Wetlands destruction halted

pouge RESCUE was dealt a slap in the face recently when wetlands on a tributary of the flooge were illegally filled in for the sake of building a car wash. But immediate action by Jack Smilley, executive director of the Detroit Audubon Society, may lead to restoration of the area.

the Detroit Audubon Society, may lead to restoration of the area. Smiley was at a meeting of the Westland City Council when a proposal was submitted to build a car wash on a one-acre parcel of land at the southeast corner of Joy and Newburgh roads. Having grown up in the area, Smiley realized the parcel was comprised largely of wetlands. A clean tributary of the Rouge River flowed through the wetlands, which was primarily a cattail marsh.

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"It's very important to protect wetlands, especially along the Rouge River corridor," Smiley said. "This is the sixth year of the Rouge Rescue and it is senseless to spend thousands of dollars to clean up the river when development is destroying, wetlands in the handwaters — which is a natural filter for the water."

SMILEY ADVISED the Council and the city administration that wet-lands were regulated under the state Wetlands Protection Act. He claims he urged the administration to be-sure to secure a permit from the De-partment of Natural Resources be-fore approving the project and also



cautioned the developer.

Evidently, the parties involved were more concerned with cleaning cars than cleaning the Rouge so site plan approval was granted without anyone applying for a wetlands per-

anyone applying for a wellands per-mit.

On May 6, Smiley went to the site to videotage the wellands for docu-mentation but found the site was al-ready being bulldozed. The construc-tion supervisor at the site admitted on tape that the site was a wetland.

"Well, it won't be wetlands very long, Jack," the supervisor said.

"This is all gonna (sic) be filted in."

A COPY OF THE TAPE was de-livered to the DNR district office in

livered to the DNII district office.

"We responded with a cease and desist order, an order to restore and a notice of violation," explained Bary Horney, DNR district supervisor of the Land and Water Management Division. "As it stands, work has stopped and we've turned it over to our Law Enforcement Division. Litigation may be pending."

George Wilhelmi, planning director with the City of Westland admitted there was a problem, but laid blame on the developer.

"The city, at this point, to not involved," Wilhelmi said. "The responsibility for getting the permit was the developer's. A complaint was made to the DNR and the DNR, by recessity. must investigate a composition of the processity. made to the DNR and the DNR, op-necessity, must investigate a com-plaint. Our interpretation of the (wetlands) act was different than the DNR's."

The DNR should throw the book at the individual(s) who chose to bla-tantly disregard the law and the en-

tanty disregard the law and the environment.

It's a shame that in this time of
environmental awareness, there are
still individuals who put profit shead
of a healthy environment.
'Unfortunately, this is not a problem limited to Westland. It's happening all over, 'Smiley said. 'The Engler administration has reduced the
(DNR) staff necessary to effectively
protect our natural resources.'
Citizens must become involved,
and act as' watchdogs over unauthor-

Smiley proved, one po a difference. Stand up and fight.

• FISH MORTALITY UP

Michigan anglers are likely to see an unusually high seasonal fish mor-tality as a result of unseasonably warm weather this spring, according to fisheries biologists with the Michi-

to isneries opologists with the michi-gan DNR.

"When the lemperature rises this rapidly, it automatically has an im-pact on the fish," explained John Robertson, chief of the Fisheries Di-vision. "No one should be alarmed at

vision. No one should be alarmed at this naturally occurring phenomena, and overall, while the losses will be higher than normal, we do not expect any significant impact to the lishery. Daytime temperatures rising into the upper 80s and low 90s in recent weeks has led to rapid warming of inland lakes in the southern Lower Peninsula. Thus rapid warming results in the rapid turnover of the water where the oxygen depleted bottom waters are brought to the surface. The lack of oxygen in the mixed water is what kills the fish.

(Anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and com-ments are also welcomed. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009.)

exercising options

Myrna Partrich

Rewards result with comfortable teaching

Dear Myrna: I am a local exercise teacher. I have been teaching exercise for eight years. I know your company does a lot of private training. On a more personal note, i have just started teaching privately and hate it. I just can't get into it. I don't feel any personal rewards. Am I missing something?

P.S. How did it feel to train the President?

You certainly are missing something, but you have only just begun. As you start to feel comfortable with this, the rewards will jump out at you. I find teaching on a one to one basis is rewards will jump out at you. I find teaching on a one to one basis is rewarding in a different way than teaching large group. As a personal trainer myscil, I derive a wonderful sense of satisfaction from watching my clients become more fit and develop body awareness. You will find your own sense of self-growing as you develop a good hands-on technique with the clients. Our teachers, who private train, develop better as teachers in a large group also. Every private session is meaningful. Talk to your clients about taking control of themselves. Control means to be aware of what your body is doing and never let it become aloppy. Talk about concentration being the fusion of mind and body. Most people just want to get through an exercise and give little attention to how they are doing it. Have them concentrate on the movement and on maintaining support from their centers.

contentate of the control and concentration is the foundation necessary to develop your unique physical perfection for many beginning clients. This is really a growing experience, not just for your clients. One thing to remember always is you must truly care about these people. You must also like them. Think of this as a new adventure. Onlyes, President Bush, it was easy for me, I care about him, and yes, I truly like him. And boy, was that an adventure.

(Myrna Partrich, co-owner of The Workout Company Inc. of Bloomfield Township and a member of the President's Council on Physical Fitness, is happy to answer any questions readers may have regarding exercise. Send your letters to: Sports Department, Myrna Partrich, 805 E. Majhe, Birmingham 18009.)

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including meals and tips, lecture material and
equipment. Call (648) 848-8133 for more informations. 13—48 and Ballatoff will take place

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4 June 16 - Western Wayne County Conservation Association with have a 3-10 archery
about at 10 a m on its walk-through range in
19/mouth Township Call 163-343, 10 am in 5-59 pm daily or 425-0887 evenings for more
information.

information.

• June 22 — Bass season opens on the De-troit and St. Clair rivers and Lake St. Clair.

• June 24 — Salling lessons, offered through the Revration-Community Services Division of the Bloomitel Hills Schools. will take place on Walnut Lake and at the West Bills Middle School: Call 143-0685 for more information

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