

# Area parachutists jump for joy

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For centuries men have dreamed of soaring through the sky like birds. Members of Papillons of the Skies do so, but they don't use parachutes instead of wings.

The Papillons, which group spokesman Richard Crayne says is a kind of butterfly, performed dangling from brightly colored parachutes as part of the ethnic festival last weekend at the Garden City Park.

"We're not crazy, we just want to fly like birds," said Crayne, a sales associate at ERA-Metro West, Inc. Group members came out of the School of Skydiving of the Tecumseh Parachuting Service in Tecumseh. The members who performed last weekend

came from around Michigan.

"They are men, women, people from all ages and all walks of life," said Crayne. "We get together on weekends in Tecumseh to do what we like best—soaring effortlessly through the sky."

The sport, which takes most people's breaths away just thinking about it, is, according to Crayne, one of the safest sports.

"There's nothing dangerous about it," he said. "It's a lot safer than football, baseball or hockey."

Crayne explained that parachuting actually began in the 1100s by the Chinese. And Leonardo da Vinci was an early enthusiast, making jumps out of

tall buildings.

The beginning years of parachuting were spent primarily as rescue missions and attempts at fleeing from burning buildings. It didn't actually become a sport until the late 1930s and early '40s when the Golden Knights, a U.S. Army parachute team, performed at a show.

Since then, it's been up and out, so to speak. Crayne said many people attend the Tecumseh school, which charges \$45 for six hours of class and the first jump, including equipment.

"The school has trained more than 5,000 students and is the most complete school in the state," said Crayne.

"Their planes are Cessna 182s and are equipped with automatic static lines, which are opened automatically from the plane."

The skydivers, who jumped out of a Lockheed Lonestar piloted by Steven Fellows were: Gar Benson, Ken Ely, Barry Walsh, cameraman Bill Coats, Bob Domier, Kathy Chora, Eddie Tilze, and David R. Martell, Chico Martinez, Kathy L. Burk, Phil Green and Ron Yaw, all jumpmasters, who help jumpers out of the plane.

"We never push anyone out," said Crayne, who coordinated the event. "We jump out ourselves when we're ready."



Dave Martell (above) of Detroit was the first parachutist to touch down at Saturday's air show. (Below) Kathy Chora was the only woman who performed in Saturday's show. Her father, George Chora, helps her repack the chute. Chora made his first jump from a plane in 30 years Sunday. He served as a paratrooper in the Air Force.

## What goes up...

Chuck Famin (at right) was among some 15 parachutists from Papillons of the Sky Jumping Club who entertained spectators last weekend at the Jaycee Ethnic Festival. Multi-colored parachutes dotted the sky above Garden City Park for about a half-hour on Saturday and Sunday as skydivers floated into the park from an altitude of 9,000 feet. (Below) Hitting the mark at Saturday's performance is Kenneth Ely of Belleville, while a pair of spectators look on. (Photos by Steve Ficht)



## ...must come down



## THE INSIDE \* ANGLE

**BEHIND THE SCENES** at the Farmington Board of Education: If President Helen Prutow cuts off Trustee Jack Inch with a fall of the gavel, she may have to pay for it the next day. The tables turn for Mrs. Prutow as she takes on the student role in one of Inch's economic classes during the day at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College. Question: If she flunks a quiz on micro-economics, is she subject to recall?

**BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT** Mike Spiece, pursuing graduate study at Wayne State University, also ran into a Farmington area cohort the first day of class. Could be he and Farmington Hills Finance Director Girard Miller are discussing the pros and cons of elected versus appointed positions in the public fishbowl rather than advanced graduate work in economics.

**SPEAKING OF ECONOMICS**, the recent turnout at the school board's public hearing on the 1978-79 budget indicates that Farmington folks just aren't interested in the subject. Teacher and Farmington Education Association Executive Director Rick Ringstrom comprised the audience for the public hearing. Of course, athletic director Jack Cotton and special education director Graham Lewis showed up. Seems these two fellows have a lot more to answer for when it comes to budget time.

**CLARIFICATION TIME**. It seems that Farmington Editor Steve Barnaby got his priorities mixed up recently when writing an article on the low income housing debate up at Farmington Hills. He quoted one Father Jim Anthony, who, in fact, is really Father Jim Wright of St. Alexander Roman Catholic Church in the city's south end. Barnaby claims the names got mixed up with Father Steve Anthony of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church who is a fellow member of the Farmington Exchange Club. Sorry about that, Fathers Jim and Steve.

**GOOD NEWS FOR ART LOVERS**. The Michigan Council of the Arts has awarded \$17,000 to four area art organizations in Farmington and Southfield. The grants, which will be matched by local funds, were awarded to the Farmington Area Arts Commission, \$6,000; Albi-on Products, Inc., of Southfield, \$3,400; Oakway Symphony, Inc., of Farmington, \$3,600; and Southfield High School was awarded \$4,000 for a film-deo-in-schools program for this entire school year.

**THE COUPLES CLUB** of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills, will be having a tour of Meadow Brook Hall on Oct. 14. After the tour dinner will be served in the main dining room. For more information, call Mrs. Roger Davis, 28018 Hawberry, Farmington Hills at 555-2407 or 540-6100.

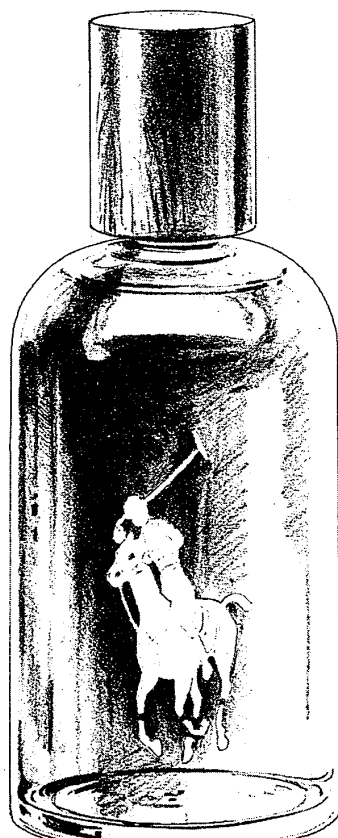
**FOOD SERVICE** personnel in Oakland County will be offered a course in food protection and sanitation. The classes will meet on alternate Wednesdays, Oct. 11, 25 and Nov. 8. Owners, operators and managers of food service establishments are invited to make application to this program. The course will be at Machus Sly Fox, 725 Hunter in Birmingham. The course is sponsored by Oakland County Health Division and the Michigan Department of Public Health. The class will consist of twelve hours of classroom instruction. For those successfully completing a course, a certificate will be issued by the health department. For more information, call the Oakland County Health Service, 428-7154.

**FARMINGTON POSTMASTER** Ken Harris says there will be no residential or business mail delivery on Oct. 9, Columbus Day. Special delivery and lock box service will be provided. Limited carrier service will be available only for customers who regularly pick up their mail. The service window will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be no financial transactions. Mail will be picked up from all residential collection boxes as late in the day as possible to meet first class mail service standards. All business collection boxes, with the large 5 p.m. decal, will be picked up after 5 p.m.

**FREE IMMUNIZATIONS**, sponsored by the Oakland County Health Division, will be on Oct. 12 at 9 a.m.-noon at the First Methodist Church, Warner and Grand River in Farmington. Free immunizations include measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. No appointment is necessary. Please bring any previous immunization records with you. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

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