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Yuri Kolesov's jewelry has found an enthusiastic market here.

All a dream Kolesov: 'I love this country'

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sculpting in the Soviet Union — he is a graduate of the Moscow Stroganov Art Academy — he proved to be a competent custom designer.

But he knew he wouldn't be happy producing jewelry replicas for long, so he decided to try his fate as a sculptor of contemporary pieces in the United States. He had been a renowned artist in the Soviet Union and won several awards for his designs in Europe.

His instant success here almost surprised him, he said. His work has brought him to the art worlds of New York and Los Angeles, where he routinely sells his sculptures for anywhere from \$100 to \$2,000.

HIS LATEST endeavor has been as designer and sculptor of a new line of sterling silver earrings, which he displays in the Birmingham clothing boutique "Irina," owned by one of his best friends, Irina Rivin of Lathrup Village.

Irina, herself a former Soviet, came to America one year before

people

Kolesov. Back in Moscow, she knew Kolesov's father.

The two consider themselves partners in the business. He helped her open the shop on North Woodward a year and a half ago. His earrings, which sell for \$160-\$220 a pair, have already been a big hit in the three months they've been on the market. "The ladies love them," he said with a smile.

Being an artist in America is much different than being an artist in his native land, he said. In the Soviet Union, artists sell their works through an artists union and only get to keep a small percentage of the profits. "There you work for the government."

He said there is nothing about the Soviet Union that he misses, except of course his mother, sister and friends. "No, I wouldn't want to go back — the memories are

painful. I try not to think about it too much."

Kolesov said he refrains from writing his Soviet friends, for fear of getting them in trouble with the government. "They keep a file on you and if you receive letters from the United States, that is not good for you."

HIS HAS been in touch with his mother and sister, however. His mother has visited him once already, and his sister is currently visiting for a month. "I'm getting to see my 5-year-old niece for the first time," he beamed.

"Before glasnost (the Soviet government's new spirit of openness) this would not have been possible."

Traveling, working at his art in his back yard studio and playing golf the "fell in love" with the game the first time he played) are the things he most enjoys in his, as he put it, "new-found" life.

"After 19 years, sometimes I still wake up and take a free breath," he said with a sudden look of jubilant realization. "I'm free. I don't forget that."

Local power usage hitting record highs

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which includes Kendallwood subdivision, is served by the Edison substation on Orchard Lake Road at 13 1/2 Mile. At the peak of the problem, 1,500 customers in the area were without electricity. Some were without power for up to 19 hours.

AT ABOUT 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, one of the substation's four circuits failed, leaving 650 customers without electricity. "From that point on, we were trying to keep everyone in service," Vecchioni said.

Customers from the failed cable were switched to the throwover, or emergency, cable. When the throw-

over cable quit, customers were jumped to the three remaining cables. Edison's juggling act came to an end when the substation failed altogether under increasing demands for electricity by customers suffering through the heat wave.

Workers finished repairing the substation at about 2:15 a.m. Friday, according to the Edison spokesman.

Unsure of the exact reason for the problem, Edison speculated that the heat and unprecedented customer demand contributed to the failure. Increased demands for electricity to power air conditioners, damage from scattered storms and malfunctions due to record-breaking temperatures all taxed equipment.

During hot weather, coupled with increased demands, cables can run hotter and overheat. If the lines are loaded due to heavy demand, they may sag in the heat, bumping into a tree limb or another line and short out.

INCREASED DEMAND last week found Edison supplying more power than it ever had. "We've been running everything we have," Vecchioni said. "We hadn't expected this level until well into the 1990s."

The Public Service Commission tried to estimate out demands and estimated that we'd reach these levels at the year 2000 or later."

Loss of commercial power plagued subscribers to MetroVision of Oakland County. Although the cable company's generators can keep it supplying programs to its customers for about four hours, subscribers have lost programming on and off throughout the summer.

Last summer, it was probably worse," said MetroVision general manager Bob McCann. "It's the loss of commercial power."

As a conciliatory gesture, subscribers could view two Detroit Tigers-Boston Red Sox games on PASS for free last week.

"We understand their frustration," McCann said.

New organization is filling service void

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tendency, the needy who live in a seemingly affluent suburb, threatens to become the cities' real best-kept secret. In light of the area's reputation, people don't believe there are pockets of need.

"It's a hidden need but it's very real. It's amazing the volume of social services that are needed," Lt. Rich said. "There are a lot of seniors and single female heads of households who don't know where their next meal's coming from."

Rich credits Tupper with developing the idea to pool the resources of service-oriented organizations in both cities. Each year, the need for a lynchpin in the network of local service organizations grew more apparent to Tupper, who now chairs the Neighborhood House executive board. Rich is vice chair.

"ALONG OVER several years' haul with the Goodfellows and our problems with investigations (of potential recipients of holiday baskets), it was kind of hard to catch up every year," Tupper said.

During interim months, people

who received baskets the previous holiday season sometimes moved or no longer needed the help or were lost in the shuffle.

"We wanted a clearinghouse to coordinate families and seniors so we can have a better idea of their needs," Tupper said.

While many programs revolve around a holiday like Thanksgiving or Christmas, the Neighborhood House staff wants to keep track of community needs throughout the year. The group can refer people who need food, clothing, medicine or eyeglasses to specific agencies.

But, Carter cautions, Neighborhood House doesn't stock clothing or food on its premises. It was able to pass a stove and a refrigerator on to people who needed them but it can't store major appliances in its offices. Instead, donors may be asked to keep the item a few days until arrangements can be made for it to be picked up for someone in need.

"You can make a few phone calls to a Title I program, and you can find out if someone needs it," Tupper said. "We're not a warehouse but we do have contacts."

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Missing: 5 Hills 'vote here' signs

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"They're costly and important to us," said city clerk Kathy Dornan.

"We're hoping that if kids took them, they'd be honest enough to return them. Or if a parent sees a sign in a child's room, they'll wonder where it came from and investigate."

The red, white and blue signs, made by the city Department of Public Works in conjunction with a sign company and a lettering company, cost about \$90 each, Dornan said.

They were last used in the 1987 city council election. None were taken then.

Precinct signs were standardized "so people would get to recognize them and know where to vote," Dornan said.

Two signs are posted at each voting site.

Students inducted into Hall of Fame

Eighteen Farmington High School students earned a 4.0 grade point for the 1987-88 school year.

They were named to the school's Academic Hall of Fame, according to information from principal Gerald Potter.

These students included:

- Freshmen, Laura Akroyd, Cheryl Casaroli, Jayne Lee, Jehan Takla, Kristin Urevig and Renee Will.
- Sophomores, Jason Gotting and Kimberly Nicholas.
- Juniors, Ajay Arora, Joseph Crow, Roberto DeVoto, Keith Noch, Maureen O'Dell, Amy Rickenback and Jennifer Stump.
- Seniors and 1988 graduates, Margaret Korybalski, Katherine Kretler and Michael Neal.

Political signs anger councilman

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He maintains political signs of all types should be allowed, and no limitations should be placed on them unless there is an obstruction causing safety problems.

"I feel very strongly there really isn't anything to review," he said. "If they want to review the sign ordinance, they might as well review the Constitution."

FOX SAID a number of questions need to be answered, including whether winning primary candidates should keep their signs up between elections. The Farmington Hills City Council revised its sign ordinance in 1986, so it no longer prohibits political signs except in the public right of way. The council action followed complaints from the American Civil Liberties Union, which threatened suit.

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