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THE WEEK AHEAD SUNDAY

Remembering: The Wayne-Westland Memorial Day Parade will begin 1 p.m. Sunday in the Kmart parking lot, Wayne Road and Cherry Hill, and go north to Ford Road and Westland City Hall. A number of veterans' organizations and others will participate in the parade.

HOLIDAY

Closings: The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will close Sunday and Monday for the Memorial Day observance. On Monday, Westland City Hall and the 18th District Court will close. Emergency police and fire service will be provided. Trash pickup will be delayed one day.

Swimmers: The Bailey Center outdoor pool is opening this weekend. Hours for Sunday and Monday will be noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. For information, call (734) 722-7260.

TUESDAY

Budget talk: The Westland City Council will meet 5:30 p.m. Tuesday for a continuing council budget session at City Hall, Ford at Carlson in Westland.

THURSDAY

Rotary: The Westland Rotary Club meets 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt in Westland.

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Ex-parks chief ends legal battle



Former Westland Parks and Recreation Director Charles Skene apparently won't fight a decision to dismiss a suit for wrongful firing he had filed. Skene now works in newspaper advertising.

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Charles Skene apparently won't challenge a judge's decision to dismiss a wrongful firing lawsuit he filed after being ousted as Westland parks and recreation director.

"As far as I know, there is not going to be an appeal," Skene attorney

Stephen Boak said Wednesday.

The decision means that Skene won't receive any city money even though he was fired April 22, 1997, amid an embezzling probe that ended with a jury finding him innocent.

"There will be no (financial) recovery for all the nonsense," Boak said.

He estimated that Skene lost \$100,000 in wages - aside from pension

and reputation damages from an ordeal "that will always dog him."

Skene has worked in newspaper advertising for the last two years and hasn't been able to restart his parks and recreation career.

Skene was cleared of embezzling charges in February 1998 by a Wayne County Circuit Court jury that ruled he didn't embezzle thousands of dollars from his department.

Prosecutors portrayed Skene as a gambling addict who stole money from his department to support his habit, but Skene maintained his innocence all along.

Circuit Judge Pamela Harwood

issued an April 16 opinion dismissing Skene's wrongful firing lawsuit that he filed against the city and five officials: Mayor Robert Thomas, Deputy Mayor George Gillies, Budget Director Elizabeth Duggan, Westland police Lt. Gary Sikorski and former Finance Director Michael Gorman.

On Wednesday, Mayor Thomas welcomed news that Skene apparently won't appeal Harwood's ruling.

"I'm not surprised by the decision not to appeal," he said, adding that he believed the city would've prevailed, anyway.

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SHAPING OUR YOUTH

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

An essential component to a healthy lifestyle



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Fitness in motion: Students Catherine Smith, Kristen Young and Jordan Kurkowski work out on stationary cycles in Livonia Churchill High School's fitness center.

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Maintaining a healthy body weight throughout the period prior to and during puberty can be a challenge for young people. With the advent of the Internet, other technology related entertainment and an average decline in physical activity by school-age children, the result has led to a significant number of sedentary adolescent.

Nationally the prevalence for overweight youth is increasing. Experts have determined that a natural predictor of adult obesity is childhood obesity - underscoring the importance of maintaining a sensible, well-balanced diet and routine exercise program. According to the American Heart Association, inactivity contributes to risk factors such as obesity, high blood pressure, respiratory disorder, diabetes, elevated blood cholesterol and early heart disease.

Local public school districts, acquainted with the current health status of its youth have taken active steps to encourage healthy eating and exercise habits in school, as a hobby and in the home-setting. A curriculum developed in the fall of 1998 under the guidance of Governor John Engler's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports and a consortium of Michigan colleges and universities, provides physical education teachers with tools to develop young students (K-2) both physically and intellectually on the way to life-long learning and fitness.

Unfortunately, Michigan is one of eight states with no mandated time for physical education which creates an opportunity for students to substitute interscholastic athletic, band or unre-

Students enjoy variety, choice in PE classes

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Exercise is an important part of the educational experience in the Wayne-Westland schools.

High school students need one full year to graduate, and elementary students spend 50 minutes per week in physical education, or gym classes.

Elementary students spend an equal amount of time in art, music and other enrichment classes, said Sally Perkins, executive director of elementary education.

This time serves as planning time for regular teachers, she added.

Some districts have decided to let students substitute other enrichment classes for gym classes, but Wayne-Westland hasn't done that, according to William Camp, executive director of secondary education with the district.

"That is currently under review," said Camp. Physical education curriculum operates on a five-year cycle, which means the requirements change roughly every five years.

"I know that some school districts do offer physical education credit for other classes besides physical education," Camp said. "I

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KEEPING KIDS FIT

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Evacuation follows local auto crash and gas leak

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A two-car accident touched off a natural gas leak Thursday afternoon that prompted the evacuation of several businesses near Wayne and Warren roads, authorities said.

The most serious injury was to a 58-year-old Westland woman who suffered

a broken collarbone when her car rolled over and landed upside down, Deputy Fire Chief Dave Carignan said.

Authorities cordoned off Warron Road west of Wayne while Consumers Power workers repaired a severed gas line following the 3:25 p.m. accident.

"Traffic was snarled for three hours,"

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

On the job: A Consumers Energy worker inspects the accident scene.



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Musical moments

Fun day: Patchin Elementary School kindergartners through second-graders enjoy the fun during the performance by Guy Louis Thursday. Louis, of Chautauqua Express, talks about the Native Americans with the students.

Livonia school candidates share views at forum

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
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Karen Egan brings leadership and coalition-building skills.
Larry Naser brings experience.
Frank Kokenakes brings fiscal integrity.
Kevin Whitehead brings new ideas.
Kristen Galka brings a solid knowledge of the school district.

These are the qualities spotlighted by the five school board candidates Wednesday when asked what one outstanding attribute they would bring to the Livonia Board of Education if elected in the June 14 school election.
The candidates fielded 10 school-related questions during the question and answer session sponsored by the Livonia PTA Council and held in Livonia Public Schools' administrative

offices at 15125 Farmington Road.
Questions ranged from school safety to private school tax credits to the feasibility of moving to a grades six-eight middle school configuration. The entire forum will be rebroadcast before the June 14 election on Livonia's cable Channel 15 and Westland's cable Channel 19.
The first question put candidates in a financial fantasyland. If there were

extra dollars in the school budget, how would you vote to spend it?
Not so fast, said Egan, one of four challengers facing incumbent Kokenakes for two four-year seats on the board. "I'd have to research this very carefully," said Egan, a small business owner.
If extra money is available, she said she'd spent it to improve the curriculum.

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"There's never any extra, maybe reserves," said Naser, a mortgage broker who lives in Westland. "We're doing well now. But it is important to focus on the future."
Naser's extra money would be spent on hiring more teachers, facility fix-ups and after-school programs that offer

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can't say what the outcome (for Wayne-Westland) will be."

All physical education instructors in Wayne-Westland must be certified in PE by the state.
After the final school bell rings, students have other chances to help stay in shape. Both the Wayne and Westland parks and recreation departments offer after-school programs at the middle schools.
Incorporated into every physical education class are physical fitness activities such as sit-ups, running and basic calisthenics.
"They participate in a full

range of activities trying to exercise various muscle groups," Camp said.

The district does not have any programs that specifically target overweight or obese children, though some schools occasionally sponsor jump roping marathons for charities such as the American Heart Association.

Middle and high school gym students participate in seasonal sports such as football, softball, basketball and volleyball. They also play other team sports such as handball, floor hockey and

track and field. Track and field day is held in May.

About five weeks worth of high school physical education is devoted to health studies, where students learn about smoking, drug abuse and first aid.
A \$108 million bond passed in 1998 will help the district buy the most up-to-date equipment physical education equipment, Camp said.

At the elementary level, there have been no complaints about shoddy or out-of-date equipment, Perkins said.

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lated non-aerobic activities for physical education.

"New findings show that the risk factors associated with cardiovascular disease in adults, high blood pressure, obesity, high cholesterol levels and insulin resistance, might be mitigated by slowing the rate of weight gain during childhood and adolescence," as reported in "Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association" by Alan R. Sinaiko, M.D., and professor of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Medical School Minneapolis.
Sinaiko's research furthers the notion that an overall lack of physical activity at an early age can have a rippling effect throughout one's lifetime. It is estimated that obesity accounts for nearly six percent of all medical costs related to illness from orthopedic to emotional (low self-esteem) problems.

Sedentary lifestyle

According to "A Profile of the American Eighth-Grader," from the U.S. Department of Education, 12- and 13-year-old children spend 21.4 hours per week watching television compared to the paltry 50 minutes per week participating in vigorous physi-

cal activity.
Such an alarming statistic has been corroborated by a study from the University of Michigan that shows Michigan children are heavier than the rest of the nation and tends to have more young people who are overweight and obese. A similar study by the Michigan Department of Public Health reported Michigan adults were the heaviest in the nation and had the seventh highest incidence of high blood pressure.
"These data are disturbing," says Dr. Charles T. Kuntzleman, U-M faculty member and director of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan Fitness for Youth Program. "These weight differences, whether due to Michigan's harsh winters, an overall lack of physical exercise, heredity or poor eating habits, are troubling."

Kuntzleman said the only silver lining in the "dismal report" is that Michigan's youth may be a reflection of, rather than a leader of, a national trend showing America's youth getting heavier and fatter.
It is becoming even more important for influential factors in the promotion of a healthy

lifestyle such as parents, teachers, and physicians to frequently reinforce the difference exercise can make in one's life in the long run. The example these individuals foster is that maintaining a productive lifestyle from as early as elementary school can lead to an overall reduction in illness, time off from work and significant financial savings.

The gradual paring down of the physical education component in an elementary and secondary education program could have serious ramifications on the student as a whole. PE teachers supplement their exercise curriculum with lessons on body composition, proper diet, following directions, cooperation, sharing, team play, motor skills and the effects of inactivity.

"Many parents think that soccer or baseball leagues or dance classes fulfill the activity requirements to keep their children healthy. However, merely providing physical activity is not enough. Educating children to understand how to exercise and how to develop the skills necessary to stay fit is equally important to their lifelong well-being," stated the Michigan Fitness Foundation.

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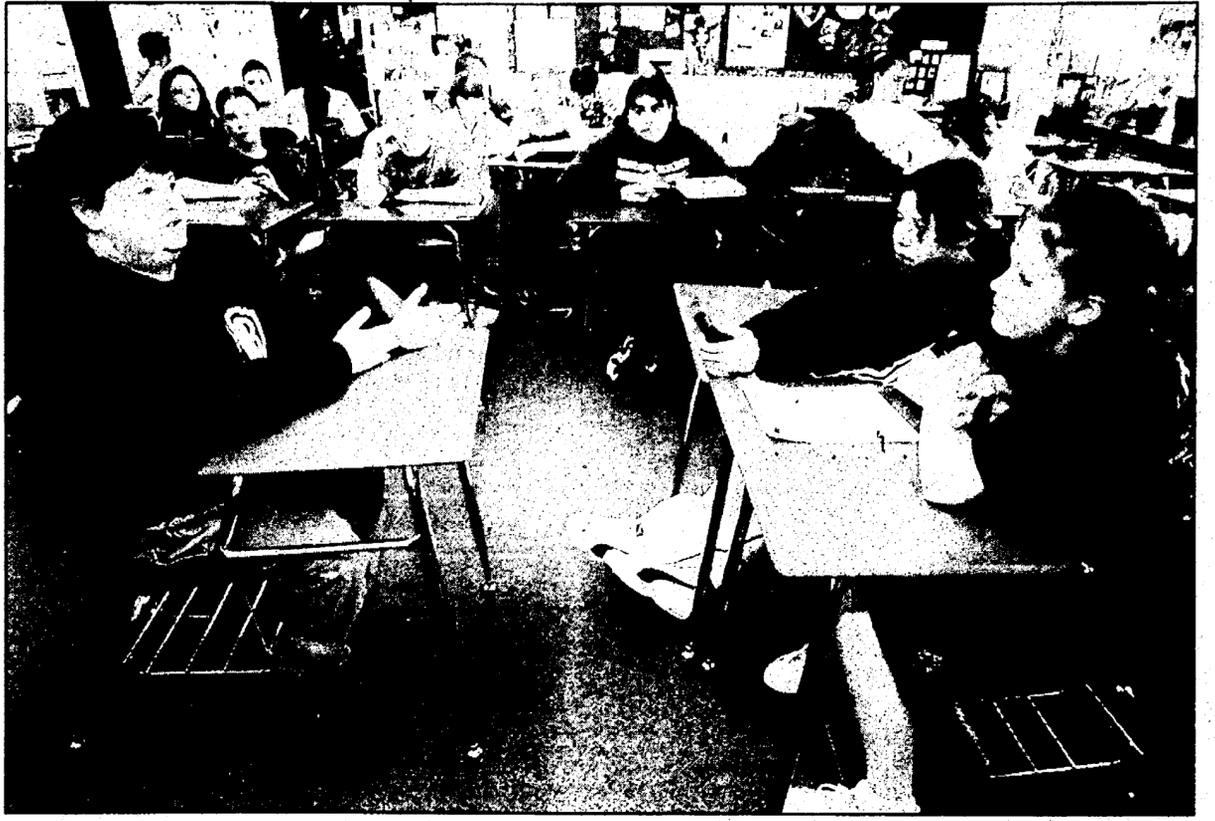
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Message shared: Seventh-graders Lateria Tate (left) and Lauren Flory listen as Wayne Memorial High School counselor Jim Couillard explains possible warning signs that youngsters are using drugs.



Learning: Students Corey Pokorney and Nikki Fillicetti interview Cheryl Vallance, a substance abuse program coordinator. Pokorney tapes the interview so other classes can benefit from it. At right, Danny Turcotte listens.

Students learn to avoid drugs, other troubles

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A few Marshall Middle School students tried to suppress giggles as they listened to a grown-up talk about drug-testing of urine.

Certain words just sound funny to seventh-graders.

But these Westland students listened attentively as Cheryl Vallance told how substance abuse can destroy young children.

"The youngest person I've dealt with is 8 years old," she said.

Suddenly her words didn't seem funny anymore.

Vallance, substance abuse program coordinator for Westside Mental Health of Dearborn Heights, is one of several people helping a group of Marshall students learn the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Vallance and other professionals involved in substance abuse prevention agreed to be interviewed by youngsters in student teacher Jason Mabee's class.

Students developed their own questions and, working in pairs, questioned a police officer, a high school counselor, substance abuse professionals and a representative of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), among others.

"I wouldn't drive drunk, myself," Jackie Vermette, 12, said.

Mabee, a University of Michigan graduate student, said he thought students would learn more if they talked directly with people involved in substance abuse prevention. He received a

grant for the program.

"We learned about how one woman's son was killed in an accident," Danny Turcotte, 13, said.

Students made audiotapes of their interviews so that other classes can listen, and they plan to tie red ribbons on cars in the school parking lot to draw attention to anti-drunken driving efforts.

Thursday morning, students Corey Pokorney and Nikki Fillicetti got Vallance to tell how alcohol has affected her life. She said her father was only 31 when he died of alcoholism.

In her job, Vallance said she has encountered substance abusers ranging in age from 8 to 69. She said low self-esteem

seems to be a major factor in drug problems.

Also Thursday, Wayne Memorial High School counselor Jim Couillard warned Mabee's class to carefully choose friends.

"If you hang around with kids that use drugs," he said, "the chances are you're going to use them, too."

Couillard also provided some disturbing statistics for children of alcoholics. He said a woman is five times more likely to marry an alcoholic if her father suffered drinking problems.

Couillard said youngsters start behaving differently when they start using drugs or alcohol.

"We even look at what kind of music they listen to and the clothes they're wearing," he said.

Couillard said it's unfortunate that some youngsters think drugs are "cool" because of what they see on television and in music videos.

Students said they learned that, even if they avoid destructive behaviors, they have to be watchful of others.

"You might not drink and drive and still get hit and killed by somebody else," Vermette said.



Jackie Vermette



Power of words message received in school district

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
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Weeks before the school shootings in Colorado, three Franklin High seniors began using "purple hands" to stem the tide of youthful violence.

As a school leadership project, Abby Wojtowicz, Karen Koleczko and Alaina Whitefoot went to nearby elementary schools to tell students how to solve conflicts and to get them to "take the pledge."

The pledge? "I pledge not to use my hands or words to hurt myself or other people."

The "purple hands"? After taking the pledge, students traced their hands on a big piece of paper in purple crayon. The paper was then hung on the classroom wall, giving students a constant reminder that they have resolved to solve conflicts peacefully and not resort to violence.

"We started this before the recent violence occurred," said Abby Wojtowicz. "A lot of students have questions and worries. The little kids don't understand, and it gives them the chance to talk about this."

So far, the seniors have traveled to Cooper, Grant, Nankin Mills, Hayes and McKinley elementary schools. Future trips are planned for Cleveland and Garfield. Livonia Goodfellows donated \$400 to buy such start-up supplies as T-shirts and posters.

The 1998-99 school year ends with schools across the country concerned about the very thing that brought these three seniors to the elementary schools.

Widespread problem

In fact, John Kuenzel ends his first year as Livonia Public Schools' director of secondary instructor hoping he never experiences in the school buildings he manages the kind of stress he's seen in the last few weeks.

"My job is not fun right now," Kuenzel said. "It's something that's all over the country."

Since the Columbine shootings, school officials and police have investigated written threats and threatening rumors at Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson as well as Emerson Middle School.

One hundred students were questioned at Franklin for one rumor alone, and it turned out that investigators "could not find anyone who could definitely say who had made the threat," Kuenzel said.

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At Emerson, a custodian even searched the roof of the school to determine if was safe after a note was found on a restroom wall, Kuenzel said.

"Kids are finding out about the power of words," Kuenzel said. "Words generate action, even if nothing is planned."

Uniformed Livonia police officers now show up occasionally at the three high schools.

Armed, school-paid plainclothes police officers will continue to patrol the three high schools until the end of the school year (June 10).

"Students know not to joke about this," said Dan Cieslak, a Stevenson High senior, after one Stevenson senior was arrested for posting a threatening note on a school wall.

Stevenson senior Bridget Dickson said the district did the right thing in putting a plainclothes police officer in the school.

However, both Cieslak and Dickson said students have to be the eyes and ears of their school building and notify the principal if something ominous is heard or seen.

"If someone were to talk threats here, we would take it seriously," Cieslak said. "Dr. (Dale) Collier told us, 'If you hear anything, come to me.'"

September plans

With the elimination next year of the security officer at Bentley Center, school security will be high on the mind of student adviser Barbara Neumann-Scott when school reopens in September.

She recently stated her concerns to school administrators in a letter.

"In view of recent violent acts in schools across the nation, it appears the safety of students and staff should be a major concern of administrative leaders in a school community."

On June 7, the Livonia Board of Education will name a new principal for the center, and that person will take over the job now performed by Security Officer Mike Wood, said Superintendent Ken Watson.

"One of his responsibilities will be building control," Watson said.

If the new principal decides a security officer is still needed at Bentley, the principal could recommend the job be reinstated, Watson said.

Hospice home care services now available

Community Hospice & Home Care Services Inc. of Westland and Plymouth will now offer home care services. Maureen Butrico, executive director of CHHCS, made the announcement last week.

For 18 years the agency has

provided hospice care to patients with a limited life expectancy. Responding to community need, CHHCS will now provide care to patients who are homebound and recovering or disabled by illness or injury or are chronically ill. Home care services include

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ELECTION
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Voters will choose two school board members for the Livonia School District June 14. The five candidates in the race were given the following questions and a limit of 75 words to answer them.



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Personal: Married to Randy, two children



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Personal: Married to Carl, three children



FRANK KOKENAKES
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LARRY NASER
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Personal: Married to Carmen, two children



KEVIN WHITEHEAD
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Occupation: marketing analyst, Plastipak Packaging
Background: president of Garfield PTA for three years; music teacher
Personal: Married to Laurie, two children

QUESTION 1:
What two issues would you like to see addressed or changes would you like to see happen during your term on the school board?

■ I believe that we must strive for excellence. We must continually look for ways to improve our effectiveness while maintaining fiscal integrity. We must continue to place emphasis on smaller class sizes. We must ensure that every Livonia student has access to the latest technology and is thoroughly versed in the usage of computers and the Internet. We must provide increased counseling support in the high schools so that no student feels isolated or indifferent.

■ I would like to see better uniformity and further reduction in class size in all elementary grades and see the realization of a series of the district's special projects that include the restoration of grades 5 and 6 instrumental music, the construction of athletic out-building additions at our three high schools and the board and city reaching agreement on the future of Bentley Center. Hopefully all these issues will be of long, successful duration.

■ To compete in the international marketplace, the district needs to enhance its close-working relationship with business to form more partnerships in order to integrate academic and vocational education. With a renewed commitment to career awareness and planning, students can gain work experience and critical thinking skills which are so important for employability. Further, the successful negotiation of contracts with the district's employees and bargaining units is of paramount importance for an effective budget process.

■ We need to develop more programs and enhance the ones we have to serve all the needs of the community. We need more programs for kids with disabilities, for our kids who are gifted who need more of a challenge than their peers and for all the children in between. This would include vocational training. Our community has a big need for tradespeople.

■ Immediately following the election, I will ask Mayor Kirksey and other community education and business leaders, as well as teachers, school administrators, parents and students to join in the formation of a community coalition that will develop specific programs for families to gather and utilize their collective strengths for the good of our schools and the community. It's time to redefine positive family role models and values and how they clearly affect our children's education.

QUESTION 2:
What is the biggest challenge in public education today?

■ The biggest challenge in public education today is the quandary of maintaining and improving services to students with the uncertainty of funds available from the state. We must be fiscally responsible as well as remain competitive with other school districts. We must provide our students with the educational tools that will enable them to compete globally in the technology-driven new millennium.

■ Public schools are required by law to provide educational services to the most diverse population of students in the community it serves. These students have widely varying backgrounds, capabilities and needs that affect their ability to learn and interact appropriately with others. Public education's biggest challenge is to develop and provide programs that can motivate each student to learn to their maximum potential and conduct themselves with respect and appreciation for each other, their schools...

■ The biggest challenge for the Livonia Schools will be to heighten student preparation for the demands of a global economy in the international marketplace. The Michigan State Board of Education once estimated that 80 percent of the jobs that will exist after the year 2000 do not exist today. The district must provide technologically enhanced education. The formation of more business-school partnerships will be invaluable to meet this challenge.

■ We need to continue to have more parental involvement and be able to help parents take a good overview of the needs of their child and to be able to get more parents to work with the schools in order to meet the child's needs. The schools need strong parental involvement and with everyone's busy schedule, this is definitely a challenge for the schools.

■ Public education faces its greatest challenge in the guise of choice. Our legislators will examine various bills designed to support private education, at the cost of public school programs. Private schools are not required to offer affordable tuition for all. Special needs children don't make good business sense to an institution structured for profitability. Public funding must remain in public schools. The pursuit of excellence, through district improvements, will establish benchmarks, making competition a non-factor.

QUESTION 3:
How can the district try to ensure the safety of students in school?

■ The safety of our children is paramount. We must ensure the safety of each and every child in our buildings as we maintain an environment that is conducive to learning. We must teach the children conflict resolution techniques during elementary school through utilization of the SAFE specialists. We must have sufficient counseling staff available to the students at the high school level and must have strict enforcement of the district's student discipline code of conduct.

■ The district must make certain that its programs and policies that are intended to establish and maintain safe conditions in our schools are comprehensive, up-to-date, understood and enforced. Consultation with other public services agencies/departments such as police, fire, buildings and safety, health and other school districts will help ensure the programs and policies are thorough and current. Requirements must be appropriately communicated to staff, students and parents and others. Enforcement must be continuous and consistent.

■ The district is proactive in safeguarding its students. Our supervisor of Public Safety oversees security and board policies prohibiting gang affiliation, possession of weapons, inciting violence or property destruction are strictly enforced. The district maintains Internet restrictions and has approved a pilot police liaison program for the high schools. The secondary counselors are assigned to students for better monitoring and the elementary SAFE specialists assist school social workers with student oversight.

■ The school district cannot do this alone. We must take responsibility for the safety of our children in the schools. I think that the Livonia School District is doing all the right things. Dr. (Ken) Watson and his staff have increased communications with the Livonia/Westland Police departments. We have our Student Assistance Family Education in place at the elementary level and the Student Assistance Program in place at the middle and high school levels.

■ Livonia Public Schools is already taking measures to ensure safety to our students and staff, in proactive and reactive preparation, for events that threaten safety. As a community of supportive families we must identify, discount and disable the cultural entropy to aimless acts of meanness and violence. It is equally essential to validate positive acts of children, both monumental and everyday, random acts of kindness that constantly blossom, but end up overshadowed in negativity.

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Canoe livery opens

Canoeing began this weekend on the Rouge River near Newburgh Lake.

The Wayne County Parks canoe concession opened Saturday, and will be open today and Monday. Next week the concession starts a five-day schedule each week, Thursdays through Mondays, from noon until 8 p.m.

The Wayne County Parks Livery is located on Hines Drive between Joy Road and Stark Road in Livonia. Canoe rates are \$10 per canoe for the maximum two-hour rental for each canoe route, \$15 per canoe for both routes and \$4 for each additional half hour. There is a \$20 deposit required for each canoe rented.

Two canoe routes will be available.

The first route starts at Newburgh Lake and finishes at Nankin Lake, both of which are impoundments of the middle branch of the Rouge River. Parks officials estimate the travel time at 90 minutes. Canoeists will be transported from the canoe livery (Nankin Lake) to Newburgh Lake and will row back to the livery. Rest rooms and a picnic area will be available at the halfway point of the journey.

The second route runs from Nankin Lake to Merriman Road. This route is approximately 1 1/2 miles and travel time is 90 minutes. Canoeists will be transported back to the launch area, east of the Nankin Lake Dam, picked up and transported back to their vehicle at the completion of the journey.

"We have made great strides in our efforts to clean up the Rouge River," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "Canoeing is an excellent way for people to enjoy it."

Learn about wetlands wildlife

Nature lovers of all ages can learn about creatures of the wetlands at Scoping Out Wetland Wildlife from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 5, at Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township.

Participants will learn about the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians that inhabit the marsh. In addition, they can learn to make aqua scopes to observe underwater creatures. Materials for the scopes will be provided.

All are encouraged to dress for the outdoors and bring boots as the area may be muddy.

Suitable for ages 6 and up, the cost is \$2 per person and advance registration is required. This program has been made possible through the parks property tax.

Participants will meet at the screened pavilion at Crosswinds Marsh, which is located at the corner of Haggerty and Will Carleton/Oakville Waltz Road in Sumpter Township.

For information, call (734) 261-1990.

County to take over Head Start program

Wayne County will take over Head Start from Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency starting Sept. 1.

Wayne County will serve more than 3,700 low-income, 3- and 4-year-olds. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services notified Wayne County that it was awarded \$20.6 million with \$16 million in federal funds, the balance in in-kind services from schools, social service

agencies and other programs.

County officials announced the change at a press conference Tuesday.

When RESA officials decided they did not want to operate the program any longer last year, the federal government sent out a notice asking any qualified organization to bid on running the programs. Wayne County was selected from a pool of nearly 12 parties.

Children attending Head

Start programs receive assistance with education, health, nutrition and literacy concerns. Ten percent of enrollees must be diagnosed with disabilities.

County Executive Edward McNamara called the switch a "momentous occasion" for the county and for thousands of children and family members that Head Start serves.

"Having the responsibility for this vital, early childhood development program means

Wayne County has yet another way to enhance many lives and communities."

County officials said Head Start not only serves its young clients, but assists the families of children.

"If a Head Start parent needs a service such as health care, or employment or even housing assistance, Head Start staffers are trained to either provide that service or refer them to the right agency," said Carolyn

Gray, Wayne County's director of children and family services, the office that will oversee operations for the county.

"When you add in parents and other family members, our program actually will assist a total of 10,000 people."

Gray stressed that Head Start will not just be a preschool or day care center. "School systems love Head Start because it helps children

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more than just child care.

Kokenakes, an incumbent trustee and attorney, would continue to carry over the \$20 million in the district's rainy day fund to cover any "shortfall."

Whitehead, a marketing analyst, would take the extra-money question to those closest to the classroom.

"I'd go back to the staff and ask, 'What do you need?'"

With \$20 million in its rainy day fund, and \$10 million socked away from the Durant settlement, the district already is in financial Utopia, said Galka, a registered nurse.

All five candidates oppose private school vouchers, or private school tuition tax credits, a proposal that is expected to surface in the November 2000 general election. If credits were approved by voters, families could take their child's state grant to a private school instead of a public school, as now specified by the state's Constitution.

Livonia Public Schools this past year investigated putting the sixth grade in middle school but decided not to do it. Still, it's a question that could resurface, so the idea was put to the candidates. Do you support it?

Kokenakes called it an "expensive idea" that was not support-

ed by Livonia's parents. "Will it happen?" he asked. "Probably not."

History, Whitehead said, should not dictate the district's future. "Where our children succeed is where our teachers do their best."

Galka saw benefits to both ways, the kindergarten through sixth-grade elementary schools Livonia has now, and to the sixth-through eighth-grade middle schools used in many school districts.

Developmentally speaking, there's a big gap between sixth- and eighth-graders, so that's a minus, she said. On the plus side, sixth-graders in middle school would get more specialized teaching in math and science, she said.

Egan praised the district for keeping sixth-graders in elementary school. "Parents said 'No,' they didn't want it," she said.

At first, Naser said he opposed the switch. Then he began to see the benefits, and has since changed his mind. "Kids are growing much faster; it's a smaller world because of technology. We should educate them as quickly as we can. They would learn more responsibility in middle school. It would help them mature more quickly."

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The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

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Bid forms and specifications may be obtained at the office of the Board of Education in the Purchasing Department Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Ray Irvine, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor at (734) 523-9160.

Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on the 15th of June, 1999 at the Board of Education Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance bond and payment bond may be required of the successful bidders.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interest of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than the low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

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CATHERINE HELMICK

Services for Catherine Helmick, 72, of Westland were May 28 in Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Helmick, who died May 26 in Livonia, was born Oct. 14, 1926, in Perth Amboy, N.J. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, William and Robert (Melissa) of

Garden City; daughter, Margaret Stratton; brothers, Dutchie Coleman, William Coleman and Robert Coleman; sister, Joan Merritt; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Helmick was preceded in death by her husband, Robert.

RICHARD A. DOLETZKY

Services for Richard Doletzky, 67, of Wayne were May 29 in Our Saviour Lutheran Church with burial at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia. Arrangements were from Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Doletzky, who died May 26 in Garden City, was born

Aug. 25, 1931, in Wayne. He was a driver for a car rental business.

Surviving are his sons, the Rev. Paul and Kevin; daughter, Deborah and Catherine (Timothy) Schramm; brother, Frederick of Westland; sister, Mary Bliss; and one grandson.

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police Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

Employees of First Federal on the northwest corner of the intersection left the building and stood by in a Westland Center parking lot area.

"We had to evacuate," financial service representative Jackie Plant said Friday. "We went to a parking lot of the mall, and the police put up their yellow tape. They came over to us around 4:10 and told us to go on home. So we just went home and came back in today."

Authorities also evacuated several businesses near the

southwest corner of Warren and Wayne, Carignan said.

Problems started when the Westland woman, driving east on Warren, tried to turn into First Federal's parking lot and crossed into the path of a west-bound motorist, a 19-year-old Plymouth man, Brokas said.

During the crash, the woman's car apparently hit a curb and flipped over on its top, Brokas said, and the man's vehicle veered toward the bank parking lot and "struck a gas meter."

"It severed the gas line which allowed the natural gas to

escape," Carignan said. "It was leaking."

Authorities cordoned off the area until Consumers Power workers could find a shut-off valve to stop the gas leak, Carignan said.

Brokas said the Westland woman was ticketed for a civil infraction of failing to yield to the other driver.

Plant said the evacuation was a little scary for First Federal employees, and authorities conceded that the incident could have been much worse.

"A car rolling over causing

■ Employees of First Federal on the northwest corner of the intersection left the building and stood by in a Westland Center parking lot area.

sparks and a natural gas leak? It could have been a lot worse," Brokas said.

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"I'm just glad to get it behind us," Thomas said of the two-year ordeal. "I wish Chuck well in whatever he decides to do."

"I'm not going to hold any grudges or ill feelings," the mayor added. "He obviously went through the system, and this is the way it ends up."

Thomas still maintained that he acted properly in firing Skene - a dismissal that the mayor has attributed to poor job performance.

He said he would make the same decision "if I had it to do all over again."

Boak has called it unfair that Westland officials escaped prosecution in Skene's suit because of an immunity issue that he said wouldn't apply to average people.

"It's just difficult to get around the immunity issue, I guess," he said Wednesday. "We would have to show that the trial judge abused her discretion in dismissing the case. And there was, in my opinion, sufficient jus-

tification in the opinion that she rendered that it would be extremely difficult to get the Court of Appeals to rule that she had abused her discretion."

Thomas, meanwhile, commended Harwood's decision and said he is glad to have long-awaited closure in Skene's case.

"I think the judge made the right decision," he said.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 14, 1999

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on June 14, 1999, at 7:20 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on the following proposed ordinance:

♦ To solicit public comments pertaining to the FY 1999-2000 Budget and Tax Levy.

All persons interested in the above are here invited to attend this Public Hearing and be heard.

The budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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The plan is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Local agencies team up to stop speeding drivers

Law enforcement agencies in 10 communities have launched the Greyhound Blitz, a special enforcement and public awareness initiative aimed at stopping speeders.

"During the Greyhound Blitz, which extends through June 1, 403 officers will patrol interstates, highways, city streets and rural roadways, looking for people who speed," said Executive Lt. Maggie Cesnick, project director of Drive Michigan Safely in Wayne County. "With that many officers on the road, speeders should expect to be stopped and ticketed."

The Greyhound Blitz will focus its efforts in Wayne County on Six, Seven and Eight Mile Roads, I-275, I-75, I-96 and I-94. Officers will target speeders on Ford Road, Inkster Road, Merriam Road, Michigan Avenue, Middlebelt Road, Telegraph Road, Wayne Road and other roads.

The Blitz is designed to motivate motorists to adopt safe driving habits. Speed is a factor in

30 percent of all fatal crashes, Cesnick said.

The chances of death or serious injury double for every 10 miles per hour over 59 mph a vehicle travels, according to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. For vehicles traveling 10 miles per hour above or below the average speed, crash involvement rates are almost six times those for vehicles traveling within 10 miles per hour of the average speed.

Cesnick said speeding 45 mph instead of 35 mph pares less than two minutes off the arrival time. Increasing speed from 55 mph to 65 mph saves slightly more than four minutes on a trip of 25 miles.

Drive Michigan Safely is a statewide traffic enforcement and public awareness program coordinated by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning under a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

McDowell wins praise, contract extension

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The Schoolcraft Board of Trustees gave college President Dick McDowell high marks again for his job for the 1998-99 school year.

Trustees said McDowell's enthusiasm and commitment to excellence "continue to be remarkable."

"He hasn't wavered in his ability to move the college forward," said Patricia Watson, board chairwoman.

McDowell, now in his 18th year at the college, exhibits "strong financial, marketing and planning skills," according to a statement issued by the seven members of the board after they conducted his evaluation in a closed session. After that session McDowell then received a contract extension through 2002 with a pay raise for the 1999-2000

fiscal year of 3.25 percent, the same the raise the college's four unions received for this year, to place McDowell's salary at \$114,066.

Board members said McDowell's strengths include his fiscal management skills. "The college remains debt-free and has managed to keep tuition cost competitive. The increase in grant revenue is indicative of the college's efforts to 'tap' any and all available state and federal dollars."

Trustees also said McDowell maintains an "open, direct and honest" working relationship with the board.

"He continues to develop innovative programs which are not typically attempted by community colleges," Watson said.

Watson said enrollment had declined in recent years at other community colleges, but

McDowell had developed benchmarks and objectives for enrollment credit management. Last year the number of credit hours increased by 2.32 percent, or about 2.9 percent per student, Watson said.

Continuing education class enrollment increased by 12 percent. "I thought it was very ambitious on his part to establish an objective in this area," Watson said. "It's crucial for us financially, and I've never seen anyone do this."

The board will receive a list of objectives from McDowell by the next meeting in late June, Watson said. One concern raised was the college's relationship with the K-12 districts, but overall McDowell received accolades from the board.

"We're pleased to have him at the college," Watson said.



High marks: Schoolcraft College President Dick McDowell, now in his 18th year at the college, received a 3.25 percent raise and contract extension through 2002.

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become emotionally and socially ready to learn."

Head Start also helps parents to become more self-sufficient, officials say. They, with the governing board and administrative staff, set policy for their own Head Start programs. Parents also can earn a GED degree or child development associate certification by being involved with Head Start.

Wayne County will contract with three nonprofit agencies to operate the Head Start program: Downriver Guidance Clinic in

Southgate, Starfish Family Services in Inkster and Wayne Metropolitan Community Services Agency in Ecorse.

Head Start programs will continue to be located in 16 Wayne County communities, including the western Wayne communities of Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland.

With 30,000 eligible children in Wayne County, one of the county's goals is to increase enrollment.

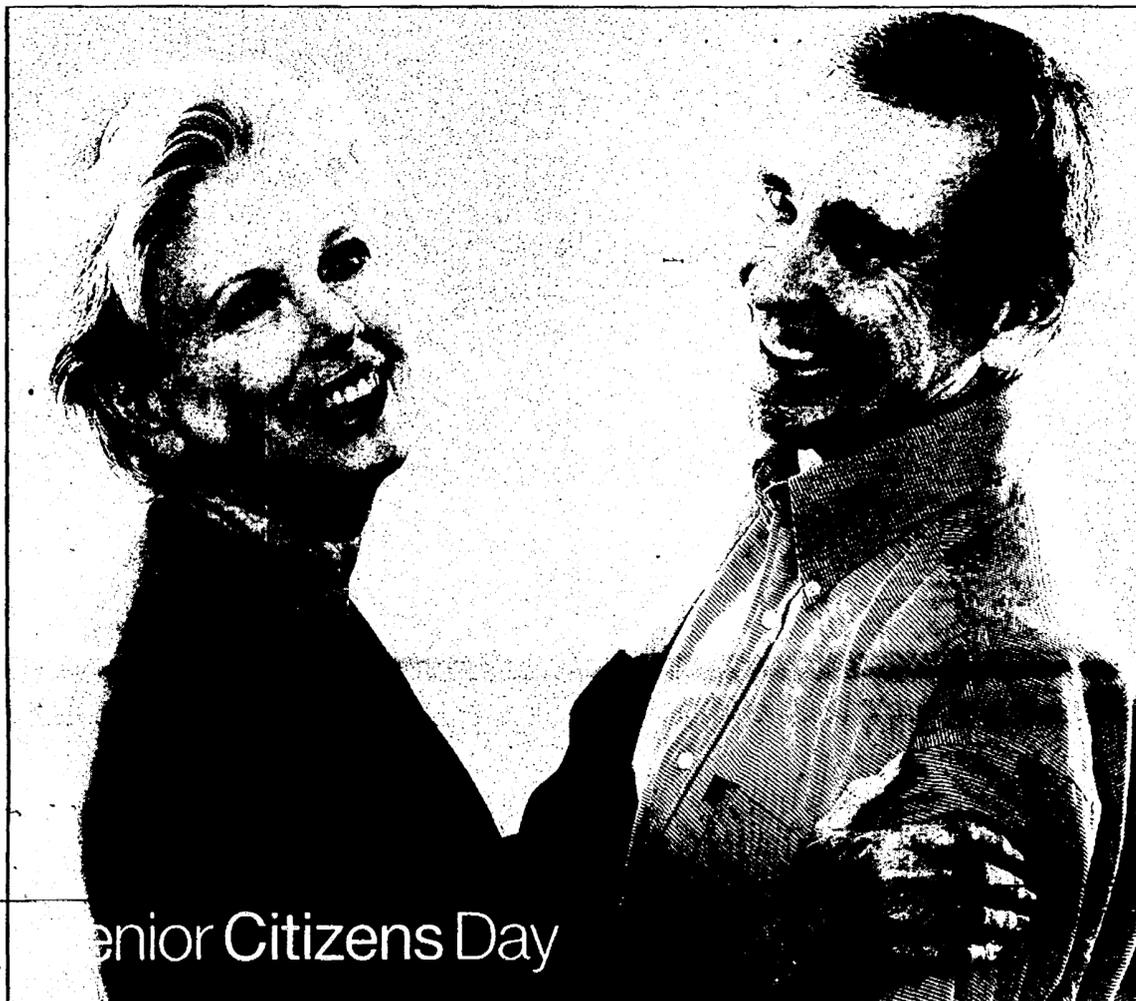
LEGAL SENSE
By Mark Slavens, P.C.
Attorney at Law

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Golf outing draws praise

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

The St. Joe's Health Education Center Pro Am Golf Classic is getting ready to score another fund-raising hole-in-one for the Interactive Health Education Center at the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building.

The second-year event, scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, at the Pheasant Run Golf Club, is well on its way to reaching the \$180,000 goal. Like last year, all proceeds will benefit the center.

The golf classic raised \$160,000 last year, \$30,000 more than its target, said Tina Kashat Hipp, special events manager for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Richard Lewiston, the golf classic's honorary chairman for the second year, said funds raised from this year's event will put the center close to its \$1.5 million target.

Selling corporate hole sponsorships and golf tickets this year wasn't much of an arm-twister, said Gil Ruicci, a member of the event steering committee.

"Anybody who was there last year wanted to be there this year. I've been to golf outings for 30 years, but this was the best I've ever been to. It was so classy."

Lewiston referred to the event as "the Rolls Royce of golf outings."

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack credits the efforts of a strong steering committee committed to

the Interactive Health Education Center for the early sell-out. There was the additional attraction of having senior PGA touring professional Larry Laoretti as special guest.

"Bringing in a touring professional to do a clinic ... well, if you like golf, it's like going into a candy store," said Yack, who admits to shooting an inconsistent 88.

Hole sponsorships at \$500, with recognition at the designated tee and listing in the dinner program, are still available. Also, the event's "Novice Golf Clinic" is open to participants at \$150 per person.

Ticket price for the clinic includes 1½ hours of instruction by Michigan golf professionals and a ticket to the awards program, dinner and silent auction.

Tickets also are available for the awards program festivities at \$75 per person. Ruicci said auction items include signed Red Wing jerseys, Tigers tickets, and a weekend golf trip to northern Michigan valued at over \$1,000.

Hipp said auction items are still needed, especially gift certificates to anything from restaurants and salons, oil changes, to pig roasts and hot-air balloon rides.

Lewiston said he is honored to have been included once again in an event that benefits a facility and community for which he has much affection. "It's a wonderful use of money."



Healthy golfers: Standing under the rib cage in the Interactive Health Education Center are from left Richard Lewiston, honorary chair of the Pro Am Golf Classic; Bryan Amann, co-chair of the Interactive Health Education Center Campaign; and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, chair of the golf classic.

Grants assist in forestry work

Grant applications for community forestry activities now are available from the Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program.

The grant program is funded through the USDA Forest Service State and Private Forestry Program.

Public agencies and nonprofit private entities, 501(c), are eligible to apply. All projects must be performed on non-federal public lands or land open to the public.

Community forestry activities considered for funding include local government and nonprofit organization programming, urban and community forestry education (including the purchase of forestry-related materials for public libraries), and community volunteer planting projects.

Projects must be completed by Sept. 15, 2000. Grant applications must be postmarked by July 23, 1999, in order to be given funding consideration for this grant cycle.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 17, 1999

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Regular Session on May 17, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Dodge, Councilmember Lynch, Wiacek, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent and excused were Mayor Barker and Councilmember Kaledas.

Also present were Acting City Manager Kocsis, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, City Attorney Salamone, Department of Public Services Director Barnes, and Streets, Sewer and Water Supervisor Morton.

The Mayor Pro-Tem with the approval of Council added to the "A" Agenda, Item #8 - To remove from the table the Shotka Lot Split; to the "B" Agenda, Item #8 - Shotka Lot Split, Item #9 - Emergency Ordinance for the Police Department, and Item #10, Additional Budget Workshops and to delete Item D-9.

The Mayor Pro-Tem announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

- Anthony Manetta, of Garden City, having comprehensive public comments at a Planning Meeting.
- Neil Pike, of Garden City, asked questions regarding the use of Christmas decorations and funding, hardship policy for ambulance billing charges, and road work warranty.
- Mike Bachko, of Garden City, discussed communications between Council and the public.

- Item 05-99-235 moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of May 10, 1999. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Kaledas
- The Mayor Pro-Tem announced it was time to receive communications from Boards and/or Commissions.
- No communications from Boards and/or Commissions were received.
- Item 05-99-236 moved by Briscoe; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Kaledas
- Item 05-99-237 moved by Waynick; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To remove from the table Item 05-99-207, the Shotka lot split. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Kaledas

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

- EMS Week Proclamation.
- 13th Annual Dollars Against Diabetes Campaign.
- Purchase of High School Advertisement.
- DPS Purchases - Streets/Water.
 - Fill Sand
 - Corrugated Storm Sewer Pipe
 - Removal of Excavated Material
 - Asphaltic Mixes and Tac Coat
 - Lime Stone & Crushed Concrete
 - Bagged Cement & Mortar
 - 60-40 Gravel
 - Catch basin Brick and Block
 - Mason Sand
 - Type I Barricades
 - Trailered Arrow Panel
 - Concrete Forms
 - Clay Pipe, PVC Pipe and Mastic
- DPS Purchases - Buildings/Grounds
 - Three Wheel Riding Mower
 - Paint & Paint Accessories Supplier
 - General Hardware Supplier

- Lawn Sprinkler System Repair
- Electric Sewer Snake
- Approval of the Rezoning of Lots 1699 & 1700, located at 2210 Arcola & 2070 Arcola.
- MML Resolution.
- Shotka Lot Split
- Emergency Ordinance for Police Department
- Budget Workshops

- Item 05-99-05-99-238 moved by Lynch; supported by Waynick: WHEREAS, The citizens of Garden City benefit from highly-developed Emergency Medical Service system, and WHEREAS, The American College of Emergency Physicians, the Wayne County Medical Control Authority and others have set aside a week this month to recognize members of the emergency care system, and WHEREAS, Garden City firefighter-paramedics care for about 2000 ill or injured citizens each year, and WHEREAS, The City of Garden City Fire Department has provided emergency medical and rescue services since 1965, now responding with highly skilled paramedics who can provide the highest possible level of prehospital emergency care for the citizens of Garden City, and WHEREAS, The City of Garden City plays a key part in an integrated Emergency Medical Service system that includes dispatchers, firefighters, paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians, police officers, physicians, nurses allied health professionals, EMS coordinators and elected officials, whose support is crucial to the system. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the week of May 16-22, 1999 be proclaimed Emergency Medical Services Week in Garden City as it has been designated across the country. Let this proclamation serve as testament to our appreciation for the hard work and dedication demonstrated by our Garden City Fire Paramedics, by the emergency nurses, physicians and allied health professionals at Garden City and Annapolis Hospitals, and by all members of the Emergency Medical Services system. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Kaledas
- Item 05-99-239 moved by Briscoe; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To grant permission to the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters to solicit in Garden City, June 18th, 19th and 20th, 1999, subject to valid hold harmless agreement by each participant. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Kaledas
- Item 05-99-240 moved by Lynch; supported by Lynch: Council requested the advertisement read, "Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 1999 from the City of Garden City, Mayor, Council, and Staff". RESOLVED: To authorize a purchase of advertisement in the Garden City High School Publication in the amount of \$100.00. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Kaledas
- Item 05-99-241 moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve Consent Agenda "A":
 - To award the annual supply of fill sand to Hayes Excavating Co. at \$5.65 ton.
 - To award the annual supply of corrugated storm sewer pipe to U. S. Filter.
 - To award the annual contract of excavated material removal to R & E Trucking.
 - To award the annual supply of asphaltic mixes to Barrett Paving Materials at \$21.00 per ton for 1100, \$22.00 per ton for 1200 and \$21.00 per 5 gallon of tac coat.
 - To award the annual supply of lime stone and crushed concrete to Angela's Crushed Concrete.
 - To award the annual supply of bagged cement and mortar to National Block at \$15.50 bag cement and \$4.40 bag mortar.
 - To award the annual supply of 60-40 gravel to Jackie's Transport Inc. at \$11.30 per ton.
 - To award the annual supply of catch basin brick and block to U.S. Filter at \$0.99 per block.

- To award the annual supply of mason sand to R.D. Shelby Trucking Co. at \$8.65 per ton.
- To award the annual contract of Type I Barricades and lights to Poco Sales, Inc.
- To award the bid of a trailered arrow panel to Poco Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$4,600.
- To award the bid of concrete forms to Metal Form Corporation.
- To award the annual supply of clay pipe, PVC pipe and mastic to U.S. Filter.

AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Kaledas

- Item 05-99-242 moved by Briscoe; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To approve Consent Agenda "B" for the Buildings and Grounds supplies:
 - To award the bid for one (1) Three Wheel Riding Mower in the amount of \$4,670.00 to W.F. Miller Company.
 - To award the bid for paint and paint accessories supplier to Garden City Ace Hardware as they are the sole bidder.
 - To award the bid for general hardware supplier to Garden City Ace Hardware as they are the sole bidder.
 - To award the bid for Lawn Sprinkler System Repair to Heritage Irrigation in the amount of \$3,320.00 as they were the sole bidder.
 - To award the bid for one (1) Electric Sewer Snake and options in the amount of \$2,551.00 to Grainger Industrial. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Kaledas
- Item 05-99-243 moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe: WHEREAS, the Michigan Municipal League has served as an advocate of the partner with Michigan municipalities for one hundred years; and WHEREAS, the Michigan Municipal League's mission has been to "...through cooperative effort to strengthen the quality of municipal government and administration by providing technical assistance and information to local officials regarding municipal issues..."; and WHEREAS, the City of Garden City has joined in partnership with the Michigan Municipal League since 1951; and NOW, Therefore Be It Resolved and Proclaimed, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Garden City congratulate, honors and pays tribute to the Michigan League for its service and dedication on the noteworthy occasion of its 100th year anniversary on May 23, 1999. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Kaledas
- Item 05-99-207 moved by Waynick; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To approve the lot split for 006-02-0685-002 described as the South 124.5 ft of Lots 685 and 685 Folker's Garden City #4 (vacant property on Shotka south of Elmwood on the west side). AYES: Councilmember Waynick NAYS: Mayor Pro-Tem Dodge, Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, and Briscoe. ABSENT: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Kaledas Motion fails.
- Item 05-99-244 moved by Briscoe; supported by Waynick:
 - Mike Bachko, of Garden City, asked questions regarding age of existing heater and warranty.

RESOLVED: To adopt Emergency Ordinance E-99-004 to waive the purchasing requirements to acquire water heater equipment and installation not to exceed \$3,600.00 for the Police Department. AYES: Mayor pro-tem Dodge, Councilmembers Lynch, Briscoe, and Waynick NAYS: Councilmember Wiacek ABSENT: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Kaledas Motion passed.

- Item 05-99-245 moved by Waynick; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To adopt additional budget workshop dates as follows:
 - Monday, May 24, 1999, 6:00 p.m., at City Hall Conference Room, wrap up session for Boards/Commissions.
 - Wednesday, May 26, 1999, 7:30 p.m., at Maplewood Center, water fund and CIP. AYES: Unanimous ABSENT: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Kaledas

The meeting was then adjourned.

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HOME SENSE



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Be bold, invite 'herb' into your home and life

Herbs are a wonderful fat-free, salt-free way to add flavor and zest to your meals. Be creative and bold with new seasonings in your favorite dishes.

Many herbs can be purchased fresh year-round. If you have a choice, use fresh herbs. One tablespoon of fresh herbs is equal to one-third to one-half teaspoon crushed or dried herbs.

Dried herbs have more concentrated flavor than fresh. If you are unfamiliar with the flavor of a certain herb use a small amount, you can always add more later.

Herbs are generally added toward the end of the cooking time. For soups or stews, add herbs the last 45 minutes of cooking. Extended cooking destroys the taste of many herbs. For cold foods, add herbs several hours before serving to allow flavors to blend.

Strong flavors

There are strong or dominate flavored herbs. These flavors really stand out so handle them with care. Bay, cardamom, curry, ginger, hot pepper, mustard, pepper, rosemary and sage are all strong flavors.

Here are some ways to try some of these herbs:

- **Bay** – beets, carrots, potatoes, tomatoes, fish, meats
- **Cardamom** – poached apples, curries, rice pilaf, stews, sweet potatoes
- **Curry** – chutney, chicken, fish, soups, mayonnaise
- **Ginger** – beets, carrots, squash, meats
- **Mustard** – chicken, pot roast, snap beans, Brussels sprouts
- **Rosemary** – turnips, potatoes, beef and pork roasts, oranges
- **Sage** – peas, Brussels sprouts, chowders, meats

Medium flavors

Medium flavored herbs are basil, celery seed and leaves, cumin, dill, fennel, French tarragon, garlic, marjoram, mint, oregano, winter and summer savory and thyme.

- **Basil** – potatoes, spinach, eggs, pasta, fish
- **Celery seed** – tomatoes, cabbage, meat stock
- **Cumin** – sauerkraut, beans and rice, tomato sauce
- **Dill** – broccoli, potatoes, fish, cheese dishes
- **Fennel** – bread, salad, squash, rice
- **Tarragon** – lima beans, cauliflower, fish, meats
- **Marjoram** – carrots, spinach, potatoes, fish
- **Oregano** – beans, potatoes, tomatoes, salad dressings
- **Savory** – peas, stews, meats, lentil soup
- **Thyme** – lima beans, beets, carrots, chicken

Delicate flavors

Delicate flavored herbs are used in larger quantity or combined with other herbs. These include burnet, chervil, chives and parsley.

- **Burnet** – salads (has a delicate cucumber flavor)
- **Chervil** – omelets, chicken, veal
- **Chives** – salads, potatoes, salmon
- **Parsley** – Use on almost anything

When using herbs with meats, work the herbs into the meat by rubbing them on with your hands. The flavors will penetrate better. If you accidentally "over herb" a dish, add a peeled raw potato to the dish. It will help absorb excess flavor.

Fresh herbs are perishable so use them shortly after purchase. Fresh herbs can be stored in a container of water (like flowers) except cover the whole container with a plastic bag secured with a rubber band.

Please see **HERB**, B2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Living Better Sensibly

An eye for potatoes

STORY BY RENÉE SKOGLUND • PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

From start to finish, these chips are 'Better Made'

I thought I'd died and gone to potato chip heaven. First, there was that wonderful aroma wafting down Gratiot Avenue in Detroit that told me I was nearing the Better Made potato chip factory.

Then, there was the sight of that glorious sea of bouncing blonde chips rushing along the conveyer belt on their way to being packaged.

Finally, there was the taste of a perfectly shaped, warm, crisp chip ... ah, heaven.

"When you're driving down the freeway (I-94) about 6:05 a.m., you can smell the chips. It's actually a very good smell," said Chris Mocerri, vice president of Cross & Peters Co., which makes Better Made potato chips.

Mocerri is the grandson of Cross Mocerri, who founded the company in 1930 (the company moved to its present location in 1940) with partner Peter Cipriano.

Cipriano was a chip-loving milkman and Mocerri already had experience working in a potato chip company. Both men wanted to make a better potato chip, hence the brand name, Better

Please see **BETTER**, B2

Unloading spuds: Truckloads of up to 85,000 pounds of potatoes roll into storage bins at the Better Made potato chip factory in Detroit. Most potatoes are processed into chips the same day.



One potato, two potato: After being washed, millions of potatoes lose their skins in automatic peelers. Peeler blades are constantly cleaned and sharpened. Next stop is the slicer.



Chip heaven: Sorters pick out "bad" chips before they reach the bagging process. The chips, still warm from being fried, have already been salted.



Ready for stores: Workers box bags of chips according to size. From beginning to end, a potato's transformation into a potato chip is often no more than 25 minutes.

Potato Chip History

- **1883** – Potato chips are created. Railroad magnate Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, dining at a resort in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., didn't like the fried potatoes he ordered for dinner. He sent them back to the kitchen, complaining they were too thick. Taking offense, chef George Crum sliced more potatoes paper thin, fried them to a crisp in boiling oil, and salted them. Vanderbilt loved the "crunch potato slices," and "Saratoga Chips" became a restaurant fad with the resort's socialite patrons.
- **1890** – William Tappenden of Cleveland starts delivering his homemade chips to neighborhood stores in a horse-drawn wagon. Orders increase, and his barn becomes the first potato chip factory.
- **1928** – Chip-maker Laura Scudder of Montgomery Park, Calif., invents the first potato chip bag by ironing sheets of wax paper into bags. She fills the bags with chips and irons them shut. Before this, retailers kept chips in cracker barrels or glass displays.
- **1937** – The National Potato Chip Institute (now the Snack Food Association) is founded to educate retailers and consumers on the proper use of potato chips. They can't be used like soap chips to wash clothes. They are not good poured into a bowl with sugar and cream.
- **1943** – During World War II, production of potato chips continues but ingredients are firmly rationed.
- **1946** – Fifteen-year-old Dorthea Fagnano of Yonkers, N.Y., is crowned the first Potato Chip Queen for her "Potato Chips a la Gorton" casserole made with potato chips, carrots, onions and cheese.
- **1949** – The Vincent Lopez Orchestra and the Martin Sisters record a song for the National Potato Chip Institute titled "Potato Chips," which aired along with tunes like "Rum and Coca Cola" and "The Popcorn Polka."
- **1970** – Potato chip sales reach \$1 million.
- **1973** – Chip industry takes a beating as prices for gas, used to fire their cookers, soar. Potato prices also go through the roof after a bad growing season.
- **1983** – Thicker, ridged chips made especially for dipping are introduced.
- **1988** – Low- and no-fat potato chips sales increase.

Information from the Snack Food Association, snaf.com on the Web

Save some chips for these delicious recipes

Recipes compliments of Better Made potato chips. From "Prize Winning recipes starring potato chips," published by Potato Chip International, Cleveland.

CHIPPY CHEESE STRAWS

- 1 package pie crust mix
- 2/3 cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup finely crushed potato chips
- 1 egg white
- Salt and cayenne pepper

Prepare pie crust according to package directions and roll very thin in a square shape. Combine cheese with potato chips and

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sprinkle half of mixture over half of dough. Fold over. Sprinkle remaining mixture on one-half of folded dough. Fold again. Roll out to one-quarter inch thickness. Brush with egg white and sprinkle with salt and cayenne. Cut in strips 1/2-inch by 6 inches. Bake at 450°F until crisp and golden brown.

CHIP-COATED OVEN-FRIED CHICKEN

- 1 1/2 cups finely crushed potato chips
 - 1 teaspoon salt (may eliminate)
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - Dash of paprika
 - 2 to 3 pound fryer (cut in pieces)
 - 2 eggs, slightly beaten
 - 1/4 cup milk
 - 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- Combine crushed potato chips, salt, pepper, and paprika. Combine eggs and milk. Dip chicken first in egg and milk mixture, then in chip mixture.

Melt butter in baking dish. Add chicken (do not stack) and bake at 325°F for 45 minutes or until tender.

TUNA CASSEROLE

- 3 tablespoons chopped onions
- 3 tablespoons chopped green pepper
- 1 tablespoon melted butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons diced pimiento
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup (can substitute cream of spinach or cream of asparagus soup)
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 cans (7-ounces each) tuna, drained and flaked

2 cups coarsely crushed potato chips.

Sauté onion and green pepper in butter or margarine three minutes or until tender. Remove from heat. Combine sautéed onion and green pepper, pimiento, soups, milk, lemon juice and tuna; mix well. Place 1 cup crushed potato chips in bottom of lightly buttered 1 1/2-quart casserole; add tuna mixture. Sprinkle remaining 1 cup of potato chips on top. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes. Makes six servings.

BARBECUED CHIP BURGERS

- 1 pound ground beef
 - 1 can evaporated milk
 - 1 package onion soup mix
 - 1/2 cup crushed potato chips
 - Barbecue sauce for basting
- Combine all ingredients and shape into 1-inch thick patties. Place on grill about 2 inches from flame. Baste with barbecue sauce.

MAGIC POTATO CHIP COOKIES

- 1 1/3 cups sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup crumbled potato chips

Mix condensed milk and peanut butter. Add the coconut and potato chips. Drop the mixture by spoonfuls on greased baking pan. Bake at 375°F for about 15 minutes.

SAVORY CHIPPER LOAF

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 can condensed vegetable soup
- 2 cups crushed potato chips

Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Blend together. Shape into a loaf and bake uncovered in a shallow pan at 350°F for 1 1/2 hours. Serves 6-8.

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Made. But that's history. The real story remains the process by which potato chips are made, the potato's journey from field to bag of chips.

Spuds to chips

Everything starts when a truck carrying 45,000 to 85,000 pounds of potatoes arrives at Better Made and backs onto a lift. The lift raises up the entire truck at an angle, allowing the potatoes to tumble into a conveyor, which shakes off excess dirt.

The conveyor then feeds the potatoes into storage vats that hold up to 50,000 pounds. From the vats, it's a short ride on a hopper to the water-filled "destoner." All stones and field debris are then removed.

From the destoner, the potatoes head to the peeler, where they're stripped of their skins by 23 abrasive rollers. Once peeled, the "bad" potatoes are picked off by inspectors.

Next comes the revolving slicer, followed by a wash in a rotating drum to remove most of

the starch. Afterward, the slices are blown dry and ready to be fried. The oil (90,000 pounds a week!) is pumped into the fryer through overhead tubing from huge heated vats in an adjoining room.

"We use nothing but cottonseed oil. It's the most expensive now because of the draught in Texas, but we refuse to change our formula," said Mocerri.

After a short fry, the chips are salted and whisked along a vibrating conveyor belt under sharp eyes of a chip inspector to the final bagging process.

The entire frying process, from peeler to salting, takes seven minutes, said Mocerri. A truckload of potatoes can be transformed into chips in just 25 minutes.

Lots of potatoes

Better Made processes 200,000 pounds of potatoes a day, or 40 million pounds a year. The potatoes are specially grown varieties, like Atlantic's or Snowdens. "More solid, less sugar, which keeps them nice and white," said Mocerri.

In the spring and summer, Better Made gets their potatoes from Florida and other southern states. For the rest of year, it's Michigan spuds.

Although most of Better Made's potato chips fry up a nice pale yellow, a few fry up brown. But don't dare call them "burnt." Those dark brown chips, called "rainbows," result from a more sugary potato, not overfrying. Rainbows have their own devoted following.

Bob Marracino, general manager, said chip-lovers in his home state of New Jersey prefer a browner chip. Not so in Michigan. "They tell me to bring it back and fry it. For Michigan, it's a snow-white chip. They judge by color."

No matter what the color, it takes a lot of potatoes to produce a bag of chips. One hundred pounds of potatoes produces just 21 pounds of chips.

Best chips

Redford resident Margaret Cartier, 80, who grew up near Gt. River, remembers bringing many of her 11 siblings (Archie,

Otto, Johnny, Virgie, Billy, etc.) to Better Made for free bags of broken chips.

Later, she and her future husband would pick up a fresh bag of chips and head out to Detroit City Airport for some munching and kissing.

"They were the best," Cartier said about the chips. "They were wonderful. They're nice people. We've always bought Better Made chips. I used to like the curlier ones."

Chips produced from Memorial Day through December have the best taste, said Mocerri. However, peak taste occurs in August, when Michigan potatoes are harvested.

Mocerri doesn't like chips with dark brown spots, from bruised potatoes, or chips tinged with green, the result of the sun directly hitting the potato's skin while in the field.

"I like a chip with a little color," he said. In other words, he likes the rainbows.

Curly or flat, light yellow or toasty brown, the perfect chip is always in the eye and mouth of the beholder.

Herb from page B1

Besides flavoring foods, many herbs have medicinal value. Eating rosemary, basil and parsley may reduce lung cancer. Ginger fights nausea and motion sickness. Because it fights inflammation, ginger helps arthritis patients. It may also help thin the blood preventing blood clots.

Sage, dill, anise and fennel help prevent intestinal gas and aid digestion. The menthol in peppermint can be a soothing muscle relaxant.

Herbs can be grown on your window sill. They need a lot of light so place pots in a south or west window. Herbs don't take up a lot of space and don't require a lot of care.

The fragrance of fresh of herbs in the house is wonderful. Water the soil when the pot begins to dry out, you may want to fertilize your herbs once a month.

The advantages of having "herb" in your life continue to add up. They give food flavor, require little space or care, and their health benefits cannot be denied.

Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension — Oakland County.

For answers to food questions, call the hot-line (248) 858-0904.

Stir-fry combines veggies, pork

AP — A serving of Vegetable Pork Stir-Fry contains only about 6 grams of fat.

VEGETABLE PORK STIR-FRY

- 1 pound lean boneless center-cut pork loin
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 2 1/2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger root
- 2 teaspoons wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 carrots, peeled and cut diagonally into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 sweet red or green pepper, cut into 1/4-inch strips
- 2 small yellow squash, sliced
- 2 small zucchini, cut into julienne strips
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions
- 6 ounces fresh or thawed frozen Chinese pea pods
- 2 cups broccoli flowerets
- 2/3 cup beef bouillon
- 1/3 cup dry white wine
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar

Hot cooked rice (optional)

Freeze pork for 30 to 45 minutes for ease in slicing; cut across grain into 1/4-inch strips.

Combine 2 tablespoons soy sauce, garlic, ginger, vinegar, 1 teaspoon cornstarch and pepper; mix well and pour over pork. Cover and marinate in refrigerator 4 hours or overnight. Pour oil around top and sides of preheated wok; heat for about 2 minutes at medium-high. Add marinated pork (undrained) to wok; stir-fry for 3 minutes.

Add carrots and red pepper; stir-fry for 2 minutes. Add yellow squash, zucchini and green onions; stir-fry for 3 minutes. Add Chinese pea pods and broccoli and continue stir-frying for 2 minutes. Combine beef bouillon, wine, 1 tablespoon cornstarch, remaining 1/2 tablespoon soy sauce and sugar; pour over vegetables and pork. Stir-fry over medium heat for 3 to 5 minutes until sauce is thickened and bubbly. Serve immediately over hot cooked rice, if desired.

Recipe from: *Smithfield Lean Generation Pork.*

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Use fresh herbs to bring out the flavor of foods

BY MELANIE POLK
SPECIAL WRITER

When health experts recommend that we eat more plant foods, they don't mean just fruits, vegetables and grains. Herbs are also an important source of phytochemicals, those substances in plants that are not vitamins or minerals, but possess a wealth of health-protective benefits.

Herbs have always been prized for a variety of healing properties, and in recent years cancer prevention has been added to the list of potential benefits. The compounds that produce flavor in rosemary and sage, for example, possess strong antioxidants which help fight cancer. Chives, along with garlic and onions, belong to the Allium family and are rich in sulfides and other cancer-protective substances. Using herbs to bring out the flavor in recipes is also a great way to reduce your use of fat for flavoring.

When purchasing fresh herbs, look for unblemished leaves and avoid those that are wilted, bruised or discolored. Store sturdy herbs like rosemary, thyme, sorrel, marjoram or sage wrapped in paper towels inside a plastic bag in the refrigerator.

More delicate herbs, including basil, chervil, tarragon or mint, can be stored in the refrigerator

<p>CRACKED WHEAT AND BASIL PILAF</p> <p>1 cup cracked wheat or bulgur 1 tablespoon oil 1 large onion, finely chopped 2 garlic cloves, chopped 1 1/2 cups thinly sliced mushrooms 1 large tomato, seeded and diced, or 1 Tbs. each tomato puree and water 8 tablespoons chopped fresh basil 4 tablespoons sliced almonds</p>	<p>1/2 teaspoon salt Freshly ground pepper to taste</p> <p>Prepare cracked wheat or bulgur according to package directions.</p> <p>In heavy frying pan, heat oil. Add onion and cook, stirring, over medium heat until tender. Stir in garlic and mushrooms and cook until mushrooms are tender, about 2 minutes.</p> <p>Stir in tomato, cracked wheat, basil, almonds, salt, and pepper to taste; stir until mixed and heated through.</p> <p>Nutrition information: Each of the 6 servings contains 172 calories and 6 grams of fat.</p>
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Savory side dish: Cracked wheat and basil pilaf is a delicious way to enjoy basil.

in a glass of water, stems down like flowers to keep them a little longer.

In cooking, use two to three times the quantity of fresh herbs when substituting for dried herbs, since their flavor is much more subtle. Most cooking calls for herb leaves, but cut stems usually have the strongest flavor. Robust herbs retain their flavor even if cooked for a long time, but fine herbs should be added to dishes just before serving.

Basil's mildly peppery flavor is delicious in tomato sauces, salad dressings or grains. Chervil's

part-anise, part-parsley taste makes a delicious addition to cottage cheese or green beans. The mild, sweet onion taste of chives is perfect for salads or potatoes. Fennel's flavor is a nutty anise/celery blend that is excellent in soups, salads and breads. Marjoram, with a mild oregano taste, can be used with lamb, eggplant or squash. Mint is a cool, sweet addition to tea, yogurt, fruit, carrots or peas, while sage's lemony zest is pleasant in breads, potatoes and pork dishes. Sorrel also has a lemony taste that complements spinach, cabbage and fish.

Melanie Polk is Director of Nutrition Education for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Try a taste of the Middle East

AP — Falafel is a Middle Eastern tradition, as popular in many countries as hamburgers and hot dogs in the United States. And the dish, breaded garbanzo bean croquettes, is a favorite of many vegetarians.

Today, more and more Americans are discovering the delights of such once-exotic foods from other countries. Falafel is already on menus in restaurants other than those devoted to ethnic specialties. In cities, it's a familiar

offering on fast-food carts patronized by sidewalk diners.

The following version of Falafel has only 4 grams of fat per serving.

ing. It goes well with a tangy Tomato Cucumber Relish (recipe follows), and with pita bread as an optional extra.

- FALAFEL**
- 15-ounce can garbanzo beans, rinsed, drained
 - 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
 - 1/4 cup packed parsley leaves
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 - 3/4 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
 - 2 to 3 teaspoons lemon juice
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - 1 cup dry plain bread crumbs
 - 1/4 cup chopped raisins
 - 1 egg yolk
 - Olive oil cooking spray

Combine tomato, cucumber, yogurt and mint leaves in small bowl; season to taste with salt and pepper.

Nutrition facts per serving:
311 cal., 4 g fat, 58 g carbo., 575 mg sodium, 12 g pro., 7 g dietary fiber, 54 mg chol.

Recipe from: *Bean Education & Awareness Network*

Process garbanzo beans, onion, parsley, garlic, cumin and oregano in food processor until smooth; season to taste with lemon juice, salt and pepper. Stir in 1/2 cup bread crumbs, raisins and egg yolk. Form bean mixture into 16 patties, using about 1 1/2 tablespoons for each. Coat patties with remaining 1/2 cup bread crumbs. Spray large skillet with cooking spray; heat over medium heat until hot. Cook falafel until browned on the bottom, 2 to 3 minutes. Spray tops of falafel with cooking spray and turn; cook until browned on the bottom, 2 to 3 minutes. Arrange 4 falafel on each plate; serve with Tomato-Cucumber Relish. Makes 4 servings.

TOMATO CUCUMBER RELISH

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Market nutrition

During two sessions, participants will team to make wise food choices, find low-fat alternatives to favorite foods and read food labels. Second session scheduled at Kroger in Westland (31300 Michigan Ave.). Classes are from 7-8:30 p.m. June 8 and 15.

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Scleroderma event

Magic, an auction and an ice cream social are all part of the Walk and Auction for Scleroderma on Sunday, June 13, 1999 to raise funds to support patient services and medical research. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. on the lawn of the Royal Oak Library. T-shirts, sweatshirts and other awards will be given to persons raising money. For a brochure, information, and to pre-register, call the Scleroderma Foundation office, (248) 349-2899.

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 Database (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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'INSIDIOUS' DISEASE

Support group helps members unmask thyroid symptoms

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Tracy Green of Plymouth initiated a thyroid support group after her circle of friends and acquaintances consisted of several women who were also being treated for thyroid disorders and whose symptoms sounded all too familiar to her.

"A neighbor and one of my best friends also have thyroid problems," said Green. "I thought there were probably a number of other people out there who could benefit from knowing their problems weren't in their head as a lot of us have been told at one time or another."

Green's support group, numbering approximately 30 members, some traveling from as far as Rochester Hills, Hartland and Ann Arbor, meets monthly at the Plymouth District Library. Each session includes a discussion from a guest speaker such as an endocrinologist, nutritionist or chiropractor. The next meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. Monday, June 7, at the library.

"I think I offer a lot to the group," said Deborah Allgeier, 49. "I've had every treatment possible and I've been dealing with this disease for more than 30 years."

Running the gamut of symptoms for a hyperactive thyroid, Allgeier, a Plymouth resident, started to think there was something psychologically wrong with her at the age of 15 when she lost a significant amount of weight, had trouble sleeping and an excessively fast heart rate.

"My doctor told me it was adolescence," said Allgeier, "and it was psychological."

Several months passed before she was diagnosed with a hyperactive thyroid and began to take oral medication to control her hormone levels.

After a few years the Plymouth resident says she was weaned off the medication but began to experience symptoms again while she was in college.

"My symptoms came back in full force. I was down to about 98 pounds, couldn't sleep and so on. My doctor prescribed what they call the atomic cocktail — you drink radioactive iodine — and that took care of things for about 20 years."

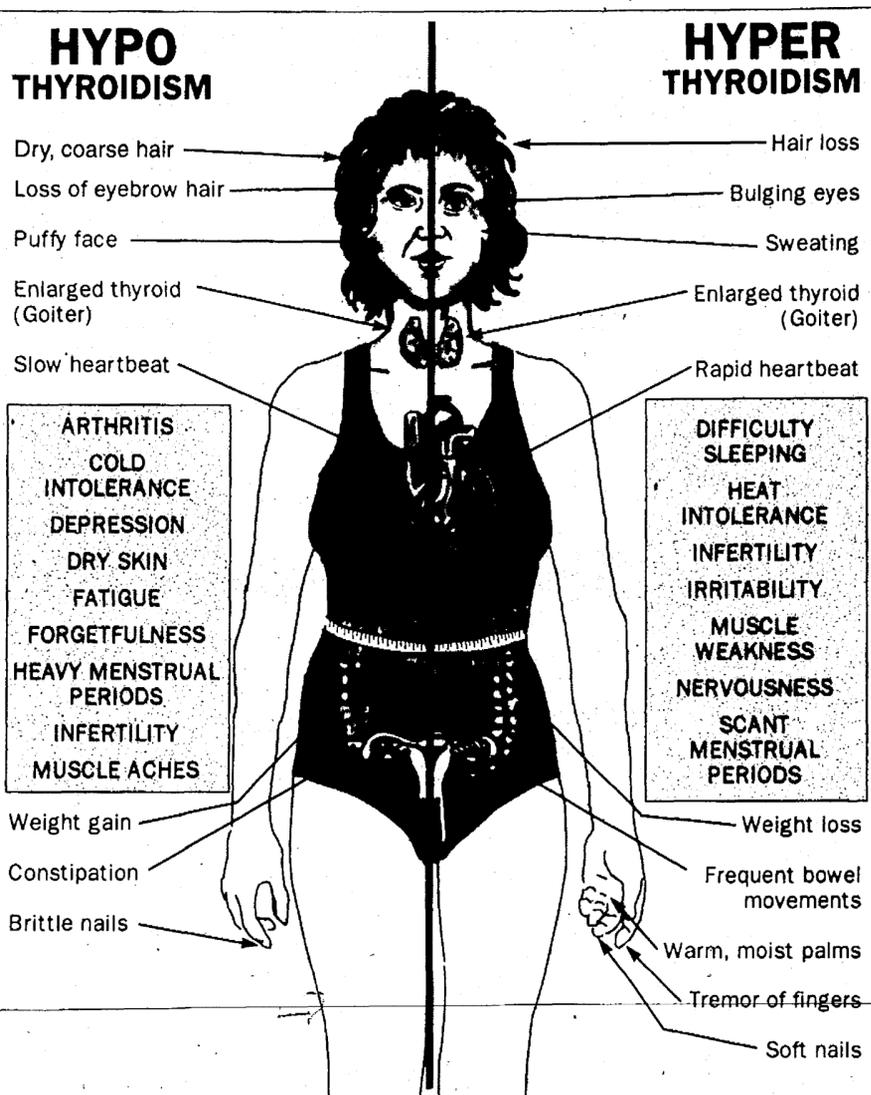
Allgeier refers to thyroid disorders as "insidious" diseases because the symptoms mask themselves as "all kinds of other things," and are often more dangerous than seems evident.

"I don't think thyroid problems are taken as seriously as they should be," said Allgeier, who found it difficult dealing with doctors and hospitals who wanted to blame the source of her symptoms on something psychological or stress-related.

Approximately three years ago Allgeier's hyperactive thyroid developed into an underactive thyroid and she began to experience weight gain, hives, fatigue, and significant sweating. Last year her TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormones) levels were "out of control" and she was diagnosed with Graves disease. Finally she opted to have a thyroidectomy (surgical removal of the thyroid gland) in October 1998.

"I feel so much better and haven't had a hive since. I'm just too fat now, but I know once the medication gets regulated that will change."

Graves disease causes your thyroid to produce an overabundance of thyroid hormone and you become hyperthyroid. One classic symptom is a goiter, or an enlarged thyroid gland that can be detected by pressing or palpating the region of



your neck where your thyroid is located.

Thyroid disorders are also believed to be hereditary. Allgeier says numerous women on both her mother's and father's sides of the family suffer from thyroid problems. "Your chances of developing a thyroid disorder are significantly higher if members of your family such as a parent, aunt and uncle or sibling have also been diagnosed," said Green.

Allgeier says you have to keep your sense of humor about you or the disease, and its symptoms, can take over your life.

"I have four different sizes of clothing in my closet," laughed the Plymouth resident. "I won't have to go shopping for a while."

Source of support

Green says the Internet also offers a wealth of information and should be used as both a resource and as a support system for those sufferers who frequent chat rooms and sites maintained by thyroid patients.

The Plymouth resident warns, however, that the information and advice gleaned online should not take the place of a visit to your physician or

endocrinologist.

Here is a list of suggested sites including the address of a Web site maintained by Green.

- Endocrine Web
www.endocrineweb.org
- Gland Central
www.glandcentral.com
- The American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
www.aace.org
- The American Thyroid Association, Inc.
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- The Endocrinology Society
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- Tracy Green's Web site
http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid

Thyroid disorders can be difficult to diagnose

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Approximately 14 million Americans, predominantly women, suffer from an under (hypothyroidism) or over active (hyperthyroidism) thyroid. The disorder can be challenging to diagnose based on the wide variety of symptoms, sufferers report.

The thyroid gland, which governs our metabolism, affects every cell in the body and collaboratively works to maintain the body's functions. Variations in hormone production can have significant ramifications on a person's energy level, heart rate, organ function, weight and vision.

Tracy Green of Plymouth was diagnosed with hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid) four months after the birth of her third child.

"I was having a hard time functioning and I was tired all the time," said Green. "My doctor told me it was stress."

The 35-year-old said ironically she recently read an article about thyroid

disorders and suggested to her physician that he test her hormone levels while he was drawing blood for a cholesterol screening.

"My thyroid was so underactive the doctor said he was surprised I wasn't in a coma," said Green.

Green's blood work also indicated an elevated cholesterol level. In the past she also experienced depression, dry skin, low blood pressure, muscle tightening and hair loss. The final diagnosis was Hashimoto's Disease — a condition in which the immune system attacks the thyroid gland.

Routinely, infections are fought by a person's immune system as it makes the distinction between the body's own cells and those carried by viruses and bacteria.

Antibodies and protector cells are distributed throughout the body to battle these foreign cells before they wear down the immune system. Hashimoto's disease causes your immune system to send protector cells to your thyroid as it inadvertently identifies them as foreign cells.

According to Knoll Pharmaceutical Company, the manufacturer of a thyroid medication, "This is called autoimmune condition, which simply means that your immune system is attacking your own cells. In an autoimmune condition, the immune system continues to act just like it's fighting something foreign and it produces protector cells against the thyroid cells."

Not alone

Peggy Kremer of Plymouth said several physicians she saw were also quick to blame her busy lifestyle and the stress associated with raising three children on her physical problems that included extreme fatigue, thinning hair, muscle aches, digestive problems, depression and anxiety. "Some people have more physical problems relating to their thyroid ... mine are more mentally terrible," said Kremer. "The whole last year has been really bad."

The 36-year-old Plymouth resident says she was diagnosed in 1998 with

hypothyroidism and has been struggling to maintain regular hormone levels through oral medications. A blood test confirmed high levels of TSH and low levels of thyroid hormones after Kremer gave birth to her third child.

"I was getting more and more tired and I noticed my thyroid gland was swollen. It even bothered me to wear a turtle neck. No matter how loose it was it felt like it was choking me."

An important detail in Green and Kremer's treatment has been the pursuit of a physician who will take their symptoms and their treatment seriously.

"Don't give up even if you're frustrated," said Kremer. "Find someone that you're comfortable with and that will listen to you. Some doctors are too quick to write a prescription and send you on your way. It's a way you can challenge your doctors if you're not getting the answers you want. I think the peace of mind in knowing what's going on with you helps more than anything."

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"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

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THUR, JUNE 3

LUPUS SUPPORT

The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter will gather at 7:30 p.m. the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty St., Farmington. Parveen Qazi, M.D., rheumatologist will discuss "Lupus and overlapping diseases that mimic lupus," such as fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, Epstein Barr, RA. Call Andrea Gray (734) 261-6714 for more information.

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will offer a Pre-Marital Counseling Class from 7-8 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room A. Those who wish to marry in Michigan are required to receive information about sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS before applying for a marriage license. Certificates are valid for 60 days. Registration is required. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Call (734) 655-1100.

SAT, JUNE 5

PITUITARY SUPPORT

The next Pituitary Disorders Education and Support Group Meeting will be held in West Bloomfield, Michigan, at the Henry Ford Medical Center on 6777 West Maple Rd from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meeting will be held in the lower level conference rooms. The Topic will be "Drug interactions for medications commonly prescribed for patients with pituitary tumors." Feel free to attend and bring your family or friends. Dr. Jack Rock will be at each meeting for questions.

MEDICAL NEWS

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New administrators

St. Mary Hospital recently announced the addition of three new members to the hospital administration. They include Michael DeRubeis, vice president, Finance, Chief Financial Officer; Judith Johnson, vice president, Patient Care Services/Chief Nurse Executive; and Kathleen Kittle, vice president, Network and Continuum Development.

DeRubeis, previously from William Beaumont Hospital, has been Chief Financial Officer of St. Mary Hospital for the past five years. DeRubeis' responsibilities include overseeing Financial Services, Information Sys-

tems, Medical Information Services, materials Management and Patient Support Services. In his new position, DeRubeis assists hospital management in developing plans and programs to insure financial viability for St. Mary Hospital.

Johnson's responsibilities include overseeing the Laboratory, Case Management, Cardiovascular, Anesthesia, Perioperative Services, Radiology, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Oncology, Pharmacy, Performance Improvement, Behavior Medicine, Emergency Center, Women's Center, Medical-Surgical and Critical Care Services. In her new position she plans to focus on service line development and continuum of care in the areas of women's health, oncology, orthopedics and pulmonary services.

Kittle's responsibilities include overseeing Community Relations, Physician Services, Managed Care, Planning, Marketing,

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Home Health. In addition to the development and implementation of specific services to enhance the continuum of care provided by St. Mary Hospital, Kittle will provide strategic focus and leadership in managed care strategy and network growth opportunities.



Kittle



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Accreditation

St. Mary Hospital has achieved accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) after the survey process in March. The Hospital received a score of 94 out of 100 from the Joint Commission representatives who evaluated standards pertaining to the governing body, administration, medical staff and hospital departments.

Chiropractor honored

Dr. John O'Connor of Livonia was presented with the Weldon S. Derfield, D.C. "Pioneer Award" at the recent Michigan Chiropractic Society (MCS) convention. The MCS honored O'Connor for the hundreds of hours he has unselfishly given to improve his profession over the years. "He has been a pioneer for the profession by serving in many different capacities in his state association."

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PC MIKE The first thing you notice about watching a space launch from the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla. is that as soon as the huge Saturn rocket ignites, it blasts off the pad a lot faster than it appears on television.

The second thing you notice is the noise of the rockets. It's awesome. It hits you like a wave and is so loud that, I swear, the bones in my chest rattled for a good 30 seconds. Very cool.

On TV, the powerful cameras zoom in and follow the rocket as it climbs into the sky. It seems to take forever to disappear from view. In person, it doesn't "climb." That's too lame a word. It leaps into the clouds and is gone from the naked eye in just a couple of seconds. Really, as I watched the launch of Discovery from America's Space Port Thursday, I thought that it was like a bottle rocket. That's how fast it goes when you see it up close and personal.

Up close is about three miles away. That's as near as the NASA officials will let anyone be to the launch pad. Three miles is still in the official blast zone, which, we were told, means there's a bit of danger. It seems a powdery residue from the solid rocket booster exhaust is composed partially of hydrogen chloride. And, in combination from moisture, it can form droplets of hydrochloric acid.

Thus, under certain weather conditions and if the wind is just right, we journalists watching from the Complex 39 Press Site could have been covered with the stuff. We were told that we should be prepared to run into a nearby building or our vehicles if warned.

That, fortunately, didn't happen Thursday.

Instead, I was able to witness the launch of what NASA calls STS-96, a 10-day supply mission by the Space Shuttle Discovery to the still-under-assembly International Space Station, 250 miles above the earth.

The reason I was there this week was to learn about the use of computers in space.

For in the 5,000 pounds of gear and material brought up to the International Space Station by the seven-member crew are a whole bunch of laptop PCs.

You'd think that the NASA space engineers would be implementing all sorts of sophisticated, powerful and very secret proprietary computer systems. Instead, I was surprised to learn, that they're taking up a bunch of IBM ThinkPads... the same kind of PC's many of us lug back and forth from the office to the home.

"Personal computers are now so powerful and sophisticated that it's easier and more cost-effective for us to do just what the consumer does, order them up from a PC vendor," says Andy Klausman, an engineer with United Space Alliance, the main contractor for the NASA Space Shuttle program. "I don't think the average PC user realizes how powerful today's machines really are."

The shuttle crew plans to

leave five ThinkPads on the International Space Station for use next year by the crew that will eventually move in and constantly staff the orbiting extra-terrestrial base camp.

Aboard the Discovery shuttle vehicle right now, the crew is using nine ThinkPads. If you watch the TV coverage of the mission, you'll always see one of the laptops floating around in zero gravity. "Actually, to keep them from bumping into them, they often have to Velcro them to the walls," IBM's James Sciales told me on my visit to the Kennedy Space Center.

Klausman, the engineer, has

in his Houston office an IBM ThinkPad that served aboard the Russian Mir space station. When Mir had an accident a couple of years ago, the laptop was in the portion of the cargo bay that was seriously damaged. The bay was so damaged that there was a leak and the ThinkPad was exposed to a the vacuum of space. When Mir was eventually repaired, the laptop was retrieved and brought back to earth.

The only damage was the backlight for the screen, which popped in the vacuum. It was fixed and the laptop still works. I told the IBM folks they ought to

copy the old Timex watch commercial: "Takes a licking and keeps on ticking."

The laptops in space have actually replaced the typical cockpit-mounted "rack" computers that we used to see on our spacecraft. The ThinkPads are used by the crew for all sorts of functions, from managing command and control systems to sending e-mail back to their families on earth and NASA engineers in Houston.

In one of the more unusual applications, when the robotic space "arm" is extended from Discovery to do some welding work on the International Space

Station, the exterior camera is plugged into a ThinkPad and the operation is monitored by the Shuttle crew inside Discovery on the laptop screen.

"These laptops just make everything more efficient," said Klausman. "They're all networked together and hooked up by the communications system to the NASA system back on earth."

"When the crew sleeps, the laptops are awake. They're as much a part of the mission as the radio and telemetry systems."

If you want to learn more about the mission and see what

is happening up there in space, visit the Kennedy Space center Web site at www.ksc.nasa.gov

This weekend, I'll be talking about the use of computers in space on my PC Talk Radio Show on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT.

Thanks to the people at a company called AltITalk, you can now listen to my radio show on the Internet at www.pcmike.com. I tape-recorded the Thursday launch, and you'll be able to hear that incredible blast off noise yourself.

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BUSINESS NEWS

President honored

Bank One President Walter C. Watkins Jr., a graduate of Wayne State University, was recently honored by the University for his business achievements. Watkins, a Livonia resident, earned an MBA degree from WSU in 1977. In addition to the duties of president, Watkins is responsible for the corporation's small business strategy in Michigan, Indiana and Illinois.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra names new conductor

Nan Washburn said it may be hard to believe, but her decision to leave sunny California for a conductor/music director position with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra was an easy one. She'll be unpacking boxes of music scores the first week of August in time for the first rehearsal for the 1999-2000 season.

"I'm really excited about the new position," said Washburn during an interview from her home in Pacifica. "The skill of this orchestra puts it up to a semi-professional or professional orchestra. When I was here to audition in November, I talked with the orchestra and they think of themselves as a family."



PHOTO BY CATHERINE BYRD

New Ideas: Nan Washburn has been appointed as the music director/conductor of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Washburn, who prefers the term community-based orchestra to community orchestra, will ease her way into the position. There'll be no drastic changes in the orchestra led by conductor/music director Russell Reed for the last 12 years. Reed retired in April to pursue his love of travel, golf and woodworking.

"The first year is a little challenging because I need to get to know the orchestra and they need to get to know me and then we can begin working on increasing performance skill," said Washburn.

The announcement of Washburn as new conductor/music director signals an exciting time for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra as well. One of the reasons Washburn was chosen for the position is because of her innovative programming. Winner of 13 ASCAP awards for adventuresome programming from the American Symphony Orchestra League, Washburn began studying past Plymouth Symphony programs last year to get a handle on the type of repertoire favored by area audiences.

Washburn plans to introduce composers who are not household names especially women and others from multi-cultural backgrounds. She'd also like the composers to attend the concert. In the works for the new season is an accordion concerto by Janica Vandervelde, Washburn premiered the work, "Cafes of Melbourne" in March 1998 and would like to bring it to Plymouth for the 1999-2000 season. Washburn is also hoping to program Harold Farberman's work for a jazz drummer. It would be part an all-jazz program.

Familiar works will not be left behind. Themes will play a big part because Washburn believes they put the music in context.

Expanding education

Washburn's interest in expanding education and concerts for kids was another reason the orchestra chose her from the final two candidates. Washburn applauds board president Don Soenen's initiative to bring the orchestra into public and private schools in Plymouth and Canton. Last fall, he and his wife Colleen funded a \$40,000 grant to introduce third and fourth grade students to the wonders of Chopin and Schostakovich over a two-year period.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to link with the community," said Washburn. "I'd like to see us get into more family

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Detroit Women Writers kick off year-long celebration

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Alice Elinor Bartlett would have probably gasped in horror over the graphic language and sexual descriptions in Julia Grice's suspense novel "Jagged Light."

In 1906, Bartlett, a founding member of Detroit Women Writers, was writing flowery poems about the parson coming to tea.

Ninety-nine years to the day, the Detroit Women Writers will kick off a year-long celebration of their 100th anniversary with a literary evening. The Birmingham Village Players and Cranbrook Writers Guild will present both works along with selections by Margaret Hillert, Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli, Naomi Long Madgett, Kathleen Ripley Leo, Joyce Carol Oates, Linda Nemeo Foster, Ruth Ryan Langan and S.K. Wolfe of Livonia.

Bob Carington's job is to put the authors of the Detroit Women Writers recently published anthology "Century of Voices" on stage and "make it entertaining." As director of the Birmingham Village Players production with his wife, Jerri, Carington realized his biggest challenge was to trim the selections chosen for "Authors on Stage" on Saturday, June 5. The book stands on its own when it comes to taking the reader through a roller coaster of emotions from laughter to surprise.

"Authors On Stage"

What: Cranbrook Writers Guild and the Birmingham Village Players present works from the Detroit Women Writers recently published anthology, "Century of Voices."
When: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 5.
Where: Village Players Theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham.
Tickets: \$25, \$50 (sponsor), \$100 (patron), \$150 (benefactor). Call (248) 646-0658. Proceeds to benefit the Cranbrook Writers Guild and the Birmingham Village Players.

variety," said Carington of Bloomfield Village. "We're making them into little one acts. From Julia Grice's hard hitting 'Jagged Light' to a poem by the first president (Bartlett) that's very old-fashioned and charming. We try to mix the evening up."

Evolution of a project

Originally "Century of Voices" was intended to chronicle 100 years of Detroit Women Writers history. Marion Tuttle Marzolf had been taking oral accounts from older members for a decade. Carolyn Vosburg Hall, who calls herself an idea person because of the 12 published crafts books she's orchestrated, came up with the concept of combining history and the writings. Archives of the Burton Collection at the Detroit Public Library

Century of Voices: The Detroit Women Writers celebrate their 100th anniversary with the release of an anthology and the literary evening "Authors on Stage."

were combed for material. Current members were asked to submit selections as well. Then the work began for co-editors Vosburg Hall, Corinne Abatt, Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli, Tuttle Marzolf and Doris Scharfenberg.

"It's what people are writing," said Vosburg Hall, Cranbrook Writers Guild president and a Bloomfield Hills resident. "It's what people are thinking. It's what women thought. They take a different slant on the world. They give us a glimpse of what it was like back then."

Women today enjoy the freedom to write about subjects never dreamed about 100 years ago. As the Detroit Women Writers celebrate their 100th anniversary with the recent release of an anthology "Century of Voices," there's plenty to be thankful for.

History

The Detroit Women Writers was started by 13 women, most of whom were members of the Women's International Press Union, on June 5, 1900. Bartlett, whose pseudonym was Birch Arnold, was typical of its membership. A columnist for the *Detroit Journal* as well as a novelist, poet and librettist for at least one comic opera, Bartlett's first novel, "Until Day Breaks," was published in 1877.

"With 'Authors on Stage' we went for quality and dramatic impact with the idea of bringing good literature to people," said Vosburg Hall.

Abatt and members of the Cranbrook Writers Guild chose the selections to be staged at the Birmingham Village Players Theater. Abatt, a former arts editor for the *Eccentric Newspapers*, will read her winning fiction at the Detroit Women Writers Spring Readings 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at the main branch of the Detroit Public Library.

Salute

"It's a nice evening to salute the



Jazz lovers to gather for brunch

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Larry Nozero's memory of his father playing clarinet around the house from the time he was a child is a powerful one. Nozero, a saxophonist with 40 years in the music business, never learned to play the Italian folk songs of his father's native country. But he did learn to love music.

Nozero is bringing his jazz quartet and guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell to the Father's Day Brunch at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The brunch is a benefit for the July 18 Michigan Jazz Festival which has been moved this year from the Botsford Inn to Schoolcraft College.

"My father was a natural player. There was always music around the house," said Nozero. "He taught me the basic reasons for being a musician. He taught me about expression. That it's a way to express your feelings."

The first jazz record he heard, by Benny Goodman, hooked Nozero for life. Before long, he was listening to Art Pepper and Charlie Parker, and finally his own career took off. In the early years, he toured with a number of legendary jazz musicians including Stan Kenton, Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, and Henry Mancini. Nozero's own group was the first American quartet to play the Montreaux Jazz Festival in Switzerland when it originated 19 years ago. In 1997, he was inducted into the Legends of Jazz International Hall of Fame. In December he was a featured guest with the Birmingham

Father's Day Brunch

What: A fund-raising gourmet brunch featuring the music of the Larry Nozero Quartet with guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell.
When: Noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20 (brunch served noon to 1 p.m.).
Where: Upper Waterman, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, (between Six and Seven Mile Roads), Livonia.
Tickets: \$25, call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454. No tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds help offset costs of the admission-free Michigan Jazz Festival to be held Sunday, July 18 at Schoolcraft College.

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Fund-raiser: Larry Nozero and his quartet will be joined by guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell at a Father's Day brunch to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival.

OPERA

Bloomfield Hills resident stars in MOT's 'Samson & Delilah'

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On an unexpectedly cool, blustery afternoon in late May, Irina Mishura sits demurely in the Madison Lounge on the first floor of the Detroit Opera House. Rehearsal has ended early, and the mezzo-soprano whose passionate performances in "Carmen," "Aida" and "Madame Butterfly" won her international critical praise settles in to a reflective mood.

There is little hint of the defiant seductress, Delilah, who Mishura will portray in Michigan Opera Theatre's "Samson & Delilah," opening this Saturday.

Not long ago, Mishura may have been content to just sit in the lobby of any opera house and talk about her aspiration for the stage.

So much for inevitability.

For the last three years, the Bloomfield Hills resident has strapped her career to a rocket headed to



PHOTO BY SCOTT SALZMAN

Hair today, gone tomorrow: Irina Mishura, (left), performs the role of Delilah in all six performances of MOT's "Samson and Delilah." The role of the long-haired Samson will be performed by Mark Lundberg, (right), and Ian Denolfo.

the operatic stratosphere, performing in opera houses in San Francisco, Toronto, Vienna, Lisbon and Brussels. Next fall, Mishura will make her debut at the Met.

Ask her about her schedule for the next six months, and in her heavy Russian accent with near-perfect English diction, she'll explain that she'll have to get back to you.

Busy? There's probably an itinerary just to schedule the itinerary. Mishura has just returned from trips to Helsinki and Munich. After her upcoming Detroit Opera House performances, she'll head to Lisbon to perform "Aida."

For the moment, however, Mishura is content to be home — both in Bloomfield Hills and the Detroit Opera House, where she initially performed three years ago at the gala opening celebration, which fea-

tured Luciano Pavarotti.

"That was one of the most amazing moments of my life," she said. "Watching Pavarotti sing, I had tears rolling down my face."
Wait until you hear Mishura.

A bad-hair day

In February of last year, Mishura first performed the role of Delilah in Tel Aviv as part of the 50th-year celebration of the state of Israel. She has also performed the role earlier this year at the New Orleans Opera.

The allegory of Samson is ideally suited for the extravagant spectacle of opera. The myth, mystery and passion finds a seductive expression in Camille Saint-Saens' opera, first performed in France in 1890.

As the curtain rises, the Philistines in Gaza are forcing the Israelites to

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Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra and plans to do more appearances with community orchestras in the 1999-2000 season. In fact, his latest CD "Warm" was recorded with full orchestra.

Nozero began recording his own music 15 years ago. For decades before that, he was a studio musician with Motown. After 40 years in the business, Nozero is still proud of his roots.

"I was a little kid in the early '50s in Detroit listening to Kenny Burrell and Yusef Lateef on the street corners," said Nozero, a faculty member in the Wayne State University Jazz Studies Program since 1982. "Jazz music for me is a viable thing even though we don't have the music (recording) industry any more in Detroit. During those days in Motown we were making a lot of music."

Even though Nozero enjoys playing club dates (he'll be at La Bistecca Italian Grille in Livonia on June 7), he thrives on performing in the jazz festivals because they're usually day/weekend-long events which spotlight a variety of styles. This year, in addition to the Michigan Jazz Festival, Nozero will play at the Birmingham Jazz Festival and the Ford Montreaux Jazz Festival in Detroit.

"The festivals are important to us musicians and also the jazz folks that we have venues to be together," said Nozero. "It's difficult. Jazz music is not often well represented in area venues. The Michigan Jazz Festival helps keep the music exposed plus the

music is free."

Midge Ellis plans to keep it that way, but she's worried because the fifth annual Michigan Jazz Festival will cost more to produce than in the past due to the change of venue. She's hoping the Father's Day Brunch will raise part of the estimated \$22,000 to \$25,000 it will take to produce the festival.

"It's a great event for people to take their fathers to and hear the music they grew up with and love," said Ellis of Livonia who is helping coordinate the brunch and festival. "Some people will buy a table of eight so the whole family can go."

During the festival there will be four stages with continuous music, the same as at the Botsford Inn. Both the upper and lower level of the Waterman Center, Forum Recital Hall, and an outdoor stage in the heart of the campus will treat jazz fans to the music of Bess Bonier, George Benson, Matt Michaels with Jack Brokensha, SCool JAzz and Prime, the Janet Tenaj Trio, and Big Bands such as the Brookside Jazz Ensemble, Eddie Nuccilli, and the Larry Teal Saxophone Octet. New this year is Sheila Landis.

"We're moving it mainly to house a bigger audience," said Ellis. "We just plain ran out of room. Schoolcraft College is accessible. There's unlimited parking. At Botsford the crowd ran around 5,000. We feel we'll get more than that at Schoolcraft."

Funding

Ellis expects staging, sound and lighting to cost around \$2,000 per stage. Add to that fees for set-up, security and the more than 170 musicians. Half of the total cost for musicians will be paid for by the Music Performance Trust Funds through the U.S. Recording Companies, as arranged by Local No. 5, American Federation of Musicians. Figures aren't in yet from the Clarenceville Jazz Series held this spring, but the fundraising concerts, which featured tributes to jazz greats, will help with some of the cost. Proceeds from the Father's Day Brunch and a Givingthanksforjazz Brunch in November help pay for printing fliers and other expenses. Major backers, including the Lear Corporation, have already promised support, but Ellis is still looking for sponsors.

"We're trying to raise more money," said Ellis. "It's going to be a great event. The American Harvest Restaurant will be open for gourmet dining, the food will be absolutely fantastic. A food court will be located near the outdoors stage."

Ellis hopes jazz lovers attend the Father's Day Brunch Sunday, June 20.

"A lot of people have a conception of jazz that it calls for a cellar and smoke-filled rooms," said Ellis. "Jazz belongs on the concert stage. Those of us who love it we're aging and if we don't get the word out to the young people, jazz is going to die."

Professionals, students perform at the Ferndale Jazz Fest '99

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When Dave Coleman was 9 years old he saw Louis Armstrong on TV.

"He was on stage having so much fun. I decided that's what I wanted to do," said Coleman. "I learned how to play trumpet."

Now assistant music director at Ferndale High School, Coleman, who also teaches at Coolidge Middle School, is passing the tradition of jazz onto the next generation.

On Saturday, June 5, his bands will be among the 13 professional, high school and middle school jazz bands playing at Jazz Fest '99, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Ferndale High School Courtyard, 881 Pinecrest, between Coolidge and Livornois, south of 9 Mile Road. All day admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students, children under 6 free. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on. Call (248) 547-1700 Ext. 5115 for information.

The event evolved from a concert to a longer concert to an all day come and go as you please jazz festival. Food and beverages will be offered for sale in the courtyard throughout the day.

"Last year was incredible," said Coleman about the festival which drew professional and student jazz groups. "My only regret is that there were only 150 people there. We're hoping to get as many people as possible this year."

■ 'It's wonderful for kids, it's more fun to have a jam session than to be in the street and get in trouble. Music stimulates their brain big time.'

Dave Coleman
Ferndale High School

The festival offers an opportunity to hear local youngsters and professionals such as drummer Miguel Gutierrez and his group, Truth.

For the students, it's a chance to shine. "The kids love to perform at the end of the year when they're at their best," said Coleman.

Rosemary Spatafora is among the parents helping with the festival. Her son Jeff is a sophomore at Ferndale High School and plays alto sax.

"It's fun for the public to hear the music, and jazz is becoming so popular," she said. "Mr. Coleman wanted the kids to hear other jazz bands play to expand their exposure. It's exciting and gratifying to see kids get recognition."

For Coleman it's all about jazz, and exposing as many people as he can to this American art form. "We can't take credit for classical music or polkas," he said. "But when it comes to jazz that's ours that's American. It's wonderful for kids, it's more fun to have a jam session than to be in the street and get in trouble. Music

stimulates their brain big time."

The Ferndale Jazz Combo, which consists of five members of the jazz band, has been invited to perform at the 1999 Montreaux Detroit Jazz Festival.

- Here's the JazzFest Schedule
- 11-11:30 a.m. — Best Middle School Jazz
 - 11:40 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. — Southfield Lathrup Jazz Quintet
 - 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. — Best Vocal Jazz Ensemble
 - 1:10-1:50 p.m. — Keith Gamble
 - 2-2:40 p.m. — Tim Flarity Trio
 - 2:50-3:30 p.m. — Berkley High School Jazz Band
 - 3:40-4:20 p.m. — "Truth" featuring Miguel Gutierrez
 - 4:30-5:10 p.m. — Detroit High School of Performing Arts
 - 5:20-6 p.m. — The Jamie Hughes Quintet
 - 6:10-6:50 p.m. — Pine Quest
 - 7-7:40 p.m. — Ferndale High School Jazz Ensemble
 - 7:50-8:30 p.m. — Ferndale High Vocal Ensemble
 - 8:40-9:20 p.m. — Staff/alumni

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work. Rousing his fellow Jews from the depths of despair, Samson rallies the Hebrews to resist their oppressors.

Samson, endowed with the strength of 10,000 men, overcomes the onslaught of the Philistine army, but falls prey to the most seductive Philistine maiden, Delilah.

Eventually, Delilah learns of the secret source of Samson's strength. Soon, Samson suffers the ultimate "bad hair day," loses his self-esteem (along with his hair) and the respect of his fellow Hebrews.

Meanwhile, amid a Bacchanal orgy, the Philistines revel in their victory.

Weakened and ridiculed, Samson prays to God to restore his strength. His prayer is answered. Samson regains his strength, pushes over the pillars holding up the temple where the Philistines are celebrating and buries his people's enemies.

The morality tale on the rewards of persistence isn't lost on Mishura, who has overcome great odds in her rapid rise in

the opera world.

Prayers do get answered.

Gift from the Gods

In many ways, Mishura's life could be translated into an opera with a happy ending, a tale whereby the heroine with the gift from the Gods actually gets to live her lifelong dream.

"I have been so stubborn," said Mishura, who immigrated seven years ago from Moldavia as a political refugee. She was forced to flee as anti-Russian, anti-Semitic sentiment swept through the former Soviet republic, where Mishura spent seven years as the leading mezzo-soprano at the Moldavia Opera, a 4,000-seat house.

"There was no way I wanted to do anything else. I had a dream like everyone else. I just couldn't have imagined how hard it would be."

Despite a profession where an impressive vocal range amid the upper-scale octaves is as legendary as diva-like snits, Mishura is not only exceptionally talented but uncommonly down-to-

earth.

Shortly after immigrating from Moldavia, Mishura found a home at the Jewish Community Center where she practiced her singing. People would gather and listen. Soon, she had a list of students to whom she taught voice. Then, Mishura began to sing in choruses and at synagogues.

A stint as a waitress at DePalma's Restaurant in Livonia brought her in contact with a many of her future colleagues in the local opera community. DePalma's, at the time, was sponsoring opera concerts on Wednesdays.

Mishura recalls those days fondly. That's also when she met her current husband, whose sense of promotion transformed her career — and her life.

"I think that I've had two lives," she said. "One in Russia and the other since coming to America."

"I've learned that you must be faithful to your art."

And that's commitment in any language.

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concerts. The baby boomer segment of the population of which I'm a member isn't in the habit of attending symphony concerts. I'd like to see programming that's very accessible to anyone who has not gone to a symphony concert. In between selections I'd like to talk to the audience about the composer and work. It's an educational component set in a casual atmosphere."

Washburn believes children especially love contemporary music.

"My experience has been if children hear a Hadyn symphony or a contemporary symphony, they will love the contemporary more," said Washburn. "If you listen to the music behind children's programs and cartoons today, it's very contemporary. The music for Jurassic Park, for example, it's contemporary, very colorful."

Multiple duties

In addition to handling the conducting duties, Washburn's

position as music director will allow her to experiment with marketing ideas such as subscription parties where she'll talk about the repertoire and the season. Her duties seem overwhelming for a part time position, but Washburn is up to the challenge. Her unlimited enthusiasm and energy was just one of the reasons Washburn was Soenen's choice. Besides her position with the Plymouth Symphony, Washburn will be flying back to Pacifica to conduct Orchestra Sonoma part time. She is currently conductor of Orchestra Sonoma and the Channel Island Symphony in Southern Calif. Washburn will also continue guest conducting as she has in the past for the University of Michigan-Philharmonia Orchestra, Richmond Symphony (Va.), Sacramento Symphony Orchestra, and other community orchestras.

"Nan Washburn's a tremendously talented music director/conductor," said Soenen, board

president. "She's very creative and exciting with programming and has a track record of doing that and for building orchestras. She also has an interest in developing programs with schools, and that's near and dear to my heart."

Those were the qualifications Linda Alvarado and the rest of the search committee were looking for among the more than 150 applicants. Over the last year, seven finalists were selected to either rehearse with the orchestra or conduct a concert in the thorough search for the position. Two were then chosen for the board's review. Washburn's demeanor and experience won out. Washburn, who has a master's in performance from the New England Conservatory of Music, was a professional flutist for several years before beginning conducting studies in 1984. She was conductor of the San Francisco State University Symphony Orchestra and the Symphonic Band, and music director of the Camellia Symphony Orchestra in Sacramento. She also co-founded the Women's Philharmonic.

"Nan has a reputation among musicians as eliciting their skills to the highest levels because she senses what they're thinking," said Alvarado. "She also has exhibited a great interest in community development. She has a real zeal for integrating community and the arts."

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ANN ARBOR ARTISANS' MARKET
Features fine arts and handmade crafts by 50 Michigan artists. Open every Sunday through December at Farmers' Market at Kerrytown, 315 Detroit, Ann Arbor.

ART ON THE AVENUE
More than 120 artists, a classic car show, music and a children's area at this 13th annual event, June 5-6 in Dearborn's West Village.

ART OVER THE INTERSTATE
A fine arts & crafts fair in Charlotte M. Rothstein Park over I-696 in Oak Park. May 31, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

CANTON FINE ART & CRAFT SHOW
More than 90 artists featured at the 8th annual show, June 19-20. Heritage Park, Canton Township.

AUDITIONS / CALL FOR ARTISTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

CALL FOR ENTRIES
The Plymouth Community Arts Council is seeking artists to participate in their Sept. 11-12 show at Central Middle High School in Plymouth. For an application call (734) 416-4278.

DANCE AUDITIONS
Michigan Theater and Dance Troupe holds auditions for 16-year-old and older dancers on Saturdays through August. Appointment only. Call (248) 552-5001.

Auditions for the Marygrove College 30th annual Summer School for the Performing Arts Festival of Dance are June 6, 1 p.m. The festival is June 20-Aug. 20. 8425 West McNichols, Detroit; (313) 927-1306.

DOCUMENT USA
The Museum of Contemporary Art seeks artists to participate in an archival exhibit. Deadline is Aug. 1. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6038.

EISENHOWER DANCE AUDITIONS
Audition for the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble on June 12, 1 p.m. at EDE Center for Dance, 1541 W. Hamlin in Rochester. Call (248) 370-3024.

EXHIBITORS NEEDED
"A Fair to Remember" on Oct 16-17 at St. George Orthodox Church, 2160 East Maple, Troy is seeking exhibitors for an arts and crafts show. Call (248) 932-5636.

FRANKLIN ARTS COUNCIL
Applications available for artists interested in exhibition fine arts or crafts at Franklin's juried "Art on the Green," held Sept. 6. Send application and slides to: Franklin Arts Council, P.O. Box 250683, Franklin, MI 48025. Call (248) 851-5438.

KIWANIS KAVALIERS
Canadian drum & bugle corps seeks performers ages 14-21 for summer tour. Call (416) 241-2968.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS OF SOUTHFIELD
An adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield.

"MUSIC MAN" AUDITIONS
Dinner theatre performances Oct 29-30. Auditions June 13, 12-2 p.m. Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin; (248) 626-6606, voice mail #30.

"OUR TOWN" CALL FOR ARTISTS
Michigan artists invited to submit work for jurying in the 1999 "Our Town Art Exhibit and Sale," held Oct. 13-17. All work must be submitted on slides by July 30. For application: The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham, MI 48009; (248) 594-6403

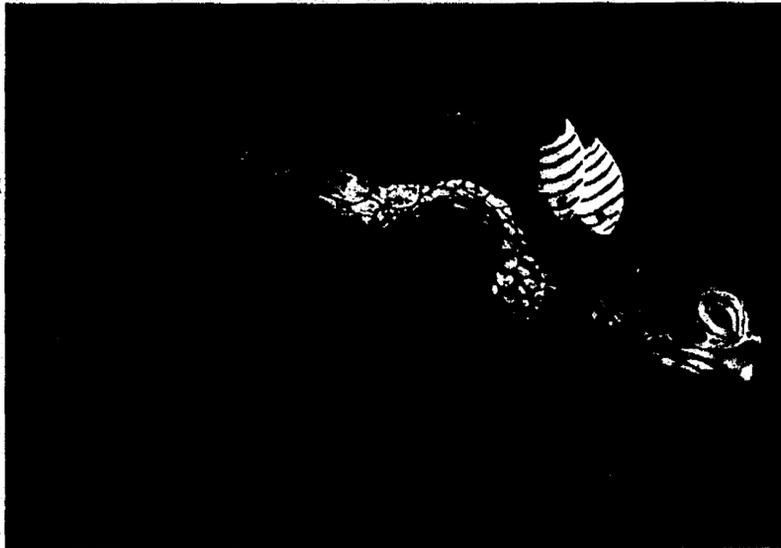
REVELATION GALLERY
Seeks artists to design the gallery's outdoor public billboard. Proposals must be received by Sept. 30. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

TRANSFORMING VISIONS
Swords into Plowshares Gallery is seeking entries for its 7th juried exhibit in the fall. 33 E. Adams, Detroit; (313)965-5422.

CLASSES

ART MUSEUM PROJECT/U-M DEARBORN
Non-credit studio art classes and workshops through March. Programs led by instructors from the area, including Bill Girard, Grace Serra, Mary Stephenson, Donna Vogelheim. For information, (734) 593-5058.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Offers a range of art classes: Spring term through June 19. New offerings: beginning drama for youth, oil lacquer miniature painting class, stone sculpture design, "The Artist's Way," "A History of Women in the Visual Arts," and "Go Forth Further." 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. Call for more information, (248) 644-0866.



Arty swim: The paintings of Michigan artist Dave Patritto are featured at Wyland Gallery, 280 Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 723-9220.

CRANBROOK CHAMBER MUSIC ACADEMY

Adults, June 14-18; High school/college, June 21-25. Entrance based on taped audition. Deadline for application is May 14. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3678.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details, (313) 833-4249. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
Classes for age 3 and up. All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz. 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills; (248) 852-5850.

GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET ACADEMY
Newly refurbished dance studio opening for new enrollment. 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 334-1300.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays at 11:30 a.m. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

METRO DANCE
Preschool and adult classes, 541 S. Mill, Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
Three summer workshops: Drama Workshop for Youth, July 19-23. Register by June 25; Annual Show Choir Workshop, July 25-31, register by May 28; 15th Annual Piano Workshop, Aug. 1-6, register by June 1. Call (810) 286-2017.

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Summer semester runs July 19 through August 20. Classes for preschoolers to adults. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; For a brochure, call (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Classes & workshops for all ages. Live model session 9:30 a.m.-noon, every third Tuesday of the month. 774 N. Sheldon Road. For schedule, call (734) 416-4278.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik; watercolor monotypes beginning June 1. Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia; (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP
June 3, 8 p.m. Spring Concert, main sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El, 14460 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. No charge.

CARILLON SERIES
May 23, 10 a.m. and noon. Rededication service or the Kirk Carillon, Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
June 4-5; HoFacio Gutierrez performs Beethoven with the DSO. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 576-5111.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY
June 4, 8 p.m. DOS performs works of Estonian composer Arvo Part. Kirk in the Hills Rectory in Bloomfield Hills; (248) 650-2655.

MUSICA VIVA
12th annual International Festival of World Music and Dance, June 4, 8 p.m. at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, Farmington Hills; (248) 471-7667.

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

June 6, 3 p.m., pianist Kazimierz Brzozowski performs music of Chopin, Liszt and Rachmaninoff. 36520 W. Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills; (248) 669-0272.

SPRING VOCAL MUSIC CONCERT
June 3, 7 p.m. Vocal concert with music teacher of the year Robert A. Martin. Southfield Lathrup Senior High School, 19301 W. 12 Mile, Lathrup Village; (248) 746-7294.

UNISYS AFRICAN AMERICAN COMPOSERS' READINGS
Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents the annual Unisys African American Emerging Composer's Readings 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 30 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Admission free, open seating, call (313) 576-5167 for information. Reception follows readings.

FOR KIDS
CAMP BORDERS
The Farmington Hills location presents sing-a-long with Bob Miller June 6, 2 p.m. 30995 Orchard Lake Road; (248) 737-0110.

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE
Summer school in ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop and ballroom dance, July 12-August 19 in Troy; (248) 828-4080.

EXHIBIT MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
June 19-20, June 26-27. "Don't Duck, Look Up!" planetarium show designed for youngsters up to second grade. 1109 Geddes Avenue, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0478.

GET UP AND MOVE CAMP
July 6-27 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts for children 4-10 years old. Tues. and Thurs. 10-11:30 a.m. Dance, music, arts and crafts; (248) 661-6640.

JINGLE BEL, INC.
Summer camps in the performing and fine arts for children ages 3-12. Rochester/Avon Recreation Authority, 1551 East Auburn Road; (248) 375-9027.

MUSEUM DAY CAMPS
The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm sponsors "Summer on the Farm Day Camps" (ages 9-11) from July 12-16 and July 26-30, and "Archaeology Day Camp" (ages 12-15) from June 23-25. 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester Hills; (248) 656-4663.

ROYAL OAK GOES BUGGY
Children's insect art show and special events through the month of June. Downtown Royal Oak galleries and merchants.

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

SUMMER ORCHESTRA CAMP
Detroit Symphony Orchestra Summer Institute at Meadow Brook, July 26-August 8. For information, contact the DSO Education Department at (313) 576-5167.

TINDERBOX ART CAMP
Grades 1-12 Performing Arts Summer Camp July 19-30, 9-4 p.m. Latch key available. Placement auditions June 6 & 27, 1-4 p.m. Masonic Temple, Detroit; (313) 535-8962.

VFW - CALL FOR ARTISTS
Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards, open to high school students, grades 9-12. Grand prize \$3000. For applications contact VFW Post 2645, 24222 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48034; (248) 225-4679.

EXHIBIT MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Planetarium shows, June 5-6, 12-13 "Stars of Spring"; June 5-6, 12-13, "The Loneliness Factor"; June 19-20, 26-27, "Through the Looking Glass: The Current Night Sky. 1109 Geddes Avenue, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0478.

U OF M MUSEUM OF ART
Through July 3 - "Seeing it Through: Faculty Artists from the School of Art & Design," 525 South State, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0395.

OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE
Samson and Delilah, June 5-6, 9, 11-13, matinee and evening performances. 1526 Broadway, Detroit; (313) 237-SING.

NEW MUSIC SOCIETY
"The State of the Tibetan Nation: A Madrigal Opera by Philip Glass," June 3-6, 1515 Broadway, Detroit; (313) 965-1515.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

A.C.T. GALLERY
June 4 - "Numeric Expressions," works of artists Suzanne Andersen, Jeanne Bieri, Mark Esse, Sherry Moore and Alan Watson through July 24. 35 East Grand River, Detroit; (313) 961-4336.

GALERIE BLU
June 4 - Artist Jef Bourgeois' "Tahti Show" through June 24. Opening reception June 4, 7-10 p.m. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 454-7797.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
June 4 - Works of emerging New York artist Melissa McGill through July 17. 555 South Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
June 4 - Exhibition of new paintings by Peter Gooch and John Michaels and sculpture by Julius Schmidt through June 29. Opening reception June 4, 6-8 p.m. 107 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
June 4 - "Have a Cuppa" clay competition incorporating a cup and saucer theme through July 9. Opening reception June 4, 7-10 p.m. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
June 1 - Watercolor exhibit by Marge Masek in the Fine Arts Gallery; P.J. Freer presents mixed media works in the Livonia City Hall Lobby through June 30. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia; (734) 466-2540.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
June 4 - Masami Teraoka's "The Lovers combines woodblock with pop art through June 26. Opening reception June 4, 7-10 p.m. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6038.

NETWORK
June 4 - "Incomplete Notebooks," functional art created by Cranbrook Academy of Art alumni and students through August 21. Opening reception June 4, 7-10 p.m. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
June 1 - Group exhibition of art created by the Colored Pencil Society of America through June 25. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

WSU COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
June 3 - The only U.S. showing of "Contemporary Japanese Crafts" curated by Shiraishi Masami of the Tokyo National Museum of Modern

Art, through June 14. 5400 Gullen Mall, WSU campus, Detroit; (313) 577-2423.

ZEITGEIST GALLERY
June 4 - "Maestros' Touch" art from students of Eric Mesko and Vito Valdez. 2661 Michigan Ave., Detroit; (313) 965-9192.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Through June 27 - Glass: Its Substance & Attributes by Michigarr Artists. University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn; (313) 593-5058.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Through June 25 - The 52nd annual Watercolor Society exhibition. 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH
Through June 13 - Solo exhibition of retrospective works by Lillian Mitchell. 651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 626-5022.

BOOKBEAT
Through June 30 - Children's author and illustrator Wong Herbert Yee. 26010 Greenfield, Oak Park; (248) 968-1190.

CARY GALLERY
New paintings by Mary Aro. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES
Through May 30 - Annual student exhibition. 201 East Kirby, Detroit; (313) 872-3118.

CREATIVE RESOURCE FINE ART GALLERY
Through June 13 - Exhibition of Ukrainian-born artist Anatoly Dverin. 162 North Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

CUNIFF STUDIO-GALLERY
Exhibition of Works by Henry James LaVergne. 11 South Broadway, Lake Orion; (248) 693-3632.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Through July 16 - "Containers of Memory," 300 River Place, Detroit; (313) 393-1770.

ELAINE L. JACOB GALLERY
Through June 4 - "Self Portraits" by Susanna Coffey, Daniel Leary and Susan Hauptman. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit; (313) 993-7813.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through June 30 - "Tenth" Anniversary Celebration, featuring nine Michigan artists. 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

FORD GALLERY ART DEPARTMENT
Through June 30 - MFA thesis exhibitions featuring Hamil Ma. 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti; (734) 487-1268.

JRAINEY GALLERY
Through May 31 - "Icons of the Vanguard" by Sengor Reid. 1440 Gratiot, Detroit; (313) 259-2257.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
Through June 19 - "In Honor of Water," a group exhibit. 32782 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak; (248) 647-7709.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through June 12 - Features works by Vivian Springfield and New York painter Philip Smith. 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
At Loving "Elegant Ideas," an exhibit of geometric abstractions. 161 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-2700.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through June 18 - "Please Touch," an unusual exhibit for all your senses. 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

PARK WEST GALLERY
An exhibition and sale of works by Salvatore Dali. 29469 Northwestern, Southfield; (248) 354-2343.

POSA GALLERY
Through June 3 - Featured artist Rose Huotari. Summit Mall, Waterford; (248) 683-8779.

POSNER GALLERY
Through June 30 - Group exhibition featuring the trompe l'oeil works of Gail Rosenbloom Kaplan. 523 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-2552.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through June 5 - Exhibit with works by Kathy Dambach, Anat Shifan and Arnold Zimmerman. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 882-0954.

REVOLUTION
Through June 26 - John Gill: Recent Teapots, Vases, Platters and Chutney Bowls and David Chapman: New Furniture. Artists' reception June 5, 6-8 p.m. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale; (248) 541-1914.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Through June 5 - Basketry by Lissa Hunter, and Jewelry by David Dankoelter. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES
Through June 3 - "Survivors," an exhibit Judith Peck. 33 E. Adams, Detroit; (313) 963-7575.

WORKSHOPS

CRANBROOK RETREAT FOR WRITERS
Workshops in fiction, poetry, screenwriting, essay, and other genres. Three sessions - July 9-13; July 9-11; July 14-18. Register by May 15. Call (248) 645-3664.

CRANBROOK WRITERS GUILD
Sixth annual "Writers on Stage" honoring 100 years of Detroit women writers. June 5, 8 p.m. Village Players, Woodward and Chestnut, Birmingham; (248) 646-0658.

GLASS BEAD JEWELRY WORKSHOPS
Paint Creek Center for the Arts offers glass bead workshops through June. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
June 3, 7:30 p.m. lecture "Becoming Modern: American Jewish Women in the 20th Century." Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park; (248) 967-4030.

MUSEUMS
CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF ART
June 4 through Aug. 13 "Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island." June 4, opening celebration with Latin music. 7 p.m. Concert and lecture series throughout the summer. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. For workshop registration and information call (248) 645-3361.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
May 29 through Sept. 6 "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters." 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through June 6 - Wisdom and Perfection: Lotus Blossoms in Asian Art; through June 27 - "Walker Evans Simple Secrets: Photographs from the Collection of Marian and Benjamin A. Hill. 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

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BOOK
 'Lucky Man, Lucky Woman'
 tells a heart-wrenching story



VICTORIA DIAZ

Lucky Man, Lucky Woman
 By Jack Driscoll
 (Pushcart, \$24.50)

Mystic, Conn., and its environs form most of the picturesque backdrop for this heart-wrenching story of love, loss and human limitations. Michigan author Jack Driscoll has also set part of "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman" in the Traverse City area.

At the center of the novel is New London County parole officer Perry LaFond. Although he sometimes thinks of his clients as "deadbeats" and "self-righteous slackers," he's essentially a guy with a heart, who's trying to give most parolees the benefit of the doubt. After all, he's seen his own share of troubles. He is still haunted by the drowning death of his sister, Janine, when they were children growing up on a Michigan cherry farm. It was an event that changed his life and his family's life forever. And it also was an event for which he, to some extent, blames himself.

Now, as he approaches middle-age, he finds himself thinking about Janine's death through the hideous nightmares he suffers.

"Lucky Man, Lucky Woman" is not merely a look at Perry's past, however. In fact, it is essentially a look at the present and how it is inextricably knotted up with the past.

Having met on the UM campus, Perry and his wife, Marcia, have been married 14 years. Their marriage has produced no children, a fact that has come to lend an aura of sadness to their lives. Marcia, her biological clock ticking down, submits each

morning to costly shots of a fertility drug, administered by Perry himself, although he's not even really sure anymore that he wants children. Maybe it's too late already, he silently reasons, imagining himself "a grandfather father, some little tyke fatiguing, in fifteen hyperactive minutes, this gray-haired guy with an inhaler and a smoker's cough." But Marcia, who he loves deeply, is willing to do almost anything, to make almost any sacrifice in order to give birth to a child. And so, he acquiesces to her wishes.

Though their failure to have children has certainly imposed a painful pressure on their marriage, other problems are beginning to emerge in the couple's relationship. When, one day, Perry finds himself strongly attracted to the wife of one of his parolees, he tries to do the right thing. But he can't stop thinking of Angela, who resembles a very tearful, very sad Jamie Lee Curtis when he comes to visit. To say that Perry begins to feel morally agonized is putting it mildly.

Compared to Perry, Marcia is a little flat on the page, maybe because he doesn't seem as conflicted. She's apparently led a rather sheltered life, she's a beautiful woman with a positive, healthy outlook and a teaching job she loves. Probably most important, she knows what she wants. But none of this makes her nearly as interesting as Perry. She seems a little distant and nearly perfect, a goddess posing as a woman.

Fortunately, other characters do much to enliven the story. One of the most convincing is Perry's buddy, Wayne, a scarred Vietnam War veteran who lives on a houseboat in the Mystic River and "seldom comes ashore

any more." He can't really let go of the war and, like so many characters in "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman," seems, in a sense, to be caught in a time warp. Perry's parents, made almost ghostly from the day of their small daughter's death, are nevertheless two of the most memorable - and human - characters on these pages. Roland Knudson, a small-time felon and on of Perry's "clients," is a kind of haunting shadow of Perry himself, since some of the pain from his past mirrors Perry's own.

Winner of the Editor's Book Award from Pushcart Press, "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman" is, by turns, breathtakingly effective and slightly disappointing. Though most are intriguing on their own, the novel's many characters are not always advantageous to the story. Some make very brief appearances and are never heard from again. Some seem to be significant, although we are left to wonder just what their significance is. Others just feel "tacked on," or like some kind of oddly placed, comic relief. The novels also seems a bit padded here and there, with scenes, events or images that appear superfluous.

But Driscoll's insight into the human condition and his often powerful way with words ultimately lifts this work of fiction out of the ordinary and make it into something special. "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman" is essentially a story about what people do with the hands they are dealt in life, "all... the risk and the enormous effort... it takes sometimes to make of the night what you will."

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BOOK HAPPENINGS

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

Thursday, June 3: Jason Magee performs 8 p.m. Friday, June 4: Celebration of River Day with Lisa

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

CHILDREN'S THEATER

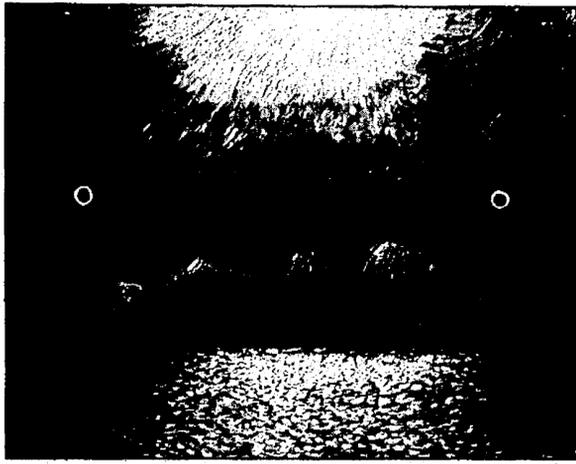
The Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory presents their Theatre Performance Ensemble in "Jack and the Beanstalk" Fridays-Sundays, June 4-6 and 11-13 at 5701 N. Canton Center and Maben Road, Canton. Hours are 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$6, \$5 for conservatory students or groups of 10 or more. For information or to reserve tickets, call (734) 453-7590, ext. 200.

A representative of DK Publishing will offer a selection of books for all ages before and after each performance.

ART ON THE AVENUE

Redford Township artist Cheryl Conlin has been painting up a storm since January. She brings her 45 new paintings to Art on the Avenue 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 5 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 5 in Dearborn's West Village on Monroe between Michigan Avenue and Garrison.

Conlin's paintings range from Surrealism to Impressionism. She had her first one-woman



Heat of Passion: Cheryl Conlin brings her paintings to Art on the Avenue.

show last October at the Wyland Gallery in Birmingham.

In addition to 120 artists, the Art on the Avenue features entertainment and a display of classic cars by the Ford-Mercury Restorers Club. For more information, call (313) 943-3095. Children can create their own art or have their face painted in an activities area near the Com-

mandant's Quarters, 21950 Michigan Avenue.

WORLD PREMIERE

Donald Bryant's new "Requiem for Our Mothers" will be performed 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5 at the Chapel of Holy Trinity, Concordia College, 4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor.

Tickets are \$25 reserved, \$10 general admission, \$5 students.

Call Marian West at (734) 663-5907.

Performing the concert are the Donald Bryant Singers, American Chorale of Sacred Music, Ypsilanti High School Chamber Choir, Ann Arbor Youth Chorale, and the Boychoir of Ann Arbor. Soloists include soprano Julia Bruholm, alto Sally Carpenter, tenor Robert Bracey, and bass-baritone Stephen Bryant.

As an 80th birthday present to Donald Bryant in 1998, John and Cheryl MacKrell commissioned him to compose a requiem. Written for the mothers of Donald and Lela Bryant and the MacKrells, the work combines the Latin text of the Mass for the Dead and an English libretto provided by Bryant's eldest son Travis. The composition celebrates the memory of family and the cycle of life.

Bryant is director emeritus of the University Musical Society's Choral Union which is led for 20 years.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering botanical imagery lecture and a garden stepping stone workshop in June at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

Detroit Institute of Arts docent Linda Wells discusses how and why artists chose to incorporate plants in the images they creat-

ed-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 15. In the past, plant symbolism was common knowledge, but today's audiences usually need interpretation to fully appreciate the works. The lecture is in conjunction with Plymouth-Canton Community Education and the arts council. The cost is \$4, registration is required.

Make your own personalized outdoor stepping stones (at least three) with ceramic tile pieces and cement 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19. Students will break the tiles, design a mosaic, mix cement and pour into a rectangular form. Additional embellishments in the wet cement are possible. If students have materials (marbles, shells, ceramic tiles, etc.) to incorporate, please bring it. Wear old clothes and gloves. Bring kneepads if you have them. The cost is \$46, all materials provided.

For information about either art activity, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278.

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

SCool Jazz and PRIME, Schoolcraft College's vocal jazz groups, are trying to raise \$14,000 for their performances at the Montreaux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, and the North Sea Jazz Festival and World Choral Symposium in The Netherlands in July.

The groups perform at the "Summer Music Shakedown"

6:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, June 4 at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall on Center Street in Northville. Tickets are \$20, and all proceeds go to fund the European jazz tour. Call group manager Betsy Mullally at (248) 380-3145 for tickets, or information on the other fund-raising activities.

The groups will also receive 5-percent of your total purchase at Busch's food stores in Livonia and Plymouth 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 5. When you've completed your shopping bring your receipt to the SCool Jazz/PRIME box in Busch's cafe area.

To supplement the college's support, the musicians are also selling their CDs and cassette tapes, "From Russia With Jazz," for \$15, \$10 tapes.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Detroit Institute of Arts is looking for Gallery Service volunteers to greet and assist visitors in the museum galleries. Make a difference in assuring the galleries remain open during museum hours. Afternoon weekend volunteers are especially needed.

The next training session is 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5, in the Holley Room at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue.

For more information, call (313) 833-0247.

CLARIFICATION



Desert view: This photograph was incorrectly identified in the May 23 edition as being taken by Aaron Metis. It is by photographer Norris Hardeman of Canton, one of more than 400 exhibitors in Art in the Park in Plymouth Saturday-Sunday, July 10-11.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

STAFF WRITER
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Poison lead singer Bret Michaels can't express how excited he is to be back on tour with his band's core line-up.

"I said this before and I'll say it again. I am totally psyched," Michaels said. "The most important reason is having C.C. back in the band along with Rikki and Bobby. It just feels right. Rikki, Bobby and myself have grown up together since we were in junior high. ... It's just such a great feeling having C.C. back and have him coming back clean and sober."

Michaels, along with drummer Rikki Rockett, bassist Bobby Dall and guitarist C.C. Deville return to Detroit on Sunday, May 30, to play Pine Knob with Ratt, L.A. Guns and Great White. But don't call this a reunion tour. Michaels

explained. Poison, best known for its hits "Every Rose Has Its Thorn" and "Talk Dirty to Me," "never ever broke up."

"What we did was, at the end of '92, we went our separate ways. We had just been doing it way too long," he said of the two-year tour.

Two years ago, Poison reformed with guitarist Bjues Saraceno, who replaced axemen Richie Kotzen and Deville, to record "Crack a Smile." During the recording process, tragedy struck, bringing Deville and Michaels together.

"I got in a car wreck, a pretty severe car wreck. I was in the hospital and C.C. called me. We just started talking and we realized, 'Hey, we're really good friends.' We were like two brothers who got in a bad fight," he said.

"We immediately started talking and at that point he needed

to go get sober and clean."

Deville did just that. Instead of releasing "Crack a Smile," Poison's former label, Capitol Records, opted to put out "Greatest Hits 1986-1996," an album that eventually turned gold, selling more than 500,000 copies. Michaels doesn't seem too bothered about the shelving of "Crack a Smile."

"Once C.C. wanted to come back in the band and work everything out, we knew that that was the right thing for us to do. We wrote some new stuff and it really sounds great."

Michaels expects that a new Poison record will be out in early 2000. Right now, Poison is concentrating on touring.

"It's really our 'Nothing But a Good Time' tour for us. There's no pressure. It's simply going out to tour to have a great time, to write songs, and to just get together and play."

Poison, Ratt, Great White and L.A. Guns perform at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 30, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets are \$20 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn for the all-ages show. Call (248) 377-0100.

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Cholesterol is a waxy fat that our bodies need to build cell walls and make some hormones. Certain amount of cholesterol is used daily, but the liver produces enough to meet this requirement. In some people due to their genetic makeup, there is an over-abundance of the waxy stuff. Extra cholesterol from the diet elevates the level as well.

The two components of cholesterol, commonly known as "good" and "bad" are low-density lipoproteins (LDL or "bad cholesterol") and high-density lipoproteins (HDL or "good cholesterol"). Triglycerides are other fats that circulate with cholesterol. The higher the total cholesterol, LDL and triglycerides the higher the chance to develop heart disease or heart attack. LDLs are taken-up by cells within artery walls, forming a blood-flow-blocking plaque. High level of triglycerides also adds to plaque build up on the artery walls. On the other hand elevated HDL "good cholesterol" protects the heart by carrying LDL to the liver where it is excreted.

Older adults with high LDL-cholesterol are at increased risk for heart disease, and intervention is more effective than in younger individuals. Women after menopause develop a rise in LDL-bad cholesterol and have relatively higher rates of coronary heart disease. Dietary modification and exercise showed better results when done together, but medications are very effective when indicated.

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DENISE RODGERS

Dear Jewelry Lady, I'm stumped. I don't know what to get my dad this Father's Day. I don't think he needs another tie and he already has every gadget under the sun. Furthermore, he obviously doesn't wear as much jewelry as my mother does. Do you have any suggestions?

Stumped

Dear Stumped,

Dads do create a gift-giving dilemma because, unlike moms, a new charm or a bunch of flowers just won't do it for them. If you're looking to your jeweler to find the right gift for dad this year, think luxury. If your dad is typical, you'll probably be getting him something he would never buy for himself, and that's a good thing. Does he have a money clip? How about one of those fine writing instruments (code words for pens over \$50), or a new tie tack for all those ties you've given him? What about a new watch? They're a great gift for dads since they have gadget appeal but are, essentially, jewelry. For a special touch, choose something you can have engraved. Dad might be more sentimental than he lets on. If those ideas don't appeal to you, stop by your jeweler and poke around a little bit. Chances are, the sales clerks will have a slew of Father's Day gift possibilities to show you.

Dear Jewelry Lady,

Cartier put out a cigar-band ring approximately 20 years ago. Would you know where I could purchase one in this area?

Cigar Aficionado

Dear Cigar Aficionado,

With all the new smoke shops around town and plethora of cigar smoking these days, you would think The Jewelry Lady would have the answer at her fingertips. But, alas, her search was to no avail. Worse yet, jewelers at Cartier at The Somerset Collection informed her there was no such ring currently available. On the other hand, Cartier would be delighted to special order the ring. (The Jewelry Lady's search, including one on the Internet, also failed to yield information about finding a similar ring. So, if there are jewelers out there who can help the Cigar Aficionado, please contact The Jewelry Lady.)

Dear Jewelry Lady,

I have some costume jewelry that is older than me, 39, and I would like to find out its worth, and where to sell it. I also have pieces of religious jewelry that I would be interested in having appraised. Can you help?

Faux but Beautiful

Dear Faux,

Costume jewelry is an entirely different animal than fine jewelry, and The Jewelry Lady is not as knowledgeable about it as she is about fine and precious baubles. However, she does know that unless costume jewelry has antique or collectible value, it won't be worth much. Most antique dealers buy and sell it - how else would they get new stock? - and there are several antique dealers in the metropolitan Detroit area. Visit at least three dealers for an appraisal. They may offer to buy your jewelry or to sell it on consignment. If your religious jewelry is 14K gold, go through the same process with jewelry stores that carry estate jewelry.

Consider pink jewelry, too

Think pink, says The Jewelry Lady. Basic black is boring, especially compared to the colorful pastels making their way down fashion runways this season. Pink gems, like pink tourmaline and pink pearls, are in vogue this season but so is, you guessed it, pink gold. Generally called rose gold in the United States, pink gold is quite popular in Europe, but growing in popularity as a precious metal of choice here.

Send your questions to The Jewelry Lady by: e-mail, rogers@nich.com, fax, (248) 582-9223 or mail, The Jewelry Lady, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Gifts for graduates



Cool and collected: The Sharper Image's Palm V electronic organizer fits in the palm of your hand and tracks schedules, to-do lists, e-mail messages and more, \$449.

High-tech gadgets enhance college days

BY LARRY RUEHLEN
STAFF WRITER

For parents of children who like hi-tech gadgets, graduation gift ideas abound.

To begin with, what college-bound student wouldn't like a wireless phone with distinctive style. Nokia has teamed up with AirTouch Cellular to offer phones in radical colors for students.

Each lightweight model has 75 memory locations, up to 2 hours and 45 minutes of talking time or 40 hours of standby time, dedicated voice mail key for one-touch retrieval and caller identification capabilities. Retail price of the phones is \$129, but Air Touch often runs promotions that are tied to service contracts so interested parties should call 1-800-AIR-TOUCH to find the best deal.

The Sharper Image at The Somerset Collection in Troy has several high-tech products well-suited for high school graduates who plan to continue their studies.

Just about every college-bound student should have, for example, a capable micro-cassette recorder. Sharper Image offers a Sony version for \$75. It is equipped with an especially sensitive, voice-activated microphone capable of capturing lectures from long distances for up to 19 hours on

two AA batteries.

Sharper Image also offers a way for students to organize their schedules, addresses, to-do-lists, expense accounts and e-mail messages. The device, which fits in the palm of the hand, is called the Palm V and retails for \$449. The sleek, battery-operated organizer also allows students to exchange information with home personal computers.

An optional modem, for \$169, adds e-mail capabilities. The Palm V's rechargeable batteries last up to a month, and information can also be

beamed to other Palm platform devices using the unit's infra-red port.

Another nifty gadget for students comes from A. T. Cross Pens, which recently introduced the first portable digital notepad.

The CrossPad bridges the gap between paper and personal computer by allowing users to write in ink on a standard pad and then upload handwritten notes directly on to a computer.

Once transferred to a computer, handwritten notes can be filed, reorganized, faxed, e-mailed and even

searched by keyword or date.

Available at major retail computer stores including Staples and Comp USA, the CrossPad retails for about \$299.

For students who like to sing in the shower, Sharper Image suggests their new waterproof compact disc player with AM/FM radio.

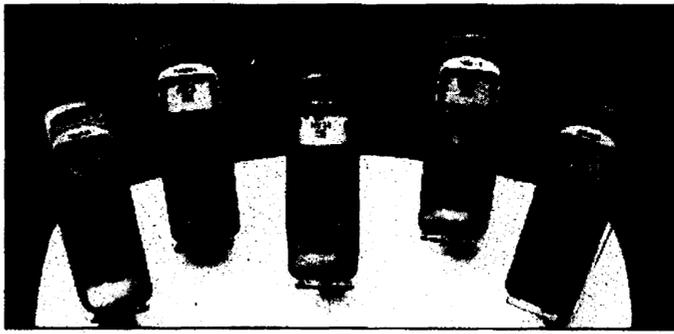
The CD Shower Companion runs on four C batteries in the shower or with a \$9.95 optional AC adapter. It comes with a countertop stand and hanging hooks and a wall-mount bracket for the shower.

Radio features include 10 preset buttons and the ability to play broadcast television stations. The retail price is \$189.

Small dorm rooms often prevent students from taking their home stereos with them to college. But most students simply want something that sounds good, is compact and looks like it belongs in the next millennium.

Fisher has come up with such a product, the Fisher Slim Stereo, which is available for \$199 at Sharper Image. Only 19 inches wide, 14 inches high and 3 inches thick, the stereo mounts on a wall, looks good and delivers quality CD and AM/FM radio sound.

It also has a SUREWAKE alarm, which is designed to rouse even the sleepest student in time for exams.



Cellular style: Lightweight, sleek and colorful, these cellular phones by Nokia and AirTouch Cellular retail for \$129.

Somerset hosts first Art With A Heart event

The Somerset Collection in Troy was built for shopping, but it's about to become an art gallery, too.

Art work created by more than 150 children from 65 metropolitan Detroit schools will be displayed and available for purchase through a silent auction June 5 and 6 at the Somerset Collection North to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

The mall's first Art With A Heart event recognizes the 20th anniversary of the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, a home away from home for families of sick children. About 1,000 families annually stay at the house on Beaubien Street near Children's Hospi-

tal of Michigan.

Among local students who submitted artwork are 11-year-old Birmingham student Courtney Young. Courtney's mother and brother stayed at a Ronald McDonald House in Minneapolis when their brother was undergoing treatment for a serious illness. Their sibling did not survive, and, since Courtney was never able to meet her uncle, she decided to create a painting for Art With A Heart in his honor.

Walled Lake Elementary School student Haley Mitchell, who recently lost her father, also conveyed personal feelings in her painting. Haley's classmates

raised money to have a tree planted in Israel in honor of Haley's father. Although Haley has difficulty talking about her loss, her painting of a girl sitting underneath a newly planted tree is clearly an expression of her feelings.

Art With A Heart will culminate in a free, carnival-style celebration from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 6 in the North Grand Court of The Somerset Collection.

Also, three pieces from the art exhibit have been selected for reproduction on an outdoor mural at the Ronald McDonald House.

-By Special Editor Nicole Stafford

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

BILL BLASS FOR FALL

The Fall 1999 special order collection of Bill Blass will be presented at Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection in Troy, through June 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor.

BADLEY MISCHKA FOR FALL

Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection in Troy, presents the Fall 1999 special order collection of Badley Mischka through June 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor.

GIORGIO ARMANI TRUNK SHOW

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

View Armani's Fall/Winter 1999 collection for women at Neiman Marcus, The Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with informal modeling 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Galleria, third floor.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

JENNE MAAG TRUNK SHOW

Scott Gregory, 6525 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, hosts a trunk show of Jenne Maag's Fall 1999 collection through June 5. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

JOANNA BARATTA APPEARANCE

Jacobson's in Birmingham hosts founder of Giovanna-Italy skin care products Joanna Baratta through June 5. Limited consultation appointments are

available, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Cosmetics Department. For an appointment, call (248) 644-6900.

LINDA BERGMAN APPEARANCE

Meet jewelry designer Linda Bergman and view her latest collection, featuring Tahitian, South Sea and cultured pearls at Neiman Marcus, The Somerset Collection in Troy, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

SOCK HOP

Wonderland Mall in Livonia holds a sock hop with DeZine Intent as part of its Dine & Dance series, 5-9 p.m., Food Court.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

LEATHER FURNITURE SHOW

Art Van Furniture presents a trunk show of Italian leather furniture with presentations by experts who will answer questions, 1-3 p.m., all stores.

Where can I find?

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

WHAT WE FOUND:

(A clarification: reasonably priced maternity clothes are available at Saver's on Wayne Road between Warren and Ford roads in Westland.)

Alexandra DeMarkoff products are carried at the Fairlane Lord & Taylor.

Both Yardley English Lavender products and Almay Moisture Renew can be purchased through the Beauty Boutique catalog, (440) 826-3008.

Matrix Amplified root lifter is carried by BoRics Salons in Michigan.

Monica Lewinsky wore a lipstick by Club Monaco Cosmetics called "Glaze" with a lip pencil called "Bare." To order, call (888) 580-5084.

Also, Sephora, a new store at Lakeside Mall, carries Club Monaco products.

Sam's Club stores carries Dundee's grilling seasoning.

The company Weavever Aluminum is now called Mirro Company, (800) 343-2376.

The school library or the central office of Highland Park schools (ask for Greg) might be able to provide school yearbooks.

Frank's Nursery and the Solution catalog, (800) 342-9988, carries pantry moth traps.

Call DDS Dymet.

(800) 348-4696, to obtain a Jeep Wagoneer owner's manual (the cost is \$6.00 plus shipping).

We found: a 1964 World's Fair ashtray, a Fisher-Price dollhouse and garage, lyrics and music of the "50 Nifty United States" and a Detroit Tigers 1984 World Series flag.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Terese is looking for Alexander Julian perfume and powder and Orlane makeup.

Henrietta would like to find folding Jaylis plastic draperies made in 1970.

Liz wants Shilara cologne in cherry vanilla.

Joyce is looking for the Wacoal Bra, as advertised on the Oprah Winfrey Show, and a Barbi-zon cotton batiste nightgown.

Veda is looking for a video tape of Elton John's "The One."

Sharon is looking for Chanel nail polish in "Iridescent" and Revlon refillable eyebrow pencil in "Black" or "Charcoal."

Jim needs three posts and six rails for a two-rail split fence.

Pam is looking for a "Graduation Barbie" doll, preferably wearing orange and blue school colors.

Roberta is looking for Soft & Dry cool breeze deodorant.

Grace wants a 1939 Detroit Commerce High School yearbook.

Mona would like to find blackberry wine vinegar for salads.

Katy is looking for five pairs of red Adidas Gazelle tennis shoes in size 9 1/2 and larger.

Barbara is looking for Décor Plus bathroom accessories.

Ruth is looking for His-

toric America dishes by Hancock House of Boston and Johnson Brothers of England. Hudson's carried them in 1953.

Marguerite is looking for a wind bonnet made of net/nylon, not plastic, that ties in the back and GHJ hair products.

Marcie is looking for Family Circus Christmas ornaments made about 10 years ago.

Kelly is searching for Clinique Touch Base eyeshadow in "Brown Grape."

Jennifer is looking for Victoria Secret's Raspberry Glace' lotion.

Betty needs piano sheet music for "I Dream of Lilac Time."

Marilyn wants a 1950 Central High School yearbook.

Lori would like to find 1997 Stanley Cup baseball caps in black with beige leather bills.

Löis is looking for a decorator Scotch tape dispenser but not with a Walt Disney or Warner Brothers motif.

Faye wants a 1953 Central High yearbook.

Pamela is looking for a washable Quatrine couch at a bargain price.

Julia is looking for a blue Millstream gravy boat.

Elaine would like to find Moondrops lipstick in "Little Red Red."

Judy is looking for Revlon lipstick in "Suitably Ruby."

Mrs. Hamilton is still looking for Scaletric model cars on tracks.

Evelyn is looking for a 1952 Dearborn Fordson yearbook.

Mike would like to find 1968 and 1969 Clarenceville yearbooks.

Nancy is looking for a product that stops children's thumb-sucking.

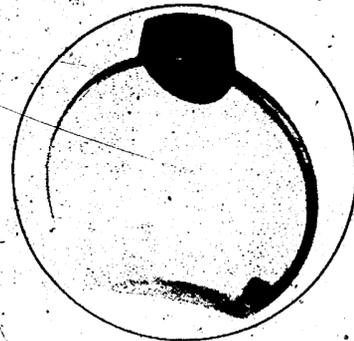
—Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



Beaded charm: Simple in design and high on style, nikki b's beaded jewelry is available exclusively at Tender in Birmingham, \$35-110.



New in town: Beauty retailer Sephora has opened a store at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights and has plans to open another location later this summer at The Somerset Collection in Troy. Sephora not only carries Monica Lewinsky's famous Club Monaco "Glaze" lipstick but also tenders a full line of skin, cosmetic and bath products in a unique hands-on, self-serve retail environment. Sephora's own "Note Rose" bath gel, \$10.

Outdoor elements: Weathered-looking J-boats are made of hand-carved mahogany and topped with tea-dipped canvas sails, \$209 to \$399, New England Home store, Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills and Laurel Park Place in Livonia.



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Then sit back and wait for the phone to ring.

There are a few exclusions to this offer: Dealers, collectibles, pets and garage sales. Other than those four your home **FREE**.

There are only three ways you can submit your **FREE** ad: You can **FAX** us at 734-953-2232, or you can e-mail it to mulfig@oe.homecomm.net, or you can fill in the thing there at the right, and mail it to us.

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Writer spends Christmas with Antarctica's penguins

(Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part story on an unusual Christmas vacation this past year to Antarctica. Chris Lillesand lives in Rochester Hills.)

BY CHRIS LILLESAND
SPECIAL WRITER

Dec. 19: It was 64 degrees in Detroit. Hardly felt like Christmas was coming! I headed for Detroit Metro for my 3-hour flight to Miami. I was met at the gate by a Clipper Cruise Line representative and directed to a courtesy lounge with refreshments until my 8-hour American Airlines flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Dec. 20: We landed about 10:45 AM and boarded buses for the hotel. The English-speaking guides gave us an overview tour of the city as we drove.

The official city tour was in the afternoon. Sundays are pretty quiet in Buenos Aires so we were able to tour around without much traffic.

Dec. 21: We drove to Susannah ranch. The owners were very welcoming as we toured their Estancia (home), admired their 50 horses, watched their equestrian skills during *carreña de sortijas* (a gaucho horse display where two teams gallop at full tilt, under a goal post, and try to pass a pin through a small ring hanging from the arch), and ate their authentic Argentinean delicacies.

Dec. 22: We were up bright and early for our flight to Ushuaia, the world's southern most city. After a rainy tour of the National Park, we embarked the Clipper Adventurer. Our thoughts went back to the previous passengers that we had seen



Adorable couple: Chinstrap penguins get their name from a little black line that runs under their chin.

through the Plexiglas partition at Ushuaia Airport. They were all making rolling wave motions with their arms while laughing uncontrollably. It wasn't clear to me what their actions meant until around 10 p.m. as we entered the Drake Passage. I will just summarize that portion of the trip this way. Take plenty of anti-motion medication and don't look out the window.

Dec. 23: A lost day in bed.

Dec. 24: Finally! Normalcy. I made it upstairs for the lecture on Antarctica explorers and marveled at their fortitude. Here I was on a cruise ship and I could hardly stand! The Captain soon announced the sighting of finback whales (also known as razorback whales. The second largest whale, these were about

80 feet in length) playing around the ship. He was able to slow down so we could get a better look. That's the beauty of small cruise ship travel.

When we came back inside, our free red parkas were distributed. Red is easy to see against the landscape so our expedition staff can keep track of the wanderers. Even though it is the austral summer, temperatures are expected to be 30-40 degrees and there is always a wind-chill.

The captain had a Christmas Eve welcome dinner, which allowed us to get dressed up in our Christmas finest.

In the evening, we watched the first two parts of the BBC series "Life in the Freezer," complete with popcorn.

Dec. 25, Christmas Day: We are finally in the Antarctica. The Antarctica peninsula where we spend the majority of our time used to be an extension of the Andes Mountains! Scientists have found fossils 200 million years old which lends weight to the theory that Australia, Africa, South America, India, New Zealand, and Antarctica once made up a single landmass referred to as Gondwanaland. Ten million years later, Gondwanaland began breaking up into the continents and islands that we recognize today.

The Drake Passage opened, and Antarctica became its own continent. Forty five million years ago, Antarctica began to cool dramatically.

The Antarctica Treaty governs the Antarctica. This treaty states that the land can only be used for peaceful purposes, it can't be claimed by any country, scientific research can take place but is under the auspices of each respective government, nuclear explosions can not occur, and the treaty will be reviewed in 30 years. That time frame has occurred (1991), and the treaty has been renewed. Some countries claim to have ownership, but it's not true, nor valid.

Antarctica's winter population is around 1,200 people; about a third are scientists and the rest are support personnel. During the winter months, there are approximately 44 stations operated by 18 countries doing research. In the summer, the population increases seven-fold.

During breakfast, the captain slowly made his way through some ice patches to Hannah

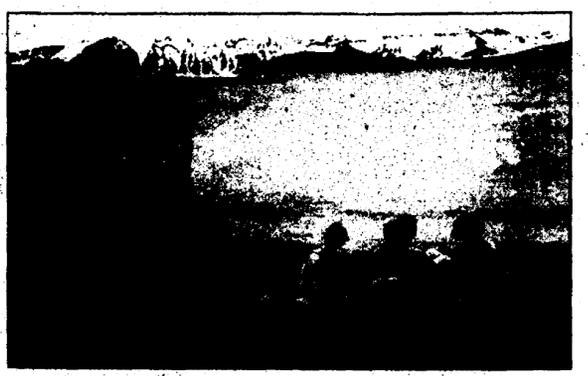
Point on Livingston Island, our first landing site. We donned our knee-high black rubber boots (for wet landings), red parka, waterproof pants, sunblock, life vests and other assorted winter gear and went to the Zodiac loading site. The Zodiacs arrived on the beach and deposited us into the wondrous world of Gentoos, Macaroni and Chinstrap penguins. They were everywhere. I didn't know where to point the cameras (video and regular)! I hoped my 36 rolls of film would be enough (it was).

The penguins were nesting for the most part. Some chicks had been born; some were still in their eggs. The harsh reality of nature came to light when we learned that the penguin chicks that weren't born within the week were not going to survive. Chinstrap penguins are very abundant in this area and breed farther north than the rest of the penguins. The Chinstraps are so named because of the little black line that runs under their chins, like a chinstrap.

The Gentoos are identified by the white patch on their heads and their bright coral bill. Penguin diets are 50 percent krill and 50 percent fish. The four Macaroni penguins that we saw were actually out of their natural element. They weren't supposed to be this far south, but lucky for us they were. Macaronis weigh about 8.8 pounds.

As we walked along the rocky terrain, we were careful to adhere to the 15-foot rule. We weren't, if possible, to come within 15 feet of the penguins. If they, however, decided to come near us, it was OK. And many did. What a thrill that was.

Farther down our path we could hear the most amazing cacophony of sounds, like musical belching. A group of elephant seals were grouped together, sunbathing. They are like pack animals, trying to keep warm and commune with each other. One of our lecturers called them blubber seals and it was easy to see why. Elephant seals are the world's largest seal. The bulls can weigh up to 3 tons



A chilly dip: Chris Lillesand, in pink swimsuit, and her cruise mates enjoy a Christmas Day swim in heated waters.

and reach 12-15 feet long. Their blubber is at least 6 inches thick. When they crawl, you can see the ripples of blubber the whole length of their bodies.

When we got back to the Clipper, we cleaned up for our Christmas brunch.

The captain moved the Clipper down four miles, while we were eating our cookies, to Pendulum Cove, still on Deception Island. Actually, the harbor is the collapsed cone of the volcano. There used to be a Chilean research station here but the volcano destroyed it in 1967. We came here to do what Jason (expedition staff) calls STTTD (stupid touristy things to do). It has become a tourist tradition to don one's swimming suit and sit in the Antarctica waters in that small-defined area where the hot meets the cold. And when I say

hot, I mean hot. I had water shoes on and I stepped too far into the hot water and it was scalding. We found the right spot to sit and gently swirled the waters together to form a quite lovely spa scenario. I truly expected to have a blue body from the cold and chattering teeth during and after this experience, but I never felt cold! The water was lovely. I would say about 20 people got in, guys and girls, and actually sat and communed for quite a while! Clipper provided us with towels and when we returned to the Clipper, hot apple cider was waiting for us. Those brave souls who swam got a Clipper diploma.

The Clipper crew provided us with the most wonderful home-spun Christmas show after dinner. What a unique way to spend the holidays.



Hub of activity: Some Gentoos penguins sing while others nest

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Kithas becomes Titan

All-Observer first-team forward George Kithas, who scored 27 goals and added eight assists last season for Livonia Churchill, has signed a NCAA letter-of-intent to play men's soccer at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Kithas, who had 40 career goals and 19 assists, is now of five freshmen to sign with the Titans.

The All-Stater will be joined by midfielders Aaron Byrd (Bloomfield Hills Lahser) and Kyle Presley (Kalamazoo Central), along with defenders Rich Brown (Anchor Bay) and Joe Iding (Lansing Catholic Central).

Titan coach Morris Lupenec also added midfielder-defender Jordan Schwager of Brampton, Ontario Mayfield, a transfer from Grand View (Iowa) College.

"This is one of the best recruiting classes we've had," Lupenec said. "They improve our team at every position."

"With these new players joining, with what we have coming back, I expect our team to be back among the challengers in the MCC (Midwestern Collegiate Conference) this season."

Youth soccer champions

The under-10 Michigan Hawks, coached by Michele Brach, won four straight games to capture the under-11 girls division at the Midland Mothers Day Tournament.

The Hawks defeated the Perrysburg, Ohio Yellow Jackets, 2-0, in the championship final after outscoring their first three opponents by a combined 14-1.

Members of the Hawks, who also captured the Sportsmanship Award out of a possible 96 teams, include: Ashleigh Green, Caitlin Murnahan, Kelly Potfora, Rachel Bemman, Shay Mannino, Keillie Walker, Katie Roberts, Jessica Berndt, Stephanie Crawford, Kelly Corless, Katie Trentacosta, Katie Walker, Nina Doigan, Emily Esbrook and Kylie Mitchell.

Bartnick earns berth

Livonia Stevenson High freshman Matt Bartnick shot 75 to earn third place for Boys 15-16 in the Junior World Golf Cup regional tournament May 22 at The Falls Golf Club in St. Louis, Mo.

Bartnick earned one of three berths in the 36-player field, advancing June 29-30 for the U.S. Junior Golf Cup finals, a two-day event at the Palms Course at Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

The top finishers at Disney will represent the U.S. against England at famed St. Andrew's in Scotland.

Domke-Kionka honorees

Sharron Ryan and David Teets, both of Westland John Glenn, have been selected to receive the Irma Kionka-Don Domke Summer Sports Camp Scholarship.

Ryan, who competes in track and cross country, and Teets, who competes in track, cross country and wrestling, will each receive the maximum amount of \$250 apiece.

The scholarship is in memory of Kionka, a life-long supporter of women's athletics and former teacher at Wayne and John Glenn high schools, and Domke, former coach, athletic director and teacher at both schools who left a legacy of promoting educational athletics.

The scholarship, which also goes to two Wayne High athletes, is a continuing award to assist Wayne-Westland girls and boys in their quest to be the very best they can be.

Livonia Y soccer signup

At 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, the Livonia Family YMCA begins open registration for its fall 1999 and spring 2000 soccer leagues.

Teams are available for girls and boys of all abilities with birthdates Aug. 1, 1984 through July 31, 1996 (3 to 15).

Fees range from \$55 to \$95 depending on membership and age groups. All age groups fill up quickly. Register early to guarantee a spot.

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Third goal: Livonia Stevenson's Julie Murray (right) finds the mark against Livonia Churchill sophomore goalkeeper Jennifer Gabon with just eight seconds left in the first half to give the Spartans a 3-0 advantage. The two teams played a scoreless second half as Stevenson advanced to the regional with a 3-0 district final triumph.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Spartans win 4th district in row

BY BRAD EMONS
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The back of one T-shirt said: "One more time in '99."

And the way two-time defending state champion Livonia Stevenson performed in Friday's Division I district girls soccer final, the Spartans are far from ready to relinquish their crown.

The Spartans improved to 12-4-1 overall with a 3-0 triumph over rival Livonia Churchill in a match played under the warm afternoon sun at Livonia Franklin.

All three goals came in the first half, one in the second minute of action and the other two during the final 1:09.

"We wanted to try and get back to where we've been the last two years, which is to be a sound team defensively and get on top of teams early," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble, who cradled his fourth district championship trophy in a row. "And today we were

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able to get into our game plan fortunately."

The Spartans first goal was scored by sophomore Dana White off a corner kick from senior captain Sarah Witroek.

"We've talked and talked about corner kicks all year," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "We lost to Brighton on three corner kicks (3-2). The goal early is deflating, but off a corner kick it makes it even worse."

Churchill settled down after White's goal, but the Chargers found themselves on their heels.

Sophomore goalkeeper Jennifer Gabon, who stopped several point-blank shots, and freshman defender Sarah Phillips, who stopped four balls from going in herself, helped keep Stevenson off the board until sophomore Lindsay Gusick rammed home a

rebound with just under two minutes to play.

Senior Julie Murray then made it 3-0 with just eight seconds left off a corner kick after Phillips stopped the first shot from crossing the line.

"During a five or six-minute span we didn't work our hardest and it cost us," Campau said. "Otherwise we did a pretty good job of limiting their opportunities. But Stevenson is a team that is phenomenal shape. And with their constant movement together, they're a tough team to beat."

Churchill, which bowed out at 9-6-1 overall, didn't put many shots on Stevenson goalkeeper Lesley Hooker.

The Chargers' best chance at scoring a goal came in the waning seconds of the game when Melissa Sultana's shot rang off the crossbar.

Otherwise, Stevenson's defense bottled up the high-scoring Kersten Conklin, who has 19 goals the Chargers.

"We had Cheryl Fox marking Conklin and we let Andrea Sied sweep,"

Kimble said. "Cheryl has shut down some of the state's best players — Anne Morrell (Plymouth Canton), Brigid Bowdell (Northville) and now Conklin. She thrives on the challenge."

"It frees up Andrea, who is solid as a rock, in the back to play our system."

"Our second goal was to put pressure on their backs and we felt if we did that, we'd have opportunities to score."

Although Gusick is still recovering from a sore ankle, the Spartans don't lose much up front.

"Even with Gusick banged up, she's still dangerous," Kimble said. "Megan Urbats has been workhorse for us the last three weeks. She just has a sound, hard-working game."

"And with Fox and Sied back there, and everybody else filling in their roles, this team still believes it can still make a run."

Stevenson now advances to Tuesday's South Lyon regional where they will face the Dearborn district champ at 5:30 p.m.

Ladywood run ends, 3-0

DIVISION II DISTRICT

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Friday was the last day of school for Farmington High seniors, but Jamie Jakacki saw to it her prep career didn't end entirely.

Jakacki scored a pair of goals and helped extend Farmington's soccer season later Friday with a 3-0 victory over host Livonia Ladywood in a girls district tournament final.

The Falcons (9-7-1), who won their first district championship in 10 years, advance to the Division II regional at Ladywood and will play the Trenton-Gibraltar Carlson winner at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

"I think everybody played as team today; we were all together as one," said Jakacki, one of only four seniors on the Farmington team. "Everybody was having a good game."

"Today was the last day of school, and we had a big awards ceremony. Being a senior is really motivation, because you know it's probably the last time and you want to make the most of it."

The Falcons took charge of the game at the start and controlled the ball in the Ladywood end for most of the first half, outshooting the Blazers (5-12-1) in the first 40 minutes, 8-1.

Farmington held the scoreboard advantage, too, after Jakacki scored her first goal 9:40 into the game.

Her initial shot was blocked by Ladywood goalie Liz Obrecht. But the rebound rolled left in front of the goal, and Jakacki followed up by putting the ball in the open net.

"I was determined it was going to go in," Jakacki said.

The Falcons had several other chances before the Blazers got their first shot on goal with 8:50 remaining.

Ladywood finally had Farmington on the defensive for a short time, but Farmington turned the play the other way and took a 2-0 halftime lead with Jakacki's second goal.

With two defenders on her and



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREJLER

Valued possession: Livonia Ladywood's Jennie Bartkowiak (left) and Farmington's Kara Tweadey battle for the ball during Friday's Division II girls district championship.

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Boldness: Rocks net title again

GIRLS TRACK

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It's really not out of the ordinary. Nothing too surprising.

Livonia Stevenson was the better girls track team at the Class A state regional. Plymouth Salem ruled the Western Lakes Activities Association championships.

Last season, the Spartans won the regional, Salem won the league. The only difference this season: The Rocks beat Stevenson in their dual meet.

One surprise from Wednesday's meet, co-hosted by Salem and Plymouth Canton, was the point totals: The Rocks won rather easily, piling up 140.5 points to runner-up Stevenson's 108. Last season, the meet was decided by just two points.

Walled Lake Western was a distant third (74.5), with Westland John Glenn fourth (69) and Walled Lake Central fifth (65). See statistical summary C3.

"I think it was a combination of two things," said Salem coach Mark Gregor after his team had collected its third-straight WLAA title, and fifth in eight years. "No. 1 is, the athletes who really extend themselves in the regional have a hard time coming back in another big meet a few days later. I think that's what happened to Stevenson."

"We experienced that two years ago. We won the regional, then we really struggled at the league meet. We were fortunate then that we had enough depth to pull

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Western Lakes girls track meet

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it out. Last year we were fairly close but lost to Stevenson at the regional, then came back and had a great league meet and won it."

No. 2 had to do with the Detroit Cass Tech factor. At regional, Cass hurt the Rocks — whose strength has been in the sprints this season — more than the Spartans. Also, losing to their biggest WLAA rival motivated the Rocks.

"At regional, they wanted to qualify as many girls for state meet as possible. But not winning it didn't shatter them," said Gregor. "They came out a very determined group at conference meet."

One thing that did separate this Salem team from its previous two league champions was firsts. The Rocks won three events this time; they only won a total of two the last two years.

Tiffany Grubaugh accounted for two of those wins, easily capturing the shot put (39-feet, 10-inches) and discus (137-11) titles. The junior standout, who also won both events at the regional, won the shot by more than five feet and the discus by better than 26 feet. She'll go into the Class A meet as a contender for a state title in both.

The Rocks' third first came in the 200-meter dash. Rachel Jones, who was edged at the finish in the 100 (she and winner Crystal Kuzma of Western were both clocked at 12.7), sprinted to a first in 26.7.

The team with the most firsts was John Glenn, winner of two relays and four individual



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Gliding over: Westland John Glenn's LaTasha Chandler won the 110-meter hurdles in 15.3 and was a member of two first-place sprint relay quartets.

events. Two of the individual wins came from the meet's other individual event double-winner: Nicolette Jarrett, who won the 400 (1:01.3) and long jump (meet record 18-1").

The Rockets' other wins were recorded by LaToya Chandler in the high jump (5-5) and LaTasha Chandler in the 100 hurdles (15.3).

LaTasha Chandler, Jarrett, Felecia Barnett and LaToya

Chandler teamed to win both the 4x100 (51.5) and 4x200 (1:47.9) relays.

Stevenson managed two victories, getting one from Andrea Parker in the 1,600 (5:23.0) and another from its 4x800 relay team of Jennifer Hardacre, Katie Sherron, Christy Tzilos and Parker (10:04.1).

Canton, Livonia Churchill and Western also had two wins apiece. The Chiefs' Crystal

Alderman captured the 300 hurdles (48.4) and Kristen Schilk, Terra Kubert, Alderman and Meredith Fox were first in the 4x400 relay (4:14.6).

Churchill's Ashley Fillion was a winner in the 3,200 (12:04.3) and Kari Cezat won the pole vault for the Chargers (9-3), while Western got wins from Kuzma in the 100 and Lindsey Janisse in the 800 (2:20.9).

WESTERN LAKES GIRLS TRACK MEET RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS TRACK MEET

May 28 at Plymouth Canton
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth Salem, 140; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 108; 3. Walled Lake Western, 74; 4. Westland John Glenn, 69; 5. Walled Lake Central, 65; 6. Livonia Churchill, 60; 7. Plymouth Canton, 50; 8. North Farmington, 33; 9. Northville, 27; 10. Farmington, 15; 11. Livonia Franklin, 12; 12. Farmington Harrison, 8.

FINAL RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Tiffany Grubaugh (PS), 39-10; 2. Mary Tanski (N), 34-7; 3. Jenny Sciberras (PC), 34-0; 4. Emily Yambasky (LS), 33-11; 5. Tasha O'Neal (NF), 33-4; 6. Paula Tomlin (PS), 33-1; 7. Michelle Bortz (WLC), 32-0; 8. Lisa Balke (LF), 32-0.

Discus: 1. Grubaugh (PS), 137-11; 2. E. Yambasky (LS), 111-9; 3. Bortz (WLC), 106-11; 4. Jenny Hefner (LC), 104-11; 5. Enn Allen (F), 104-8; 6. Miranda White (PS), 102-11; 7. Julie Yambasky (LS), 97-8; 8. Tomlin (PS), 96-3.

High Jump: 1. LaToya Chandler (JG), 5-5; 2. Amy Kiefer (WLW), 5-4; 3. Autumn Hicks (PS), 5-1; 4. (tie) Krysten Williamson (WLW) and Aisha Chappell (PC), 4-11; 5. Emily Needham (N), 4-11; 7. Bridget Sheridan (WLC), 4-11; 8. Andrea Polesky (LS), 4-11.

Long Jump: 1. Nicolette Jarrett (JG), 18-1 (meet record); 2. Tonya McCarty (WLC), 16-4; 3. LaTasha Chandler (JG), 16-2; 4. Kate Bouschet (F), 16-0; 5. Leyna Kasperek (LS),

15-7; 6. Amy Driscoll (PC), 15-6; 7. Brynne DeNeen (PS), 15-0; 8. April Aquino (PS), 14-7.

Pole vault: 1. Kari Cezat (LC), 9-3; 2. Ashley Richmond (WLW), 9-0; 3. Jane Peterman (LC), 8-9; 4. Lauren Turner (NF), 8-9; 5. Andrea McMillan (LF), 8-6; 6. Kelly VanPutten (PS), 8-3; 7. Jaclyn Finn (WLC), 8-0; 8. Nicole Simonian (JG), 7-6.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Jennifer Hardacre, Katie Sherron, Christy Tzilos, Andrea Parker), 10:04.1; 2. Walled Lake Central, 10:16.0; 3. Northville, 10:22.6; 4. Plymouth Salem, 10:23.8; 5. North Farmington, 10:25.3; 6. Plymouth Canton, 10:41.5; 7. Livonia Churchill, 10:45.3; 8. Walled Lake Western, 10:53.6.

100 hurdles: 1. LaTasha Chandler (JG), 15.3; 2. Emily Mayberry (FH), 16.0; 3. Amy Kiefer (WLW), 16.1; 4. Chappell (PS), 16.2; 5. Crystal Alderman (PC), 16.5; 6. Cassie Ehlerdt (LS), 16.6; 7. Kristel Stricker (F), 16.8; 8. Melissa Bartley (WLC), 16.9.

100 dash: 1. Crystal Kuzma (WLW), 12.7; 2. Rachel Jones (PS), 12.7; 3. Michelle Bonior (PS), 12.9; 4. Angela Mikkelsen (LS), 13.3; 5. Meredith Fox (PC), 13.3; 6. Selena Davis (PS), 13.4; 7. Felecia Barnett (JG), 13.4; 8. No finisher.

800 relay: 1. Westland John Glenn (LaTasha Chandler, Nicolette Jarrett, Felecia Barnett, LaToya Chandler), 1:47.9; 2. Plymouth Salem, 1:48.1; 3. Walled Lake Central, 1:49.9; 4. Walled Lake Western, 1:51.1; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 1:53.5; 6. Plymouth Canton, 1:54.2; 7. Livonia Churchill, 1:54.6; 8.

Northville, 1:56.5.

1,600 run: 1. Andrea Parker (LS), 5:23.0; 2. Ashley Fillion (LC), 5:37.7; 3. Kim McNeilance (LS), 5:38.1; 4. Stephanie Skwiers (LC), 5:38.9; 5. Kim Wood (PS), 5:41.1; 6. Heidi Frank (NF), 5:44.2; 7. Breanna Turscanyi (WLC), 5:44.3; 8. Alison Fillion (LC), 5:44.7.

400 relay: 1. Westland John Glenn (LaTasha Chandler, Nicolette Jarrett, Felecia Barnett, LaToya Chandler), 51.5; 2. Plymouth Salem, 51.5; 3. Walled Lake Western, 51.6; 4. North Farmington, 53.5; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 53.7; 6. Northville, 53.8; 7. Walled Lake Central, 53.8; 8. Farmington, 53.9.

400 dash: 1. Jarrett (JG), 1:01.3; 2. Hicks (PS), 1:01.4; 3. Laura Kaznecki (WLW), 1:01.5; 4. Rita Malec (LF), 1:01.6; 5. Fox (PC), 1:03.8; 6. Jacqueline Stern (WLC), 1:04.9; 7. DeNeen (PS), 1:05.3; 8. Tekia Bude (PC), 1:05.8.

300 hurdles: 1. Alderman (PC), 48.4; 2. Ehlerdt (LS), 49.2; 3. Christy Tzilos (LS), 49.4; 4. Lindsay Merritt (WLC), 49.7; 5. Chappell (PS), 50.4; 6. Katie Sherron (LS), 50.6; 7. Melissa Loomans (WLW), 50.8; 8. Valerie Brown (PS), 50.9.

800 run: 1. Lindsey Janisse (WLW), 2:20.9; 2. Parker (LS), 2:27.1; 3. Lynn Pesta (WLC), 2:33.5; 4. White (PS), 2:34.7; 5. Becky Phelan (PS), 2:35.3; 6. Kristen Balg (F), 2:35.5; 7. Susan Duncan (LC), 2:35.8; 8. Sarah Ruoniskki (PC), 2:37.2.

200 dash: 1. Jones (PS), 26.7; 2. Dayna Clemons (NF), 27.1; 3. Erica Elliot (WLC), 27.3; 4. Emily Howland (N), 27.6; 5. Melissa

Drake (PS), 28.2; 6. Melissa Botke (WLW), 28.6; 7. Theresa Chernenkoff (LS), 28.7; 8. Audrie Lin (N), 28.7.

3,200 run: 1. Ashley Fillion (LC), 12:04.3; 2. Heather Vandette (LS), 12:16.2; 3. Skwiers (LC), 12:19.9; 4. McNeilance (LS), 12:26.0; 5. Lisa Jasnowski (PS), 12:31.9; 6. Frank (NF), 12:35.5; 7. Ashley Prince (WLC), 12:40.4; 8. Amy Dupuis (PC), 12:43.7.

1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth Canton (Kristen Schrik, Terra Kubert, Crystal Alderman, Meredith Fox), 4:14.6; 2. Plymouth Salem, 4:15.2; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 4:15.9; 4. Walled Lake Western, 4:17.9; 5. Walled Lake Central, 4:21.1; 6. Livonia Churchill, 4:34.0; 7. Livonia Franklin, 4:34.5; 8. North Farmington, 4:35.0.

STATE TOURNAMENT DISTRICT BASEBALL DRAGS DIVISION I at PLYMOUTH CANTON/CANTON Tuesday, June 28 (A) Livonia Stevenson vs. (B) Farmington at Canton, 4 p.m. Saturday, June 28 North Farmington vs. A-B winner at Canton, 11 a.m.; Plymouth Canton at Plymouth Salem, 11 a.m. Championship final: 1 p.m. at Salem. (Winner advances to the Brighton regional semifinal Saturday, June 12 vs. South Lyon district champion.) at OXFORD Tuesday, June 28 (A) Garden City vs. (B) Westland John Glenn, 5 p.m. Saturday, June 28 Livonia Franklin vs. A-B winner, 9:30 a.m.; Livonia Churchill vs. Wayne Memorial, noon. Championship final: Approximately 2:45 p.m. (Winner advances to the Southgate Anderson regional semifinal Saturday, June 12 vs. Southgate Anderson district champion.) at REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL Saturday, June 28 (A) Redford Catholic Central vs. (B) Detroit Redford, 10 a.m. Championship final: Detroit Cooley vs. A-B winner, noon. (Winner advances to the Southgate Anderson regional semifinal Saturday, June 12 vs. Taylor Kennedy district champion.) DIVISION II at BIRCH RUN Friday, June 4 Livonia Clarenceville vs. Redford Bishop Borgess, 10 a.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Dearborn Heights Robcheud, 20 minutes following. Championship final: 20 minutes following second game. (Winner advances to the Erie-Mason regional semifinal Saturday, June 12 vs. Taylor Kennedy district champion.) DIVISION III at BIRCH RUN Friday, June 4 Livonia Clarenceville vs. Redford Bishop Borgess, 10 a.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Dearborn Heights Robcheud, 20 minutes following. Championship final: 20 minutes following second game. (Winner advances to the Erie-Mason regional semifinal Saturday, June 12 vs. Taylor Kennedy district champion.)

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Cougars beat Glenn in wild one, 10-9

Please don't mistake this game for a preview of Tuesday's pre-district tournament game.

Westland John Glenn drew Garden City for Tuesday's district qualifier and you can be sure Thursday's wild affair was not to establish bragging rights.

It did, however, extend Garden City's winning streak to 11 games with a 10-9 victory.

Garden City is 17-5 overall while John Glenn dropped to 13-16.

The host Cougars rallied in the bottom of the seventh to score four times with two out and take the non-conference game — this after the Rockets had tallied three tie-breaking runs in the top of the seventh.

Garden City's Robbie Minch followed a strikeout and popup by beating out an infield single. Jerry Minch doubled his brother home and stopped at third on a Ryan Krol single.

Robbie Hudson tripled to tie the score at 9-9, Angelo DiMichele walked and, with Justin Ockerman at the plate, a wild pitch let the winning run come home.

John Glenn broke the 6-6 tie with a three-run rally in the top of the seventh. After a hit batsman, losing pitcher Brian Toth singled and a walk loaded the bases. Dave Mijal drove home two runs with a single and Brian Reed singled to score the third run.

Jeff Mitchell started and went the first four innings before being relieved by Toth, who did not throw the wild pitch.

Joe Samborski got the victory in relief for Garden City. He pitched the last 4½ innings, allowing five hits and four runs. He struck out six and walked six.

Hudson went 3-for-5 with a triple and two RBI, Jerry Minch 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI and Robbie Minch 2-for-2 with two RBI. Garden City overcame a 6-2 deficit with four runs in the fifth.

For John Glenn, Reed had three singles

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and Chad Sansom had two singles.

• REDFORD UNION 5, WAYNE 3: A three-run home run by Scott Teasdale in the top of the seventh was all the offense the Zebras could muster.

Mike Hayes hit a solo homer for Redford Union in the bottom of the third Wednesday to give his team a 2-0 lead.

The Panthers (23-4 overall) added three in the fifth with the help of some Zebra misplays.

Joel Halliday, Dave Martin and Mike Macek each had two singles and scored a run for RU while Mike Taylor singled and doubled and scored a run. The Panthers are 12-0 in the Michigan Mega Conference Mega White Division.

Teasdale had went 2-for-4 with a double in addition to his home run. John Judd had two singles for Wayne, 3-16 overall and 3-8 in the Mega White.

John Ferris was the losing pitcher despite not walking a batter and striking out four. RU had 11 hits while Wayne had seven.

• CHURCHILL 9, FARMINGTON 1: Justin Draughn pitched a three-hitter over six innings Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (13-15) defeated the visiting Falcons (11-14) in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover.

Draughn struck out five and walked one. Andy Shoemaker came on in relief to pitch a scoreless seventh.

Offensively, Eric Lightle went 3-for-4, while Rick Strain and Josh Odum each added two hits. Andy Blackmore and Tim Greenleaf each knocked in a pair of runs.

Pat Klein, the Farmington starter, pitched four innings and took the loss. John Waisanen finished up.

Brad Barenie knocked in Farmington's lone run.

• JOHN GLENN 8, W.L. WESTERN 4: Senior right-hander Dale Hayes raised his record to 7-3 with a 10-strikeout, no walk performance Wednesday as Westland John Glenn (13-15) turned back host Walled Lake Western (11-15).

Hayes scattered six hits over seven innings.

Ryan Ratray hit a solo homer, while Hayes, Brian Reed and Justin Fendelet each collected two hits for the Rockets.

Mike Pisha and Bryan Lindstrom clubbed back-to-back homers for Western in the sixth inning.

• W.L. CENTRAL 10, FRANKLIN 6: On Wednesday, visiting Walled Lake Central (10-21) racked up 14 hits

Wednesday to beat error-prone Livonia Franklin (5-22) in a Western Lakes crossover.

Jason Gizzi, Dave Crissman, Dennis Kinderman and Joe Paletta each had two hits for the victorious Vikings.

Kinderman, who pitched the final five innings in relief of starter Mike Higgins, earned the victory.

Franklin starter David Word, who gave up five earned runs and 13 hits over five innings, took the loss. Joe Ruggiero pitched the final two innings.

Franklin committed four errors.

Dave Scicluna had a pair of doubles and two RBI for the Patriots. Tony Sala and Ruggiero each contributed two hits and one RBI.

On Tuesday, host Dearborn (24-4) squeezed home a pair of runs in the bottom of the eighth ining to turn back the Patriots, 4-3.

Sala, the starter, went seven innings in taking the loss.

• REDFORD CC 7, DIVINE CHILD 0: Mark Cole threw a complete-game no-hitter as Redford Catholic Central shut out Dearborn Divine Child 7-0 on Thursday in a Catholic League crossover game at CC.

Cole walked five and struck out nine and also contributed three singles to the Shamrocks' offensive attack.

Bob Malek added a three-run homer and Casey Rogowski hit a solo shot as the top-ranked Shamrocks improved their record to 25-1 overall.

CC opened the scoring in the first inning after Cole singled, went to second on a walk to Rogowski and scored on Chris Woodruff's double.

The lead grew to 4-0 in the second when Malek's three-run homer with two outs followed a walk to Nick DiBeila and a double by Mario D'Herrin.

The Shamrocks built a 6-0 lead after a two-run single by Adam Cline scored DiBeila, who had walked, and D'Herrin, who was hit by a pitch.

Rogowski's solo homer in the sixth finished the scoring.

• STEVENSON 3, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 2: Brad Buckler pitched three scoreless innings of relief Thursday as Livonia Stevenson (17-9) downed visiting Southfield Christian (15-6) in a non-leaguer.

Buckler, in relief of starter Mike Byberg, struck out four and didn't allow a baserunner in picking up the victory.

Brian Campbell had two of Stevenson's three hits, including a solo homer in a fourth inning.

Phil Szumlanski had the other Stevenson hit.

Franklin holds off late Glenn surge, 4-3

Livonia Franklin held off a late Westland John Glenn rally to earn a 4-3 Western Lakes Activities Association girls softball crossover victory on Wednesday.

Winning pitcher Tara Muchow pitched seven strong innings, allowing six hits and no walks. She struck out eight as the Patriots improved to 12-16 overall.

Losing pitcher Sara King gave up seven innings and 12 walks over seven innings.

Franklin led 4-0 when Glenn got on the board in the sixth on Abby Massey's RBI triple. The Rockets added two more in the

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seventh, but couldn't score the equalizer.

Samantha Crews went 3-for-3 in a losing cause.

Rachel Bramlett had two hits to pace Franklin. Monica Little contributed an RBI single and Amy Sandrick collected a double.

• FARMINGTON 2, CHURCHILL 1: Tricia Krause's two-on, two-out double in the bottom of the seventh Wednesday lifted the Falcons to the WLAA crossover

victory.

Melissa Mytty pitched a two-hitter, walking one and striking out 12.

Freshman Meghan Misiak pitched a four-hitter for Coach Dana Hardwidge's team but took the loss. She only walked one and struck out six.

The Falcons held a 1-0 lead after five innings but the Chargers tied it in the top of the sixth on a two-out triple by Sallie Kuratko followed by a passed ball.

Churchill is now 14-12.

• AQUINAS 8, CLARENCEVILLE 2: Winning pitcher Jenni Doute struck out seven and went 2-for-3 Wednesday to propel Southgate Aquinas (14-11) past Livonia Clarenceville (4-13) in a non-leaguer.

Pam Konwinski added two hits for the winners.

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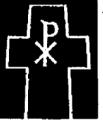
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BOWLING AND RECREATION

Big year ahead

Plans in motion for major tournament



AL HARRISON

TEN PIN ALLEY
The Greater Detroit Bowling Association recently held its annual meeting and the full slate of officers was elected for the 1999-2000 season.

Anita Marvel was named Director of the Year.

With the Michigan State Tournament next season being held in the Detroit area, the association plans to be involved, working toward a goal of getting 3,000 teams to compete in it — or, as they dubbed it, "3000 in 2000".

The rest of the meeting was pretty much routine, with league delegates in attendance being kept up-to-date on GDBA functions, events and financial status.

Sunday's meeting followed Saturday night's Wayne-Westland Men's Bowling Association annual banquet and dance, in which awards were presented.

Bill Peacock got the President's Award for outstanding service and Wes Klocke took the Bud Mach Award for director of the year.

The city championship at Vision Lanes in Westland was won by the Val's Catering team with a 3,179 total by Michael Kirby, Ronald Wagner, Sr., Donald and Claude Warrington.

James Smith and Tony Loehle won the doubles crown with 1,581, while Lee Salingue took singles with a 775. The all-events went to Ken Paczas (2,244).

The 17th annual 700 Singles Tournament, with a field of 464 bowlers, was won by Daniel G. Wilson.

Red Holman Pontiac and D.B.T. Awards & Graphics were event co-sponsors.

Bowler of the Month awards went to Mr. October, Michael Udall (Super Bowl); November, William Paul (Town 'n' Country); December, Brandon Cherry (Super Bowl); January, Robert Dorsey, (Westland Bowl); February, Robert Dobransky (Westland Bowl); and March, David Lethbridge (Super Bowl).

The association recorded 160 300 games, sixty-seven 299 games, twenty-one 298 games and forty-three 800 series this past season.

Association team high game was 1,358 rolled on Feb. 5 at Town 'n' Coun-

try Lanes by the Lodge Pro Shop Team No. 1 with Bob Pittaway scoring a 277, Don Jewell, 267; Pat Engebretson, 267; Gary Duarard, 279; and Aaron Staples, 267.

The high average in the association was by Mitch Jabczynski with 237, not bad for a guy who uses a 14-pound ball.

There even were two occasions where association bowlers converted the dreaded 7-10 split, so don't say it can't be done.

"The meeting and elections weren't the only highlights of the GDBA annual gathering.

Guest speaker Bob Jarlenski, president of Creative Marketing Specialists (CMS), gave an uplifting talk on alternative systems of sanctioned league play.

Jarlenski, who lives in Fort Myers, Fla., said that the traditional format has flaws and also is not always competitive or motivating to all league bowlers.

His plan: the Ultimate Bowling League (UBL) format, which he believes can make any league, small or large, more interesting and also will help leagues to better retain their bowlers.

It follows closely the schedule used by most major professional and amateur sports around the world:

Divide leagues into two or more conferences, then sub-divide those into divisions, with the 32-week season divided into four quarters of eight weeks each in duration, featuring a playoff at the end of each quarter.

Thus is created a structure for a playoff system at the end of the regular season. The same scheduling system as in the past would be used, but now there would be several teams in contention all through the season.

The traditional league champions are almost always the teams with the better bowlers: They are guaranteed a mathematical advantage, due to the length of the season.

No one can dispute that the team that generally wins a scratch tourney has the best bowlers. This also holds true in 70-percent, 80-percent and 90-percent handicap leagues as well.

The UBL format is not for everyone, but leagues suffering shrinkage from dropouts likely would benefit the most.

This format has been tried and tested successfully in many parts of the coun-

try and it has proven beneficial, even in leagues with as few as six teams.

For some, it is a means of survival. And when applied according to format, it means more bowlers having more fun, with better attendance, new members and better competition.

There are many variations of the UBL format; it has several different options.

The GDBA is probably going to be part of a local committee to work on this project jointly with the national committee.

But it is also up to the proprietors to pursue it, if they want to be more creative. Meanwhile, any league can choose, before the start of the new season, to use this method.

It is time to break away from the old traditional system and put new life into league bowling. For more information, call (810) 773-6350, or e-mail Jarlenski at BowlBob@AOL.com.

In case anyone missed the story that ran a couple weeks ago in Matt Fiorito's column: Five Detroit-area bowlers set an all-time record for high series in a three-game set, shooting a 3,970 in the Shummy Burt Tournament in Toledo.

The feat focused nationwide attention on the Just Us Tree Service team of captain Earl Justice (792), Verlin Terry (738), David Boyd (774), Steve Bradley (761) and Carleton Chambers (805). Their score edged past Hurst Bowling Supplies' 3,868 in 1994.

Before that, the honor belonged to the fabled 1958 Budweiser team of St. Louis with a 3,858 — a team that consisted of American Bowling Congress hall of famers Dick Weber, Don Carter, Ray Bluth, Tom Hennessy and Pat Patterson. Their record stood for nearly 36 years.

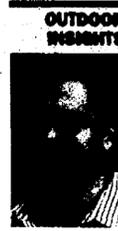
I attended the induction ceremonies for the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame May 19 at Cobo Hall and had a chance to see all the greats.

But I also was able to renew acquaintances with the legendary Eddie Lubanski — one of only three bowlers ever inducted into the state hall. The others are Marion Ladewig and George Young.

Really, there are many more who should qualify — if not now, then sometime soon.

At any rate, Lubanski promises to give my readers a good pro bowling tip soon.

Temperatures are up, so blue gill are biting



BILL PARKER

OUTDOOR MOMENTS
The small rubber spider jittered as it touched down on the smooth, calm surface of the lake.

After letting it rest for a moment I began creeping it ever so slowly toward shore until suddenly it disappeared in a swirl of water.

After setting the hook with a quick snap of my wrist a truculent battle ensued with a fat, feisty blue gill.

With warm weather infiltrating southeastern Michigan, the water temperature on local inland lakes is rising and the best blue gill bite of the season appears to be hitting stride.

Throughout the months of May and June, depending on the arrival of spring-like weather, shallow water along the shore of nearly all inland lakes gets overrun with nesting (bedding) blue gills. The males show up first and each will fan out a circular nest (bed) in the sand or gravel bottom.

After making the nest the male waits around in anticipation of the arrival of a female, who will deposit eggs in the nest then disappear back into deeper water. The aggressive male then fertilizes the eggs and stands watchful guard over the nest for the next few weeks.

Heavy concentrations

With so many fish concentrated in the shallows they are especially vulnerable to anglers during this period.

Blue gill are the bread and butter fish of most inland lakes in the state.

Some lakes are so overrun with them that the fish are actually stunted and never reach more than five or six inches in length. In other lakes, with a healthy predator/prey ratio, gills can reach in excess of 10 inches in length and sometimes weigh over a pound.

The secret to catching spawning blue gills is to be cautious in your approach. Gills are easily spooked while bedding in the shallows. Whether fishing from shore or from a boat, be exceptionally quiet and light-footed as you approach the shoreline.

Don't cast your shadow on the water either, as it will surely scare the fish.

Small rubber spiders, flies, poppers and the old reliable hook and worm are top producers at this time of year.

If you're surface fishing, let your

offering rest for a minute then begin a slow, jerky retrieve. This lively action on the surface of the water is irresistible to a hungry blue gill.

Hook and worm anglers can let their bait float to the bottom, then drag it through the nesting area.

If the fish seem reluctant to bite, drop your worm right in the middle of a nest. The male standing guard will immediately remove the intruder. Tear drops tipped with a wiggler or a wax worm are also deadly in the spring.

Big fish, little fish

The smaller fish will bed in shallow water (two to four feet) while the bigger fish will be bedded in slightly deeper water (four to eight feet).

If you've had a notion to pick up the sport of fly fishing, but haven't quite taken the plunge, this spring fishery provides a great opportunity to give it a try.

It's also a great time to take a child fishing. Action is often sizzling and you don't need any fancy, special equipment. Any medium to light - or better yet ultra light - spinning combo will work.

A long cane pole is even effective at this time of year as long as the angler using it can remain quiet and not spook the fish while getting bait into the water.

The lighter the line the better. Four-pound test will work, but I prefer two-pound test so I don't spook the fish.

A friend of mine swears by one-pound test, which isn't much more than sewing thread, and always catches his fill.

I prefer to tie my hook directly to the line, bypassing a snap swivel. This allows me to offer my bait with a more natural presentation.

Although the daily creel limit is 25, you don't have to fill your bucket each time you go out.

Don't overharvest the fish. You'll only hurt the fishery for years to come. Instead, keep just enough fish for a meal or two and return the rest to swim another day, especially, if you catch a fat, spawning female.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

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Getting better ball action

BY AL HARRISON
SPECIAL WRITER

Roland Snodgrass, owner of Roland's Bowling Pro Shop and immediate past-president of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, has some advice for any bowler needing to power-up the ball.

Roland, whose shop is in Fairlans Bowl on Stephenson Highway, between 12 and 13 Mile roads, is an excellent bowler as well as an expert on setting-up and drilling balls.

He says that some bowlers who are perhaps older or who are slightly built may not be generating enough power in their shot.

"They seem to be hitting the pocket a lot, but not getting many strikes," he says. "It may be the seven or the ten pin usually, or both. These bowlers are not getting the rotation or turn on the ball that they should."

Question: What can be done about it?

"The first thing I look at is how the ball fits. I would make sure

that your hand fits the ball properly so you can get the roll and turn on the ball.

"Secondly, I would get you out on the lane and look for axis rotation and axis tilt. That means to look for the positive axis-point on the ball to see how much it rotates and where the break-point occurs. This tells me how much the ball will flip when it gets to the back-end of the lane. By setting it up by pin position, I can set up a different reaction to incorporate the fit, the turn and the rotation that you need in order to carry."

Q: What can you do for older bowlers?

"If you are a senior, one of the things I look at is ball-weight. Personally, at my age of 56, I have gone to a 14-pound ball, and I get much more turn, better speed on the ball and I can bowl many more games without losing energy. Those are the first things I would look for to help somebody who is not getting the ball to finish and is leaving a lot of corner-pins."

Q: What else do you recom-



Roland Snodgrass
GDBA past president

mend?

"I suggest that you learn to read the ball and read the pins. See what the ball does when it hits the pins. Does the ball drive through the pins, or does the ball fade?"

"Secondly, read the pins. Do they lay in the gutter and die? Or do they go in the air?"

"This brings you back to the lanes. Where is the break-point on the lane? If the ball is breaking too late, we get a lot of 7 pins or 10 pins because of entry angle. This is where you should be able to read the ball and the pins to see what is happening."

Q: Do you have a specific purpose in mind when you drill balls?

"My philosophy — and I have been drilling up balls since the

early '80s — is to match the ball's pin-position along with the cover-stock. The ball can be set up to be more aggressive according to the pin position. It can be drilled to delay the energy of the ball. You can get the ball to roll longer and have a much-later flip-point.

"This way, you are saving the energy over the first 50 feet or so, then the ball has more power at the back end when it hits. If the ball starts to hook at 30 or 35 feet, you may not have any energy left for the pins."

Q: What does using a lighter ball accomplish?

"If you use a light ball, you can push the pin out further, have more speed and a ball that will have back-end power — more carry on the corners, more strikes.

"By dropping a pound, you are gaining speed and rotation, which will more than make up for the loss of the pound."

Roland Snodgrass will be glad to answer questions at (248) 543-9203. His summer hours are Monday and Wednesday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Information, please: discoveries on the rise



TIM NOWICKI

NATURE NOTES
As more and more people explore the natural world, new species will be discovered, new populations of a rare or extirpated species may be found, or new behaviors may be noted.

In order to know what is new, we have to know what is usual, or common.

Our information-oriented world has allowed more people to become familiar with species of plants or animals that may be encountered in a particular area. Field guides and local lists generated by special interest groups can be very helpful.

What adds more excitement to discoveries is that they can be made in familiar areas, like Belle Isle.

Not long ago a naturalist on the island was exploring the wet woods and discovered a healthy population of pumpkin ash trees.

According to Edward Voss, it was not until 1992 that this tree was first discovered in Michigan.

The first population was found in Hillsdale County and later another population was discovered in Berrien County. Wet woods are difficult to explore, so these trees went unnoticed until just recently.

Michigan is north of where pumpkin ash usually grows.

Typically found along the Atlantic and gulf coasts, and in the southern Illinois area, Belle Isle is not where botanists would have expected to find pumpkin ash.

That is one feature that makes it an exciting discovery.

A more widespread and common oak to the south, the Shumard oak was also discovered on the island.

It, too, prefers to grow in wet woodlands and was not discovered because of its inaccessibility, though it had been growing for an estimated 200 years.

This species hybridizes with other oaks and may have been easily dismissed as another red oak. Qualified botanists have verified the identification of both tree species.

In the birding community there is a committee that rules on the validity of rare bird sightings.

Since birds are mobile and infrequently caught, allowing close, careful verification, photos, videos and written descriptions of the circumstances which are all used in the judges' determination.

Without material documentation it is harder for the judges to decide if the sighting is valid.

Recently, two new birds were added to the list of birds seen in the state throughout the years.

The boat-tailed/great-tailed grackle was added to the list after review by the committee.

They were not able to distinguish if it was the boat-tailed grackle, or the great-tailed grackle because they are so similar, but they acknowledged that the bird seen at Whitefish Point in the Upper Peninsula was one of these two species.

A Brewer's sparrow, also seen at Whitefish Point, was another new species for the state.

After these two additions, the state list stands at 409 different species of birds.

Undoubtedly more new birds will be seen in the state, as well as, new species of plants, insects, fish, snails and other groups.

It will continue as long as observant people look carefully while enjoying the natural world.

