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THE WEEK AHEAD

Road news: Eastbound Ann Arbor Trail, Union to Hamilton, is now open to traffic. Westbound Ann Arbor Trail, Hamilton to Union, is now closed for reconstruction. The CSX Railroad is scheduled to start repairs to the Ann Arbor Trail railroad crossing at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sep. 9. But CSX has given the city several start dates. City officials will update residents when they are sure CSX is at the site and will start working.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Celebration time: Starting Over, a grief support group for young men and women, has plenty to celebrate on Saturday. For its 10th anniversary, current and former members are gathering for a picnic Saturday at Maybury State Park. /B1

AT HOME

Home style: The special look of a Plymouth store's new area of home furnishings makes customers feel at home. /D8

ENTERTAINMENT

Theater: The theme of this year's Meadow Brook Theatre season, which begins Sept. 17 with "Over the Tavern," is "family." /E1

Community theater: A family atmosphere where everyone works together to present good shows is the reason Lisa Andres and other residents belong to the Players Guild of Dearborn. /E1

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Winners: The team which took the Class A Church Division World Championship of the U.S. Slow-Pitch Softball Association includes: top row, left to right, Mike McNeilance, Chuck McBay, Mark Gardner. Middle- Alan Brown, Steve Swope, Scott Hille, Todd Wallace, Tony Morabito. Middle, seated, Jack Hille, Scott Nastally, Bill Gavin, Scott Janack. Foreground- Pastor Robert White, Jack Russell, Jerry White.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Solid as a rock Victory blesses softball team

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

They were the boys of summer, and their home runs were like their church — solid as a rock. Plymouth's Solid Rock Bible Church recently won the 35-team men's Class A Church Division World Championship of the U.S.

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Slow-Pitch Softball Association in Lafayette, La. The team went 6-0 in the winners' bracket and clobbered Revival Community Church of Washington 17-10 in the final game. "We're the number-one church team in the country," said Rob White,

the church's pastor, who made the all-tourney team. White's brother Jerry is the team coach.

White said his church uses softball as a church ministry. "We invite a bunch of guys to play ball and then we teach them about God. They still

Please see TEAM, A4

Scores show grade disparity

■ Elementary school science scores went up, middle school scores went down. But officials say it's too early to worry.

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' MEAP science scores mirrored statewide results and were up and down for 1997.

Fifth-grade scores increased by 15.7 percentage points over last year to 49.6, and eighth-grade scores decreased by 11.5 percentage points to 22.4. Writing scores increased 7.5 points for fifth grade and 2.2 points for eighth grade.

MEAP SCORES

In comparison, the Livonia School District's eighth-grade MEAP science scores increased slightly from last year, from 24.4 to 24.6. Their fifth-grade science scores increased from 34.5 to 43.9.

"Obviously we are pleased with the elementary scores because it was universal. I was very disappointed with the science scores in eighth grade. We need to do more curriculum alignment. We have to be sure the delivery matches the state curriculum guide and is the same in all buildings," said Super-

Please see MEAP, A12

Toy firm joins the Internet

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township toy company Poof Products Inc. already has its soft toys in Kmart, Target and Wal-Mart.

And in an effort to grow, the firm which employs 50 at its Helm Street facilities is offering stock via the Internet.

"We've been growing the company at a 25 to 30 percent growth rate," said Ray Dallavechia Jr., CEO and owner, adding the company seeks to continue growing.

It's the first instance in Michigan of what is termed an Internet public offering. Investors can view and download the company's prospectus, and can pay \$5 a share for stock. The minimum purchase is 150 shares.

Please see POOF, A2

State and county offer to pay more for roads

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

More state and Wayne County money for road work in the city of Plymouth is being offered for current and future projects.

In a Aug. 28 letter to Plymouth Mayor Ron Loiselle, Wayne County Public Services Director Cameron Priebe offered county money to pay for more than half of three proposed projects:

- Hines Drive from Wilcox Road to the Plymouth Township line.
- Haggerty Road from Hines to Plymouth Road.
- Sheldon Road from North Territorial Road to the railroad tracks.

As a result of recent roads legislation

passed in the state legislature, Plymouth is to receive \$22,237 in state funds. This share will go to pave a portion of Farmer Street where sewer work is being done this year.

The paving work will replace the patching originally scheduled for this year, said City Manager Steve Walters.

Plymouth city commissioners discussed the proposed 1998 county projects Sept. 2. They opted not to accept county money for the Hines Drive project. The city's share of the \$284,000 project was \$93,720 according to the proposal.

"It's really just a route for people to pass us by, it's a community parkway," Walters said, adding commissioners

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Fall Festival



PHOTO BY KELLY SAUTER-DORSON

Spinning: Tony Recendiz, 9, of Plymouth watches Ken Barnes of the Potter's Guild spin out a vase. For more Fall Festival, turn to pages A3, A12, and A15.

COP CALLS

Plymouth Township police are investigating a series of break-

ins of homes under construction in the Andover Lakes subdivision.

Police said three homes were broken into on Aug. 16 and 17, as thieves kicked in front doors, damaging door frames. A dishwasher was taken in one break-in. In another, some carpeting was damaged, police said.

A neighbor of one invaded home said they saw a red pickup truck parked nearby at the time of the theft, but that is the only lead on the break-ins to date, police said.

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weren't interested in the project.

City commissioners are interested in the other two road projects proposed by the county. As proposed, the Sheldon Road work would cost \$287,000, and the city would contribute \$28,750.

"However, it is not scheduled to be funded by the county until 1999 or 2000," Waters said.

The city administration is interested in looking at possibly widening Sheldon at the North Territorial intersection and continuing road work on Sheldon south of North Territorial.

"I'm going to go back to the county to clarify points and see if it's something we can work out," Walters said.

In the Haggerty Road project proposed by the county, the city would pay \$24,680 of the \$104,000 project.

Walters said he's asked the county to clarify the city's proposed share of the project, as it is at the Plymouth Township boundary.

This suggests that the local share of the project could be reduced to \$11,600, Walters said.

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Sales: Ray Dallavecchia, CEO and owner of Poof Products, Inc. says the Internet route for selling stocks bypasses brokerage fees to conduct a public offering.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BEESLER

Poof from page A1

Poof Products makes foam toys including soccer balls, footballs, basketballs, puzzles, helicopters, rockets and toy cars.

The company was formed in the early '80s in Roseville. Dallavecchia, whose background is in promotional merchandise for advertising, began working with the company in 1990.

Dallavecchia said that in talking with Poof customers, they said Poof had one of the finest products in the country. Yet, they asked, "Why don't you ship on time," he recalled.

The original owners were seeking to sell the business, and Dallavecchia was interested.

He said the company, which was also an auto supplier, worked on the theory of assembling orders first, then producing the product to fill orders. "The theory was flawed," he said.

"I was pleased I had a product people wanted," he said, adding the foam spot balls "are probably a core of the sport

products line."

Dallavecchia said the company's hottest product this Christmas will be the "Bean Bag," a ball that lights up on impact. The company sold out of them last Christmas season, but adequate supplies are being made this time.

Of the Internet offering, Dallavecchia said, "We needed a relatively inexpensive way to raise some acquisition." The Internet route seeks to bypass brokerage fees of up to \$1 million to conduct a public offering.

In January, Poof bought out Chasco Toy Co, another maker of foam toys, and moved the jobs from Oklahoma to Michigan.

Dallavecchia said his company's specialty is making basic toys, adding they'll seek to buy similar firms with mass retail distribution.

Why basic toys? Dallavecchia said fad toys, including Tamagotchis, are successful in the short term. "You could turn into a Cabbage Patch situation," he said. "When that

died their business dies. We like very basic products that sell year round. Our sales levels are relatively consistent quarter to quarter."

In Plymouth Township the firm has 18,000 square feet of space in its main plant, 20,000 square feet of warehouse space and 5,000 square feet of office space.

The company is in Plymouth Township because "we like the neighborhood so to speak," Dallavecchia said. "There's easily access to freeways, a good employee base. We're able to attract high caliber employees."

One can visit Poof Products web site at www.poof-toys.com. The company can also be reached at 1-800-329-TOYS.

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PET SHOW WINNERS



A winner: Bogie took second place with his MSU Kitty Quarterback outfit.

The annual Fall Festival Optimist Club of Plymouth Pet Show Saturday drew adults and children - and not to mention - pets, lots of them, and all kinds of them. The contest was divided between dogs, cats and unusual pets. Judges were Kathy Mount of the Brandy Memorial Fundraiser, pet photographer Jill Young, Lisa Lip-ping and Linda Kuhnack, both of the Community Crier, and Joanne Maliszewski of the Plymouth Observer. Optimist Club organizers were chairman Chuck Childs, Felix Rotter and Jim Hutchings. The following are this year's winners in the three pet divisions:

DOGS

SMALLEST

First place: **Patches**
Jennifer Sulkowski
Second place: **Peanut**
Ed Melone
Third place: **Lucky**
Cody Sulkowski

LARGEST

First place: **Shack**
Dakota Bergevin
Second place: **Strohs**
Jillian Miller
Third place: **Mia**
Katie and Olivia Sigworth

LONGEST TAIL

Tied for first place: **Ritz**
No name for family
Tied for first place: **Mia**
Katie and Olivia Sigworth
Second place: **Chandler**
Courtney Miller
Third place: **Clipper**
Emily and Eleanor Kenny

LONGEST EARS

First place: **Mounty**
Lauren Norris
Second place: **Dudley**
Brittany Norris
Third place: **Buster**
Ashley Romanski

BEST DRESSED

First place: **Gracey**
Kylee Sprayberry
Second place: **Roofus**
Trapp family
Third place: **Muffin**
Kelley Mitziga

BEST TRICKS (Two in each category)

First place: **Muffin**
Kelley Mitziga
First place: **Murphy**
Jane Byrnes
Second place: **Duchess**
Sarah Stewart
Second place: **Ariel**
Rebecca and Megan Birman
Third place: **Clipper**
Emily and Eleanor Kenny
Third place: **Buster**
Nathan Brown

UNUSUAL PETS

SMALLEST

First place: **Harry** (caterpillar)
Katrina Chizek and Chelsea Baldwin
Second place: **Antonia** (newt)
Leah Varga
Third place: **Snickers** (newt)
Sarah Shumaker

LARGEST

First place: **Molly** (cockatoo)
Sarah Shumaker
Second place: **Gordy and Pace** (chinchillas)
Alissa Smith
Third place: **Kasey** (bunny)
Jessica Weaver

MOST COLORFUL

First place: **Klwl** (Quaker parrot)
Andrew Shumaker
Second place: **Leona** (iguana)
Kelsey Mack
Third place: **Eslo** (turtle)
Dan Klebba

MOST UNUSUAL

First place: **Earth** (Venus flytrap)
Jesse Varga
Second place: **Suzy** (ferret)
Lauren Saxton
Third place: **Sparky** (stubby tail dog)
Chris Thomason

CATS

SMALLEST

First - third place: **Six kittens**
Andrew Cannon

LARGEST

Tied for first place: **Bailey**
Sarah Armstrong
Tied for first place: **Nitro**
Marguerite Wooley
Second place: **Corky**
Lisa Storch
Third place: **Bogie**
Brett Kavulich

LONGEST HAIR

First place: **Fluff**
Martha Potts
Second place: **Nitro**
Marguerite Wooley
Third place: **Bailey**
Sarah Armstrong

BEST DRESSED

First place: **Corky**
Lisa Storch
Second place: **Bogie**
Brett Kavulich
Third place: **Snickers**
Marlene De Beliso



Long and short of it: Jennifer Sulkowski and her dog Patches wait for the competition to begin. Patches was entered in the longest ears and best dressed categories. She later won the blue ribbon for best dressed.



Tell tail: (Above) Judges measure Monty's tail. His owner is Lauren Norris, 9. (Left) John Mitziga holds daughter Kelley while she tries to make some final adjustments to the costume for the best dressed competition.

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Schools hire architect

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school board went with the familiar and hired for the new elementary school the same architectural firm that designed Tonda and Bentley elementary schools.

School district officials consider Tonda and Bentley to be prototypes for any new elementary school. The board voted 6-1 to hire Wakely Associates, Inc. of Warren at its Aug. 26 meeting.

Wakely's total project fee is \$235,643 plus a maximum of \$30,000 for any modification to the original Tonda/Bentley plans. The new school must be convertible to a middle school

in the future if necessary.

At their previous Aug. 12 meeting, several board members said that Wakely's project presentation was not "dynamic." At that time, the board was considering hiring Coquilard, Dundon, Peterson & Argenta of Southfield if the firm could use the Tonda/Bentley plans to discount their bid.

The total project fee for CDPA was \$489,110.

At Tuesday's meeting, John Birchler, schools executive director of business and operations, said CDPA's fee included using the Tonda/Bentley plans designed by Wakely. He said the firm would discount their fee only if the district used one of their plans.

Both Carrie Blamer, board

treasurer, and Sue Davis, board vice president, said the public had been promised a Tonda/Bentley-like school. "I'll be voting for Wakely. We must be loyal to our public," said Davis.

Board president Mark Horvath agreed that the district had to "deliver what we promised." He also said that with Wakely, the district can accomplish that goal in a more fiscally sound manner. "It's hard to justify \$200,000 more to go with CDPA."

Birchler said Wakely's proposal made it clear the project manager, who would act on behalf of the district, would not be the architect who made the original presentation before the board.

Team from page A1

get to do something they like but with a higher motivation.

Higher motivation definitely was at play during the tournament. The team dedicated the championship to leukemia-stricken church-member Amy Barta, 13, of Redford Township. "She was very excited," said White.

The team members take their playing and praying seriously. They've been blessed with a sense of humor, and their camaraderie is obvious.

They like to kid Scott "Helium" Hille, 30, of Livonia about being the team's "home run hero." Coach White says Hille was named all-state in high school because he went to an all-girl school. Hille, who graduated from Livonia's Churchill High, doesn't say much. He lets his muscles do the talking.

Hille was the team's offensive MVP, hitting .869 with nine home runs. Coach White said Hille smashed three homers into a harsh wind in the final game.

There's lots of big bats on this team. Catcher and third-baseman Todd Wallace, 32, of Romulus, the tournament MVP, hit .785; first-baseman Alan Brown

and centerfield Scott Janach both hit .760; pitcher Scott "Scooter" Nastally, 25, batted a .708; and Pastor Rob White batted a respectable .695.

Jack Hille, Scott's dad, is the assistant coach, water guy and the team's disciplinarian. He keeps egos in check and the decibel level down during team interviews.

He reminds the team who's behind their wins. "Lot of guys play with upper level A and AA teams. But on the church team maybe it's the Lord who elevated them to higher heights."

Jack Hille says the team prays together before and after every meal, "unless we get baloney." Son Scott says the team mostly prays during a game.

First-baseman Mark Gardner, 40, the church's deacon, said he praises God all the time "for the talent these men have been blessed with."

The gross tonnage of the team is awesome, with some of players weighing in at 270-plus pounds. "Nobody wants to play us. Maybe it's the 73 home runs in Cincinnati in six games," said Chuck McBay, 32.

While their muscles may be

intimidating, the players manners aren't. "People take a look at the size of these guys and say how do you get these guys to be so polite," said Coach White.

Many players are tournament vets.

Left-fielder Mike McNeilance, 42, a Livonia police lieutenant, played for the Troy team that recently won the police world's tournament in Detroit. Outfielder Scott Janach, 25, of Canton has won six other world titles. Second-baseman Tony Marabito, 34, of Dearborn Heights said he's played on tournament teams for more than seven years.

Right-fielder Steve Swope, 30, and center-fielder Jack Russell, 44, summed up the team's feeling towards their church and the glorious game of baseball: "It's the greatest thrill playing with people you really care about," said Swope. "It's the best when you get a bunch of Christians playing," said Russell.

Don Massey Cadillac of Plymouth, D & R Auto of Belleville and the Canton Softball Center sponsored the team.

Praise the Lord and keep those hits coming.

Auditions now open for PCAC Youth Choir

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold auditions for the PCAC Youth Choir.

The select choir is under the direction of Dr. Soo Yeon Kim, currently serving as Adjunct Professor of Music at Heidelberg College in Ohio.

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ter Class, Sunday, Sept. 21. No preparation necessary. Please arrive by 4 p.m. and stay until 6 p.m. Selected singers will rehearse every Sunday night from 5-6 p.m. for 10 weeks (skipping Thanksgiving week). Upon acceptance there is a participation fee of \$125, which includes music. A holiday concert will be

at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, with a mandatory dress rehearsal at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12.

Auditions, rehearsals, and the concert will be at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. For more information, please call the PCAC at (313) 416-4ART.

How do they get nicknames?

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Ever wonder how some baseball players got their nicknames? Maybe it's just a "guy" way of showing affection.

Maybe there was a defining moment in childhood. Whatever the reason, the Solid Rock Baptist Church baseball team has some imaginative monikers.

Take first-baseman Alan "Bubble Gum" Brown, 28. According to Bill "The Gooch" Gavin, 33, Brown blew a 32-inch bubble in sixth-grade. (Excuse the bad pun, but the name stuck.)

Gavin was named the team's best defensive player. He wouldn't reveal the history behind "The Gooch," but someone said it had something to do with not letting anything get past him on the ball field.

Someone else said it had everything to do with having

■ Whatever the reason, the Solid Rock Baptist Church baseball team has some imaginative monikers.

"good fork speed at the dinner table."

Then there's Scott "Helium" Hille, a Livonia guy who sports an earring and looks like Stephen Seagal. He has basketballs for biceps and pumps a lot of iron, so maybe...

Then there's Scott's dad, Jack "Mr. Hille" Hille. He's a hefty guy with a bass voice — deep as a well. He's coached for many years. Nobody younger than he would dare to call him anything other than "Mr. Hille."

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by John Goodman
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Judge turns down move to block gas tax

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

State government is free to continue collecting the new 4-cents-a-gallon gasoline tax after an Ingham County judge refused an anti-tax group's request to block it.

Judge Lawrence M. Glazer late Monday turned down a portion of the suit by Michigan Taxpayers United to block the law, which raised the tax from 15 to 19 cents a gallon effective last Aug. 1.

"It is my view the bill did receive immediate effect," said Glazer after a two-hour hearing.

"It looks as if the tax will stay in place," said Chris DeWitt, spokesman for attorney general Frank Kelley who defended the state.

"We are weighing the possibility of an appeal," said Bill McMaster, Birmingham public relations man, president of MTU and one of the plaintiffs.

The case is still alive, however. MTU still is challenging the gasoline tax hike on a second ground: That a vote of the people is required to raise the total state revenue above 9.4 percent of total personal income of all persons, as defined by the U.S. Commerce Department.

That cap is contained in the 1978 Headlee amendment to the state constitution. McMaster worked on that campaign and heads the organization founded by the now-retired Richard Headlee.

8 months at stake

At stake in Monday's arguments were eight months of gasoline tax collections, some \$133 million — from Aug. 1 to about next April 1.

McMaster argued that the tax couldn't be collected until April

1, or 90 days after the Legislature adjourned for the year, because the House had failed to give the bill a two-thirds vote (74) to give it "i.e." or immediate effect.

"I.e." is always used on budget bills because they are passed in June and July, and the fiscal year starts Oct. 1. Most often, it's a consensus vote with no roll call demanded or reported. Lawmakers who voted against a budget bill almost never object to "i.e." Other bills also can get an "i.e."

The gasoline tax was more controversial. The problem was that the House had to pass it twice.

Known as House Bill 4872, the bill won 70-26 and immediate effect in the House on June 26. The Senate made many amendments and finally passed its own eighth version, known as HB 4872 (S-8), on a 20-16 with no controversy over immediate effect.

Both chambers must pass the identical version of a bill for it to become law, so HB 4872 (S-8) was sent back to the House. Long past midnight on July 16, the House passed the measure 56-48, the bare minimum for passage. But it took no separate "i.e." vote on the S-8 version.

Jaye asks vote

Rep. Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County, sought a separate vote. He submitted to Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, a petition with signatures of 25 members, three more than needed, asking for a record roll call "i.e." vote.

Local signers included Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton. (Kaza liked it so much that he signed twice.)

Hertel said no, citing a January 1997 policy change in which the House leadership said it would not take a separate "i.e." vote on Senate amendments; the June 26 "i.e." was deemed sufficient. Judge Glazer agreed.

MTU's chances are still alive. If it wins later, it could ask the court 1) either to order a refund of the excess gasoline tax through an income tax refund or 2) reduce the gasoline tax four cents to 11-cents-a-gallon for an appropriate period of time.

How they voted

HB 4872 (S-8) passed 56-48. Here is how area lawmakers voted:

Yes — Lyn Bankes, R-Redford.
No — Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

Not voting — Gerald Law, R-Plymouth. (Law's excused absence has the effect of a no vote.)

Several area members voting no placed their objections in the permanent House Journal. Excerpts from their remarks:

Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake objected that "one-fourth of the tax increase will go to bridges which are mostly in Wayne County."

Deborah Whyman, R-Canton: "This gas tax increase offers no significant reform for the roads in my district. The vast majority of my roads are maintained by Wayne County, which spends 25 cents of every dollar on administrative overhead; Oakland County spends 13 cents. Throwing money at the roads will not fix them. Reform is necessary."

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Local school administrators head back to class at UM-D

Thirty administrators from 10 Wayne County school districts including Garden City, Livonia, Redford Union and Wayne-Westland are going back to school this fall, learning about the changes in public education.

The administrators are students in a new leadership academy established by the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Education and the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation (MAISL), a collaborative of 10 school dis-

tricts in western Wayne County.

"The Leadership Academy will provide problem-focused, case-driven, active learning experiences or practicing and aspiring school leaders directed toward the identified needs of the school districts," according to Michael Wilmot, superintendent of Garden City Schools and president of MAISL.

Administrators in the program will attend four full-day workshops at UM-D focused on a range of issues including vio-

lence in schools, using the Internet to enhance teaching and learning, ethnic and racial diversity in schools and "leadership or the new millennium."

Participating are:

■Garden City - Judith Richards, principal at Memorial Elementary School; Keith Anlietner principal at Farmington Elementary School and Ben Alalouf, assistant principal at Garden City High School.

■Livonia - Lorna Durand, principal at Cooper-at-Whittier

Elementary School; Laura Wallace, assistant principal at Holmes Middle School and Rod Hosman, principal at Churchill High School.

■Redford Union - Ken Johnson, superintendent RU Schools; Linda Pallas, director of instructional services RU Schools and Donna Rhodes, principal, Bowman Elementary School.

■Wayne-Westland - Neil Thomas, principal, John Glenn High School; Darlene Scott, principal, Franklin Middle

School and Sally Perkins, principal, Elliott Elementary School.

"One of the big issues that public schools will have to deal with in the very near future is posed by competition, which they never really faced before," according to John Poster, dean of UM-D's School of Education.

"The growth in charter schools, home schooling and open enrollments, as well as the prospect of some sort of voucher system, all mean that public schools will need to develop a

focus on "customer relations," Poster said. "It will require a different orientation and a significant amount of training for school administrators."

Wilmot called the program "the first step in a partnership among K-12 districts and UM-D to develop administrative skills among the leadership of our public schools' Wilmot said. "It's a classic example of the kind of cooperation and partnership what we all should be doing more of."

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The class begins Saturday, Oct. 18 with sessions at 9 and 11 a.m. and the fee is \$75.

If your child is more musically inclined, the class Kid Jazz — Let's Write a Song gives budding musicians the oppor-

tunity to write their own songs and hear them put to music. Students will learn the basic elements of music and work together to write songs with a professional jazz performer.

Children aged 9 to 12 are eligible to register, and they do not need previous music experience. They will leave the class with a new understanding of how to make music and, if they bring an empty tape cassette, a copy of the finished product.

The class begins Saturday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. and the fee is \$75. For information, call (313) 462-4448.

New Internet column debuts Sunday

Veteran broadcast and print journalist Mike Wendland, best known in the metropolitan Detroit area for his investigative coverage on WDIV-TV Channel 4, will be a featured columnist starting today and every Sunday in the business section of The Observer Newspapers.

Wendland's column, *PC Talk*, will provide readers with useful and down-to-earth information about the Internet and anticipated advances in the ever-changing field of multi-media.

"The Internet has become one of the most powerful mediums of our time," said Wendland, "and an invaluable resource."

Whether you've been surfin' on the net, thinking about catching the wave or afraid to take the big plunge, Wendland said his column will reassure apprehensive users that the Internet is about as easy to maneuver as using your remote control to change the channel on your television set.

"In the early days people were put off by computers because they were difficult to operate, big

and hard to understand," said Wendland. "Since then the market has exploded and the accessibility and usefulness has increased enormously. It's a fun and powerful medium that has become such an important part of our everyday lives."

Speaking as one of the country's leading experts in using the Internet for research and information-gathering, Wendland travels the globe lecturing to corporations and civic, religious and professional organizations.

The author of a series of books, he also hosts a call-in radio program dealing with the world of personal computers and the Internet. His *PC Talk* radio program is

heard every Saturday from 3-5 p.m. on Detroit's Talk Station, AM 1270, WXYT. Two of his technology segments, *High Tech Talk* and *Net Surfin'*, are distributed to 215 NBC stations nationwide on the NBC NewsChannel and are aired on CNBC's popular "Steals and Deals" program.

"I've been using computers since the 1980s as an investigative reporter and as a tool in teaching others," said Wendland. "The Internet has the capacity to help us make our lives better by transmitting hard-to-find information that would otherwise be buried in books and libraries."

His weekly column will feature "neat sites," says Wendland and links as well as tips on making the Internet work for you and your family.

There's a glut of valuable information individuals, families and their children can use. I hope to help them understand what it means to be online and to make that fear go away."

Wendland says he will gladly accept readers suggestions, questions and links to their favorite sites. You can also visit his extensive Web site at www.pcmike.com where he receives more than 200 e-mail messages a day.

The site features "Mike's special reports; special tips direct from readers, viewers and listeners to Mike's books and programs; PC Talk Radio pictures; frequently asked questions and answers; and net humor."

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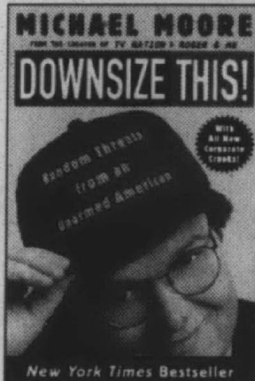
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Carriers, families honored at Observer annual picnic

More than 500 young newspaper carriers and their families turned out last month for the Second Annual Carrier Appreciation Picnic hosted by the Observer Newspapers.

The Observer Newspapers provided food, prizes, games and clowns for the event which was held at Camp Dearborn in Milford. Disc jockey Jeffrey Pausch played music for the crowd.

"The weather cooperated and everyone enjoyed themselves," said Larry Geiger, circulation manager for the Observer Newspapers. "This is an annual event which we all look forward to and like to plan."

"We'll be at Camp Dearborn again next year. We appreciate all of our carriers and this is just one way we can show them just how much their work is valued," said Geiger.

Joe Zaremba, an Observer carrier from Livonia, said his family had a very good time. They won a \$100 gift certificate to Parisian.



Crowd pleasing: Sunny skies provided the perfect backdrop for the second annual Observer Newspaper Carrier Appreciation Picnic. Picnicgoers lined up for fun at the event held at Camp Dearborn. Plans are underway for next year's special event.



Madonna University workshop to explore gender differences

Madonna University in Livonia will offer the workshop, "She Said, He Said: Gender Differences in Organizational Communication" on Friday, Oct. 17, from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The non-credit fee is \$95. Students earn 1.2 continuing education units.

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SC culinary fest aids scholarship fund

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Hungry for some exotic foods and extraordinary cuisine?

Well, if you have a palate for adventure and want to help contribute to a college scholarship fund, you can visit the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College on Sunday, Sept. 21 for the Sixth Annual Culinary Extravaganza.

More than 60 restaurants from southeastern Michigan will be represented to highlight this year's theme, "Join the Adventure." Restaurant fare features everything from Maine lobster and rock shrimp risotto from Morels in Birmingham to Black Angus pot roast from the Innkeeper Restaurant at Metro Airport.

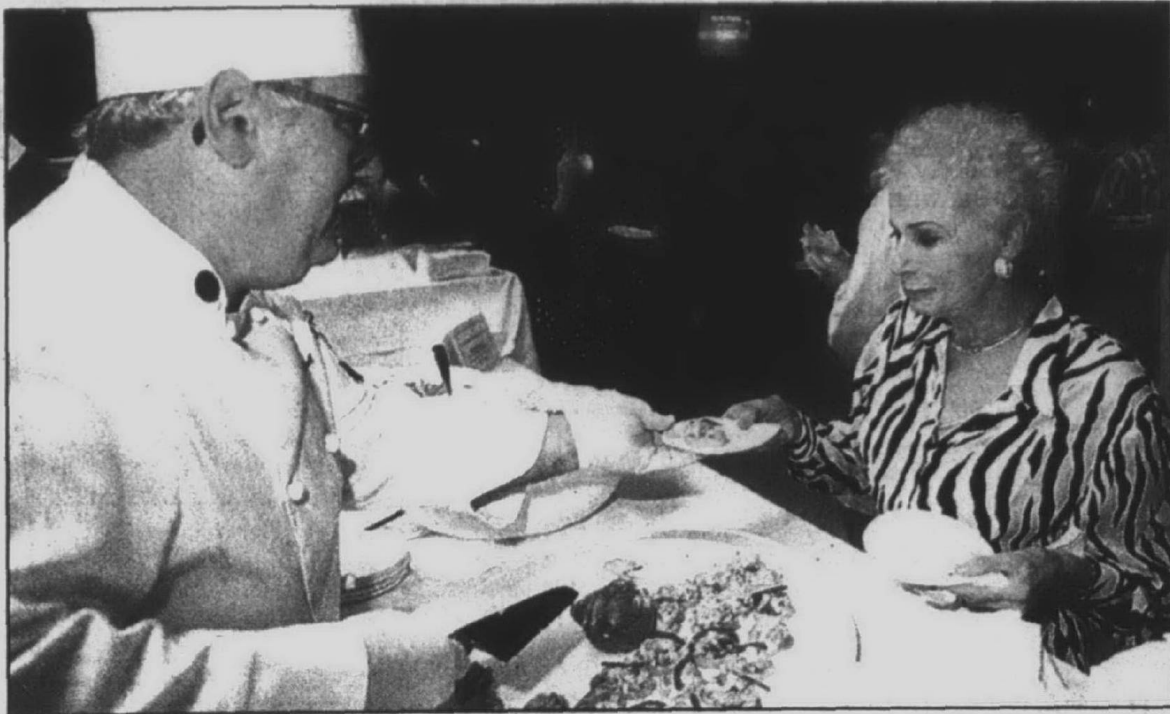
The event will move from the Waterman Center to McDowell Center (facing Haggerty Road) to allow easier access for patrons from parking lots and give restaurants and patrons open areas near McDowell's main stairway on all three floors, according to Sandra Florek, dean of marketing and development for Schoolcraft College.

"We want to give visitors more of a feeling of being in the same area at the same time," Florek said.

Organizers hope to draw more than 800 patrons, the number of visitors last year. The event raised more than \$100,000 last year; this year's goal is \$120,000. Money raised enters Schoolcraft's scholarship fund. All culinary arts students receive a scholarship for helping with the event, Florek said.

Tickets for the event are \$40 per person or two tickets for \$75.

The event features food samples, a silent auction for wine, a raffle drawing and mini seminars on food-related topics. Beth Mocerri, coordinator of special events, said Michigan-made wines will be featured at the wine auction, along with French and California wines. The Michi-



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gan wines were donated by the Michigan Grape Wine Industry Council.

Patrons can donate in various scholarship packages: Partner, \$25,000; Platinum, \$5,000; Diamond, \$2,500; Gold, \$1,000; Silver, \$500, and Bronze, \$250.

Two sponsors already stand out in organizers' minds. Bill Greenman, owner of a Speedy Printing in Livonia, printed invitations and promotional materials for the event.

"It's incredible to have someone do that for us," Mocerri said. "It's a huge donation."

Glenda's Market in Livonia also will decorate all the floors of the building with flowers, greenery, silks and living plants.

Volunteers, such as David Brandon, CEO of Valassis Inc., assist the event greatly through their efforts. "There's no way we could do this event by ourselves," Florek said.

To take a break from the gourmet food, participants can attend one of several free mini-seminars on topics such as pastries and desserts, champagne and dessert wines for the holidays or how to work with chocolate. More than 100 bottles of wine will be displayed, and later auctioned. Auction items also include a VIP tour and wine-tasting for six at Chateau Chantal on Old Mission Peninsula near Traverse City and sets of tickets to the Michigan-Michigan State and Michigan-Ohio State football games.

The first-prize winner in the raffle will receive a framed jersey from this year's Stanley Cup champions, the Detroit Red Wings, signed by team captain Steve Yzerman. The second prize is the lease of a Jaguar for two weeks from Jaguar of Plymouth. A diamond and amethyst ring from Orin Jewelers is the third

prize and the fourth prize is a trip to Las Vegas for two, staying at the Imperial Palace donated by Livonia Travel.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.

Florek believes the event is appropriate for Schoolcraft, which houses what she calls the "best culinary arts program in the nation."

"Many restaurants are willing to cooperate because they know we educate many of the people who will be working in their restaurants. Everyone talks about the cost of education, and I think it's a fun way to raise money so that students can go to college."

For tickets, call the college's Office of Marketing and Development at (313) 462-4417. Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards are accepted, or checks can be made out to Schoolcraft College Foundation.

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MEAP

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intendent Chuck Little.

Verna Anible, director of instruction, said there were many variables beyond the district's control that affected the drop in eighth-grade science scores, including the difficulty of the test and the state-determined cut score for proficiency.

Anible said this was only the second year the state administered a test based on applying the scientific method to problems rather than a memorization of facts. In addition, she said this year's test questions were different from last year.

"I would predict our students are learning more about science than what they learned last

year. If the test remained consistent, we would be able to capture the increased learning that we are confident is taking place in our schools."

Anible said the district is further along in the process of training elementary teachers in "inquiry method" of instruction versus "fact-giving" than they are in training middle school teachers.

The inquiry method centers on students asking or being presented with a problem. Students then apply the scientific process of formulating a hypothesis, testing the hypothesis and drawing a conclusion from data.

The district will continue to do

its homework, according to Anible. "We will continue to look at MEGOSE (Michigan Essential Goals and Objectives for Science Education). We have the new Michigan Frameworks for science, which gives us the standards and benchmarks. We will align our curriculum with those documents."

Dr. Peter L. Bunton, acting supervisor for the MEAP unit at Michigan State Board of Education, said he was not concerned with the drop in eighth-grade science scores reported by many districts.

"People are doing a fine job in the Plymouth-Canton schools to present the curriculum in the

eighth grade. It takes some time to put the changes into effect. Never take one year's scores as a measure. I never want to make adjustments on one-year data. I am convinced you will see improvement."

"There are many ways of assessing people. The MEAP is only one way to evaluate the students."

Statewide, science scores increased 9.9 percentage points for fifth-grade science and decreased 4 points for eighth grade.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools had composite MEAP scores of 54.7 for eighth grade and 69.3 for fifth grade, placing them somewhere in the middle among southeast Michigan school districts. Composite scores include both science and writing.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

MEAP test results in grades 5 and 8

Percentages indicate students scoring in the satisfactory range. Scores are broken down into satisfactory, moderate and low categories.

Grade 5 Science				Grade 5 Writing			
School	1996	1997		School	1996	1997	
Allen	34.0	47.0		Allen	88.3	88.9	
Bentley	32.1	34.3		Bentley	80.2	88.9	
Bird	42.3	60.4		Bird	91.0	96.7	
Eriksson	32.9	37.2		Eriksson	80.0	84.9	
Farrand	29.7	43.1		Farrand	69.1	81.4	
Fliegel	25.5	63.2		Fliegel	84.0	81.9	
Field	15.6	30.3		Field	80.0	80.0	
Gallimore	21.2	60.9		Gallimore	81.8	87.7	
Hoben	24.3	28.6		Hoben	78.7	82.8	
Hulsing	27.0	47.2		Hulsing	78.2	84.7	
Isbister	49.5	63.9		Isbister	81.6	81.6	
Miller	49.3	62.2		Miller	85.2	84.7	
Smith	24.6	60.0		Smith	77.0	86.6	
Tonde	42.7	78.3		Tonde	83.2	86.9	
District	33.9	49.6		District	81.4	88.9	
State	26.9	36.8		State	26.9	73.4	

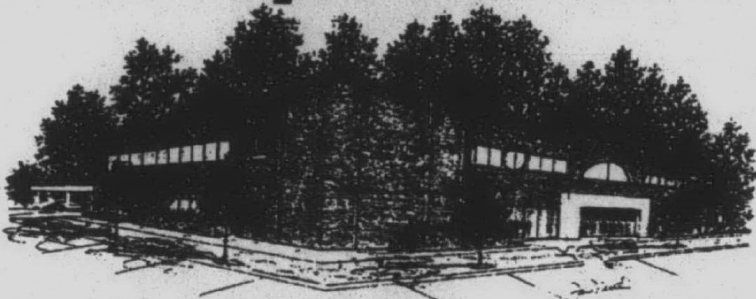
Grade 8 Science				Grade 8 Writing			
School	1996	1997		School	1996	1997	
Central	26.6	11.7		Central	83.3	78.9	
East	45.5	38.3		East	82.0	81.1	
Lowell	26.7	21.8		Lowell	77.1	82.2	
Pioneer	38.2	21.9		Pioneer	80.5	86.9	
West	32.7	20.7		West	81.4	89.1	
District	33.9	22.4		District	84.8	87.0	
State	21.5	17.8		State	69.1	77.0	

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Specifications and Bid Forms can be obtained at the Purchasing Department, Board of Education Building, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI. Bids are due on or before 2:00 P.M. Friday, September 19, 1997. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the School district.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JACK F. FARROW, Secretary

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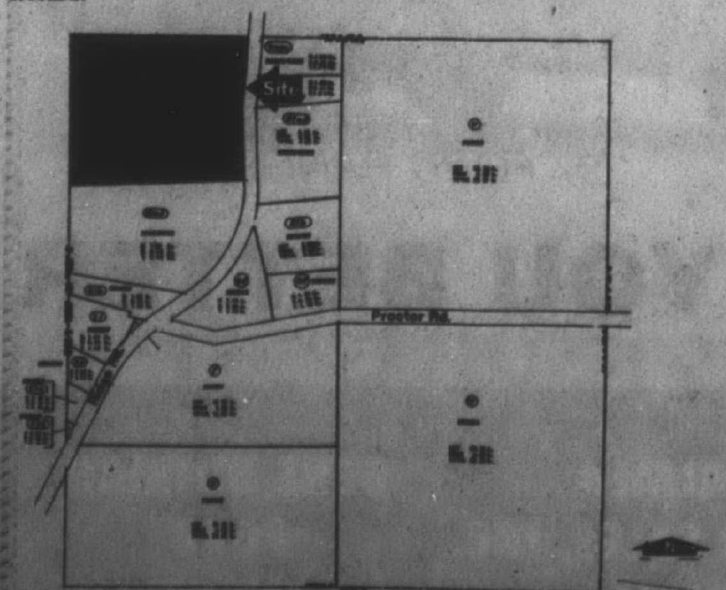
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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 6, 1997 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

EHRHART REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 075 99 0001 001 AND 075 99 0001 002 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the west side of Ridge Road between Cherry Hill and Proctor Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 25, 1997 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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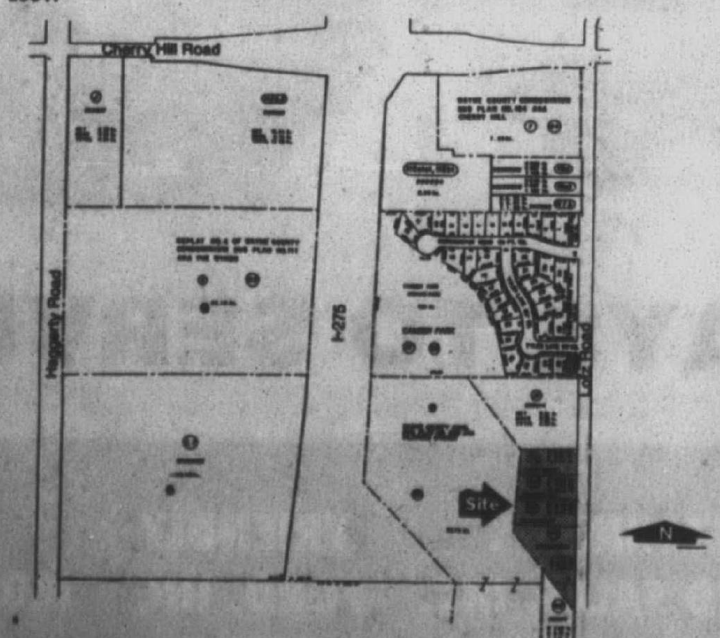
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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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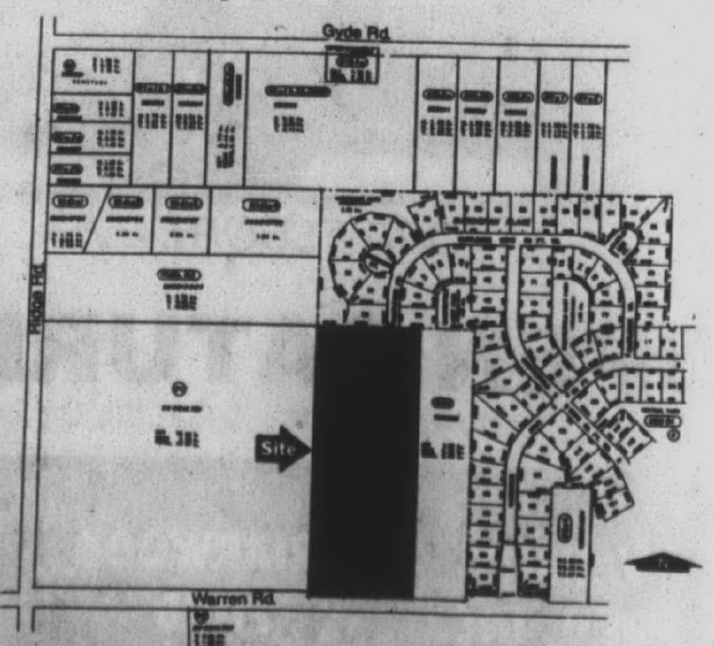
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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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FALL FESTIVAL EXHIBIT TENT RESULTS

1997 Plymouth Fall Festival Exhibit Tent Results are as follows:

PIE BAKING JUDGES:

Steve Walters, Plymouth city manager and Chuck Curmi, Plymouth Township trustee.

1st: Linette Popoff-Parks; 2nd and 3rd: Georgia Randinitis. Honorable mention: Stella Greene.

Junior 1st: Jasmine Levitte

SUNFLOWERS-TALLEST:

1st: Donald C. Wilkin (13'8"). Honorable mention: Nancy O'Callaghan

Junior 1st: Danielle Denski (12'9"); 2nd: Kelly Filios, Sean Long; 3rd: Sarah Stobbe.

Honorable mention: Danielle Foster, Audrey Johnson
Junior Largest Head: 1st: Kelly Filios

JAMS:

1st: Janice Litwin; 2nd: Mary Vanerian

SPECIAL UNUSUAL:

1st: Marjorie Manderachia (Black Hollyhock)

GARDEN FACES (JUNIOR):

Ages 4-7, 1st: Sean Long; 2nd: Peter Mazzoli; 3rd: Lauren Mazzoli

Ages 8-12, 1st: Matthew Nye; 2nd: Colton Ash

VEGETABLES JUNIOR:

Zucchini: 1st: Laura Vanerian; 2nd: Brad Litwin; 3rd: Laura Vanerian. Honorable mention: Timmy Smith, Brad Litwin, Anne and Michael Clemente

Mixed Vegetables: 1st: Colton Ash.

VEGETABLES ADULT:

Zucchini: 1st: Edward Skernt (31") 2nd: John and Marilyn Roughly; 3rd: June Baker.

Honorable mention: Nancy O'Callaghan, Donald C. Wilkin, Julie Catterall

Mixed Vegetables: 1st: Mike Clemente Family; 2nd: Julie Catterall, 3rd: Janice Litwin

Honorable mention: Nancy O'Callaghan

Other veggies: 1st: Melissa Greene (tomatoes); 1st: Shaun

Greene (patty pan squash)
Pumpkins: 1st: Pat Filios

FLOWERS-MINIATURE:

1st: Sarah Smith; 2nd: Marjorie Manderachia; 3rd: Sarah Smith

Honorable mention: Shelly Getty, Ann Warne, M. Manderachia

Large Flower arrangements: 1st: Arlene Moraitis; 2nd: Shelly Getty; 3rd: Mary Beth Reef.

Honorable mention: Sarah Smith, Georgia Randinitis

Small Flower arrangements: 1st: Mary Beth Reef; 2nd: Marjorie Manderachia; 3rd: Jean Mazzoli

Honorable mention: Mary Beth Reef, Georgia Randinitis

Single Blossom: 1st: Marie Gentz; 2nd: Jean Mazzoli; 3rd: Nancy O'Callaghan

DRIED FLOWERS:

1st: Shelly Getty

PLANTS:

1st and 2nd: Ann Warne

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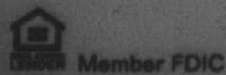
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Success: Food, entertainment spell Fall Festival



BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The 1997 Plymouth Fall Festival was a big success, thanks to great weather, great food and entertainment that pleased large crowds that turned out.

"Things went very good, we heard from a lot of groups who said they had very good year," said festival president Dr. Clark Smith.

The groups Smith spoke of are the service clubs who run food booths at the festival, to raise money for activities that benefit the community. Some said they did as well as in their very best years, Smith said.

"The only problems were we continued to fight electricity problems," he said. Some groups with booths on Main Street, plugged into outlets mounted on light poles, reported occasional power outages.

"We're going to have to address that for next year," he said.

Rain during the opening ceremonies Friday lasted just long

enough for the Plymouth Community Band to be forced to cancel its scheduled performance. But singer Rose Garchow of Plymouth played a half-hour longer set, helping to fill the gap.

"We had a lot of young people who said they really enjoyed the Street Dance," Smith said, adding he also got favorable comments on dance performances.

"People really enjoyed the high school band and the Fife and Drum Corps," he added.

Folks also enjoyed the high school cheerleader pie-in-the-face throw. "People seemed to get a lot of laughs out of that, they earned that dollar," Smith said.

Rotarian John Vos, also a city commissioner, reported the Rotary nearly sold out of chicken barbecue dinners Saturday. "We did an extra thousand chickens over last year," he said, adding nearly 26,000 dinners were sold. "We might have had 100 or so left over," he said, adding these were

given to charity.

The sunshine on Saturday caused a problem for some kids dancing with the Masters of Dance Studio. That's because the stage surface was hot to the touch of bare hands and feet.

"Those kids were troopers, a couple ended up with burns on their hands and feet," Smith said. This can be avoided on future sunny days by covering the stage with a tarp between performances.

The annual fall festival critique meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 at the Plymouth Township Annex building at Ann Arbor and Lilley roads. "Anybody that wants to come make a suggestion is welcome to," Smith said.

At a Nov. 1 meeting, the fall festival board will elect new officers.

"People should be pretty proud of the festival, it's pretty unique to have a festival like this," Smith said. "All our entertainers always say to me they'd like to come back because they love the crowds."

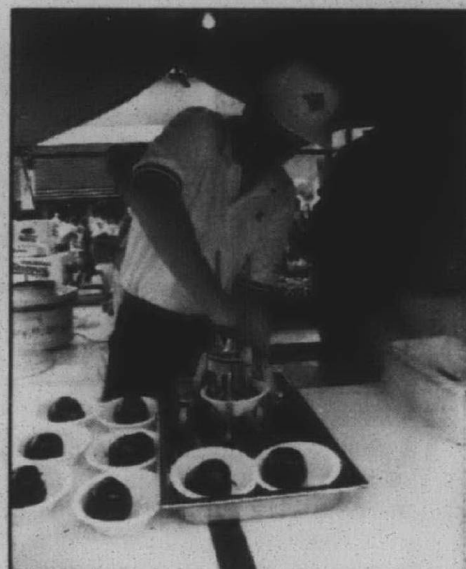


Fun in the sun: Christine Besh (at left), age 7, of Plymouth, enjoys a chicken dinner. In photo above, it's hard to tell whether Marissa Ramsey, 20 months, is pleased or terrified by Winnie the Pooh. But mom Debbie Ramsey lets Marissa know that she's close by.



Working: Jurgen Schnaple (below) of the Plymouth Lions Club slices apples before covering them with carmel and nuts. At left, the Del Kaufman Band plays in front of the museum. On the keyboard is Szen Anderson; bass, Clarence Isabel; sax, George Benson.

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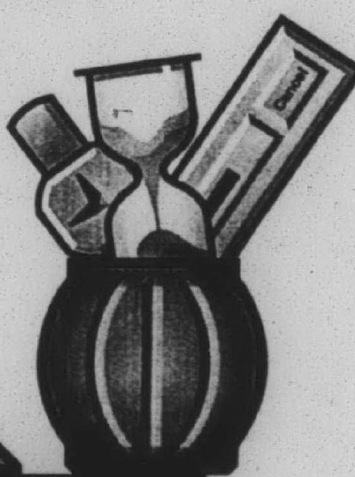
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1997

Merging There's no harm in talking

Talking about something doesn't necessarily make it so.

That holds true for Plymouth City Commissioner Joe Koch's proposal to look at a possible merger of city and township police departments and possibly both governments.

Koch's discussion about his proposal with the Observer recently probably raised the eyebrows of some of his colleagues, who may or may not have believed he should have kept quiet.

But why? There's no harm in discussion. That's what open and representative government is all about.

Surely, any thoughts about merging more services and operations between the city and township should be discussed publicly from the ground floor up. The public deserves that.

Already, the city and township have merged fire departments and both are exploring a merger of public services departments. Let's also remember that both communities already share a popular and successful public library.

With Plymouth Township officials now searching for a new police chief to replace Carl Berry, Koch suggests studying a possible merger of the police department, or at least dispatch.

With the merged fire department and talk of merging other functions, such as public services, the public would be right to ask what

the end goal is and why are mergers being completed in piecemeal fashion.

Undoubtedly, merging departments is a far cry from merging a city and township government. And the latter should not be taken lightly. But it doesn't hurt to consider it.

Obviously, any discussion of a total merger must boil down, not to political careers, but to possible cost savings, tax rates, improved services, efficiency in providing services and public desire.

Are we talking true consolidation where the merger of the city and township forms a brand new entity, or are we talking only of merging services and operations?

Koch's suggestion of forming a task force of non-governmental people to study these issues is a good one. The discussions, however, must be open and well-publicized to garner as much public opinion as possible.

Let's also consider that in the fabric of any community is woven the feelings of residents and businesses. Some may consider themselves true and loyal township residents and don't care to be involved with the city. And vice versa.

It's time to ask questions and get some answers. Each community has its own identity. Are residents and businesses willing to share and to compromise?

A task force with plenty of discussion, openness and honest study is the way to go. There's no harm in finding out.

Autumn is time for reflection

Who would think that death could be so beautiful?

We're talking autumn here. We know, of course, that the sensational orange, red and yellow leaves that will soon dazzle our neighborhoods are really dying.

The honking of migrating geese saying, "Farewell, farewell our friends," fills the air. The days grow shorter and cooler. The season is short. Too short.

Autumn is a bridge between the promises of summer and the certainty of a bitter winter. It's lost opportunity, but delightful memories.

Many folks think about their mortality at

this time of year. The recent deaths of Princess Diana and Mother Teresa drive home the point that life is temporary and fragile, just like gorgeous leaves falling from trees.

Where are we going? What are we doing with our time? Where do our lives fit into the bigger picture? What can we do to reach our full potential? How do we want to be remembered?

Autumn is the perfect time for reflection, to recall where we've been, to take a reading of where we are and to set a course where we want to sail.

Numbers jumble perplexes

Technology is supposed to make things easier. And although it's true most of the time, the learning curve can be a bear.

When it comes to using the telephone, consumers and business owners will need to pay attention to changes coming soon and throughout next year.

Southeast Michigan's new 248 area code becomes "official" Saturday, Sept. 13. Beginning that day, people outside the 248 area must dial 1 + 248 before entering the seven-digit phone number.

A small section of Livonia and Northville in western Wayne County along with parts of Washtenaw and Livingston counties and most of Oakland County are part of the 248 area code. Callers who do not use the 248 area code when required will hear a recording telling them they need to dial the call again using 248.

Starting in mid-December, Wayne County (outside of Detroit) along with Monroe and the majority of Washtenaw counties can begin

using the 734 area code. The 734 code becomes mandatory July 25, 1998.

Business customers are encouraged to test their internal phone system to determine if it recognizes the new area code. Older business phone systems may not be equipped or programmed to accept the newer area codes. Until 1995, area codes always had a "1" or "0" as the middle digit. But because the supply of old codes has been depleted, new area codes have middle digits that use the numbers "2" through "9."

To test their systems, businesses can call 1 (248) 253-9717. Callers will hear a message telling them their call has been completed successfully. Failure to reach the message means phone equipment may need to be reprogrammed, upgraded or replaced.

The telecommunications boom with its pagers, cell phones, fax machines and computer modems is marching forward. Don't let the number jumble get the best of you.

Community effort



PHOTO BY KELLY SAUTER-DOBSON

Helping out: Volunteers are what makes any of the many festivals in Plymouth a success. Here, Linsey Hartz and Charlene Dallos take a break from their Rotary Club volunteer duties.

LETTERS

Put aside differences

Once again, the congressional leadership is playing games with campaign finance reform, and the citizens are the losers.

If Republicans and Democrats can reach agreement on a bi-partisan balanced budget, why can't they reach an agreement on practical, bi-partisan campaign finance legislation?

The answer is they can, but as with the budget, they will have to be practical and put aside narrow partisan differences.

The solution is balanced, incremental campaign finance legislation that addresses the most egregious abuses seen in the last election. Such legislation would close the soft money loophole, which allows corporations, labor unions and wealthy individuals to pour unlimited amounts of money into campaigns.

And it would deal political attack ads disguised as "issue advocacy." These ads, which escape all disclosure requirements, destroy accountability and leave citizens scratching their heads when they want to know just who is trying to influence our elections.

The virtue of incremental reform is that it is both meaningful and achievable. It represents a practical middle ground that both parties can embrace.

While the amount of soft money in last year's election tripled, voter turnout declined to its lowest point in more than 70 years.

It is time to put a stop to the deterioration of our political process. It's time for the politicians in Washington to put aside their partisan differences and act in the interests of our democracy.

Congress must pass practical campaign finance reform. All we're asking is that our elected officials do their job.

Paula E. Bowman
Serving Livonia, Plymouth, Canton
Westland, Redford, Northville and
Wayne

Slow down!

I am writing about the people who speed down Main Street. It's not only getting dangerous to walk down Main Street, it's also dangerous to drive.

When I drive down Main Street, I do 25 mph and people are tailgating me. When they get around me, they are at Ann Arbor Road before I'm even halfway there.

It is getting out of hand, and needs to be stopped before someone gets hurt or dies crossing the street, or in an accident.

Tuesday night, my fiancé and I were on a resident's porch, talking to her about a vehicle she had for sale (where she lives is on Main Street). All of a sudden two cars - with a teenage boy in each one - came racing down the street probably going about 60 mph. There wasn't a policeman in sight. I mean where are these guys at?

It really makes me mad when the school zone (lights) is going. One day I was going down Main Street, and the school zone was going. There was a car behind me and they were very impatient, so, the person goes speeding around me.

By the time we reached the next street, the crossing guard and some children were crossing the road and the person in the car almost hit them and slammed on the brakes to avoid hitting them.

What is it going to take to stop these fools? I have a suggestion, but I don't know how expensive it is. I see one sitting on Morton Taylor Road in Canton everyday and it (a machine) tells you the speed you're going.

What they need on Main Street is a hidden one, with a sign warning people they have one. It could tell drivers their speed is being kept track of, and if they are doing over the speed limit, it will take a picture of their plate and they will get a ticket in the mail.

No matter where you go, it happens. They speed down the dirt road I live on, and we can't do a thing about it. When you call the cops, it doesn't do any good.

Sherry Cavdill
Plymouth

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— Philip Power

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Which was the greater loss to the world, Princess Diana or Mother Teresa?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Mother Teresa. Diana was a good person, but it was more humanitarian, not faith."

Jim Moncrieff
Redford



"Both were equal. Both were humanitarians."

Rosanne Heppner
South Lyon



"Mother Teresa, because of her Christian life and belief and the way she saw God in everyone."

Julie Melxner
Canton



"Mother Teresa. She was the perfect example for anybody. Princess Di did good work too."

Reehma Nanavati
Canton

POINTS OF VIEW

Diana's life and death have lessons for us all

Most of us grew up listening to fairy tales. As adults, we read these same fairy tales to the little children in our lives. In the stories, none embodied those virtues more than the princess.

It is, perhaps, a credit to these fairy tales that we so often use the word "princess" as a term of endearment for the little girls in our lives. As the father of a young lady, I know how strong the desire is to see our children attain a life of such boundless joy and fulfillment. It seems only natural that perfection would be defined by the storybook princess.

The more fortunate among us realize early on that such notions are better off stored in the fantasy section of our brains. So many others, it seems, are wracked with frustration and dis-

appointment from trying to keep that dream alive.

Maybe that explains some of the incredible appeal of Princess Diana. At the age of 20, she not only became a princess, she became the princess — the bride of the heir to the British throne. She joined the royal family in the grandest wedding ever held, and appeared to have everything necessary for a smooth trip to the road to happily ever after.

Her appeal spread across the range from those who envied her for what she had to those who empathized with her for what she lost. Right before the eyes of the world, she went from enjoying the dream held by so many little children to enduring the despair and insecurity felt by so many adults — her thin regal veneer peeling off to



GARY BELANGER

reveal a soft core of human frailty. She was, aside from all of the royal trappings, a lot like the rest of us.

In the days since her death, this woman, who had lived as tragically as she died, has been practically deified. The outrageous spectacle of her funeral has become the grandest example

of wretched excess since her own wedding. Millions of people jamming the streets of London, billions more watching on television, and media coverage stretching around the world, around the clock have put the fallen princess on a fast train to sainthood. With all due respect to her, all this fuss has become an unbridled orgy of bandwagon grieving.

This ridiculous overreaction to her demise, and overstatement of the greatness of her life, could very easily destroy what I believe is her most significant contribution to humankind. She showed the world that the storybook life is just a myth — that such a vision is merely a mirage, even to those who marry future kings.

It would be a great service to many young people if, because of the lessons

of her life, we would ditch the whole fairy-princess, happily-ever-after business.

I hope all of us can draw some value from Diana's death, as well as that of Mother Teresa. One had unlimited material wealth yet died with an impoverished spirit, while the other owned virtually nothing and died with spiritual wealth beyond measure. Both offered us lessons to learn and cherish.

Maybe the storybooks won't be rewritten because of this, but they may take on a different meaning. This time the princess' story didn't have a happy ending, but, then again, her life, just like everyone else's, wasn't really a fairy tale.

Gary Belanger is a Redford resident.

MEAP scores shed light on charter school deficiencies

Advocates of so-called charter schools were silent last week. Why? The MEAP scores came out.

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program tested grades five and eight in writing and science — four scores for every district.

Foes of public schools for decades have beat their drums criticizing "failing public schools," even after the corner was turned in the 1980s. In Michigan, they concocted "public school academies" or charter schools, which would be "freed from the shackles of the state bureaucracy" and more responsive to parents' wishes. The bulk were private schools which converted to get state money.

To put 97 pages of statistics into a nutshell: About one-fourth of charter schools turned in better MEAP performances than the intermediate and local districts around them. Three-fourths were worse.

Let's look at the bottom rung: "not yet proficient" or failing scores.

In Wayne County, 12.1 percent failed the fifth-grade science test, 34.2 fifth-grade writing. Detroit checked in with fifth-grade failure rates of 16.5 and 44.5.

Academy of Detroit-Westland showed fifth-grade failure rates of 37.5 and 66.7 percent; Academy of Detroit-West, 51.3 and 74.4 percent; Caesar Chavez, 33.3 and 66.7; Colin Powell, 50 and 41.7; Gaudior, 33.3 and 41.7; Natakali Talibah Schoolhouse, 36 and 42.1; Sierra Leone, 0 and 35 (good in science, bad in writing); Thomas-Gist, 56.5 and 65.2; and so on.

Any good ones? Aisa Shule's failure rates were 11.1 and 30 percent; Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center had 0 and 0 — everyone at least novice; Summit Academy 5.9 (good in science) and 35.3 (bad in writing).

In Oakland County, the "not yet proficient" scores for fifth grade were 4.7 and 16.5. In Southfield, where many academies are located, public schools scored 8 and 16.7.



TIM RICHARD

Manoogian Academy reported 14.3 and 7.1 — below average in science, above in writing. Academy of Detroit-East reported 52 and 60 percent; Academy of Detroit-Southfield, 17.2 and 35.7.

Let's look at the eighth grade, where Oakland County scored 13.8 percent failures in science and 16 percent in writing.

Manoogian performed at 18.8 percent and 9.1 percent — again, better in writing but worse in science. Academy of Detroit-Oak Park (with no fifth-grade program)

showed bottom-rung scores of 72.4 and 31.6.

Ingham County's fifth-grade flunk rates were 25 and 22.3. Only Sankofa Shule topped the county average in one area, writing, while El Shabazz, Mid-Michigan, and Walter French Academy did worse. The academies' scores also were below Lansing public schools.

Saginaw County had "not yet proficient" scores among 12.7 percent in fifth-grade science and 26.1 percent in writing. At Northlane Academy of Math and Science, the respective scores were 20 and 40 percent. Northlane is noteworthy because science is one of its specialties, and it was one of the intervening defendants on behalf of charter schools in the recent Michigan Supreme Court case.

In Kent County, charter schools looked good. Excel and Vanguard had failure rates a bit below the county average; Vista was above.

But here we come to one of the puzzles of charter schools. Three Kent

County academies had only two to six pupils taking the tests; in writing, some had failure rates of 100 percent because the sample size was so tiny. Many other charter schools had dismal scores because only a handful of pupils took the tests.

How can the authorities justify the existence of an academy with two-10 pupils in an entire grade?

Charter fans have an alibi for the dismal scores: They're taking in a lot of students with problems. Of course, they never used that alibi in the 1960s-1980s when city public schools became dumping grounds.

Charter school fans advocate hundreds of more charters. Wrong. The State Board of Education should be authorized to take an unblinking look at them. The few good ones should be emulated. The many weak ones should be closed and their \$5,400 per pupil sent to true public schools.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

Caring about community sets these journalists apart

So much already has been said and written about the death of Princess Diana and the role of the celebrity photographers in it that I hesitate to put in my own two bits.

Except that the core issue in the matter — the relative responsibility of the paparazzi who stalk celebrities, who in turn feed on the fame their images build — strikes precisely to the particular kind of community journalism practiced by this newspaper.

In my mind, the central obscenity propagated by the motorcycle-riding photographers who chased the princess, her boyfriend and their driver to their sudden deaths was that they did not care what took place as a result of their actions. They didn't care that chasing a Mercedes at very high speeds might wind up in a fatal crash. As they clambered over the twisted wreck to take close-ups, they didn't care that people lay bleeding and dying inside.

They did not care about the consequences of their actions. And as a result, in my mind, they are condemned as fundamentally irresponsible people pursuing a particularly intrusive and obnoxious trade.

Now — and here's where community journalism comes in — the paparazzi claim they are little more than regular photojournalists, maybe a little more aggressive than most, but still engaged in the overall journalistic enterprise. And that claim may well be true, especially when the definition of overall journalistic enterprise extends to the editors who pay enormous prices for paparazzi pics.

And that is where those of us who practice community journalism at this HomeTown newspaper part company with the overall journalistic enterprise. We think there's a big difference between community journalism and the other sort, enough so that we stress the difference in an essay on Our Company Philosophy that goes to all staffers:

"All journalists share the same obligation to truth, accuracy and fairness. But because we publish community newspapers, we think about community journalism in a fundamentally different way than our bigger competitors. They consider themselves to be independent from the stories, the people and the communities they cover, swooping in to write of the unusual or sensational and then dashing off to cover something else.

"We regard ourselves as both accurate journalists and as caring citizens of the communities where we both work and live. It's often hard



PHILIP POWER

to have both feelings at once, but in the end it makes for fairer and more accurate journalism because it considers the consequences of a news story to the community and to the people involved.

"As a suburban mayor once said about reporters from the downtown daily newspaper, 'The only time we see those bastards out here is when there's blood in the streets.'"

This philosophy isn't something printed on a sheet of paper, framed and hung on the wall safely out of the way. It's something embedded at the heart of everything we do.

Here's an example: In May 1993, a group of kids from Cranbrook-Kingswood School on a camping trip in the Great Smoky Mountains got caught in a freakish spring blizzard. It was tough and go for awhile, but they survived, only to become the objects of a media feeding frenzy.

The big city dailies ran screaming headlines about "Campers Safe," while Bill Bonds kept berating the Channel 7 news crew for not getting closer to the scene as the buses pulled in and kids were joyously welcomed into the arms of anxious parents.

The headline in the Birmingham Eccentric, one of our HomeTown newspapers: "Welcome home." And our reporters and photographers were the only ones allowed in the greeting area. Why? As editor Joe Bauman wrote: "Because we had the contacts and the confidence of the Cranbrook officials who knew us and what they could expect from us."

As community journalists, we are both accurate journalists and caring citizens of the home towns we cover. That is the definition of human and journalistic responsibility that never occurred to the paparazzi who chased Princess Diana to her death.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.



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OBITUARIES

HOWARD B. TRIPP

Mr. Tripp, 75, formerly of Plymouth died Sept. 4.

Born on November 20, 1921, in Ypsilanti. Mr. Tripp was raised in Ypsilanti and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1948 with an engineering degree. He retired from the Wayne County Road Commission in 1975.

Survivors include his four sons, Dan Tripp, Glenn Tripp, John Tripp, Douglas Tripp; one daughter, Teresa Ward; seven grandchildren; and one sister, Helen Meyers.

Services were held at the Orr Funeral Home with the Rev.

John Brill officiating. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Fairview.

Memorials may be made to the Grayling Mercy Americare, Hospice Services, 125 Michigan Ave., Grayling, Mich. 49738.

JEAN VAN FLEET WENDOVER

Mrs. Wendover, 73, of Kentwood, Mich. and St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Plymouth, died Sept. 6.

Born in April 4, 1924 in Middletown, N.Y., Mrs. Wendover was a landscape painter and arts supporter. She was president of the homeowners' group in her Club Chalet neighborhood in St. Petersburg, Fla. and an active

supporter of AIDS causes. She was a graduate of Middletown High School in 1942 and a 1945 graduate of Centenary College.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William E. Wendover in 1978.

Survivors include her daughter, Diane (Stephen) Herbruck; one son, W. Edward Wendover; one brother, Robert (Celeste) Van Fleet; two grandchildren, Jess Wendover, Vincent Herbruck; seven nephews and three nieces; and several great and great-great nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be at 12 p.m., Sept. 13 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Services will be held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Society, to AIDS research or to the Club Chalet Park Association.

RICHARD F. LABER

Mr. Laber, 57, of Canton Twp. died Sept. 6.

Born on June 14, 1940 in Springfield, Vt. Mr. Laber was a vice president of purchasing at Printing Ink Corporation.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia M. Laber; three sons, Richard F. Laber, Kevin J. Laber, Corey J. Laber; one

daughter, Lisa C.; parents, Ferris and Mary Laber; one brother, Robert Laber; two sisters, Debbie and Susan Laber.

Local arrangements were held by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Services were held at St. Michael Lutheran Church with Dr. Jerry A. Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

BERNICE ROGINSKI

Mrs. Roginski, 72, of Salem Twp., died Sept. 7.

Born on May 1, 1925 in Windsor, Ontario, Mrs. Roginski was employed by Coldwell-Banker, Noling of South Lyon in Real

Estate for over 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edmond W. Roginski in Nov. 1991.

Survivors include her son, Rick (Chris) Frank; one granddaughter, Cheri (Anthony) Vella; one brother, Jim (Betty) Whyatt; Kathleen (Stanley) Layson; six nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Phillips Funeral Home with the Rev. Fr. Leslie Harding from the Holy Cross Episcopal Church of Novi officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

State House announces new awards program for organizations in elder care

Michigan House Republicans recently announced a new statewide recognition program for companies leading in the field of elder care, according to an area lawmaker.

State Rep. Gerald H. Law, R-Plymouth, said Innovations in Elder Care: Promoting Solutions in Michigan will acknowledge Michigan busi-

nesses and organizations that have been in the forefront on this important issue.

Innovations in Elder Care offers seven awards in the following categories:

- Innovator Award for a new program or policy.
- Pioneer Award for an existing program or policy.
- Helping Hands Award for

communities that provide elder care solutions.

A private, public and non-profit employer or facility will be recognized in the Innovator and Pioneer categories.

All nominees will be recognized for their leadership. Employers and individuals who have shown extra initiative will earn additional recog-

nition at a public awards ceremony held on Oct. 29.

Nominations forms for Innovations in Elder Care: Promoting Solutions in Michigan are available by writing Law at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, Mi. 48909 or calling (517) 373-3816. The entry deadline is Sept. 30.

WSDP interviews senator

WSDP, 88.1 FM, will air State Sen. Loren Bennett's program "People and Policy" at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15. The show will feature an interview with State Senator Dan DeGrow. Senators Bennett and DeGrow will discuss educational issues

facing the state of Michigan. "People and Policy" can also be seen on your local cable television station. Call your cable operator for times and channels.

"Keys to Success" presented to high school seniors Sept. 17

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park counseling department will present "Keys to Success," a program for high school seniors and their parents at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17 in the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

Along with the excitement of graduation comes important decision-making for both seniors and their parents. This program offers valuable information to help students plan their future.

The evening will begin with a brief general session in the auditorium. Following introductory remarks, students and parents will meet with their counselors in a group session, where a review of the various post-graduation options and the college application process will be dis-

cussed.

The counseling meeting will be followed by an opportunity to select from various choices of presentations by experts.

The program is open to all seniors and parents from Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton High Schools. For more information, contact Jan Kavulich at Plymouth Salem High School at (313) 416-7761, or Gloria Banks at Plymouth Canton High School at (313) 416-6988.

The program is sponsored by the P-CEP counseling department in conjunction with Eastern Michigan University, University of Michigan, the Michigan Employment Security Commission and Schoolcraft College.

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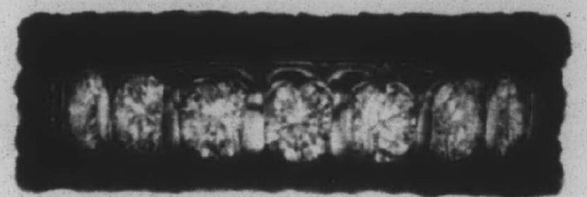
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JACK GLADDEN

A command that evokes nightmares

I was having a nightmare. Somewhere a dog was barking. Yipping and yapping and growing agitated. Cujo? Cerberus? Kato? I couldn't pinpoint the source, but the barking seemed to be mixed with hissing and low growls.

The commotion was getting louder when, all at once, it stopped. It was quiet. The breeze coming through the bedroom window had a chill to it. Subconsciously, I pulled the covers up higher and buried my head deeper in the pillow.

I was drifting ... half asleep, half awake ... when I felt it. Hot breath on my face. Something was in the room with me. In the bed. It was crawling my chest, licking at my face. I tried to push it away with my hand when a black cat flew over my head.

There was a THUD! The bed shook and the growling and snarling started again, this time right at my ear. And then a voice cried out.

"Jasper! Wookie! Stop it!"

I woke up with a start. It was a nightmare, all right, but that was no Cujo. Just the 5-month-old Scottie and the 9-year-old cat, not quite ready for bed even though it was sometime past midnight.

"What are they doing in here?" I grumbled.

"Well ..." The Feminist was doing her Samantha imitation. "I brought Jasper up here to get him away from the cat. Wookie must have sneaked into the room while I was getting the dog."

"Where's Scooter?"

A hiss from the corner of the bedroom answered that question.

"Oh, good grief! They're all in here."

"Just go back to sleep," she said.

"I'll take Jasper out and then lock him in his cage for the night."

"I'll do it."

"No, you're already in bed. You can take him out in the morning."

"Uh-uh. I'm not taking him out in the daytime."

"And why not?"

"That housebreaking plan of yours. I feel like an idiot."

"He's learning. He knows he's supposed to go outside. You just have to work with him. Just keep giving him the command until he goes."

"Right," I said. "The COMMAND. That's probably why I was having nightmares."

"What are you talking about?"

"You know those new windows our next door neighbors had installed?"

"What do their windows have to do with anything?"

"I took him out the other day. I'm walking around the back yard with this little black Scottie on a red leash. He's chasing bugs and butterflies and I'm chasing him saying 'Go potty! Jasper, go potty.' All over the yard. 'Go potty, Jasper. Go potty.' It's like a mantra."

"What does that have to do with windows?"

"I'm getting to that. I'm out there telling this dog to 'Go potty.' Then I look up. There's these three guys installing the windows. One's up on a ladder, one's hanging out the upstairs window frame, the other's right next to our fence. They look like they just came from Bruno's Powerhouse Gym. And they're all giving me these weird looks."

"You're just being too sensitive."

"Maybe so," I said. "But you're taking the day shift from now on."

"We'll talk about it in the morning, dear. Go back to sleep."

The breeze coming through the bedroom window had more of a chill to it now. I crawled back under the covers and was drifting off ... half asleep, half awake ... when I heard a dog barking somewhere. Yipping and yapping and growing agitated. I couldn't pinpoint the source, but mixed with the barking I heard a voice ... my voice.

"Go potty, Jasper!" the voice was saying. "Jasper, go potty!"

Jack Gladden, a copy editor for The Observer Newspapers, lives in Canton Township.



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Families celebrate Starting Over

■ Tim Murphy, Debbie Fifield and Diane Harris have more in common than being under the age of 45. The trio found help dealing with their grief through Starting Over, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Twenty months after losing his 33-year-old wife Cindy to a heart problem, Tim Murphy of Garden City is starting to feel the clouds lift.

"I think I'm at the point now where the grieving process is starting to fade a little. I'm more in a situation now where I'm trying to reinvest myself with living," Murphy said.

The 42-year-old father of two attributes his emotional recovery to Starting Over, a support group offered by Ann Arbor-based Arbor Hospice for people younger than 45 whose spouses, girlfriends, boyfriends or fiancées have died.

"Initially, it was really a God send because of just not knowing what to do not only as a young widower but with the whole grieving process," he said. "It was kind of new and unexpected. There's different stages to grief. It

wasn't just something that I was going through personally, but something that everyone goes through."

Murphy, his 3-year-old daughter Katie and 8-year-old son Jimmy will be among Starting Over's current and past members who will gather at the Oak Pavilion in Maybury State Park in Northville to celebrate the group's 10th anniversary at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14. Participants are asked to bring a dish to pass.

"Clowning Around with Starting Over" will feature activities for kids, including clowns, unicyclists and volleyball. An auction as well as a birthday cake and grilled hot dogs will also be available.

Humble beginnings

Starting Over began 10 years ago in the Plymouth home of Cathy Clough, founder and director of Arbor Hospice's adult bereavement programs. Since then, the programs have served more

than 8,000 people throughout southeastern Michigan. The organization recently opened The Arbor Center at 200 N. Center St. in Northville which provides grief support services for children, teens and adults.

"Because we're constantly bringing in new members, as people grow they're able to give back by helping lead groups and coming up with new ideas," said Clough, a young widow herself.

Plymouth resident Debbie Fifield is one of those members who is giving back as a group leader. Fifield, whose husband John committed suicide in February 1995, explained that attending the first meeting can be a nerve wracking experience.

"It's so hard the first few times to come," said Fifield, the mother of Ashley, 4, Brian, 7, and Sara, 9. "You tell your story. You don't know anybody, but it's really worth it. You realize you're not going crazy. It's not weird. Everybody feels this way."

The group meets every Tuesday in different capacities. The first and third Tuesdays Starting Over meets at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 North Territorial Road. It hosts a social get-together at area restaur-

rants on the second Tuesdays of the month. For the fourth Tuesday, group members in Farmington Hills, Northville, Ann Arbor and Canton have offered their homes for geographic groups. One Saturday a month, they go to a member's home and have potluck dinners, play card games and socialize.

Fifield explained that new members shouldn't be intimidated by the social gatherings.

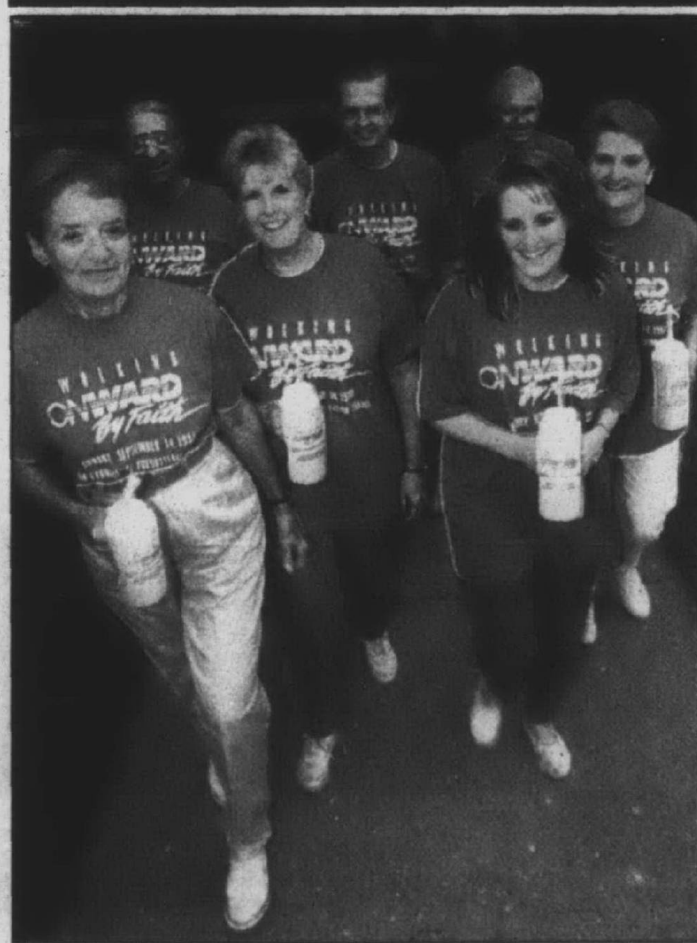
"It's safe; you're not dating," she said. "You're just meeting a bunch of friends. It's a good way to get out of the house. You're not eating by yourself. You don't have to worry about a date."

When she joined Starting Over, she was also participating in a support group for people who had lost a loved one to suicide. Fifield said she related better to people who had lost spouses as opposed to family or friends of suicide victims.

She said that she is one of a handful of Starting Over members who are dealing with suicide.

"I was a mess," Fifield said. "The spouse is usually the scapegoat when somebody is in severe depression. They're taking out their anger and

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Stepping out: Committee members Helen Davis (front row, from left), Gerri Sutherland, Mary Belleville, chairwoman Jan Carlton, Jerry Smith (back row), Bob Rogers and Al Carlisle show off the shirts the Ward Presbyterian Church congregation will wear on Sunday.

Stepping out

Members walk to new church

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

There'll be a sea of teal- and fuchsia-colored T-shirts along Six Mile Road Sunday when more than 1,000 members of Ward Presbyterian Church make a symbolic trek to the new church site in Northville Township.

Labeled "Walking Onward By Faith," the 3.9-mile walk will start at 3 p.m. at Six Mile and Farmington roads and end at Six Mile and Hagerty roads with a celebration service at 5 p.m.

"We want to put people out there and experience it," said Jerry Smith, the church's director of music and worship, of the Sept. 14 walk. "Last December we had a prayer walk on the land. Buses drove over the frozen ground and people literally could get off and walk around. This is another way leading to 'Walking Onward by Faith.'"

Participants will gather in Knox Hall at 2:30 p.m. in preparation for the walk. Volunteers will line the route and members of the Livonia Police Auxiliary will man major intersections during the estimated two-hour walk.

The walkers, who will stick to sidewalks for safety reasons, will carry banners that they made. After the event, they will be used as decorations in the current church.

"We expect several hundred banners that will be placed in a circle of color on the property and that we'll use in the current church as a form of encouragement," said Smith, a member of the planning committee chaired by Jan Carlton.

Greeting walkers at the construction site will

be recorded sacred music which will start playing at 4 p.m. At 4:30 p.m., the male quartet, King's Harmony, will perform, followed by the service.

"The committee has done the walk to determine the time it will take and came up with 5 p.m. for the service," said Smith. "But if people are still streaming in at that time, we'll postpone the start for a few minutes. But if it has slowed down, we'll go ahead as scheduled."

Smith said the music for the service will be upbeat. Among the musical selections will be "Standing on the Promises" and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

The celebration service will get under way at 5 p.m. in what will eventually be the large sanctuary, but will serve as a parking lot for now. Senior Pastor Dr. James McGuire will lead the moment of devotion and prayer of celebration.

"We'll finish with a bagpipe playing 'Amazing Grace,'" said Smith. "People will sing and it will tie them to the history of the Presbyterian Church and its Scottish origins."

Following the service, the youth of the church will serve refreshments before participants board buses for the trip back to Ward Church. The buses also will be used to ferry those church members not making the walk to the site.

A large number of volunteers have been lined up for the walk. Some will drive cars, picking up walkers who can't finish, manning cellular phones and first aid stations and handing out jugs of water.

"Onward By Faith" has been the theme of the

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They're taking out their anger and other feelings out on you. When they die, it's like somebody walking out in the middle of a fight. You don't finish it. They just leave one day and never come home."

Too soon?

Murphy has been a member of Starting Over since shortly after his wife's death Feb. 7, 1996, of an enlarged heart probably caused by a virus. Starting Over helped him because the group is geared toward spouses, girlfriends, boyfriends or long-time companions.

"When it's a spouse, you're so connected; they're what you think to be your life mate and all of a sudden they're gone," he said. "In my case, it was a sudden death. I was working midnights and she had gone to bed.

We thought all she had was a cold. She went to bed with a headache. When I came home from work, she was dead."

A member of St. Raphael Church, Murphy said he feels he may have joined the group too soon after his wife's death.

"I went there (church) and I sensed that I needed something more than the spiritual or emotional support of the parishioners or family members," he said. "I went and I wasn't too receptive to what was going on. I was still in shock. I was having trouble functioning.

"I have a tendency to procrastinate, so I kind of forced myself to go."

Fifield suggests that widows and widowers join the group a month to two months after their spouse's death.

"There's no point in going a

week after the funeral because you're just so numb," she said. "One to two months afterward it starts sinking in."

Murphy suggested that mourners stay in the group for at least two years. Fifield agreed.

"Even though people tell you, 'It's been a year, you should be fine,' it's OK not to be," she said. "You still have your ups and downs. People are there to support you. We're always there. There's people waiting at the tables to greet you. It's really a big help. You really need to come. You can't do it by yourself."

Starting Over, she added, is especially helpful because it is uncommon for people younger than 45 to lose their spouses.

"When you're in your 70s and you lose a spouse, you have lots

of friends who have lost spouses; you don't if you're under 45," said Fifield who teaches nursing at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus. "You don't. It helps to know other people who can tell you what it's like. You're not crazy."

Starting Over, Murphy explained, doesn't just help with the grief but with every day experiences such as finances, problems around the home and child care.

"The women helped me out initially when she was going through potty training," Murphy said with a laugh about his daughter. "Talk about being thrown into it. Here I am trying to go through a grieving process myself and I have a 6-year-old and a 2-year-old. They helped me out that way."

Companion group

Starting Over offers a companion group "Care-ousel," a structured bereavement group for children and teens to help them go through the grieving process. Murphy's son went through the program.

"Starting Over and Care-ousel both taught me that children grieve differently," he said. "They helped me go through a child's grieving process and how that will continue through their whole life really. Katie will grieve differently," he said. "They helped me go through a child's grieving process and how that will continue through their whole life really. Katie will grieve differently. She won't remember her mother other than memories we create for her - these are all things that I learned. She'll grieve through events, graduation, her wedding day. She had just turned 2 when her mother passed away."

Livonia resident Diane Harris, 39, sought out a support group to get help for herself and her

husband's 6-year-old daughter. Her husband, Paul, 41, died of a heart attack on June 20, 1995.

"It's a wonderful children's program," she said. "My daughter has been involved in the last two years. She knows that she's not the only one. In school, she's the only one. Everyone else has a mom and a dad. She can go to this group and know that she's not by herself."

Spouses, like Murphy, expressed the same sentiment.

"Starting Over helped because of the support system, of having others in the same age group to share with," he said. "It's not the natural order of things. It helped a lot just to cry a lot with people that are going through similar situations."

For more information about Starting Over, call Arbor Hospice at (313) 677-0500.

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more than \$7 million construction project, which was conceived by Pastor Emeritus Dr. Bartlett Hess in 1984.

Problems with water and

sewer hookups delayed the project and by the time then senior pastor Hess retired in 1992, it looked like the new church would not be constructed.

Called to serve as the new senior pastor, McGuire decided the church should press ahead with the project. The sale of 40 acres at the corner of Haggerty and Six Mile roads for commercial development opened the way for the construction. Ground was broken on Aug. 25, 1996.

Sale of the 40 acres raised a third of the money needed for the project. Another third has come through pledges from Ward's 5,000 active members.

The remainder has been financed.

The current phase includes the construction of a sanctuary, classrooms, chapel and fellowship hall. With the construction of the large sanctuary and music rooms to come at a later date, that area will be used as a 1,700-car parking lot. Eventually, there will be parking for 2,500.

Ward Church was founded in 1956 as a mission church of Ward Memorial Church of Detroit. Under Hess's guidance, the church outgrew its facilities at Farmington and Six Mile.

To accommodate its 5,000 active members, the church

offers four worship services on Sunday and uses its fleet of buses to shuttle two-thirds of the worshippers from satellite parking at Stevenson High School and the Bentley Center.

And as the clock starts winding down to the move, activities will reflect on past activities. The annual Christmas concert will highlight things done in previous years, according to Smith.

"We'll have a series of lasts and then go out there for a series of first," he said. "This will be the last major event tied to the new church before the move."

Attorney talks straight about estate planning

Dennis Cleary is ready to help people plan for the future.

The attorney will present a straightforward and simple estate planning class at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Redford Public Library, 15150 Norborne.

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Cleary has had a general practice in Farmington Hills for 20 years, specializing in estate planning and family law.

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Lin White Hills announced her daughter's wedding to Thomas Tom and his daughter.

The bride, daughter of a man, is a Farmington resident who attended University at Community College and employed at Southfield. Her fiancé, Livonia resident, also attended Community College and employed at Livonia. An October wedding is planned.

Sadler

Harold Sadler, 62, of Farmington Hills, announced the death of his wife, Lynn, 61, on September 10, 1997. She was born in Southfield, Michigan, in 1936 and graduated from Southfield High School in 1954. She was employed by the University of Michigan and lived in Farmington Hills for 20 years. She is survived by her husband, Harold, and two sons, Robert and David. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on September 12 at the Farmington Hills Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery. The family requests that contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

Gora-S

Robert Gora-S, 62, of Farmington Hills, announced the death of his wife, Lynette, 61, on September 10, 1997. She was born in Southfield, Michigan, in 1936 and graduated from Southfield High School in 1954. She was employed by the University of Michigan and lived in Farmington Hills for 20 years. She is survived by her husband, Robert, and two sons, Robert and David. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on September 12 at the Farmington Hills Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery. The family requests that contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.



Mercha

Jonathan Buchanan, 62, of Farmington Hills, announced the death of his wife, Jennifer, 61, on September 10, 1997. She was born in Northville, Michigan, in 1936 and graduated from Northville High School in 1954. She was employed by the University of Michigan and lived in Farmington Hills for 20 years. She is survived by her husband, Jonathan, and two sons, Robert and David. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on September 12 at the Farmington Hills Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery. The family requests that contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

The bride, daughter of Whitfield, is the groom's first wife. Mary Ellen, 31, of Farmington Hills, is the bride's sister. The wedding will be held at the Farmington Hills Community Center. The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is employed by the University of Michigan. The groom is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is employed by the University of Michigan.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Whiteman-Ores

Lin Whiteman of Farmington Hills announces the engagement of her daughter, Maria Suzanne, to Thomas Craig Ores, the son of Tom and Honey Ores of Livonia.

The bride-to-be, also the daughter of the late Jack Whiteman, is a graduate of North Farmington High School. She attended Western Michigan University and attends Oakland Community College. She is employed at RehabPlans in Southfield.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He also attended Henry Ford Community College. He is employed at Carter Screen in Livonia.

An October wedding is planned at the Chapel of Mary-



grove College.

Sadler-Gordon

Harold and Ramona Sadler of Falmouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Audrey Lynn of Westland, to Brent Leonard Gordon, also of Westland, the son of Leonard and Candy Gordon of Clio.

The bride-to-be graduated from Southfield High School in 1978 and Oakland Community College in 1982. She is employed by Rick Amato Ministries in Allen Park.

A 1983 graduate of Clio High School, her fiancé earned a degree from University of Michigan-Flint in 1988. He is employed by Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

An October wedding is planned at First Baptist Church



of Plymouth.

Gora-Smith

Robert and Judy Gora of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lynette, to Bryan Robert Smith, the son of Robert and Debra Smith, also of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Garden City High School and has a bachelor of science degree in organizational communication and marketing from Eastern Michigan University in 1997. She is employed by McDonald's Corporation.

Her fiancé is also a 1992 Garden City High School graduate. He has a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1997. He is employed by Oakwood United Hospitals.

A May 1998 wedding is planned at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Garden City.



Merchant-Whitfield

Jonathan Kyle Merchant and Jennifer Lynn Whitfield were married July 12 at the Northville Christian Assembly in Northville by Pastor Otis Buchan.

The bride is the daughter of daughter of Jim and Cathy Whitfield of Westland. The groom is the son of Glenn and Mary Ellen Merchant of Traverse City and Pat and Les Bowen of Grand Rapids.

The bride is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and Eastern Michigan University. She works as a substitute elementary school teacher in the Livonia, Farmington, and South Redford school districts. She is also employed as a gymnastics coach for Livonia Community Education.

The groom is a graduate of Traverse City High School and Michigan State University. He is employed by Aerotek Contract Engineering Services.

The bride asked Beckie Elvy, Kristen Kaleniecki, Janet Gardner, Suzy Merchant and Catherine Converse to serve as her attendants. The groomsmen were Jeremy Niehardt, Matt Lockwood, Scott Doyle, Mike Keser and Mason Converse.

A reception was held at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia. Following a wedding trip to the Cayman Islands, the couple makes their home in Bloomfield Hills.

Martin-Lewis

Robert and Kathleen Martin of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Ann, to Gregory Scott Lewis, the son of Edward and Mary Ann Zarb of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She also attended Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as the director of sales at the Quality Inn in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of North Farmington High School. He is employed as a designer at ABB in Pontiac.

An October wedding is planned at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville.

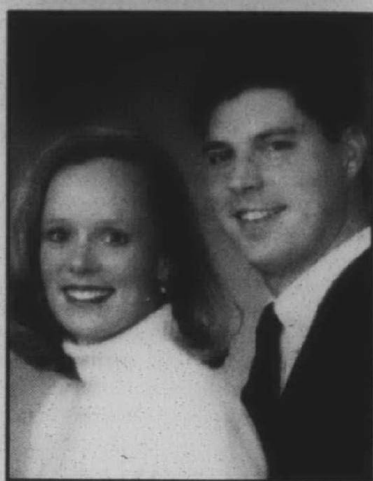


Moellering-MacKenzie

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moellering of Grosse Pointe Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Elizabeth, to Dean Norman MacKenzie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. MacKenzie of Livonia.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University. She is a teacher with the Warren Consolidated School System.

Her fiancé, who earned a bachelor of science degree in liberal arts from Central Michigan University, is a sales representative



with Wausau Insurance Co. An October wedding is planned.

Tarpley-McCabe

Gerald Tarpley II announces the forthcoming marriage of his sister, Mary Margaret Tarpley, to Daryl C. McCabe, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCabe of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is the founder and owner of The Advance Center for Psychological and Counseling Services in Dearborn, where she is a clinical psychologist.

Her fiancé is a longtime employee of the Ford Motor Co. and recently received his honorary 30-year service award.

A September wedding is planned at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Wy-



dette. The reception will be at the Dearborn Inn.

Berry-Peters

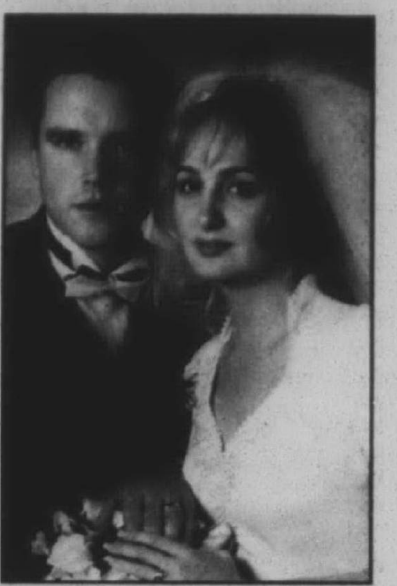
Shellene Renee Peters and Bruce Douglas Berry were married Nov. 2, 1996, at St. James Presbyterian Church in Redford. The Rev. Paul Bousquette officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Nancy Peters of Livonia. The groom is the son of David and Linda Berry of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.

The bride is employed as a registered nurse by Orchard Pediatrics. The groom is employed as a financial advisor by American Express.

The bride asked Melanie Peters to serve as maid of honor, with Maureen Harrington, Lindsey Young, Becky Benson and Dawn Downs as bridesmaids. Lauren LeBlanc was the flower girl.

The groom asked Jeff Preston to serve as best man, with Rob Peters, Chris Brown, Troy Adams and Ron Milton as groomsmen. Scotty Karnen was



the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at the Italian American Banquet Center before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Walt Disney World. They are making their home in Farmington.

Bos-Moloney

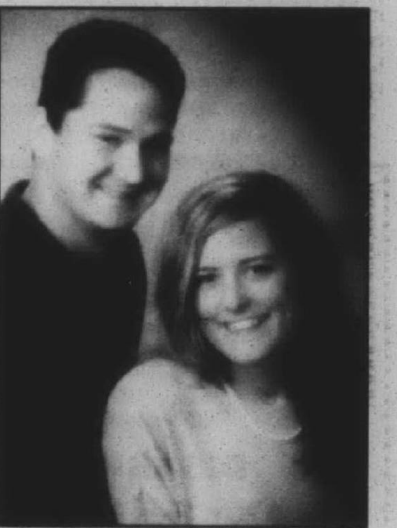
Jeff Bos and Terri Moloney were married Aug. 16 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Detroit by Msgr. James Moloney.

The bride is the daughter of Peter and Elaine Moloney of Livonia. The groom is the son of John and Jewel Bos of East Lansing.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Ferris State University where she earned a bachelor of science degree in business-advertising. She is employed as a senior automotive advertising executive at The Ad-Action Group in Atlanta, Ga.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of East Lansing High School and a 1993 graduate of Ferris State University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business-marketing. He is employed as a project manager at Faucette Construction Inc. in Atlanta, Ga.

The bride asked Heather Chiara, Karen Russell, Angie Moloney, Natalie Goebel, Linda Pearch and Jennifer Schillinger to serve as her attendants.



Jamie Mixter was the junior bridesmaid with Meghan Slocum as the flower girl.

The groomsmen were Jon Bos, Tom Moloney, Vance Ritz, Josh Fershee, Art Badgley and Matt Steere. The ring bearer was Christopher Hoak.

The couple received guests at a reception aboard Diamond Jack Yacht on the Detroit River. The honeymoon location was kept from the bride as a surprise. The couple is making their home in Atlanta.

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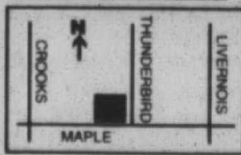
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NEW VOICES

Dave and Diane Gulau of Livonia announce the birth of **Luke Steven** June 6 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. Grandparents are Gerald and Christine Lidgey of Novi, and Richard and Gail Gulau of Northville.

Keith and Jessica Bozigan of Taylor announce the birth of **Blake Christopher** June 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Joanie and Gary Bozigan of Redford, Brad and Bev Davis of

Livonia, and Al Piccuria of Taylor.

Frederick J. II and Jeanine Heintz of Garden City announce the birth of **Frederick Joseph Heintz III** June 21 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Heather McCavron. Grandparents are Frederick and Rhonda Heintz of Garden City, and Sharon LaRocque of Lincoln Park.

Michael and Victoria Statham of Inkster announce

the birth of **Tyler Joe** June 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Michael, 5, and Daniel, 4, and one sister, Michelle, 1. Grandparents are Charles and Linda Harju of Canton, and Rick and Barb Statham of Westland.

Douglas and Christine Speirs announce the birth of **Blake Daniel** June 23 in Polk City, Fla. He joins a brother, Manny, 9. Grandparents are David and Shirley Speirs of Livonia, and Don and Cynthia

Reeb of Simi Valley, Calif. Great-grandmother is Clara White of Brooksville, Fla.

Andy and Charlene Thornberry of Westland announce the birth of **Jared David** June 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two sisters, Megan, 9, and Katie, 3, and a brother, Andy, 7. Grandparents are Carol and Neil Thornberry, and John and Audrey Greybill, all of Westland.

Darren and Marybeth Turner of Canton announce the birth

of **Olivia Antoinette** July 24 at Huron Valley Hospital in Milford. She joins two sisters, Brittany, 6 and Kayla, 2. Grandparents are Antoinette Trudell of Plymouth and Etta Turner of Springfield, Ohio.

Kevin and Dawn Gibbs of Westland announce the birth of **Corey Michael** June 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Emily Morgan, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Al and Jill Johnston of Westland.

Mark and Candace Siegrist of Plymouth announce the birth of **Victoria Catherine Diane** June 19 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She has a brother, Gregory John, 1 1/2. Grandparents are James Siegrist of Sterling Heights, Diane Scheruer of Redford and Gregory and Diane Jefferson of Plymouth.

Donovan Ferns and Monica Simrak of Wayne announce the birth of **Melanie Nicholas Simrak** June 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Janet and David Brach, Thomas Simrak, and MaryJane and Kenneth Ferns, all of Garden City.

Jeffrey and Lisa Miron-Wack of Canton announce the birth of **Spencer Joseph** May 24 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Stephen and Lorraine Miron of Brighton, formerly of Livonia, and Carol and Gary Wack of Superior Township. Great-grandparents are Eva and Lester Miron of Baraga, Mich.

Ron Wilkie and Chantel Robbins of Westland announce the birth of **Kala Marie Wilkie** June 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Greg and Betty Zoumaris, Ron Wilkie Sr., Eileen Dimeck, and Stanley Robbins.

Robert Kramer and Maureen McGovern Kramer of Plymouth announce the birth of **Maura Rose** April 15 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Robert and Donna McGovern of Venice, Fla., Rose Kramer of West Bloomfield and the late Robert Kramer.

Thomas Jr. and Sheri Durkin of Canton announce the birth of **Daylin Renee** June 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City. Grandparents are Roy and Bonnie Elliott of Canton, and Thomas Durkin of Northville.

Daniel and Laura Kardel of Canton announce the birth of **Christine Danielle** August 8 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. She joins four brothers, Matthew Daniel, 15, Kevin Michael, 13, Steven William, 11 and Scott Andrew, 2. Grandparents are Jean Hastings and Catherine Kardel, both of Plymouth.

Al Saling and Dannielle Daubresse of Wayne announce the birth of **Katarina Angelique Saling** June 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins four brothers, A.J., 15, Justin, 12, Nathan, 6, and Alex, 2. Grandparents are George and Vicki Daubresse of Canton.

Glen and Cheryl Paputa of Plymouth announce the birth of **Laurel Suzanne** May 12 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She joins a brother, Evan, 3. Grandparents are Bernard and Winnifred Bordeaux of Dearborn Heights and Eugene and Delphine Paputa of Dearborn.

Allen and Bonnie McKiddy of Livonia announce the birth of **Brandon Lee** June 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Alonzo McKiddy of Livonia, and Mary and Henry Broughton of Westland.

Jo-Ann Fabrics observes sewing month

Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts of Canton is joining sewing retail stores across the country in a national education campaign aimed not only at people who sew at all experience levels, but also those who have never sewn a stitch.

Co-sponsored by the American Home Sewing and Craft Association and the International Association of Floor Care and Sewing Professionals, "Sew America: Each One Teach One" is the home sewing industry's latest initiative to "get people sewing."

On Saturday, Sept. 20, Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts in Can-

ton will focus on home decor sewing to promote the event.

According to AHSCA, an estimated 30 million Americans sew, and sewing is a \$3.5 billion industry in the United States.

The popularity of sewing and craft shows on cable and public television has created a new interest in this traditional art.

"The motivation to sew has changed over the years," said store manager Terry Cordero. "People are turning to sewing for a fun, creative outlet that gives them a sense of satisfaction."

In fact, a recent clinical study commissioned by AHSCA and

reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association indicates that sewing may be a "stress buster."

Researchers found that when compared to other activities requiring similar hand/eye coordination, sewing actually lowered heart rate, blood pressure and perspiration — three common measures of stress in women.

New technology is also adding speed and accuracy to sewing. There are new one-touch sewing features and computerized sewing machines that have the ability to interface with personal

computers offer consumers endless embroidery options.

Sewing has also stepped into cyberspace. Hundreds of thousands of Internet subscribers are seeking sewing information from product information to trends and techniques.

Sites like www.sewing.org and www.joann.com offer great ideas and free projects as well as links to other sites.

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MHS's 120th anniversary is 'PAWS for Celebration'

It promises to be the entertainment and social event of the season.

The Michigan Humane Society will hold its 120th anniversary extravaganza, "PAWS for Celebration" at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Somerset Collection's Neiman Marcus Store in Troy.

An evening of dinner, dancing and entertainment, the event will feature the legendary talents of Ed McMahon, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and a fashion show, featuring the latest from the country's top designers, including Pam McMahon.

The evening also will include a live auction of exceptional items, including a portrait by the acclaimed Russian artist Serguei Timtchenko and art work created at the Center for Creative Studies.

Five of the best students from the center participated in a summer course created exclusively for the development and fabrication of the auction items.

Chad Lockart, a senior in industrial design, created "Sublimation," a sculptural lamp that reflects the human role in nurturing and protecting wildlife and natural resources.

Sean Evans, a senior in crafts, created "A Dog's Reliquary" that has a golden bone as the religious relic in this whimsical ceramic reliquary.

Paul Bramel, a junior in industrial design, created "Time Out" a bronze mantle clock that caringly communicates the support, love and protection that humans must give to animals, if they are to survive well into the future.

Marco Garcia, a senior in fine arts, created "Jaguar Bench," a bronze jaguar legs and head

connected by a slab of limestone to sit upon. The jaguar was an important figure in the Aztec heritage of Garcia.

Patte Vandenburg, a junior in crafts, created "A Garden Gate," a colorful garden gate of bronze and glass depicting a human tree surrounded by silhouettes of animals.

Also on the auction block will be an original Pam McMahon creation, a portrait of the highest bidder and his or her pet by Timtchenko and a fashion package, including hotel accommodations and two tickets for Spying Collections Fashion Show.

Guests also will enjoy will delight in a strolling dinner and enjoy the cuisine of more than 20 metro Detroit restaurants, including Andiamo in Bloomfield Township, Auer's Bakery in Pontiac, Big Rock Chop & Brew in Birmingham, Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills, Charley's Crab in Troy, Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham, Ernesto's in Plymouth, Le Petite Fleur in Birmingham, Mac & Ray's in Harrison Township, Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train in Walled Lake, Neiman Marcus Cafe in Troy, Paint Creek Cider Mill in Lake Orion, Peter's Palate Pleaser in Bloomfield Hills, Phoenixia in Birmingham, Pike Street in Pontiac, Roma Cafe in Detroit, Townsend Hotel in Birmingham and Unique Restaurants, Mac Prentice in Bingham Farms.

Party goers also will enjoy dancing to the music of Jerry Fenby.

"For 120 years, the Michigan Humane Society has rescued

and provided care and shelter for hundreds of thousands of animals and has united loving pets with countless Michigan children and families," said Lil Erdeljan, co-chair of PAWS for Celebration. "For people who care about animals and desire a wonderful evening of excitement and celebration, PAWS for Celebration is a must attend event."

Tickets are \$ 300 for Humane

Society Benefactors (all of the evening's festivities, including a special cocktail reception and VIP loge seating for the fashion show, art auction and entertainment extravaganza), \$175 for Humane Society Patrons (all of the evening's festivities including a special cocktail reception and theater-style seating for the fashion show, art auction and entertainment extravaganza

) and \$75 for Humane Society Friends (dinner, dancing and limited seating and standing room for the Frankie Valli show Time).

Hour will be 6 p.m. until midnight for benefactors and patrons and 8:30 p.m. to midnight for friends.

"PAWS for Celebration promises to be the largest fund raising event in Michigan

Humane Society history," said co-chair Denise Lutz. "It provides a wonderful opportunity to both experience a spectacular night of dinner, dancing and superb entertainment while supporting the animals that have touched the hearts and lives of our families and friends."

For tickets or more information, call the Michigan Humane Society at (313) 872-3400.

Tickets available for Zonta benefit

What a surprise: Margo Worley, a volunteer at Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center proudly shows off the designer handbag she won when her name was drawn for the surprise door prize at last year's Zonta of Northwest Wayne County's fall fashion benefit.



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Time is running out to enjoy and evening of food and fashions while helping Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.

Zonta of Northwest Wayne County will host its fifth annual evening fashion show, highlighting the latest fall apparel at Parisian's Laurel Park Place store, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25.

Entitled "Zonta Presents - Fashion With a Flair!", the fashion show will preview latest casual, formal, professional, evening wear and accessories.

Following the runway presentation, there will be time to shop and indulge in gourmet coffees and desserts.

Three \$25 Parisian gift certificates will be awarded in addition to a surprise door prize, donated by the store, and other gifts provided by Zonta.

Last year, Margo Worley, a volunteer with the Women's

Resource Center, walked off with a designer purse as the surprise door prize winner.

The \$20 ticket also entitles fashion show goers to a 15 percent discount that evening as well as Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27.

The event brings together women from the community together to benefit service projects dedicated to improving the stature of women.

Zonta International is a worldwide organization of women executives in business and the professions who work to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women.

Tickets can be ordered in advance by leaving a message for Kathleen Diggs, chapter treasurer, at (313) 459-8374, or by sending a check, payable to the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, to Diggs at 11812 Tall Tree, Plymouth 48170.

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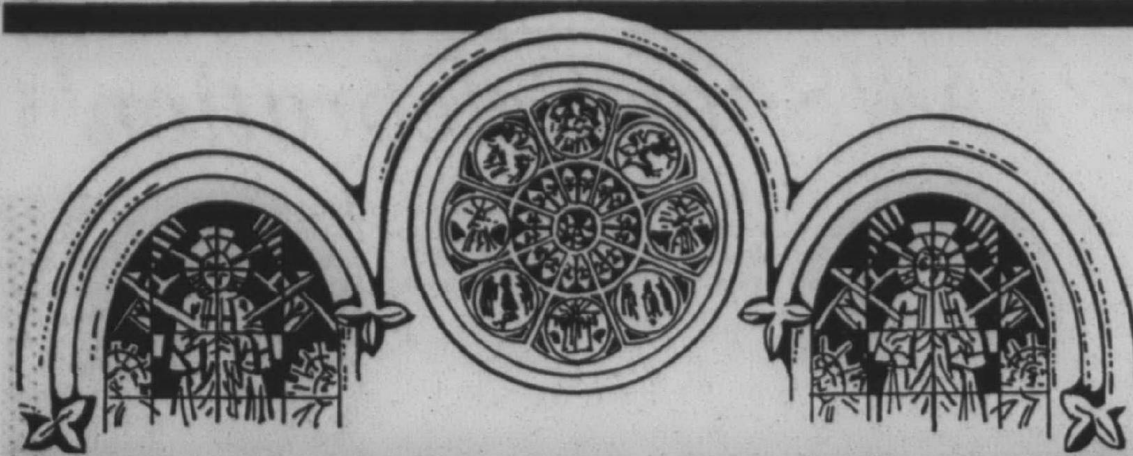
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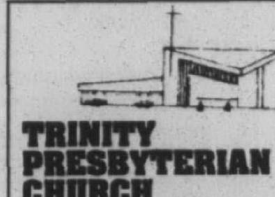
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Almost 30 years ago, just two weeks before his untimely death, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached his last sermon at Central United Methodist Church in Detroit.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, his youngest daughter, the Rev. Dr. Bernice King will preach from the same pulpit to commemorate the 175th anniversary of Central United Methodist Church, long known for its witness of peace and justice.

King will deliver the sermon during the church's Saturday Night Central worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturday Night Central is an innovative alternative worship-with-the-arts service that will feature performances

by Detroit musicians saxophonist George Benson, bassist Don Mayberry and singer Angie Smith.

Regular celebrants will be jazz saxophonist Beans Bowles, gospel pianist Bobbi Thompson, classical organist Patrick Kuhl and poets Aurora Harris and Ron Allen.

Immediately following the church service, King will attend a 7:30 p.m. reception at the church and sign copies of her new book, the first she has written, "Hard Questions, Heart Answers," which will be available for purchase after the service.

King, 34, the youngest of four children, is best remembered as

the five-year-old in the Pulitzer Prize winning photograph taken of her as she lay in her mother's lap during her father's funeral. At age 17, she addressed the United Nations in her mother's stead and found her gift for oratory.

She is an assistant pastor at an inner-city church in Atlanta, Ga., where she oversees the Youth and Women's ministries and mentors teenaged girls.

She received her bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Spelman College, was ordained in 1990 and holds a master of divinity and doctor of law degree, both from Emory University, and doctor of divinity degree from Wesley College.

As a dedicated advocate for at-risk youth, her book is divided into two parts - "Disturbing the Comfortable" and "Comforting the Disturbed" - and incorporates such subjects as gun control, teen pregnancy, the death penalty and the deep-rooted racism that still plagues the country.

She is working on her second book, a memoir of her life's journey, due out in 1998.

King believes it is not enough to say people should love Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but should respect him and "pick up where he left off."

"If we are truly going to celebrate life, we must be honestly committed to working toward

eliminating ... what Dr. King called the triple evils of poverty, racism and war," she said.

Central United Methodist Church was incorporated in 1822. The present church building at 23 E. Adams in Detroit's Grand Circus Park, was built in 1867.

"What we are proudest of is that Central United Methodist Church has a 175-year-old history of consistent dedication to furthering peace and fighting injustice here at home and worldwide," said Central's pastor, the Rev. Edwin Rowe.

For more information, call the church at (313) 965-5422.



Rev. Dr. Bernice King

RELIGION CALENDAR

Listings for the Religion Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

BIBLE STUDY

The Plymouth-Canton Daytime Women's Class of BSF International will begin its year with an introduction class for interested women 9:10-11:15 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. The class will meet on a weekly basis through the middle of May.

The study this year will be the Acts of the Apostles. There is no fee for the class. For more information, call Joyce at (313) 453-1361.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

St. James Presbyterian Church has begun its weekly programs at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. The Cantus Choir and Youth Chimes meet after the church service on Sundays with the youth groups meeting at 6:30 p.m. that day. The Men's Breakfast and discussion groups meets at 8 a.m. Wednesdays, while dinner is served at 6:15 p.m., followed by handbells and adult Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir at 8 p.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

SINGLE PLACE

Single Place Adult Ministries will present an open forum on "Why Do People Choose to Live Together Rather Than Get Married," facilitated by Tony Valenti, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Cost will be \$4.

The ministry also is offering a three-part workshop, "Finding Your Compatible Partner," with Dr. Richard Matheny, at 7 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25, in the church's Youth Room. Cost is \$26 in advance and \$29 at the door.

For more information about the programs or to register for the workshop, call the church at (248) 349-0911.

IN CONCERT

Jeanne Cotter will bring her gift of music to Resurrection Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Cotter will share her all-original piano pieces and songs and share her stories of a spiritually rich life. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults and \$5 for children 7-12 years old.

Cotter also will conduct the Way of the Woman Workshop 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the church. The workshop is a chance for women to reflect on their truest self, reconnecting with their inner voice of wisdom. Through story, music, ritual and reflection, she will challenge women to ponder what it means to have been given "my song," how they have been living it and what holds them back from singing that song.

The \$15 registration fee includes lunch. To register, call the church at (313) 459-9842.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Sept. 12-14, Oct. 10-12 and Nov. 14-16 at St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth. For more information or to register call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have Paul Clough and Dick

Bount conduct a Talk It Over town meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, in Knox Hall of the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Child care will be provided and a free will offering will be accepted.

Single Point also is hosting a fashion show at 7 p.m. Sept. 19 in Knox Hall (tickets cost \$5 and include the show and a light meal) and a 7-week fall divorce recovery workshop at 7 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Sept. 18, also in Knox Hall. Cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 for those who register the first night of the workshop and \$15 for those repeating the program. Registration can be completed by mail or at the Single Point office.

Other activities include outdoor tennis 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Rotary Park, Six Mile east of Farmington Road, Livonia, and outside volleyball (weather permitting) at 6 p.m. Thursday at Rotary Park (\$1 donation to maintain equipment).

For more information, call Single Point Ministries at (313) 422-1854. Ward Presbyterian Church is at 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia.

BLOCK PARTY

The congregation of Merriman Road Baptist Church will host a community block party 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, in the parking lot of the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. There will be food, games, entertainment, clowns, puppets and more. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call (313) 421-0472.

Rally Day

St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., Redford, will hold a Rally Day and inaugurate its new e on Sunday, Sept. 14. Special activities are planned for the annual Rally Day, when Sunday School classes resume after the summer break.

Sunday School classes for both youth and adults will begin at 9 a.m. Fellowship time will be at 10 p.m., followed by worship at 10:30 p.m. Teachers and other staff people will be installed during the worship service.

For more information, call the church at (313) 538-2660.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "Bible healings today" on Sept. 14, "Why don't you go to doctors?" on Sept. 21 and "Basic Christian Science feelings about the Bible, Christ Jesus, 'Science and Health' and Mary Baker Eddy" on Sept. 28.

The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church will hold a first anniversary dinner-dance Sunday, Sept. 14, at 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Cocktails will be at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and dancing at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$75 per person or \$750 per table. Advanced reservations are necessary and can be completed by calling (800) 741-7183.

TEAMKID

TeamKid, a unique club which blends activity with interactive learning, discipleship and Bible memory, will meet 5:45-8 p.m. Sundays, beginning Sept. 14, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program is for children in grades 1-6 and provides practical Biblical answers in a fun

and interesting setting. For more information, call the church office at (313) 421-0472.

COVENANT PLAYERS

St. Matthew United Methodist Church will host a presentation by The Covenant Players during the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Sept. 14, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Two folding chairs and a table are the basic equipment of The Covenant Players. What's needed is the audience's imagination. The group will perform for those 4 years old through high school in the fellowship hall before performing in lieu of a sermon during worship. The theme will be "Recommitment to Church and Community."

For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038.

INFORMATION CLASS

Information on spiritual issues, such as sin, forgiveness, after life and different religions,

will be shared in adult information classes offered by Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 7-8:30 p.m., beginning Sunday, Sept. 14, at the satellite church, 46001 Warren Road, and 7-8:30 p.m., beginning Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Church in Livonia, 14175 Farmington Road. Each session will run for 10 weeks.

There is no fee to attend, but registration is requested. For more information, call Bob D'Ambrosio at (313) 522-6830.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

The Lord-Roberts IV will perform in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Livonia Baptist Church, 32940 Schoolcraft Road. Their music consists of many styles from folk to opera and different instruments are used. There will be no charge, however, a free will offering will be accepted. For more information, call (313) 422-3763.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Men Who Make a Difference, a

small group of Christian men dedicated to the biblical principles of building a "Godly Man," will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The group is open to men of all denominations who wish to diligently seek the face of Jesus. For more information, call 9313) 421-0472.

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Calvary Baptist Church will offer its Precept Upon Precept study of the Book of James Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 16, at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. There will be morning or evening sessions to choose from. Both sessions will feature small group discussions of daily homework, interesting lectures, fellowship and refreshments. The cost of the workbook is \$19 and comes in either the English or Chinese version.

The church also is sponsoring a Weigh Down workshop, a 12-week program that teaches par-

ticipants techniques to identify true stomach hunger and to stop eating when full. There are no special foods, pills or gimmicks. The cost is \$103 for first-time attendees.

For more information or to register for either program, call the church at (313) 455-0022.

RUMMAGE SALE

The St. Mel's Christian Women's group is holding its annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16-Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Fr. Furlong Activities Building, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights.

The Presbyterian Women of Garden City will have their annual fall rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, south of Ford Road. There will be a bake sale and lunch and beverages will be available.

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Outgoing, never-married SBCF, 23, 5'6", student, enjoys outdoor activities, seeking understanding, sensitive SCM, 25-33. Ad# 8044

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SBF, 42, 5'8", well-educated, compassionate, God-fearing, enjoys the theatre, opera, aerobics, tennis, the outdoors, ethnic cuisine, seeks easygoing, caring, loyal, non-deceptive, SWM, 40-60, with children at home. Ad# 4020

PRINCE CHARMING?

DWF, 42, 5'8", medium build, short reddish-brown hair, enjoys dancing, movies, quiet evenings at home, seeks tall, romantic, caring S/DWM, 45-55, for long-term relationship. Ad# 1620

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

Catholic DWF, 58, 5'2", 118lbs., brown-eyed brunette, lives in Livonia, seeks honest, romantic, trim SWCM, 54-62, who enjoys dancing, travel, movies, concerts, fine dining and conversation. Ad# 3355

HAVE TIME FOR ME?

Catholic DWF, 45, 5'3", medium build, enjoys concerts, barbecues, amusement parks, dancing, museums, the beach, quiet times at home, seeks DWM, 40-49, children welcome. Ad# 7259

END MY SEARCH

DW mom, 43, 5'6", 160lbs., friendly, down-to-earth, witty, serious, participates in Christian activities, seeks humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, faithful, honest, employed SWM, 40-55. Ad# 3845

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GET TO KNOW ME

Protestant SWF, 33, 5'5", brown hair/eyes, educated, employed, enjoys Bible study, fishing, golf, concerts, line dancing, seeks Protestant SWM, 29-37, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 5264

RELIGION IS THE KEY

Baptist SB mom, 33, 5'7", outgoing, intelligent, attractive, lives in Detroit, likes movies, working out, quiet times, seeks good-hearted, compatible SBCM, 27-39, with good morals. Ad# 1936

GOD COMES FIRST

SWF, 45, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, outgoing, friendly, hobbies include Bible study, family activities, seeks SWM, 46-58, for friendship first. Ad# 3257

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Attractive SWCF, 35, 5'10", sociable, employed, enjoys spending time with her child, seeking easygoing, handsome, physically fit SWCM, N/S. Ad# 3876

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LOVE THE LORD

Catholic SWF, 48, 5'2", 118lbs., green-eyed blond, caring, enjoys bible study, collecting antiques, going to church, seeking spiritual, tall, slender, active, down-to-earth SM. Ad# 6258

LET'S TALK

Energetic, pleasant SBF, 19, 5'6", goal-oriented, enjoys biking, dancing, watching sunsets, seeks SBM, to share great times, lots of laughter. Ad# 4610

A WARM WELCOME

Professional DWF, 40, 5'7", slim, brown hair, blue eyes, marriage-minded, owner of dog and parrot, seeks SWM, 35-48, for relationship, kids okay. Ad# 3957

MEANT TO BE?

Catholic SWF, 23, 5', shy, honest, romantic, from Royal Oak, enjoys rollerblading, movies, dancing, seeks N/S, childless, Catholic SWM, 23-27, with similar interests. Ad# 4808

SEARCHING FOR A FRIEND

Successful DWCF, 55, 5'5", lives in Pinckney, enjoys theater, reading, boating, travel, movies, seeks bright, honest, caring, goal-oriented SWCM, 49-65, with similar interests and integrity. Ad# 4527

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Catholic SWF, 40, 5'11", outgoing, lives in Farmington, seeking SWM, 34-52, with similar values and interests. Ad# 1854

TIERED OF GAMES?

SWF, 24, 5'3", full-figured, enjoys camping, cooking, the theatre, children, seeking honest, sincere, commitment-minded SWM, under 30. Ad# 2572

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SWCF, 33, very direct, enjoys scuba diving, traveling, tennis, skiing, movies, dining out, seeking confident, serious, good-looking, financially stable, monogamous SM. Ad# 9497

SHARE MY LIFE

Baptist SBF, 23, sincere, fun, attends Christian concerts/plays, enjoys picnics, movies, in search of an honest, caring, dependable, handsome SM. Ad# 1205

SPIRITUAL VALUES

Baptist SWF, 42, 140lbs., enjoys long walks, spending time with friends, candlelit dinners, reading the bible, seeking understanding, sincere SCM. Ad# 1355

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

Catholic SWF, 50, reserved, practical, enjoys skating, walking, photography, dancing, music, theatre, looking for supportive SM. Ad# 3839

HAS HER LIFE TOGETHER

Non-denominational SBF, 19, enjoys going to the mall, movies, walks in the park, listening to the radio, searching for honest, trustworthy, mature, responsible SM. Ad# 1088

NEED A FRIEND?

Non-denominational SM mom, 45, easygoing, loves dancing, sports, seeks sensitive, non-drinking, N/S SCM, who enjoys family activities. Ad# 4343

MANNERLY?

Baptist SWF, 18, fun, bubbly, outgoing, sincere, honest, attends church activities, plays violin, likes swimming, dancing, horses, the zoo, seeks open, compatible SCM. Ad# 2050

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Catholic SWF, 34, 5'2", enjoys bowling, movies, dancing, walks in the moonlight, animals, looking for employed, humorous, honest SM. Ad# 5724

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SWF, 28, open-minded, easygoing, hobbies include hockey, football, wishes to meet honest, sincere, humorous SM, who's easy to talk to. Ad# 1220

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Catholic DWM, 55, 5'6", 170lbs., N/S, active, fit, professional, outgoing, friendly, enjoys outdoors, attends Christian activities, seeking compatible, attractive S/DWF, 35-48, N/S. Ad# 1234

COMPLEMENT ME!

SWM, 32, 6'2", 190lbs., blond, blue eyes, well-mannered, resourceful, from Grosse Pointe, likes dining out, traveling, seeks happy, appreciative SF, 18-38. Ad# 9753

FINALLY...

Slender DWM, 55, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys cooking, bowling, going for walks, seeking SWCF, 45-55. Ad# 1885

SEARCHING IN ROMULUS

Hardworking SWCM, 36, 6', never married, N/S, non-drinker, enjoys four-wheeling, gardening, music and traveling, seeks honest, open-minded, family-oriented SWCF, mid 30s. Ad# 7418

CAPTURE THE MOMENT

Cheerful SWJM, 52, 5'9", slim, never married, from Southfield, loves long walks, rock and roll, country music, films, inspiring conversations, seeks SWJF, 40-50, to share life with. Ad# 4568

I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE!

Catholic SWM, 31, 5'9", dark hair, blue eyes, professional, enjoys dining out, movies, the Casino, long walks, concerts, sports, seeks spontaneous, outgoing SF, 25-36, for possible relationship. Ad# 4593

GOOD LISTENER

Baptist SWM, 56, easygoing, communicative, attends Christian activities, enjoys the outdoors, sports, walking, flea markets, craft shows, seeks happy-go-lucky SWCF, with similar qualities. Ad# 1490

SOMEBODY CARING

SWM, 38, 6'1", attractive, athletic, romantic, sincere, fun-loving, warm-hearted, seeks professional, intelligent, outgoing, caring, fit, slender SWF, children okay. Ad# 8523

BELIEVE ME

Catholic SWM, 38, 6', athletic build, sincere, attractive, hobbies include exercising, traveling, dining out, hoping to meet slender, outgoing, ambitious SWF, 24-41, who is romantic. Ad# 2580

ROMANTIC AT HEART

Creative, spontaneous SWM, 42, 6'1", from Canton, enjoys classical music, reading, long walks, seeks gentle, marriage-minded SWF, 28-44, who is slender and trim. Ad# 4758

INSPIRED?

Catholic SWM, 27, 5'8", 150lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, from Redford, enjoys biking, dancing, rollerblading, seeks active, slender SWF, 21-30. Ad# 4445

NO TIME FOR GAMES

Sincere, outgoing, fit SWM, 39, 6'1", 190lbs., professional, seeks slender, fit SF, with similar traits, for long-term, monogamous relationship. Ad# 8742

ISN'T IT TIME?

DWCM, 59, 5'5", 156lbs., dark hair, brown eyes, cheerful, likes walking, movies, flea markets, shopping, seeks slender SWCF, 54-60, for pleasant times. Ad# 2526

NICE CHANGE

Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1", professional, attractive, searching for a romantic, slender SWF, 28-44, who has a broad spectrum of interests, for wonderful relationship, kids okay. Ad# 4123

QUALITY FRIENDSHIP

Protestant DBM, 40, 6', attractive, friendly, lives in Southfield, enjoys traveling, boating, concerts, the outdoors, seeking open-minded SCF. Ad# 1625

JUST YOU AND I

Catholic DW dad, 38, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, likes camping, weekend getaways, candlelit dinners, cooking, water skiing, seeks pretty, slender, Catholic DW mom, 32-40, no hang ups. Ad# 5858

MUTUAL RESPECT

Outgoing, caring, professional Catholic SWM, 28, 6', employed, likes listening to music, stained glass, movies, golfing, traveling, seeking SWF, 24-33. Ad# 5789

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!

Catholic DWM, 40, 5'9", 220lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, residing in Garden City, seeks down-to-earth, honest, caring SWF, 33-48. Ad# 4712

FEELING LONELY?

Athletic SWM, 33, 5'9", enjoys the great outdoors, interested in meeting outgoing, easygoing SWF, for companionship, no kids please. Ad# 1013

NOW & FOREVER

Non-denominational DWM, 43, 5'10", friendly, shy, enjoys travel, history, discussing Bible topics, seeks loving, kind, commitment-minded SWF. Ad# 3615

PLEASE CALL ME!

Protestant SWM, 35, 5'11", blue-eyed blond, romantic, participates in Bible study, enjoys poetry, cooking, lives in Northville, seeks even-tempered, patient SF, 25-35, for lasting relationship. Ad# 6110

MARRIAGE-MINDED?

Catholic SWM, 40, 6', attractive, articulate, sincere, seeks slender, romantic, family-oriented, professional SW/ACF, 28-44, with a wide range of interests. Ad# 1133

ANYTHING IN COMMON?

Catholic SWM, 27, 5'9", 170lbs., blue-eyed blond, new to the Rochester Hills area, enjoys sports, cooking, the arts, long walks, seeks SF, 21-33. Ad# 1451

A FUTURE OF SHARED LIVES

SWM, 41, 5'8", fit, well-educated, professional, likes biking, jogging, the outdoors, reading, music, movies, seeks slim, educated SWF, 28-41, who is passionate about life. Ad# 5363

OUTGOING

Catholic SWM, 38, 6'1", 190lbs., enjoys the theater, music, socializing, seeking slim, petite SWF, 28-42. Ad# 1997

ATTENTIVE

Catholic DW dad, 44, 6', 175lbs., brown hair, smoker, green eyes, attractive, professional, likes sports, movies, swimming, walking, youth ministry, seeks S/DWCF, 30-45, to share life. Ad# 9865

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Protestant DW dad of two, 36, 6', kind of shy, easygoing, seeks SWCF, 34-39, kids okay, with similar background, to spend quality time with. Ad# 2613

BETTER YEARS

Protestant DWM, 51, 5'8", shy, lives in Lake Grant, enjoys dancing, country music, traveling, dining out, movies, seeks slim, petite SWF, with similar interests. Ad# 1515

LONG-TERM

Catholic DWM, 39, 6'1", 180lbs., N/S, lives in Westland, enjoys lots of activities, seeking SCF/DW, under 43, who is compatible. Ad# 1162

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WALK HAND IN HAND

Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1", enjoys the theater, music, family times, lives in Livonia, seeks physically fit, athletic, romantic SWF, 22-42, for long-term relationship, leading to marriage. Ad# 1223

LET'S GET TOGETHER

SBCM, 34, 5'5", 145lbs., enjoys bowling, tennis, seeks humorous, outgoing, honest SCF, 25-38, for friends first. Ad# 5555

REALLY INTO HOCKEY!

Light-hearted SWCM, 39, 6'2", never married, likes swimming, tennis, traveling, snorkeling, looking for SWF, 30-36, who is willing to rediscover romance. Ad# 7648

MARRIAGE MAYBE?

Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", 190lbs., trim, cheerful, degreed, professional, lives in Wayne County, likes theater, skiing, family events, seeks sincere, fit, Catholic SWF, 21-42, kids fine. Ad# 2034

ACTIVE

SWCM, 35, 5'11", resides in Bradford, enjoys bowling, the outdoors, seeking outgoing, expressive SWF, under 40. Ad# 8619

MAKE THAT CALL!

Protestant SWM, 27, 5'7", blue-eyed blond, enjoys the outdoors, hockey, movies, lives in Kenton, seeks Protestant SWF, 24-32, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 1670

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?

Catholic SWM, 38, 6'1", 190lbs., athletic, degreed, professional, lives in Livonia, likes camping, the theater, family events, seeks romantic, interesting, trim Catholic SWF, 18-42. Ad# 1252

HAS EVERYTHING BUT YOU

Catholic SWM, 34, 5'9", 190lbs., never married, fun-loving, educated, from the Waterford Township area, seeks never-married, family-oriented, Catholic SWF, 22-33, N/S, no children. Ad# 1701

WILL BE THERE

SWM, 49, 5'9", 150lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, non-drinker, respectful, honest, considerate, humorous, caring, lives in Livonia, looking for a SWF, with similar qualities. Ad# 2232

READY TO RETIRE

Calm, easygoing DWCM, 51, 5'8", lives in Lake Orion, likes dancing, travel, music, attends concerts, enjoys sports, dining out, looking for SF, with similar interests. Ad# 5123

QUIET

SWM, 23, 5'7", 145lbs., dark hair blue eyes, employed, enjoys rollerblading, biking, movies, music, dining out, seeks SWCF, 18-28. Ad# 1222

TWO WAY STREET

Outgoing, friendly SWM, 24, 5'11", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys the outdoors, working out, seeking SWF, 18-28. Ad# 7873

SEEKS BEST FRIEND

Protestant SWM, 49, 6'3", 210lbs., outgoing, caring, attends Christian activities, enjoys the outdoors, camping, traveling, seeks SF, with similar qualities and interests. Ad# 8262

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Honest, hardworking SWCM, 38, 6', resides in Romulus, enjoys four-wheeling, camping, fishing, darts, concerts, dining, seeks open-minded, honest SWF, under 38. Ad# 8801

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Christ Our Savior's Canton Campus dedicates windows

Fourteen years ago, Harry Flagg started a hobby that will now last for years to come.

The Livonia resident is the designer and artist of a set of stained glass windows that will be dedicated Sunday, Sept. 14, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Canton Campus. Christ Our Savior's assistant pastor, the Rev. Mark Bayer will dedicate the windows at the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Flagg, 68, started working with stained glass as a hobby some 14 years ago because of his interest in art and a desire to "keep myself busy working with my hands."

He took a few classes, bought some basic equipment and went to work. A retired project manager for Gavco Audio Visual Company, he has transformed his basement into his workshop. It is there that he designs and creates original stained glass pieces for homes, offices and now a church.

The Rev. Luther Werth, pastor, felt a need to replace the sanctuary altar glass in the satellite church which Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia acquired in February

1996.

"We were in the process of updating and remodeling and realized that the windows were the focus of the church sanctuary," Werth said.

He first contacted Marv Oldenburg, a member of the congregation who also has done some work with stained glass. Oldenburg developed the concept and design, but turned it over to Flagg for the construction of the window.

Flagg took the concept and finalized it into two separate window panels. The left window, entitled "The Resurrection," features four women at the empty tomb of Jesus.

The right panel, "The Magi," depicts a scene of the Wise Men who came to worship Jesus at His birth.

The upper panels contain beveled glass in the shape of a small cross. The entire set of four windows are framed by a large, free-standing wooden cross.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Canton Campus is at 46001 Warren Road. For more information, call the church at (313) 522-6830.

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Clothing, furniture, household goods, kitchenware, sewing needs, games and toys will be sold, with the bag sale starting at 3 p.m.

• St. Valentine Parish will have its fall rummage/bake sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the church, 25800 Dow, off Beech Daly, south of Five Mile Road, Redford.

REDFORD CLERGY

The Redford Clergy Association will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 17, in the R.C. Dunklberger Activity Center at Presbyterian Village Redford, 17383 Garfield Redford. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Alexandra at (313) 541-6487.

NEWBURG NIGHT OUT

Newburg United Methodist Church's Newburg Night Out, an evening program of church activities for people of all ages, resumes at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

There will be choirs and drama for children and youth, interesting adult classes, a program for young children and child care. Dinner also will be available 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Guthrie Hall. Cost is \$3 for adult, \$2 for children.

For more information, call the church at (313) 422-0149.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, monthly meeting will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, Haggerty south of Five Mile Road. The speaker will be the Rev. Dave Blake. For information, call Rose at (313) 464-3325.

The group also meets on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile Road, Livonia - call Val at (313) 729-1974; and for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road east of Merriman, Livonia, and for pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (313) 464-3325.

SINGLE SPIRIT

Single Spirit of Ward Presbyterian Church will host a coffee house at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, on the second floor of the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Singles ages 20-35 will enjoy coffee and dessert and listen to Son of Adam, a Christian band with an "alternative" sound. Cost will be \$8 per person.

For more information, contact Jennifer at (248) 649-2904 or the Single Spirit office at (313) 422-1809.

FLKA MARKET

Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, in the south

parking lot of the church, 20601 Beech Daly Road, Redford.

Baked goods will be available along with table rentals. For more information, call the church office at (313) 534-4907.

MONEY MANAGEMENT

Looking for ways to stretch your dollar? A money management workshop will be offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 21 and 28 and Oct. 5, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The video-based program taught by Merl Terry will present financial planning concepts to help you stretch your dollar, develop a home budget and learn cash flow techniques. Registration cost is \$10 per workbook ordered. For more information, call Bob D'Ambrosio at (313) 522-6830.

MUSIC WORKSHOP

Yohann Anderson, a composer and creator of the popular "Songs song book used by many churches and Emmaus groups, will present a "Let's Sing Shop - The Art of Relaxed Song Leading" 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Participants will learn how to increase the participation, singing and communication in their groups. Participants will experience a unique relational learning style that's fun for all ages.

The cost is \$15 (bring a bag lunch) and is designed for youth leaders, Emmaus musicians, children's ministries coordinators, choir directors and anyone who leads music. For more information or to register, call JoAnn at Songs and Creations at (800) 227-2188.

MUSICAL DRAMA

The Youth Department of the Full Gospel Temple of Westland will present the musical drama, "Live the Difference," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the church, 34033 Palmer Road. People who attend will be challenged and inspired by the free presentation. For more information, call (313) 326-3333.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

A charismatic prayer group meets at 6 p.m. Sundays in Patio Classroom 1 on the ground floor of the University Center at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. For more information, call John at (313) 422-5611.

HISPANIC CHURCH

The Hispanic Pentecostal Church conducts worship services at 2 p.m. Sundays at the Open Door Church, 33105 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. The Rev. G. Diaz officiates. For more information, call (810) 471-5282.

FROM THE HEART

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church offers From the Heart Cancer Support Group at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Rooms B2 and 4 at the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1826.

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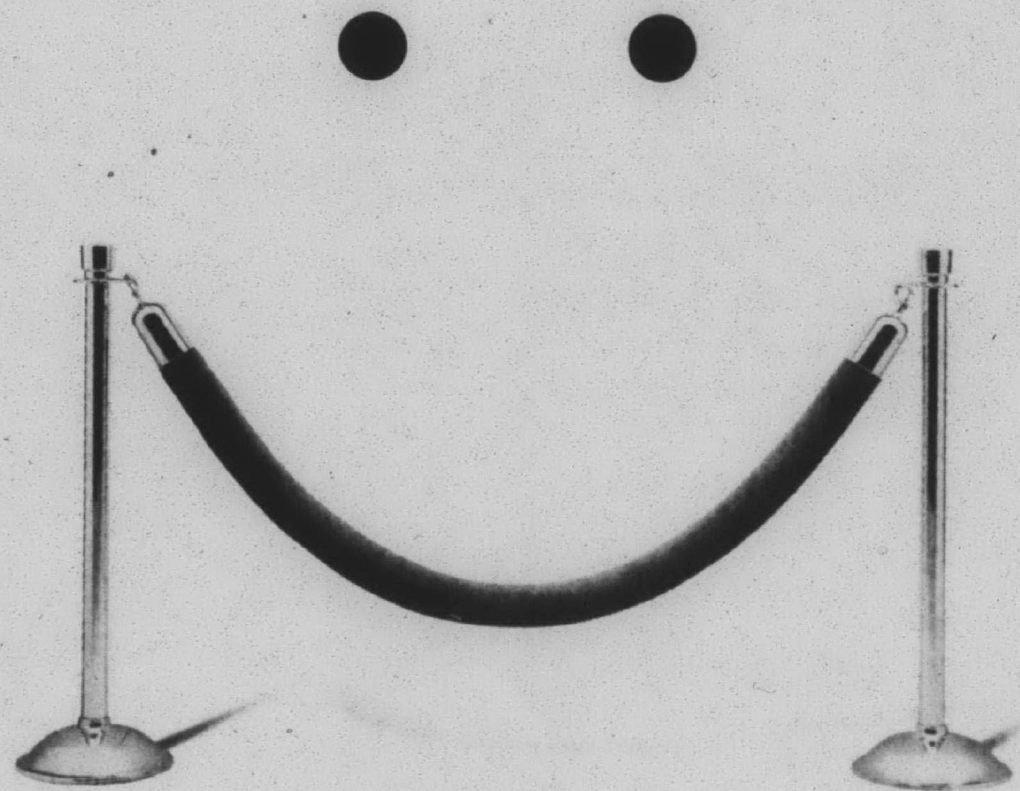
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CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

ST. THEODORE

St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will hold their annual Busy Bee Boutique craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 11 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For information, call (313) 425-4421 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

GARDEN CITY AFOTC

Crafters are needed for the Garden City High School AFOTC craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. For space information, call Jerry at (313) 427-2540.

MARSHALL ELEMENTARY

Space is available for Marshall Elementary School's 12th annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 11 at the school, 33901 Curtis Road, west of Farmington between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 476-6234 or (248) 478-6421.

FRIENDSHIP CENTER

Crafters are needed for the Senior Resources Department and Superior Arts sponsored arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 18 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland. For information, call the department at (313) 722-7632, Doris at (313) 326-0146 or Donna at (313) 453-5719.

ST. AIDAN'S

Crafters are needed for St. Aidan's Church's 14th annual craft show Oct. 18 at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Applications are available by calling (248) 477-8942 or (313) 427-1457.

REDFORD SUBURBAN

Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's annual Fall Festival of Fashion show, beginning at 10 a.m. Oct. 22, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (810) 477-8902 or Margaret at (313) 261-3737.

ST. JUDE CIRCLE

The St. Jude Circle of St. Robert Bellarmine Church will have a craft show Oct. 25 at the church, 271010 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. For more information, call Joann at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (313) 522-2963.

ABUNDANT LIFE

The Abundant Life Church of God is accepting applications for table rental for its annual Angelic Boutique from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 25. For more information, call Elaine Chambers at (313) 595-0011 or (313) 595-8062, or Theresa Weaver at (313) 467-9046.

WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY

Crafters are needed for Wildwood Elementary School's annual arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the school, 500 N. Wildwood, Westland. Admis-

sion will be \$1. There also will be a bake sale, raffles and lunch. For table information, call (313) 721-3454.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA will have its sixth annual arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 523-0022 or (313) 523-9200.

ST. MEL'S

Crafters are needed for St. Mel's annual fall arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 in the school gymnasium, 7520 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. For table information or an application, call (313) 261-6881 or (313) 274-6270.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University will hold its 13th annual holiday arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nov. 1-2 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Admission will be \$2 for adults and children under age 12 free. For more information, call (313) 432-5603.

LIVONIA YMCA

The deadline for the 13th annual Livonia Family YMCA's Mulberry Holiday Market has been extended to Sept. 15. The market will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 1 at the YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia. Cost is \$70 for a 10-foot by 8-foot booth. Tables are available for \$12. For more information, call the Y at (313) 261-2161, Ext. 310.

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Crafters are wanted for Livonia Stevenson high School's Holiday Happening craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. 10-by-10-foot or 6-by-16-

foot spaces are available for \$55. Chairs (no tables) are available on request and a limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no additional charge. For more information, call (313) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE

The Mother Cabrini Guild of St. Simon and Jude Church will sponsor its 15th annual arts and crafts boutique 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 8 at the church, 32500 Palmer Road, west of Merriman Road, Westland. Table space (8 feet by 2 1/2 feet) costs \$25. Call Winnie at (313) 722-8098 or (313) 722-1343.

KETTERING ELEMENTARY

The Kettering PTA will have its 11th annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 8 at the school, 1200 S. Hubbard, Westland. For more information, call Kathy at 722-7433 or Jamie at 467-8085.

GOOD SHEPHERD

Crafters are needed for Good Shepherd Reformed Church's craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15 at the church, Wayne and Hunter roads, Westland. Round tables cost \$20; long tables are \$25. For an application, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (313) 722-7225.

GRACE LUTHERAN

Exhibitors are wanted for Grace Lutheran Church's annual art and craft show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15. Booth sizes are 6 by 9 feet and 8 by 10 feet. Call Tina Greniewicki at (313) 591-3099 or (313) 464-2727 for more information.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will sponsor a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15, at the school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 425-0603.

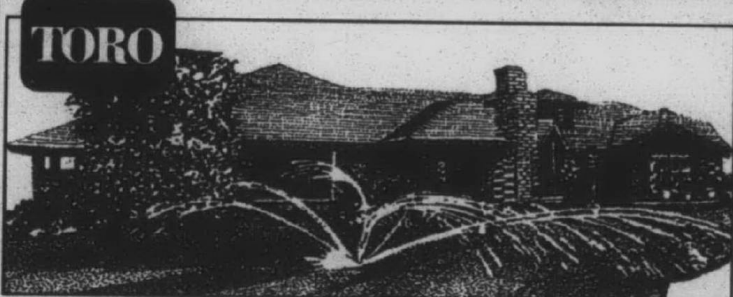
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Lions' varsity roars

The Canton Lions varsity football team got first-quarter touchdowns from Brian Tomlinson and Myron Covington, which proved more than enough to supplement a defensive effort led by Nick Spade, David Reeser and Chad Fuller in a 30-0 triumph over the Dearborn Heights Redskins Saturday.

Kerry Mills and James Block also scored TDs for Canton, and Rob DeBoe kicked a pair of two-point conversions.

•The Lions' junior varsity was also successful, defeating their Redskin counterparts 28-7 Saturday.

Reggie Joyner paced the Canton attack, scoring three rushing touchdowns. Jason Lewis added a fourth rushing TD, and quarterback David Thomas collected four extra points. The Lions got a strong defensive performance from Aaron Schneck, Brandon Szejewski, Matt Reynolds and Drew Bringley.

•The Canton Lions' freshmen team came up short against the Redskins, losing 20-6 Saturday. The Lions' only score came on a 9-yard pass from quarterback Chris Drabicki to tight end Nathan Rzeppa.

Softball sign-up

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League will have tryouts for its girls fast-pitch softball teams Saturday behind Plymouth Canton HS.

Two teams are anticipated in the 12-and-under, 14-and-under and 16-and-under age brackets; there will be one team in the 18-and-under division unless demand dictates otherwise.

Tryout times are 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for 12-and-under; 12:30-2 p.m. for 14-and-under; and 2-3:30 p.m. for both 16-and-under and 18-and-under.

There is no charge for the tryouts. Ages should be as of Aug. 31, 1998. Rain make-up date is Sunday (same times). For more information, call Fran Jurcak at (313) 454-7351, Joe Niemiec at (313) 459-6752 or Buck Horn (313) 397-3888.

Chili Pepper Run

Here's something worth running for: the second annual Plymouth Chili Cook-Off, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 12. In conjunction with the Cook-Off, there will be a 10-kilometer run and a 1-mile walk/run through the streets of downtown Plymouth.

Awards will be presented to male and female winners in seven age divisions. Also, each entrant will receive a long-sleeved shirt.

Cost is \$14 before Oct. 6, \$17 after. The 1-mile event starts at 8:30 a.m.; the 10K run begins at 9 a.m. Race day registration and race packet pick-up will be at the parking structure across from Kellogg Park.

The proceeds benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. For more information, call (313) 455-0510.

U-M football shuttle

The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority is again offering bus shuttle service to all University of Michigan home football games.

Cost is \$1.50 each way. The service starts two hours prior to game time and ends approximately 90 minutes after the game.

For information regarding shuttle service sites, or to purchase shuttle tickets, call (313) 973-6500.

Soccerdome starting

The Canton Soccerdome begins registration for its fall indoor soccer season Sept. 15.

Session No. 1, starting Nov. 1, is a nine-game season. Registration fee is \$695 per team plus the cost of referees. Session No. 2 begins Jan. 3, 1998, and is an eight-game season; cost is \$650 plus referees, per team.

Session No. 3 will get underway in March and feature eight games; cost is \$650 plus referees.

Leagues are offered for males and females, from six-years-old to over-30. Team practice time is also available.

For more information, call (313) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3. The Canton Soccerdome is located on Michigan, west of I-275.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

Canton's late goal smothers Spartans



BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

It's a long and storied rivalry, Plymouth Canton vs. Livonia Stevenson soccer. Two elite teams clawing at each other. Mistakes are few. Goals are fewer.

Until last night, anyway. When was the last time a Stevenson team — remember, this is the school that won the Class A state title last year — gave up three goals in a game?

The Spartans did that in the first half, then surrendered the game-winner on a clear breakaway from midfield by Steve Epley with 4:16 left to play.

The 4-3 triumph improved Canton's record to 4-1. Stevenson fell to 2-2-1.

In fairness, it should be noted that both teams were lacking their best defenders. Stevenson lost its top player, sweeper Steve Roy, to a broken foot suffered Monday.

Canton's sweeper, Dan Steinert, hasn't played yet this season due to a knee injury. And midfielder/defender Mike Bennett, who just came back from an ankle injury, now is sidelined due to illness.

"Their defense is a little weak right now, and so is ours," said Canton coach Don Smith.

The lack of defense, for both sides, became quickly apparent. Stevenson scored first on a pretty one-timer by Brandon Good, who flicked Ryan Broderick's pass back over his own head

and into the goal just three minutes into the match.

Canton was reeling for the first 15 minutes. But the Chiefs held on and, with 16:57 to go in the half, Epley got his first goal — in much the same way he got the game-winner, by pressuring the defender, forcing a turnover, then beating Stevenson keeper Joe Suchara.

The tie didn't last. One minute later, Canton keeper Ben Davis misplayed a chip into the box, letting the ball bounce away from him. Sergio Mainella tapped it in, and Stevenson again was ahead, 2-1.

But Canton's fast-breaking offense victimized Stevenson again, this time with Scott Wright breaking down the middle to take a pass from Mike Riem-

ma and knock in the tying goal with 6:27 left in the half.

The Chiefs broke on top at 2:47 before halftime, again forcing a turnover deep in the Spartan end. Matt Marcos capitalized, and Canton had a 3-2 halftime lead.

The defenses stabilized a bit in the second half. Then with 12:05 to play, Stevenson's Naum Popovski sent the ball to the right wing, where Tom Eller fielded it, beat the Canton defender to the outside and drove a shot from a sharp angle over Davis, off the far post and into the net to tie the game at 3-3.

The Chiefs were not willing to settle for a tie against the defending state champs, however. Their pressure continued, finally resulting in Epley's game-winner.

Salem corrals Mustangs, 5-0

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

So far, so good.

Plymouth Salem soccer coach Ed McCarthy knew his team's slow start last season contributed to its early exit from the state tournament. Using that as motivation, it hasn't been hard keeping his team focused this season.

True, the Rocks haven't yet been tested — not yet, anyway. That starts next week when they host Livonia Churchill (Wednesday) and top-ranked Troy (Saturday).

But they haven't exactly been facing slugs, either, in winning their first five games.

On Monday, the victim was Western Lakes Activities Association rival Northville. The Mustangs boasted 16 seniors on their roster, left over from a team that was pretty decent last season.

Unfortunately, that's just how they performed — like leftovers, the kind no one finishes. Which is just what Northville couldn't do, finish a scoring chance.

The Rocks gave a good lesson on how to, however, capitalizing on several Mustang mistakes in rolling to a 5-0 triumph at Northville.

The defeat dropped Northville to 3-2.

"I was nervous going into this game, that's for sure," said McCarthy. "All those seniors . . .

"But they just had too many miscues in the in the back. Against a team like ours, you have to minimize our chances."

McCarthy wasn't exactly revealing some big secret on how to beat his team. Most opponents know the guy to stop is senior forward Brett Konley, so they concentrate their defensive efforts on him.

That hasn't worked too well, however. Salem, and Konley, have adapted.

"We've been fortunate," McCarthy explained. "When Brett draws all that attention, someone else has been able to finish it."

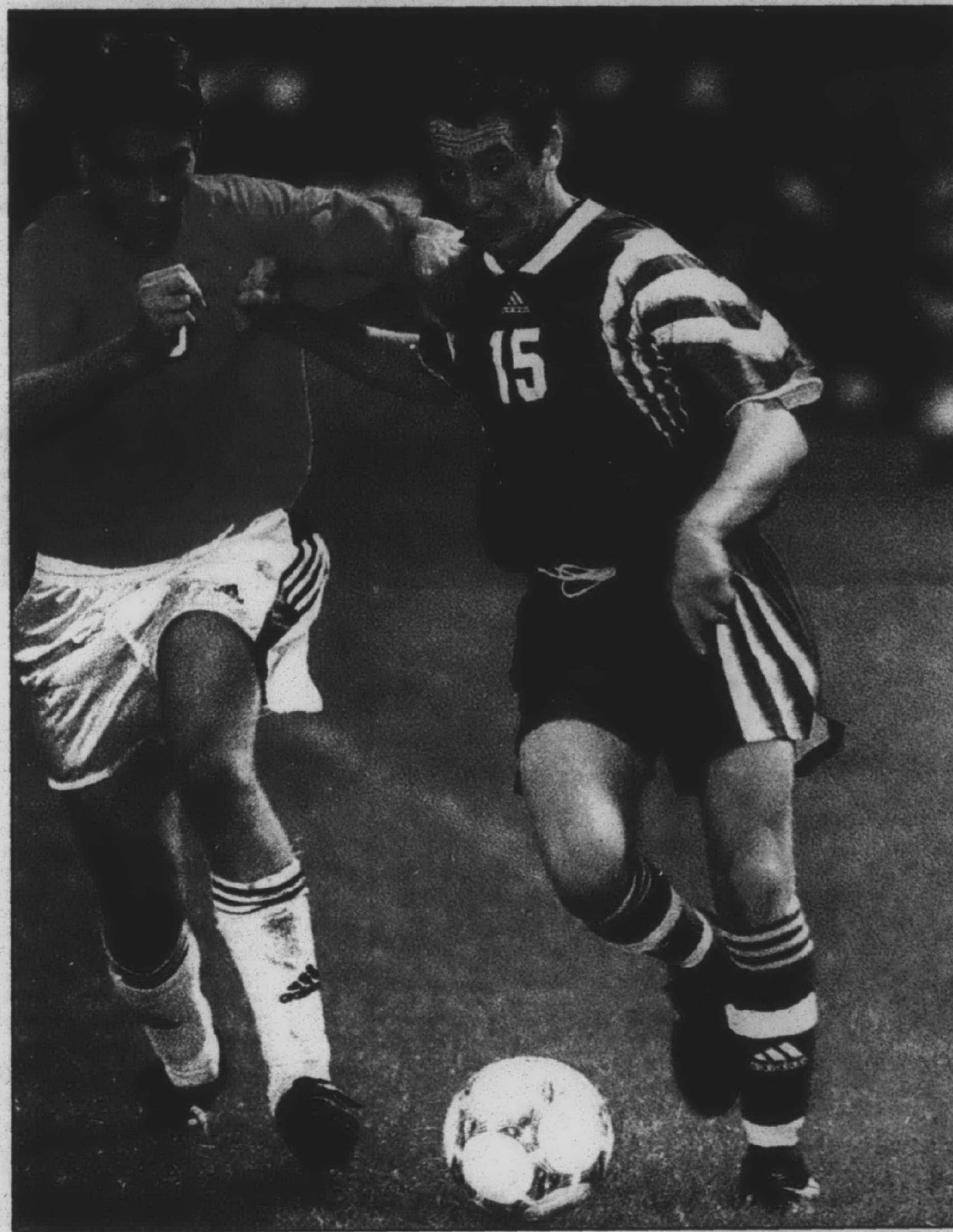
That's exactly what happened against Northville. Three times Northville's defenders closed in on Konley when he had the ball within sight of the goal; three times the all-stater slipped passes through to teammates, who finished it.

"I know we're a better team than that," said Northville coach Henry Klimes. "On the first three goals everyone went to Konley, and he's smart enough to lay (a pass) in there."

Salem's first goal came from junior Dan Wielechowski; Aaron MacDonald, another junior, made it 2-0, and senior Andy Power got the Rocks' third goal. Ianni Giuseppe's goal late in the first half gave Salem a 4-0 lead at the break.

Klimes took his Mustangs into their lockerroom during the intermission to try and reverse matters. But it didn't work too well, at least not right away — Ianni scored his second goal of the match just two minutes into the second half following a Wielechowski corner kick. Rob Zdrodowski assisted.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESHER

Overpowering: Salem's Dan Wielechowski (right) speeds past Northville defender Nick Skotanis. Wielechowski scored the Rocks' first goal of the match, and his corner kick helped set up the last one in the Rocks' 5-0 victory.

Getting better

Better depth could keep Chiefs on top of division

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

It was an inauspicious start, to be sure. But the future of Plymouth Canton girls swimming is hardly dim.

The Chiefs opened their season Tuesday with a 117-68 loss to Monroe in a dual meet swim at Plymouth Salem. Canton's pool will not be available for dual meets until at least next month because of depth problems, according to Michigan High School Athletic Association regulations.

"I knew Monroe was strong," said Canton coach Sarah Eubanks. "They were strong last year and they had three or four more freshmen coming in."

There were some bright spots for the Chiefs. Teri Hanson, a junior, was the biggest — Hanson won both the 50-yard freestyle (25.93) and the 100 butterfly (1:01.81), the latter bettering the Class A state qualifying time of



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

New and improved: Meagan Dowd, a junior, has the experience that makes Canton a potential repeat champion in the division.

1:02.59.

Hanson also had a part in Canton's only other first, in the 200 free relay. She teamed with Jaclyn Bernard, Kim Weaver and Sue Fanning for the

win (1:50.47).

"She looks really good," Eubanks said of Hanson. "I can pretty much swim her anywhere."

Most likely, Hanson will continue to

swim the 100 fly and any of the shorter free events (50, 100, 200).

The Chiefs are looking to defend their Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division dual-meet championship. It won't be easy; top rivals within the division are Northville and Farmington Harrison.

Although Canton was first in divisional dual-meet action last season, both Harrison (fourth) and Northville (fifth) finished ahead of the Chiefs (seventh) at the WLAA championship meet.

Livonia Stevenson is the six-time reigning champion and the Spartans are heavy favorites to make it seven-straight, even with the graduation of their best swimmer, Anne Aristeo (now at Stanford).

Although Canton isn't quite in that class, the Chiefs are improved — particularly in depth. Eubanks figures she

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TENNIS PREVIEW

Hopes high among Rocks Chiefs open up with win

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

If conditioning counts for anything, Plymouth Salem's tennis squad will be tough to beat this fall.

Under first year coach Tom Kimball, the Rocks have spent nearly a month getting in shape and perfecting their strokes on the court.

"Our goal is to move to a higher level," said Kimball, who was the boys' assistant coach at Canton the past few seasons. "A higher level of conditioning, training and preparation. We want to move to a higher level in all facets of the game. We figure the wins will follow from that."

The entire Rock squad has shown their support for Kimball's approach thus far. Most players, he said, attended team camp last month to work on conditioning and skills. Practice sessions since then have been productive, too.

The Rocks' season-opening match Monday against Northville was rained out.

Kimball inherits a 2-6-4 squad from a year ago. The Rocks posted a 2-5-4 mark in the Western Lakes Activities Association and finished ninth at the conference tournament.

Salem could be in for a big turnaround this season, according to Kimball. He thinks his team can move over the .500 mark, in fact.

The coach will be counting heavily on Amanda Miller. The

junior is Salem's returning No. 1 singles player and looks to have improved significantly.

"She's right on top of her game," Kimball said. "She's hitting the ball very cleanly. I think she's going to be someone to contend with."

At second singles, junior Erin Griffith moves into the lineup. She played singles last year and was having a good preseason until a foot injury knocked her out of action.

Kimball said she should return to the lineup next week. But she'll miss three matches this week.

"It has affected our lineup," said Kimball. "That hurts because she has been so consistent."

Yuka Kurisu will move into Griffith's spot until she returns. The junior will then take a regular turn at third singles.

"She's consistent and hits the ball very hard," Kimball said. "She has a devastating forehand."

Senior captain Danielle Winkler plays at fourth singles. She worked at top doubles a year ago.

"She brings a powerful backhand and four years of experience to the team," said Kimball.

The Rocks should be tough at top doubles. Junior Sarah Mateer and senior Kelly Kubeck are playing together for the first time, but should have no trouble adjusting to each other.

"I look for them to earn a seed

in the conference match," said Kimball.

Senior captain Jenny Koloski pairs with junior Molly Martin at second doubles. Martin is a first year player, but you'd never know it by the way she plays.

"They've jelled well together," Kimball said of the combination.

The junior duo of Sarah Kindred and Kelly Hane will play at No. 3 doubles. They played together at the junior varsity level last fall.

"They're very good friends," Kimball said. "It was a logical choice to keep them together."

Salem's lineup is rounded out by fourth doubles team Sam Guile and freshman Devin Burnstein. Both have excellent potential.

Nina Nowicki, a junior, and Megan Bohr, a sophomore, may see some varsity time this year in doubles, too.

Overall, Kimball likes his team's balance.

"I see depth as our biggest advantage," he said, "and we have an outstanding No. 1 singles player."

Northville is the defending WLAA champion. Kimball listed the Mustangs, Livonia Stevenson and North Farmington as the teams to beat in the conference. But don't count out the Rocks.

"We're looking to win a lot more matches than last year," Kimball said. "That's coming from an attitude of 'never give up.'"

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

As openers go, Plymouth Canton's 6-2 tennis home victory over Walled Lake Central Monday was about as good as it gets.

The Chiefs swept all four singles matches and played Central down to the wire in their two doubles setbacks.

"It was a good win in all respects," Canton coach Barbara Hanosh said. "The girls are always really tense in the first match. I think they just needed to get out and play."

The Chiefs are hoping Monday's victory will be the first of many this fall. After finishing in the middle of the Western Lakes Activities Association pack a year ago, Hanosh thinks her team can do better this time around.

"I'd like to finish in the top six in the conference," she added. "I think it's definitely feasible."

Northville captured last year's WLAA crown with an unblemished record. Hanosh said the Mustangs are the team to beat again, but could get a challenge from Livonia Stevenson.

The coach thinks her team can crack the top six, but is realistic about any hopes of challenging for a title.

"The last few years we've been in the middle of the (conference)," she said. "We lost five players off of last year's team. That makes it difficult to make a

big movement."

As for Monday's duel win against the Vikings, Liz Elsner needed a big movement to win her match. Playing at top singles, she lost her first set 6-4 then needed a 7-3 tie-breaker to even the match in the second.

Elsner dominated the third set 6-1 to take the match. It was a major victory for the junior, Hanosh said.

"It was her first time at top singles," she added. The coach thinks Elsner will be very competitive at No. 1.

"I think this match will set the tone for her," Hanosh said. "Liz pulled out a great win."

Patty Snook had an easier time at second singles with a two-set win. The senior captain played both third and fourth singles last year.

"She's a real solid player," said Hanosh.

Anjali Shah also won in two sets, 7-6, 6-1 over Central's Jenny Eldridge. The senior is also helping to captain the Chiefs.

"She has been a truly outstanding player all four years," Hanosh said. "Her game has dramatically improved from last year. She has become a strong, consistent baseline player."

Jennifer Leonard put Canton up 4-0 in the match with a two-set win at fourth singles.

"Jen will be a very strong player this year," Hanosh said. "I see

her doing well."

Carrie Kovachevich and Lizzie Brown are teaming at top doubles. The duo fell to Central's Katie Henzie and Kelly Henky 6-4, 6-4.

Kovachevich and Brown played together last year at fourth doubles. Hanosh said .500 would be a realistic goal for the duo.

"If they do," she commented, "they've achieved a great goal."

Senior Natali Gut and junior Josephine Chang are working at No. 2 doubles. They took a hard fought two set win over Natalie Johnson and Tiffany Grant, 7-6 (9-7), 6-4.

"It was a real nail-bitter," Hanosh said. "But they hung tough."

Robin Stack, a senior, and Krista Slawski, a junior, fell in three sets. After dropping the first set, the duo came back to take the second set 6-4. Hanosh said they tired in the third set and fell 6-1.

"They both played excellent tennis," the coach added.

Liz Sattler and Lisa Niemiec closed the match on a positive note for Canton. The freshman and sophomore, respectively, beat Central's Megan Caswell and Trina Lacy 6-0, 6-4.

"I really think they have excellent potential," Hanosh said.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 12
Garden City at Edsel Ford, 3:30 p.m.
Fordson at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Woodhaven at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7:30 p.m.

Farmington at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Crestwood at Thurston, noon.
W.L. Central at Harrison, 1 p.m.
Liggett at Luth. Westland, 2 p.m.
Borgess at N. Adams-Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Pickford, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Sept. 11
Flint Valley at St. Agatha, 5 p.m.

Ladywood at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.

Mercy at Flint S'western, 7 p.m.

A.A. Pioneer at Borgess, 7 p.m.

Ypsilanti at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.

Canton at Flint Powers, 7 p.m.

N. Farmington at Milford, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Tay. Kennedy, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 12

Agape at Ypsi Calvary, 5:15 p.m.

Immac. Concept. at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

(Schoolcraft College Invitational)

Country Day vs. Det. King, 6 p.m.

Marian vs. Traverse City, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Schoolcraft Invitational, 6 & 8 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Friday, Sept. 12

Redford CC at Chippewa Valley, 4 p.m.

W.L. Western at Redford Union, 4 p.m.

Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Trenton at Thurston, 4 p.m.

Ply. Christian vs. A.P. Inter-City

at Haggerty Field (Hines), 4:30 p.m.

(Huron Valley Tournament)

Agape at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Taylor Bapt. at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Huron Valley Tourney, 10:30 a.m.

Lakeland at N. Farmington, 11 a.m.

Novi at Canton, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Sept. 13

Cuyahoga (Ohio) at S'craft, 1 p.m.

Spring Arbor at Madonna, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Sept. 13

S'craft at Central Michigan, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 14

Hillsdale at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13

Schoolcraft at Grand Rapids, TBA.

Madonna at Converse Invitational

in Melbourne, Fla., TBA.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem shines

Plymouth Salem got a balanced effort from its entire golf team, and a particularly good one from junior Adam Wilson in finishing seventh at the 19-team Maple Invitational, hosted by Adrian HS Monday at Lenawee CC.

Wilson stood out with a two-over par 73, good for a tie for second place overall with Tecumseh's Chris Pomy. Medalist honors went to Eric Wholfield of Brighton, who shot an even-par 71 in leading his team to the overall championship.

Brighton shot 303 in finishing first. Tecumseh was second at 305, followed by Saline (314), Ann Arbor Pioneer (317), Ann Arbor Huron (324), Okemos (326) and Salem (328). East Lansing and Jackson Lumen Christi tied for eighth (330), with Adrian's first team 10th (335).

Other Salem scorers were Erik Krueger with an 83, and Ryan Nimmerguth and Mark Runchey each with an 86. Mark Doughty shot 88.

Salem and Plymouth Canton each have a dual meet against Walled Lake Central at 3 p.m. today at Hilltop. The Rocks also meet Northville Friday.

Softball sign-up

The Computware Girls Fastpitch Softball Club will have tryouts for the 1998 summer season this Saturday and Sunday and

Sept. 20 at Shell Park in Waterford.

Tryouts for the under-11, under-12 and under-16 teams will be from 9 a.m.-noon; tryouts for the under-13, under-14 and under-18 teams will be from 1-4 p.m. Registration will be 30 prior to the respective starting times.

There is no fee. Shell Park is located on Dixie Highway between Williams Lake and Hatchery roads.

For further information, call (248) 666-1492 or (248) 625-7383.

Fall softball

Canton Softball Center is now accepting applications for its fall softball season, which begins Sept. 9. Team registration is \$395 plus umpire fees for a 12-game season, featuring all double-headers (six playing dates). Game balls, USSSA registration and first and second place sponsor awards are included.

Call (313) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3, for further information.

Also: The Canton Softball Center hosts USSSA Tournaments every weekend. Call (313) 483-5600 for a tournament listing. Upcoming events include a USSSA Men's E and Women's D state championships on Labor Day; the Women's D regionals Sept. 13-14; and the Co-ed NIT Sept. 20-21.

Fillatraut honored

The Detroit Lions named John Filiatraut of Livonia Churchill as the inaugural winner of the High School Coach of the Week award.

Filiatraut, making his varsity coaching debut, was honored after Churchill ended a 28-game losing streak Friday with a 26-8 victory over Redford Union. It was Churchill's second win in the 1990s.

"It was a great win for us," Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. "John has the players thinking positively and has generated a lot of enthusiasm for this football team."

Each week throughout the season, one coached that best develops his players' character, discipline and football skill will be recognized for his commitment to the team, school and community. The winner is selected by a panel of three sports writers — Mick McCabe of the Detroit Free Press, Jane Bos of the Grand Rapids Press and Hugh Bernreuter of the Saginaw News.

The weekly winners receive a \$500 donation to their school's football program and will be honored Dec. 21 at the Lions-Jets game at the Pontiac Silverdome.

All winners receive a framed certificate signed by NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, NFL Director of Development, former Lion Gene Washington and Lions head coach Bobby Ross, along with a personalized game ball.

Baseball tryouts

The Michigan Lake Area Rams will hold baseball tryouts for players (who remain 17 on July 31, 1998) on Sunday, Sept. 21 at Oakland University.

For more information, call George Drallos at (248) 394-1149, Rich Hynes at (248) 623-6538 or Dave Mitchell at (248) 620-9697.

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Canton captures Mercy title; Salem hammers Huron

The opposition was talented. Bigger, too. And unbeaten. So what chance would Plymouth Canton's girls basketball team have against someone like that?

Pretty good one, it turns out. The Chiefs did everything right in the Farmington Hills Mercy Hoop Classic final against Ann Arbor Pioneer Saturday, building a lead in the opening quarter and holding onto it throughout the game to post a 56-52 triumph.

"They were very big and very athletic and had a lot of talent," said Canton coach Bob Blohm of his team's sixth overall and third-straight Mercy Hoop Classic championship. "I was pleased with the victory, pleased with the effort."

"We maintained our intensity for the full 32 minutes."

And the Chiefs had to do just that. They had a 12-10 lead after one quarter and a 22-17 advantage at the half. Pioneer, behind the play of Julie Epton (22 points) and, in the second half in particular, Sarah Kutschinski (14 points, 12 in the second half) and Britt Florey (12 points, eight in the second half), trimmed that to 36-33 entering the last period.

Canton opened fast in the final period, stretching its lead to eight. But Pioneer answered and got back to within a basket before Kristin Lukasik took command.

The senior guard nailed a pair of three-pointers, scoring eight of her 11 points in the quarter to keep the Chiefs in control.

Lukasik was one of four Can-

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ton players to reach double figures in scoring. Melissa Marzolf led the parade with 16 points; she also grabbed six rebounds in earning a berth on the all-tournament team.

Tournament most valuable player honors, however, went to teammate Nkechi Okumabua, who poured in 14 points and grabbed 10 boards. "She just did a great job," said Blohm of Okumabua's performance.

Kristin Mayer was next in line, scoring 13 points for the Chiefs, who improved to 2-1. Pioneer fell to 3-1 with the loss.

"We made good adjustments," said Blohm. "We played solid defensively and we had great balance in scoring."

"We're looking forward to going to Flint this weekend."

The Chiefs are certainly not taking an easy road. They've already played (and lost to) one of the best Class B teams in Redford Bishop Borgess; tonight, they play in the Flint Powers Tournament against the host team, which is ranked No. 1 in Class B.

If Canton wins, it may get the chance to play one of the best Class A teams — Flint Northern, in Saturday's tournament final. After that, the Chiefs travel to play the defending Class A champion, Birmingham Marian.

Salem 66, AA Huron 32: They didn't just bounce back, they hammered.

Plymouth Salem, coming off its first loss of the season, went to Ann Arbor Huron and drilled the River Rats to raise its record to 2-1.

"We got off to an 18-3 (first quarter) start," Rocks' coach Fred Thomann said. "We played great basketball."

After a 35-13 halftime lead, an 18-6 third quarter cemented the decision.

"We got it going early and really played well," Thomann said. "Then it was just a matter of playing through the game."

"We just kind of cruised. Plus, their best player (Tabitha Pool, a junior forward) didn't play — she comes back today — and that makes a difference."

Amanda Abraham scored seven points in each of the first three quarters and didn't play in the fourth. Sophomore Tiffany Grubaugh scored five of her 16 in the opening quarter and junior forward Andrea Pruett had four of her eight.

Abraham had five assists and six steals. Pruett added nine rebounds and seven steals while Christine Philips scored nine points and had seven rebounds.

"We had nice balance," the coach said. "We defended and rebounded and shared the ball very well, too."

Bishop Borgess 49, Salem 33: A rough first quarter put Plymouth Salem in a hole it couldn't climb out of Saturday at Redford Bishop Borgess. The Rocks fell behind by nine after the period and simply couldn't recover.

Coach Fred Thomann said the

Spartans, which now carry the state's No. 1 ranking, took his team out of its offensive game plan.

"They definitely did something we couldn't handle well," he said. "We couldn't get anything going. They took us out of our rhythm."

That something Thomann eluded to was pressure defense. The longtime coach said Borgess played solid man-to-man and trapped effectively.

"They smothered our wings," he added. "We had trouble getting into any kind of offense."

The Rocks trailed 28-17 at halftime. Salem cut that margin to nine to start the third quarter, but then stalled offensively.

"We had four straight possessions where we didn't score," Thomann said.

Redford didn't score during

that stretch either, but Thomann said his team missed its chance to get back in the game.

"We had some opportunities," he commented, "but didn't do it." After the dry spell by both teams, Borgess went on an 8-1 run. The Rocks couldn't mount a comeback the rest of the way.

Junior Andrea Pruett led Salem with 11 points and three assists. Christine Philips added eight points and Tiffany Grubaugh had seven. Senior standout Amanda Abraham, who battled foul trouble much of the game, finished with seven points and eight rebounds.

Aiysha Smith led Borgess with 14 points and Croen Merchant added 11. Despite the loss, Thomann said playing Redford was a good experience for his team.

"Any time you play against one of the top teams in the state," he said, "it immediately shows where your weaknesses are."

Thomann said the Rocks are addressing those areas.

"We accomplished everything we wanted out of that game," he added.

Lenawee Christian 58, PCA 34: Host Lenawee Christian slowly built its lead through three quarters, then pulled away in the fourth Tuesday against Plymouth Christian Academy.

The loss dropped the Eagles to 3-2. Lenawee is 6-0.

Jenny Sutherland's nine points and eight rebounds led PCA; Carrie McCoy added eight points. Lenawee got 15 points from Holly Springer and 13 more from Sabrina Meyers.

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Rocks 7th at West Bloomfield

Plymouth Salem's boys cross country team turned in a solid showing at Saturday's West Bloomfield Invitational.

Competing against 34 schools at Kensington Metro Park, the Rocks took seventh place. Coach Geoff Baker was pleased with his team's performance.

"We didn't quite know what to expect," he said of the meet. "Considering the competition, we were pretty happy with our finish."

Ian Searcy was Salem's top finisher. He was eighth overall with a time of 16 minutes, 52 seconds.

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Jon Little finished 11th (16:54), Bobby Cushman was 40th (17:54), Matt Anderson 55th (18:03), Donnie Warner 120th (19:09), Adam Barbara 128th (19:17) and Dave Rowe 148th (19:38).

Kensington Valley Conference power Lakeland won the meet with 123 points. Traverse City Central was second at 164 and Grand Ledge third at 176. Salem scored 242 points in taking seventh.

The Rocks run today at Cass Benton Park in Northville against North Farmington at 4 p.m.



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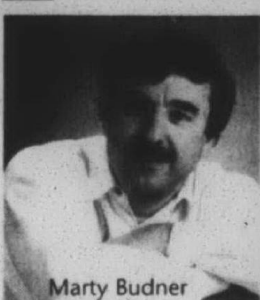
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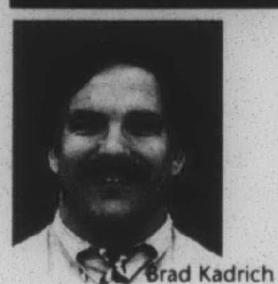
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Salem, Canton seek to rebound from opening losses

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Five Observerland teams will be involved in games matching unbeaten football teams this weekend, and three of them are Farmington schools.

It was a clean sweep for the Farmingtons in the opening week — the first time that's happened in more than a decade.

Farmington Harrison defeated Oxford as expected, 28-15, but Farmington and North Farmington pulled off upsets (if you believe the Observer predictions) with impressive victories.

Farmington's 24-7 win over Novi and North Farmington's 41-0 thrashing of Hartland helped the Western Lakes Activities Association go 4-1 against the Kensington Valley Conference.

The other teams in games that will pair 1-0 teams this week are Livonia Churchill, which plays North Farmington, and Redford Thurston.

Overall, it was a good opening week for yours truly and Observer colleague Brad Emons. Dan O'Meara was 15-2, missing on the aforementioned Farmington games (How does the Farmington sports editor do that?), and Emons 13-4.

GRID PICKS

Here's the scoop on this week's action:

FRIDAY GAMES

(all times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Garden City (0-1) at Edsel Ford (1-0), 3:30 p.m.: The Cougars are coming off a 20-3 loss to Crestwood in which Mike Wrobel's 35-yard-field goal accounted for their only points. The Thunderbirds didn't exactly set the sports world on fire but managed a 19-17 win over Madison Heights Bishop Foley. **PICKS:** Ford has no clunkers in its garage.

Fordson (1-0) at Wayne (0-1), 7 p.m.: It appears the Tractors have another good team as quarterback Carlos Smith and Fordson dominated Divine Child, 31-8. The Zebras, who have a new quarterback for the first time since 1992 following the graduation of Lorenzo Guess, will try to rebound from a 33-12 drubbing by Adrian. **PICKS:** The Tractors are in high gear.

Woodhaven (0-1) at Redford Union (0-1), 7 p.m.: The Panthers, who were winless last season, had their losing streak extended to 10 games by Livonia Churchill, 28-6. Woodhaven also was unsuccessful in its opener but managed to score 22 points in a 13-point loss to Wyandotte, which is expected to challenge Fordson for the Mega-Red title.

PICKS: The Warriors cage the Panthers.

Redford CC (1-0) at A.A. Pioneer (0-1): The Shamrocks looked pretty good Saturday night at the Silverdome as they steamrolled Detroit Pershing in typical CC fashion, 35-6. The Shamrocks recovered quickly from the shock of having the opening kickoff returned 90-plus yards for a Pershing touchdown and led 24-6 at halftime. Surprisingly, CC passed for 161 yards, including a touchdown to Don Slinkster. The Pioneers, meanwhile, gave up a lot of points in a 48-19 loss to East Lansing. **PICKS:** CC goes to 2-0.

N. Farmington (1-0) at Liv. Churchill (1-0): When these teams met a year ago, it was a contest between winless teams; this year it's the battle of the unbeaten. The Raiders scored twice in the final minute last year to earn their only victory, 27-14. North turned in the biggest surprise of opening week when it plastered Hartland 41-0 and avenged a 35-6 defeat in the '96 opener. Senior tailback Kirk Moundros led the charge with 240 yards rushing and four touchdowns. Churchill ended a 28-game losing streak in coach John Filiatraut's debut by beating Redford Union, 26-8. Senior Dave Derigiotis rushed for 143 yards and two scores. **PICKS:** The Raiders keep it going.

Liv. Stevenson (0-1) at Liv. Franklin (1-0): Both teams were outgained in their season openers, but the Patriots managed to win while the Spartans didn't. Franklin was outgained 282-155 by Lincoln Park but won 13-8 when senior Brad Tibas returned a fumble 44 yards for a score in the fourth quarter. Dearborn won the yardage battle (213-153)

and the battle on the scoreboard (21-7) with Stevenson, which lost only to Franklin (29-7). John Glenn and Harrison last year. **PICKS:** Emons is standing with the Spartans, but O'Meara is being patriotic.

John Glenn (1-0) at Ply. Canton (0-1): The Rockets opened with a 37-8 rout of Detroit Mackenzie, but senior quarterback Justin Berent hurt a knee in the process. The injury isn't believed to be serious; however, it's doubtful he will play this week. The Chiefs, who lost 41-7 to Monroe, have a big challenge trying to stop Glenn running backs Reggie Spearmon (182 yards/one TD) and Antonio Gibson (109 yards/three TDs) in the win over Mackenzie. **PICKS:** The Rockets are fueled for another win.

Ply. Salem (0-1) at Northville (0-1): Both teams try to rebound from opening losses, but both played pretty good opponents, too. Salem lost to Belleville, one of the Mega Red favorites, 20-7; and Northville was the only WLAA team to lose to a KVC school, pre-season co-favorite South Lyon (along with Brighton), 26-17. The Rocks beat the Mustangs on a late field goal last year, 17-14. **PICKS:** Northville squares its record with a win.

Farmington (1-0) at W.L. Western (1-0): The last time these teams met (1994), the Falcons won, 21-10, and went on to have their best season in a decade with a 6-3 record. Junior quarterback Scott Kneller had a good debut as Farmington rallied from a 7-0 deficit to beat Novi and avenge a 28-7 loss last year. The Warriors, who crushed Milford 49-19, are the defending Class AA champions and have another strong

team led by senior quarterback Frank Stanford. **PICKS:** The Falcons are better, but the Warriors might be, too.

SATURDAY GAMES

(all times 1 p.m. unless noted)

Crestwood (1-0) at Thurston (1-0), noon: The Eagles are off and running after stomping Taylor Kennedy in their season opener, 30-0. The combination of Nick Dedeluk (through the air) and Brad Meece (on the ground) led Thurston to the win. The Eagles have to contain Crestwood backs Ramsey Saab (two scores) and Robert Akers (100 yards) who played big roles in a 20-3 defeat of Garden City. Thurston won last year, 36-19. **PICKS:** Thurston stays unbeaten.

W.L. Central (1-0) at Farm. Harrison (1-0): The Hawks will have to play a little better, especially on defense, than they did in their 28-15 win over Oxford. Central crushed perennial KVC doormat Lakeland as it usually does, 44-0, but the Vikings are expected to be a contender in the WLAA. Running behind a big line with bookend tackles (290 and 310 pounds), Central tailback Nathan Bruce rushed for 168 yards and four scores. **PICKS:** The Hawks are at home; go with Harrison.

Clarenceville (0-1) at Lutheran North (1-0): Despite Walter Ragland's 136 yards rushing and Craig Rose's 189 yards passing, the Trojans fell a point short in their opener, losing to Liggett, 27-26. They will try to go over the top and win this week against the Mustangs, who edged Lutheran East, 10-7. **PICKS:** Emons takes Clarenceville;

O'Meara sides with North.

Liggett (1-0) at Luth. Westland (0-1), 2 p.m.: The Warriors will have to contain Liggett tailback Kevin Espy, who rushed for 126 yards, caught three passes for 74 yards and scored four touchdowns in a 27-26 win over Clarenceville. The playing field should be a little more even after Lutheran Westland's 41-6 loss to Metro Conference favorite Harper Woods. **PICKS:** The Knights have shining armor.

Borgess (1-0) at N. Adams-Jerome, 7:30 p.m.: The Spartans picked up where they left off last season, whipping Ecorse. Borgess opened and closed the 1996 campaign with lopsided wins over the Red Raiders. The Spartans venture into the south-central region of the state to play the Rams, who lost 12-0 to Reading in their first game. North Adams has nine starters back from last year's 7-2 team, led by quarterback Kevin Kittle (6-1, 195). The Rams had four coaches in five years until Stan Drewno took over two years ago. **PICKS:** Emons predicts a successful trip for the Spartans, but O'Meara says the Rams spoil the weekend for Borgess.

St. Agatha (0-1) at Pickford (0-1), 7:30 p.m.: The Aggies are on the road again when they travel to the Upper Peninsula to take on the Panthers, who defeated St. Agatha last year, 28-6. The Aggies held Holy Redeemer, which was unbeaten in the regular season and made the state playoffs last year, to a touchdown but lost, 7-0. It was an improvement over a 26-0 defeat in '96. Rapid River, meanwhile, rolled over Pickford, 37-0. **PICKS:** The Aggies bring back a victory.

Ocelots overcome injuries to claim a victory

Injuries, injuries, injuries.

That's the easiest way to sum up Schoolcraft College's soccer seasons, both men and women.

The men were deeper to begin with, and so survived a bit better. Last Saturday, the Ocelots scored twice in the second half, then held off a late Lakeland CC comeback to post a 2-1 victory at Lakeland.

The win boosted SC's record to 3-2 overall, 2-0 in Region 12 play.

"We played well," said SC men's coach Van Dimitriou. "They're a good team, a solid team. I'm still not quite happy with our midfield and forward play, but we've been mixing it up a lot."

"This week, for the first time all season, we've got just about all our players back."

Dimitriou has been without Billy Krips, Pete Lechowicz (from Livonia Stevenson), Shaun Pratt, Jim Bullock (Stevenson) and Mike Dean for all or part of the season thus far. All but Dean are ready to go, and Dean should be within a week.

After a scoreless first half against Lakeland, SC's Travis Miller (Redford Catholic Central) — normally a keeper but now playing forward — intercepted a Lakeland defender's errant pass and converted it into

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a goal and a 1-0 SC lead at the 55 minute mark.

Twenty minutes later, Ryan Konley (Plymouth Salem) took a throw-in from Kevin Fritz and drilled a shot into the upper corner of the net, making it 2-0 in SC's favor.

Lakeland rallied for a goal with eight minutes left, but the Ocelots controlled play the rest of the way — thanks in part to the strong defensive play of sweeper Chris Jaskolski (Salem).

"Now we just have to come up with a permanent lineup," Dimitriou said.

SC women tie one

The Lady Ocelots have been battling the same injury problems the SC men's team has, only with a shorter roster to work with.

The result: "I think we've had one game that we've gone the whole way with 11 players," said coach Bill Tolstedt. "I don't think I've ever had a team with this many injuries. So far, good fortune has not yet smiled upon us."

Of course, that's about as many as he's had

on his roster until this week. Just added were Melissa Antieau and Kaleigh Kociszewski. Kociszewski is a keeper from South Lyon, and her addition is a welcome one — starting keeper Samantha Swinkey suffered a leg injury that could keep her out for two weeks.

Last weekend at the College of DuPage Tournament in Glen Ellyn, Ill., SC lost 4-1 to Meramec CC, then tied Florissant Valley CC 2-2.

In Saturday's loss to Meramec, the Ocelots managed to keep it close until the last 15 minutes. It was 1-1 at the half, SC getting its goal from Lisa Tolstedt. Meramec got a goal 10 minutes into the second half, then added two more down the stretch.

In the tie against Florissant Valley last Sunday, SC had a 2-0 lead at halftime, with goals by Jenny Worley and Julie Majewski (Canton), but couldn't hold on because of injury problems. Once again, the Ocelots finished the game with eight players due to injuries.

Both Florissant Valley goals came in the final 15 minutes.

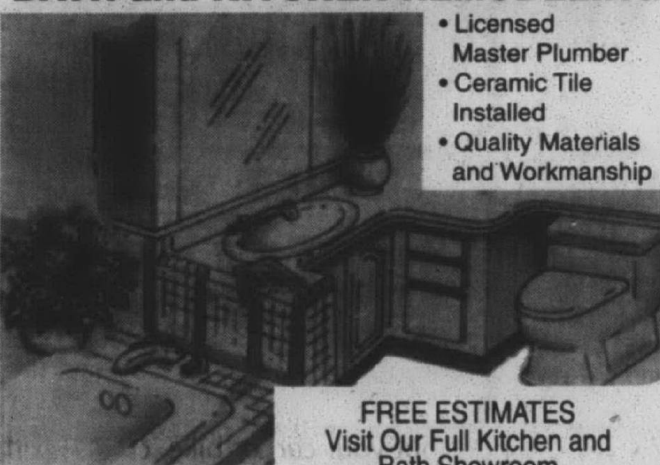
"I have to say, they really do stick together," said Tolstedt of his team, now 0-3-1. "They're steadily improving their skill level. I just marvel at the way they play together."

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Swim from page C1

can put in a fairly strong three-deep lineup in every event, except perhaps diving.

"I think our average swimmers are getting better," she said. "As an all-around team, we're improved."

Tops among the Chiefs, with Hanson, are tri-captains Angie Frost, Kristin Kalymon and Fanning, all seniors; Meagan Dowd and Bernard, both juniors; Michelle Nilson, a sophomore; and Weaver, a freshman.

Eubanks plans to use Frost mainly in the 200 individual medley, the 100 free and the 200 free; Fanning's primary events will be the 200 and 500 free; Kalymon will be in the fly and 100 backstroke; Dowd will be in the 100 back and sprint free; Nilson should be in the IM and 100 breaststroke; and Weaver will train mostly for the distance free events.

Hanson's making the state cut in the 100 fly should enable her to concentrate on the WLAA finals and the state meet. The defending league champ in the 50 free, she should make the state cut in that and perhaps one or two

other events.

What the Chiefs need to move into the league's elite are a few more swimmers reaching state meet qualifying standards.

A strong performance at Thursday's WLAA Relays Meet would help, as it did last year, when Canton finished third.

"Last year, our goal was to place in the top six in every event (at the Relays)," said Eubanks, "and we were third as a team. This year, we don't want to finish worse than third as a team and maybe improve to the top four in every event."

"The object at a meet like this is to spread your swimmers around so that you do well in every event. You don't want to load up on one event."

The Relays, hosted by Salem, should provide some insight into how strong Canton's 38-member team (which includes three divers) is, all the way down the line.

Soccer from page C1

The remainder of the game was a lot of kick ball, with McCarthy using most of his bench and still getting several good scoring chances against Northville keeper Dan Basse, who relieved starter Nick Bitell at halftime.

Northville, on the other hand, got very little going offensively. The Mustangs best chance came with 5:30 left, when Adam Tibble pounced on a loose ball to the left of the Salem goal and drilled a shot off the crossbar.

Tibble fielded the rebound and fired again, but Salem keeper Jeremy Finlay knocked it away.

It wouldn't have made a difference in the outcome, but a goal might have lifted the Mustangs' sagging spirits somewhat. Klimes certainly didn't expect such a lopsided outcome, but it did confirm his trepidations.

"Salem's a nice team," the Northville coach said. "They're real strong down the middle. I think they're a shoo-in for the conference final."

Not so fast — the Rocks have to win the Lakes Division title first, and to do that they have to beat defending Class A champion Livonia Stevenson. That match is Sept. 24 at Salem.

might have thought Plymouth Canton would be a bit slow in getting back into game shape.

Sorry.

Monday's match against visiting Walled Lake Central, the Chiefs' first in WLAA play, was their second in three days after the long respite following the season-opening Gary Balconi Tournament. But Canton showed little rust in either game.

Against Brighton Saturday, the host Chiefs rolled to a 2-0 victory. Justin Fishaw and Scott Wright each scored goals, with Steve Epley assisting on both. Ben Davis made seven saves in goal in the triumph.

Canton doubled those numbers against Central Monday, scoring two goals in each half. Matt Marcos accounted for two of them; he also had an assist.

Other goals came from Johnny Demergis and Epley. Chris Houdek and Fishaw got assists.

Doug Koontz made three saves in goal for Canton.

DeLaSalle 4, Catholic Central 1: After 50 minutes of no scoring, Warren DeLaSalle's offense hit high gear Tuesday night in

defeating Redford Catholic Central 4-1 at Roseville Memorial Field.

DeLaSalle's Peter Salas broke a scoreless tie 10 minutes into the second half on a shot from the outside. The ball deflected off of a Shamrock defender in going into the net.

The Pilots' Joe Simon made it 2-0 a few minutes later. Catholic Central cut the deficit in half with 25 minutes to go in the game, but couldn't manage any more offense.

Simon and Eddie Kiefer added insurance goals for Warren.

"The key to the game was that we crossed our outsides very well," DeLaSalle coach Terry Mukhtar said. "We scored all of our goals from the outside."

"That's the key to our game, utilizing the whole field."

The Shamrocks fell to 1-1 in the Catholic High School League and 3-2-2 overall. DeLaSalle moved into first place with a 1-0-1 mark in the conference. The Pilots are 3-1-3 overall.

CC 1, U-D Jesuit 0: Redford Catholic Central scored a mild upset in boys soccer Friday, blanking University of Detroit

Jesuit in a Catholic League Central Division battle.

Kevin Graff scored a goal 10 minutes into the first half and senior goalkeeper Matt Kessler preserved the shutout victory with several outstanding saves.

Kessler even stoned the Cubs on a penalty kick in the second half.

"Kessler was absolute outstanding," CC coach Dana Orsucci said.

Orsucci also praised the defense of Graff, Brian Wood, Casey Cook and Jeff Boogren.

"The defensive stepped up unbelievably," Orsucci said. "They left everything on the field tonight."

The Shamrocks on Wednesday were fortunate to earn a 2-2 tie with Dearborn Edsel Ford as Graff scored in the last minute to erase a 2-1 deficit.

Pat Griffin scored the Shamrocks first goal on an assist from Joe Digirrolamo.

"It was not a good game, all around offensively," Orsucci said. "Mentally we were somewhere else and we could have lost the game."

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON AND PLYMOUTH

WEEKEND

SINGLES SOCIAL EVENT

Single Place Adult Ministries will hold a social event at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13. Cost is \$3 per person in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church, Northville. Michael Bryce will give a 30-minute program of music, poetry and stories from the Victorian period at each tea, while the audience enjoys tea, scones, finger sandwiches and other delicacies.

SINGLES PROGRAMS

Single Place Adult Ministries presents a Divorce Recovery Workshop on Thursday evenings, at 7 p.m. until Sept. 18, featuring various speakers. The cost is \$30. For more information or to register, please call (810) 349-0911. Single Place Adult Ministries presents open forum discussion, "Why do some people choose to live together rather than get married," at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 with Tony Valenti as the facilitator. The cost is \$4 per person. For more information, please call (810) 349-0911.

SINGLES DINNER SOCIAL

The U.S. Singletons (Dearborn-Livonia Chapter) will host their next dinner social on Friday, Sept. 12 at Botsford Inn-Jennings Room, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Cocktails begin at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. All singles ages 45 and up wishing further information regarding this National organization's activities, please write to: U.S. Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, Mich. 48123.

AROUND TOWN

AUDITIONS

As it enters its 25th season, the Plymouth Community Chorus is calling for people who love to sing. Most needed are tenors, basses and baritone. Some openings exist for altos and sopranos. Rehearsals for the Christmas concert will soon be underway. Auditions by appointment at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, and 16, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon Road, Plymouth. For more information, please call (313) 455-4080.

SKATING

Skatin' Station II will have girls skating free from 7-11 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12. Come on down and be a part of our T.V. commercial. For more information, please call Denise at (313) 459-6401.

RADIO REUNION

WSDP, 88.1FM, will hold a 25th anniversary alumni reunion Saturday, Nov. 1, at Canton's Summit on the Park. Tickets for the evening are \$25 and must be bought by Friday, Oct. 3. Dinner and a special program are planned for

the evening. Tickets can be ordered by sending \$25 to WSDP, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, 48187. The station can be reached at (313) 416-7732.

PARENT OPEN HOUSE

West Middle School Parent Open House will be held from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 18. All parents are welcome.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The friends of the Canton public Library are planning Murder and Mayhem at the Library on Friday, Oct. 10. "A Fatal Combination" will be performed after-hours in the library along with a sumptuous catered meal. Tickets will be available at the Library's reception desk for \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. For more information, please call Marcia at (313) 397-0999 weekday mornings at the library.

POLISH FOLK DANCE

The PRCA Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble is currently enrolling children ages 4-16 who wish to learn Polish folk dance and perform. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings. For enrollment information, please call Darlene Radowick, Director at (313) 565-9865.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The 1998 Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50 percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events, is available from the Plymouth Symphony League by calling (313) 453-3016. You also can pick up your copy at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 819 Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth (313) 451-2112. The Ultimate Entertainment Book is \$40 with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony.

GOLF OUTINGS

Project Compassion will host its 25th Anniversary Golf Outing at noon Saturday, Sept. 20, at St. John's Golf Club, 14830 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Proceeds will enable nursing home residents to enjoy Love Bus outings, receive Pastoral Care from professional chaplains and enjoy the visits of the many volunteers of Project Compassion. The cost is \$88 per golfer and it includes 18-hole team scramble, cart, beverages, dinner and lots of goodies. Prizes include two hole-in-one contests, 1997 Toyota Camry, and two US Air round-trip tickets (if no hole-in-one, use of Camry for one week to be awarded by raffle). Proceeds benefit nursing home programs and specialized transportation services of project compassion.

PLAY GROUP

Congregation Bet Chaverim, serving Jewish families in Western Wayne County, will host a play group for children under five years. Our first event of the fall will be on Saturday, Oct. 25. For further information, please call the Congregation Bet Chaverim

events hotline at (313) 480-8880.

MEPPS

Michigan Emergency Pharmaceuticals Program provides qualified seniors with a month's supply of free prescription drugs that are available three times a year. Please call for an appointment 1-4 p.m. For more information, please call Frances Rudd, site manager at Plymouth Township Hall clerk's office at (313) 455-7526.

KIDS DAY

Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton ER is sponsoring "Kids Day" from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton, 7300 Canton Center Road. The event is free for children ages 3-10 and their parents. Highlights will be: Canton Fire Safety House and Police Department with their K-9 doggie, Teddy Bear Clinic, Information on the U-M Burn Center, D.A.R.E. and I.D. Programs, Health and safety information, survival flight helicopter, and games and a cake walk. For more information, please call Lex Wantuck at (313) 454-8011.

PARK HAPPENINGS

Maybury State Park will host its monthly bird hike at 8 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 13. Fall migration is underway. Take a last look at some of our summer residents, as well as more northern birds as they wing their way southward for the winter. This hike is suitable for all birders, novice through advanced. Meet at the Concession Building in the main parking lot on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township.

Maybury Farm will host its annual "Honey Harvest" from 1-4 p.m., Sept. 13 and 14 each day at the Farm's Demonstration Building. There will be continuous demonstrations of honey extraction as the beekeeper harvests the bee's golden

Chili Cookoff

Come October,
Plymouth will
heat up - with
chili, that is.



We're already making our plans for the 2nd Annual Plymouth Great Chili Cookoff, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 12 at The Gathering. But we need your help. We are looking for great chili recipes - some mild, some hot, and some searing. If you have a good one, let us know, as well as how you came by the recipe. Send it to us in writing at the Plymouth Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, Mich. 48170. You can also fax it to us at 313-459-4242. Please be sure to include your name, where you're from and your phone number - in case we have questions. The Chili Cookoff is a fundraiser for the Make A Wish Foundation, which helps children suffering from serious and terminal illnesses.

crop. Ask the beekeeper about his work, and view the beekeeping tools and equipment on display. Honey will be available for purchase.

Kids of all ages and their families are invited to come to Maybury State Park at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 20 for our monthly "Kids Hike". This month's special topic will be "Autumn Leaves". Learn about the changes that autumn brings to our landscape, then take a short hike to look for evidence of the changing season. Meet at the Farm Demonstration Building.

Maybury State Park is open daily 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Farm hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Most programs and events are free, however a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. Additional information about programs or facilities may be obtained by calling the

park office at (248) 349-8390.

EXHIBITS

ART SHOW

First Presbyterian Church of Northville is sponsoring "Sharing the Gift" 5th annual Juried Fine Art Exhibition. The 1997 entry forms are now available featuring Gail Mally-Mack, juror, and regional artists, Oct. 4-10 show at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. On-site jurying of multimedia works, including watercolor, oil, collage, sculpture, graphics, photography, clay and fiber. Cash awards from \$50-\$300. For more information, please call (810) 349-6474.

ART GALLERY

The Watercolors of Sharon Dealexandris are featured in the Atrium Gallery until Oct. 5. These paintings were done on location in Northern Michigan, Mexico and in the Caribbean. The gallery will have a reception for Dealexandris 5-7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 12-4 p.m. For more information, please call (248) 349-4131.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MIGRAINE

The Livonia Migraine support group will meet with the Ann Arbor support group 7-9 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 29. David Biondi, a board-certified neurologist specializing in headaches and pain, will discuss "The Coexistence of Migraine, Depression and Anxiety: Pure Coincidence or Common Biology?" For more information, call Nancy at (248) 486-1764 or Bonnie at (313) 662-4278.

LIFE MINISTRIES

Have a problem? Want to talk? Call Life Care Ministries (313) 427-LIFE from

11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Confidential. No charge.

TOURETTE SYNDROME

The Tourette Syndrome support group meets from 6-8 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at Eastwood Clinic, 418 Main St., Belleville. For more information, please call Deb Hilvers at (313) 697-0556.

SUBURBAN WEST

COMMUNITY CENTER

Suburban Nights presents a consumer-run drop-in-center open to people with psychiatric disabilities (18 years and older) who want to meet new people, socialize, make friends, and just hang out. The program offers: refreshments, bingo, bowling, exercise, crafts, outings, games and movies. The program is open from 4:30-9 p.m., Monday-Fridays and 12:30-9 p.m., Saturdays. New members are always welcome. Transportation is available nightly upon request. If you have any questions about the program or need a ride, call before 4:30 p.m. at (313) 425-3777 and ask for Robert, Jenny, or Christine. The Suburban Nights Club is at 27595 Schoolcraft, Building No. 3, Livonia.

MDDA

You are invited to attend the Manic Depressive-Depressive Association meeting from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14, at Oakwood Hospital and Canton Health Care Center Bldg on Canton Center Road and Warren Road in Canton. Please enter through the Emergency Room entrance. The bi-monthly meetings will take place in the community meeting room. The Manic Depressive-Depressive Association of Metro Detroit is a self help group with trained leaders. We offer hope, support, education, and help in eliminating the stigma connected with emotional problems. We also publish a monthly newsletter. There are no dues. Refreshments are provided. For more information, please call Nancy at (313) 557-5773 or write P.O. Box 132, Dearborn, Mich. 48121.

VOLUNTEER WORK

VOLUNTEERS

The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to people experiencing memory loss. Those who volunteer receive an excellent orientation that provides them with the information and skills to brighten the life of someone with Alzheimer's. To learn more or to volunteer, call Adam Sterling, 248-557-8277.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the

Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others are welcome to attend meetings which serve Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Redford and Garden City. Interested volunteers may call 459-0216 or 421-4208.

VOLUNTEER SPEAKERS

Karmanos Cancer Institute needs volunteer speakers. The West Region (Western Wayne County) is currently recruiting volunteers for the Hazards of Tobacco (H.O.T.) program. Volunteers should be comfortable giving presentations to students grades K-12 and must be available during school hours, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Training is scheduled for Sept. 16. For more information, please call Nicole Williams at (313) 561-8880, weekdays 9-5.

CLUBS

MOTHER OF MULTIPLES

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Call Barb at (313) 207-5224; Playgroup meets every other Tuesday, call Sue at (313) 459-9324.

M.O.M.

Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) invites you to join us for guest speakers and discussion. We meet at 9:30 a.m., the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. For more information, please call Kate at (313) 453-3675.

PROFESSIONAL SECRETARIES

Professional Secretaries International Office Professionals, monthly meeting of the Huron Valley Chapter will be holding their meetings at the Sheraton Inn, Ann Arbor, this year. The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2. If you would like to attend the meeting, obtain more information about PSI or join the chapter, please call Marti Ruedger, CAM, at (313) 996-7519.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at the Livonia Senior Citizens' Activity Center, 15128 Farmington Road. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. A beginning Genealogy Class meets at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call (313) 425-8832 or (313) 455-1122.

HOLY SMOKE MASTERS

TOASTMASTERS

Join the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club at 6:45 p.m. on Sunday nights, this August and September at the Friendly building, located at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. For more information, please call Marc Sullivan at (313) 455-1635.

CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth and Canton Observers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth and Canton Observers, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 313-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon. Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Ryan R. Bayer, Lisa L. Birou, Elisabeth A. Conley, Joseph F. Danyko, Rose Marie Deehan, Terrence L. Donohue, Kristina M. Glodeck, Kim M. Haddad, Mary K. Kaufman, Karen L. Kleinsmith, Dayna M. Lang, Janell Leschinger, Joseph R. Marquis, Kimberly G. McKnight, Joseph Niemenski, Stephanie A. Skoppstrom, Elizabeth A. Stuart, Susan E. Walters, William W. Washburn, Mary K. Williams, and Kelly A. Woloszyk of Plymouth were named to the academic achievement list at Madonna University in Livonia.

Susan R. Alonzo, Rebecca B. Baskin, George G. Daraban, Natalie A. Dugas, Bonnie J. Freshour, Kathleen A. Frey, Kathleen A. Grodus, Angela N. Klenn, Stuart L. Krueger, Lori A. Kuschel, Patty L. Leapley, Carrie A. Mack, Hilary D. McMullen, Sandra M. Medley, Megan L. Keefe, Kelly R. Paul, Linda S. Pavlik, Antoinette Petrarca, Jennifer J. Presley, Joseph C. Pulis, Brandon S. Slone, Jaime L. Smith, Kami A. Speck, Michelle A. Swiderek, Jaclyn A. Theisen, Ellen L. Wiland, Therese M. Worniak, Angela J. Young, and Tracy M. Zaya of Canton were named to the academic achievement list at Madonna University in Livonia.

SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Shawn E. Clark, Kathleen M. Cramer, Kelly M. Geiger, Leah T. Greenwald, Caitlin E. Hoen, and

Elizabeth A. Miller of Plymouth and Diane E. Brooks of Canton were named to the superior academic achievement list at Madonna University in Livonia.

DEGREES

Canton residents Matthew D. Cifaldi received his bachelor of arts degree in English; Jeffery Michael Kukla received his bachelor of science in engineering degree in electrical engineering; Eric D. Reome received his bachelor of business administration degree in marketing; Jason A. Rudolphi received his bachelor of business administration degree in computer information systems at Western Michigan University.

Plymouth residents Kimberly Dawn Blair

received her bachelor of science degree in speech pathology audiology; Steve Mitchell received his bachelors of arts degree in telecommunication management at Western Michigan University.

DEAN'S LIST

Lisa Bares, Kelly Ann Collins, and Steven Gusfa of Plymouth was named to the dean's list at Kalamazoo College.

ADMISSION

Lesley Denton of Canton has been admitted to Concordia College in Ann Arbor for the Fall semester. She is the daughter of Clyde and Ida Lee.

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Widowed black Christian lady, 40 seeks Christian black male, 45-55, for friendship and laughter only. #5817

ABOVE AVERAGE

Are you? 36, 5'8 1/2", 131lbs, golden-brown/green, single I love heels and clogs too. Kensington to D.S.O. You are: 5'11", WM, college-educated, slender. I can laugh at my short comings, can you? #5845

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Independent female 34, 5'7", slim, long brown hair, enjoys sports, dining, dancing, traveling. Seeking thoughtful SW gentleman, 30+, N/S. #5847

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

Athletically built SWF, 34, physically fit, seeks SWPM, 35-40, 6'2", fit and athletic, for dinners, movies, walks, etc. N/S, social drinker. #5805

LOOKING FOR A HERO

Cute, nice DWF, 35, 5'7", 126lbs, fun, down-to-earth, one son, N/S, enjoys jogging, biking, concerts, travel. Looking for SWM, 35-40, who's fun, caring, financially secure, N/S, to enjoy life with. #5818

WARM, IRISH HEART

Intelligent, attractive, slender, vivacious DWF, 28, 5'7", dark/green, seeks handsome, athletic S/DWPM, 33-45, college-educated, with kind heart, for conversation, friendship, possible LTR. Race open. #5737

SOMEONE SPECIAL

DWF, 37, 5'9", attractive, N/S, one child, secure, serious interests, open, seeks honest, affectionate, financially secure S/DWPM, 34-50, 5'8", N/S. #5698

HI

Professional SWF, 27, who likes to go camping, football games, concerts, the beach, and other fun stuff. Seeking someone who is silly and fun, values friendship, motivated and responsible. #5470

LOOKING FOR FUN

Seeking WM, 26-40, to share fun times with. If you want to know more leave a message, all calls answered. #5471

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN

Non-smoking AF, 36, seeks attractive, health-conscious, dependent-free WM, 30-40, 5'9", for casual dating, possible LTR. #5378

STILL SEARCHING

Tall, attractive SWF, 36, never married, yet height/weight proportionate, dark/hazel, enjoys movies, concerts, rollerblading, and back rubs, seeks SWF, 5'11", who is sincere, with sense of humor and open to a lasting relationship. #5235

WHERE ARE YOU?

SWF, 25, brown/blue, employed and educated, seeks SWM, 25-35, who is financially secure and enjoys going out, friends, quiet evenings at home. #5238

HELLO FRIEND

Attractive, intelligent, refined yet fun, slender, tall SF, 51, smoker, enjoys intimate dining, movies, interesting conversation, home life. Seeking intelligent, tall, classy, marriage-minded gentleman, 50+. #5745

SEXY BUT WHOLESOME

Petite, Italian DWF, very young 47, N/S, N/D, great sense of humor, enjoys ethnic dining, comedy clubs, the beach, seeks attractive DWM, with similar interests, for possible LTR. #5730

'97 PURPLE PROWLER

You're handsome, live life to the fullest, passionate, sense of humor, man of distinction. I should have stayed longer, ask for a ride 8/24, 13 and crooks mobile. #5731

COULD CONNECT...

with tall, H/W proportionate, secure, ethical, nice-looking guy with PFA. Pretty, dark-haired SWF, 40ish, 5'4", 115lbs, with varied interests, great legs and good heart, would like to talk with you. #5732

A TOUCH OF CLASS

Easy on the eyes, N/S, social drinker, enjoys the better things in life such as theater, dancing, dining, travel, long walks, good conversation. Seeking tall man, 55-65, 6', with similar interests. #5733

LOOKING FOR MR. WONDER

DWF, 45, blonde/blue, single mom of 11 year-old, responsible, but with a great sense of humor. Seeking that wonderful guy, with similar qualities, N/S, N/D, for a great relationship. #5519

I'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES

Attractive, slender, intelligent, refined, affectionate, humorous JF, 54, blonde/green, 5'5", seeks classy guy, who is sweet, intelligent, honest, polite, for a real relationship. #5421

ANTIQUE HUNTER

Cute, outgoing, fun lady, 5'3", long red hair, slim, wants to meet great guys, 55-62, to share love of flea markets, antique shows, travel, etc. Oakland County area only. #5846

WITHIN 10 WEEKS

Psychic says I will meet Taurus, teacher/counselor with nice hair. Don't make me wait 10 weeks. Me: 5', blonde/green, 125lbs, health-conscious, N/S, social drinker, likes to laugh, cute and sexy. S/DWM, 45-50ish, for serious LTR. #5564

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

SWF, 41, petite, blonde, single parent of one, seeks marriage-minded male, 42-46, that knows how to treat a lady. Must be honest and loyal. Give me a call. #5633

THAT CERTAIN CHEMISTRY

Attractive, slim SWF, 5'5", blonde/blue, seeks attractive, muscular SWM, 37-44, 5'10", N/S. Emotionally and financially secure a plus. If you're fun, you might be the one. #5642

LOOK NO FURTHER

DWF, late 30s, attractive, the ultimate "bra", with the devil in her eye. Would like to meet DWM, athletic type, who likes music, boating, and movies. Royal Oak area. #5611

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Tall, slim, (young 50), N/S, social drinker, professional likes golf, cross-country skiing, dining out, travel, would like to meet male with similar interests. Children ok. #5557

SLEEPLESS IN LIVONIA

DWF, 41, 5'5", blonde/hazel, full-figured, mom of two, N/D, N/S, enjoys dancing, playing cards, movies, easy listening music. Seeking tall, romantic, caring, trusting SM, 40-45, #5455

LOOKING 4 SOMEONE SPECIAL

Down-to-earth, caring, giving, affectionate, sense of humor, easygoing, enjoys binge, going for rides, dancing, shows, open to new things DWF, 5'1", blonde, nice-looking. Seeking man 45-55, #5475

LOOKS UNIMPRESSIBLE; BUT

intelligence, spirituality and health/natural are and George Clooney look-a-likes are welcome. SW pretty, petite, youthful, non-smoking activist, 47, seeks non-prejudiced, politically left WM, 35-57, for fun, art, lectures, friendship/relationship. #5726

SOULMATE WHERE ARE YOU?

SWF, mid-40s, dark hair/eyes, seeks outgoing, fun-loving SWM, mid-30s-mid-40s. My interests: bowling, bingo, auto races, spectator sports, gambling trips, walking, funny movies. #5727

LOOKING FOR A KEEPER?

Attractive, intelligent, loyal, full-figured SWF 36, long brown/blue, nursing back injury, seeks gentleman to share time with, children welcome, wives aren't. Let's not be lonely. #5738

CUDDLER

DWF, young 62, full-figured, shy, honest, seeks romantic, caring, downest guy for friendship who could lead into something more serious. #5697

UNCHAINED MELODY

Slender, attractive DWF, 50, N/S, seeks S/DWPM, 45-55, 5'8", H/W proportionate, for C&W dancing, rollerblading, and companionship. #5636

SINCERITY A MUST

Look for a friend I have a variety of interests, from Bachmannov to Tony Bennett, from Lake Michigan to Las Vegas. DF, 56, N/S. Seeking man 56-65. #5641

SEXY, SASSY AND CLASSY...

30-something, is seeking Prince Charming, but will settle for frog with sense of humor. #5652

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Cultured, mean apple pie. Golf, tennis, and skiing enthusiast. Theater addition, dance fever. Seeking male counterpart, 34-47. #5656

FUN FRIENDSHIP ROMANCE

Affectionate, caring, down-to-earth DWF, 42, 5'5", medium build, brown/green, with sense of humor. Seeking S/DWPM, 40-45, 5'10", N/S, social drinker, to enjoy our shared/new interests. Make me laugh! #5665

UNCONVENTIONAL

Attractive SWF, 20, 5'4", brown/brown, college student, into music and shows, hardcore, ska, punk, art, movies, and going out. Seeking SWM, 18-25, with similar interests and an open mind. #5520

SLENDER

DWF, 50, 5'7", 120lbs, advanced degree, N/S, social drinker, home owner, with a positive outlook, enjoys cultural events, dancing, and sports. Seeking companionship, for starters. #5606

HOLD MY HAND

SF, 42, 5'8", short reddish-brown hair, medium build, enjoys quiet dinners, movies, evenings at home. Seeking tall gentleman, 45-55, who is romantic, caring, financially secure, and enjoys doing things together. Smoker, social drinker. #5608

GARDEN CITY GAL

DW mom, 43, 5'6", plus-sized, witty, shy and romantic, enjoys gardening, comedy clubs, quiet times. Let's talk! N/S, N/D, N/Drugs. #5614

CUTE & CLASSIC

SBF, 49, loves jogging, sporting events, movies and quiet evenings. Seeking attractive, single gentleman, over 48, with similar interests. #5540

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?

So am I. Attractive, sexy DWF, 40ish, enjoy walking in my Nikes, or going to the theater in my heels. Seeking financially/emotionally secure, family-oriented DWM, 40-50ish, for serious LTR. #5543

ATTRACTIVE FUN-LOVING

Fit, active, professional SWF, 40, 5'7", enjoys golf, tennis, travel, etc. In search of active professional, relationship-minded individual, SWM, 35-45, N/S. #5547

ETHNICITY UNIMPORTANT

You're on my mind, but so very hard to find. Pretty DWF, 54, enjoys laughing and good conversation, fine dining, occasional casinos. Seeking SM, 45-65, for friendship and dating. #5549

LADY

SPF, biracial, 46, full-figured, attractive, pleasant, enjoys traveling, jazz, concerts and movies. Seeking SM, 40-50, 6', financially secure, race unimportant, for dating, possible relationship. #5550

SMART MOUTH FEMALE

40s, petite, attractive, looks calm, scares easy. Nice truck, no property. Seeking 35+, tall, attractive, patient working guy. Friends first. No professionals, smokers, drinkers, overweight or Momma's boys. Salesmen ok. #5552

ARE YOU FOR ME?

SWF 37, 5'3", 135lbs, fairly attractive, seeks WM, 36-55, to be honest, caring, loving, sincere, and marriage-minded, for happiness together. Must be financially secure. #5511

FUN, PROFESSIONAL

DWF, 48, 5'3", 135lbs, enjoys most sports, golf, skiing, hockey, football, nature, travel. Seeking fun-loving, affectionate, kind, N/S WPM, 43-55, for LTR. #5514

KEEPER OF MY STARS

Well-rounded, humorous SWF, 43, 5'7", brown/hazel, N/S, enjoys sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking honest, romantic, humorous, mature S/DWPM, 38-52, 5'7", N/S, who can appreciate me, for possible marriage. #5567

CURVY CONTOURS

DWF, 40-something, copper-colored hair, N/S, social drinker, seeks gentleman, 6+, for romantic dinners, weekend travel. Friendship first, possible LTR. #5568

KIND-HEARTED

DWF, 40, Auburn/green, 5'5", 120lbs, N/S, no dependents, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, old cars, nature, antiques, air. Seeking tall, fit WPM, 36-43, N/S, N/Drugs. #5454

IS IT YOU?

Attractive French-Canadian, American-born female, speaks French, good sense of humor, enjoys outdoor activities, gardening, good food, travel. Seeking companion to relax and chat, and speak French with. #5420

VERY ATTRACTIVE

SWF, 40, 5'7", 115lbs. I'm selective, successful, and honest. I don't smoke or drink, and have no dependents. Seeking the same qualities in a trim, tall, 38-48 year-old SWM. #5360

LOOKING FOR YOU

Attractive, full-figured SWF, brown/green, enjoys fireplaces, up North, being together. Seeking attractive S/DWPM, 40-52, who is loving, kind and needs a good woman. #5362

TALL SLENDER BLONDE

Catch your attention? Actually I'm more like Rosie with red hair. DWF, 39, good sense of humor, like to do just about everything, but tired of doing it alone. Looking for a LTR, possible marriage. #5370

HAPPILY EVER AFTER?

SWF, 40, attractive, intelligent, has spent enough lonely weekends to last two lifetimes. If you are SWM, 50+, N/S, who is extremely generous with time, attention and affection, let's talk. #5233

MOTORCYCLE?

Love Harley men. It must be something in the jeans! Romantic, passionate, early 40s. Business owner, works out regularly, looking for strong, silent type. North Oakland. #5234

LOOKING FOR LOVE

SWM, 31, 5'8", blonde/brown, slim, incurable romantic loves, movies, staying fit, and spotting lovely lady. Seeking SWF, 21-31, for friendship, possible relationship. Flowers and teddy bears a must. #5735

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Dear Dolores, I am a 5'11" woman, and while I'm not vain, I prefer to date guys who are taller than me. Short of crashing a basketball team's locker room, how can I meet a tall man? - Long tall Sally.

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PRINCE OF THE CITY

SBPM, 36, 6'1", 225lbs, athletic build, financially secure, marriage-minded, seeks SF, 5'7", H/W proportionate, long hair, educated, career woman without children. #5830

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Attractive SWM, 34, 6', 175lbs, brown/brown, caring, affectionate, understanding, enjoys movies, good-looking, enjoys traveling, skiing, sporting events, good conversation, humor, romantic dinners and much more. Seeking an outgoing and attractive woman. #5825

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Attractive, down-to-earth, WPM, looking for that special someone, who is attractive, loyal, sincere, for friendship and maybe more. Someone looking for romance and friendship. Give me a call, so we can talk. #5823

VERY ATTRACTIVE

SWM, 27, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, very outgoing, professional, employed. Seeking attractive SWF, 18-35, H/W proportionate, must be outgoing, and enjoy sports. #5828

RENAISSANCE MAN

Lover of music, the Renaissance Festival, the wilderness and much more. I'm a 30 year-old, Novi area, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, dancing, romancing, jazz, martial arts, open-minded. Seeking fit, witty SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. #5661

A GREAT DATE!!

Handsome, professionally employed, in shape, very funny SWM, 30, seeks smart, sexy female, for dining, museums, concerts, shopping, etc. Age/pace open. All calls answered. #5747

LOOKING FOR LOVE

SWM, 31, 5'8", blonde/brown, slim, incurable romantic loves, movies, staying fit, and spotting lovely lady. Seeking SWF, 21-31, for friendship, possible relationship. Flowers and teddy bears a must. #5735

MY IDEAL WOMAN...

is SWF, 38-48, medium build/full-figured, proportionate, who's romantic, loving, enjoys the outdoors. If this is you, call me: SWM, 35, N/S, smart, sincere, handsome, fun, ready for a good time. #5729

ADVENTUROUS

SWM, 28, 5'10", 155lbs, professional, dark hair and eyes, considered good-looking, enjoys traveling, skiing, sporting events, good conversation, humor, romantic dinners and much more. Seeking an outgoing and attractive woman. #5825

ROMANTIC WARRIOR

College-educated, athletic, adventurous, creative, attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, dancing, romancing, jazz, martial arts, open-minded. Seeking fit, witty SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. #5661

SEEKS SLENDER BRUNETTE

Pretty, long-haired SWH/AF is who this well-employed, well-educated, passionate SWM, 38, 160lbs, short brown/blue, loves dearly. Job, car, nice. Don't hesitate to call. #5816

TALL GENTLEMAN

Humorous SWM, 36, 6'4", attractive. Seeking SWF, 27-40, who's attractive, enjoys comedies, movies, walking, or just fun. Plymouth area. #5826

SINCERE PHYSICIAN...

seeks petite, professional woman who is honest, sincere, and wants to be treated like a lady. #5749

SANDY HAIR, BLUE EYES

Trim, somewhat rugged SWM, 35, 5'11", good-looking, would appreciate a nice, sweet, trim gal who enjoys outdoor activities, lakes, woods and back roads on motorcycle or working around home, garden. Kids ok. #5643

CALL MY DAD

Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWP, 38, 5'9", Catholic, brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys movies, cooking, candlelight dinners, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF with kids, for companionship, monogamous relationship. #5851

HONEST, ROMANTIC

SWPM, 33, 6'2", medium build, black/brown, enjoys working out, camping, music, travel. Seeking SWF, 21-38, for dating, possible LTR. #5653

FINANCIALLY SECURE

Retired SBWM, 38, 6', enjoys sports, movies, quiet evenings, travel. Seeking SF, with similar interests, for LTR, possible marriage. #5658

LOOKING FOR THE ONE

Caring, passionate, fun, lovely Caucasian gentleman, 35, N/S, enjoys outdoor activities, the lake, dancing, music, weekend car trips. Seeking SWF, N/S, medium/full-figured, who is loving and good-hearted. Age open. #5867

A YOUNG ROBERT REDFORD

SM, 5'10", 165lbs, blond hair, homeowner, self-employed, loves the outdoors, boating, skiing, hiking, picnics, working out, traveling. Seeking tall female. Must workout, have a sense of humor and be employed. #5804

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Detroit rappers ICP perform at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Doors open 6:30 p.m., show 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$13 the day of the show. For more information, call (313) 961-5451.

SATURDAY



Paul Bramel's bronze mantle clock is one of the items to be auctioned at Paws for Celebration an event to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Michigan Humane Society. For tickets or more information, call (313) 872-3400, ext. 317.

SUNDAY



Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Falsettos" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre in West Bloomfield. Tickets \$13 to \$23, call (248) 788-2900.



Hot tix: Jerzy Semkow leads the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as they open their 1997-98 concert season at Orchestra Hall in Detroit, Sept. 11-13 with concerts featuring 13-year-old piano prodigy Helen Huang as the soloist. Tickets range from \$42 to \$17 (box seats \$60) call (313) 833-3700.



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

On the set: Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director of Meadow Brook Theatre has tried to reach out to other audiences and to offer more diverse material for the core audience.

Storytelling

MEADOW BROOK CONTINUES THE TRADITION

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The theme of this year's Meadow Brook Theatre season is "family." The season begins with a Catholic family in Buffalo seen through the eyes of a 12-year-old boy and ends with a Jewish family in Yonkers seen through the eyes of two boys in their early teens.

Artistic director Geoffrey Sherman talks about creating an "arc" for this season and for the past two seasons during which Sherman has tried to broaden Meadow Brook's place in the family of Detroit-area theaters.

As a not-for-profit, professional theater operating under the auspices of Oakland University, Meadow Brook occupies a special place. Its primary audience has been white, middle class and suburban. But Sherman has tried to reach out to other audiences and to offer more diverse material for the core audience. He said he wants to create "a gray audience" for a theater that welcomes everyone.

Sherman relaxed his long, slim body in a rose-colored recliner in a trailer dressing room at Meadow Brook Theatre. During a long con-

versation, he discussed how Meadow Brook fits into the Detroit theater scene, his philosophy of regional theater and the upcoming "family" oriented season.

Sherman came to Meadow Brook after establishing a reputation as both a New York director and a regional theater director. He came to the United States from his native Britain 20 years ago. He has directed soap operas and talk shows for NBC, off-Broadway shows, free lanced around the country and spent four years directing the Portland Rep in Oregon before coming to Meadow Brook.

Sherman's first step in developing a season is selecting the plays.

"It's done by me as artistic director by reading plays, seeing plays elsewhere on both sides of the Atlantic," Sherman said. "It's also developed through the filter of our mission statement. Our mission statement commits us to producing works that illuminate the latter half of the 20th Century."

Sherman has tried to concentrate on recent plays that "truly represent our times."

This season includes two Pulitzer

Prize winners, Edward Albee's "Three Tall Women" and Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers"; a musical based on the blues, "Thunder Knocking on the Door"; Joe Orton's comedy "What the Butler Saw"; a new comedy about growing up Catholic, "Over the Tavern"; the murder mystery "Murder By Misadventure"; and the return of Charles Nolte's version of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" featuring veteran actor Booth Colman.

Sherman discovered what happens when you try to change a tradition when he tried different versions of "Christmas Carol." The audience response was loud and negative.

"We are returning to the original production that people loved for more than a decade," he said.

"I regret having made some people unhappy by changing a tradition in a way that they found distasteful. It's like changing a church service."

Audience response is one of the elements that helps Sherman develop a season.

"I've tried to set up a communication link, tried to set up a dialogue with talk back," he said. "I length-

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Meadow Brook Theatre 1997-98 Season

Where: Meadow Brook Theatre is on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester.

Tickets: Season subscriptions range from \$119 to \$197 per person. Call (248) 377-3300 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Preview tickets for "Over the Tavern," 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Sept. 17-19, \$18; opening night 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, \$32. Regular performance tickets range from \$22 to \$32.

■ "Over the Tavern" - by Tom Dudzick, a family comedy about a boy growing up Catholic in Buffalo, a regional theater hit (Sept. 17-Oct. 12)

■ "Three Tall Women by Edward Albee," - a Pulitzer Prize-winning play about a mother and son, focusing on three women at different ages (Oct. 22-Nov. 16)

■ "A Christmas Carol" - by Charles Dickens with direction and adaptation by Charles Nolte, the seasonal favorite returns with Booth Colman as Scrooge (Nov. 28-Dec. 28.)

■ "Thunder Knocking on the Door" - by Keith Glover, a "bluesical" with music by Keb' Mo' featuring a guitar cutting contest with a supernatural being (Jan. 7-Feb. 1)

■ "What the Butler Saw" - by Joe Orton, a comedy about marriage for adults set in an insane asylum (Feb. 11-March 8)

■ "Murder by Misadventure" - by Edward Taylor, a murder mystery featuring a spot between mystery writers (March 18-April 12).

■ "Lost in Yonkers" by Neil Simon, another Pulitzer Prize winner about growing up above a candy store in 1942 Yonkers, N.Y. (April 15-May 10).

THEATER



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Rehearsing: Leslie Henstock, who portrays Gypsy Rose in the Avon Players production of "Gypsy," tries to calm the lamb that is playing a bit part.

The Golden Avon plays to audience

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

The Avon Players are opening their 50th season this Friday with "Gypsy," a musical first staged by the group 20 years ago.

"We selected four shows from our decades," said Andrea Willis of Rochester Hills, president of Avon Players. "These are shows we've done before. We're looking over our past, but the fifth show, 'Blood Brothers' is a newer musical. It's our beam to the future, we're ready to start a new decade."

Willis got active in the group in 1982 after she attended one of Avon Players' pot-luck suppers. "I had done theater all my life, and loved it," said Willis, a retired teacher. "The pot-luck dinners are an Avon Players tradition. When the group was originally conceived it was a social group first and then evolved into being more than that." Two more pot-lucks are planned this year.

Willis saw an announcement about the pot-luck in the paper, and decided to go. One of neighbors was there, but she was left sitting alone at the table when her group, which was providing the entertainment that night, left to get ready.

She was warmly welcomed, and says if she ever moves to another community, the first thing she'll seek out is a community theater group. "I think it's a good opportunity to meet people with similar interests," said Willis, who was cast in her first show at Avon, "Carousel," in 1983. "For me it's a way to address the need to be creative. It gives me a chance to get my creativity out in the final product."

Willis has been on stage, directed shows, and helped back stage with props, lighting, and other details. "I enjoy the camaraderie of working with

The Avon Players

Where: Theater is on Tienken Road (1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road) Rochester Hills.

Show time: All shows 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday except for Sunday matinees which are 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$11; musicals \$13. Discounts for students, senior citizens and groups for Thursday and Sunday performances. Season ticket \$55 includes all five shows. Call (248) 608-9077 for season, or membership information.

Season schedule:

■ "Gypsy" - Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-14; Sept. 19-21; Sept. 26-28; Thursday, Oct. 2; Friday & Saturday, Oct. 3-4.

■ "Born Yesterday," - Nov. 7-9; Nov. 14-16; Nov. 20-22.

■ "Dial 'M' for Murder" - Jan. 9-11; Jan. 16-18, and Jan. 22-24.

■ "The Odd Couple" - Feb. 27-28 and Sunday, March 1; March 6-8; March 12-14.

■ "Blood Brothers" - April 24-26; May 1-3; May 8-10; May 14-16.

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MUSIC

What: "The Russian Virtuosi," featuring Slava Semyonov and Natalya Semyonova with Robert Settler and special guests artists The Ortega Soave Quartet presented by Musica Viva International Concerts in cooperation with the Michigan Accordion Society
When: 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14
Where: Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward at Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills
Tickets: \$16, prepaid; \$18, at the door. (248) 851-6987; (248) 626-4625; (313) 563-3376

Musica Viva celebrates 'soul' of world culture

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Cultural understanding never comes easily or quickly. But that hardly discourages Bloomfield Hills-based Musica Viva.

What Ginka Gerova-Ortega, founder/artistic director, and the many volunteers of the nonprofit have in mind is simply to expand cross-cultural understanding by bringing the indigenous sounds of the world to the metro area.

For the last 11 years, the Musica Viva

international concert series has imported string quartets, flamenco guitarists, classical tango and Afro-Peruvian singing, to name just a few of their acts with a distinctive cosmopolitan flavor.

This Sunday, audiences with an international auditory appetite will be stretched further with "The Russian Virtuosi," featuring Russian spouses Natalya and Slava Semyonov. Natalya plays the domra while Slava is the founder of the modern performance school of the bayan - a reference to the Russian word for a concert accordion.

"He's been called the 'Rubinstein of the bayan,'" said Gerova-Ortega, an acclaimed international flutist in her own right and former student of virtuoso Jean-Pierre Rampal.

The accordion? Arguably, the Rodney Dangerfield of instruments among the refined musical mediums?

Well, revolution is in the air.

A grand sound

"World music is exploding," said Gero-

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Guest artists: Musica Viva International Concerts presents "The Russian Virtuosi," featuring virtuoso bayanist Slava Semyonov (right) and his wife Natalya.

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ened the preview season to involve the audience in the production. We now do three previews for each show and use comments to clarify what we're doing. We've made changes based on audience comments."

When selecting the plays, Sherman tries to find thematic links.

"This season the thematic link is the family in all its glory, functionality and dysfunctionality," Sherman said.

After selecting several scripts, Sherman has the artistic and administrative staff read them to begin the winnowing process. Then the list is shortened again based on whether the theater can afford to produce it.

The theater operates on a \$2-1/2 million budget. Sherman said that when he arrived two years ago up to 85 percent of the budget was coming from earned income instead of the usual 60 percent earned, 40 percent contributed.

"As we're doing more challenging plays, we run the risk of an audience not always liking the plays all the time," Sherman said.

For the first time, Oakland University is now providing

direct support in the form of a three-year reducing subsidy designed for the theater to work down to a zero deficit. The theater also receives money from the state-supported Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. It does not receive any National Endowment for the Arts money.

Sherman is quick to say that Meadow Brook Theatre is "more than just a production line for plays." Since coming to the theater, Sherman has been interested in diversifying the audience and expanding the theater's outreach programs.

"My briefing when coming here was to open up the artistic policy and make it more inclusive," he said. "I had built a reputation in New York for working with playwrights of color."

One of Sherman's early Meadow Brook successes was a critically acclaimed production of August Wilson's "Piano Lesson," the first play by a black playwright ever performed at Meadow Brook.

He has since worked with Detroit's Plowshares Theatre Company on a joint production of "I Am A Man" last season. This year's co-production with Plow-

shares is "Thunder Knocking on the Door" featuring a black cast in a musical play by Keith Glover with music by blues artist Keb' Mo'.

Meadow Brook's new associate artistic director is Debra Lynne Wicks, an African-American. Wicks has performed as an actress and directed more than 40 regional theater, summer stock and university productions, including Meadow Brook's production of "The Piano Lesson."

"I think we as human beings, as our information network has expanded, we've become more compartmentalized and tribal in outlook. Prejudice is the result of ignorance," Sherman said.

He is committed to other outreach programs, particularly taking Meadow Brook Theatre on the road.

"We have a duty to take our work elsewhere," Sherman said. "What is it about the arts in America that people have ceased to care. America may be a great society but can't be a great culture without the arts."

Sherman said the concentration of arts in the big city centers has alienated many people who live in small towns and resent the idea of having their taxes

support arts they can't enjoy.

Last year, Meadow Brook experimented by sending a road production of the comedy "Beau Jest" to several communities up north. Next spring, Sherman wants to develop specially designed productions that can be performed inexpensively in school gymnasiums, libraries and small theaters.

"We want to present the best we have to offer," Sherman said.

Other outreach programs include special performances for school groups, a "Page to Stage" literacy program with Pontiac and Avondale schools and offering help to other professional theater groups in the form of costumes, sets and technical expertise.

Sherman is dedicated to the "theater experience."

"What we're doing is continuing the tradition of storytelling," Sherman said. "The interaction of audience and actor is unique. It's a totally different experience from cinema. The community created for every single performance of a play is unique."

Sherman said some people are afraid of theater and he wants Meadow Brook to be the theater that overcomes that fear.



Associate director: Debra Lynne Wicks was recently named associate director at Meadow Brook Theatre. Her duties will include directing plays, assisting with casting and play selection as well as overseeing Meadow Brook Theatre's educational outreach programs.

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va-Ortega. "We're discovering the expression of the 'soul' in the farthest places in the world."

Think about it: first the Berlin Wall came down and the subsequent flood of expression from formerly repressed citizens of Eastern European countries rushed past historical and geographical boundaries.

So, it's only natural to move on to more serious issues like dispelling the stereotypes of the accordion.

If a bouncing polka band, a pasty-faced Lawrence Welk or a merry barrel-chested Italian fellow come to mind, then you haven't kept up with recent changes.

On the world stage, the portable pleated instrument with a vertical keyboard and metal reeds is not only being rediscovered, its versatility is being celebrated.

"The accordion is becoming associated with a certain lifestyle," said Gerova-Ortega. "The sound and color of the instrument is as grand as an organ."

For Gerova-Ortega, this Sunday's concert is just another step toward prying open the door to cross-cultural acceptance. Semyonov's original compositions are influenced as much by classical music as Russian folklore.

"It's much easier to present the

same type of music over and over," she said. "It takes a while for audiences to cross over."

In the age of multiculturalism whereby the world is electronically bound without the benefit of an historical context, "acceptance" may also be another way to build "cultural tolerance."

The rampant strife in Bosnia, the former Soviet Republics, the Middle East, Africa and ongoing disturbances among minorities and majorities in countries throughout the world give rise to the hope that world music can accomplish what politics cannot.

A colorful world

Like many in today's world

music scene, Musica Viva concerts help redefine the "world rhythm" by promoting cultural pluralism and an expanded notion of concert-worthy music.

While the works of great composers like Bach, Beethoven and Mozart are continually presented in traditional venues, world music reflects a contemporary "cultural sound" worthy of similar respect, said Gerova-Ortega.

Ironically, world music is as evasive to define as the notion of a "world people." Diversity and harmonic evolution are the only constants.

For instance, world music extends from the jungles of Brazil, to the sounds of the

indigenous tribes living in the Andes, African chants, American jazz, songs from black Peru and Cuban a cappella.

The musical diversity, according to Gerova-Ortega, is a starting point to explore other elements of a culture.

"A composer comes from a milieu, a tradition. When you hear music that you like, don't you ask: 'Where did the composer come from?'" said Gerova-Ortega, who emigrated from Bulgaria in the early 1960s.

In what seems as much an anthropological pursuit as a musical exploration, Musica Viva's season reflects Gerova-Ortega's curiosity to inquire into

other cultures.

Upcoming concerts include Susana Baca, an Afro-Peruvian singer; the Leipzig String Quartet; classical guitarist Philip Caudelazia; and a festival of world music in mid April, featuring Latin jazz.

In early May, Musica Viva will hold the 10th annual Flute Festival, a venue for Michigan flutists along with guest artists from the international stage.

"The world is so colorful because people are always bringing their own fresh ideas to try to 'touch people,'" said Gerova-Ortega. "That's the beauty, the treasure of world music."

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people on a project," she said. "I've been real proud of the productions we've done."

Avon Players owns their theater, which is located on Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road in Rochester Hills. The theater seats about 230 people, and is run by volunteers.

Auditions are open to the public, and once cast in the show, people must join the Avon Players. There are different membership categories. A junior membership for those 18 and younger is \$20 a year; active membership is \$25 a year, which includes mailings of upcoming events; the \$95 sustaining membership includes mailings, season tickets and mention in the playbill.

Willis said the group tries to do a mix of shows, which appeal to the community they serve. They look at what sells seats, and what the audience likes. "Our audience is conservative, educated theatergoers," she said. "They don't like heavy dramas. We're pretty conservative in our season slate. We don't want to do things that would offend people in our community, and avoid shows with strong language."

This year's slate includes the comedy "Born Yesterday," originally performed in Avon's inaugural decade; "Dial 'M' for Murder," a classic murder mystery from the group's second decade; "The Odd Couple," a twist on the production presented in their

third decade. This production is the female version of Neil Simon's classic, and features Florence Unger and Olive Madison.

"Blood Brothers," the season closer, was recently performed on Broadway. The musical set in Liverpool, England, is about two twin brothers separated at birth and the events that reunite them.

Whether you're interested in performing on stage, helping behind the scenes, or just looking for new friends, Avon Players has the welcome mat out.

You'd be surprised at what goes on. For example, in "Gypsy," the season opener, there's a scene with real farm animals on stage. "We have lambs on stage,

and built a pen for the lambs to be in when they're not on stage," said Willis. "Someone has to be watching the lambs to get them on stage at the right time, then back to the pen, and keep an eye on them until they go back to the farm."

"Annie" posed a similar challenge. Someone had to be responsible for Annie's dog.

Those wonderful sets don't happen by themselves. Volunteers scour antique shops and the Salvation Army looking for props and costumes.

Then there's the challenge of maintaining a theater. A few years ago Avon Players embarked on a fund-raising project and recently extended their lobby, and renovated the bathrooms. A ticket office was installed in the lobby, and someone is there 6-8 p.m. Monday and Thursday selling tickets. The group is working to increase those hours.

Raising money to pave the parking lot is their next big project, and Willis is working with a task force to improve Avon's



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Practice makes perfect: Sarah Allyn (left) as Baby Jane, and Heather Blackwild as Baby Lois, rehearse for the Avon Players production of "Gypsy."

youth theater program.

"We're looking at ways to make our youth more a part of Avon Players," she said. Currently Avon offers one youth theater production a year.

"It's a very good experience for kids," she said. "They will also

audition for roles in adult shows. It gives them a chance to take part."

"It's important to give children a theater experience. Where are you going to get adults 10 years from now?"

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THEATER

JET's 'Falsettos' sounds in perfect harmony

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Falsettos" in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, through Oct. 5. Call (248) 788-2900 for tickets and show times. Tickets range from \$13 to \$23. Senior, student and group discounts available.

By VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

If you're looking for some fine entertainment that's slightly off-beat, you can't lose with "Falsettos," now on-stage at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.

Directed by Nicholas Calanni, the musical (in which all lines are sung, not spoken) centers around a rather ordinary Jewish guy named Marvin who finds himself facing some really big problems. He has a wife and an adolescent son, and he's fallen hard for a hunky guy named Whizzer.

The Tony Award-winning "Falsettos," written by William Finn and James Lapine, is the first musical ever produced at the JET. Let's hope it's the beginning of a trend. From its opening number, "Four Jews in a Room Bitching," to the concluding "Falsettos," this is simply deli-

cious theatre.

What makes it delicious? Begin with some savvy performances by a cast that seems tailor-made for these upbeat-downbeat tunes and the funny/sad/provocative flavor of this timely play that deals with everything from AIDS to family values to "nouvelle bar mitzvah cuisine."

John Sartor's Marvin seems as ordinary - and as complex - as your next-door neighbor. Somehow, he makes this character - who leaves his wife and young son for the distinctly-less-than-perfect Whizzer - both totally convincing and utterly sympathetic.

As the luscious lug, Whizzer, Brian Schulz gets the chance to wear a lot of tight jeans and muscle-hugging T-shirts, while he's winning our hearts as well as Marvin's. No small amount of his appeal lies in his way with a song, especially the confessional, "The Games I Play."

In the role of Trina, the attractive but often-confused wife, Milica Govich turns in an irresistible and effortless performance. "The only thing that's breaking up is my family," she sings. "But me - I'm breaking

down."

Let it be noted that we should all possess such charm and style as we fall to pieces.

Jeff Nahan, as the therapist who can't resist Trina, is maybe the most lovable lecher you'll ever come across. And Judy Dery and Barbara Coven as the "lesbians next door" are a talented and dynamite duo.

Finally, Nicholas Cornfield as the caught-in-the-middle, adolescent son, turns in a performance that flirts with brilliance. His Jason is as subtle as he is lively, as able to touch your heart as to tickle your funny bone.

William Finn's music is under the first-rate direction of Ben Cohen. This translates into a confident cast, and proof that it's not necessary to possess a grand singing voice to deliver a song in a very big way.

Combine all of the above with some especially zippy pacing, plus some creative and careful attention to lighting (Mark Berg), costumes (Edith Leavis Bookstein), and sets (Monika Essen), and it's hard to find a single false note in this rendition of "Falsettos."



In the act: John Sartor (left to right), Nicholas Cornfield and Milica Govich in JET's production of "Falsettos."

MUSIC

A new and familiar face at DSO's opening concert

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra opens its new 1997-98 concert season at Orchestra Hall tonight with Polish conductor Jerzy Semkow and 14-year-old piano prodigy Helen Huang as the soloist. The program features Beethoven's Leonore Overture No. 3, Mozart's Piano Concerto in C major (K. 467) and Brahms' Symphony No. 4.

Since last year's concert season, the historic Orchestra Hall neighborhood has undergone a dramatic physical change. Patrons can see Phase I of the \$80 million Orchestra Place Development Project, a new five-story office/retail complex and an 800-car parking deck.

New sidewalks and lamppost banners have also been added to the area. And in early 1998, a new restaurant, Duet, will open near the corner of Woodward and Mack Avenue.

Kicking off the new DSO season, WQRS-FM (105.1) will feature a special opening night broadcast starting at 7 p.m. The show will be hosted by Dave Wagner and feature interviews with musicians, conductors, ticket holders along with recordings of the evening's repertoire.

Featured performers: Semkow and Huang

Over the years, Jerzy Semkow has been one of the DSO's favorite performers.

His conducting posts include tenures at Music Director of the St. Louis Symphony, Principal Conductor of the Royal Danish Opera and the Royal Danish Orchestra in Copenhagen, and Music Director of the Orchestra of Radio-Televisione Italiana in

Rome.

Semkow's recordings include the first complete original version of Mussorgsky's "Boris Godunov." Among his other recordings are major orchestral works by Tchaikovsky and Brahms, the last ten Mozart Symphonies with the National Philharmonic of Warsaw, and Scriabin's Symphony No. 3 and Symphony No. 3 with the London Philharmonic.

Piano prodigy Helen Huang makes her Detroit debut. Her impressive list of engagements include performances with the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, The Cleveland Orchestra, the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, the National Symphony Orchestra, the Montreal Symphony and the Israel Chamber Orchestra.

In 1995, Huang appeared with the New York Philharmonic under Kurt Masur, playing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 23. The concerto was recorded and released on Haug's debut CD later that year. She made her national television debut in a concert with the Boston Pops Orchestra for PBS' "Evening at the Pops."

Music Director Neeme Jarvi will lead the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and guest pianist Murray Perahia in three performances at Orchestra Hall 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.

The program will include Estonian composer Rudolf Tobias' Overture to "Julius Caesar," a piano concerto by German Romantic composer Robert Schu-



Director: Neeme Jarvi, music director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will make his 1997-98 season debut on Sept. 19.

mann, and Danish composer Carl Nielsen's Symphony No. 5.

Perahia will be giving his first performance at Orchestra hall since 1990 when he appeared in recital. In the thirty years that he has been performing on the concert stage, Perahia has played to sold-out houses, and his Sony Classical discography of over 40 recordings makes him one of today's leading recording artists.

He received a Grammy for Best Chamber Music Performance for his recording of Bartok's "Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion."

In the first behind-the-scenes Pre-Concert Conversation of the season WQRS Program Director Dave Wagner will be the guest on Sept. 12. This series of informal and lively discussions is free to all ticket-holders, and takes place every Friday on the Orchestra Hall stage. Call (313) 833-3700 for more information.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

What: Detroit Symphony Orchestra 1997-98 opening concert, featuring conductor Jerzy Semkow and pianist Helen Huang
When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 11-12, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13

Where: Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit
Tickets: \$17-\$42, box seats: \$60. (313) 833-3700.

Upcoming concerts:

Classical Series

- "A Celebration of Music for Film - I" - 8 p.m. Fri., Sat., and 3 p.m., Oct. 3-5; "A Celebration of Music for Film - II" - 8 p.m. Thur., 8:30 p.m. Sat., 3 p.m., Sun., Oct. 9, 11, 12
- Isaac Stern performs new work, Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements. 8 p.m. Thur., Fri. & 8:30 p.m. Sat., Nov. 6-8
- Yo-Yo Ma, "In Recital," 8 p.m., Fri., Jan. 16
- Kathleen Battle performs Haydn's "Maria Theresa," and Ravel's *Daphnis and Chloe*, Suite No. 2., 8 p.m. Thurs., 8:30 p.m. Sat., 3 p.m. Sun., Jan. 29, 31 & Feb. 1

The Pops Series

- Dave Brubeck, 8 p.m. Thur., 8:30 p.m. Fri., Sat., 3 p.m. Sun., Oct. 16-19
- "Sophisticated Ellington: Symphony and Swing," with special guest Mercedes Ellington, 8 p.m. Thur., 8:30 p.m. Fri., Sat., 3 p.m. Sun., Feb. 5-8
- "Broadway Night at the Pops: The Music of Cole Porter," 8 p.m. Thur., 8:30 p.m. Fri., Sat. 3 p.m. Sun., Feb. 26-Mar 1

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ALTERNATING CURRENTS

"Just a Phase (A Sapphic Tale)," a new romantic comedy by Royal Oak playwright Therese Szymanski, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Trumbull Theatre, 4208 Trumbull, Detroit. \$6 advance, \$8 at door. (248) 541-8316/308-5777

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"Faissetos," through Sunday, Oct. 5, as the JET, 6800 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$13-\$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"Over the Tavern," preview productions 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17-Friday, Sept. 19, with shows running Saturday, Sept. 20-Sunday, Oct. 12, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. 8 p.m. preview performances (\$18), 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays (\$22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays (\$22), 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays (\$32), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays (\$26.50), with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL THEATRE

"Why Good Girls Like Bad Boys," gospel musical stage play by Angela Barrow and Lizzie Berry, Sept. 16-21, Music Hall Theater, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$19 to \$26.50, call (313) 963-7622 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

COMMUNITY THEATRE

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

Sept. 15-21, theater week filled with events leading up to the Sept. 18-21 (8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday) production of "Lost in Yonkers" at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theater in the Michigan League on the University of Michigan campus, tickets \$16 adults, \$14 students/seniors, (313) 971-2228. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 theater tour and volunteer information; 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 auditions for Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music"; 7 p.m. Sunday Sept. 28 Readers Theatre begins for anyone interested in exploring dramatic texts in staged readings. Events take place at the playhouse at 2275 Platt Road, south of Washtenaw, Ann Arbor. (313) 971-0605

AVON PLAYERS

"Gypsy," opens 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 continues weekends through Oct. 4. Performances 8 p.m. except for 2 p.m. Sunday matinee at the playhouse on Tienken Road (1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road), Rochester Hills. Tickets \$13, student, senior citizen and group rates available, (248) 608-9077.

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"London Suite," opens 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 continues weekends through Sept. 28. Performances 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, 21730 Madison (southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Drive) Dearborn. Tickets \$10, student discount for Sunday performance, (313) 561-TKTS. Complimentary afterglow after opening night.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

"Plaza Suite," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 19-20, 26-27, and Oct. 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sundays Sept. 21, 28 at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road (between Haggerty and Northville roads), Northville, \$9, \$9 advance. (248) 349-7110

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS

"Rumors," 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Thursday, Sept. 25-Sunday, Sept. 28, Friday, Oct. 3-Sunday, Oct. 5, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (between Crooks and Livernois roads), Troy. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. \$11, \$10 Thursdays and Sundays for seniors and students. (248) 988-7049

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"And On the 8th Day He Saw a Play (and He Saw It Was Good)" a Performance of One Acts' benefit performance 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, one-half block east of Lahser, Detroit. \$10. (313) 532-4010/537-7716

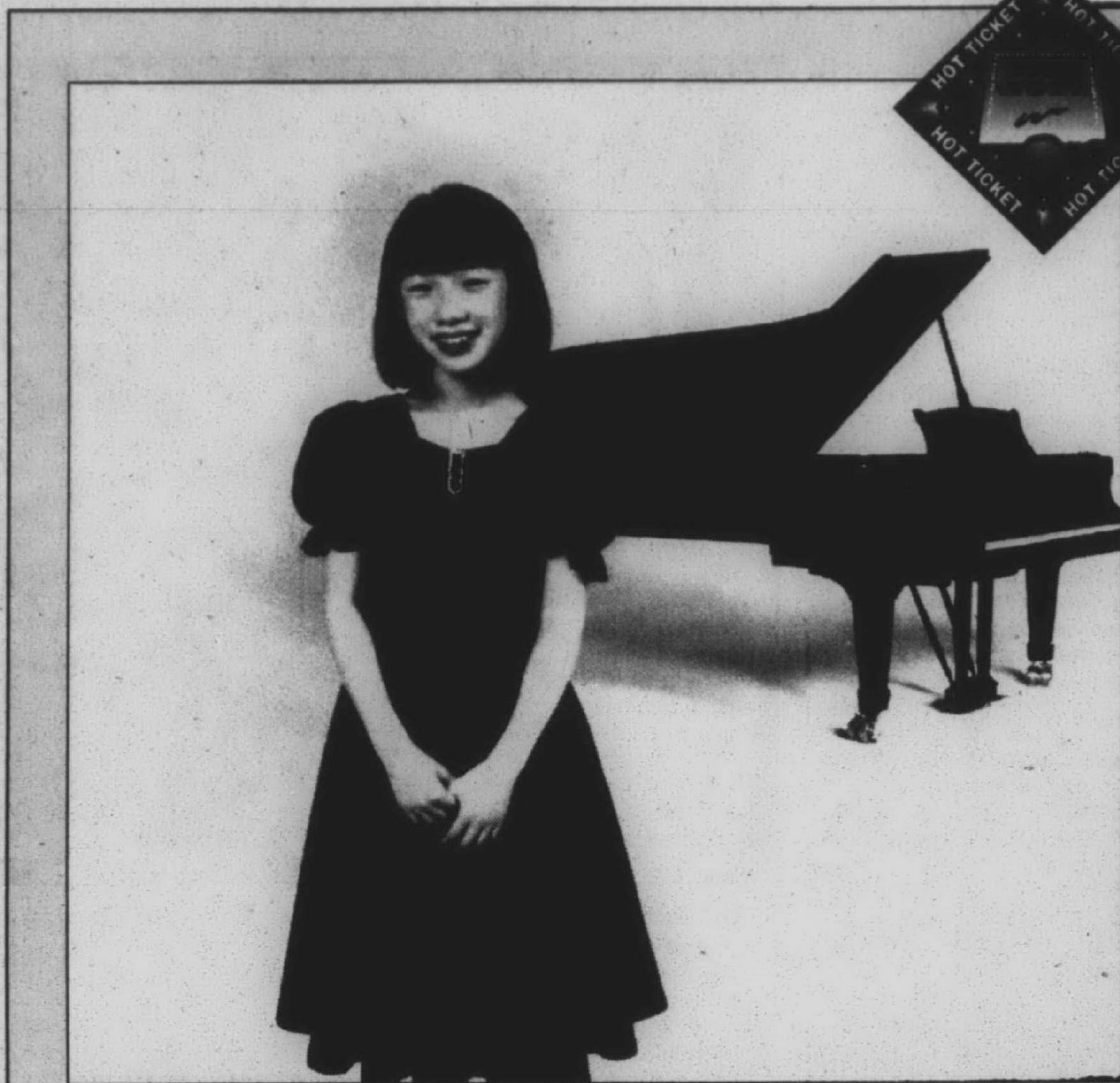
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"The Mousetrap," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19-20, 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, 28 at the theater at 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. \$10, \$9 seniors/students. (313) 531-0554

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"Little Red Riding Hood," 2:30 Saturdays, Sept. 6, 13, and 20, and



Piano prodigy: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra opens its 1997-98 concert season at Orchestra Hall, 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Sept. 11-12 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday Sept. 13 with Polish conductor Jerzy Semkow on the podium and 13-year-old piano prodigy Helen Huang as the soloist. Tickets range from \$42 to \$17 (box seats: \$60) call (313) 833-3700.

2:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 7, 14 and 21, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$5.50. No children under age 3 1/2. (248) 349-8110.

SPECIAL EVENTS

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, between Novi and Taft, \$12 per person, \$10 advance, benefits Lions/Lioness charities. Registration at 6:30 p.m. (248)344-4633

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6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 tour of Smiley Mansion followed by dinner at the Detroit Historical Museum, \$42 Detroit Historical Society members, \$52 nonmembers. (313) 833-1405 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 Belle Isle Appreciation Day at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, free with special pass from Friends of Belle Isle. (313) 331-7760

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10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Sept. 28 on Dixie Highway, one mile north of Mount Holly between Pontiac and Flint, \$12.95 adults (\$11.50 advance), \$5.95 children ages 5-12 (\$5 advance). 1-800-601-4848

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Friday, Sept. 12 to Sunday, Sept. 14, Novi Expo Center. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission \$10, 1-800-914-9395.

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Noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 on Third Street between West Road and Maple. (313) 675-6500

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Perahia performing Tobias' "Overture to Julius Caesar," and Schumann's "Piano Concerto," and Nielsen's "Symphony No. 5," 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Orchestra Hall. (313) 833-3700

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"Sunday, Songs and Symphony" benefit featuring bassist Stephen King of Livonia, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile Road (at Newburgh Road), Livonia. Besides concert of light, classical and popular tunes, benefit includes 30 area restaurants offering samplings of food, and a silent auction. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. (313) 421-1111/(313) 464-2741.

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UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY

Cecilia Bartoli recital rescheduled to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 in Hill Auditorium, 825 North University, Ann Arbor. \$20, \$40, \$50, \$60. Chicago Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 and Friday, Sept. 26 at Hill Auditorium, \$55, \$45, \$35, \$20; Chamber Music with members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, Rackham Auditorium, \$36, \$34, \$30, \$22. (313) 764-2538

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9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

M V I ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

AUDITIONS

AVON PLAYERS

Open auditions for Garson Kanin comedy "Born Yesterday," 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21-Monday, Sept. 22, at the Avon Playhouse on Tienken Road east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Performances Nov. 7-9, 14-16, 20-22. (248) 651-9518

CONLEN PRODUCTIONS

Open auditions for male and female sopranos for the role of Amami in "Amami and the Night Visitors" 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 at Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student Street, on Beech Daly one block north of Five Mile, Redford. Rehearsals begin immediately for performances

Dec. 27-28 and Jan. 3-4. (313) 459-2332

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Auditions, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, and Tuesday, Sept. 23, Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road (between I-95 and Lyndon), Livonia. Tenor and bass voices especially needed. Membership not restricted to Livonia residents, and sight-reading is not a requirement. (313) 525-1447

NOVI CONCERT BAND

Band has opportunities for adults who play any instrument to join it for its 1997-1998 concert season. Rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. There are no auditions. (248) 932-9244

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORUS

Holding auditions for its new season, open to anyone in the metro Detroit area interested in performing classical choral literature. Rehearse on Tuesday evenings in Room 134 of Varner Hall. Call (248) 370-2030 or (248) 370-2038 for information.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Entering 25th season and calling for people who love to sing. Most needed are tenors, basses and baritones, some openings for altos and sopranos. Auditions by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, 9 and 16 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon Road, Plymouth. (313) 455-4080

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS

Auditions for the musical "Babes in Toyland," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 16-18, 60 actors/singers dancers need for speaking parts, solos, a flock of little sheep, and an army of dancing soldiers, all ages welcome, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Participation fee upon casting: \$100 PCAC members, \$125 nonmembers. Performances Dec. 5-7, school tours Dec. 8-18. (313) 416-4ART

BENEFITS

DETROIT TOGETHER MEN'S CHORUS

"Faissetos," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre inside the Jewish Community Center, 6800 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. Tickets \$25 with proceeds to benefit Detroit Together Men's Chorus, Michigan's oldest and largest gay men's chorus. (313) 893-3631 or (248) 588-4743

JET THEATRE

"Crimes of Fashion," the season's campiest event where guests become crime solvers and mystery becomes fashionable, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection South, Troy. Tickets \$50-\$1,000 to benefit Jet Theatre's Educational Outreach Program. (248) 788-2900

PAWS FOR CELEBRATION

8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 gala evening of dinner, entertainment (Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons), fashion show (latest designs in women's and canine's fashions), art auction (work created by Center for Creative Studies students) to benefit the Michigan Humane Society and celebrate the nonprofit organization's

120th anniversary. Patron (\$175) and Benefactor (\$300) ticketholders will join Master of Ceremonies Ed McMahon for cocktails at 6 p.m., Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, Troy. Tickets \$75 each for Supporters. (313) 872-3400

CLASSES/ WORK SHOPS

AVOILE DEL, INC.

Classes for children (ages 3-16) in chorus, theater, instrumental music, and visual art begin Sept. 16 at Precinct Five, 1551 East Auburn Road at Emmons, Rochester Hills. Information (248) 375-9027, registration (248) 656-6808

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD

Is hosting a children's acting workshop for children in kindergarten through ninth grade for six weeks beginning Saturday, Oct. 4 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. The cost is \$45. Call (313) 531-0554 for information.

JAZZ

TERRY CALLER

8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (old jazz) (248) 544-3030

PARASOLO

With Acunfure perform as part of "The Sessions," 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (313) 996-2747

RUNNING HORSE

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (jazz/pop) (248) 852-0550

"JAZZ ON THE RIVER ... DIVERSE RHYTHMS UNITING THE COMMUNITY"

Ortheia Barnes, the Sun Messengers, marching bands, and clowns kick off the 1997 United Way Community Services' Torch Drive during the public concert, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 226-9484

DAVE ROZ

3:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Harmony House, 30830 Orchard Lake Road (south of 14 Mile Road), Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 626-4533

SHERLA LANDIS

With her trio, 8 p.m.-midnight Thursday, Sept. 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; With Rick Mathe and Dennis Sheridan, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages; With her quartet, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, as part of a benefit for Mayor Dennis Archer, Cafe Ricardo, 15103 E. Warren, Detroit; With her trio, 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18-Friday, Sept. 19, Lentine's Southern Barbecue, 41240 Hayes Road (north of 18 Mile Road), Clinton Township. Free. All ages. (248) 645-2150/(313) 271-4441/(313) 881-8610/(810) 412-2233 (Latin jazz/jazz)

PHIL LASLEY TRIO

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

CARL MICHEL TRIO

8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Sept. 13, Agape Cafe, 205 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 546-1400

ROBERT PIPHO TRIO

8 p.m.-midnight Thursday, Sept. 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

GARY SCHUNK TRIO

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

SUNNY WILKINSON

9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

ALEXANDER ZORJIC AND FRIENDS

5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, Crown Plaza Hotel Pontchartrain, 2 Washington Boulevard, Detroit. \$10; 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, and Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Scallop, 1002 N. Main St., Rochester. \$10. 21 and older. (313) 965-0200/(248) 656-2525

WORLD MUSIC

BLACK MARRET

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 543-4300

DICK GAUGHAN

8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50, \$11.50 members, students and seniors. All ages. (Scottish folk) (313) 761-1800

IMMUNITY

10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Captain Tony's, Key West Bar and Grill, 3336 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21

and older. (reggae) (248) 288-6388

LLOYD LONG

1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, classical and acoustic finger style guitar (folk), at Dixboro Dulcimer Store, 5740 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 665-2357

PAT'S PEOPLE

9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Cowleys' Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. Cover charge. 21 and older. (Irish folk music) (248) 474-5941

STEEL PULSE

9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17.50 in advance. 18 and older. (reggae) (313) 833-9700

UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ARMY SONG AND DANCE COMPANY

Dance troupe performs Ukrainian military and folk dances, with men's chorus and orchestra, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Center, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$28.50 Canadian with \$2 discount for students and seniors. Prices include GST. (800) 387-9181

FOLK/BLU EGRASS

JAN KRIST

9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 338-6200

THE NIELDS

With Michelle Malone, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$5 for University of Michigan students with ID. All ages. (folk rock) (313) 761-1800

RFD BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9, \$8 members, students and seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (313) 761-1800

SUZZY ROCHE

8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students and seniors. All ages. (313) 761-1800

DANCE

NOVI SIXTH GATE CLOGGERS

Clogging beginner classes start 12-1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi. \$20 Novi residents; \$24 nonresidents for 10 weeks.

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit items two weeks in advance. Address popular music items to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, Fax (313) 591-7279

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tional comedy set by the cast is after every performance on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and after the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. \$8 Wednesdays, \$14 on Thursdays, \$15 on Fridays, \$19.50 on Saturdays and \$12 on Sundays. (313) 965-2222

SECOND CITY TOURING COMPANY
Returning to Varner Recital Hall on the Oakland University campus 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Tickets \$12, senior citizens \$10, students \$6. Call (248) 370-2020 or (248) 370-3013.

MUSEUMS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December 1998, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
"Backyard Monsters: The World of Insects" display runs through Sunday, Sept. 28, at the museum, at the science center, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. Admission \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor. Hours are: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400.

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Moby Dick's. 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Rookies, 3905 17 Mile Road, Sterling Heights. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650/(410) 268-9696

APHEX TWIN
With Sneaker Pimps, Lineoleum, and Luke Vibert a.k.a. Wagonchrist, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$15 in advance. All ages. (trip-hop) (248) 333-2362

BAD LIVERS
With Valentine Six, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (roots rock) (313) 833-POOL

BAKED POTATO
With Deep Space Six, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Gimmicks inside Airway Lanes, 4825 Highland Road, Waterford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (funk) (313) 996-8555/(248) 674-0426

CAREY BELL
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$10. 21 and older. (blues harmonica player) (313) 278-5340

BETTER DAYS
10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Mount Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 549-2929

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS
With Gary Primich, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. \$10 members, students and seniors. All ages. (blues) (313) 761-1800

THE BIZER BROTHERS
8 p.m.-midnight Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

BLUE CAT
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17-Thursdays, Sept. 18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 852-6433/(248) 644-4800

BLUE RAYS
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 451-1213

BLUE SUIT FEATURING GENE MORGAN
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE
With Big Block, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance. 19 and older. (soulful rock) (313) 996-8555

BUDDY POPPS
9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 996-2747

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 855-3110

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND
210 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 360-7450

CHISEL BROS. WITH MIMI HARRIS
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

THE CIVILIANS
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Gimmicks inside Airway Lanes, 4825 Highland Road, Waterford. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Mr. Sports, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford Township. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 674-0426/(248) 349-9110/(313) 534-7420

CODE BLOOM
With Abruzzi Drive, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Mosquito Club, 28949 Joy Road, Westland. Cover charge. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 513-8688

COURT RECORDERS
With Voodoo, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 832-2355

THE COYOTES
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic) (248) 338-6200

THE CRYSTAL METHOD
With DJ J. Infexus, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12 in advance. All ages. (trip-hop) (248) 334-1999

TOMMY D BLUES BAND
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Cowleys' Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Lumberjacks Tavern, 1655 Glengary Road, Walled Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 474-5941/(248) 624-6007

THORNETTA DAVIS
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (soul/blues) (313) 761-1800

DEEP SPACE SIX
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (Deadhead) (313) 996-2747

DEMOLITION DOLLRODS
With Red Aunts and The Dirt Bombs, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-POOL

RICK DERRINGER
With Robert Noll Blues Mission, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, The Palladium, 17580 Frazho, Roseville. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (rock/blues) (810) 778-6404

DETROIT BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

TIM DIAZ
With Gary Rasmussen and Dion Roddy, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acoustic) (248) 544-1141

DOG'S EYE VIEW
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (248) 335-8100

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Troll for Trout, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

ERNIE DOUGLAS
With Kevin the Uncanny magician, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Gold Dollar Show Bar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$4, \$3 for Detroit Musicians Alliance members. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 833-6873

GLEN EDDIE BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 852-6433

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7 in advance, 18 and older. (Deadhead) (248) 544-3030

EMERSON, LAKE AND PALMER
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$22.50 and \$12.50. All ages. (classic rock) (248) 377-0100

FAITHLESS
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$7 in advance and at the door. All ages. (electronic/pop) (248) 335-8100

"FLINTSTOCK '97"
With the Rustic Overtones (rock/reggae/ska), Peter Mulvey (modern rock guitar), Army of Juan (ska), The Dank Trio (reggae), Formula Five (blues), Fudge Gun (straight-edge punk), Full on the Mouth (techno modern rock), Lack of Afro (psychedelic funk), Liquid Eclipse (ambient funk metal), Phunky Lab Monkeys (Latino rap), The Wives of Bath (art pop), and Cultural Vibes (DJs), 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, The University of Michigan - Flint's

Recreation Center, Flint. \$5 with student ID, \$7.50 general admission, available through Ticketmaster. (810) 762-3431

JOHN FOGERTY
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 in advance. All ages. (rock) (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, and Friday, Sept. 19, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110/(248) 360-7450/(248) 543-6911

FOSTER KIDS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (acoustic) (313) 996-2747

STEWART FRANCKE
With Susan Calloway and Sun 209, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Lil's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older; With Michael McDermott, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (acoustic rock) (313) 875-6555/(313) 761-1800

FRANKLIN STREET BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

ROBBIE FULKS
With the Gigantics, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (roots rock) (313) 833-POOL

FUTURE PRESIDENTS
With The Triggers, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

GERALDINE FIBBERS
6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance and at the door. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

ISAAC GREEN AND THE SKALARS
With The Articles and Magadog, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. All ages. (ska) (313) 961-MELT

INSANE CLOWN POSSE
7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$13 day of show. All ages. (horror rap) (313) 961-5451

JILL JACK
8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older; With Mike Nolan, Stewart Francke, and Broken Toys, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$5 suggested donation goes toward The Bonfire Review, an art journal designed to be a vehicle for aspiring local artists to be paired with accomplished artists. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older; 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury, Dearborn. Free. All ages. (roots rock) (248) 642-9400/(248) 334-9292/(248) 544-1141/(313) 271-4442

JOYRIDE
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-2747

"JUST NOT SINGING THE BLUES"
Benefit for Autism awareness with Lightnin' Creole, Val Vento, Pete "Big Dog" Fetter, and Franklin Street Blues Band, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Goose Island Brewery, 1538 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$5. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 682-4566/(313) 278-5340

OUTER DRIVE
With Flow Mojo and Nova, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, The Groove Room, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. \$2 before 10 p.m., \$4 afterward. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 589-3344

OVERTHROW
With Apocalypse Later and Vietnam Prom, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, The Groove Room, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. \$2 before 10 p.m., \$4 afterward. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 589-3344

PANTERA
With Coal Chamber and Machine Head, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$22.50 reserved and general admission floor. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100

GREG PICCOLO AND HEAVY JUICE
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

PINE CREEK BLUES FESTIVAL
With Big Dave and the Ultrasonics, Johnnie Bassett and the Blues

286-8435
LE CLICK
Featuring Swedish diva Kayo Shekoni, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$7 in advance. 21 and older. (dance band) (248) 334-1999

MARY LOU LORD
8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (pop) (313) 761-1800

LUNA
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (alternapop) (313) 833-POOL

MASCHINA
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 485-5050

LONNIE MACK
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8. 18 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 544-3030

TAJ MAHAL AND THE PHANTOM BLUES BAND
With Anders Osborne, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17 in advance. 18 and older. (blues) (313) 833-9700

MAN OR ASTROMAN?
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. All ages. (experimental) (313) 961-MELT

THE MAYPOPS
With Lucky Haskins, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rockabilly) (313) 996-8555

MORSEL
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk/rock) (313) 485-5050

MOTOR CITY JOSH AND THE BIG 3
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

MOTORHOME
With Monophonic 100, Godspeed, and You Black Emperor, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

MOTOR JAM
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Woody's Diner, 208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-6911

BOBBY MURRAY BAND WITH LENNY WATKINS
9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

MUSTARD PLUG
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (ska) (313) 485-5050

MYSTERY TRAIN FEATURING JIM MCCARTY
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 855-3110

STEVE NARDELLA TRIO
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 451-1213

NIHILIST SPASM BAND
With Gravitator, and Princess Dragon-Mom, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave. (north of Warren Avenue, between Palmer and I-94), Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (noise rock) (313) 832-2355

NOBODY'S BUSINESS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (313) 581-3650

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Goose Island Brewery, 1538 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$5. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 682-4566/(313) 278-5340

OUTER DRIVE
With Flow Mojo and Nova, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, The Groove Room, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. \$2 before 10 p.m., \$4 afterward. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 589-3344

OVERTHROW
With Apocalypse Later and Vietnam Prom, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, The Groove Room, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. \$2 before 10 p.m., \$4 afterward. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 589-3344

PANTERA
With Coal Chamber and Machine Head, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$22.50 reserved and general admission floor. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100

GREG PICCOLO AND HEAVY JUICE
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

PINE CREEK BLUES FESTIVAL
With Big Dave and the Ultrasonics, Johnnie Bassett and the Blues

Insurgents, and The Witch Doctors, 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Pine Creek Golf Course, 50521 Huron River Dr., Belleville. \$10. 21 and older. (313) 483-5010/(248) 437-7466

PURPLY FLY
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (funk) (313) 832-2355

R.H. FACTOR
9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-4300

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9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-4300

"ROCKABILLY AND SWING FALL SHOWCASE PART I"
Featuring Swingin' Demons, Starlight Drifters, Gino, and Nobody's Business, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8. 18 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 544-3030

SCHUGARS
With the Michigan Stick Trio, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Overtime Sports Tavern, 27206 Michigan Ave., Dearborn Heights. \$3. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 277-5010

SHAPES BETWEEN US
8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 642-9400

SISTER SEED
8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 642-9400

SLOAN
6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12 in advance. All ages. (alternapop) (313) 961-MELT

SOLID FROG
With South Normal, and The Deterants, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

SUN MESSENGERS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 855-3110

SUPERDOT
10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (ska) (313) 485-5050

THRALL
With Buzzkill and Feisty Cadavers, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 832-2355

TOP KAT
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (313) 996-2747

TINA TURNER
Saturday, Sept. 20, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, as part of Hudson's Team 500, an on-going effort to raise \$1.5 million for 10 Detroit's arts and cultural organizations. \$150 includes performance, cocktails, dinner, dancing and entertainment. (rock) (888) 882-5765

2XL
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover

MOVIES

'Full Monty' bares it all for hilarious laughs



JOHN MONAGHAN

Things look bleak for Jimmy and his mates. The unemployed steel workers hang out at the job office so much, they don't even bother filling out applications anymore. They figure they have a better chance hitting the lottery than landing a decent job.

Then Jimmy hits on a bright idea. If women will pack a club by the hundreds to see those pansy Chippendales strip to their Jockey shorts, what would they pay to see some homegrown talent go all the way?

They call it "The Full Monty,"

which is also the name of this charming British import opening Friday at the Main Art Theatre and elsewhere. Basically it's a one-joke affair, but by the time this new breed of strippers takes the stage, that joke is a pretty hilarious one.

None of the men, you see, have what you would call a buff physique. Ringleader Jimmy is as scrawny as his buddies are fat, old, and clumsy.

After a series of disastrous auditions, he enlists an older black man who frugs and jerks through his trout but may have some hidden talents (his friends, after all, call him "Horse.")

He also gets the reluctant help of their former foreman, a proud man who refuses to tell his wife that he lost his job. He's brought

on board because he has taken ballroom dance classes and can direct the performance.

The line is rounded out by a pale-skinned, red-headed night watchman (he provides the practice space), and a handsome young man who fancies himself another Donald O'Connor. (His attempts to replicate the dancer's acrobatics from "Singin' in the Rain" are hilarious.) Robert Carlyle, who played the psychopathic Begbie in "Trainspotting," has the requisite everyman quality for the role of Jimmy. He's so likable and naive that you almost fall for his dopey "let's put on a show" plan to retain partial custody of his son.

He has a slightly fiendish streak as well, like when he and his friends decide to rattle an

uptight colleague during a job interview by dancing a pair of plaster garden gnomes outside the window.

Director Peter Cattaneo, in his feature debut, stretches his thin premise into an amusing 90 minutes. He's helped by an able cast, including Tom Wilkinson as the foreman and Mark Addy as Jimmy's best friend, who is most reluctant to bare it all on stage because he is so overweight.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

The Alloy Orchestra The Boston-based musical ensemble returns for a third time to the DFT to perform live behind four classic silent films. 7:30 p.m. Sept. 12: an encore presentation of Fritz Lang's futuristic "Metropolis" (Germany - 1925). 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13: Buster Keaton in "Steamboat Bill, Jr." (USA - 1928). 3 p.m. Sept. 14: The original "The Lost World" (USA - 1925). 7 p.m. Sept. 14: Dziga Vertov's experimental "Man With the Movie Camera" (USSR - 1929).

"A Tickle in the Heart" (USA/Germany - 1996). 7 p.m. Sept. 15. A documentary look at a trio of klezmer musicians who stage a European "comeback tour" 60 years after their initial success in New York.

Magic Bag Theatre 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"Chasing Amy" (USA - 1997). 9:30 p.m. Sept. 11. Writer/director Kevin Smith's ("Clerks") third film in a trilogy about life in the New Jersey suburbs. Here a young comic book artist falls for a woman only to find out that

she's gay.

"Caddyshack" (USA - 1980). 9:30 p.m. Sept. 17. Mayhem erupts on at a posh country club when Chevy Chase and Rodney Dangerfield hit the links in this irreverent cult comedy which gets even more popular with age.

Main Art Theatre 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Shall We Dance?" (Japan - 1997). A Japanese businessman breaks free of the monotony of life when he spontaneously decides to take a ballroom dancing class.

"Mrs. Brown" (Britain - 1997). When Britain's Queen Victoria mourned the loss of husband Albert, she formed an unconventional friendship with a Scottish Highlander. Judi Dench and Billy Connolly star.

"Box of Moonlight" (USA - 1997). John Turturro plays an uptight engineer who learns life lessons from a mysterious drifter. Directed by Tom DiCillo ("Living in Oblivion").

"In the Company of Men" (USA - 1997). The year's most controversial film is about two Midwestern junior executives who seek revenge against all the women who've done them dirt. They plot to seduce the same unsuspecting young woman and

genuine charm that's nearly immune to criticism. Sure it's form isn't much to look at, but once those guys get on stage and strut their stuff (to the music of Tom Jones, no less), you can't help but feel exhilarated.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

then summarily dump her. (Starts Friday)

"The Full Monty" (Britain - 1997). A group of unemployed steel workers decide to try their hand at male stripping. The only problem: Their non-Chippendales physiques. (Starts Friday.)

Redford Theatre 13670 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

"Raintree County" (USA - 1957). 8 p.m. Sept. 12; 2, 8 p.m. Sept. 13 (organ overture begins a half hour before show time). Elizabeth Taylor plays a Southern belle around the Civil War in this overblown Hollywood melodrama. Montgomery Clift co-stars.

Windsor Film Theatre 2135 Wyandotte Street West, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM for information. (\$5.25; \$4 US.)

"When the Cat's Away" (France - 1996). 7 p.m. Sept. 11 - 14. When an unattached young woman loses her pet cat, she searches her Paris neighborhood for romance, adventure, and an understanding of the world around her.

"Female Perversions" (USA - 1996). 9:15 p.m. Sept. 11 - 14: Tilda Swinton ("Orlando") plays a lawyer who works outside the parameters of morals to get what she wants. Based on a book by Louise Kaplan.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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FIRE DOWN BELOW (R)

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Psychological thriller about two men who must rely on each other to survive when their plane crashes in the remote Alaskan wilderness, while confronting their increasing and equally dangerous

personality conflicts. Stars Anthony Hopkins, Alec Baldwin.

"SOUL FOOD"

A young man struggles to keep his embattled Chicago family together after their matriarch becomes ill. Stars Vanessa Williams.

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"U TURN"

A desperate man and his Indian wife, the heat and a small town in Arizona drive a stranded gambler to risk his life for love and money. Stars Sean Penn, Jennifer Lopez, Nick Nolte.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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"THE FULL MONTY"
Strapped for cash, and inspired by a visit from the Chippendales dancers to their town, six out-of-work steelworkers try to turn things around by forming an unlikely act. Stars Robert Carlyle, Mark Addy.

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Stewart Francke branches out with new pop sounds



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Pop singer Stewart Francke was getting bored with his straight-up rock 'n' roll sound. So while recording his latest album "House of Lights," he took his style a step further.

"House of Lights," which hit stores Tuesday, Sept. 8, infuses drum loops and pop sounds thanks in part, Francke said, to producers Brad Fairman and Dave Feeny.

"They helped me contemporize the sound and bring in drum loops. It made it more rhythmic, more compelling. It made it not so much a straight-up rock 'n' roll album, which is cool but I was just getting bored with it."

Stewart explained that he figured if he was interested in it, his fans may be as well.

"I wanted to make it a little more funky. I listen to the radio a lot. I love the radio. I hear people complain about the radio but the choices you have in Detroit, the radio's great. You always hear a great song. It's pretty cool."

On the radio, he "was hearing different rhythms. A lot of the samples are taken from '60s groups. None of them are brand new, but they're used in an innovative way. I was listening to more R&B, a little bit more rap. I would hear it and say, 'That's cool.' I liked it as a fan."

"House of Lights" explores

what it means to live in "a committed relationship, in a situation where you can't just cut and run. You're not an outsider. ... Some of the songs are about what happens when people decide they can't live with those constraints any more," Francke said.

In "Rebecca," for example, the main character is having an affair.

"She drives home to her children after having this affair. There's a line in the song, 'A soul fallen to temptation/Forever shall that soul repair.' It's just so true. Everything counts. You live with everything you do. There's a price on everything you do. That's kind of what I wanted to get to with this song," Francke explained.

The first single will be "Upon Seeing Simone," on which legendary Detroit rocker Mitch Ryder sings harmony.

"It's got the horns and stuff. That's probably my favorite track. It's exciting. It's a fun song to listen to no matter how many hundreds of times I've heard it," Francke said.

"It tells a story. With the last couple of records, they aren't comprehensive reflections of who I am, in the sense that there wasn't a lot of humor in them. For the people who know me, I'm not serious that often. All my friends and I we just cut up all the time. I'm glad I got a little humor in that song."

The song is about a man who protests his innocence to his wife about a girl he used to know.

"She had a tube top double stop and switchblade eyes/Her hair cut like a man and adolescent thighs. She said, 'It's a long way from New York City, but I found the fare for a Greyhound Bus. Don't tell me you love me or say that I'm pretty. There ain't a man here who hasn't known my sweet touch,'" Francke sings.

"Everybody says rock music or pop music has to be about the basics - cars, sex and girls. But it doesn't have to. I thought, 'Why can't I put this in rock 'n' roll music? Why can't I write about things that everybody thinks about?'" Francke explained.

With "House of Lights," Francke is doing things his way.

"I learned a lot about the business and everything like that," Francke said of his previous releases, 1995's "Where the River Meets the Bay" and 1996's "Expecting Heroes."

"I've been learning all along for the last 10 years. I decided I was going to do all the work myself. Why not instead of making \$1 a record, why not make \$7 a record. Granted that means I'd have to get all the cash up front, manufacture the record, put it out yourself. You kind of do that anyway. If you really want to do it right, you have to work so hard to begin with. I enjoy the business end of it."

He's getting a little help, however. MS Distribution in Chicago will distribute "House of Lights" throughout the United States, while Immediate Records will take care of Europe.

Songwriting, however, is the first and foremost concern.

"I just wanted to make a pop record with melodies people could sing. That just appeals to me right now. I listen to the Beatles, a lot of Brian Wilson. I like Ben Folds Five a lot. But I do it in my own way. You can't really imitate anything because it ends up sounding like me anyway."

Stewart Francke performs with Susan Calloway and Sun 209 at 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge is \$5 for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (313) 875-6555. Other performances include: 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, with Michael McDermott at the Ark, 316 S. Main St., in Ann Arbor. Tickets for the all-ages show are \$10, \$9 for members, students and seniors. (313) 761-1800; 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, with Barb Payton at the Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. (313) 393-2337; A free show at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Harmony House, 30830 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 626-4533; and at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, as part of the grand opening celebration of Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. (248) 203-0005.

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Celebrating release: Stewart Francke performs Friday, Sept. 12, at Lili's in Hamtramck and Sunday, Sept. 14, at The Ark in Ann Arbor to promote his new album "House of Lights."

Galleries look forward to an exciting autumn season

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

This is the second week that Backstage Pass is being pre-empted for Detroit Public Television's annual Summerfest pledge campaign. But fear not; we're back next week with the final summer season installment of never-before-aired songs from our stellar roster of musical guests and highlights from our first season. And starting Oct. 2, keep every Thursday night at 9:30 free; that's when we start

our second season of covering Detroit's myriad cultural and arts events.

Last week, we used the break to preview the upcoming theatrical season. Anticipation runs high for the visual arts' new season of shows, too. So I called our correspondents in the visual arts to preview the season in the Metro area's galleries.

They're looking forward to an exciting season overall. But, of course, I pressed them for highlights. Gerry Craig, the curator of the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the Detroit Zoo, was busy with an opening of her own, "Coral Reef Masterpieces," a collection of underwater photos of coral reefs from around the

world. But she took time to give recommendations. "The Detroit Artists' Market is having a great show called 'Un-Defining Crafts.' Also, the Center Gallery at the Center for Creative Studies is doing a show called 'Goddesses' through the end of October. Both galleries are non-profits, and they're both really great shows."

Art critic Marsha Miro concurred with Gerry on "Goddesses" at the Center Gallery. "They have a great group of Detroit-area artists looking at how we pick and personify the 'best' of the female species." She had her own list, too. "The Leon Golub-Nancy Spero show at Wayne State's new gallery in Old Main is a great initiation. The artists have strong social consciences and see art as having relevance beyond wall decoration."

"And the Jim Chatelain-Ron Nagle show at Revolution in Ferndale. Chatelain gets the pulse of Detroit into his figures and still lifes. They're just weird! And Nagle, who's from California, can get more pop, funky, sun-drenched energy into a ceramic cup and still make it sophisticated, like Walt Disney visiting Da

Vinci - that's the kind of fusion he gets. He uses '50s linoleum patterns that look like they could have been done by Jackson Pollock."

David Ray, the curator of education at the Cranbrook Art Museum, tried to be modest and avoid gushing Cranbrook's season, but eventually my pestering won out. "Cranbrook is introducing its 'What's Next' season with three exciting shows: 'The Sound of One Bomb Clapping' features a remarkable collection of drawings, installations, taped performances and sculptural artifacts that document the work of Swiss artist Roman Signer."

He often harnesses natural forces - like wind, water and fire - in the form of explosives to create poetically resonant and playful works of art. "Finally, art meets pyrotechnics! Beavis and Butt-head would approve. Also in the series are the exhibitions 'Do It,' an exhibit of works made by people following step-by-step directions from a roster of international artists, and 'Ambiguous Signifiers: The Drawings of Claudia Goulette.'"

I let David select other high-

lights. "The Pontiac galleries continue to thrive with their great 'First Fridays' openings. Once you hook into that scene, you can visit a lot of galleries and see a lot of art, plus a lot of clubs and great places to eat. Of course, the Splendors of Ancient Egypt at the DIA is getting rave reviews. Now that the summer tourists are gone, we locals should make a point of seeing it."

All in all, it looks like another busy art season in the galleries. But, as Marsha points out, the seasonal overview shows trends both good and bad. "The work of major artists from all over the world are coming to town."

That galleries are hosting significant contemporary artists across a whole range of media means the community is supporting that level of show with

both attendance and sales. At the same time, the galleries that show Michigan and local artists are struggling. We've even lost a couple.

You don't want the local artists moving away because they're not being supported. Maybe we're finally seeing the downside from some of the major cuts in funding for the arts. It's deflating for the local scene because you lose a kind of funky, grass-roots energy with the number of alternative spaces diminishing." We can't let that happen!

This season on Backstage Pass every Thursday at 9:30 on Channel 56, we'll keep giving you the information you need to support Detroit's vibrant art scene. The rest is up to you. Now get out there!

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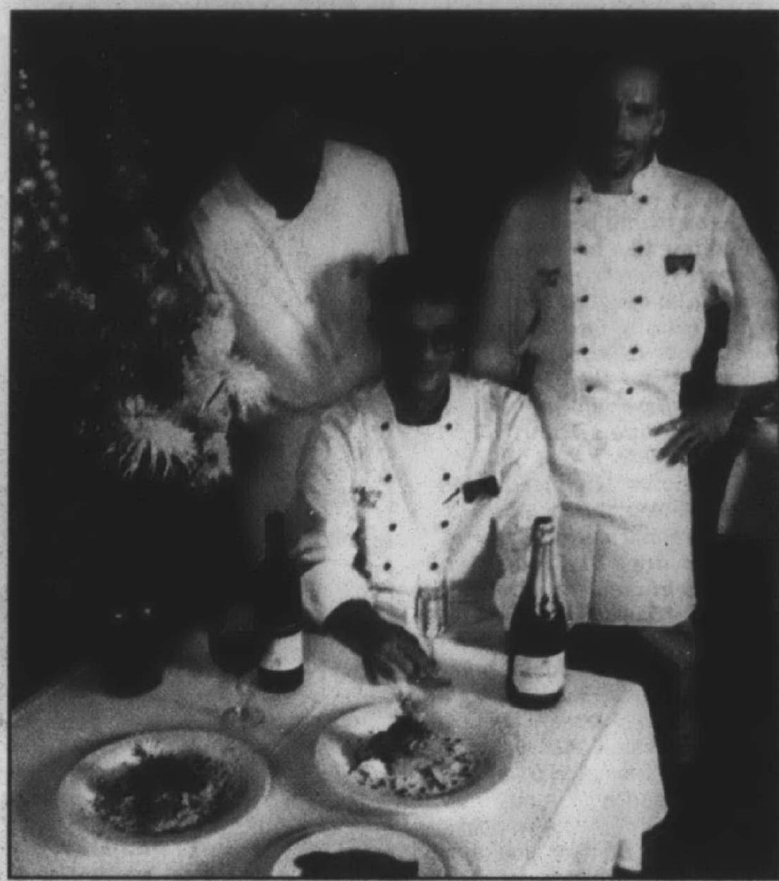
BY ELEANOR AND RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

With a modest opening mid-July, Oakland Grill has since garnered a host of fans. Going full tilt on Dream Cruise weekend last month, Oakland Grill, located in the former America location in the heart of prime Woodward Avenue real estate in Royal Oak, packed them in.

"Who owns this place?" a group of recent diners asked as they stepped in the main entrance, having discovered it on a trek up Woodward. "What was this before?" No, they hadn't heard of America nor Avenue Diner nor the Juke Box nor the Roman Gate, all former occupants of the site. "Wow, this is nice, let's see if we can get a table." They did and the last we saw of them, they were ordering a second round of appetizers having inhaled the first plates.

The owner is the gregarious and affable, Southfield resident Chef Louai Sharkas with a group of silent investors, who just happen to like great restaurant food and top-notch service.

"We did our marketing homework, before negotiating a long-term lease on the property," Sharkas said. He considers Oakland Grill's location the epicenter of premium dining. "For all practical purposes, four cities, Royal Oak, Birmingham, Troy and Bloomfield Hills nearly converge here," he added. "And when you think about it Southfield is not that far away. Besides, we've made ourselves visible to drivers on Woodward." Sharkas knows the foodies he's



Comfortable class: The Oakland Grill is offering good food at reasonable price. Left to right, Michael Stewart, executive chef Louai Sharkas and John Roberts.

pitching to. He catered to them at The Townsend in Birmingham where he was the executive chef for five years. "Times have changed; people want comfort food. They want a place where they can drop in and get a great corned beef sandwich with chips

one night and on another order juicy New York Strip and a great bottle of cabernet sauvignon. They can get that here. Also, today's restaurant diner does not want to have to take out a loan to go to dinner."

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Cost: Appetizers \$4.50-10.50; entree salads \$9-12; sandwiches \$8-13; entrees \$12-26; and desserts average \$5.

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ing as starters fresh chilled shellfish plus 10 appetizers from comfy potato pancakes with sour cream and applesauce \$4.50 to Ahi Tuna Sashimi with Japanese vegetable salad and sushi garnish \$9 or Pistachio Crusted Black Tiger Shrimp with Wasabi Sweet and Sour Sauce \$10.50. Four soups, plus a soup du jour are \$4 each. There are dinner salads plus exciting entree salads. Classic Caesar is dressed to perfection.

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Chop house style appeals? To satisfy, there's grilled dry-aged filet mignon or grilled New York Strip \$24 each or true comfort with Medallions of Beef Bourguignon with garlic mashed potatoes \$21 or a mammoth roasted pork chop with balsamic syrup, cabbage, apple and onion ragout \$15.50. In the mood for ribs? Two slabs of tender, succulent, baby back ribs come with a generous side of cole slaw and French fries \$15.50.

When you see the giant banana at the entrance, you'll ask why. So, here it is, Chef Louai is a banana geek. Look at the desserts. White chocolate

banana cream pie and giant banana split. "I'm going to be doing more banana items including tableside Bananas Foster," Chef Louai remarked.

Designer Ron Rea has worked Chef Louai's banana into a creative atmosphere. He had his artists playing Michaelangelo on the ceilings. Lounge lizards will find the bar area with its high tables and high chairs a unique place to meet and eat. Main dining is white table cloth with fresh flowers, but there are a few booths along the wall.

The wine list, ambitious as the food, follows the latest trend in design. Rather than listing wines by varietal, they are listed from lightest to most full-bodied, making it easy to quickly order a bottle you'll enjoy. There's also a dozen thoughtfully chosen wines by the glass.

All in all, Oakland Grill is a class act where you will feel comfortable in business or casual dress.



Attracting crowds: The Oakland Grill has been drawing a following with its food and atmosphere.

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Culinary tour of Germany, the third in a series of four tributes that comprise the 1997 International Journey of Food and Wine at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, Sept. 7-14. The tribute includes German menu in the grill, wine

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SPECIAL DINNER

"Fire on Ice" Cigar and Dinner Extravaganza in honor of the Detroit Red Wings, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Vic's World Class Market, 42875 Grand River, Novi. Tickets \$97, portion of proceeds will be donated in the name of Vladimir Konstantinov and Sergi Mnatsakanov to the William Beaumont Closed Head Injury Fund. Call (248) 305-7333, Ext. 126.

WHAT'S COOKING

BY ELEANOR AND RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Chef Keith Famie of Birmingham's Forté is on the global food beat again, this time with a team of chefs from the restaurant. On Oct. 12, they will prepare and serve a Michigan Dinner in Shanghai, China to celebrate the opening of the Michigan Trade Office.

The dinner's mission is to create a forum whereby southeastern Michigan company executives can meet with about 80 influential Chinese leaders and government officials.

Famie is no stranger to orchestrating such events having done something similar in 1989 in Paris for the 100th anniversary of French and American relations.

On Sunday, Sept. 14, at 5 p.m., the same Grand Style Buffet menu to be presented in China will be offered at Forté for \$75 per person. To defray signif-

icant costs, this and the dinner in China are being sponsored by Northwest Airlines, Ford Motor Co., General Motors and Progressive Tool & Industries Co. Individual local business sponsors are also involved as well as Michigan food suppliers.

In addition to a menu including Hartwick Pines Wild Turkey Meatloaf served with Yukon Gold mashed potatoes and apple-tomato chutney, Thorn Apple Valley Roasted Pork Tenderloin with BBQ cherry sauce, Lake Superior Smoked Whitefish served on dill whole wheat crostini and Pumpkin Ravioli with Leelanau Black Pepper Fromage Blanc Sauce, an array of Michigan wines will be available for tasting.

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