction by the Canton varsity baseball coaching staff will be conducted. Cost is \$15, with lunch included.

For more information, call Sharon Hanson at 459-8477. Linda Wall at 455-6285 or Carole Reddy at 451-2084.

Golf Outing

The Metro Detroit Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute's annual Scholarship Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, August 21 at the Washtenaw County Club in Ann Arbor.

The outing will benefit students of construction technology in the form of college scholarships. The outing is open to all, and will feature many contests and prizes, including a chance to win a new car.

Registration and lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The scramble tournament will have a shotgun start at 1 p.m. A long-putt contest is set for 6:30 p.m. A buffet dinner and cash bar is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Cost to golf is \$150 per player. Prize donations and sponsorships are greatly appreciated.

The Construction Specifications Institute is an international professional association dedicated to the advancement of construction technology through education and communication among the different groups involved in the construction industry.

For more information, call Lolita Taylor at (248) 398-1200, ext. 163. To sign up, call Connie Hierta at (313) 491-5610, ext. 214.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Not quite enough

Canton falls to Athens in state title bid, 4-1

BY C.J. RISAK
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STATE FINAL

Waiting to be waylaid. That could have been, should have been, Plymouth Canton's motto going into Saturday's Division I state championship in girls soccer. The team the Chiefs would meet — Troy Athens — was rolling, having won 11-straight games.

The Red Hawks had also beaten Canton 3-0 earlier in the season. And they were coming off what their longtime coach, Tim Storch, called his "best victory ever" when they came from behind to beat Troy 2-1 in overtime in a state semifinal.

All this would have to mean an Athens' letdown, right? And Canton, with two key players — midfielder Amanda Lentz and sweeper Jessica Palis — in the lineup after missing the first meeting between these two teams, and the state final to be played on Canton's home field, well, what better scenario could an underdog ask for?

If those factors favored the Chiefs, then there was a bigger one that went to the Red Hawks: They were simply better. And they proved it.

For all but a few short stretches, Athens dominated in front of an overflow crowd, scoring two goals in each half to pull away to a 4-1 triumph.

The Red Hawks conclude their championship season with a 22-2 record. Canton finishes at 21-2-2.

For Athens, it's their fourth state title in girls soccer, having won in 1989, 1991 and 1993 (the last by a 2-0 count over Canton).

"They ambushed us," said Canton coach Don Smith. "We were in it for a good while, but that second (goal) down there really hurt us. If we could have held onto it and been tied at halftime, it might have been different."

Maybe. Athens, however, wasn't going to let Canton take over this game. The Red Hawks scored the game's first goal with 24:17 left in the half, Tiffany Laskowski working her way past Canton defender Arielle

Bryant to angle a shot off the hands of keeper Amy Dorogi and into the net.

To that point, Athens had controlled play, keeping the ball in Canton's end of the field. But the Chiefs got their offense going and, with 6:19 to play, Stephanie Johnson pushed the ball down the left wing to Lentz, and when the defense closed on her, she slid the ball in front to Anne Morrell for the game-tying goal.

It was a violation of Athens' main objective for the game. "We knew Anne Morrell would be the key," said Storch. "If we did the job on her, we would do all right."

"You're never going to shut down a player like that. You just try and contain her, and we did."

Indeed, Athens' Allison Epple did an effective job marking Morrell all afternoon, with other Red Hawks often helping out. The Canton junior did not get many other good scoring chances.

The goal that turned the tide for good came with 2:43 left. The Chiefs tried to build off Morrell's tying goal, but Athens played them evenly. With 2:43 left in the half, Erin Brown found open space down the right wing and centered the ball into the box.

Dorogi leapt after the shot, but couldn't corral it. The deflection trickled back to Laskowski, who bounced it past the prone Canton keeper to give the Red Hawks a 2-1 halftime lead.

"The key for us was to respond properly," said Storch of Canton's goal, and Athens immediate answer. Stretches in the game that made the difference, according to the Athens' coach, were the last five minutes of the opening half and the opening 20, of the second.

While Canton could sustain nothing offensively, Athens kept building. "We started panicking," said Smith of his defense. "We weren't giving it to peo-

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Consoling: Canton keeper Amy Dorogi (middle) is comforted by teammate and back-up keeper Briana Wolcott (left). It was a tough day for Dorogi; two goals went off her fingertips.

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Difference-maker: Tiffany Laskowski (left) proved hard to mark for Arielle Bryant (14).

State's best pair off

BY JIM TOTH
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Like a couple of prizefighters, Tiffany Laskowski and Anne Morrell delivered their best shots in the biggest game of their careers.

Laskowski, the heart and soul behind Troy Athens' success this spring, and Morrell, the catalyst in Plymouth Canton's drive to the finals, had the highlight reels working overtime Saturday in the Division I girls soccer finals at Canton. The two combined for all the scoring in the first

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half — two by Laskowski and one from Morrell — then saw their teammates get more involved in the second half.

"In the first half, it was me your best shot, and now it's my turn," described Athens coach Tim Storch of the play between the two. "There were 10 other great players on each team, but it was almost like being privy to a great one-on-one basketball matchup."

Fortunately for Laskowski — who scored her first goal 15 minutes into the game and then again with 2:43 remaining before halftime — the support was more than enough to propel the Red Hawks to a 4-1 triumph over the Chiefs and lay claim to the school's fourth state championship overall in girls soccer.

"This definitely is the best present for all of our group to get," said a smiling Laskowski, who along with Morrell are the favorites to gain the prestigious Miss Soccer

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CC reaches final

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

STATE BASEBALL

Live-wire Kevin Entsminger put a charge into Redford Catholic Central's offense, shocked Hartland's high-powered attack Friday and jump-started the Shamrocks into the Division I baseball finals for the second-straight year with a 12-11 victory over the Eagles.

CC met Catholic League rival Warren DeLaSalle in the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I final game at Bailey Park in Battle Creek, a curiosity in that neither school qualified for the Catholic League title game in Comerica Park, let alone the DCL playoffs.

Entsminger acts like he's seen too many Mark Fidrych films, he's so hyper on the field. He's animated, energetic — and just what CC needed when it looked as though the Shamrocks were going to go comatose.

The junior right-hander was summoned to the mound in the bottom of the fifth after Mike Wadowski, the third of four pitchers coach John Salter called upon to stem the tide of Hartland hits,

had walked a batter to put runners on first and third with two out. Hartland had scored earlier in the inning on a wild pitch to take an 11-9 lead.

Entsminger struck out cleanup hitter Aaron Ollila and blanked the hard-hitting Eagles over the next two innings to pick up the victory.

"Kevin Entsminger was fortunate to be able to hold them in," Salter sighed. "And he got some key hits to get some rallies going."

The Canton native entered the game as a pinch hitter for Matt Loras to start the fourth inning after Hartland had drilled seven straight two-out hits to score six runs and take a 9-4 lead.

"Our kids wouldn't quit," Salter said. "We got key hits when we had to. Hartland is a good team. We were fortunate to get big hits."

Entsminger grounded a single to right that triggered a five-run Shamrock rally and tied the score at 9-9. Brian Williams and sophomore Ryan Rogowski both dou-

bled. John Hill walked and Charlie Haeger doubled two runs home.

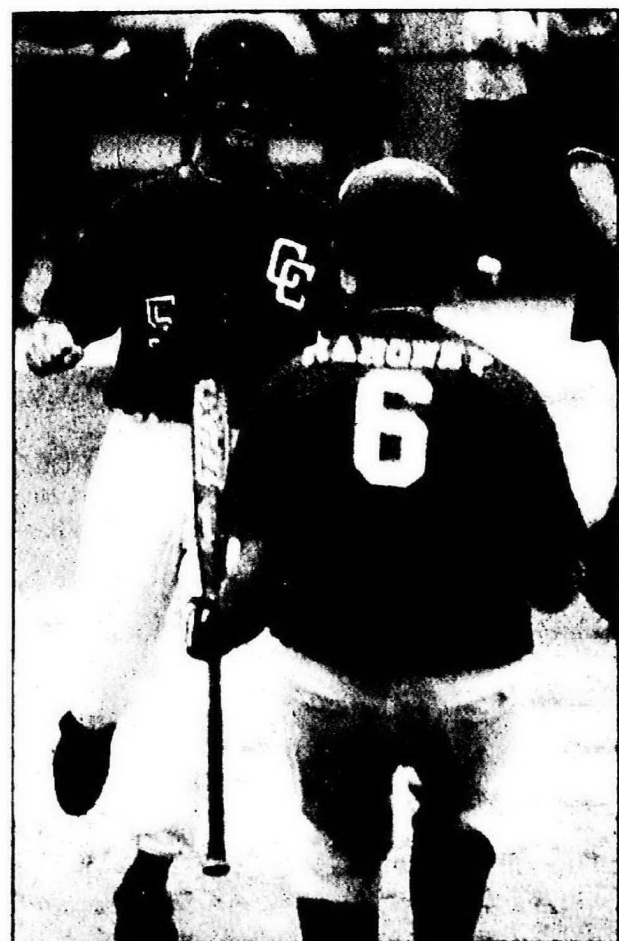
Haeger was sacrificed to third and he scored on starting pitcher Adam Kline's groundout to short.

"Even after they scored six runs, the way we were hitting early, I figured we'd get more runs," Salter said. "I felt it was just a matter of holding them in."

Entsminger singled with one out in the sixth and was called out later for failing to retouch second base on a flyout to left by Williams — and doubled to right center to open the seventh. Williams sacrificed him to third and Rogowski, who had four hits, grounded a single to right that brought Entsminger in with the winning run.

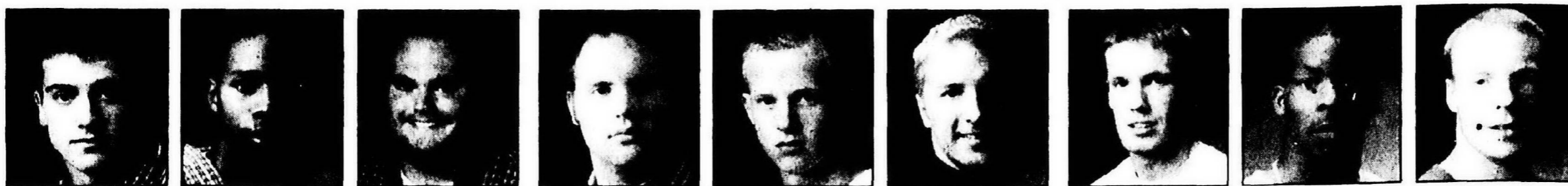
Leadoff hitter and losing pitcher Michael Cieszkowski singled up the middle with one out in the bottom of the seventh. He was running on a pitch Chapin Cornland hit to right — and was doubled off when Rogowski caught the ball and fired to first to end the game.

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Game-winner: CC's Kevin Entsminger (5), from Canton, scampers home with the game-winning run against Hartland.

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Observer's top trackmen

Trio of Chiefs rank among the state's best

BY OBSERVER STAFF

Prior to the season, Plymouth Canton boys track coach Bob Richardson indicated the goals for his team hadn't really changed all that much:

Make progress, aim for the Western Lakes Activities Association championship and...

The third goal had been to finish in the top half of the WLAA. That changed; as Richardson indicated, this team was too good to settle for that.

He then guided the Chiefs to their best season since 1993, when they won the WLAA. Canton came within a whisker—actually, three points—of winning the Division I regional championship, then got edged by Farmington Harrison and Walled Lake Central at the WLAA meet.

Their third-place finish at league meet could not diminish an otherwise superb season. Canton won the Observerland Relays, rallying from 21 points down to beat Redford Catholic Central in the last six events.

They also served as WLAA Western Division champs. All of which is why Bob Richardson was selected as Observerland's coach of the year.

Now: Here are the best male track and field athletes of 2000.

FIELD EVENTS
Mike Gaura, shot put, Liv. Churchill: The senior finished undefeated in dual meets and was a Division I regional champion at Redford Union. His best throw of the season came at the regional with a toss of 53 feet, 6 1/2 inches. The state qualifier was also a team captain.

"Michael dedicated himself to his senior season staying focused on several of his goals," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "His increase in strength and quickness across the circle provided great results."

"He has decided to throw collegiately next fall at Ferris State University."

Mike Morris, discus, Redford CC: Morris won shot put and discus at the Catholic League Championship and was Division I Region V champion in discus with a distance of 149.4.

For the second consecutive year, Morris was a state qualifier in both the shot and discus. He led the Shamrocks discus relay team to a school and meet record at both the Elks Relays and the Observerland Relays.

Morris had an area best 53-11 in the shot and 151-8 in the discus. Undefeated in the shot in dual meets, Morris was shot put champion at the Jackson Invitational.

Morris earned the Wheilan Award at CC for being a "scholar, athlete and gentleman."

"That award says it all," CC coach Tony Magni said. "Besides being one of the top throwers in the state in both events, Mike is a good student, and an outstanding gentleman. He has left an incredible mark on Catholic Central."

Eric Scott, long jump, Liv. Churchill: The junior won the Division I regional at RU with an area best jump of 21-3/4. He finished ninth in the state meet and fourth in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet. Scott also holds the school record at Churchill (21-3). He also competed in the sprints with times of 11.3 and 23.3 in the 100 and 200, respectively.

"Eric has an excellent attitude," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "He's one of the best athletes I have had the opportunity to coach."

"Eric ran the 100, 200, 400. He ran in the events to help us win a track meet. He's a very unselfish athlete."

Jordan Chapman, high jump, Ply. Canton: The junior was WLAA Conference champion in both the high jump and pole vault.

Chapman set school records in the high jump (6-6 1/4) and pole vault (13-7) this season. He was also on the

school record setting high jump relay, pole vault relay and long jump relay teams.

Chapman won the high jump and pole vault at the Tgam State Invitational Meet and finished eighth in pole vault at the Division I state meet at Rockford High School.

For the second season in a row, Chapman was Academic All-State and currently has a 3.934 grade point average.

"Jordan has tremendous work ethics and concentration and played an important part in the success of the team this season and will help lead the Chiefs in 2001," Richardson said. "He was honored by his teammates and coaches by being elected captain for next season and was voted co-MVP of the team this season."

"Jordan also was named the Outstanding Field Athlete of the Year by the Ann Arbor News."

Derek Laskowski, pole vault, Farmington Harrison: Laskowski ended a fine career by finishing third in the Division II state meet. He has been one of Observerland's top vaulters for four years, and he had an area best vault of 14-2 this year.

Laskowski won regional and Farmington city championships, and he finished second in the Oakland County, Western Lakes and Observerland meets.

"Derek has been the top vaulter in the area for two straight years and has two top five finishes in the state," coach John Reed said. "Derek is an excellent athlete and student who also excels in the shot put and discus. We will really miss him next year."

RUNNING EVENTS
Nick Hall, 110-meter hurdles, Farmington Harrison: Hall, who was voted the top male athlete in his senior class, had an outstanding track career and was a three sport athlete.

Besides running the hurdles and relays, he also threw the shot put this year and might have a future as a decathlete in college.

Hall ran the fastest area time in the high hurdles (14.4) and finished eighth in the Division II state meet. He also ran the intermediate hurdles in 39.3.

Hall was the Observerland, regional, conference and city champion. He was second in Oakland County and was

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Agim Shabaj Farmington Harrison



Anthony Beal North Farmington



Charlie Stamboulian North Farmington



Matt Daly Catholic Central



Terrill Mayberry Farmington Harrison



Jason Scarbrough Farmington Harrison

ALL-OBSERVER TRACK

2000 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS TRACK TEAMS

FIELD EVENTS
Shot put: 1. Mike Gaura, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 2. Mark Snyder, Jr., Plymouth Salem; 3. Nate Hensman, Sr., Livonia Franklin.
Discus: 1. Mike Morris, Sr., Redford Catholic Central; 2. Charlie Rozum, Sr., Redford CC; 3. Nate Meckes, Jr., Lutheran High Westland.
Long jump: 1. Eric Scott, Jr., Livonia Churchill; 2. (tie) Kwame Hampton, Sr., Wayne Memorial; Ugo Okwumabua, Jr., Plymouth Canton.
High jump: 1. Jordan Chapman, Jr., Plymouth Canton; 2. Jeremy Mazes, Jr., Farmington; 3. Layne Bodily, Jr., Farmington.
Pole vault: 1. Derek Laskowski, Sr., Farmington Hills Harrison; 2. Jim Gabriel, Sr., North Farmington; 3. Shannon Simon, Jr., Garden City.

RUNNING EVENTS
110-meter hurdles: 1. Nick Hall, Sr., Farm. Hills Harrison; 2. Brian Jones, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; 3. Ben Lukas, Sr., Farmington.
300 hurdles: 1. Chris Kalls, Jr., Plymouth Canton; 2. Jeff Frederick, Sr., Farmington; 3. Kyle Meteyer, Sr., North Farmington.
100 dash: 1. Darryl Anglin, Soph., Redford Bishop Borgess; 2. Mike Clark, Soph., Lutheran Westland; 3. Marcus Woods, Fr., Farm. Hills Harrison.
200: 1. Agim Shabaj, Soph., Farm. Hills Harrison; 2. Kevin Woods, Sr., Farm. Hills Harrison; 3. Blair Weiss, Jr., North Farmington.
400: 1. Anthony Beal, Sr., North Farmington; 2. Kevin Schneider, Sr., Livonia Franklin; 3. Terrill Mayberry, Soph., Farm. Hills Harrison.

800: 1. Jerry Gaines, Jr., Plymouth Canton; 2. Gabe Coble, Sr., Plymouth Salem; 3. Ryan Gall, Soph., Livonia Churchill.
1,600: 1. Charlie Stamboulian, Sr., North Farmington; 2. Brian Klotz, Jr., Livonia Franklin; 3. Donnie Warner, Jr., Plymouth Salem.
3,200: 1. Matt Daly, Jr., Redford CC; 2. Jason Richmond, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 3. Dan Krawiec, Jr., Redford CC.

RELAY EVENTS
400: 1. Harrison (Agim Shabaj, Soph.; Chris Roberson, Jr.; Marcus Woods, Fr.; Kevin Woods, Sr.); 2. Farmington (Mark Ostach, Sr.; Juron Spinks, Jr.; Todd Anthony, Sr.; Dustin Gress, Sr.; Jeremy Mazes, Jr.); 3. Bishop Borgess (Jose Kincannon, Jr.; Jason Smith, Soph.; Darryl Robinson, Sr.; Darryl Anglin, Soph.).
800: 1. Harrison (Agim Shabaj, Soph.; Chris Roberson, Jr.; Marcus Woods, Fr.; Kevin Woods, Sr.); 2. Farmington (Mark Ostach, Sr.; Juron Spinks, Jr.; Todd Anthony, Sr.; Dustin Gress, Sr.); 3. Bishop Borgess (Jose Kincannon, Jr.; Jason Smith, Soph.; Darryl Robinson, Sr.; Darryl Anglin, Soph.).
1,600: 1. Harrison (Terrill Mayberry, Soph.; Nick Hall, Sr.; Jason Scarbrough, Sr.; Agim Shabaj, Soph.); 2. Franklin (Donnie Kusiek, Sr.; Ryan Kracht, Sr.; John Moore, Jr.; Kevin Schneider, Sr.); 3. N. Farmington (Mike Millat, Sr.; Charlie Stamboulian, Sr.; Blair Weiss, Jr.; Anthony Beal, Sr.).
3,200: 1. Stevenson (Dave Novara, Soph.; Matt Isner, Sr.; Brad Carroll, Sr.; Steve Keckskemeti, Sr.); 2. Redford CC (Ryan Lowry, Soph.; Robert Tymowski, Sr.; Adam Tymowski, Sr.; Jeff Haller, Sr.); 3. Salem (Gabe Coble, Sr.; Donnie Warner, Jr.; Marwir Gill, Jr.; Steve Shull, Jr.).

COACH OF THE YEAR
Bob Richardson, Ply. Canton



4x100-meter relay: Farmington Harrison's Marcus Woods, Kevin Woods, Chris Roberson and Agim Shabaj.



4x800-meter relay: Livonia Stevenson's Dave Novara, Matt Isner, Brad Carroll and Steve Keckskemeti.

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undefeated in dual meets.
 "Nick is an excellent athlete who did a lot for the team," Reed said. "He's a great leader who was willing to run anything to help the team. Nick worked extremely hard, and his efforts surely paid off."

Chris Kalls, 300 hurdles, Ply. Canton: The junior set the Canton School record in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 14.8 seconds this season and won the Team State Invitational and Ann Arbor Meet of Champions. Kalls was also on the school record setting shuttle hurdle relay and high jump relay teams.

Kalls ran his best time of 40.2 seconds in the 300 hurdles at the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions.

"Chris had a fantastic season and was a large part of the team's success," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "He is a very hardworking, dedicated athlete who will help lead the Chiefs in 2001."

"He was ranked in the high jump, 110 high hurdles and 300 intermediate hurdles all season."

Darryl Anglin, 100 dash, Bishop Borgess: Anglin finished second in the 100 dash (11.12) and fourth in the 200 (23.14) at the boys Division IV state track and field championships at Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern High School.

Anglin was also on the Spartans' 800 relay team that won the state title.

Agim Shabaj, 200, Farmington Harrison: Shabaj was one of the standouts on a team with a lot of outstanding sprinters.

Besides running on three relays, he had the fastest time in Observeland over 200 meters at 22.1. He won the Western Lakes championship, finished second in the regional and was third in Oakland County.

"Agim was awesome this season," Reed said. "He made all area in four events, and I don't think anyone else in the area can say that. We look forward to working with him the next two years."

Anthony Beal, 400, N. Farmington: Beal, who is still a relative newcomer to track, blossomed into an outstanding sprinter as a senior and finished sixth in the Division I state finals.

Beal set the school record of 48.7 seconds in the city meet and matched that effort in the Western Lakes finals. He won those competitions, as well as the regional. He also won the state indoor 300-meter championship earlier this year.

Beal, who also ran the shorter sprints and relays, will attend the University of

Michigan on a partial track scholarship.

"Anthony, in only his second year of track, has come a long way," North coach Jeff Simpson said. "He was a tremendous individual to have on our team."

Jerry Gaines, 800, Ply. Canton: The junior ran a school record time of 1:57.8 at the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions. He also set a school record in the 400 dash of 49.3 seconds this season, and was part of the school record setting high jump relay, 800 relay and sprint medley relay teams.

Gaines was Division I Region V champion in the 400 and runner-up in the 800 and qualified for state in four events. He finished fourth at the state meet in the 400 with a time of 49.52 seconds.

"Jerry was a very important part of the team's success this season and will help the Chiefs in 2001," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "Jerry was honored this season by being voted co-MVP of the team and elected by his teammates a captain for next season."

"Jerry is one of the finest all-around athletes in the history of Canton High School."

Charlie Stambouljan, 1,600, N. Farmington: Stambouljan was, in the distance events, what teammate Anthony Beal was to the Raiders in the sprints — the team leader and first-rate competitor.

He was second in the league (4:34.5), Observeland Relays (4:27.4) and regional (4:29.9); he was third in Oakland County (4:23.1) and 12th in the Division I state finals (4:24.4).

Stambouljan also won the city championship for the third straight year in the 1,600 and was a double winner this year with a first-place finish in the 3,200.

He will attend Wayne State University on a full-ride scholarship.

"Charlie was a tremendous leader on our track team," Simpson said. "He's one of the most dedicated athletes we've had, and he will do anything for the team."

Matt Daly, 3,200, Redford CC: Daly was undefeated in dual meets this season in both the 3,200 and 1,600. He was Catholic League champion and Division I Region V champion (9:33.8).

Daly clocked his best time of 9:29.8 in the 3,200 at the state final.

"Matt has great character, discipline and unmatched work ethic," CC coach Tony Magni said. "He's a leader athletically and in the classroom."

"Matt is a team leader and his consistent performance was a stabilizing factor throughout the season. As the

other teammates became faster and faster, Matt was there for them to model their efforts after.

"Matt's mental strength and desire to win drives him through the spots in the race where other runners start falling back in the race. The tougher the competition, the harder Matt runs. His best quality is his humility."

RELAY EVENTS

Harrison (Agim Shabaj, Chris Roberson, Marcus Woods, Kevin Woods), 400: The four members of this unit represent the "best relay team ever at Harrison," according to coach Reed.

The Hawks broke the Observeland Relays record and also won conference, regional, county and Novi Relays championships.

Harrison had the area's fastest time at 42.9 seconds and finished fourth in the Division II state finals.

"They performed extremely well in the big meets," Reed said. "It's a hard-working group whose efforts really paid off with a tremendous season."

Harrison (Agim Shabaj, Chris Roberson, Marcus Woods, Kevin Woods), 800: The same foursome won the Observeland, regional and Novi championships, finished second in Oakland County and placed third in the conference.

The Hawks had the best time in Observeland at 1:29.2 and earned all-state honors with a third-place finish in the Division II finals.

Harrison (Terrill Mayberry, Nick Hall, Jason Scarbrough, Agim Shabaj), 1,600: The Hawks always had a big finish with this outstanding relay running at the end of every meet.

Harrison won city, conference and regional championships. It just missed medaling in the state meet, finishing ninth. The Hawks had the best area time at 3:26.8.

"This was a special group, because they're all so mentally tough," Reed said. "Each of these athletes had to run this race exhausted from previous events, and they rose to the occasion every time in big meets. It's an exciting and special team to watch."

Stevenson (Dave Novara, Matt Isner, Brad Carroll, Steve Kecskemeti), 3,200: This quartet broke the school record three times this year including a season and area best 8:01.5, good enough for 10th place at the Division I state meet held in Rockford. The foursome also claimed regional and WIAA titles, along with the Ann Arbor Invitational crown.

Novara is a sophomore, while Isner, Carroll and Kecskemeti are all seniors.

Stars sweep a pair of twinbills

The Plymouth Canton Stars Connie Mack team won a pair of doubleheaders last week and are 4-1 this season.

Brad Kaufman (Canton) pitched a six-hit complete game, striking out four, in the Stars 8-3 win over Adrian on Thursday.

He came in and got the last five outs of the second game to preserve Andrew Davignon's 14-9 victory. Davignon pitched hitless ball the first three innings before having to come out with a leg cramp in the fourth.

Shea Harte went 3-for-5 with four RBI in the second game. Will Wojcik Shook (Plymouth) went 2-for-3 with three RBI and Bobby Hoernschmeyer reached base five straight times and scored three runs.

In the first game, Scott Siedladzek (Salem) and Bryon Kindernay (Salem) each went 2-for-3. Danny Boylan (Canton) went 2-for-4.

On Tuesday, the Southeast Michigan Connie Mack team defeated Summerfield, 14-7 and

10-7. Marshall Tucker (Livonia Churchill) gave up two earned runs in four innings to gain the win in the opener. Davignon had two hits and three RBI.

Hoernschmeyer went 2-for-2 and scored twice, while Wojcik Shook got the last four outs for a save.

Tucker smashed solo home runs his first two times up June 11 in an 11-9 loss at Ypsilanti Lincoln.

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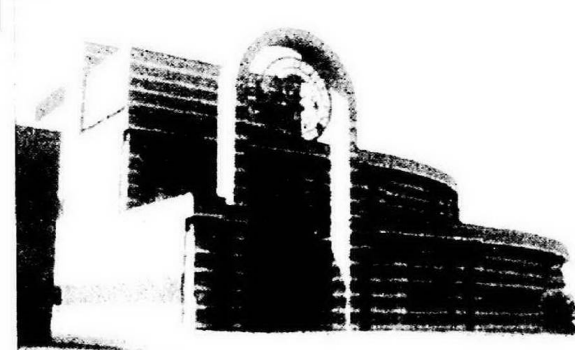
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Drago, Goose to kick off Rockers' camps

BY C.J. RISAK
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Some big names will be coming to Livonia's Bicentennial Park Monday morning.

The two most prominent consist of just five letters each and, if they were paired together and presented to the uninitiated, those questioned would probably identify "Drago and the Goose" as some sort of upcoming sitcom.

But the people who show up at Bicentennial Monday will know. They'll recognize the Rockers coach and the team's long-time keeper, Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, who will be on hand with a few other members of the Detroit Rockers, among them midfielder Sean Bowers and defender Druo Callahan, to kick off the Rockers' Summer Soccer Camps.

"These camps are a great way for us

ROCKERS NEWS

to give back to the soccer community," Rockers' coach Drago said. "I think it is great that we can give these kids excellent instruction from professional players."

The Livonia and Novi camps are the first of 21 camps designed for players of all skill levels between the ages of 6 and 14. All of the camp sessions are a week long. Kids will learn fundamental ball-handling techniques, go through shooting exercises and teamwork drills, then put it all together during the "World Cup" tournaments at the end of each camp.

The camps run throughout the summer, with the schedule winding up Aug. 25 in Brighton.

World Class Travel Team and Striker/Goalkeeper Camps are scheduled for Plymouth (July 17-21) and Troy (Aug. 7-11). These camps will feature dramatic game-situation drills as well as individual instruction from Finnerty and Alan Placek.

Other local camps will be July 10-14 at Canton's Heritage Park; July 17-21 at Plymouth's Sheldon Plant and Farmington's Little Caesars Park; July 24-28 at Plymouth's Ford Sheldon Plant; and July 31-Aug. 4 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park.

To find out more about the Rockers' Summer Camps, call Summer Camps Coordinator Jennifer Walker at (248) 366-2114.

ThunderHawks join NPSL

Commissioner Steve M. Paxos has announced that the Toronto ThunderHawks will begin play this fall as a

National Professional Soccer League expansion team. The announcement came at the recently-constructed Hershey Centre, which will serve as the home of the new team in Mississauga, Ont., a suburb west of Toronto.

"A successful franchise in the major market of Toronto has been a target goal of the league and we are excited to welcome a prestigious ownership group into the NPSL," Paxos said. "Toronto has long been a hotbed of soccer. Some of the NPSL's greatest stars, all-time superstars, like Hector Marinaro and Gino DiFlorio, grew up in the area."

"Now fans in Ontario will get to see these great players and others in the NPSL on a regular basis in a state-of-the-art facility here."

A partner in the ThunderHawks is long-time National Hockey League all-star defenseman and former Red Wing

Paul Coffey. Neil Jameson, President and CEO of Soccer RSA Ltd., in Toronto is the team owner.

Toronto becomes the third Canadian team in the league, joining the Edmonton Drillers and Montreal Impact. Both the Drillers and Impact are teams that were relocated from cities in the United States during the late 1990s. They have added several fine Canadian players and built their squads into championship contenders that gained playoff berths the last two seasons.

Champs crowned

The NPSL recently completed its record 16th season when the Milwaukee Wave defeated the Cleveland Crunch in an exciting five-game NPSL Finals. The Wave won the championship at home with an impressive 19-6 triumph on May 5 in front of 15,469 fans.

CC semifinal from page B1

"We got a great break when that kid was stealing on the last out," Salter said.

Haeger, who bailed CC out to win the title game last year as a sophomore and also bailed the Shamrocks out in the quarterfinals, didn't have his bucket with him Friday.

Kline wasn't fooling anybody, either. He was roughed up for seven hits and seven runs while

Haeger was hammered for six hits in 1 2/3 innings and Wadowski pitched to two batters and got one of them out.

CC got to Hartland starter Heath Craven for 11 hits and nine runs before he was removed in favor of Cieszkowski while the Shamrocks were retaliating in the fourth. He pitched scoreless relief until the sixth.

Rogowski singled leading off, stole second and went to third on a catcher throwing error and scored on a one-out sacrifice fly by Haeger, cutting the deficit to 11-10. Wadowski walked, Kline singled to left and Dave Tovey tied the score with a single to center.

The Shamrocks started out like they were going to make a

sham of the Division I semifinals.

Craven wasn't able to blow the ball by the hitters and hadn't yet established his offspeed stuff.

So the score was 3-0 a half-dozen pitches into the game. Williams creamed a double down the left field line, Rogowski beat out a bunt for a single and Hill blooped a single to right center

that brought in the game's first run.

Haeger sacrificed and one run scored on Wadowski's groundout to short while another came in on a double by Kline.

The Eagles were not intimidated.

Cieszkowski doubled to right center in the bottom of the first, Cornillaud singled to short and

both runners moved up on a throwing error to third and Michael Sattler singled to shave the deficit to 3-2. Tom Blanchette tied the score with a one-out sacrifice fly to left.

Then the game went from baseball to tennis. Until Entsminger and CC held serve at the end to set up a rematch with DeLaSalle.

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For more information or to enroll, call (877) 480-KICK or (248) 366-6254.

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- July 19-23 - 9:30 a.m.-noon at Livonia's Bicentennial Park...
July 10-14 - 9:30 a.m.-noon at Canton's Heritage Park...

Travel camps

- July 17-21 - 9:30 a.m.-noon at Plymouth's Ford Sheldon Plant...
July 24-28 - 9:30 a.m.-noon at Plymouth's Ford Sheldon Plant...

- July 31-Aug. 4 - 1:30 p.m. at Livonia's Bicentennial Park...
Aug. 7-11 - 9:30 a.m.-noon at Dearborn's Crowley Park...

Aug. 14-18 - 9:30 a.m.-noon at Saline's Miller Field...
Aug. 21-25 - 9:30 a.m.-noon at Brighton's Malby Field.

Plymouth Soccer Club

Tryouts for the Plymouth Soccer Club's various select and premier teams will be on-going throughout this month...

Players are asked to arrive 15-30 minutes early on the first day to sign in. Please bring water, an inflated soccer ball with your name clearly...

marked and light and dark T-shirts.

Boys premier and select

Under-9 select: 2 p.m. June 18 at West Middle School...

Under-10 select: 6 p.m. June 18 at Tanger School...

Under-11 select: 6 p.m. June 19 and 6 p.m. June 21 at Heritage A (Ford Plant)...

Under-12 select: 6 p.m. June 20 and 6 p.m. June 22 at East Middle School...

Under-14 premier: 6 p.m. June 20 and 6 p.m. June 22 at Heritage B (Ford Plant)...

Under-14 select: 6 p.m. June 22, 10 a.m. June 24 at East Middle School...

Under-15 premier: 6 p.m. June 20 and 6 p.m. June 22 at Hines East...

Under-16 premier: 6 p.m. June 19 and 6 p.m. June 21 at Hines West...

Under-18 premier: 6 p.m. June 26 and 6 p.m. June 27 at Hines East...

Under-18 premier: 6 p.m. June 26 and 6 p.m. June 27 at Hines East...

Girls select and premier

Under-10 select: 6 p.m. June 20 and 6 p.m. June 22 at Tanger School...

Under-11 select: 6:8 p.m. June 22 and 6:8 p.m. June 23 at Canton HS...

Under-12 select: 6:8 p.m. June 20 and 6:8 p.m. June 21 at Canton HS...

Under-13 premier: 6 p.m. June 20 and 6 p.m. June 22 at West Middle School...

Under-15 premier: 6 p.m. June 19, 6 p.m. June 21 and 6 p.m. June 26 at Hines East...

Under-18 premier: 4 p.m. June 24 at Hines East...

Canton Soccer Club

The Canton Soccer Club, with Detroit Rockers' keeper Bryan "Goose" Finnerty serving as head coach and director of coaching/player development...

Boys tryouts

Under-9: 5:7 p.m. June 18 at Canton HS...

Under-14 premier: 6:8 p.m. June 19 and June 20 at Canton HS...

Under-14 select: 6:8 p.m. June 22 and June 23 at Canton HS...

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Under-16 premier: 6:8 p.m. June 19 and June 20 at Canton HS...

Under-16 select: 6:8 p.m. June 21 and June 22 at Canton HS...

Under-17 premier: 6:8 p.m. June 20 and June 21 at Canton HS...

Girls tryouts

Under-9: 6:8 p.m. June 20 and June 21 at Canton HS...

Under-10 A: 6:8 p.m. June 19 and June 20 at Flodin Park...

Under-11 A: 6:8 p.m. June 21 and June 22 at Flodin Park...

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Mike Gaura (Churchill) 53-6 1/2
Mark Snyder (Salem) 50-9 1/2
Nate Meckes (Luth. Westland) 48-1 1/2
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 48-1 1/2
Jeff Duesewe (Redford CC) 46-6 1/4
Asa Hensley (Canton) 45-10
Josh Meckes (Luth. Westland) 45-8
Dave Boucher (Salem) 45-4
Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 45-1

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- Mike Morris (Redford CC) 151-8
Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 146-7
Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 145-1
Brad Person (Harrison) 144-7
Rory Crittenden (Farmington) 144-6
Andrew Ribar (Churchill) 142-6
Mark Snyder (Salem) 142-5
Jeff Duesewe (Redford CC) 141-5
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 139-10
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 134-11

HIGH JUMP

- Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-6 1/4
Chris Kalls (Canton) 6-5
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 6-5
Jayne Bodily (Farmington) 6-4
Jayne Gales (Canton) 6-2
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Ryan Silva (Salem) 6-0
Brad Person (Harrison) 6-0
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 6-0
Dave Painter (Franklin) 6-0
Joe Damer (Redford Union) 6-0
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 6-0

LONG JUMP

- Eric Scott (Churchill) 21-3/4
Gabe Coble (Salem) 21-3/4
Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 21-0
Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 21-0
Tom Grant (Redford CC) 20-3
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 20-2 3/4
Michael Rashad (Wayne) 20-2 1/2
Jawoin Spinks (Farmington) 20-1 1/2
Ken Page (Canton) 20-1
Aaron Veithoven (Redford CC) 20-0

POLE VAULT

- Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 14-2
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 13-7
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 13-0
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 13-0
Shannon Simon (Garden City) 12-0
Kevin Peterman (Churchill) 12-0
Jason Davis (Luth. Westland) 12-0
Brian Page (Canton) 11-6

Kevin Palmer (Canton) 11-6

110-METER HURDLES

- Nick Hall (Harrison) 14-4
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 14-6
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 14-7
Chris Kalls (Canton) 14-8
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 14-8
Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 15-0
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 15-1
Dennis Kusiar (Franklin) 15-2
James Cook (Harrison) 15-3
Ryan Silva (Salem) 15-4

300-METER HURDLES

- Nick Hall (Harrison) 39-3
Chris Kalls (Canton) 40-2
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 40-4
Kyle Meteyer (N. Farmington) 40-5
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 41-1
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 41-1
James Cook (Harrison) 41-7
Rob Showalter (Salem) 42-2
Nick Doherty (Luth. Westland) 42-2
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 42-3
Tom Grant (Redford CC) 42-3

100-METER DASH

- Darryl Anglin (Borgess) 10-8
Mike Clark (Lutheran Westland) 10-9
Marcus Woods (Harrison) 10-9
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 11-0
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 11-0
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 11-1
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200-METER DASH

- Agrim Shabaq (Harrison) 22-1
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22-4
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 22-4
Darryl Anglin (Borgess) 22-4
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 22-5
Todd Anthony (Farmington) 22-6
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Jason Smith (Borgess) 22-7
Mark Ostach (Farmington) 22-8
Mike Clark (Luth. Westland) 23-0
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400-METER DASH

- Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 48-7
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 49-3
Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 50-2
Terrill Mayberry (Harrison) 50-8
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 50-9
Nick Soper (Stevenson) 51-4
Gabe Coble (Salem) 51-5
Jack Tucci (Canton) 51-7
Darryl Robinson (Borgess) 51-9
Paul Karolak (Churchill) 52-7

Matt Markowicz (Redford CC) 52-7

800-METER RUN

- Jerry Gaines (Canton) 1:57.8
Gabe Coble (Salem) 1:58.0
Ryan Gail (Churchill) 1:59.1
Brad Carroll (Stevenson) 2:00.5
Jason Scarborough (Harrison) 2:00.5
Steve Kecskeneti (Stevenson) 2:01.0
Jeff Haller (Redford CC) 2:01.3
Brian Herr (N. Farmington) 2:02.2
Charlie Stamboulian (N. Farmington) 2:02.4
Robert Tymowski (Redford CC) 2:02.4

1,600-METER RUN

- Charlie Stamboulian (N. Farmington) 4:23.1
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 4:26.0
Brian Klotz (Franklin) 4:26.4
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 4:29.7
Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:29.9
John DiGiovanni (Redford CC) 4:32.6
Phil Johnson (Churchill) 4:34.5
Marvin Gill (Salem) 4:34.7
Ryan Lowly (Redford CC) 4:35.5
Isaac Kaufman (N. Farmington) 4:39.9

3,200-METER RUN

- Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:23.6
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 9:36.0
Dan Krawiec (Redford CC) 9:58.0
Eric Travis (Stevenson) 9:59.2
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Bucks defuse Revolution in U.S. Open Cup

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The Mid-Michigan Bucks, co-owned by Livonia natives Jim and Dan Duggan, broke new ground in the 87-year history of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

The Bucks became the first amateur team to knock off a squad from Major League Soccer with a thrilling 1-0 win over the host New England Revolution on Wednesday night in Foxboro, Mass.

The Revolution, which features such stars as John Harkes, goalkeeper Juergen Sommer and Jamar Beasley, lead the East Division of the MLS with a 7-4-4 record.

But Chad Shomaker's goal in the 91st minute (due to injury time) off a give-and-go play between Paul Snape and Bonaventure Maruti, gave the Saginaw-based Premier Development League fourth division team the upset victory.

In another upset, the MLS-leading Kansas City Wizards, who played to a 0-0 draw with the fourth-division Chicago Sockers, were ousted 7-6 on penalty

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kicks, becoming the second amateur team to knock off a Division I squad.

"We were flying so high going into it," said Dan Duggan, who has helped guide the successful Bucks franchise along with his brother Jim the past four years. "It was a wonderful thrill for Chad to get that goal. He's just a thankful guy and a wonderful

kid." Shomaker, a native of Vietnam with adoptive U.S. parents, played his high school soccer at Troy High and later at Oakland University.

"For a guy who is 26 or 27 years-old, he's reached the pinnacle," Duggan said.

Bucks goalkeeper Eric Pogue (Western Michigan) made a total of six saves, including a penalty kick attempt by Shaker Asad.

The Bucks' defense was

sparked by Redford's Valentino Scicluna, who played all 90 minutes and had task of mark the dangerous Beasley, the most recent MLS Player of the Week. Scicluna played at Butler (Ind.) University as a collegian.

"Tino just played out of his mind," Duggan said. "He did a great job shutting down Beasley."

Birmingham Seaholm product Ryan Mack, who played on Indiana University's NCAA Division

I championship squad, turned in a solid 74 minutes at midfield.

The Bucks also got a lift from midfielder Chris King of Livonia, who played 20 minutes.

Tim Castillo, who played at Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day along with Scicluna, logged 16 minutes.

Two-time NAIA Player of the Year Maruti, who played the last two seasons at the University of Mobile (Ala.), is a native of Nairobi Kenya. He leads the

Bucks with nine goals and one assist. Maruti is expected to play next year at NCAA Division I Southern Connecticut State.

"He'll play in the MLS some day," Duggan said.

The Bucks, however, don't want to stop now.

They will play a third-round match in the single-elimination tournament of the U.S. Cup on Tuesday, July 25 at Lockhart Stadium Fort Lauderdale, Fla. against the Miami Fusion.

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award. "We felt we should have won it (state title) last year and it's not going to happen to us again this year. For the seniors this was our last chance and we weren't going to give it up."

Four years ago, a state championship was the furthest thing from Laskowski's mind. Consecutive injuries to her ankle and knee (torn ACL) cut short a promising freshman year and hindered her play her sophomore season. It took a lot of hard work and determination on her part to, as she says, "get my speed back and get back to my normal self."

Normal for some, memorable for others.

"Tiffany is the best we've ever had because she's got the whole package," Storch said of his senior captain, who finished the season with 26 goals and 14 assists and is bound for Michigan State University in the fall. "The biggest part of her package is she has a work ethic and desire to succeed and win that is contagious. And we have had many great players through the years."

"I read this by a hockey coach, but it certainly applies to her," Storch went on. "It's great when you can say your best player is your hardest worker. And she always has been from day one and I think that's what sets her apart from the great players we've had."

Similar things can be said of Morrell, who drew her teammates even at 1-1 33 minutes into the game after finding herself alone in front of the Red Hawks net. Making no mistake when faced with a scoring opportunity, Morrell finished a stellar spring season with 39 goals.

"They (Athens) came out with more heart and I think I got a little frustrated," Morrell, a junior, said when asked the difference in the game. "But my teammates hung in there and pushed me to strive for what I want to be."

Morrell, already giving a verbal commitment to attend the University of North Carolina, will have one more chance at obtaining that elusive goal of winning a state championship and, according to her, the time starts now.

"I knew already that come next year, we're going to have to work twice as hard," she said. "I want to be the greatest. Doesn't everybody?"

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ple's feet. But they were putting a lot of pressure on us."

With 23:25 remaining, the Red Hawks' Jessica Martin got off a shot out of a crowd in front that got past Dorogi, making it 4-1. Lansie Laskowski assisted.

Less than four minutes later, an Athens' fast break down the right wing earned them another goal. Mebis Mandul crossed it in to Jane Logsdon for the goal, and with 19:48 left, the Red Hawks had built an insurmountable 4-1 lead.

"We played tough," said Smith. "We didn't quit. But Athens is a good team. They're always a good team."

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Opera company connects singers with audiences

Patricia Willington and Dina Kessler seem unlikely friends since both sopranos sing in operatic style. But it was their shared enthusiasm for the music that drew them together - that and the lack of opportunity for local singers to perform in productions.

"We don't sing the same roles, so we were never rivals, said Willington, who grew up in Livonia and now lives in Southfield. "We met when we both were hired to sing at the Michigan Bach Festival six years ago. That's when we realized we lived a block apart at the time."

Over the years, the two talked repeatedly about the few engagements available around town. The Michigan Opera Theatre usually hires only well-known international vocalists to sing its lead roles; local singers are relegated to the chorus. A few smaller opera companies in the area do put on productions but on a hit-and-miss basis.

Willington and Kessler decided if anything were to change, they would have to provide the singing opportunities for local vocalists and themselves. In September, they formed the Great Lakes Lyric Opera. The company would not only promote productions with local singers but do it consistently during a regular season.

"Our goal is to offer performance



Company co-founders: Patricia Willington (bottom) and Dina Kessler played "Hansel and Gretel" in the Great Lakes Lyric Opera's first production last December.

opportunities for professional singers since there's very little offered in Michigan," said Willington, company artistic director. "We're going to do opera in English and emphasize performances for children once a year. It's going to be more like chamber opera not full-scale productions of *Madame Butterfly* and *La Traviata*.

Initial production

After making the decision to start their own company and "a lot of phone calls back and forth," the Great Lakes Lyric Opera opened its first production in December at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. Kessler had sung *Hansel and Gretel* with the Toledo Opera Association a few years before.

"Dina's father worked on the set and, before long, I had a 9-by-12 gingerbread house in my garage," said Willington, youth choir minister at Central Woodward Christian Church in Troy.

The house was packed for that first production. In fact, they made so much money they decided to give it back by holding a competition for vocalists. The April 15 competition awarded \$2,000 in cash prizes to high school and college students, and professionals.

"We made a lot of money from *Hansel and Gretel*," said Willington. "One of our missions is to get classical music going in the area, so we wanted to encourage singers."

Great Lakes Lyric Opera is encouraging youth to take an interest in opera as well. *Hansel and Gretel* continues to be popular with students at

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African plains: Barbara Demgen paints watercolors of animals, florals and landscapes.

Evolving artists bring latest works to Liberty Fest

Noah's animals: Below, Michael McCullough created this woodblock print titled "Off the Ark."

Fine Arts Fine Crafts

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Michael McCullough spent untold hours last winter carving the images into his newest woodblock. But that was just the first step in creating *Off the Ark*. Next, the Farmington Hills artist inked the block then hand-rubbed the animals onto rice paper over and over again until he'd built up enough stock to show them in 16 outdoor art fairs this summer.

Just like the Liberty Fest Fine Arts and Fine Crafts Show, McCullough's work is getting bigger and better than ever. He will bring dozens of the black and white and color woodblock prints of wildlife, flowers, vegetables and multi-cultural scenes to the Canton show June 24-25 in Heritage Park.

First time exhibitor

This is McCullough's first time at the Liberty Fest fine art show although he's shown work in the Canton Project Arts fine art exhibit every October for the last two years. He started on the outdoor show circuit in May at Art in the Park in Birmingham and has displayed work this spring in Chicago's Old Village and Charlevoix, Grand Rapids and South Haven.

Locally, fairgoers can see McCullough's work at Art in the Park in Plymouth in July and at the Detroit Festival of the Arts in the University Cultural Center in September.

A compelling series McCullough began two years ago focuses on the

What: A fine art and craft show featuring more than 100 artists
When: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 24 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 25
Where: Heritage Park, behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Call (734) 397-5395 for information.

human experience. Veiled women whispering in the night, a screaming woman tortured by her own psyche - McCullough prods viewers into imagining the stories at which the

works hint. One of the dramatic black and white works, *The Legacy*, was juried into the Livonia Arts Commission's Fine Arts in the Village. The exhibit continues at the Livonia Civic Center Library through June 30.

"I'm working larger and with more color but I'm also continuing to create smaller images which in many instances are placed next to each other in a series," said McCullough, who grew up in Redford. "I've been adding watercolor to the black and white prints and using a multi-inking process where you layer color one over the other. It's more vibrant with the contrasting colors. They kind of explode."

Watercolor wonders

Barbara Demgen paints one watercolor at a time but her high output ensures she'll have plenty of landscapes, florals and African animal studies for the Liberty Fest show as well as outdoor fairs in Troy Aug. 27 and Sterling Heights



Sept. 16-17.

Looking for a portrait of your pet or house? Demgen spends much of her time painting commissions. One couple had her paint portraits of the houses they grew up in.

This is her first time in the Canton show, though she's exhibited in Canton Project Arts' fine arts exhibit. Her work was also on exhibit at the University of Michigan Hospital lobby in March, and come November she'll return to the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills for their annual show.

Demgen retired from teaching the visual arts in the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School in 1992.

"People keep asking me if I'm getting bored yet," said Demgen of Livonia. "I always have five paintings in my head that I want to do. My husband and I have been walk-

ing around the grounds of Madonna University for four seasons now so I have plenty ideas for my watercolors."

Challenging reality

Cheryl Conlin brings impressionistic landscapes and paintings of her surreal "aura faces" to the Liberty Fest along with ceramic wall and lawn sculpture and jewelry.

She expects her sci-fi-like *Children of the Sun* to continue to be a popular seller. The vibrantly colored creatures in wrap-around sunglasses seem almost amusing with hair almost as tall as they are.

"My art is evolving but I'm still concentrating on the heads, or aura faces," said Conlin, a Redford resident. "They're faces that look at the different colors of energy in a person."

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SUMMER CONCERTS

Music series plays on sense of community



One man band: Guy Louis' music is loved by children and adults alike.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Guy Sferlazza's music is a community experience. In fact, the Rochester one-man band calls it just that - community music.

Sferlazza, who goes by the stage name of Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express, plays his music in parks and schools in the area with the hopes of instilling a sense of togetherness. On Wednesday, June 28, the audience at Kellogg Park in Plymouth will be treated to songs from the '60s and children's music along with a large dose of community spirit.

And if you choose not to participate in all the hand-clapping and hoopla, it's always fun to watch the children parading around in a circle singing *The Beatles' Yellow Submarine*. For information on the 40 free concerts Sferlazza will give this summer in addition to Plymouth,

visit his Web site at www.guylouis.com.

"In the park I'm after a community style of music, expanding family music a little bit, widening it from grandmas and grandpas all the way down to toddler," said Sferlazza. "I'll be breaking out new Beatles' tunes this summer in addition to singing straight ahead songs kids love so that they'll stay engaged and parents don't have to worry about keeping them still."

Sferlazza will have kids up and moving to songs such as *Skip to My Lou* and the *Garden Song* will plant positive thoughts about persevering and growing "inch by inch, row by row."

"I like to keep the kids involved," said Sferlazza. "They're so full of energy. It's also a delight for the adults who can watch them. They help make the show entertaining with all that energy and it brings a

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Music in the Park

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Where: Kellogg Park, Main Street, north of Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. For information about Wednesday concerts call (734) 416-4278.

For Friday concerts call (734) 455-1453.

Wednesday concert schedule:

- June 21 - Marc Thomas & Max the Moose
- June 28 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express
- July 5 - Liberty Brass Quintet, Plymouth Symphony members
- July 12 - Matt Watroba
- July 19 - Robert Jones
- July 26 - Josh White Jr.
- Aug. 2 - O.J. Anderson, comedian
- Aug. 9 - Harpbeat
- Aug. 16 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express
- Aug. 23 - Marc Thomas & Max the Moose

Friday concert schedule:

- June 23 - The Warren Commission (jazz)
- June 30 - One Flight Up (folk)
- July 7 - Lady Sunshine and the X Band (blues)
- July 21 - Terraplanes
- July 28 - Detroit Rock City
- Aug. 4 - Steve King and the Dittles
- Aug. 11 - Robert Jones and Matt Watroba
- Aug. 18 - Regular Boys
- Aug. 25 - Mike Karoub and his Cello Jazz
- Sept. 1 - Buddy Budson and Ursula Walker

Show bigger than ever

BY LINDA CHOMIN
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 Michael McCullough, Barbara Demgen and Cheryl Conlin are but three of more than 100 artists featured in the ninth annual Liberty Fest Fine Art and Fine Craft Show juried and co-chaired by Sharon Dillenbeck.

"It's bigger and better than ever with artists from Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Washington," said Dillenbeck, an artist who owns D&M Art Studio in Canton.

"The most exciting thing is the artists are wanting to join us. The variety is super and there'll be more demonstrations than ever. And it's affordable for anyone. We have pieces from a few dollars probably to \$1,000. Many artists paint by commission so bring your fabric."

Dillenbeck said visitors won't want to miss the exhibit of new sculptor George Hauck who does decorative metal wall sculpture that's abstract. Liz Burley will be there with oil paintings by her late husband Hugh Burley who was a well-known artist in the area. A student booth will feature works by all ages including senior citizens. Dillenbeck's own daughters will display jewelry and painting.

"We'll have face painting by

students of D&M studios and if kids wear a D&M T-shirt, they'll get their faces painted for free," said Dillenbeck.

Co-chair Joyce Murphy is looking forward to seeing the new acrylic paintings Rick Weidel has created. He's one of more than 100 reasons, Murphy and the rest of the volunteers will be at the park at 6:15 a.m. Saturday morning. They want to do everything they can to help the artists display their work in the community.

"His work looks like a kaleidoscope of color but when you look closer you can see human form and environment," said Murphy. "There'll also be Indian art, including moccasins by Clifford Brook and Heather Healey of Washington. And they shouldn't be afraid to ask the artists how the works were conceived or about the materials that were used. It makes you see the work in a different light."

Caricaturist Preston Lindsay is sure to attract visitors to the Canton Project Arts booth where they can have their picture drawn and find out more about the nonprofit organization's creative activities all at the same time.

"We're doing more for kids this year because we want to get kids involved with art. Deborah



Think twice:
 This "aura face" ceramic lawn sculpture is by Cheryl Conlin of Redford.

Shellman of Fairhaven will help children make jewelry out of stones and fossils."

Canton's Parks and Recreation Department will have a separate

tent where kids can try their hand at art as well.

"We're committed to family fun," said Murphy, "and pride in the community."

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sense of community with everyone either watching or participating."

Education

Sferlazza educates and entertains all year long. In fall, winter and spring, he introduces world music and string instruments such as the sitar and renaissance lute to students in schools. In summer, he plays his community music in parks around the area. It's all part of the Chautauqua experience.

"This is what chautauquas were 100 years ago," said Sfer-

lazza who doesn't have any children himself but has plenty of nieces and nephews. "They were an element in society that could bring about a romantic sense of humanity but a classic learning of the human experience all to enrich people. They set up tents and put on these shows for fun but also cultural and educational purposes.

"When I first began I didn't analyze it before I did it but found it was a joy to do. I enjoy introducing them to music and educating and it brings a sense of community. They're out here making music fun. When we go

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local schools where the production is touring.

"I think people are really interested," said Kessler, general manager for the company. "And part of our mission is to bring opera into the schools."

Upcoming production

Now that the competition is over and the tour is running smoothly, Willington and Kessler are turning their attention to a second production and looking to reach those local singers. *The Old Maid and the Thief* and *The Telephone* will take over the stage at the Southfield Centre for the Arts Sept. 14 and 16. Auditions for the two operas and a December children's production will be held Monday, June 26 by appointment. For more information or to schedule an audition, call (248) 547-2027 or e-mail G.LLO@mediaone.net.

"We're looking primarily for baritones with beautiful voices," said Willington. *The Old Maid and the Thief* is an English opera written in the 1950s.

"Even though one of our focuses is to do opera in English, we're not really looking for musical theater, but if they have a beautiful voice, we're interested," said Kessler, a Royal Oak resident who grew up in Troy. "A lot of people can cross over. We just don't want a pop music tone."

"And we don't just want students but moms and dads who have day jobs to come and sing for us," added Willington. "They don't necessarily have to sing operatic style."

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to Africa they find out people do it in community. It's a community experience. It's fun for people."

That's exactly why Debbie Madonna has asked Sferlazza to bring his Chautauqua Express to Kellogg Park twice this summer. Madonna coordinates the Plymouth Community Arts Council Music in the Park series, which is sponsored by Carl Schultz of Sealant Equipment & Engineering in Plymouth.

"A lot of people like the same acts like Guy and Marc Thomas & Max the Moose," said Madonna. "When Guy's up there you can't seem to sit down. And Max the Moose is just like a sassy 4-year old. Marc is very good, too."

In addition to children's music, the arts council series spotlights a variety of styles ranging from folk to classical compositions by the Liberty Brass Quintet.

Folk musicians Robert Jones, Matt Wattroba and Josh White Jr. have a respect for music that's been around a long time," said Madonna. "Harbeat returns bringing a lot of different instruments and music which is a good experience for the kids. And O.J. is a crazy guy. He's really bouncy and funny. We're geared toward families but espe-

cially to appeal to kids. If kids are happy enjoying the music, families are happy."

Madonna's own children love the series so much they volunteer to help her make sure everything runs smoothly during the concerts. John, 15, especially likes to run errands and just be an extra set of hands. Andrew, 17 helped her the first few years she served as chairperson. Mark, 11 is beginning to take an interest in helping mom.

"It's a good experience to work with my kids," said Madonna. "They even gave me feedback on coordinating the concerts. And it's an opportunity for them to give back to the community."

Friday series

If you can't make it to the Wednesday noon series, Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority is offering everything from folk to jazz at its *Music in the Air* series 7 p.m. Friday in Kellogg Park.

In the past, the concerts had been held on street corners but proved so popular, they were moved to the larger venue in the park this summer. Additional activities on the streets and in the stores are sure to draw even bigger crowds so get there early.

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For information, call Sharon Dillenbeck at D & M Studios (734) 453-3710.

OPENING RECEPTION

Wally Palazzolo opens an exhibit of his photography with a reception 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, June 19 at Farmington Hills City Hall, Orchard Lake and 11 Mile roads.

Far from home: Brendan Nolan sings Irish inspired songs in a concert at the Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall.



The Art in the Corridor exhibit continues to Sept. 15 at both the Farmington Hills City Hall and Farmington City Hall, Liberty at Grand River. For more information, call (248) 473-1856.

Palazzolo combines his love for the outdoors and photography in each of the images. A graduate of Wayne State University, he first developed an interest in photography when he bought his first Nikon in 1978. As a student of Monte Nagler, Palazzolo formed a preference for capturing certain types of nature.

In describing his own work, he said, "I love to photograph the scenes that put me at ease, the soft light of dawn and dusk, the mystery of a foggy landscape, the small details that are often overlooked because our lives are so fast-paced."

IRISH MUSIC

Brendan Nolan sings Irish inspired songs in a concert 7

p.m. Sunday, June 25 at the Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall. Tickets are \$10, \$8 advance, and available by calling (734) 522-5989.

Born in Dublin, Nolan learned the love of singing early in life. After leaving school in the late 90s his interest brought him into contact with the vibrant Dublin ballad scene. Soon, he was performing in and around the city.

Now based in Florida, Nolan has performed at numerous folk festivals across Canada including Winnipeg, London and Horseshoe Valley.

He currently has two solo albums to his credit, and another on the way. The second album *Across the Great Divide*, deals mainly with the immigration theme and features five original songs as well as traditional, and songs by contemporary writers.

DANCE DAY CAMPS

Metro Dance is offering a number of ways for children to kick up their heels this summer.

A summer intensive ballet workshop (ages 9 and up) runs Monday-Thursday, June 26-29 at the studio, 541 S. Mill, Plymouth.

The cost is \$45. For information, call (734) 207-8970.

Younger children (ages 5-8) will participate in tap, jazz and ballet classes during a camp 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday during the weeks of July 31 through Aug. 16. Tuition is \$130.

Metro Dance is also offering classes for adults this summer.



Meet the artist: This is one of the photographs that will be on display during an opening reception for Wally Palazzolo.



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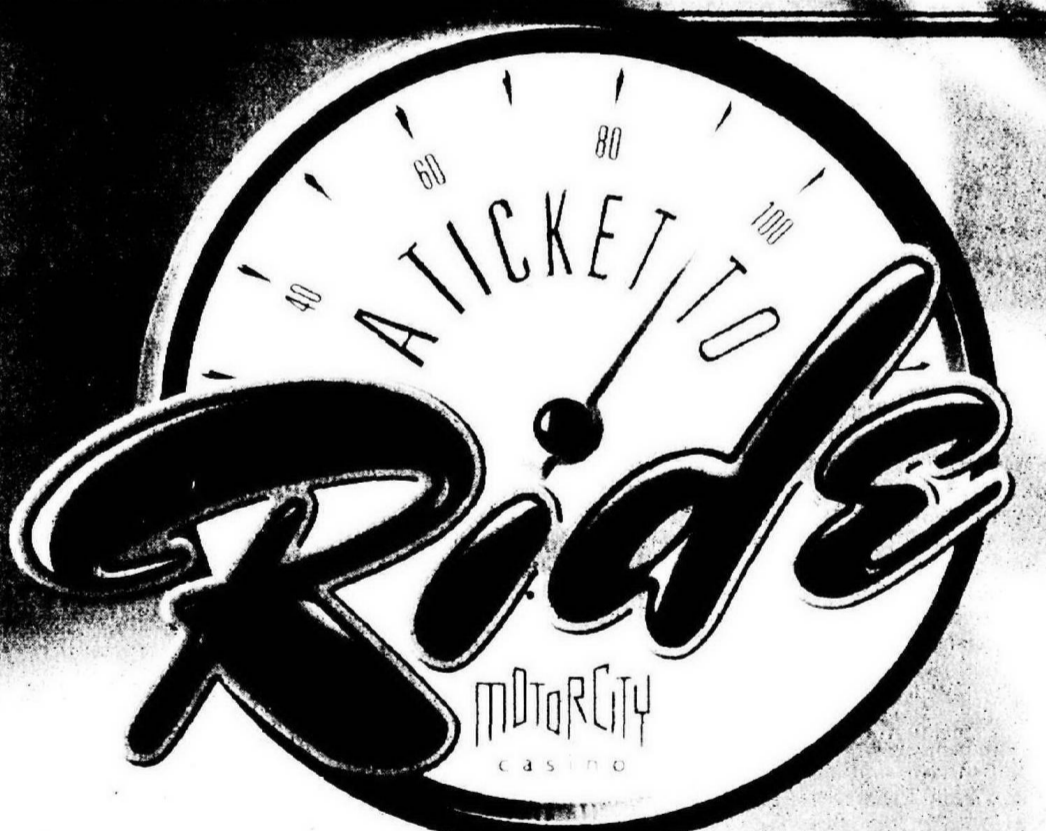
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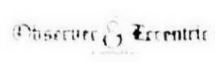
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Oily or darker skin also retains scents longer than dryer or paler skin. You may find that if you are on a low fat diet (and who isn't these days) and working on a strenuous exercise regime, your fragrance will not last. To resolve this problem, try using a full strength perfume along with bath oils, lotions and crèmes in the same scent to layer or extend your fragrance.

On the other hand, if your skin is light and drier or if you are visiting a warmer climate, you must consider using less fragrance or switch to a softer, lighter composition, such as an eau de toilette, eau de cologne, or splash.

Because women play various roles throughout the day (professional, mother, lover) it is not uncommon to utilize various scents throughout the day.

It is considered courteous to use a light scent in the daytime if you work or travel in a crowded environment and save your heady, sensual perfumes for the evening when the temperature drops - or for maximum impact with your special person. The general rule is the earlier the hour of day the lighter the fragrance.

Consider the season

The time of year and season is also a consideration in the selection of your fragrance choice. Many women like a heady floral, heavy spice, or sensual Oriental fragrance in winter. I suggest you select a lighter floral, citrus scent in the form of a soft perfume, light cologne, or eau de toilette for the heat of the summer. Body perspiration accentuates the effect of the fragrance, thus the reason for a lighter fragrance in warmer climates and in the warm months of the year.

There are numerous light scents including ones produced by Calvin Klein (available at Hudson's) and Modern Organic Products (available at Toccalino Cosmetic studio).

If you want to develop your own personal fragrance I suggest stopping at Lori Karbal's studio in Birmingham. Not only does she carry a wide variety of scent, she also formulates some of her own fragrances.

Another way to determine if a fragrance works for you, is to take various scent samples home and test them in your own environment.

So make your mark by finding a special scent that will make you more memorable.

Until next time, happy spritzing!!

Please send your questions to: Mary Anne, c/o Toccalino Cosmetic Studio, 470 N. Old Woodward, Suite 200, Birmingham, Mich. 48009 or call at (248) 203-9477. Mary Anne Toccalino is a professional makeup artist and skin care consultant at RED The Salon in Birmingham. The founder and owner of Toccalino Cosmetics, she studied at Joe Blasco's School of Cosmetics in Hollywood where her training included work in special effects and makeup for film and print.

Like SoHo



Browsing: Customers check out designs at Vervoux Couture's open house in Troy.

Showing couture designs in Troy

BY SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

Diana Jellinek describes her company's new home as the "SoHo area of Troy."

"There's a film producer near me and a leather designer. There's even an Old English cabinet remodeler. It's kind of like an artistic area," says the Birmingham resident, who designs one-of-a-kind garments in southeast Troy.

"It's well-located near Somerset and Birmingham. I didn't want to be on Woodward where my son might run into the street. I tend to steer away from walk-in traffic. What I do is more one-on-one with customers. I wouldn't open a boutique or free-standing store."

"This is it. I like the location." Jellinek's Vervoux Couture is nestled in an industrial complex of look-alike office facades and warehouse units on Maple between Liverso and Rochester Road, an unlikely spot for an upscale apparel firm.

Small business signs and alphabet letters distinguish each space in the long rows of doors and windows that extend south from Maple.

Jellinek settled into unit "N" with sewing equipment, fine fabrics and her unique clothing designs a few months ago and recently invited Troy community leaders, customers and the couture curious to look around the two-room office.

Visitors sipped punch and nibbled hors d'oeuvres while mingling

with models who wore Jellinek's designs.

The open house gave them a chance to check out Troy's Maple Road corridor, too.

"I think the Maple Road corridor is very diverse," said Gayla Houser, Troy Chamber of Commerce president. "There's everything from the Troy Motor Mall to the Michigan design center."

"There are a lot of creative services you find in industrial spaces, such as where Diana is. One of our premier sign companies is located in that very center," Houser noted.

"I don't know every business that lurks behind every door on Maple Road, but there's a lot of that showroom, design expertise and those kinds of businesses that are either blossoming under our noses or that have been operating here for years."

"There's a lot of stuff here that you don't necessarily see, but it's happening. It's an artistic, bohemian kind of place. There's definitely room for that kind of business."

Jellinek, who credits Houser for nicknaming the area, SoHo, grew up in West Bloomfield and attended boarding school in Europe. She studied clothing design in Italy and graduated from the Parsons School of Design in Paris.

Her designs range from the staff "uniforms" at Pure, a downtown Detroit nightclub, to streamlined gowns with asymmetrical necklines and her signature fishtail hems.

Jellinek works with clients one-on-one. For an appointment call her at (248) 585-6633.



Mingling: Clothing designer Diana Jellinek (right) chats with Troy Mayor Jeanne Stine (second from left) and Gayla Houser, Troy Chamber of Commerce president.

Sidewalk sales go from night to day in downtown Birmingham

BY SHARON DARGAY
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Don't be surprised if Richard Astrein trades his jeweler's loop for sunglasses on July 15.

He and other downtown Birmingham merchants hope the sun will shine on the business district's first daytime sidewalk sale.

Birmingham's 25-year-old Night on the Town, an annual mix of bargain shopping, entertainment and family activities, will lose its "moonlight madness" time slot and become a day-long Saturday event.

"We feel that this way, people won't have to rush home from work. In the past we didn't start until 6 p.m. and by the time we got going, it was 7:30 p.m. By 9 p.m., it was dark and hard to see," explained Astrein, a Night on the Town founder.

"The lighting really hampered a lot of people. By the time you'd get outside it was time to come in."

Day on the Town will give shoppers an additional eight hours to shop at the annual mid-summer sale.

"It doesn't just benefit merchants," noted John Heiney, director of Downtown Birmingham, the principal shopping district's association.

"It benefits customers because they'll

have 12 hours to shop. Merchandise will be on sale for the whole day. Many of the veteran Night on the Town shoppers will tell you it was a challenge to get all around town in one night."

Heiney figures more than 100 shops will sell merchandise outdoors on July 15. Several restaurants will cook up early bird breakfast specials and many will serve lunch, dinner and snack items on the street.

Entertainers will perform on four stages scattered throughout the business district. Demonstrations and other merchant activities, including a hair salon-sponsored "chp-a-thon" for charity, will fill the main stage at Old Woodward and Maple.

"You can make a day of it. Drop the kids off at the theater while you do some serious shopping," Astrein suggested. "It will be fun. And people like to get a bargain on exclusive stores."

What can shoppers expect from a fine jewelry store, like Astrein's Creative Jewelers?

"It gets harder every year as jewelry gets more expensive," Astrein said. "Twenty five years ago we sold turquoise and silver (outdoors). We've put gold chains outside," Astrein noted.

"We'll have some interesting things this year."

Astrein said some shoppers feel less intimidated about stepping inside a fine jewelry store during a sidewalk sale because it gives them a chance to browse in an informal environment.

"People feel more comfortable when there are a lot of people in the store," he said. "We've had people come in and buy expensive things during the sale. We had someone come in and buy an engagement ring. We had it set and ready to go that night."

Restaurants will begin serving breakfast specials at 7:30 a.m.

Shops will open at 9 a.m.

Last year's nighttime sidewalk sale brought 25,000 people into downtown Birmingham.

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John Heiney
—Downtown Birmingham director

Sidewalk sales

Check out these other summer sales in downtowns and shopping malls:

- Downtown Farmington, June 21-24.**
- Downtown Oxford, July 28-29.**
- Downtown Rochester, July 20-22.**
- Livonia Mall, 29514 Seven Mile, Livonia, July 27-30.**
- MeadowBrook Village Mall, at Adams and Walton in Rochester Hills, July 20-23.**
- Northland Mall, Eight Mile and Greenfield roads in Southfield, July 27-30.**
- Summit Place Mall, Telegraph at Elizabeth Lake Road, Waterford, July 14-16.**
- Tel Twelve Mall, Telegraph at 12 Mile, Southfield, July 13-16.**
- Westland Mall, 35000 West Warren, at Wayne, Westland, July 12-16.**
- Wonderland Mall, 19859 Plymouth Road in Livonia, August date undetermined.**

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View the Pamela Dennis Fall 2000 collection from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection in Troy. The event includes informal modeling. A special representative will be on hand. (248) 614-3393.

GARAGE SALE
Check out the weekend garage sale starting today at Livonia Mall. Families have rented tables inside the mall to sell toys, housewares and other cast offs. The sale continues through June 24.

SWAP, SHOP, SELL
Farmington's Downtown Development Authority sponsors a garage sale for youngsters from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Orchard Street Park. Children sell their

old toys and games from DDA provided tables in the park. No preregistration is necessary to sell or shop.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

COSMETICS CLINIC
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Get away to Michigan's Upper Peninsula

By KEELY WYGONIK
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On a star-filled summer night, my dad drove the car a ways past the Mackinac Bridge, stopped, and said, "You kids can get out now."

There was no one around, not a soul. It was pitch black and very quiet.

"You're in the UP now," my dad explained. "It's a different world."

My brothers and I, like invading aliens, walked along the roadside, and even into the road, and looked around. We couldn't believe it - no cars, no noise, and all those stars.

It was the start of a memorable camping trip that included stops at Tahquamenon Falls, the Pictured Rocks, the Iron Mountain Iron Mine, and Fort Wilkins.

Bigger than the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined, Michigan's Upper Peninsula is a different world, a place where you can truly get away from it all. It's a wilderness paradise with 4,300 inland lakes, 12,000 miles of trout streams, and over 200 waterfalls. A swim in chilly Lake Superior is invigorating, and a true test of courage, even in the middle of July.

Here are some of my favorite UP destinations. I look forward to hearing about yours.

■ **Tahquamenon Falls** - Located near "Paradise," the Upper Tahquamenon Falls is the second largest waterfall east of the Mississippi River.

The falls were noted in the "Song of Hiawatha" by Longfellow. Paradise, on the shores of Lake Superior's Whitefish Bay, is within 14 miles of the Upper and Lower Falls. For more information, call the Paradise Area Chamber of Commerce, 906-492-3219.

We camped at Tahquamenon Falls State Park. Camping is also available at nearby Tahquamenon Rivermouth State Park.

Vacationers plan trips closer to home

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According to the Auto Club survey, conducted in late May, most of the Michigan travel destinations will be in the lower peninsula (78 percent), while 20 percent will visit the upper peninsula.

Based on requests received for AAA TourBook guides, TripTik routings and maps, the top five summer destinations in Michigan are: 1) Metro Detroit, 2) Mackinac Island, 3) Mackinaw City, 4) Traverse City and 5) Sault Ste. Marie.

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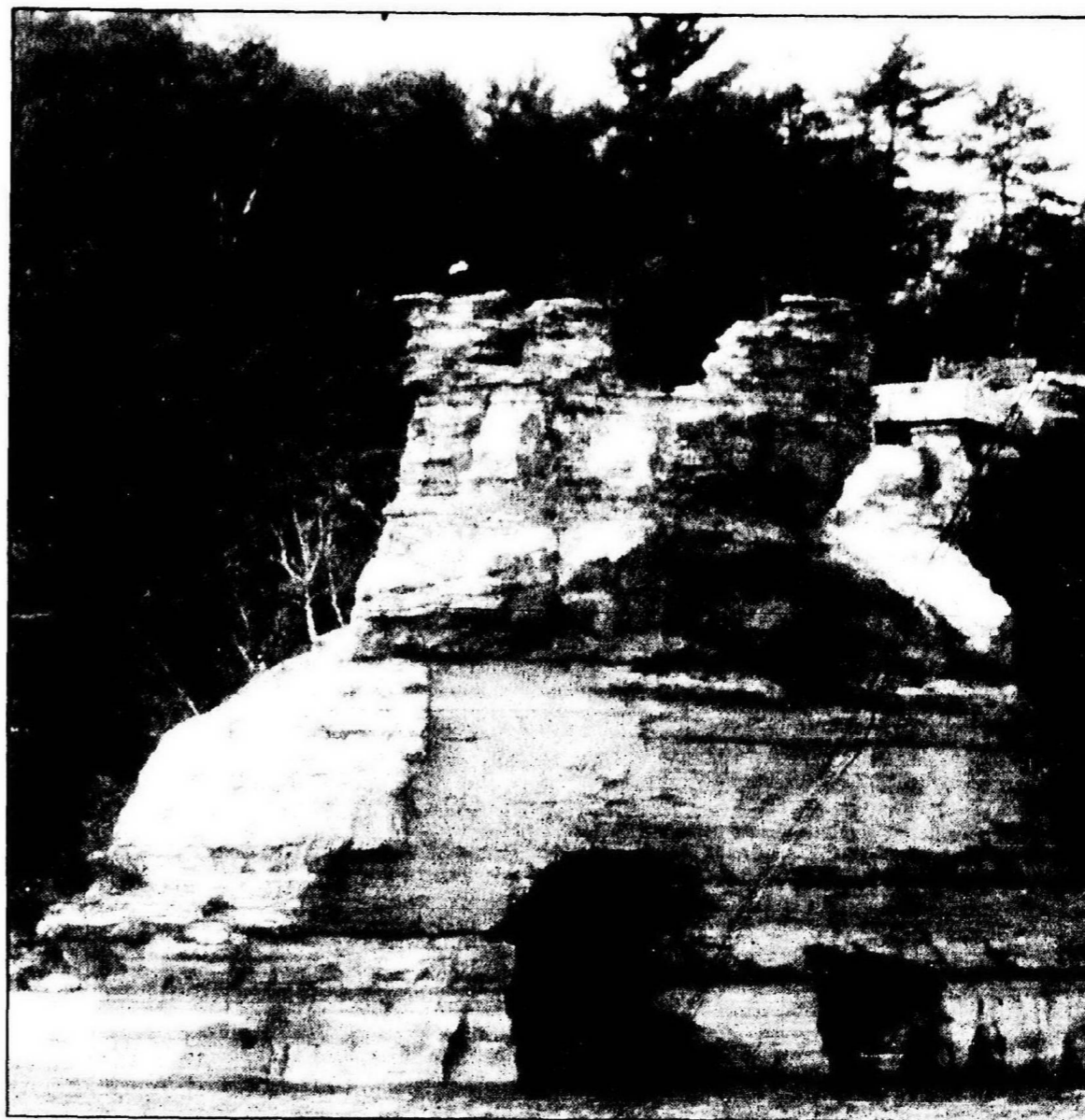
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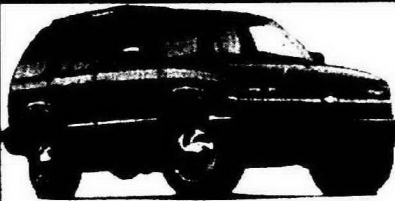
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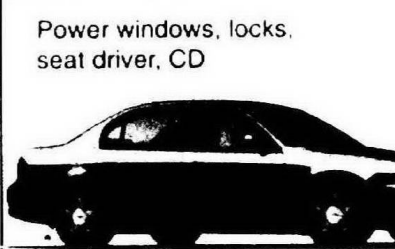
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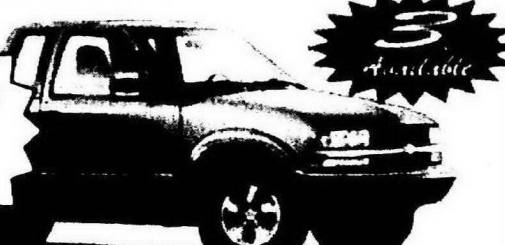
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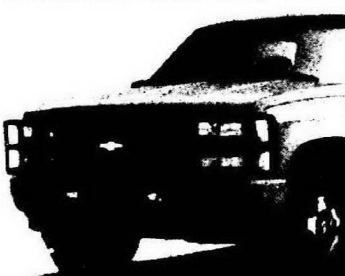
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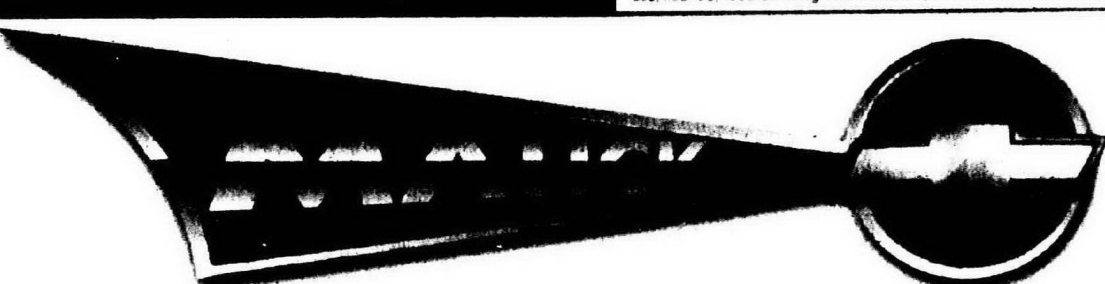
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KITCHEN KAPERS

KEN ABRAMCZYK

Food: A centerpiece of family, life

I don't know where my interest in food began.

It might have been during childhood. I cherish the memory of my mother's kitchen, and the smell of her beef stew, meat loaf and pot roast. In those days, I wasn't much help in a kitchen. Friends were more important.

In the summer in Lexington, neighbors would pool their favorite dishes for a group picnic. Mom was known for her chicken and potato salad. I saw a friend of mine eat about six or seven drumsticks once.

My interest in food might have been inspired by the chef from Tennessee with a thick Southern accent at the restaurant where I worked on Telegraph Road in Redford in 1976. I never understood him, although he talked the language of food — sometimes in language that can't be repeated here.

"Kenny, get me some tomatoes" sounded like "Kinny, git me some 'maters." I would return, grinning like an idiot, with 24 potatoes.

Maybe it was the years I bartended — and later, cooked — at the former Holiday Inn in Livonia on Plymouth Road in the late 1970s and early 1980s while attending Wayne State University. There I expanded on my basic knowledge — learning, for example, how to cook a prime rib — and made some classic mistakes — I once baked muffins using baking soda instead of baking powder.

Recent memories

Then there are the more recent memories of the smell of a rack of lamb encrusted with tons of garlic, cooked by some old friends who enjoy good eating. We affectionately called ourselves the Gut Guys, tagged once on a trip to Chicago and an infamous dinner of crab legs and beer at a bar with a cement floor.

When my holidays weren't so crammed with activities, creating traditional holiday plum pudding at my brother's home in Dearborn also was a treat.

My interest in food might have been inspired by family potlucks. I'd be apprehensive about the dish I made, or planned to make, usually some brave new world I planned to visit, like chocolate mousse for about two dozen people.

Socializing

Food, for me, has always been the centerpiece of socializing, sharing love and friendship with family members and friends. That pasta salad or rumaki always initiates conversations at a potluck.

A night out almost always consists of dinner. And dinnertime at home is a day-in-review for family members and an excellent time to find out exactly what your kids are up to, or for that matter, your spouse.

Today, it might just be the sheer pleasure of food preparation that draws me to it — watching the creativity of a master chef, the dynamics of the marriage between spice and sauce, flour and butter, yeast and water (always lukewarm, not too hot).

But it's also fun for me. Spending time in a kitchen allows me a chance to focus on something else besides sitting at a computer or talking on the telephone. Like building and gardening, it allows me to work with my hands, such as encasing a roast or chicken with garlic and herbs, entrapping juices and flavor and experiencing the anticipation of a glorious dinner.

Walking the few steps to my herb garden to pick a few sprigs of thyme and for a beef stock, or to season asparagus or zucchini dishes also is a joy.

Making fresh salsa is easy — grab a few cilantro leaves, pick three toma-

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Summer Sippers
- Lebanese dishes

Strawberries, Cherries

are just the Berries

Pick-it-yourself for some berry-delicious desserts

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Rose Timbers, special events coordinator at Wiard's Orchards in Ypsilanti, calls it a family activity "you can't find anywhere else in the world."

You pick. You decide. You choose what fruit you want off that tree, that patch, that bush. No need to sort through produce at the market. You want it, you pick it.

Oh, those sweet fresh strawberries and cherries. Strawberry shortcake and cherry pie. Strawberries dipped in chocolate, sweet cherry turnovers. Strawberry fields forever, and cherry, cherry.

With strawberry season kicking off this week, and cherries expected as early as the last week of June, "u-pick" farms soon will be bustling with activity.

Nutritional value

Gail Cox, nutrition coordinator at Botsford Hospital and a registered dietitian, advises people not to worry about the calories. Each cherry contains about 4 calories each, so 25 of them contain about 100 calories.

Berry recipes can be found on inside pages

"It's better they should eat these foods in high quantity than fill up on cookies and chips," Cox said. "People never gained weight by eating fruit."

Gail Posner, a West Bloomfield nutritionist, said fresh strawberries and cherries, like many other freshly picked produce, have wonderful nutritional value.

"The vitamin content diminishes with its storage time," Posner said. "Fresh-picked fruits are a good source of vitamins and they're a lot tastier."

Indeed, about eight medium strawberries contain 8 grams of fiber, more than a slice of whole wheat bread. They are an excellent source of Vitamin C, more than a glass of orange juice and a good source of potassium.

"It's also a good source of folate and ellagic acid, a phytochemical, which is believed to fight against cancer," Posner said.

Cherries are also a good source of Vitamin C. About 25 of them contain 3 grams of fiber. Cherries also contain quercetin, another phytochemical believed to help fight carcinogens. Let's not forget they taste good, too.

U-drive to u-pick

Timbers said u-pick's popularity has more to do with the experience of picking your own produce, and not because consumers will save money.

"You get to go outside and do something they can't do anywhere else in the world," Timbers said. "It gets the kids out and it's a good family activity."

"The experience isn't about saving money, but it is about a nice family activity."

Matt Spicer, son of the owner of Spicer Orchards in Fenton and manager of the farms there, said this year's strawberry crop is "great." The harvests bring out the families to the farm, Spicer said.

"We get a lot of moms and dads with their kids," Spicer said. Straw-



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Whip it up: Easy-to-bake Strawberry Kissed pie has a golden brown meringue crust filled with berries and vanilla pudding, topped with reduced-fat whipped topping. Sliced almonds and wheat germ add a chewy, crunchy texture to the pie crust.

berry picking began about 10 days ago. Spicer expects strawberries to continue for another three weeks.

The key to growing a good strawberry — sandy ground and lots of rain. "We haven't had to irrigate much this spring," Spicer said. "If it's dry, we irrigate once every three days."

Cherries almost here

For true cherry lovers, the National Cherry Festival in Traverse City is scheduled for July 1-8 and is also the world's largest cherry festival. The festival expects to draw 700,000 visitors to savor the flavor of cherries in pancakes, pies, cannoli, turkey wraps and salsa.

For those who don't want to battle the throngs, u-pick can be a viable alternative that's local.

Wiard's offers u-pick cherries. Call next week for picking information and crop availability.

A late freeze may have damaged cherries, but orchard owners won't know for sure until the crop ripens.

Too much rain also splits the cherries, Timbers said. "It's very weather dependent."

The picking season for cherries is very short. "You have to pick them very quickly, you have a very short window," Timbers said.

Spicer offers tart and sweet cherries for picking. The tart cherries will be available for about two weeks, but sweet cherry picking season last only about three or four days, Spicer said.

Orchard operators advise people who wish to visit their orchards to call first to check the availability of berries.

See recipes and u-pick information inside Taste.

U-call before u-pick

Here are some farms and orchards to call about u-pick strawberries and cherries:

- **Blake's Big Orchard Apple Orchard** — Armada, one mile south of Armada on North Avenue and 33 Mile Road. Five miles east of Romeo. U-pick strawberries, raspberries, cherries. (810) 784-9710

- **Blake's Orchard and Cider Mill** — Armada, near intersection of Romeo Plank Road and Armada Center Road. Three miles west of Armada or five miles east of Romeo. U-pick strawberries, raspberries, and cherries. (810) 784-5343

- **Long Orchard & Farm** — Commerce Township, on Bogie Lake Road — One-third mile north of Wise Road. U-pick strawberries. (248) 360-3774

- **Spicer Orchard** — Fenton, U.S. 23 north, three miles north of M-59 to Clyde Road exit, exit east. U-pick strawberries, blueberries, and cherries. (810) 632-7692.

- **Wiard's Orchards** — Ypsilanti, 194 to Huron Street, exit 183, then south four miles, follow the signs. U-pick strawberries. (734) 482-7744.

Festival

For information on the National Cherry Festival, call 1 800 968 3380 or visit the festival Web site at www.cherryfestival.org. The Observer Newspapers will be running periodic updates in the Taste section on u-pick orchards and the produce available.

Winemakers say law will harm sales

House Bill 4752. Good intentions run amuck or hidden agenda?

Michigan winemakers such as Mark Johnson of Chateau Chantal said it will harm sales. "We can ship direct to a person in Michigan ordering wine by telephone, but if that person wants to send our wine as a gift to a friend or business associate, we can't under HB 4752," he said.

Wine merchant John Jonna said, "If we can't ship gift baskets containing wine or spirits in the state, that's the difference between profit and loss in a year."

Walter Keck, administrative commissioner for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, said that if HB-4752 (S-2), is passed with its current language, "It would require the vote of three out of five commissioners and could take up to six months to promulgate the required rule," so wine transactions Johnson and Jonna refer to could become legal again.

What's going on?

Bill sponsor Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, claims, "My only aim is trying to protect minors from being able to purchase wine

over the Internet and retain Michigan liquor laws as they are."

Yet insider information indicates that preliminary language for HB-4752 was drafted by attorneys for the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association (MB&WWA) and that two days after introduction of this bill last February, Rep. Cassis had a party sponsored by the MB&WWA. Rep. Cassis denies MB&WWA language involvement, but said she used a room MB&WWA made available.

Yet St. Julian Winery (the state's largest) owner Dave Braganini claims, "The MB&WWA is sticking it to us on this bill."

Influence

MB&WWA represents a monopoly with big bucks. They have filled many a campaign coffer in this state. They want to protect their lucrative monopoly by further restricting your rights. MB&WWA is Velcroed to HB 4752. But by bit, they influenced amendments to Cassis' bill, both in

the House and Senate, strengthening their position and caring little about language harming Michigan wine business.

"I promise to investigate the language of amendments further," Cassis said. "If it is harmful to small business in Michigan, I will get it changed." But Cassis also said that her bill "protects the Michigan wineries from all the small California wineries desirous of direct shipping wine to Michigan consumers."

Odd, because Michigan wineries we spoke with have no concern about this. With quality wines, they do not fear competition and do not desire protection.

John Jonna said it best. "The more big business [MB&WWA] controls laws, the more it hurts the little guy like me. There is no level playing field when big business monopolies are in control." He also believes that expressions of protection from the Internet and reduction of free trade "is causing Michigan to lose its competitive business edge."

Jonna senses the smoke screen of protection of minors veiling the real issues of financial gains of a monopoly not caring

Please see WINE, D2

Wine Picks

- **Pick of the week:** 1998 Quivira Dry Creek Cuvee \$15. A blend of grenache, mourvedre, syrah, and zinfandel is smooth and depthful, easy to drink and an "enjoy me now" wine.
- Merlot is a great match with summer grilled foods. The best bottles of merlot have loads of lush fruit giving the wine "sweetness" although they are perfectly dry. Fruit "sweetness" matches them to grilled, fleshed fish, poultry, pork, grilled veggies and red meats. Enhance these with fruit salsa or a not too sweet, rather spicy barbecue sauce. With merlot, complexity increases with price. The best are generally over \$20.
- **Super stuff:** 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Reserve Merlot \$35; 1997 Geysler Peak Reserve Merlot \$32; 1997 Clos du Val Merlot \$28; 1997 Robert Mondavi Merlot \$24; and 1997 Ferrari Carano Merlot \$23.
- **Good values:** 1998 Coppola Diamond Series Merlot \$15; 1997 Columbia Crest Merlot \$12; and 1998 Carmen Merlot, Chile \$8.

Strawberry pie crunches with nutty wheat germ

See related story on Taste front.

Wheat germ can add nutty flavor and a crunch to a wide variety of healthy dishes and baked products. Strawberry kissed pie is a delicious example.

This easy-to-bake pie has a golden brown meringue crust, vitamin-rich berries and calcium-rich vanilla pudding with reduced-fat whipped topping. Sliced almonds and wheat germ add a chewy, crunchy texture to the pie's crust in addition to vitamin E.

STRAWBERRY KISSED MERINGUE PIE

- 3 large egg whites, at room temperature
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/2 cup wheat germ, any flavor
- 1/3 cup shredded coconut (optional)
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds
- 1 pint ripe strawberries, washed, hulled and sliced (about 2-1/4 cups)
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar
- 1 package (1 ounce) sugar-free, fat-free vanilla instant pudding and pie filling mix.
- 1-3/4 cups fat-free milk
- 1 cup thawed reduced-fat or fat-free frozen whipped topping

Heat oven to 325° F. Spray the bottom and sides of a 9-inch glass pie plate with cooking spray.

In large bowl, beat egg whites and salt with electric mixer at high speed until whites begin to mound. With mixer at high speed, add sugar, 2 tablespoons at a time, and almond extract, beating until sugar dissolves and whites stand in stiff glossy peaks when beater is raised. With rubber spatula, fold in wheat germ, coconut and

almonds. Spread meringue in pie plate to cover bottom and sides, but not the rim. Make sides a little thicker than the bottom and 1/2 inch higher than the rim of pie plate.

Bake 35 to 40 minutes until golden brown and firm to the touch. Turn off oven and let meringue shell dry in oven until inside of oven and meringue shell are completely cool. (Do not open oven door while meringue shell is cooling.)

To serve, combine strawberries and sugar in medium bowl. Let stand 15 minutes. Prepare instant pudding and pie filling mix according to package directions using fat-free milk. Fold whipped topping into pudding; reserve 3/4 cup of mixture. Spread remaining pudding mixture over bottom of meringue shell. Top with berries. Swirl remaining pudding mixture in center of pie. Refrigerate 1 hour. Cut into wedges to serve. Refrigerate leftovers.

Makes 8 servings.
Nutritional Information (1/8 of recipe): Calories 190, calories from fat 40, total fat 4.5 g, saturated fat 1.5 g, cholesterol 0 mg, sodium 200 mg, total carbohydrates 34 g, dietary fiber 3g, protein 7g.
Cook's Tip: Use blueberries or sliced peaches or nectarines instead of sliced strawberries.

Recipe compliments of Kretschmer wheat germ.
It's the Berries! Historic Food Week begins on June 24 and 25 at Greenfield Village to celebrate the berries of summer. Six homes that will feature berry recipes include the Susquehanna Plantation, Daggett Farmhouse, and the Henry Ford Birthplace. Presenters will prepare not only period recipes but also regional recipes featuring berries and other summer fruits. Learn how people made ways to make bounty last in the forms of jellies, jams, marmalades, pickles and preserves. Historic Food Weekends are free of charge with admission to Greenfield Village. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

Marinate beef overnight, then grill kabobs the following day

See related Kitchen Kapers column on Taste front.
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Here are two of my favorite recipes. I like to marinate the beef overnight, then grill the kabobs the following day. The burgundy and soy marinade gives the beef a real hearty flavor. The Vidalias, green peppers and pineapple add sweetness to the dish. It's a wonderful combination of flavors.

Serve it on a bed of rice pilaf and your favorite tossed salad.

Marinate mushrooms with meat about 1/2 hour before placing beef and vegetables on skewers. Alternate beef with mushrooms, onion, green pepper, cherry tomatoes and pineapple.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Cook and sear the outside of the kabob, then turn and cook accordingly for a total of about 8-10 minutes or until desired doneness. Serve atop rice pilaf. Serves 4.

RICE PILAF

- 8 bacon slices, diced
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 cups regular long-grain rice
- 2 (10-ounce) packages frozen green peas
- 2 cups water
- 1 (13-ounce can) chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

In a 12-inch skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crisp. With slotted spoon, remove bacon to paper towels; set aside.

Pour off all but 1/4 cup bacon drippings from the skillet. Add chopped onion and cook until tender, about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Stir rice, frozen peas, water, chicken broth, salt and pepper into mixture; heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer about 20 minutes until rice is tender.

To serve, toss rice mixture together with the reserved bacon until well-mixed. Transfer mixture to a warm serving dish and serve immediately. Serves about 12. Recipe reprinted from "The Good Housekeeping Illustrated Cookbook" by Zoe Coulson, copyright 1980.

MARINATED BEEF KABOBS

Marinade:

- 2 small cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup and 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1/2 package dry onion soup mix
- 1/4 cup and 1 tablespoon Burgundy wine
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 1 to 1 1/2 pounds sirloin, cut into chunks for skewers

Mix and marinate in a non-aluminum dish overnight or at least four hours.

Kabobs:

- One or two Vidalia onions, quartered
- Two green peppers, cut into large chunks for skewers
- One (16 ounce) package large mushrooms, left whole
- One pint or a small container of cherry tomatoes
- One 20-ounce can pineapple chunks, drained (optional)

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toes, douse in boiling water to peel 'em, seed them, then dice. Mince one clove of garlic, chop about 2 tablespoons onion and 1 or 2 tablespoons of jalapeno, add a dash of hot sauce, and 2 tablespoons olive oil.

The possibilities are endless - fresh cilantro, about 1/2 cup, mixed with the juice from one or two limes makes a great marinade for tuna. You can throw a few pieces of soaked mesquite wood on the grill, and in a few minutes, you'll have an excellent and incredibly easy-to-make meal.

Juice a lemon and mix about six sprigs of thyme to make a flavorful marinade for trout. Dill adds a subtle, yet not overpower-

Michigan produce is another reason to enjoy summer.

ing, flavor to sole, and accents potatoes wonderfully.

Fresh produce

Michigan produce is another reason to enjoy summer. Local farm markets offer an abundance of locally grown fruits and vegetables. Buying these fresh, nutrient-packed "fruits of labor" is an excellent way to support local farmers.

But, even if you're like me and enjoy good food, you don't want to spend the next millennium preparing it. That's why I want

to keep things simple in Taste, and yet fun and delicious.

I'd love to hear your stories about family picnics and meals, and try one of your recipes. How do you get dinner on the table in a hurry after work? What kinds of recipes would you like to see in Taste?

Please give me give a call, or send an e-mail. I can be reached at (734) 953-2112 during normal business hours or online at kabrameczyk@oe.homecomm.net. Send recipes and other information to me at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

I look forward to hearing from you, and hope you'll enjoy my recipe for marinated beef kabobs and rice pilaf.

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that language in bills relating to alcohol will hurt, as he calls himself, "the little guy in business."

It is very possible that HB 4752 (S-2), the version that passed the Senate with amendments, could be called back to the House floor when it convenes for one day on June 20.

Impact

If you are as concerned with its impact on small business

related to wine as we are, contact Rep. Cassis at (1-888) 386-2629 tomorrow or send her e-mail at ncassis@house.state.mi.us today. She has a promise to live up to.

We remind readers, we and several Michigan wine aficionados became plaintiffs in a suit filed in federal court in Detroit last March. It challenges the constitutionality of the prohibi-

tion of direct shipping of wine to Michigan from out-of-state producers.

The Healds are Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, food and dining for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave them a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864.



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Scientists in Denmark have discovered a common substance in apples and citrus fruit which enhances the immune system. The substance is known as pectin, and it works like a natural biochemical signal, activating the life processes of white blood cells.

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Food safety hotline available

Questions about food safety, nutrition and preservation can be answered via e-mail or the telephone at the Michigan State University's Food and Nutrition Hotline.

The phone hotline allows people to get answers to their food questions and concerns from an actual person who has a background in food and nutrition. A trained staff member is available 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Those who can't get to the phone can access the hotline through e-mail. The e-mail is checked periodically from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. A staff member will either send a return message or call on the phone at the customer's request.

The Food and Nutrition Hotline number is (248) 858-0904. The online edition can be accessed by sending e-mail to treitman@msu.edu.

CORRECTION NOTICE

In our June 18 insert, we advertised the Ruff Ryders "Ryde Or Die Vol. II" CD as newly available on Tuesday, June 20. Due to manufacturer delay, this item will not be available and we do not know when it will be available. As we expect it to become available soon, we will be issuing rainchecks. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.



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Cherries blossom in smoothies, muffins

See related story on Taste front. Here are some recipes from the Cherry Marketing Institute in Lansing. The Web site is www.cherry.mkt.org.

CHERRY SMOOTHIE

- 1 ripe banana, peeled
- 1 cup frozen unsweetened tart cherries
- 1 cup skim milk

Put banana, frozen cherries and milk in the container of an electric blender. Puree until smooth. Serve immediately. Makes 2 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 125; fat 0.7 grams, 2.2 mg cholesterol

CHERRY OATMEAL MUFFINS

- 1 cup old-fashioned or quick-cooking oats, uncooked
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 cup frozen tart cherries, coarsely chopped

Put oats, flour, brown sugar, baking powder and nutmeg in a large mixing bowl. Mix well. Combine buttermilk, egg, oil and almond extract in a large bowl. Pour buttermilk mixture into oats mixture, stir

just to moisten ingredients. Quickly stir in cherries. (It is not necessary to thaw cherries before chopping and adding to batter.)

Spray muffin pan with non-stick spray. Fill muffin cups two-thirds full. Bake in a preheated 400-degree oven 15 to 20 minutes.

Note: 1 cup canned tart cherries, drained and coarsely chopped, may be substituted for 1 cup frozen tart cherries. Makes 12 muffins.

Nutritional information per muffin: 159 calories, total fat 5.2 grams, 18 mg cholesterol, 29 percent fat from calories.

MAPLE CHERRY SAUCE

- 1/3 cup cherry juice blend
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup frozen unsweetened tart cherries, thawed and well-drained
- 3/4 cup real maple or maple-flavored syrup
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel

Put cherry juice blend and cornstarch in a small saucepan, mix well. Cook over medium heat until thickened. Add cherries, maple-flavored syrup, walnut and orange peel; mix well. Cook, stirring frequently, over low heat until all ingredients are hot. Serve over roast turkey, pork or ham. Makes about 1 1/2 cups, about 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 196; fat, 6.4 grams, 90 mg cholesterol and 28 percent calories from fat.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecom.net

Vegetarian Cooking - Lenore Yaliove Baum, author of Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking, conducts vegetarian cooking classes at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899 Inkster Farmington Hills. Baum teaches a beginning cooking series of four classes from 6-9 p.m. on Mondays in June. Other June classes from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays include: cool pasta salads, June 21; and delicious vegetables, June 28. Call (248) 478-4455.

Cook fish - Seafood can be a challenge to any cook. Learn a variety of cooking and flavoring methods at this class from 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, and Thursday, June 29, at Schoolcraft College. Learn what to look for (and smell) when visiting the fish market. Call (734) 462-4448.

World of Flavors - Spice up your palate with marinades, dry rubs, herbs, spices and infusions. Learn to create a wide variety in

your food in this class at Schoolcraft College 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, July 8. Flavors will come from numerous international traditions and cuisines, applicable to meat, fish and vegetables. Call (734) 462-4448.

Basic essentials - This class at Schoolcraft College will introduce people to the essential staples to add flair to every meal at sessions on Wednesday, July 12, and Wednesday, July 19. You will learn what items to keep on hand, where to purchase them and how to use them in a variety of recipes. Call (734) 462-4448.

Chill cookoff - If you like spicy food, the hottest ticket in town this summer is the fourth Unscheduled Chill Cookoff scheduled for Saturday, July 22 at the Wayne County Fair. The Fairgrounds are located at I-94 and Belleville Road (Exit 190). Take the westbound service drive past the Cracker Barrel Restaurant to Quirk Road and make a right turn. The fairgrounds are 1/4 mile further. Fair dates are July 18 through July 23. Contest rules and applications are now available. Space is limited. Call Kay at (734) 697-9376 or Jill at (734) 525-7799 for more

information or to request registration forms.

Eastern Market - Tour historic Eastern Market with master Chef Kevin Gawronski from Schoolcraft College as your guide. Gawronski will introduce you to local and exotic food products and allow free time for shopping. The class will return to Schoolcraft to challenge the chef to a cooking demonstration using products found at the market. Class will meet at 8 a.m. at the corner of Russell and Winder streets in Detroit. Call (734) 462-4448 for more information.

Dietary program - Four out of five children at the age of 10 are afraid of being fat. Beverly Price, a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist, has information on how you can implement programs on eating disorder awareness and prevention at your school. Price operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. For information, call (248) 539-9424.

Saffron-garlic sauce flavors shrimp and pasta

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Light for summer, in fat content and in time spent over a hot stove, Capellini With Shrimp in Saffron-Garlic Sauce is the dream answer to a busy cook's needs.

Featured in the June edition of Health magazine, this stylish main dish can be ready in 20 minutes, will taste terrific and will not overload the diet with fat calories.

The magazine includes instructions for quickly peeling and deveining raw shrimp. Starting at the fat end of the shrimp, pull off the shell and legs, one segment at a time. Leave the last segment and tail fins intact. Lay the shrimp on a cutting board. With a sharp paring knife, make a 1/8-inch-deep cut along the length of the back to expose the dark vein. Using the knife tip or your fingernail, lift out the vein, taking care not to leave pieces behind. Discard vein, rinse shrimp.

To store for up to 48 hours, drop peeled shrimp into a large zip-top plastic bag and place the bag in a medium-size bowl amid a few cups of ice. Seal the bag, add more ice to cover, and refrigerate until ready to use.

CAPPELLINI WITH SHRIMP IN SAFFRON-GARLIC SAUCE

- Preparation and cooking time: 18 minutes
- 1/2 teaspoon saffron threads
- 1/2 cup vermouth or dry white wine
- 12 ounces dry capellini or angel hair pasta

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 pound (about 24) large shrimp, peeled and deveined, tail intact
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cups reduced-sodium, nonfat chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley, optional

In a small bowl, combine saffron threads and vermouth; let soak 5 minutes.

Cook capellini in a large pot of rapidly boiling water 4 to 6 minutes or until just tender. Drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add shrimp and garlic, and saute 3 minutes or until shrimp just turn pink. Remove shrimp with tongs, leaving garlic in pan, and transfer to a plate. Cover with foil to keep warm.

Reheat the same skillet over medium heat, then add vermouth mixture. Simmer 1 minute. Dissolve cornstarch in chicken broth and add to skillet. Simmer, stirring gently, 1 minute, or until sauce thickens.

Return shrimp to skillet, add capellini, and cook 1 minute to heat through. Remove from heat, and season to taste with salt and pepper. Spoon mixture into shallow bowls; garnish with parsley if desired.

Makes 4 servings.

Soy snacks, cereal chosen for Top 10

PRNewswire/ - The Organic Garden's SoyNUTTY Crunchies snacks and Soynergy breakfast cereal were chosen by supermarket guru Phil Lempert as two of the top 10 best tasting soy-based foods on the market.

Lempert tried hundreds of new soy products while monitoring supermarket trends and products for the Lempert report newsletter and for his Web site www.supermarket-

guru.com.

Referring to The Organic Garden's SoyNUTTY Crunchies, Lempert said, "I really love the taste of this product." Lempert also said soy nuts have "the next snack craze" potential.

Soynergy cereal from the Organic Garden also made the top 10 for great taste. Along with that taste comes a high-protein food, reducing the risk for heart disease and certain

cancers and boosting isoflavone and calcium intake - especially helpful to women.

SoyNUTTY products are sold in health and natural food stores and selected grocery stores throughout the country.

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Sunday June 18, 2000

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Diabetes Health Day

The McAuley Pharmacy at the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center and the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System Center for Diabetes Education and Management will present "Diabetes Health Day" 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, June 23, in the Community Room at the center, 1600 S. Canton Center.

- The event will offer the following:
 - Screenings by a registered nurse and dietitian.
 - Novo insulin pen demonstrations; glucose meter training.
 - Meter trade-in (bring in any non-LifeScan meter and receive a new LifeScan brand meter)
 - Free print-out of blood glucose level data.
 - Information on children and diabetes, including diabetes camps.
 - Demonstrations and information on diet and exercise.

The event is co-sponsored by NovoNordisk Pharmaceutical and LifeScan. For more information, call the McAuley Pharmacy at (734) 398-8777.

New baby

Expecting parents and those considering having a baby can learn the basics of parenting at Botsford General Hospital's Great Expectations seminar 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Saturday, July 8, at the hospital, 28050 Grand River in Farmington. A physician and maternal-child health nurse will offer expert advice and answer questions.

Participants will learn about the Special Delivery Center and personal care services offered at Botsford General Hospital, including prenatal and childbirth education classes that highlight birthing methods, nutrition and fitness, and breastfeeding guidance.

The seminar costs \$25 per couple or \$12.50 per person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration is due by June 26. Call (248) 477-6100. Additional programs will be held Sept. 23 and Nov. 18.

Bone marrow transplant forum

The National Bone Marrow Transplant Link will host its fifth "Ask the Experts" 12:30-5 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile (just east of Farmington Road).

The program is for patients considering a bone marrow or stem cell transplant and for those who already have had a transplant. Discussion groups focusing on pre-transplant, post transplant and breast cancer issues will convene following a panel discussion.

Dr. Joseph Uberti from the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center will be among the leading medical experts in bone marrow and stem cell transplants participating in the activities. BMT nurses, social workers, survivors and caregivers will also participate.

For additional information or to register, call the National Bone Transplant Link at (800) 546-5268 or (248) 358-1886.

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/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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THE CAMPING



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Poison ivy, tick bites and diarrhea make lousy mementos of a family camping trip. So do scrapes, sprains and burns. You can't protect your family from every illness and injury lurking in the woods, but you can take precautions to bring home nothing but dirty clothes and happy memories.

Poison ivy

The best medicine for poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac is avoidance. Both poison ivy and poison oak have three leaflets per stem, hence the phrase "Leaflets three, let them be." Poison sumac has a row of six to 10 leaflets, with one leaflet at the end of the stem and the others in two opposite rows.

It's the sap — urushiol — that causes the problem. You come in contact with urushiol by touching these plants, touching clothing or pets that have sap on them, or coming in contact with the smoke from burning plants.

"You can get it on your pants, sit in your car, and the next day get contaminated from the car seat," said Ann Laginess, a staff chemical pharmacist at Henry Ford Hospital.

If you've come in contact with poison ivy, poison oak or poison sumac, remove the contaminated clothing and shoes and wash well with soap and water. If you develop a rash, do not touch your eyes, mouth and face and do not scratch or rub the rash. Instead, apply calamine (not Caladryl) lotion or a paste made by mixing 3 tablespoons of baking soda with 1 teaspoon water.

For a particularly itchy reaction, Laginess suggests buying "Domeboro" (generic name: burrows solution) from your pharmacy. Domeboro is a powder you mix with water and apply with a washcloth. In addition, a dose of Benedryl, especially at night, and some hydrocortisone cream may ease itching.

Poison ivy alert: Call your doctor if you develop the following symptoms: bright red skin; pus; a rash on large areas of the body; or a rash that has spread to the mouth, eyes or genitals. Head to the emergency room if you develop swelling in the throat, tongue and/or lips; difficulty breathing or swallowing; weakness or dizziness; or bluish lips and mouth.

People with known severe reactions should carry an epinephrine injection pen ("epipen"), which can be jammed into the leg in an emergency, said Laginess. You need a prescription to buy an epipen.

Ticks

Once again, prevention is the best medicine. When hiking in areas where there may be ticks, wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, closed-toed shoes and a hat (ticks can drop from trees). Keep your shirt tucked in and tuck pant legs into your socks or boots.

Do frequent body checks. Ticks like to settle in the body's warm and moist hideouts: groin, armpits, navel, waistline, neck, scalp and back of knees. "If you notice ticks before one or two hours, they don't have a chance to burrow," said Laginess.

To remove a tick, first apply an insect repellent to help loosen the tick's hold then use needle-nosed tweezers to pull the tick straight out from the skin. Laginess suggests. Grasp the tick as close to the contact point as possible and do not crush its body. Afterwards, wash the area and apply an antiseptic.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

reported 16,802 cases of Lyme disease in 1998, an all-time high. The vast majority occurred in New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Maryland, Minnesota and Delaware. People with Lyme disease have shown up in Michigan hospital emergency rooms.

The disease is transmitted through the bite of an infected deer tick. An infected tick needs to be attached to your body for 48 hours to transmit the disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In most cases, an infected person will develop a bull's-eye-shaped rash within three to 30 days at the site of bite. If you have the rash, you have Lyme disease. See your doctor for a treatment of antibiotics.

Dr. Michael Calice, attending physician in the emergency room at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, said he has given people who have come into the emergency room with a tick bite antibiotics as a precaution against Lyme disease.

Lyme disease can be mistaken for the flu or mononucleosis. It can lie dormant for months before causing swollen and painful joints, muscle paralysis and chest pains.

To help protect yourself against ticks, use an insect repellent containing DEET. However, DEET should not be used by pregnant women or on babies, said Laginess.

Tick alert: Do not pull out a tick that appears to be embedded in the skin, as the head may actually be under the skin. Instead, suffocate it by applying petroleum jelly or mineral oil. Wait 20 minutes before pulling it out with tweezers. Make sure you have removed all body parts.

Bee stings

Do not remove the stinger with tweezers. "If you try removing it with tweezers, you release more venom," said Dr. Paul Moczarski, an attending physician in the Garden City Hospital emergency room. "You squeeze more venom into the wound. Try to scrape it off with a credit card or your fingernail."

Wash the area with soap and water and cover it with a clean, cold compress or moist dressing to reduce swelling. If the person has been stung on the finger or hand, remove rings or constricting items because the affected area may swell.

Obtain emergency medical assistance if the victim is having a severe reaction or has been stung inside the mouth or throat.

"Bee" alert: People with known allergic reactions to bee stings should inject themselves with an adrenaline-releasing "epipen." However, they need to get to an emergency room as soon as possible for a treatment of steroids, said Moczarski. The effects of the epinephrine injection quickly wear off.

Cuts, sprains and burns

For simple cuts, soap and water followed by a thorough rinsing is fine. Deeper cuts on the palm of the hand or sole of the foot tend to get infected and should be looked at by a doctor since tendons may be involved, said Moczarski.

If the cut is deep or if it pulls apart, it should be seen by a doctor within 12 hours. "After 12 hours, we tend not to repair it because of the incidence of

infection," said Calice. The wound would be allowed to heal and then repaired, he added.

For sprains, the rule is simple: Ice, elevation and rest with a few doses of Motrin or ibuprofen for inflammation and pain. However, Calice issues a caution: "If you feel a popping sensation or if you can't bear any weight on it, it may be broken." Most first-degree burns (redness to the skin) can be treated by washing the area with soap and water, applying a cool compress followed by a light dressing with an antibiotic such as Bacitracin. Second-degree burns (visible tissue damage and blistering) should be seen by a physician, said Calice.

"Circumferential" burns — the burn encircles a finger or a wrist — pose special problems, said Moczarski. Swelling can occur and cut off the blood supply. See a doctor.

Also, if the burn victim feels he has inhaled anything from the fire, head to the emergency room. "They can have a delayed reaction in the lungs, an inhalation injury," said Moczarski.

Cut alert: Make sure your tetanus shots are up-to-date. They're good for 10 years.

Swimming safety

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers a few simple tips for enjoying the water while camping.

- Know how to swim.
- Know how to perform CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation).
- Don't drink alcohol during or just before swimming, boating or sking.

To prevent choking, never chew gum or eat while swimming, diving or playing in the water.

Do NOT use air-filled swimming aids (such as "water wings") in place of life jackets for children. If boating, use U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets regardless of distance to be traveled, size of boat, or swimming ability of boaters.

But drowning isn't a camper's only worry. There's germs.

Swimming is communal bathing no matter where it takes place — pool, water park, lake, river, ocean and hot tub. A pool can become contaminated after someone has a fecal accident, such as a watery diarrhea, which is hard to detect. Germs also are washed off people's bodies. Natural bodies of water are not exempt. Lakes, rivers and oceans can become contaminated by sewage, animal waste, and waste water runoff.

The CDC reports that diarrhea is one of the most common illnesses associated with swimming. You can get diarrhea by swallowing small amounts of water contaminated with germs from human or animal feces. While chlorine kills many germs, it does not kill all of them.

Swimming alert: Do not swallow the water. It's everybody's bath water.

First-aid kit for camping

A well-stocked first-aid kit is invaluable on a camping trip, said Dr. Michael Calice, an camper and backpacker. It should include the following:

- Bar of soap
- Insect repellent (some are marketed only for kids)
- Band-Aids and bandages
- Tweezers
- Antibiotic ointment, such as Bacitracin Neosporin
- Calamine lotion
- Sunscreen
- Prescription medications
- First-aid manual

Invisible pool guests can cause kids to get sick

The most common waterborne infections reported to CDC cause diarrhea. Most are reported during the summer swimming season — Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Water gets contaminated when someone has a fecal accident, releasing microscopic germs. When this contaminated water is swallowed by other swimmers, they can get sick. Chlorine, the most common pool disinfectant, works well against most germs, but it doesn't kill all of them. Therefore the best way to avoid getting sick from swimming is to keep germs out of the pool in the first place and to remember not to swallow swimming water.

If you're heading for the water, follow these safe-

ty tips to protect yourself, your child and others from getting sick.

For everybody

- DO NOT enter the water if you have diarrhea.
- DO NOT swallow the water!
- DO wash your hands and bottom thoroughly with soap and water after a bowel movement or changing diapers.
- DO notify the lifeguard if you see fecal matter in the water or if you see people changing diapers on tables and chairs.
- DO take your child to the toilet for bathroom breaks often. Waiting to hear "I have to go" may

mean it's too late.

DO change diapers in a bathroom, not near the pool or shore. (Germs can contaminate surfaces and objects around the water.)

DO wash your child thoroughly — especially his or her bottom — with soap and water before swimming. Everyone has invisible amounts of fecal matter on his or her bottom that ends up in the water.

DO keep an eye on your child at all times. Kids can drown in silence.

DO NOT allow your child to chew gum or eat while swimming or playing in the water. Chewing/eating while swimming could cause choking.

Source: Centers for Disease Control/Prevention

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. e-mail rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

ONGOING

OVEREATERS
Overeater Anonymous meets every Sunday 7-8:30 p.m. through June in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion, Conference Room A, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Another group meets every Thursday evening 7:30-9 p.m. in Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile. Call Kathleen at (734) 427-8612.

AA & ALANON
Alcoholics Anonymous & Alanon meet Wednesdays and Sundays 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital North Entrance, 5254 Inkster Road. Contact (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415. Everyone's welcome. Alanon meeting Sunday only.

IMPOTENCE
The Impotent Anonymous Support Group meets 8 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital, Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Livonia (Pavilion Conference Room A). For information, call (734) 462-5858.

FOOT SCREENINGS
Foot screenings for all ages are

held 8:30 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Friday at Botsford Hospital, South Professional Building, Suite 200. For an appointment, call (248) 473-1320 weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 877-345-5500.

JUNE 26

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS
St. Mary Hospital of Livonia will sponsor community blood pressure screenings noon to 2 p.m. Monday, June 26, at the Northville Senior Center. Call (734) 655-8940.

JUNE 6-29

DIABETES
St. Mary Hospital's "Taking Charge of Living with Diabetes" class meets 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for four weeks. Call (734) 655-8940.

MON, JUNE 19

SCHIZOPHRENIA
St. Mary Hospital will host a mental health program on "Schizophrenia and Family Support" 6-7:30 p.m. in the hospital's West Addition Conference Room B, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 655-2944.

JUNE 20 & 27

EATING DISORDERS
A new support group formed for males and females recovering

from an eating disorder or who are in need of peer group support meets 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital. Call (734) 458-3395 for additional information.

WED, JUNE 21

ALLERGIES
Learn about new medications for controlling allergies and new methods for delivering allergy treatments. Botsford Hospital will sponsor "Allergies: Wheezing & Sneezing" 2-4 p.m. at the American House, 42000 W. Seven Mile, Northville. For more information, call (248) 449-1480.

LARYNGECTOMY

A support group for people who have had or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords meets 2 p.m. at Garden City Hospital. Anyone may attend. Call (734) 458-3381 for additional information.

MON, JUNE 19

SCHIZOPHRENIA
A mental health program on "Schizophrenia and Family Support" meets 6-7:30 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 655-2944.

MON, JUNE 26

BABY-SITTING
St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will host a two-day "Safe Sit-

ter Class" 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants must also attend Wednesday, June 28. Call (734) 655-1100 for more information.

WED, JUNE 28

CAREGIVER SUPPORT
The Caregiver Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 655-8940 for more information.

WED, JULY 5

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP
Meets 7-9 p.m. West Addition Conference Room B, St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia (use South Entrance off Levan Road). Topic: "The Myths and Facts of Food, Vitamins, Herbs, & Medications," a discussion about precautions to take when combining foods, herbs, and medications. For more information, call the Marian Women's Center, 734/655-1100.

JULY 13 & 15

WEIGHT CONTROL
Providence Hospital and medical centers will host a Wellness Seminars Inc. weight reduction program 3-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13 at Providence Medical Center-Livonia; Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile (at Newburgh), Livonia and 1-3 p.m.

Saturday, July 15, at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, (Beck Road entrance), Novi. The first 45 minutes of each session is a free orientation. If participants are comfortable with program, they pay a one-time fee of \$59. The fee includes a hypnotic session, behavior modification booklets, audio cassette tape, and unlimited free repetitions of the seminar if needed. For reservations, call 1-877-345-5500.

TUES, JULY 18

MUSIC THERAPY
Find out how music can enhance your meditational response and create a more profound state of relaxation. "Sound of Music" is sponsored by Botsford Hospital Health Development Network beginning 7 p.m. Preregistration and a \$20 fee required. Call for location, (248) 477-6100.

THUR, JULY 20

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Providence Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia will host an immunization event from 4-7 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per child and includes all vaccines your child needs except chicken pox. Don't forget to bring immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500 for information.

TUES, AUG. 2

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP
Have you noticed that your relationship with your spouse, children, family, and friends changes as often as your moods? Explore the reasons why and how to make these relationships change and improve. The Menopause Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Topic: "Changing Relationships." For more information, call the Marian Women's Center, (734) 655-1100.

MON, AUG. 14

DIABETES AND TEENS
Botsford General Hospital's Diabetes Teen Club, a support group for young adults ages 13-18 with diabetes, will sponsor "Planning a Successful School Year" 7:30 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River in Novi. The club meets the second Monday of every other month. Call (248) 477-6100.

MON, SEPT. 11

THYROID DISORDERS
The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at 6:30 in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street. For more information, call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945. Web site <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>

It's possible to eat healthy while on vacation

You can take it with you. A healthy diet that is. Here are some healthy eating tips from the National Nutritional Foods Association:

Before you start your trip, think ahead:

- Are you flying? Most airlines offer a variety of vegetarian meals, which are typically lower in calories and fat content. Ask for your meal when you book your ticket and confirm your request one week and also 24 hours prior to flight departure.
- Request a hotel room with a mini refrigerator to store things like nonfat yogurt, fresh fruits and raw vegetables for snacking.
- Nuts, pretzels, rice cakes, plain popcorn or dried fruit, such as apricots and apples, are low fat, non-perishable snacks for a

car trip or an afternoon away from home. Watch out for dried banana chips, as the calories and fat contents resemble potato chips.

- Prepare different vegetables to snack on: cucumbers, jicama and broccoli have great flavor. Try dipping veggies in nonfat dressing for added flavor.
- Applesauce, raisins and fruit cups are available in pre-packaged individual servings—handy to munch on while sight seeing.
- High fiber crackers that are low in fat are a good choice—whole grain or whole rye. For the youngsters, bring along graham crackers or animal crackers.
- Instead of mayonnaise,

which is high in fat, try low fat spreads such as jam or jelly, mustard or nonfat margarine.

- Select a restaurant that offers a children's menu. A hamburger or a hot dog is OK occasionally, but encourage your child to try grilled chicken or fresh fish. Don't forget the vegetables.
- Choose your main course wisely when dining out. Select entrees that are broiled, grilled, steamed or baked.
- Many restaurants indicate healthier menu choices with special symbols. Look for them.
- Request that all your vegetables be grilled in lemon juice rather than broiled or fried in oil.
- Instead of butter and sour

cream on your baked potato, try nonfat yogurt, cottage cheese, salsa or steamed vegetables.

- Hold the cream sauce or gravy. Ask for a tomato-based sauce, which is much lower in calories and fat.
 - If you choose a fast food restaurant, select a grilled chicken sandwich instead of a hamburger, which is higher in fat. Instead of french fries, order a small salad with low-fat salad dressing on the side.
 - Watch out for extra-large portions at restaurants — you can't take leftovers home with you when traveling. Don't hesitate to split an entree, you'll save extra calories and money.
- For more information about nutrition go to www.nnfa.org

Health care offered to same-sex partners of Big Three employees

UNITED STATES

DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company and General Motors Corporation will extend health care coverage to same-sex domestic partners of all eligible United States employees. The coverage follows a commitment from all three companies to study the subject as part of the current UAW and other labor union contracts. Offering health care benefits to same-sex domestic partners is consistent with each organi-

zation's commitment to diversity in the workplace and is responsive to competitive trends among the Fortune 500 companies. Specifics of coverage and administration will vary by company. Each company will make the expanded coverage available Aug. 1, 2000. Employees will be required to attest that their domestic partner relationship meets all eligibility criteria, including being of the same sex and having shared a committed relationship with each other for no less than six months.

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Taking medication is more than swallowing

"Take one and call me in the morning." Taking medications appears to be simple, but there's a lot more to consider when you swallow a pill. Should it be taken on an empty or full stomach? Does it matter what time of day you take it? Does it interact with any other foods or drugs?

Learn how to get the most out of your medications with a new set of three free publications from the Federal Consumer Information Center:

Medications and Older Adults, from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA),

gives tips on getting the medications that work best for you, keeping track of medications and avoiding drug interactions. The booklet also features a list of questions to ask your doctor when you receive a new prescription and ways to cut your medication costs.

Making Your Medications Work Better, from the FDA and the American Pharmaceutical Association, features useful tips on food and medication interactions, saving money and more. Use its medication record to keep track of both your prescription and nonpre-

scription medications.

My Medicines, from The FDA's Office of Women's Health and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, gives medication safety tips and important information about your medication's label. Find out which questions to ask your doctor/pharmacist and how to avoid potential problems and side effects.

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Misdiagnosis of skin cancer can be fatal

It's every patient's worst fear: "You have cancer." But for Dorothy Tien Shaffer, a practicing psychologist, wife and mother from Ithaca, N.Y., these three words came seven years later when a mole on her leg — originally diagnosed as benign — turned out to be melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

Although the cancer had already spread to her lymph nodes by the time it was diagnosed, Shaffer has responded to treatment so far. Others like Shaffer who have had misdiagnosed skin cancers aren't as lucky.

Speaking at the American Academy of Dermatology's Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month Press Conference in April, Dr. Mark Lebwohl — professor and chairman of the Department of Dermatology at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York — discussed the importance of using dermatopathologists — doctors specially trained in clinically diagnosing skin biopsies — rather than general pathologists for the accurate interpretation of skin slides.

Subspecialty

Dermatopathology is a subspecialty of both dermatology and pathology in which skin biopsy specimens are interpreted microscopically. Doctors eligible to receive training in dermatopathology must be board certified in either surgical pathology or dermatology. In addition, dermatopathologists must also receive formal training in an accredited fellowship training program for at least one year.

Although they are the most

qualified professionals to interpret skin biopsies, dermatopathologists are not always used because of restrictions by health insurance plans.

"The reason why pathologists are often interpreting skin biopsies rather than dermatopathologists is because managed care companies are more concerned with their bottom line than with providing the best possible care for their patients," said Dr. Lebwohl.

"Under many managed care plans, dermatologists are required to send skin biopsies to a laboratory mandated by the plan's contract rather than to the laboratory of their choice. When this happens, there is no guarantee that a dermatopathologist is interpreting the skin biopsy and any pathologist, regardless of experience, can end up reading these slides."

Errors

An American Academy of Dermatology study found that more than 60 percent of its members worked with managed care companies that prevent them from sending skin biopsies to a dermatopathologist. A joint statement issued by the American Academy of Dermatology and the American Society of Dermatopathology stated that the lack of appropriate training by pathologists at many managed care companies subjects the patient to a likelihood of having the skin biopsy specimen misinterpreted.

While managed care companies may save a little money up front by sending skin biopsies to laboratories that only employ pathologists, they will end up spending large sums of money to

treat severe, life-threatening conditions — such as melanoma — that could have been avoided if a dermatopathologist had been used to analyze the specimen.

In the most serious cases, a skin cancer biopsy that is misdiagnosed as benign can spread throughout the body and be fatal if left untreated. On the other hand, there have been numerous cases in which a skin biopsy that is actually benign comes back from a pathologist as malignant.

For this reason, many dermatologists — such as Dr. Lebwohl — are dropping out of managed care plans that prohibit them from sending skin biopsies to dermatopathologists.

"If a melanoma is misdiagnosed, that is a deadly misread of a biopsy," warned Dr. Lebwohl. "Personally, I was worried that if I continued in the managed care plan that eventually I would have a terrible misdiagnosis and a patient would be killed. Since I dropped out of the plan and have been using only dermatopathology labs, I have not had one problem."

"I urge patients to be advocates for their own health care," added Shaffer. "Don't hesitate to ask your doctor who is reading your biopsy, and don't be afraid to ask for a second opinion. Your life could depend on it."

About 1.3 million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States each year. In 2000 alone, there will be about 47,700 new cases of melanoma and 7,700 deaths will be attributed to the disease.

For more information, contact the American Academy of Dermatology at (1-888) 462-DEEM or www.aad.org.

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The American Lung Association of Michigan has a great gift idea for Father's Day. How about a Gold Privilege Club membership book? For just \$38, the Golf Privilege Club allows golfers to play at nearly 170 courses throughout the state, and greens fees are free.

The selection is highlighted by northern resorts such as: The Natural, Wolverine, Shanty

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Safety concerns mount over being online while driving

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They're called "telematics," or voice-controlled in-car information systems. They bring the Internet, e-mail and real-time news and traffic reports into cars and trucks.

And it's one of the hottest areas of the auto industry these days, with scores of companies developing newer and more inexpensive products that will allow drivers to stay as fully connected to the Net on the road as they are at work and home.

For example, Delphi is working on a system allowing drivers to dock their Palm hand-held computer on their dashboard, giving them access by voice command to e-mail, contact information, directions and other data.

Visteon will use an in-car computing platform based on Microsoft's Windows CE operating system.

GM's OnStar in-vehicle communications system is available in about 30 models and has attracted 300,000 subscribers so far.

But as hot as all this is, there's

also growing concerns from safety experts who fear too many distractions in the car will cause more accidents.

Says Stephanie Faul, communications director for the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety: "The thing is, there is a limit to how much you can pay attention to, and people already are multitasking to beyond the level of their abilities."

Such concerns are so strong that federal regulators will hold public safety hearings about the issue next month in Washington.

Car building online

Building your own car online with mix and match parts ... that's a distinct possibility according to a new paper called "E-volving the Auto Industry" published by researchers at the Wharton School of Management.

The study says in 10 to 15 years, you may be able to use the net to order a Honda engine, a Ford body and a Bose sound system. That's where e-business is driving the auto industry, says the study. Blame it all on the Dell Direct model, the pioneering online sales approach by Dell computer that lets computer users pick the custom features they want on a PC by clicking a mouse.

Dell then builds it with just

the parts the user chooses and ships it to him... without a middleman. The auto industry has been studying the same thing. And while the car companies would be reluctant to give up design control or let consumers select too many parts from competitors, the key component of making build-to-order feasible is the industry's increasing use of modularization.

And if modularization is combined with outsourcing ... another widespread trend in the auto industry... it could happen. As for dealers, they better embrace the Web and start taking the showroom to customers ... or close up shop.

In fact, says the study, "Auto dealers are already coping with the consequences of Internet-informed consumers and a host of dot-com intermediaries that are challenging the traditional retailing model."

Internet cookie snoops

Michigan's Attorney General, Jennifer Granholm, has put four Web sites on notice that they face a lawsuit unless they inform visitors that their Web browsing habits are being tracked and sold to other parties.

At issue is the controversial use of "cookies," or small text-based programs that Web sites

automatically upload to a visitor's computer. Those programs then keep track of what parts of the company's Web site is visited.

While most Web sites now use cookies, Granholm is targeting sites that don't have a posted privacy statement or sell user information to others, who then often bombard users with unsolicited e-mail advertising. Granholm calls such cookies "secret, third party surveillance" and says their use invades privacy and amounts to a deceptive trade practice.

The sites she's going after — a medical site, a pornography site, a stock-trading site and a baby-clothing site — have 10 days to post privacy statements or change their ways. If they don't she says she'll sue. Such a case over cookies would be the first of its kind.

Most reputable Web sites insist cookies are harmless as long as the information is kept confidential. Consumer groups say unless a site posts a statement promising just that, Web surfers should stay away.

It's safe to delete cookies from your hard drive. Cookie files can be removed by deleting Netscape's cookie.txt file or deleting files housed in Internet Explorer's cookie folder. A free

program called "Cookie Monster" (www.geocities.com/Paris/1778/) will do it for you.

Time to dump Microsoft?

Around the country, corporate IT managers are trying to determine whether they should start planning to replace Microsoft applications on their in-house computer networks.

Puzzled by the implications of the court-ordered breakup would have on plans to upgrade software and plagued by a rash of computer viruses that prey on Microsoft's Outlook mail program, some IT managers wonder if the best way to avoid future problems is to dump Microsoft and go with new vendors.

Because IT managers must be planning two to three years out for budgeting and training, the uncertainty over how Microsoft products would integrate in a post-breakup world has them concerned.

As more computer makers continue to embrace non-Windows operating systems like Linux ... IBM announced a new Linux-based laptop last week ... corporate IT people fear a steep learning curve to retrain their workers.

"If we're going to switch," one IT manager told me, "we need as much lead time as possible and

I'd be silly if I didn't seriously start investigating the alternatives to Microsoft."

Till next week ... "73"

Going abroad

Observer & Eccentric columnist and former WDIV-TV reporter Mike Wendland is going international.

He leaves June 24 for a four-country Middle Eastern trip to teach Internet skills to journalists. Wendland will visit Israel, Jordan, Syria and Egypt. The trip is being sponsored by journalism organizations in those countries and coordinated by the U.S. State Department's Office of International Information Programs.

He returns July 15 and plans to broadcast his radio shows live from the countries he is visiting. He will also produce a daily e-journal for his Web site: www.pcmike.com

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV NewsChannel stations across the country. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at www.pcmike.com and hear him Monday through Friday at 6:26 p.m. on NewsRadio 950, WWJ, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Customer satisfaction

General Motors, North Central Region, recently recognized Tennyson Chevrolet Inc. of Livonia as a "Customer Satisfaction Leadership" dealer. The recognition was based on overall customer-satisfaction survey completed by dealership customers from September 1999 through March 2000.

The survey covered the following qualifiers: Purchase and Delivery, Service Satisfaction, and All Concerns Corrected in One Visit. Thirty-six GM and Chevrolet dealerships in the

Detroit metropolitan area were involved in the challenge.

Tennyson Chevrolet, founded in 1955, has served the Livonia community for 45 years. Owner Kit Tennyson is president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and an active supporter of community groups, local schools and youth activities, including the Livonia YMCA and the Livonia Senior Center.

Excellence awards

Johnson Controls of Plymouth recently received two prestigious automotive awards. General Motors Corporation's

1999 Supplier of the Year Award and Ford Motor Company's 1999 World Excellence Award in the gold category for its batteries.

This is the fifth consecutive year Johnson Controls has received the General Motors award. "Johnson Controls is one of our brightest and best suppliers," said Harold R. Kutner, group vice president, Worldwide Purchasing and North American Production Control & Logistics for General Motors. "It is an honor to have them working for us. Their contributions to General Motors' overall success are

immeasurable."

Johnson Controls was one of only 11 suppliers around the world to receive the Ford Motor Co. award. "The suppliers who have earned the World Excellence Award are members of an exclusive world class club," said Carlos Mazzorin, Ford group vice president of global purchasing and South America. "This award honors the best and it gives Ford Motor Co. the opportunity to recognize its suppliers for their successful results in 1999."

New Motorola plant

Motorola, Inc. will build a new facility in the Farmington Hills Corporate Campus in Farmington Hills that will combine all its businesses currently serving automotive customers in the Detroit area. The Kojan Companies of Bloomfield Hills will develop and manage the property. Construction will begin this summer and completed by 2001.

"When this facility is fully operational, it will improve our ability to respond to and enhance our access with original equipment manufacturers and

all tiers of automotive system suppliers in the Detroit area," said Joe Guglielmi, executive vice president and president, Motorola's Integrated Electronic Systems Sector.

The three-story, 125,000 square-foot building, located on I-696 and 12 Mile Road between Halsted and Drake Roads, is expected to accommodate 500 people on a 23-acre site. The new facility, designed by Minoru Yamasaki Associates, nearly doubles the size of Motorola's existing Detroit-area locations.

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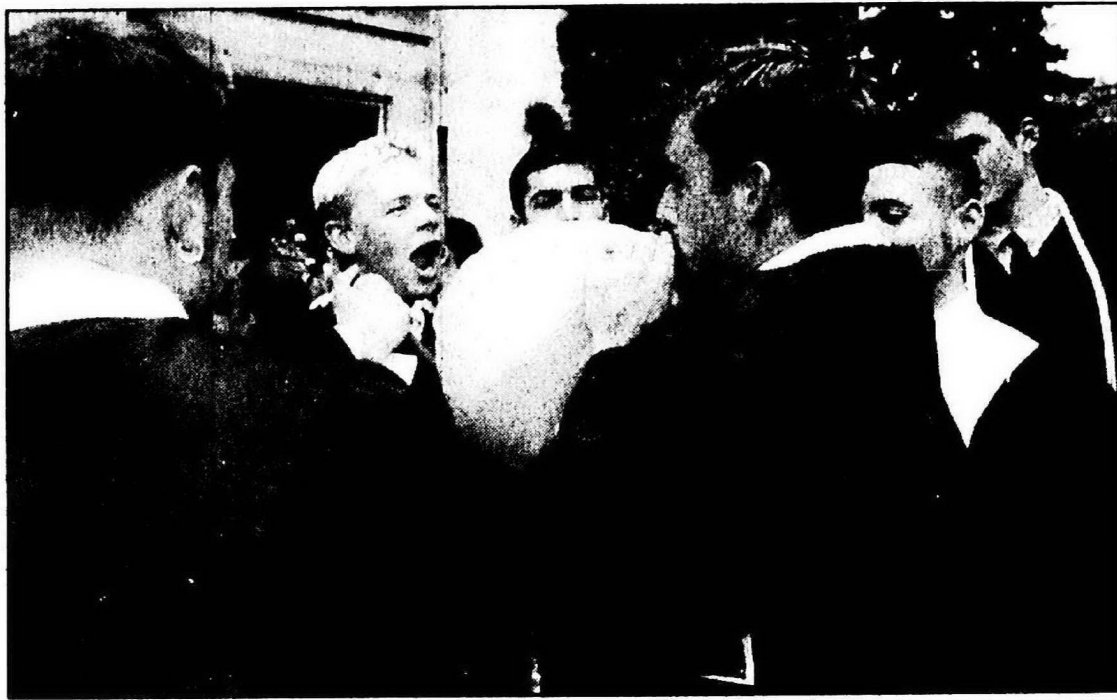
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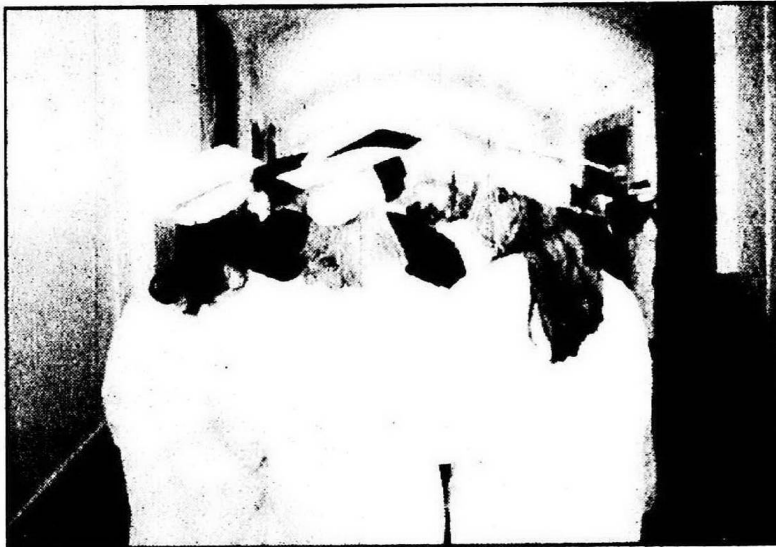
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Air Gordon: Jason Furr (second from left) cheers on Steve Gordon as he inflates a beach ball following commencement exercises.

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Cara Marie Dodge
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Mark R. Doughty
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Kathryn Anne Emmitt
Deborah Ann Esper
William M. Evon
Matthew Bryan Fair
Trish Ann Farrugia
Veronica Helena Fedorko
Karen Elizabeth Figiel
Grace Karolyn Finckbone
Jason P. Finnegan
Kelli Kristen Fish
Jenny Lynn Fisher
Jennifer Lynn Fitchett
Scott Lloyd Foor
Justin R. Fowler
Jessica Lynn Franz
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Amber Marie French
Jason Patrick Furr
Courtney F. Fysh
Rebecca Ann Gaedtker
Brian David Gaines
Rebecca Wright Gaither
Jesse J. Garcia
Lynne Ann Garcia
Linsay Cathlene Gardner
Wendy Marie Gardner
David L. W. Garen
Krystle Lynn Gariepy
Angela Marie Gasparotto
Jeffrey Alan Gebhart
Jessica L. Geiser
Christopher A. German
Elizabeth Ann Gibbons
Michelle Lynn Ginther
Nicholas Andrew Gismond
Renee Louise Gismond
Elizabeth Mary Gizicki
Nathan Charles Glass
Kristie Jill Good
Carla Marie Goodison
Sarah Beth Gordon
Stephen Gregory Gordon
Julie Marie Gowan
Michelle Elizabeth Grabill
Brandi Michelle Groves
Tiffany Dionne Grubaugh
Vanessa Marie Guastella
Steven A. Guido
Samantha E. Guile



Back row: Lindsay Gardner (from left) Jenny Fitchett and Erika Ecklund pull up the rear of the class of 2000 as they enter Hill Auditorium.

Denise Cristina Gutierrez
Michael Randall Haddad
Laura Nicole Haeberle
Jason P. Hernandez
Kelli Kristen Fish
Jenny Lynn Fisher
Roxanne Nicole Hammons
Crystal Ann Happner
Christopher Alexander Hardy
Erin Rachel Harleton
Daniel J. Harris
Kristen Gayle Harshman
Kevin Carlos Healey
Joshua John Henderson
Peter J. Hernandez
Andrew Cullen Herrold
Holly Helen Hesse
Diana Suzanne Hester
Bryan Robert Hewitt
Melanie Kathryn Hicks
Lynne Ann Hill
Mark Anthony Hippley
Wendy Marie Hjelmstad
Lung Chen Ho
Brian David Hoffmeister
Jessica Elaine Hogg
Gregory Paul Holman
Justin Matthew Horvath
Peter Ross Hoskins
Kara Nicole Houghton
Jeffrey Nicholas Hubbard
Amanda Jean Hucal
Laura Elizabeth Hucal
Sarah Jennifer Huth
Lindsey Marie Ikegami
Shawn Sasho Ilevski
Kristi Marie Irish
Matthew James Jahnke
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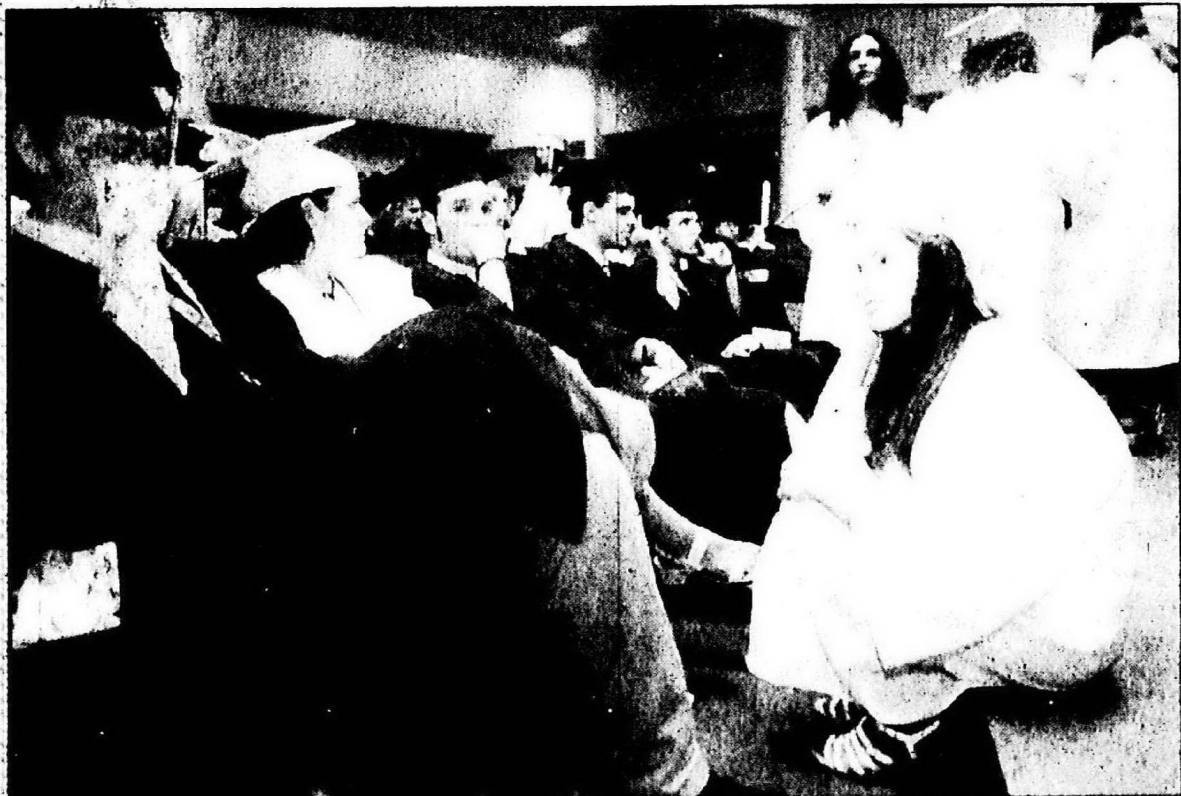
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Kristen L. Katcherian
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Justin Nicholas Kosik
Erin Nicole Kozak
Michael Kearney Kozma
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Elizabeth Erin Kraydich
George M. Krinke
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Scott Jason Kutnick
Christopher Ryan La Masse
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Jessica Elaine Lavander
Sara Marie Le Duc
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Michelle Verzosa Liebau
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Brandon Miles Loftus
Nicholas L. Long
Constance Marie Longpre
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Lyndsay Raye Lowinan
Christopher Lucas
Jason Edward Lukasik
James R. Lundberg
Cynthia Joy Lupo
Candace C. Lynett
Marivenus Mangahas
Magbitang
Monica Jo Mair
Meril Maman
Eric Todd Mancha
Katie Anne Markley
Edward J. Martin
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Julie Ann Masters
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Rachael C. Maurer
James Patrick Mc Caffrey
Matthew Edward Mc Caffrey
Nicholas N. Mc Donald
Rachel Leann Mc Farlin
Patrick Conor Mc Inerney
Christine Michele Mc Kay
Katherine Ann Mc Kinley
Benjamin Christopher
McNulty
Matthew Sean McNulty
Jason David Meuninger
Kristin Lynn Mellian
Haley Lynn Menard
Timothy Paul Merenda
Jacqueline Marie Mester
John Joseph James Michalek
Brian Robert Miedlar
Jeremy David Mills
Tara G. Mitchell
Allison Kay Modras
Michelle Renee Monte
Rachael Macie Morantus
Michael P. Morton



Matching wardrobe: Megan Bohr (left) and Kim Tammie show off the fact that they discovered they were wearing the same dress under their gowns following commencement exercises last Sunday at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

Andrea Nicole Mott
Anna Marie Mueller
Adrienne Eva Muncy
Sadiya Binth Muniruddin
Rebecca Anne Murray
René Aletta Murray
Nickolas C. Nanry
Jonathan Robert Neal
Kyle Andrew Neubauer
Kelly Marie Newsom
Gregory Theodore Niewola
Ryan G. Nimmerguth
Kristina Danielle Northgrave
Lisa Marie Norton
Jaclyn Amanda Novak
Laura E. Novkov
Christopher R. Noyes
Gregory J. O'Neill
Erin Elizabeth O'Neill
Carrie Marie O'Rear
David Gregory Oliver
Susan Elizabeth Olli
Sukhpreet K. Otal
Kristine Ann Pagan
Bridget Anne Palumbo
Amanda Ann Pannaralla
Bree Ann Pastalanec
Michael B. Pasternak
Hiren Patel
Ketuban K. Patel
Neha Praful Patel
Tejal B. Patel
Christopher Vance Patterson
Elizabeth J. Patterson
Jody Marie Pattison
James Pawlica
Amber Alyce Payne
Justin Andrew Perkins
Lori Ann Perry
Scott Allen Peruski
Andrew T. Peters
Denise Elizabeth Philips
Daniel G. Pilon
Pawel K. Pindera
Laura Rose Pino
Jennifer Ann Pitt
Matthew S. Pohl
Kristen Marie Pollice
Justin M. Pollock
Michael James Popeney
Katherine Elizabeth Porter
Dustin R. Potes
Shae Jacqueline Potocki
Karissa Nicole Powell
Angel Krystyl Proffitt
John Brian Putala
Joanne Irene Pyle
Jordan Marie Raber
Sean Michael Rahman
Javier A. Ramirez
Mohammad Farid Ramirowi
Kristin Gail Ramsey
Robert John Randall
Casimir G. Rapnicki
Jason M. Rebarchik
Brandon Lee Redding
Paul Edward Reger
Stephen Russel Reitzel
Kris Marie Renault
Matthew A. Renfrow
Nicole Allison Reno
Kristen Anne Repasky
Eric W. Reynolds
Carl Wayne Ritchey
Rick L. Rodriguez
Amanda Caroline Roedding
Sarah Elizabeth Rogers
Nathan Ward Roller
Robert Joseph Ross
Jessica Lynn Rowe
Zachary Andrew Rozof
Maria E. Ruehr
Matthew Salem Salah
Megan Cathleen Salata
Joshua Owen Samczyk
Christine Renee Sanders
Jessica Marie Sandoval
Thomas Ryan Sandoval
Steven Richard Sarven
Jennifer Renee Savage
Julie Elizabeth Savitskie
Lara Victoria Savitskie
Matthew James Schenkel
Jacob Leonard Scherbaty
Todd Michael Schmalhurst
Amy Lee Schneider
Todd Edward Schoeneman
Faith Anne Scholfield
Christopher W. Schrieber
Andrew John Seiter
Benjamin Joseph Shaft

Manish Sharad Shah
Jason Lynn Shamberger
Christopher John Sherkey
Elizabeth Rose Shoemaker
Melissa Anne Shoemaker
Christen Elizabeth Shull
Milan Sibinovic
Faraaz Siddiqui
Scott V. Siedlaczek
Kenneth Glenn Stegner
Ryan Anthony Silva
Gjon Sinishtaj
Andrea Lynne Sinkunas
Matthew David Smelser
Stephanie M. Smethers
Danielle Shanea Smith
Ginelle L. Smith
Justin Christopher Smith
Matthew Conrad Smogowski
Stephen Gene Spencer
Steven J. Spigarelli
Cynthia T. Stabnick
Christopher Thomas Stanley
Erica Danielle Stengle
Steven Bradley Stiles
Brett James Stunar
Kristina Stoilkovic
Damian T. Stone
Timothy Andrew Strand
Teresa Jade Strang
Lucas Henry Stump
Amanda Marie Sudek
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Anxiously awaiting: Kristin Mellian (seated right) waits with classmates for the start of commencement exercises last Sunday.