

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

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Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights, Oakland Mall in Troy, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, Summit Place Mall in Waterford, Laurel Park Place in Livonia and the Somerset Collection in Troy do NOT hold sidewalk sales, however summer clearance sales are in full swing at individual mall stores.

Mainstreets turn their sidewalk sales into summer happenings, complete with refreshments, tents, entertainment and unique merchandise.

The 18th annual "Night on the Town" in downtown Birmingham is set for 6-11 p.m. Friday, July 16. More than 25,000 shoppers are expected to attend the evening of family fun co-sponsored by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and the City of Birmingham Principal Shopping District Board.

Free parking

Parking is free after 6 p.m. in the city-owned lots and structures.

Frank Caruso, owner of Caruso's and It's The Ritz on Maple in Birmingham, said shoppers can

expect 75-percent off the original price of men's, women's and children's clothing at his corner of the sidewalk sale.

"The end of our season is July 15 when we start getting our fall goods shipped," he explained.

"The sidewalk sales help give us some cash dollars and shelf space for fall lines. We don't bring lower-end merchandise in for the sale, the sale is off our regular merchandise which is priced to close-out."

In downtown Rochester, the annual sidewalk sales become a weekend of street fairs July 15-18. New this year, shopping by moonlight until 11 p.m. will be featured Friday, July 16. On Saturday, July 17, live from the River Square Center, 543 Main Street, radio personalities will pass out promotional items and greet visitors from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Eve Heiden a sales consultant at Peggy's Dolls and Toys in downtown Rochester, said lots of customers start their Christmas shopping during the sidewalk sales taking advantage of Peggy's 50-percent off many plush toys, games, craft items and collectibles.

Marge Borri of the Plain and

Fancy Gift Shop, invited shoppers not to miss "gift items, pottery and collectibles at 50 percent off" during the Rochester Sidewalk Sales. Denise Therkelsen of The Golden Unicorn said shoppers at her tables will be able to get vision, bubble machines and canisters personalized by a guest painter who will be on hand.

"We'll have sales at 50-percent off outside the store, and more discounts inside," she encouraged.

In downtown Plymouth sidewalk sales will be held July 30-31. In Plymouth's Old Village, the sidewalk sales will be held July 31 and Aug. 1.

Downtown Farmington has been holding sidewalk sales throughout the Wednesdays of summer, part of their Summer Fun Series including discount movies for kids, and visits by musicians and clowns under the Big Top.

The Farmington Summer Fun Series runs through Aug. 18.

For exact times of special events and guest appearances call your favorite mall management office or downtown development authority.

See you at the sales.



New prescription: Gov. John Engler happily signs legislation designed to reduce costs, and give state residents more access to the health care system. He is surrounded by health professionals and politicians at William Beaumont Hospital.

Engler finalizes med mal reform in Oakland County

By TIM RICHARD and JUDITH DONER BERNE STAFF WRITERS

Gov. John Engler journeyed to Oakland County Thursday to sign medical malpractice legislation, plus a series of bills streamlining the licensing and disciplining

health professionals, and one which reduces barriers for small hospitals.

The licensure bills were promulgated in the state House by Rep. John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Hills.

In a ceremony held at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Engler signed 11 bills designed to reform Michigan's health care system. He said they would "increase access, reduce costs and maintain high quality."

"I waited 10 years for this," said Sen. Dan DeGraw, R-Port Huron, who was among the throng of lawmakers and medical professionals who attended the bill signing ceremony. "We've all known for years that Michigan's a good state to practice law. Now it can be a good state to practice medicine."

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"The Last Action Hero board game plays just like the movie," according to the box cover. "Players travel from the real world to the movie world, complete three scenes and return to Danny's house."

In "Jurassic Park" (play if you dare) you "race to escape their jaws and claws." Players move across the game board in a contest to reach the Visitor Center first. Danger comes through the dino-dice where if you throw a Ruptor, you're dinner.

Teens looking for something to help pass away their idle hours this summer, will want to get their gang together to play the "Beverly Hills 90210 Survey Game" (\$14.99 from Milton Bradley). Players must guess how other kids voted on actual 90210 situations! Lots of food for teenage thought here.

T.V. teens will also enjoy playing "Saved By The Bell" (\$12.99 from Pressman) where players "spend an outrageous day with the gang from Saved By The Bell."

Marvel Superhero fans of all ages will appreciate the opportunity to build a fighting team of X-Men ready to nab super villains in "The Uncanny X-Men Alert" (\$19.99 from Pressman). Each game creates a different adven-

ture and the purchase price includes a limited edition comic book and 18 collectible X-Men figures inside the box.

Who says you have to visit the Grand Canyon for thrills and adventure this summer?

He kept the monsters away when you were little.



Now he has a few of his own.

For many older adults, the monsters they fear most are the changes in their lives. Retirement, loss of loved ones, children moving away, unfulfilled dreams, loneliness and health problems truly make aging one of the most difficult passages of their lives. Yet very few hospitals offer specific programs to help.

Annapolis Hospital—Westland Center is the exception, with the only program of its kind in Michigan. Our staff specializes in treating the problems of depression and mental illness that often accompany aging.

In addition to Supportive Group Psychotherapy and Individual Therapy, our caring staff offers many involving and creative

programs that have helped hundreds of older people resume happy and productive lives.

Transportation to and from the patient's home is included in the program, which runs Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and lunch is also provided.

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