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A Father's Day to delight dad

Sometimes Dads don't get all the credit they deserve. . . . We appreciate their steadfast determination to provide for their families and their unfailing dedication to their yards and boats and golf games, but there are some Dads who deserve special recognition.

If you have an "Award Winning Dad," perhaps the following suggestions will help you to present him with the perfect gift for Father's Day. The envelope please. . . .

Every block has its own self-appointed Neighborhood Grillmaster. The Dad who claims this title needs the best tool available to aid in his quest for barbecue excellence. Hats off to the chef who never fires up the pit without an extra-long wooden-handled grill brush (\$5.97), oversized tongs (\$4.97), a slanted sauce brush (\$1.57), bamboo skewers (\$1.97), stainless steel salad tongs that make great brat-turners (\$3.97) and a wooden-handled spatula to flip the burgers (\$5.97). Present these accessories in a hand-blown ten-gallon hat that will hold his famous salsa or guacamole (\$43.97) — all from Wells Freight & Cargo, 620 S. Woodward in Birmingham.

If the Shady Acres Lawn-Of-The Month award goes to your husband, surprise him with a Solar Mower, the world's earth-friendly lawn mower. Solar Mower has all the power of a five horse power gasoline engine without the fumes or noise. An accessory socket powers specially designed string trimmers, edgers and other garden tools. This puts an end to costly filters, messy oils, and frustrating pull cords. This brand new, high tech mower is available at Solar Power International, Inc., 2000 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Call 1-800-SOLAR 02 for more information.

Can't slow down

And the Need For Speed award goes to . . . Is your Dad into a fast and high-octane fun? If so, he probably had a front row seat at the recent Detroit Grand Prix. To provide him with a lasting memory of that renowned race, give him the 1995 edition poster that captures the feel of being at the edge of the track. The bold colors and textures are reminiscent of classic 1930s art deco linographs. See this local work of art at Frames Unlimited in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Rochester Hills, Southfield and Troy (\$15).

What do you give the man whose evasive distinction is that of The Slinky Dog? Give him music that creates a mood. Hear Music in the Somerset Collection, Troy, releases Cafe Noir's "The Waltz King" today. The folks at this innovative gypsy melodies and debonair, Sinatra-meets-Cherish vocal styles, will have your guests under your spell from the instant they cross the threshold. It's up to him to choose the wine and the flowers. CDs are \$15.99.

If Dad deserves the Couch Potato award, move him outdoors into the fresh air. His new favorite "recliner" might be a comfy quilted hammock (\$149) and stand (\$119) or a cypress porch swing (\$169) from Crate & Barrel in the Somerset Collection, Troy.

The award for patience has to go to the Dad who spends his entire vacation snapping family photos. If the guy who gets the Just Say Cheese trophy lives in your house, make his life a little simpler with Canon's Sure Shot A-1 camera, the world's smallest and lightest underwater point and shoot camera. Just tuck this little gem into the beach bag and you're set. It even floats. Find it at Century Camera, 3017 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, for \$199.95.

Happy Father's Day to all!

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Farmington welcomes many new shops



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Business is booming once again in downtown Farmington with new stores and restaurants opening and several mainstays expanding their offerings and retail space.

Gone are the resale and second-hand shops. Vacant storefronts are

few and far between according to Chrystyna Nykorak, director of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce membership committee.

"We have a series of stores that have opened within the past year including a large crafts mall. The T.J. Maxx has expanded, and it looks

like we will be opening an art gallery in the former Century 21 building," Nykorak said.

Here's a retail wrap-up of the latest changes:

The anjon gallery will open on Grand River in September according to Kelly Horrigan-Slajus, owner. The gallery will feature all types of art including the works of Thomas Bradyski, Aldo Luango, Joyce Schausman, and Rae Bronzan. Horrigan-Slajus has worked in the art business on both coasts for the past 13 years.

Craftique Craft & Antique Mall

opened on May 2 at 33300 Slocum, just east of Farmington Road in historic downtown Farmington. Owner Dennis Nagy of Livonia offers crafts and antiques from 250 area dealers under one roof. Craftique is billed as a giant craft and antique show open seven days a week, Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

John and Diane Kanyo opened Something Wood in April. Kanyo described the business on Grand River in the Village Mall, as "a

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Candle store lights up

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
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There comes a time in every life when it's time for a change; you reach a crossroads and you must choose a new path.

For designer Beverly Pierson of Pierson and Pierson Interiors in Birmingham, the revolution in the furniture and home design business forced her decision to close the service and dissolve her partnership.

"I was burnt out, tired. But I knew I had to do something else," she said with a knowing smile. "And I knew it had to be something I liked, something I believed in, something that would incorporate all the feelings I have for celebrating the spirit, making a home a cozy, warm, pleasant place to be."

Her new direction?

Pierson and her daughters Rachael and Bridget, are the proud partners behind The Gypsy's Light, a candle shop at 256 S. Eton Street, in the former headquarters of bar design firm. "We sell all kinds of candles, luminaries, incense and aromatherapy," she said while pouring visitors cups of tea. (The Gypsy's Light stocks The Republic of Tea line of exotic flavored teas.) Her cat, Shadow walks by and hops up on sofa in the center of the store for afternoon nap.

"I chose the name Gypsy's Light, because the word gypsy makes me think of wonderful color. The word light, of course, because I sell candles."

Pierson has succeeded in creating a shop with a warm atmosphere. It's a finger, browse and chat. The bright color on the walls and ceiling drapery give the shop a warm glow and the candles lit throughout the premises show off the unique merchandise, flickering with friendliness.

Open since November, The Gypsy's Light has become a destination store

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JOHN STORMLAND/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Thoroughly modern trio: Shadow poses on the lap of The Gypsy's Light owner Beverly Pierson pictured with partner/daughter Rachael. The shop sells candles and aromatherapy accessories.

Schostak Brothers at the reins to manage the Bloomfield Plaza

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

The Bloomfield Plaza at Maple and Telegraph is under new management through Schostak Brothers & Co. of Southfield, following the death of long-time manager Marie Primo.

Tim Grimsky, director of property management at Schostak, said the company won a bid to manage the upscale strip center just three weeks ago.

"We'll do what's necessary to keep up the center's market share and improve it," he said, reviewing all the elements of the project. "Right now we're analyzing sales figures and meeting the tenants. There are three stores vacant at the property right now, and I under-

stand some deals are in the works. It's important to find the right merchants for these spots."

The Bloomfield Plaza is owned by a group of investors and was first built in 1961 to house a Wrigley's Supermarket at the north end (now Kroger's).

Long-time tenant Don Thomas of Don Thomas Sporthaus said he moved into the south end when it was added in 1963.

"It's a busy plaza," Thomas said. "We have very few problems here. Many of the tenants have been here a long time."

The mini mall at the plaza is a neighborhood service center that houses a vacuum cleaner-repair shop, a barbershop, a florist, the

Gallery Restaurant and a mail service.

Sauces & Tonnes relocated to Grand Rapids earlier this year. The Madeline Boutique, facing Telegraph, is also for lease after the owners chose to retire in April. Studio 330 is expanding to the storefront next door to add to its giftware and tabletop lines. Sweet Dreams is coming into the former Sander's location.

Other tenants at the center include Damman Hardware, Robert Mann Furniture, Rose & Sherm, Steve's Deli, Frames Unlimited, Michigan Chandelier, Gail's Office Supply, The Workout Company, Hannah Rose Boutique, Sav-On Drugstore, The Argyle Shop, Lois Gross Cleaners, D.O.C. Optique and Concours Photo.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

All retail businesses in suburban Malls and Main Streets are invited to submit announcements of upcoming events and promotions for Added Attractions. The deadline is the Wednesday before publication on Monday. Send the facts to: Malls & Mainstreets, Observer & Eclectic Newspapers, 905 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Or fax to: (810) 644-1314.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

IMPETUS SHOWS

The tale of Peter Rabbit is presented every through June at 7 p.m. Saturday performance times 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Adams/Walker, Rochester Hills. (810) 375-9451.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

KIDS CLUB STARTS

Wednesday summer activities for children ages 2-12. Regular at management office. Upcoming events include science exhibit, party ideas, puppets, craft day, movies and music show. Today: A Summer Picnic, 2 p.m. stage near Crowley's. Cornes, refreshments, prizes and more. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (810) 475-1166.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

IMPETUS SHOWING

See the latest fashions from Chico's modeled during lunch from noon to 2 p.m. Stage & Co. Orchard Lake/H. Maple, West Bloomfield Hills. (810) 655-6222.

POETRY READINGS

Wayne State University's M.L. Lueber reads from "Stripping The Auld Century Bare." 7 p.m. Open-mike performances 7:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Register for open mike at 6:45 p.m. in person. Borders, Southfield/13 mile. (810) 644-1515.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

MODELING OPPORTUNITY

Gary H. Galt hosts their sixth annual Zip Up The Hoseless clothing drive today from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. T-shirts in need jeans (clean without holes) for a new pair at 50-percent off. All jeans donated to a shelter in Pontiac. Last year over 500 pairs of jeans were collected. Additional clothing and bedding, small furniture etc. is also being collected. Orchard Mall, Orchard Lake/H. Maple, West Bloomfield. (810) 851-1200.

CONCERT SERIES

Informal modeling featuring styles from Clothes Encounters Informally modeled during lunch at The Grand Cafe, noon to 2 p.m.

5335 GRAND RIVER, DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON. (810) 615-9195.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

ART EXHIBIT

Works from "The Artistic Touch," a book about what motivates artists in all mediums by West Bloomfield art teacher Chris Unwin on display at Doubleday's Book Shop. Author and artists meet shoppers noon to 2 p.m. Borrower Collection, Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. (810) 645-0303.

DAD'S BOOTS

Redeem receipts for a free gift for dad with every \$15 mail purchase at table set up in center court. Beginning 10 a.m. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (810) 475-1106.

DAD'S CARD

Jacobson's offers kids the materials and chance to make a Father's Card for dad, noon to 4 p.m. Children's Department. Laurel Park Plaza, St. Mary/Newburgh, Livonia. (313) 591-7890.

FATHER'S DAY EVENTS

Parents hosts offered the contest with shoppers bringing in their luckiest Dad. Father's Day card craft 1-4 p.m.; drawing for a Florida trip for dad; Tommy Hatcher jump rope contest 12-4 p.m. with 1-4 shirt prizes. Laurel Park Plaza, St. Mary/Newburgh, Livonia. (810) 953-7000.

KIDS ACTIVITY

Make a special card for Father's Day. Noon to 2 p.m. All materials supplied. Children's Emporium, 6000 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield. (810) 737-3357.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

STORYBOOK SUNDAY

Chris Edwards of WRC radio reads stories about fathers, 1 p.m. Center Court, Kids reading finished book reports for discount tokens. Forget the Friendly Dragon visit. Fastlane Team Center, Michigan/Middlebelt, Dearborn. (313) 963-3648.