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THE WEEK AHEAD

Blessed event: Our Lady of Good Counsel will break ground on the new church building at North Territorial and Beck at 2 p.m.

MONDAY

Don't be late: It's the last day to pay your summer taxes without penalty. The Plymouth Township treasurer's office is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Fieger time: At noon, gubernatorial candidate Geoffrey Fieger will kick off the fall season of the Tonguish Economic Club at the Plymouth Manor.

THURSDAY

Awards: The Plymouth Community United Way will honor major contributors and corporations at noon at the Plymouth Manor. Guest speaker is Secretary of State Candice Miller.

Tune in: At 3 p.m., Plymouth Observer photographer Paul Hurschmann will be guest disc jockey on Plymouth Salem High School's radio station, WSDP (88.1 FM).

FRIDAY

On the gridiron: It's homecoming for the Plymouth Salem Rocks, who take on Livonia Stevenson at 7:30 p.m.

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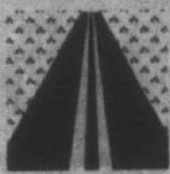
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Bus breakdowns cause delays



Plymouth-Canton schools reported bus breakdowns every day during the first week of class. Students have been left stranded at bus stops and on buses due to the aging fleet.

By TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Breakdowns of Plymouth-Canton school buses are becoming increasingly common, causing delays for students going to school and coming home after classes.

And, those breakdowns may force the district into a situation where students are getting home from school later than they are now.

"The first day of school, my daughter's bus broke down," said Connie Commander of Canton, whose daughter Tiffani attends Canton High School. "I waited at the bus stop with my daughter and it never came. She was late for class."

"A couple of days later, Tiffani was late coming home from school because

the bus caught fire," said Commander. "It was smoking on Joy Road. That's a dangerous situation."

Transportation Director LuAnn Grech admits there's a problem keeping a fleet with an average age of nine years on the road.

"We had breakdowns every day during the first week of class," said Grech. "Seven buses on the first day of school, with three or four the other days of the week. Some had students on them, and some were empty on their way back to the bus yard. A lot of the time, the service vehicle went out and got them back on line."

Grech said the district has 100 buses, with another 10 listed as spares. However, because four of those spares

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Poor shape: About 50 percent of the district buses are 10 years or older, with mileage averaging over 130,000 per vehicle and repairs costing more than \$5,000 a year per bus.

Historic moments



In awe:
One-year-old
Emily
Varnier
applauds
during the sing-
along
portion.



Celebrating 50 years: At right, Bonnie Priebe of Belleville portrays Mary Lincoln during the 50th anniversary of the Plymouth Historical Society on Thursday. Above, Marge LeBlond (from left) Brian Jankowski, Bob Zaetta and Dan LeBlond wear period clothing.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

City joins cable's fall TV lineup

By KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

It's must-see TV, if you're into city government.

Video equipment was installed Thursday in the video production room adjacent to the city commission chambers at Plymouth City Hall.

That means the televising of Plymouth City Commission meetings could begin as early as late October, said City Manager Steve Walters.

Walters said all equipment should be installed by the end of September.

The meetings won't be shown live. That's because it would be expensive for MediaOne - which has a cable franchise agreement with five municipalities - to produce live broadcasts of meetings.

A main reason for the projected expense is some government meetings happen at the same times. Duplication of expensive equipment would be required, to show two or more meetings simultaneously.

Walters said the plan is to have three cameras videotaping at the city commission chambers. A fixed camera

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Office complex replaces market

By KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A major office complex is planned for the Main Street site of the former Farmer Jack supermarket.

Trucks loaded with pianos arrived at the site Thursday for a week-long piano warehouse sale. But site owner Tom Pomarolli said long-term plans are more sweeping.

"Progress is being made. It's on a very rapid pace right now," said Pomarolli on the site which also served as a temporary home for the Plymouth District Library.

Pomarolli said he plans to demolish the former supermarket building and build a two-story, 30,000 square-foot office center toward the front of the prop-

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Author debuts at book store

By KIM MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

First-time novelist R.T. Stone will be appearing in Plymouth Monday evening for a book discussion and signing at Ageless Wisdom.

Stone's book, "The Journals: A Message from the Council of Ancients," is being hailed as "visionary fiction," "compelling," "mystical" and a book that "stands out from the crowd."

Stone, a Cincinnati native, shares his name with his lead character, R.T. Stone, in the tale of an obscure, self-made millionaire whose life changes forever following one mysterious night.

"In the space of a few short moments R.T. Stone discovered a book, watched his nightclub burn to the ground, was framed for attempted murder and arson, lost his life's fortune, and had his entire world shattered. It could be the best day of his life. All this mayhem was caused by a celestial entity calling itself the Council of Ancients," - synopsis

from The Journals Web site.

"Some call it God. Others fate. But the Council isn't your ordinary celestial entity meting out goodness and glory. They framed R.T. for torching his own nightclub in order that he do their bidding. The price for his freedom was to tell the tale of two extraordinary children - Daniel Oliver Gilday and Allison Leslie Pippin. Both Danny and Allison are light-beings, sent from the Council at birth to steer humanity from the brink of Armageddon. R. T. Stone, to save himself, must tell their story. In the telling, he just may find the soul he lost so many years ago."

In a phone interview with Stone, the Ohio author says while his life can be found in the characters he's created, he's "not at all" like the fictional Stone. "He doesn't get involved in his life or the things that go on around him," said Stone. "I do. I'm very active and involved in my community through volunteer efforts and I'm involved with

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Let the campaigns begin!



While candidates are pounding the pavement, dominating the airwaves and the print media, we believe voters have a lot to say. We'd like to hear from you - the average voter - on what you believe are important issues in the November election for governor.

The Observer will host a Citizens' Election Roundtable later this month and we're looking for a few residents to join others throughout your hometown circulation area for a lively discussion of what's important to you - the average voter.

The roundtables will include discussions on the gubernatorial race and statewide ballot issues (physician-assisted suicide and Clean Michigan).

Roundtables will be held 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 23-24, in our corporate headquarters at 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

We're looking for a good cross-section of voters. So if you've got an opinion and are available both evenings, please fill out the guest form which accompanies this article.

We'll notify you if you are selected. The sessions will be photographed and serve as the basis for stories to appear on the Plymouth Observer op-ed pages before the Nov. 3 election.

Our readers are well-informed and have lots to say - we know because you write us, e-mail us and fax us on a daily basis. We're counting on a robust discussion of the issues. You provide the opinions, we'll provide the snacks and the moderator.

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What issues are important to you in the November election?

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Cruise ship sets sail with health in mind

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

If you're interested in health and fitness but appreciate an equal balance between hard work and pleasure - there's a cruise ship pulling out of port next year with your name on it.

Paradise, Carnival Cruise Lines only smoke-free cruise ship, in conjunction with 1998 Plymouth High School graduate Don Alsobro, will embark on a Caribbean wellness cruise with his fellow PHS alumni for seven days at sea.

Fun-in-the-sun at various exotic ports throughout the western Caribbean will undoubtedly provide a relaxing backdrop to the educational line-up of workshops and speakers who will address such topics as "Inspiring Life with Laughter," "Male Issues Today," "Strength Training," "Building Quality Relationships," "Go Online for Health" and "Owning the Power & Potential in Your Story."

Alsobro, a Benton Harbor resident, will be the host of the second annual Caribbean Wellness Cruise departing from Miami in November 1999 on which he hopes to reunite with classmates

from Plymouth High School.

"The idea behind the cruise is for people to have fun while improving their quality of life," said Alsobro. "The first cruise in March was a sensation - everyone learned so much."

"The trip is also a neat way to see people you haven't seen in a while."

Alsobro, president of "Rainbow Wellness and developer of the work site wellness/exercise program "Dump Your Plump," has been maintaining and lecturing about proper nutrition and exercise since he graduated from Western Michigan University in 1963 with a bachelor of arts in social studies and physical education.

His career has included certification as a Health Education Specialist, member of the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, retired colonel in the Army Medical Service Corps having served 31 years, and retired Lake Michigan College health professor. Alsobro's "Dump Your Plump" program has grown nationally to over 2,000 contests used by over 100,000 participants throughout the United States and the world.

DYP matches an individual's

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Don Alsobro

-host of wellness cruise

desire to lose weight and get in shape with the competitive edge of a team competition.

"At the beginning of the eight to 12 week program, teams with five to 10 members are formed. Each person sets a weight loss goal of zero to 20 pounds. The teams then compete against each other for points based on aerobic exercise and weight goal achievement," said Alsobro.

"Participants are required to perform 30 minutes of aerobic exercise five times a week and achieve their weight goal in order to gain maximum points. Prizes, such as water bottles and T-shirts, are awarded."

DYP participants have a high success rate due in part to the "friendly" but competitive team support they receive from their co-workers. "When you're on a team, you're helping yourself and each other simultaneously."

Everyone's small steps toward success are equally shared and that's even more inspiring," added Alsobro.

Barb, a physical therapist, and Richard Paulger of Plymouth cruised with Alsobro earlier this year to the eastern Caribbean and plan to return for a second time next fall.

The Paulger's found the seven-day, health-oriented excursion a great way to relax, learn new health concepts and further Richard's (PHS class of 1958) goal of keeping off 60 pounds he lost following knee surgery.

The November 1999 itinerary of the smoke-free cruise (smoking was not permitted in the ship's presence during its creation and is not allowed on board the ship) includes nationally known wellness speakers Joe and Elaine Sullivan from Texas; Dr. Jeff Haebig, president and

founder of Wellness Quest; Dale Huston, certified professional sports massage therapist; Kailash Narayan, president of LIFELINE International; Patti Cobb, manager of Nutrition and Food Services of Waupun Memorial Hospital/ Wisconsin; and Mary Ann Knippel, registered nurse and president of MAK Consultants.

In August, Alsobro attended Plymouth High School's 40th class reunion where he shared information regarding the "reunion" wellness cruise with former classmates and signed up several couples for the November 1999 trip. Alsobro stressed however, that the seven-day trip isn't 24-hours of sweaty exercise classes and boring lectures.

"Participation in the sessions and workshops are optional," said Alsobro. "We'll be docking in ports such as Grand Cayman, Cozumel and Ocho Rios ... if it's paradise you desire there's no requirements involved in taking the cruise for relaxation purposes only."

For those who are interested in participating, the \$792 cost (air fare to Miami not included) includes seven days aboard the Paradise, port charges and

attendance in all the fitness activities, workshops and entertaining health sessions.

The new luxury cruise ship (inaugural cruise December 1998) features a six-story glass-domed atrium, tiers of deck space, landscaped terraced with cafe tables, three pools, six whirlpools and a waterslide. The exercise room is one of the largest at sea. A "shipshape" menu boasts meals low in calories, fat, sodium and cholesterol.

Guided fitness tours will be available at the three stops where Volksmarches (10k/6 mile) have been outlined for guests. What's a Volksmarch? A German term, literally translated, means "people walk." Its aim is to get people of any age, sex, or athletic prowess out-of-doors to exercise non-competitively.

The cruise is open to anyone. Continuing education credits are available if you are a health care professional.

"The cruise is an excellent opportunity to focus on bettering your mind and body," said Alsobro.

A \$100 deposit will hold space through June 1999. Call Carlson Wagonlit at (800) 288-5042 or Don Alsobro at (626) 925-7176.

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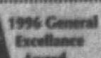
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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Symphony season

The Plymouth Symphony League kicks off its 1998-99 season with a League social at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at a league member's home.

The League is a group of volunteers that supports the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra with fund-raising activities including card and game parties, auctions, teas and more.

Those wanting to attend should call Patty at 416-5293.

Plymouth Newcomers

The Plymouth Newcomers group kicks off its season with a Beer Tasting Party at 7 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Box Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Trail. Newcomers is a social group which invites cou-

ples to sign up for various interest groups dining, golf, antiques and more. The season calendar will be revealed and season events detailed. For more information call 453-0232.

Holiday decorations upgrade

The city of Plymouth's Santa and reindeer, damaged when hit by a drunk driver on the front lawn of city hall several years ago, are being repaired and will return this season.

The work is being done at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth.

The city is also buying a Menorah for display in Kellogg Park. The lighted metal framework display is \$3,750 plus shipping, also from Bronner's.

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For more information on this job opportunity, call your local Air Force recruiter at (734) 326-8080 or call 1-800-423-USAF.

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In step PCEP band marches into new season

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

Perhaps you have already heard the rumble of the drums, the bright strains of the brass and the mellow notes of the woodwinds during the summer practice sessions of the award-winning Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band. Band members are out in full force now every afternoon for two and a half hours after school and most of each Saturday in preparation for another season of competitions.

"They have been working their tails off," said PCEP Band Director David McGrath. "Last year was phenomenal, but the kids are committed to trying to build from last year."

Last year, the Plymouth-Canton band captured every Flight I championship as well as every Flight I caption award for Best Percussion, Best Marching and Maneuvering, Best Winds and Best Color Guard in all local competitions and at the

state championships. Their rendition of Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are" also earned them fifth place out of 81 top bands from across the U.S. at the 1997 Bands of America Grand National Championships last November.

And this year's show may just rival last year's spectacular record. "It is an abstract show based on the civil rights movement and issues in our country's past and history," said McGrath. He said the production deals with segregation, peaceful demonstrations, civil unrest and concludes with quotations from Abraham Lincoln.

"It's probably the most complex production that we've done since I've been here," said McGrath. "It is going to make people think. There are portions of the show that will not be really comfortable because that part of our history isn't comfortable, but I think the ending message is one of hope and responsibility."

Part of learning the show will be an education for the 205 band students who will be going on a field trip to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History in Detroit. There will also be guest speakers invited to talk with the band on various topics.

"I don't want this just to be a marching band show," McGrath said. "I want it to be a production that the students learn a lot about the history and are sensitive to it. I think if we didn't do that, we would be very wrong. It is too serious of a subject to just glance over and hope the kids will get an awful lot out of the season."

Band members spent the week before school started, practicing at Camp Kohana in the Sleeping Bear Dunes area of the Leelanau Peninsula near Traverse City. "We actually played through the entire show at band camp which is a first," said McGrath.

According to sophomore mello-

phonist Julie Scott, "Band camp was a lot of hard work but it was very rewarding. It seemed rushed while we were there, but in the end it's going to prove to give us a lot more time to clean the show so we should probably have a better performance at nationals this year."

Scott said that McGrath, Associate Director Gregg Rinehart and Assistant Musical Director Rob Myers are planning a lot of positive incentives, including pizza parties, this year. She said the band has also been divided into small groups of four different instruments in each group for some practice sessions. Scott explained the small ensembles would encourage the musicians "to listen better and to be more familiar with the other parts of the music."

"They expect a lot more out of people this year," said Scott. "But then, the standards are rising as far as what all the bands have expected of the performers. So, this is good. This is very good."



Sounds of fall: Trumpeter Joe Fournier of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band gets in tune for the upcoming season of competitions.

Overcrowded: Safety issues concern schools

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The unexpected influx of students into the Plymouth-Canton school district is causing almost every school building to burst at the seams.

"I think we are out of space and have been for a long, long time," said Superintendent Chuck Little to the latest enrollment figures.

While the weekly figures have actually dropped by nearly 150 students from the previous week's projections, Little said he still expects "the actual gain will be more than 300, which is substantial."

The latest count at Plymouth-Canton Education Park puts enrollment at 4,810 students, an increase of 143 from last year's official count ... with 2,410 at Canton High School and 2,400 at Plymouth Salem. That would be an all-time high figure for the schools, which district officials say were originally designed to hold approximately 1,700 students apiece.

"I'm concerned about the high numbers at the high school," said Little. "I expected them to go down when school started, but they haven't. Usually there's a substantial number of people who don't show up or come back for any number of reasons. It's extremely crowded."

And that causes Little to worry about safety issues.

"I'm going to ask both principals to do some kinds of safety tests earlier than we usually do, like fire drills, because we are very, very crowded," he said.

"I think it's very wise of school officials to conduct early fire drills so students and faculty know what to do," said Mike Rorabacher, Canton fire chief. "If they practice the drills, I don't think the high numbers will be a significant factor in case of an emergency."

At the high schools, Little said "we have teachers who are being asked to go from class to class too much. It puts more emphasis on process instead of instruction."

At the elementary level, the kindergarten through fifth grades show an increase of 252

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—Canton fire chief

students.

"We're not experiencing a bulge growth, all the grades are growing," added Little. "All kindergarten through fifth-grades totals, except the fourth grade, have more than 1,200 youngsters. The fourth-grade total is 1,185."

The biggest increases are at Hoben Elementary, with 103 additional students thus far, and Hulsing Elementary with a projected 83-student jump. Bird and Field elementaries are also showing significant increases in student population.

Elementary principals are having to be creative with space in order to hold classes.

"I think there is only one building that has an art and music room because the rest have had space consumed by regular classrooms," said Little. "If you believe that some of the programs need to have dedicated rooms, like art and music, then yes, we've run out of space. If you think students shouldn't be in teacher lounge areas or conference rooms, then we've run out of space."

The middle school population is up 92 students, with a projected total of 3,757. Central has gained 69 students, while East is up 49. Lowell, Pioneer and West middle schools are showing slight decreases.

The total projected district count is 16,233 students, compared to last year's official count of 15,746, an increase of 487 students. School administrators are hoping the projected figures are getting into line with what the actual figures will be as school enters its third week.

The official school enrollment count to be given to state officials will be Sept. 23. That figure will determine how much money the district will receive from the state.

Plymouth Symphony to perform next week

Experience an afternoon of romance, passion and the power of opera as the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan perform together for the fifth year at 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20 at the Italian-American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Rd., Livonia. Guest conducting will be Kevin Miller, associate professor of music at Eastern Michigan University.

Celebrating its 10 Anniver-

sary, the Verdi Opera soloists will include Jack Morris, Dino Valle, Jan Rae and Valerie Yova with guest appearances by Quinto Milito, Raymond Roberts and the extraordinary mezzo soprano, Irina Mishura.

Admission is \$15 per person, which includes concert ticket and afterglow refreshments and may be purchased at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 819 Penniman Avenue, or by calling (734) 451-2112.

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the environmental movement." "R.T. Stone was written almost anonymously. He's every man. The characters in my book are richly written and easily distinguishable from their appearance to the cologne they're wearing." In contrast to the control Stone's main character lacks over his life, the author and Cincinnati entrepreneur (who owns an Ohio marketing company) enjoys a peaceful lifestyle with his wife, a Detroit native. The couple share long walks, travel, and meditation together. "She's my soul mate. We want to experience everything together," said Stone who will be staying in Plymouth with his wife prior to his appearance at Ageless Wisdom, Monday, Sept. 14. "I find the dialogues at book discussions very rewarding."

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R.T. Stone
—author

said Stone. "I enjoy meeting people, having interactive conversation and going to new places. I'm looking forward to my stay in Plymouth." Cincinnatians will enjoy local landmarks featured in the pages of the Journals including Krohn Conservatory, the Cincinnati Zoo, Lake Cumberland history (Fernald, the Who concert tragedy), and personalities that appear in Stone's book. The Journals encourages readers to

investigate the truth behind the headlines before accepting anything as absolute reality and to take responsibility for their destiny and the planet's. "I'm not a conspiracy man at all," says Stone. "But I do wish people looked at things from a different perspective and not made judgments based on one source of information. "People should question authority and gain knowledge from different sources such as

books, magazines, the Internet. I want this book to empower and embolden people to challenge and question the beliefs that are spoon-fed to them. People need to be curious, to investigate the hidden truth behind the headlines, and to take individual responsibility for their own destiny and that of the planet," says R.T. Stone. Stone is currently working on Book II of "The Journals" which he expects to see in stores within two years. R.T. Stone will appear at Ageless Wisdom in Plymouth beginning at 7 p.m. Monday (470 Forest Ave.) Free refreshments and vegetarian goodies will be provided to attendees. Visit The Journals Web site: www.thejournals.com

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would show commissioners at the rostrum. Two mounted remote-control cameras would show citizens speaking from the audience.

The cost for video equipment is being paid by MediaOne. The company agreed to spend about \$80,000 on such equipment during negotiations with city officials on a franchise agreement.

Walters said the only city cost involved in televising city commission meetings would involve staff time spent taping, editing and performing other related work before airing tapes of the meetings.

He said cost to the city to pay for staff would be no more than \$1,200 annually.

City officials say they hope volunteers interested on working on the productions will come forward, to reduce costs. Those interested should call Plymouth City Hall at 453-1234, Ext. 203.

Video production work would be done at the Canton Summit, where MediaOne is installing a video production studio. Equipment needed to

complete productions of city commission meetings is to be delivered and installed there by the end of September, Walters said.

Eventually, videotaping of other city boards that meet in the commission chambers could happen, the city manager said.

As to when the commission will debut on cable TV, Walters said, "I would expect by the end of October, it's real hard to say what day right now."

As in other communities that show government meetings on TV, the city commission meetings would likely be aired two or three times.

"In the long run there'll be other programs played as well. Some will be educational or informational," he said.

Walters said the city could eventually produce programming with various city departments offering tips on items ranging from handling and recycling trash to home security tips.

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erty.

The building will be in a Georgian or Williamsburg stone and wood style, he said, in keeping with the city's general architecture. "We are in the process preparing preliminary plans to go forward," Pomarolli said.

"I would say that if everything goes according to plan, we would probably be approaching the planning commission before the end of the year with plans," he added.

Farmer Jack's closed the site in 1988. It remained closed for more than seven years, as the company continued to pay rent on the building rather than sublease it to a potential competitor.

While it remained closed, city officials complained about the upkeep of the site and met with Farmer Jack and the landlord to discuss how a tenant could be placed in the building. Still, the

Farmer Jack's closed the site in 1988. It remained closed for more than seven years.

site remained vacant.

In 1996 the Plymouth District Library occupied the building while a new library was built. The new library opened this spring, and the former supermarket building was unoccupied again.

Pomarolli said that if the project wins approval before the end of the year, he'd seek to begin demolition of the current building in the spring and begin construction on the site.

"It could be March or April depending on the weather," he said.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Track Renovations & Improvements. Bid documents can be obtained by pick-up for \$30 or mailed for \$45 by contacting Foresite Design Inc., 3269 Coolidge Highway, Berkley, MI 48072, or pick up only for \$30 at the Plymouth-Salem High School Athletic Dept., 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. Bids are due on or before Wednesday, September 30, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. at which time a public bid opening will be held in the Board Room at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located at 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
ELIZABETH M. GIVENS, Secretary

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Population shift

Most inner suburbs decline, Canton, Plymouth Twp. post gains

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Outer suburbs are leading the sprawl parade in the seven-county region, as population falls in Detroit and the closer-in suburbs.

That's the story leaping out from the latest study by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership serving Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Monroe counties.

During the 1990s, population crept up just 3.1 percent to 4.73 million. But households grew by 7.1 percent to 1.8 million as family sizes declined.

Biggest growth area was Livingston County, which had a population growth of 27.4 percent since 1990. Wayne County, however, was the only one to lose population - down 3.9 percent to barely two million as Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Redford Township joined the ranks of those losing residents.

"Population and Households in Southeast Michigan, 1995-1998," based on last July's data, showed Detroit had fallen below the one million mark to fewer than 970,000, a loss of 5.7 percent during the decade. Its housing stock fell 8 percent to 344,000. That loss will cut Detroit's federal aid and make it subject to more state laws that apply to cities of less than one million.

Here, alphabetically, is how other Wayne County communities fared during the 1990s:

Canton Township - up 23.4 percent to 70,409 in population. Housing rose 30.8 percent to 25,563. Canton, however, fell from the list of top 10 growth areas in the region.

Garden City - down 6.6 percent to 29,729 in population; up 1.7 percent to 11,404 in housing units.

Livonia - down 3.4 percent to 97,460 in population; up 5 percent to 37,728 in housing units.

City of Northville (including Oakland County portion) - down 5 percent in population to 6,309; up 7 percent in housing units to 2,661.

Northville Township - up 18 percent to 20,436 in population; up 28.7 percent to 7,903 in housing units.

City of Plymouth - down 6.8 percent in population to 8,913; up 2.1 percent in housing units to 4,357.

Plymouth Township - up 10.6 percent in population to 26,163; up 18 percent in housing units to 7,903.

Redford Township - down 7.5 percent in population to 50,310; up 1.2 percent in housing units to 20,362.

Westland - up 0.4 percent in population to 85,096; up 9.1 percent in housing units to 36,111.

Percentage-wise, the 10 biggest population gainers in the region were the Macomb County townships of Macomb, Lenox, Bruce and Washington; the Livingston County townships of Iosco, Ocea and Hartland; the city of South Lyon in Oakland County; Pittsfield Township in Washtenaw County; and Emmett Township in St. Clair Township.

AAUW local forum to feature candidates for education posts

The American Association of University Women, Livonia branch, is sponsoring a public forum Thursday, Sept. 24 in Livonia City Hall for the educational candidates in the general election Nov. 3.

Candidates for the State Board of Education, University of Michigan Board of Regents, Michigan State University Board of Trustees and the Wayne State University Board of Governors

will be interviewed on public television with statewide viewing.


The candidates have been scheduled as follows: University of Michigan candidates, 6 p.m.; State Board of Education, 7 p.m.; Michigan State University, 8 p.m., and Wayne State University, 9 p.m.

Livonia City Hall is located at 32000 Civic Center Drive (Five Mile Road east of Farmington

Road).

Time Warner Cable of Livonia will be videotaping to distribute tapes with plans for program tape distribution throughout the state. People are encouraged to contact their cable companies for each 30-minute program.

For more information on the AAUW-Livonia branch or the public forum, contact Mary Bond at (734) 427-8897.




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are typically covering routes for buses that are being repaired, and with another out with engine problems, that leaves the district with only five spare buses in case of breakdowns or emergencies.

"That's nowhere near enough," said Grech. "Fifteen would be reasonably comfortable."

"If we have to keep using spare buses, we'll have nothing to fall back on," added Grech. "We're going to monitor the situation every day and see what the best solutions are. One of them is double runs."

That will result in students getting home later from school.

Tardy bus runs

"We're looking at the possibility that if our middle school counts continue to climb and we don't have the capacity on a bus to accommodate the students, we're looking at possibly setting

up double runs," she said. "A driver would take a middle school route home, go back to the school and take another route home. There would be students getting home later than the norm. We would advise parents to the plan so they would be prepared that on a certain day their child would be home later than usual."

Grech said her department has been able to work through the problems in the elementary grades, but "we're getting reports from our drivers that some of the high school routes are getting tight."

The problems with the buses result in problems for students, teachers and administrators. Students are showing up for classes late, and teachers can have buses for field trips only between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Grech said the bus problems are also causing problems for the district's sports teams as

she can't provide vehicles to cover all athletic trip requests. And, she said the stress on the drivers is compounded when drivers have to help cover routes other than their own.

Grech is particularly concerned about the lack of spare buses for special education students.

"Every special ed bus is on the road and we have no spares," she added. "In terms of breakdowns, we'll have to work through it with the fleet on the road. This will be a concern all year."

Too much mileage

The problems stems from having buses that are generally too old for every day use. Grech said 50 percent of the vehicles are 10 years or older, with mileage averaging over 130,000 per vehicle and repairs costing more than \$5,000 a year per bus. A quarter of the fleet is

between 13 and 15 years old.

She compares that to Livonia, whose fleet is an average eight years old, and Ann Arbor where buses average only 4.5 years.

Plymouth-Canton schools did purchase 10 new buses in 1997. The March 1997 bond issue has \$3 million earmarked for 50 new buses, but that is tied up in the lawsuit filed by Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva. The Oct. 3 middle school bond issue is also asking voters for \$500,000 for 10 new school buses.

"We didn't purchase any buses from 1993-1997 because we chose to put money into the curriculum ... so the transportation suffered," said school board member Carrie Blamer. "We are compromising the safety of kids."

Board member Susan Davis said she wants to purchase buses as soon as possible.

Age Range (years)	Number of Buses	Average Mileage	Ave. Maint. Cost/Bus
1-4	18	45,384	\$2,521
5-8	29	97,388	4,574
9-12	24	143,701	5,335
13-15	28	156,816	5,270

Source:
Plymouth/Canton
Transportation
Department

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"We're looking at the possibility that if our middle school counts continue to climb and we don't have the capacity on a bus to accommodate the students, we're looking at possibly setting up double runs."

LuAnn Grech
—transportation director

"Why do we have to limp along one more year?" she said. "This is a deplorable situation."

Even if either of the bond monies become available soon, it will be next year before new buses will be on the road.

"You don't buy buses like you buy cars ... off the lot," said John Brittle, executive director of business and operations. "You have to bid out for them and get them months later."

Chamber endorses bond

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For the first time ever, the Canton Chamber of Commerce has endorsed a Plymouth-Canton school millage election ... endorsing the Oct. 3 middle school bond vote.

"We feel there's a direct correlation between good schools and a good business climate," said Ryan Ambrozaitis, the chamber's executive director.

The vote by the board of directors was 17-0-1, with the lone abstention from attorney Mike Gerou. Gerou is attempting to mediate a settlement of the March 1997 bond issue, which is being held up by a lawsuit filed by Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva.

In its one-page endorsement, the chamber cites five reasons for supporting a new middle school planned for Hanford and Canter Center roads.

■ With the current school (currently being leased from the Livonia district) needing to be reoccupied by Livonia schools, the children absolutely need another school building.

■ The quality of schools in a community has a major impact on the business climate of that community.

■ Approving this bond would give Canton its first middle school building.

■ As business leaders, those voting yes are concerned about the safety of children who are currently riding on old buses which break down frequently.

■ This is a conservative

amount to ask for since the owner of a \$300,000 house (\$150,000 SEV) is being asked to contribute \$30 per year for this addition to our growing community.

"I'm thrilled with the endorsement," said middle school bond committee chairman Mark Horvath. "They asked good questions, and I think they were pleased to see the district was focused on customers."

"A new middle school will allow more of the people who live and work in Canton to have their kids closer to school," added Horvath, a former school board president. "It expands the neighborhood school concept from the elementary to the middle school level."

The middle school bond election was earlier endorsed by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, which also cited the need for a new school to replace Lowell.

Horvath said his committee is taking its message for a new middle school to friends and neighbors.

"It's important to have open the-fence communication between neighbors. That's what sells people. We're doing a grassroots information campaign."

Horvath said he's looking for a large voter turnout in the Saturday election.

"I think a large portion of the people will vote yes," he said. "I think if you inform people as to what it will do to their community if they pass or fail it ... let them make the decision."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY OF WAYNE STATE OF MICHIGAN SUMMARY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. C-98-10

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE ACCESS TO AND ONGOING USE OF PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT AND PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY A PERMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION AND/OR RELOCATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR LIABILITY AND INSURANCE; PROHIBITING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PERMIT; PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION AND REMOVAL OF FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Purpose. The purpose of the Ordinance is to regulate the access to and ongoing use of Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way by telecommunications providers.

Reservation of Rights. The issuance of a permit to a telecommunications provider does not waive the Township's right to require a franchise in the future or the right to claim a taking if a telecommunications provider claims it has the right to use public rights-of-way without compensation. In addition, a telecommunications provider may request the Township to enter into a consent agreement for the use of the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way in place of a permit.

Definitions. Key terms, including "Telecommunications Provider," "Telecommunications Services," and "Telecommunications System" are defined.

Permits. The procedures for submitting and reviewing an application for a permit are described. When an application is filed, it is reviewed for administration completeness. After an application is complete, the Township may request additional information from the applicant. Within 75 days after an application is determined to be administratively complete, a public hearing is held on the application by the Township Board for a committee or hearing officer designated by the Township Board. After the public hearing, the Township Board then approves, approves with conditions, or denies the application within 90 days after the application was determined to be administratively complete. The Township Board may grant a modification or waiver of Ordinance requirements under certain limited circumstances.

Annual Permit Fees. A telecommunications provider is required to pay annual fees fixed by resolution of the Township Board. The fees must not exceed the fixed and variable costs to the Township of maintaining the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way. A telecommunications provider may opt to pay an annual fee of 1 percent of its annual gross revenues from the telecommunications system within the municipality, in lieu of the annual fee established by the Township Board.

Duration of Permit Renewal. A permit is granted for a five (5) year term. An application for renewal of a permit follows the same process as the

original application.

Permit Terms and Requirements. A permit is non-exclusive. A telecommunications provider is authorized to use the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way only as authorized in the permit. A telecommunications provider may expand its system by obtaining approval of an amended permit which may be granted administratively. These provisions also address overlapping and "as built" maps, priorities of use of the Easements and Rights-of-Way, and future use of the Easements and Rights-of-Way by the Township.

Use of Public Rights-of-Way by Permittee. These provisions regulate the use of Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way by telecommunications providers. These regulations include the following requirements: no undue burden of interference with present or future use of the easements and rights-of-way, restoration of easements and rights-of-way, limitations on pavement cuts, marking of telecommunications facilities, relocation of facilities due to right-of-way work, etc.

Liability and Insurance. These provisions require a telecommunications provider to provide and maintain certain insurance coverages, to name the Township as an additional insured, and to indemnify the Township against liability arising from the acts or omission of the provider.

Assignment, Revocation and Renewal. A telecommunications provider may not assign a permit to transfer control of its business without prior written consent of the Township which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Township may revoke the permit for failure to comply with the provisions of the permit or the Ordinance and for other specified reasons. Upon revocation of a permit; or upon expiration of a permit which is not renewed, the telecommunications provider must remove its facilities from the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way.

Miscellaneous. The Township reserves its police powers to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and reserves the right of reasonable control of the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way pursuant to the Michigan Constitution.

Civil Infraction Enforcement. A violation of the Ordinance is a civil infraction, subject to a civil fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000, plus costs and sanctions. Repeat offenses are subject to a civil fine of \$1,000 - \$10,000 (first repeat offense) and \$2,000 - \$20,000 (second and subsequent repeat offenses).

Repeal. This Section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances.

Severability. This section provides that the Ordinance is severable, and if any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid.

Effective Date. This Section provides that the Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

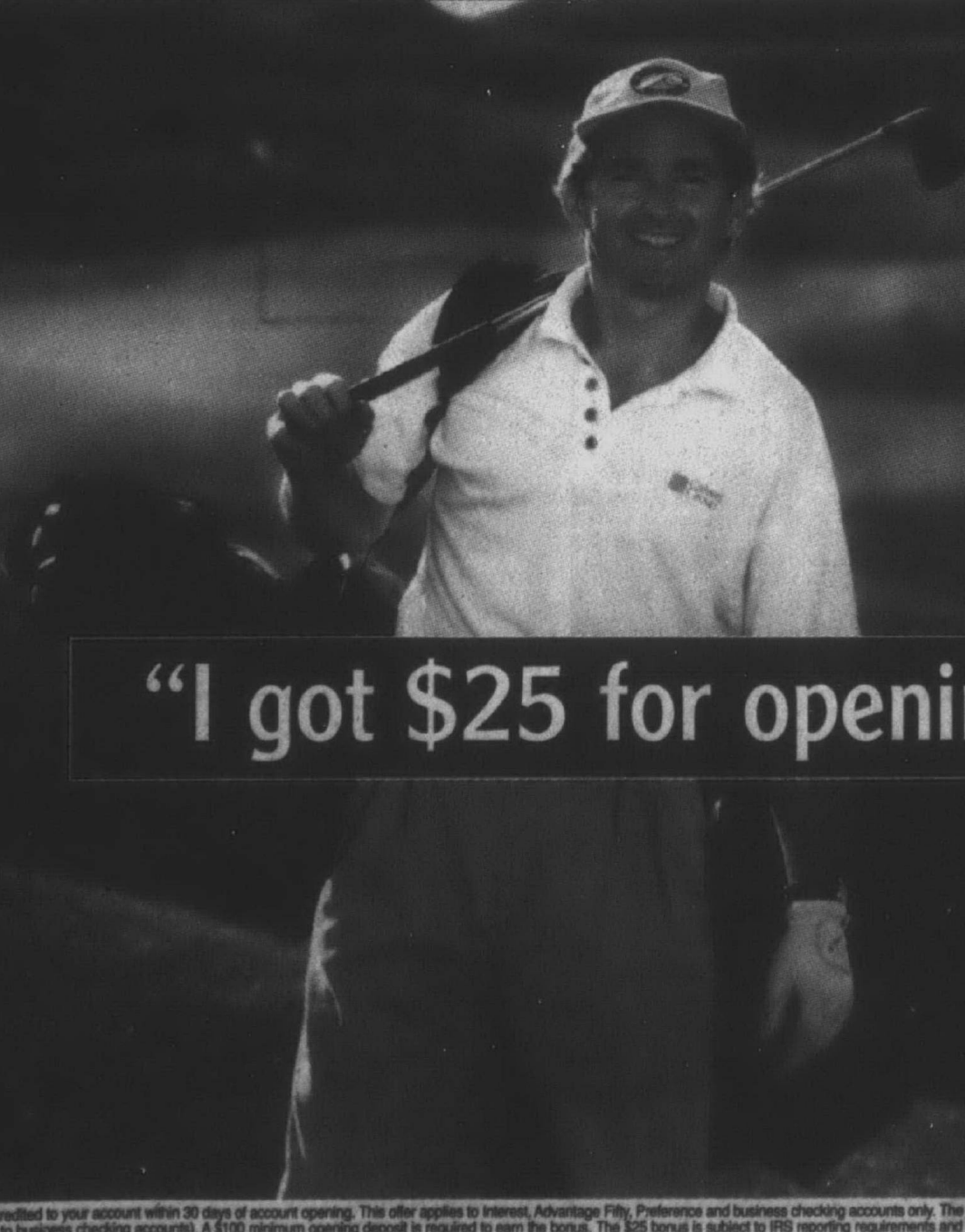
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The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 8th day of September, 1998, to be effective upon publication as provided by law.

Charter Township of Plymouth
By: MARILYN MASSENGILL
Its Clerk

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Local man among 6 new prosecutors

Wayne County Prosecutor John D. O'Hair has appointed six new assistant prosecutors, including a Livonia resident.

Wade McCann of Livonia and five other appointees bring the number of attorneys on O'Hair's staff to 160, the largest county's prosecutor's office in Michigan.

McCann earned a bachelor of arts degree from Northern Michigan University, a teaching certificate from Michigan State University in 1986 and a juris doctorate from the Detroit College of Law at MSU in 1996.

A former junior high school English teacher in Jupiter, Fla., and a former captain of the 65-foot "Island Chaser" which conducted five- and seven-day cruises in waters off the Florida coast, McCann returned to Michigan to enter law school in 1992. While in law school, he clerked for the 52-1 District Court in Novi and was a special assistant in the juvenile division of the Wayne County Prosecu-

tor's Office.

Other assistant prosecutors are Suzy Taweel, Jennifer Furtaw, Carl Jordan, Charles Rutherford Jr. and David McCreedy.

Suzy Taweel of Northville is a 1997 graduate of University of Detroit Mercy Law School. Taweel is a 1993 magna cum laude graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she majored in journalism and history.

Taweel has worked as a special assistant at the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office under the summer intern program of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and, during law school, as a law clerk at the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Furtaw of Grosse Pointe Park is a 1996 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy Law School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University's James Madison College where she earned a bachelor's degree in international relations. Furtaw comes to her new position from the Sanilac County Prosecutor's Office, where she has served as chief assistant county prosecutor.

Jordan of Detroit holds a juris doctorate from the University of Wisconsin and a bachelor of arts degree from Hampton Uni-

versity in Virginia. Jordan is leaving his position with Lewis & Munday in Detroit to join the prosecutor's office. Jordan also worked as an assistant attorney general in Wisconsin and an assistant district attorney in Milwaukee County, Wis.

Rutherford of Grosse Pointe Farms graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy Law School and from Albion College with a bachelor of arts degree in English and communication. Rutherford is a candidate for a master's degree in labor law from Wayne State University Law School. He has written for the Detroit Legal News, preparing summaries of Court of Appeals decisions.

McCreedy of Clinton Township earned his bachelor of arts in political science at Kalamazoo College and a juris doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School. McCreedy joins the prosecutor's office after a clerkship with U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit Judge James Ryan.

McCreedy also worked summer internships with the Detroit firm of Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss, and the products litigation division of the Ford Motor Co. He also served on the staff of U.S. Sen. Carl Levin.



Wade McCann

STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

High-tech report

The 1998 Michigan School Report is available on Internet in a more user-friendly format, the governor's office announced.

It contains statistical information about every public school and school district. Topics include MEAP test scores, funding information, enrollment, pupil-teacher ratios, average teacher salaries, dropout and

graduation rates.

"We administer the MEAP tests to measure student progress against high standards and provide public feedback," said Art Ellis, superintendent of public instruction.

Appointments

Gov. John Engler has appointed:

■ Richard A. Egerer of Livonia and James W. Vibbart of

Whitmore Lake to the Elevator Safety Board. Egerer is business manager for Local 36 of the International Union of Elevator Constructors. Vibbart is the lead elevator mechanic at the University of Michigan.

Charities nixed

Two unlicensed charities were issued cease and desist orders by Attorney General Frank Kelley. They operated under the

names National Cancer Association and National Lung Foundation. Kelley said they offered to take donated vehicles only if the donor first sends a check for \$200 or gives a credit card number to pay the cost of picking up the vehicle.

Want to check on whether a charity is legitimate? Call the Attorney General's charitable trust section at (517) 373-1152 or write to it at PO Box 30214, Lansing, MI 48909.

Edison backs statewide environmental issue

Detroit Edison is urging voters to pass the Clean Michigan Initiative, a proposal on the November ballot.

Detroit Edison Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Anthony F. Earley joined U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham and Michigan Gov. John Engler recently as Engler kicked off the Clean Michigan Campaign. The governor signed five bills, placing the environmental cleanup program on the ballot.

The Clean Michigan Initiative is a \$675 million environmental bond that will fund the cleanup of contaminated sites, improve water quality, improve state and local parks, and reduce exposure to lead hazards. The

bond will be repaid from the state's general fund over time.

"We congratulate Gov. Engler for his vision of creating a cleaner Michigan for the 21st century and beyond," Earley said. "We urge voters to approve funding for this comprehensive environmental proposal that will benefit all the people of our state."

Detroit Edison is pledging to help educate Michigan voters on the Clean Michigan Initiative providing information in its customers' electric bills and providing information on the Web site of DTE Energy. The Web site may be accessed through the World Wide Web at <http://www.dteenergy.com>.

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Tax classes offered

A professional income tax preparation class will be offered this fall to help meet the demands of more preparers to handle the 1997 tax code changes.

The class will be taught by Roberta Bellanger, owner of CPR Systems, an income tax and accounting practice based in Westland, through the Garden City adult and community education department. It is open to non-residents.

Special attention will be given in the class to the 1997 tax code changes, she said.

To register for the eight-week classes, scheduled to start Tuesday, Sept. 29, contact the Cambridge Adult Education Center at 762-8430 or stop by the cen-

ter, on Cambridge east of Mid-

delebit. "This class was designed in response to the high demand for qualified income tax preparers," Bellanger said. "The complexity of the new tax law will make more people search out the services of a tax professional and we need to be able to meet the new demand."

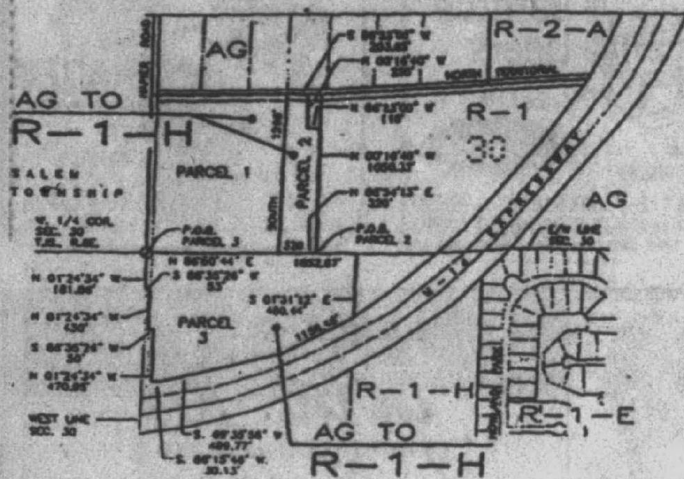
Students in the class will learn how to prepare federal, state and city individual tax returns for others.

This will include acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to complete those returns containing small business, investment and rental incomes, she said.

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 83.93

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP. THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS.

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the amended Zoning Map No. 98, attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LAND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS:

PARCEL 1: (Tax ID No. 078-042-98-0004-000) The Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, except the East part thereof measuring 31385 feet of the centerline of North Territorial Road and 320 feet on the East and West 1/4 section line, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PARCEL 2: (Tax ID No. 078-042-98-0005-000) That part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, described as Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30 and proceeding thence North 0 degrees, 16 minutes 40 seconds West 1050.53 feet, thence South 86 degrees 23 seconds West 110 feet, thence North 0 degrees 16 minutes 40 seconds West 250 feet, thence South 86 degrees 23 minutes West along the centerline of North Territorial Road, 203.85 feet, thence South 1298 feet, thence North 86 degrees 54 minutes 13 seconds East along the East and West 1/4 Section line 320 feet to the point of beginning, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PARCEL 3: (Tax ID No. 078-042-98-0003-004) Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, beginning at West 1/4 corner of Section 30, thence North 86 degrees 50 minutes, 44 seconds East 1652.87 feet, thence South 1 degree 31 minutes 12 seconds East 480.44, then Southwesterly on a curve concave to the Northwest, radius 5461.58 feet, are 1158.46 feet, thence South 69 degrees 35 minutes 58 seconds West 499.77 feet, thence south 88 degrees 15 minutes, 46 seconds West 30.13 feet, thence North 1 degree 24 minutes 34 seconds West 470.85 feet, thence South 88 degrees 35 minutes 29 seconds West 50 feet, thence North 1 degree 24 minutes 34 seconds West 430 feet, thence South 88 degrees 35 minutes 26 seconds West 53 feet, thence North 1 degree 24 minutes 34 seconds West 181.86 feet, to the point of beginning.

ORDINANCE NO. 83.93
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 98
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on October 8, 1998.

Part IV. ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1949, at a meeting duly called and held on the 8th day of September, 1998, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on September 8, 1998
Effective Date October 8, 1998

Published September 13, 1998.

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Leadership program seeks youth

By SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Youth Leadership Canton is looking for a few good Plymouth-Canton eighth grade students.

The first-year program is designed to develop leadership and problem-solving skills for local youths. Chairperson Debbie Zevalkink said 25-30 students will be selected to participate.

"We want it to be a blend of all kids," she explained. "We're not just looking for the most popular kids. We want students that may be a little shy but have leadership qualities."

Sign up is currently under way and runs through Sept. 21. All Plymouth-Canton eighth grade students are eligible for the program and may apply at their school's counseling office.

"Our goal is to get them involved in their schools and communities," Zevalkink said. The program's genesis came

from the 1997 Leadership Canton Class. Their idea was to model a youth program after Leadership Canton to identify and work with future community leaders.

The group made a presentation on their project to Canton's Board of Trustees about a year ago. From there, Zevalkink, who works as Township Supervisor Tom Yack's administrative assistant, signed up to run the program.

"My job is to take their idea and make it a reality," she said.

A committee of more than a dozen Canton residents was formed to organize the program. Zevalkink said they've met about once a month since early January to work out the details.

The committee will choose roughly five students from each Plymouth-Canton middle school. Canton residents attending the Van Buren, Wayne-Westland and private

school districts also have a shot at participating.

Zevalkink said 30 students or less are likely to be selected.

"It depends on the amount of interest that students show," she added.

Students will have to meet several requirements to complete the Youth Leadership Canton program.

Eighth graders must attend the kick off session, a day retreat to the Howell Nature Center on Oct. 17. Students may not miss more than one of the program's six sessions, which run from October until next April.

A total of 10 to 15 community service hours must be done, too. Students will have a chance to work in food and clothing drives, help senior citizens and be a bell ringer for the Salvation Army during the holidays.

Formal plans for community service aren't set, Zevalkink

said. Helping the following year's Youth Leadership program and writing an article for a school newsletter are other requirements.

"But it all isn't hard work. Students will have plenty of opportunities for fun."

At next month's retreat, for example, youngsters will practice adventure training. Students will work in teams to overcome physical obstacles and solve other problems.

Mark Andrews, a sports broadcaster for WOMC-FM radio, will give a motivational speech as well. Students will also work on identifying personality traits through the "True Colors" program, too.

Zevalkink is very excited about the program.

"What's really exciting is the response we've received in general," she said. "There seems to be a real need for this."

For more information, call Zevalkink at (734) 397-5381.

OBITUARIES

ELAINE ALBERTA ALBRITTON

Services for Elaine Alberta Albritton, 69, of Leesburg, Fla. will be held at a later date as committal services with the Rev. Kenneth R. Bieber officiating at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born on March 12,

1929 in Detroit. She died on Aug. 25 in Tavares, Fla. She was a member of Union Congregational Church, Traverse, Fla. She lived in Leesburg, Fla. for 18 years and was formerly of Grosse Pointe, Mich. She was an artist. She was a member of Leesburg Artist Association and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William M. Perrett III and Alberta Perrett. Survivors include her brother, William M. Perrett of Plymouth and one sister, Jean P. Watson of Harper Woods, Mich.

GEORGE N. PINNEO

Services for George N. Pinneo, 76, of Canton were Sept. 11 at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton with pastor Hugh McMartin officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Garden West.

He was born on July 20, 1922 in Detroit. He died on Sept. 8 in Canton. He was an electrical salesman. He was a member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Walter and one sister, Muriel. Survivors include two sons, Lee (Mary), Paul (Jodie); one daughter, Patricia (Kim) O'Brien; four sisters, Velma, Evelyn, Buelah; five grandchildren, Glenn, Beth, Tim, Katie and Rachel.

DONNA LEE LONG

Private memorial services for Donna Lee Long, 62, of Canton Township will be held at a later date.

She was born on June 6, 1936 in Chicago, Ill. She died on Sept. 7 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, George E. Long; four sons, Jon (Anita), Mike (Kathy) Tower, Kurt, Kris (Bruce) Armstrong; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

KAREN OSCARSON KIVISTO

Services for Karen Oscarson Kivisto, 65, of Canton were Sept. 10 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1933 in Proctor, Vt. She died on Sept.

8 in Proctor, Vt. She was married in 1952 to Alvar Arvid Kivisto. In 1965 they moved to Michigan, where Mrs. Kivisto earned a bachelor's degree from Madonna University and a master's degree from the University of Michigan. She enjoyed a successful career as a social worker for the state of Michigan. She dedicated much of her time to such groups as the PTA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Civitan, Special Olympics and her church.

Survivors include four daughters, Sharon, Susan, Nancy, Debra and three sons, David, Mark and Michael.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers, donations to a favorite charity in Mrs. Kivisto's memory.

VERNE D. STEELE

Verne D. Steele, 85, of Plymouth died Sept. 8 at Angela Hospice.

He was born on Oct. 21, 1912 in South Bend, Ind. He was a well known former Plymouth businessman. He moved to Lansing with his parents and attended school there. He attended Ferris College and worked in Detroit as an accountant until he and his former wife, Robert, opened a custom drapery store in Detroit. In 1952 they opened Cadillac Drapery in Plymouth. In 1977 he married Shirley Summers and in 1987 he retired. He enjoyed bowling and belonged to three leagues. For several years he organized a group of Plymouth bowlers to bowl in the Michigan State Seniors Tournament. He also delivered Meals on Wheels. He and his wife enjoyed traveling and belonged to the Nomads Club.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; one son, Jerry of Plymouth; two grandchildren, Grant of Boston, Shawn (Michael) Galliers of Plymouth; two great-grandchildren, Brittany and Courtney Galliers of Plymouth; three brothers, Bob, Dick, John; and one sister, Jeanette Cooley.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society or Angela Hospice.

MILITARY NEWS

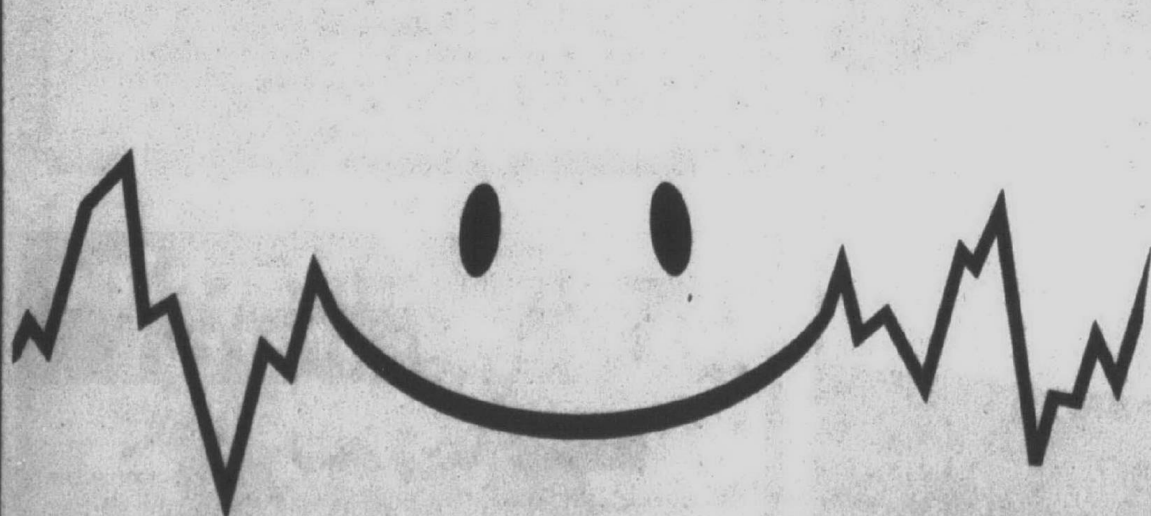
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EXERCISE MARCOT

Navy Fireman Recruit Jason C. Roch, son of Raymond J. and Marie Roch of Canton, recently participated in Exercise MARCOT-Unified Spirit '98 while aboard the mine warfare command ship USS Inchon.

Roch was one of more than 600 sailors who departed their homeport of Ingleside, Texas, to participate in the two-week exercise conducted off the southwestern coast of Newfoundland, Canada. The combined NATO exercise involved more than 15,000 military forces, 45 warships and more than 100 aircraft from Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School joined the Navy in August 1996.



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Impeachment hearing won't be discussed ... yet

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

With the U.S. House of Representatives releasing the independent counsel's report about President Bill Clinton on Friday, Congressional members still wanted to read the 455-page document before commenting on possible impeachment proceedings.

The House voted 363-63 to release that document, an executive summary completed by Ken Starr and his staff, to the public.

It was on the Internet Friday. Starr's report accuses Clinton of witness tampering, obstructing justice, abusing his presidential power and committing perjury during his grand jury appearance last month and in a sworn deposition last January.

The document includes about 140 pages detailing grounds for impeachment, according to U.S. Reps. Joe Knollenberg, R-11th District, and Lynn Rivers, D-13th District, who both voted to release it to the public.

It doesn't include the raw evidence, such as taped evidence and 2,000 pages of appendices,



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but if Congress wants it, it will be available.

"We'll be able to access all the

information," Knollenberg said. "I'm not going to pore over 20 hours of tape. Someone on my staff will have a complete analysis of all this."

Knollenberg expected to study the report over the next several days. Those who are expecting the entire evidence will not find it in the executive summary, he said.

Knollenberg and Rivers wanted to read the report before commenting on whether Clinton should be impeached or even if impeachment hearings should be held.

"Let's get it out there, so people can look at specific evidence," Rivers said. "It doesn't matter who you're backing. I fear if just the referral is out there, we're right back into the same morass."

"Until we get a chance to look at it all, it's impossible to see what's there to sustain an impeachment inquiry," Rivers said.

Knollenberg said his constituents were vocal about the issue. "They are frustrated and unhappy with the president, making all these decisions that



Knollenberg: 'His ability to lead is getting compromised, which is not good for the president, not good for the presidency, and not good for the American people.'

are examples of poor judgment." Rivers believes the entire

report should be made public. "Some believe there ought to be some privacy to respect the grand jury proceedings. There are others who believe it should be all out."

"This is a quasi-legal procedure. It's not a judicial process we're used to. This is not so governed. This is so hard for people to understand. It's a difficult time and it weighs on everybody's mind."

Rivers said it was "hard to know" whether the Monica Lewinsky affair will limit the president's efforts and the United States in foreign policy.

"One of the things it has completely caught is the public's attention. There are other issues, such as health care and education, that are getting no attention. That is the basis for the argument for immediate discussion."

Rivers said the report's effect on her and other Democrats' reelection bid this fall was an "unknown."

"The initial polling from both parties show that Michigan tends to vote for individual can-

didates. There isn't 'guilt by association.'"

Even with the report and the Congress' attention focusing on the report, Knollenberg expected to wrap up his work on an appropriations bill.

Knollenberg said Clinton's leadership capabilities were questioned here by citizens and around the world.

"His ability to lead is getting compromised, which is not good for the president, not good for the presidency, and not good for the American people. It's not good for any of us," he said.

U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan, prepared a statement that said the solemn issue before the House is whether Clinton committed an impeachable offense.

"It is important for our country that the Congress proceed in a bipartisan, thoughtful and fair way, without prejudgment. The Starr report's allegations and evidence and the White House response to them must be considered together."

U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Michigan, couldn't be reached Friday for comment.

Inline skating at Nankin Mills

Inline skaters of all ages can skate and receive lessons at the Hines Park-Nankin Mills picnic area through a partnership between Detroit Inline Skate School and Wayne County Parks and Recreation.

Skaters can skate six miles of Hines Parkway 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays through Sept. 26 during the Wayne County's Saturday in the Park series. Six miles of Hines Drive are closed to traffic every Saturday from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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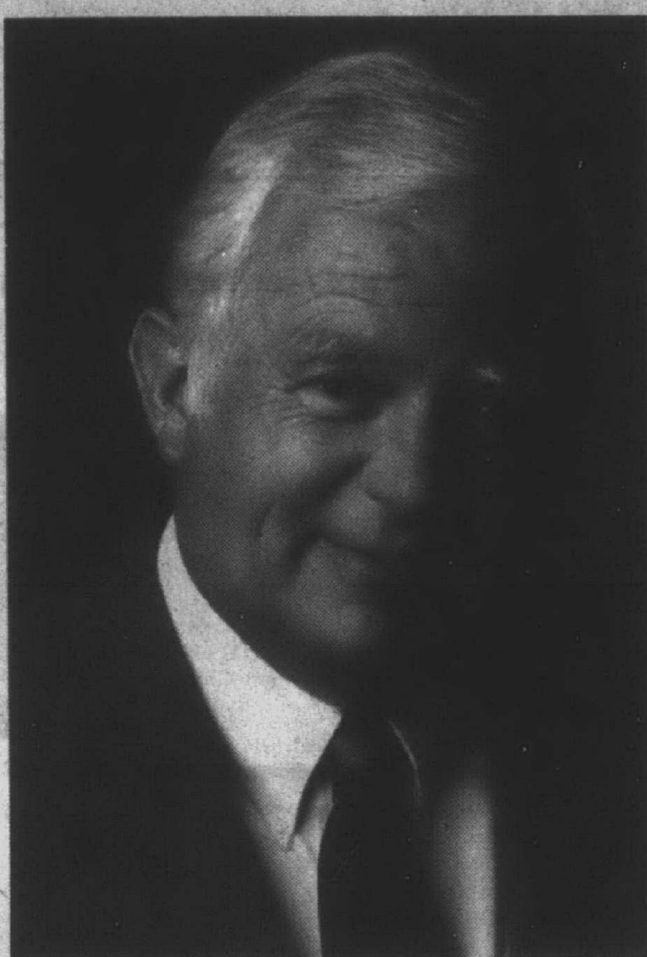
lessons.

Skates and safety equipment can be rented for \$5 for one hour or \$7 for two hours. Safety equipment includes wrist, elbow and knee pads along with helmets. Lessons cost \$5 per person per half hour.

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Mary Ter Meer, and her husband Dave, a retired banker, were careful about what they ate, but it wasn't good enough. Her life changed forever in 1992 when Dave suffered two heart attacks a month apart.

Determined to help him get well, Meer began researching the role diet plays in reversing heart disease. In the process, she was inspired to write a book, "Vegetarian Cooking For Healthy Living: An Ultra Low-Fat Nutrition Guide for Living Well," with registered dietitian Jamie Gates Galeana, (Appletree Press, Inc., \$17.95).

The book, which helps readers make healthy changes in their life, is the 1998 Benjamin Franklin Award recipient for "Best New Voice," an award for excellence presented by the Publishers Marketing Association during the BookExpo American Convention in Chicago. Meer will be at Borders in Birmingham Wednesday, Sept. 16, and Dearborn Thursday, Sept. 17, signing books, and offering free recipe tastings.



BOOK SIGNINGS

Mary Ter Meer, author of "Vegetarian Cooking For Healthy Living," will be signing copies of her book, and offering free recipe tastings at the following Borders bookstores.

Borders Books — 34300 Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 203-0005
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After her husband's second heart attack, Meer was anxious to make some changes in their lifestyle. "My daughter Anne sent us Dr. Dean Ornish's book. We had nothing to lose so we tried his 'Program for Reversing Heart Disease,'" she said. "You limit calories from fat to 10 percent of your diet."

The Meers ate their last chicken breast on March 5, 1992, and embraced Dr. Ornish's ultra low-fat vegetarian diet. They began exercising regularly and started learning and using stress reduction techniques.

Dave's cholesterol dropped from 240 to 170 in six months. Mary lost 35 pounds. "I wasn't even thinking about losing weight, it just came off," she said. "I've been a yo-yo dieter all my life."

Since beginning this journey to wellness, Meer said she's learned so much. "I learned that fat occurs naturally in food and that I could not add a lot of fat when I was cooking."

She was discouraged by what she read in vegetarian cookbooks. Many of recipes used a lot of oil, cheese and nuts, or ingredients she said that were so strange she didn't know where to get them.

Making changes

"I went first to my old recipes, and adapted them," she said. "In the past our meals were built around meat — meatloaf, pot roast, chicken breast."

Since then she's learned that if you use a broad range of plant food your

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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Here's the skinny ON worldly chicken

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI EVERTS • SPECIAL WRITER



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

Pollo, poulet, csirke, kuku, hanchen, pui, pilic, galinha. Chicken — in any language — is truly a universal food. Because of its mild flavor, chicken easily adapts to recipes of all ethnic cuisines, and we find it in dishes on all continents.

Today's chickens are descendants of wild fowl that roamed the dense jungles of primeval Asia. They were domesticated in India about 2,000 B.C. Thousands of years later, France's King Henry IV stated in his coronation speech that he hoped each peasant under his rule would have "a chicken in his pot every Sunday." This quote was later paraphrased by President Herbert Hoover.

Chicken was not always the reasonably priced meat it is today. Until as late as World War II, only the affluent were lucky enough to have their proverbial Sunday chicken. Today, thanks to modern production methods, almost anyone in our country can afford this versatile fowl. In fact, most of us think of chicken as one of the most economical meat choices.

For the health conscious of all ages, chicken can be the center of a nutritious, satisfying meal. It pairs well with pasta, rice, couscous,

dumplings or potatoes, and is complemented by nearly every vegetable, many fruits and virtually all herbs and spices. With all these combinations, chicken never has to be boring.

To skin or not to skin

Hot and spicy or mild and soothing, a chicken dish can be just about anything your heart desires. However, if you've ever eaten a dry, tasteless piece of boneless, skinless chicken breast because you're watching calories or cholesterol, take heart. Researchers at the U.S. Department of Agriculture conducted a small study on chicken, and the results suggest that the reduction in fat from cooking chicken without the skin are small and unlikely to be of nutritional importance in a varied and balanced diet.

Cooking chicken with the skin on reduces cooking time and increases moisture retention in the meat; but the spices and seasoning you add to the skin are lost when you remove it before eating (as you should). The most important thing to remember is that nutritious food, like chicken, must taste good and be moist and tender to be acceptable. It makes little sense to eat foods that are not pleasurable and satisfying. If taste is sacrificed, a low fat diet becomes a burden.

Chicken and poultry must always be cooked until well done because of the high incidence of salmonella contamination. To test for doneness

on a whole bird, move the leg. The joint should move freely. When you cut cooked chicken, the juice should run clear, not pink. Use a meat thermometer to check for an internal temperature of 180°F. Done does not mean dry and tasteless.

Getting the "bird" done just right is not a new problem for cooks. A 17th century treatise by England's Sir Kenhelm Digby on how to capture the juices, directed the cook to set the chicken on a spit, heat through, baste with butter and sprinkle with flour. "This by continuing turning before the fire will make a thin crust, which will keep in all the juice of the meat."

Those new indoor electric grills (such as the George Foreman Lean, Mean, Fat Reducing Grilling Machine) do a great job of cooking a skinless chicken breast while retaining the moisture and flavors. With a little trial and error, you can accomplish the same thing on your barbecue grill, or in a skillet with a small amount of olive oil.

White meat vs. dark meat

The reason leg meat is dark is because of the oxygen that was supplied to the active muscles. Chick-

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BUYING POULTRY

Chicken comes in a multitude of forms; as whole birds, parts, boneless pieces, ground or canned. Buying a whole bird is usually the most economical way to purchase chicken. If you're confident, and quick with a sharp knife, you can easily cut and bone a whole chicken into halves or quarters. Some markets will cut the chicken up for you. Purchase about 1/2 pound of raw broiler, fryer, or steaming chicken for each 3 ounce serving needed.

■ **Roasting chicken** — These are usually young, tender birds with soft, pliable, smooth textured skin. They have enough fat to brown well at a moderate temperature. They usually range from 2 1/2 to 5 pounds and can be up to 8 months old.

■ **Broiling, frying, rotisserie chicken** — These birds usually weight up to 3 1/2 pounds, and are about 2 1/2 months old. They can be left whole or cut into parts for pan broiling or frying, oven baking or barbecuing.

■ **Baking, steaming chicken, or hens** — These are older birds, ranging in age from 10 to 18 months, and weighing in at 3 to 6 pounds. Their age makes them more flavorful, but less tender. They require slow cooking in a covered pan with water, steam or pressure. They are good in soups, stews and casseroles.

■ **Rock Cornish Hen** — Is a miniature chicken weighing up to 2 1/2 pounds. Each hen is usually considered a serving. They are best broiled or roasted.

■ **Squab chicken** — Different from the true squab, this is a very small, 4- to 6-week-old chicken that weighs no more than 1 1/2 pounds. They are best broiled, grilled or roasted.

■ **Range chicken** — The elite of the poultry world, instead of the mass-produced birds' allotment of 1 square foot of space, each range chicken has double that area indoors plus the occasional freedom to roam outdoors. Typically they are fed a special vegetarian diet, free of antibiotics, animal byproducts, hormones and growth enhancers. This diet, and their freedom of movement, give them a fuller flavor. However, the added amenities make them more expensive. Range chickens average about 4 1/2 pounds and are usually 10 to 12 weeks old.

Lean pork tenderloin, apples, cider a tasty trio

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

Most of us have preformed notions about food. We base these ideas on past food experiences and food folklore. Often, these stereotypes don't match current nutrition information or food availability. Thus, we self-impose dietary restrictions that are not related to fact, and may be unnecessary.

Pork is a case in point. Most of my patients raise a skeptical eyebrow when I suggest that lean pork cuts can be part of a low-fat diet. Of course, this depends on the portion size and preparation. Pork is not the same meat that it once was. Pork producers have turned many pork cuts from fatty into lean by making changes in the diets of the animals.

Pork tenderloin is an example of a very lean cut. Surprisingly, it's nearly as lean as skinned chicken breast. It has less than half the fat of beef tenderloin which is the leanest of the tender steak cuts.

Pork tenderloin was traditionally attached to a loin roast. In recent years it has become available as a separate meat. It is very tender and cooks quickly. It should be roasted at high heat. Because it has so little fat, a lower temperature would dry out the meat before it's browned and cooked through.

This recipe enhances the flavor of the tenderloin with a natural ally and a queen of the harvest fruits — apples and apple cider. What is fall without a trip

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to the cider mill? However, be sure to buy pasteurized cider, or boil the cider for two minutes to destroy any disease producing bacteria. This is the recommendation of the Federal Food and Drug Administration in response to disease problems which emerged from the use of unpasteurized apple juice last year.

The choice of apples can be yours — but make mine Golden Delicious. This variety holds up well when baked. It has that tart-sweet taste that goes well with pork. Because pork tenderloin is so lean, the cider keeps the meat moist. When you serve the sliced pork tenderloin with apples, and the cider pan juices, you won't miss the fat.

I like to serve this dish with baked acorn squash halves and tiny brussels sprouts that you can find only in the fall. On of my patients makes an extra tenderloin to reheat the next day with barbecue sauce. She says it's the perfect sweet-sour combination of flavors.

HARVEST PORK TENDERLOINS

- 2 (8 to 10 ounce) pork tenderloins
- 6 apples (your choice, I like Golden Delicious)
- 3 cups apple cider

Spray a shallow roasting pan with nonstick spray. If the cider is unpasteurized, bring to a boil and boil 2 minutes. Wash apples and core. Cut into medium slices. Place on bottom of roasting pan.

Prick tenderloins with a fork. Place on apples. Pour cider over meat. Insert meat thermometer in thickest part of meat. Roast until thermometer reads 155°F (about 30 minutes). Do not overcook.

Let stand for 10 minutes. Cut into slices and serve on apples with pan juices spooned over the meat. Serves 4 to 6 people.

Food information (per 3 ounce portion)

Calories 150; Fat 3g, Saturated Fat 1.1g, Cholesterol 78mg, Sodium 60mg

Food Exchanges = 1 fruit, 3 very lean meat

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

Try 'Vegetarian Cooking'

Recipes from "Vegetarian Cooking for Healthy Living: An Ultra Low-Fat Nutrition Guide for Living Well" by Mary Ter Meer, and Jamie Gates Galeana, (Appletree Press, Inc., \$17.95). Look for "Vegetarian Cooking for Healthy Living," at your local bookstore, or call the publisher, (800) 322-5679. See story on Taste front.

To shorten preparation time, cook large separate batches of brown and white rice. Package them for freezing in 2-cup packages; 1 cup brown and 1 cup white. When you're ready to prepare a recipe just defrost and it's ready to use. If you don't have the prepared rice packets in your freezer, cook rice to equal 2 cups when cooked.

BEANS AND VEGETABLES WITH RICE

- 2 cups rice (half brown and half white rice, thawed)
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 medium tomatoes, diced
- 2 small zucchini or summer squash, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 (16-ounce can - 2 cups) chili hot beans
- Pepper and Tabasco sauce to taste
- Nonfat cooking spray

Thaw rice and heat in microwave or oven until ready to use. Sauté onions and garlic in pan sprayed with nonfat cooking spray. Add tomatoes, zucchini and seasonings. Cover and simmer until vegetables are tender. Add the beans and heat thoroughly. Season

to taste and spoon onto the hot rice. Serves 4.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 245, Protein 10g, Carbohydrate 53g, Fat 2 g, Cholesterol 0mg, Sodium 518mg, Fiber 8g.

CORN AND POTATO CHOWDER

- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped onion
- 1 cup thinly sliced carrots
- 2 stalks celery with tender leaves, thinly sliced
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 cups cubed red-skin potatoes
- 2 cups nonfat chicken broth
- 1 cup skim milk
- 1 cup fresh or frozen corn
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Cayenne pepper to taste
- Herb and spice blend seasoning to taste
- Nonfat cooking spray
- Garnish: fresh parsley

In large saucepan sprayed lightly with a nonfat cooking spray, sauté the onions until tender. Add carrots, celery, bay leaf, potatoes and broth. Cover, bring to a boil and cook for 10 to 15 minutes or until potatoes are done. Add milk and corn and simmer another 3 or 4 minutes. Remove bay leaf. In a blender, puree 1 cup of the soup then return it to the pot. Add salt and other seasonings to taste. Garnish with snipped fresh parsley if desired. Serves 6.

Nutrition information per serving: Serving size 1 1/2 cups - 96 Calories, Protein 5g, Carbohydrate 19.5 g, Fat 0.5 g, Cholesterol less than 1 mg, Sodium 251mg, Fiber less than 1g.

Chicken

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ens and turkeys walk around, but do little, if any, flying so their breast muscle is white and their legs dark.

Game birds fly more, and the breast meat is almost as dark as the drumstick. White meat is lower in fat than dark meat, but dark meat supplies a bit more iron than white meat. Eat the meat you like.

Purchasing

When purchasing chicken, the color of the skin has nothing to do with the fat content of the bird. Chickens with yellow skins had different feed than those with pinkish skin. Skin color does not affect nutritional value, flavor, tenderness or fat content. Avoid chicken with an off odor, or with skin that's bruised or torn.

When cooked, the darkening of the meat around the bones is not spoilage but is caused by natural pigment that seeps through and colors the bone during cooking. It contains iron and is safe to eat.

The skinny on chicken

We tend to think of chicken as a low-fat meat. However,

depending on its preparation method, this may not be true. Batter-dipped fried chicken, mayonnaise-based chicken salads and fast food chicken sandwiches are often higher in fat than a hamburger.

To keep your chicken skinny, flavor it with vinegar, wines, soy sauce and citrus juice, instead of heavy sauces and gravy, to bring out the natural flavor of the bird. Try using ground chicken instead of beef in your favorite chili, meatloaf, spaghetti sauce, or hamburger recipe.

From Tetrastini, fajitas, chicken curry and shawarma to pot pies and good old Kentucky fried, on dinner tables around the corner, and around the world, you'll always find chicken.

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Share your favorite recipes

Everyone knows the best recipes are ones you share. Send your "Favorite Recipe to Share," to Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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If your recipe is chosen to be featured, you'll receive an apron, and cookbook. We're currently looking for tailgate recipes.

Festive dish celebrates fall

See related story by Peggy Martinelli-Everts on Taste front. Recipes compliments of HDS Services.

FLAVORFUL CHICKEN STOCK

Put bones and scraps of raw poultry, along with some onion, carrots, celery, and few snips of parsley, in a large stock pot of water. Add pinch of thyme, salt and pepper for good flavor.

Simmer the mixture for at least 3 hours. After cooking, remove the bones and scraps and refrigerate. Once cooled, a layer of fat will rise to the top. This can be easily skimmed off, and the broth used in your favorite soup or stew recipes.

This dish makes chicken a special occasion!

APPLE/CRANBERRY STUFFED CHICKEN DINNER

- 3 McIntosh or Granny Smith apples (about 3 cups)
- 2/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1 tablespoon rubbed sage
- 1 tablespoon sweet marjoram
- 2 cups (plus a little more) apple juice or apple cider
- 3 slices day-old white bread, cubed
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 chicken (3 to 3 1/2 pounds)
- 12 baby new potatoes, washed
- 3 medium sweet onions, quartered
- Cornstarch to thicken (about 1/2 tablespoon)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Core and dice apples into 1/4-inch pieces. No need to peel apples. In a sauté pan, simmer apples, cranberries, sage and marjoram in 1/2 cup apple juice until apples are tender. Drain and reserve liquid. Add bread cubes

and walnuts to apple mixture.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Gently separate the skin from the breast, leg and thigh of chicken with your fingers, being very careful not to tear the skin. Carefully take about half the apple/cranberry stuffing and put it underneath the skin. Spoon the remaining stuffing into the body cavity. Then truss the bird.

On the bottom of a roasting pan, pour 1 cup apple juice. Place chicken on a rack and put this in the roasting pan. Put potatoes and onions on the bottom of the pan, in the apple juice. Roast for about 1 1/2 hours, or until 180°F internal temperature. If the skin of the chicken is getting too brown, cover with a lid or foil.

Carefully remove chicken and vegetables from roasting pan. Skim fat from roasting pan being careful to save the roasting juices. Add the reserved juice from the stuffing and 1/2 cup apple juice to the roasting pan juices. Place pan on top of burner and simmer mixture, reducing by one half. Check seasoning for salt and pepper and thicken by combining a little (about 1/2 tablespoon) cornstarch with a small amount of cold apple juice and adding a little at a time until sauce coats a spoon.

Remove legs and thighs from chicken and place on a serving plate. Remove stuffing from cavity. Carefully remove the chicken breasts from the bone. Slice and arrange on a plate. Surround with potatoes and onion quarters. Serve sauce and dressing on the side. Serves 6 people.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories: 552, Protein: 36g, Fat: 18g, Sodium: 859mg, Carbohydrates: 62g. Percent of calories from fat 29.89.

Cookbooks

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body will combine them to make complete proteins. "I always meet moms who go bonkers because their kid's in college, and won't eat meat. They're afraid their child won't get enough protein."

With help from Jamie Gates Galeana, who first met the Meers in 1992 while working as a clinical dietitian on the cardiac floor of a hospital, Mary, who has a bachelor of science degree in home economics, began working on the book.

"We don't offer never-ending restrictions. Instead, we present lots of realistic suggestions for what you can do," writes Galeana in the introduction. "Vegetarian Cooking for Healthy Living," is a great

resource for anyone interested in a healthier diet and lifestyle. There are 130 recipes, 14 sample menus, and lots of tips.

You'll learn how to stock your kitchen with low-fat foods, read food labels, and make healthy food choices when you eat out. There's also a helpful food buying guide, and suggestions for further reading.

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WHAT'S COOKING

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Choose the right apple for cooking, dicing, eating

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

Apples are always around, but they are especially appealing when there's a snap in the air and the new fall crop brings bushels of bright, seasonal varieties to market. With stores and local farm stands loaded with a wide assortment now, you may feel challenged in choosing what kind of apples to buy. How you will use them is as important in making this decision as personal taste.

For eating straight from the bushel basket, crisp, juicy, tangy varieties are best. But apples that are perfect eaten-out-of-hand don't necessarily make good sauce or pies, or even work well in a salad.

For sauce, pick varieties that break down easily. Avoid these same varieties for pies and baking, instead taking apples that hold their shape when cooked. If a salad is the goal, select for crunch plus resistance to discoloring.

Eating

Red Delicious is the most popular eating apple, though you may prefer a denser Granny Smith, a softer-fleshed Macintosh, or the distinctive taste of local farm varieties like Newton, Pippin, Macoun or Sweet Sixteen. And no matter how much you like them, avoid using Red

Delicious in cooking, which turns them into bland mush.

For sauce, Macintosh is most

and has good flavor. Personally, I like to use Cortlands because their sweetness means I add less

sugar, but Braeburns are good, too. Rome is the baking apple I grew up on. These large guys hold their shape and have room for lots of filling. Or try baking Fujis, which are sweeter and wetter, with a slightly spicy flavor.

Pies

For pies, a mix of apples is best. Include Golden Delicious for sweetness and good shape, a

tart apple like the greening Granny Smith, and some flavorful varieties like the Pippin, Winesap, Crispin and Jonagold.

When deciding how many apples to buy, figure 2 large, 3 medium or 4 small apples to the pound.

For sauce, a large apple yields 3/4 cup, a medium one 1/2 cup, and a small apple 1/3 cup. For pies, most recipes call for 6-8

apples, but I like to use 8 large or 10 smaller ones.

Remember to always store apples in the fridge, where they keep 10 times as long as they do at room temperature.

Information and recipe written for the American Cancer Research Institute by Dana Jacobi, author of "The Claypot Cooking," and the "Natural Kitchen: Soy!"

GINGER-STUFFED BAKED APPLES

4 Rome Beauty apples
1/4 cup crumbled ginger snaps, 2-4 cookies
2 tablespoons golden raisins
1 tablespoon dried currants
1 tablespoon light brown sugar
1 teaspoon minced crystallized ginger, or 1/4 teaspoon ground dried ginger
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground cardamom
4 tablespoons wildflower or clover honey
1 cup apple cider

Preheat the oven to 375°F

Peel the apples, removing the skin from only the top half. With a medium-size melon baller, scoop enough flesh from the center of each apple to make an inch-wide cavity reaching almost to the bottom of the fruit. This includes removing the core. Place the hollowed-out apples in an ovenproof dish just large enough to hold them without touching.

In a small bowl, combine the crumbled gingersnaps, raisins, currants, sugar, ginger, cinnamon, and cardamom. Spoon this filling into the apples, filling them all.

Drizzle a tablespoon of the honey over each apple so it coats the exposed flesh as it drips down. Pour the cider into the pan around the apples.

Bake the apples, uncovered, until they are soft when pierced with a knife but not collapsing, 50-60 minutes. After 30 minutes, add more cider if the pan looks dry. Cool the apples to lukewarm. Spoon some of the liquid from the pan over the apples before serving. Or cool, cover and refrigerate the apples, then bring them to room temperature and serve. These apples keep, covered in the refrigerator, 3-4 days.

Each of the four servings contains 264 calories and 1 gram of fat.



Harvest time dessert: Ginger-stuffed baked apples are a delicious way to enjoy this fall's crop of apples.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Leg pain

"Legs for Life," a health screening for people with leg pain, will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 28-29, at two locations in Ann Arbor. The screening is a joint project of St. Joseph Mercy Health System and the University of Michigan Health System.

The screening is for people who experience leg pain during exercising or walking that does not go away after a few minutes of rest or for those who get numbness, tingling or coldness in the lower legs or feet.

Doctors involved in the Legs for Life program said leg pain could result from peripheral arterial disease (PAD), a circulatory condition caused by a blockage of the blood vessels in the legs. People at highest risk for PAD are older adults, diabetics or smokers. PAD can be a precursor to serious heart and circulatory diseases.

On Monday, screenings will be held at the UMHS East Ann Arbor Health Center, 4260 Plymouth Road at Earhart, and on Tuesday at the Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5301 E. Huron Drive. Appointments are required. Call Legs for Life Scheduling Center toll-free at (877) 583-2556.

Kids Day

Why would a health center have a K-9 dog, Teddy Bear Clinic, a D.A.R.E. program and a cake walk on its premises? For the kids, of course.

Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton, located at 7300 Canton Center Road, is sponsoring its seventh "Kids Day" from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. Kids ages 3-10 and their parents are admitted free.

Kids will meet members of the Canton Fire and Police Departments and their K-9 dog. They'll receive information on D.A.R.E. and the University of Michigan Burn Center. Kids also will see what a survival flight helicopter looks like.

For more information, call (313) 791-1384.

Flexing checks dizziness

Because blood pressure falls dramatically when we stand up, the nervous system ordinarily responds instantaneously to rev it back up to normal, preventing us from fainting. However, after age 60 or so, the body's "vertical hold" mechanism can slack a bit, leading to spells of dizziness or fainting upon standing. This condition is called orthostatic hypotension.

It may be reversible.

Experts have known that certain movements, like leg crossing, neck flexing, or squatting can act as countermeasures to this kind of hypotension. In a study involving several training sessions, participants chose three maneuvers that cut their symptoms best. The most successful exercises for blood pressure regulation involved thigh and buttock muscles. By practicing these exercises, blood pressures upon rising were improved by 30 percent.

While exercises involving these muscles proved harder for participants to do, it might be because those muscles aren't being used often.

Source: Prevention Magazine, February 1997.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach The Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous avenues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databases (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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Depression

Teenagers who feel 'different' are at risk for suicide

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

For many teens, what is supposed to be the best time of their lives is the worst because of depression. Days are no longer sunny and bright, activities and friendships require too much energy, and negative thoughts run rampant through their minds.

Left untreated, depression could lead to suicide.

In a 1997 fact sheet on teen suicide, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) reports that suicide is the third-leading cause of death for 15- to 24-year-olds and the sixth-leading cause of death for 5- to 14-year-olds.

Parents are faced with the daunting task of determining what is normal teenage anger — a reaction to a family move, a new school, divorce, the loss of a friendship — and what are the indicators of a true depression.

"Normal sadness, except for bereavement, to life's events don't seem to go on for months and months," said Howard K. Weiner, a psychiatrist with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor who treats children and adolescents.

"A passing thought about suicide — an isolated, reactive thing — is different than a persistent feeling or thought or wish to be dead with an actual plan or gesture," said Bob Fox, a therapist and site director at Eastwood at Botsford Family Services in Redford Township.

However, all statements about suicide must be taken seriously.

"A lot of adolescents and adults kill themselves unintentionally," said Fox.

Symptoms

"A lot of times parents come in and say 'Is this normal stuff? I'm confused,'" said Fox. "There may be depressive symptoms rather than a full-blown depression."

The question is how to discern problematic behavior from unreasonable behavior. For example, a drop in grades alone is not always an indicator of depression. It may be due to age-related transition, or perhaps the teen is too consumed with a new interest. However, if the teen begins isolating himself from not just family but friends and withdraws from previous interests, it's unreasonable behavior.

Lethargy, decline in hygiene, radical change in style of dress, or signs of self-mutilation (such as self-inflicted tattoos) are indicators of depression, as is drug and alcohol abuse.

"Kids who are feeling kind of different gravitate to drugs and alcohol. It's a way to isolate yourself, to feel differently, a self-medication," said Fox.

Weiner defines the symptoms of depression in collective terms: "The hallmark is a functional decline."

Weiner also said most teens seriously contemplating suicide have thought about it for a long time. However, there is an "impulsive" subgroup. Parents need to clarify thoughts of suicide with their children by asking, "Did you say that in anger or do you mean it? Have you thought how you would do it?"

Parents should not think they'll be "putting thoughts in the child's head" if they talk about suicide, said the AACAP. Rather, such a question provides assurance that somebody cares and gives the young person a chance to talk about problems.

However, if parents have any doubt about their teen's intentions, they need to go to the emergency room immediately, Weiner said.

He adds a final warning: Get firearms out of the home. "Locking them up is no defense against a determined teenager. There is no second chance with firearms."

Causes of depression

While there are multiple theories of causation, no single factor is responsible for depression. In every case, there is a mixture of factors, said Weiner.

There is the biological factor. Depression runs in families. Studies of twins raised apart indicate a shared incidence of depression. Medical factors include problems with hormones, thyroid, adrenal gland, vitamin deficiencies and infections like syphilis and HIV.

Depression also is associated with general medical conditions like asthma, arthritis, and diabetes. It can result from the use of steroids or with drug and alcohol abuse and withdrawal.

However, genetics and biological factors explain just 50 percent of serious depressions. Environmental factors account for the other half.

Psychological or cognitive factors include self-esteem and anger, which is often repressed and turned against the self. Also, a conscience may be overly punitive and severe. "It's a matter of degree and adaptability. It's never one defense operating at one time," said Weiner.

Prior to puberty, males and females suffer equal rates of depression; after puberty, female depression reaches a

2 to 1 ratio. For both sexes, the rates of depression increase significantly after puberty. And sadly, Weiner said childhood and adolescent depression usually forecasts adult depression.

Chemical imbalance

Dr. Joseph M. Carver, a consultant psychologist with the Adena Regional Medical Center in Portsmouth, Ohio, says long-term high stress results in a depletion of serotonin, a slow-acting brain neurotransmitter associated with sleep, appetite, energy, alertness and mood.

In a community handout he wrote about depression, Carver equates serotonin with a car's oil. During long-term high stress, the brain burns its oil, serotonin, faster than it can be replaced.

Besides loss of physical energy, social withdrawal and the ability to concentrate, a low serotonin level results in early morning awakening (usually around 4 a.m.) and a "racing" mind. The brain becomes an enemy, reaching into the memory to pull out and exaggerate every bad experience.

A brain low on serotonin also will invent new thoughts of torture. Carver refers to this process as the "garbage truck." In reference to teens, he writes:

"Due to their youth, most of their life experience is associated with the family, remembering that family experiences makes up 70 percent of their mental video tape. For this reason, the 'garbage truck' will be reviewing every mistake or issue in their upbringing. In such cases, the parents are 'dumped on' with what they did wrong, bad decisions they've made in raising the son/daughter, or feeling that were never discussed related to their brother or sisters."

"With the low self-esteem created by the depression and the stress, the son/daughter may be intensely rejecting, as though feeling they must reject the parents before the parents

have a chance to reject them." Carver cautions parents to get past the hostility and see the depressed mood.

There are medications — Prozac, Zoloft and Paxil, for example — that refuel the levels of serotonin. They are an important component in treating severe depression.

Dr. Jay D. Kuris, chief of psychiatry at The Medical Center at Princeton, wrote in a recent article on curing depression that new drugs "not only cure depression but also reverse some subordinate conditions including panic, anxiety and eating disorders, body image problems and phobias."

Weiner sees medication as part of successful treatment, not as a replacement for therapy.

"You can take Tylenol to treat the flu, but it doesn't cure flu. You're just waiting for it to come back," said Weiner. "Chemical imbalance is part of the picture, but only part. Working with a trained mental health clinician to get a comprehensive evaluation is important."

The good news is depression can be cured. Experts agree that the combination of medication and therapy is extremely effective. "Treating the person as a comprehensive person alters outcomes," said Weiner. "That's been my clinical experience."

Missing school may be depression clue

"It's all in your head," you say to your teenager who misses a lot of school because of dizziness or stomach aches.

You may be right.

According to a study reported in the May 1997 issue of the Journal of American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, a teenager who misses a lot of school because of lightheadedness or stomach pains may suffer from depression or anxiety.

The study, conducted by child and adolescent psychiatrist Gail A. Bernstein, M.D. of the University of Minnesota, involved 17 males and 27 females ages 12 to 19. The subjects were chosen because they were depressed, anxious and missing a lot of school, up to 72 percent of the school year.

The most frequent symptoms were lightheadedness or dizziness, sick stomach, and back pain. Other common symptoms included stomach pains, vomiting, and menstrual problems. The more severe the anxiety and depression, the more severe the symptoms.

School attendance, however, was

not strongly related to the severity of the symptoms and was unrelated to the level of anxiety or depression.

Some symptoms were related to specific forms of anxiety. For example, teens with separation anxiety were highly likely to have gastrointestinal symptoms but unlikely to have cardiovascular symptoms.

The study's researchers emphasize that parents, school administrators, and physicians should recognize that adolescents who frequently exhibit symptoms and miss a lot of school may need to be evaluated for possible anxiety or depression.

Recognizing the "psychosomatic" nature of these symptoms may help identify the real problem and eliminate unnecessary diagnostic and drawn-out tests and other problems related to absence from school.

The study's authors plan additional reports to see how the teens in the study respond to treatment for their anxiety and depression.

Source: Journal of American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Warning signs of depression

According to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, many of the symptoms of suicidal feelings are similar to those of depression. Parents need to seek professional help when one or more of the following signs persist:

- Change in eating and sleeping habits.
- Withdrawal from friends, family and regular activities.
- Violent actions, rebellious behavior or running away.
- Drug and alcohol use.
- Unusual neglect of personal appearance.
- Marked personality change.
- Persistent boredom, difficulty concentrating, or a decline in the quality of schoolwork.
- Frequent complaints about physical symptoms, often related to emotions, such as stomachaches, headaches, fatigue, etc.
- Loss of interest in pleasurable activities.
- Not tolerating praise or rewards.
- A teenager who is planning to commit suicide may also:
- Complain of being "rotten inside."
- Give verbal hints with statements such as: "I won't be a problem for you much longer," "Nothing matters," "It's no use," or "I won't see you again."
- Put his or her affairs in order, for example, give away favorite possessions, clean his or her room, throw away important belongings, etc.
- Become suddenly cheerful after a period of depression.

Second Annual Batten disease walk will take place Sept. 19

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

The Second Annual Batten Disease March, slated for Saturday, Sept. 19, is drawing close as founders Linda and David Houghtby prepare to publicly raise awareness about the fatal disease that cost their son his life.

Houghtby, a Livonia resident, lost son Dan to Batten disease in 1990. The family has since initiated the first Michigan Chapter of Batten Disease (Batten Disease Support and Research Association) and the Annual Batten Disease Walk.

Dan Houghtby was diagnosed at age

seven with juvenile Batten, one of four forms of the neurological disease that primarily strikes infants, toddlers and school-age children. To date there is no treatment and the disease is always fatal. Characteristics of Batten disease can involve vision loss, decreased mobility, seizures, and limited cognitive ability.

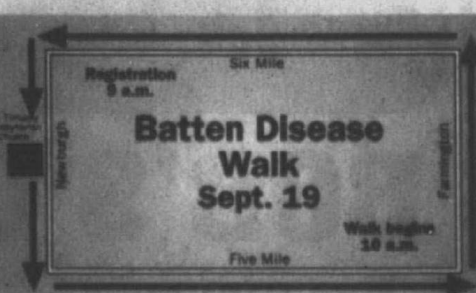
Participants in the 1997 walk numbered over 100 and the Houghtbys are hoping to surpass last years count at Saturdays event.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church (16700 Newburgh Road,

Livonia). The 6-mile walk is scheduled to start at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Participants will receive a T-shirt for their efforts and Absorption of Plymouth is donating bottles of water for the walkers.

"Such a mysterious disease requires the proper funding in order for the mystery to be solved," said Houghtby. "With everyone's help it's not impossible that a cure could be found so that no other child has to suffer like my son Dan."

Those who wish to make a tax deductible donation should make checks payable to: BDSRA, 2600 Parsons Ave.,



Columbus, OH 43207. For more information about the Michigan Chapter of BDSRA, call (800) 448-4570.

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Newspapers' job fair on Sept. 23 will offer winning situation for all

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Cross those t's and dot those i's on your best resume. It's job-hunting time.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the HomeTown Newspapers will host their first job fair from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center in Livonia.

It's free to job seekers.

Rick Ficorelli, director of marketing, expects a crowd at this first-time event. It's a sell-out, with 65 companies signed up and several on the waiting list. "This is just an extension of the newspaper and cements our relationship with these companies."

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and HomeTown Newspapers are subsidiaries of HomeTown Communications Network of Livonia.

It's also a winning situation for the newspaper's readers since a variety of industries will be represented, including retail, personnel staffing, banking, hotel management, health care and restaurant.

"We decided to maximize our potential success by being general and going after everybody," said Ficorelli.

Companies waiting to shake your hand and take your resume include: Pepsi Cola, The Kroger Co., Home Depot, Sears, Unique Restaurant Corp.,

McDonald's, Prudential Preferred, Skyway Precision, Snelling-Livonia Staffing Services, Tempform Corp., New Horizons and Ford Motor Co.

Ficorelli said he expects the companies' employment needs to range from "the general to the specific." Job seekers are encouraged to come with up to 70 resumes and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews. Appropriate attire is recommended.

Based on the enthusiastic response to this year's job fair (the Observer & Eccentric was

"bumped out into the hall" because of lack of space), Ficorelli said the newspapers plan to do another fair next March.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and HomeTown Newspapers are subsidiaries of HomeTown Communications Network of Livonia.

The Observer & Eccentric publishes 15 twice-weekly community papers in Oakland and western Wayne counties. HomeTown publishes papers in Northville, South Lyon, Brighton, Novi, Milford and Livingston County.

For more information, contact Char Wilson, supervisor of classified sales, at (734) 953-2070.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

American Community promotions

The board of directors of American Community Mutual Insurance Company of Livonia named Paul Varney of Canton as vice president of investments and assistant secretary.

Varney will manage the company's investment portfolio and real estate holdings.

Varney holds a MBA in finance, investments and banking from the University of Wisconsin. He is a past president of both the FLMI Society of Michigan and the Michigan chapter of the Insurance Accounting and Systems Association.

The board of directors also approved the appointment of Jim Pranschke to vice president and group actuary. Pranschke joined American Community in 1985. He is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and is a fellow in the Society of Actuaries.

Human resource certifications

Shelly Pfister, a consultant with The Arbor Consulting Group, Inc. in Plymouth and Lynnette Vollink, office manager and human resources administrator with T & N Technical Center Inc. in Plymouth received their Professional in Human Resources (PHR) certification from the Human Resource Certification Institute.

The announcement was made by the Human Resources Association of Greater Detroit, which is made up of 800 human resource professionals in the metro Detroit area.

BUSINESS DATEBOOK

Send items to Business Datebook, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Our fax is (734) 591-7279.

TUES, SEPT. 15

CAREER WOMAN

The National Association of Career Woman, West Suburban Chapter will meet at 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Featured speaker is Marge Larsen, vice president of career management programs for Hugh Anderson Associates Inc. in Troy. For information and reservations, call Tracey at (734) 420-3508.

WED, SEPT. 16

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Laurel Park Chapter, regular meeting, 7-8:30 a.m. at Richards Restaurant, Plymouth Road and Newburgh. Call (734) 397-9939.

THURS, SEPT. 17

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Businesses participate in Livonia senior event

Booths at a popular western Wayne County senior citizens event are available to area businesses.

The Livonia-Plymouth-Northville Senior Celebration Day from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at the Burton Manor in Livonia includes a health fair, games, raffles and entertainment. Tickets, available by pre-registering, are limited to the first 1,000 sold.

The event is sponsored by state Reps. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, and Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, and cosponsored by the Livonia Community Foundation.

"Area businesses with a stake in the growing senior market should participate in this prominent event," said Bankes.

"One of the reasons that seniors attend is for valuable consumer information," said Law. "A booth gives businesses tremendous visibility to a large portion of the area's senior population."

William C. Fried, Livonia Community Foundation treasurer, said attorneys, accountants and health-care providers should participate. "This is a special service we are providing the community as a kind of marketplace for senior-related products and services."

Businesses are encouraged to donate raffle prizes.

Interested businesses must request a booth by Sept. 16. Various sponsorships are available.

For more information, call Sandy Nash at (517) 373-3998.

Valassis expands board of directors

Valassis Communications, Inc. of Livonia has elected three outside members to its board of directors effective Aug. 24, increasing the board's size

CANDIDATES DINNER MEETING

The Greater Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners and Detroit Edison are hosting an informal networking opportunity to meet the candidates for the Michigan Legislature, U.S. House of Representatives and the judiciary from 5-8:30 p.m. at The Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Drive in Dearborn. Keynote speaker is Gov. John Engler. Cost is \$40. Call (313) 961-4748.

FRI, SEPT. 18

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Livonia Chapter, regular meeting, 7-8:30 a.m. at the Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call (734) 397-9939.

WED, SEPT. 23

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Laurel Park Chapter, regular meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. at Richards Restaurant, Plymouth Road and Newburgh. Call (734)

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WED, SEPT. 23

WOMEN ENGINEERS NETWORKING MEETING

The Society of Women Engineers Detroit Section will host a dinner workshop, "Expanding your Personal Network," from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road in Westland. Bring business cards. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Childcare available for \$4. Call Marie Kardasis at (810) 234-5233 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

MANUFACTURING SEMINAR

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center is offering a free seminar on how company's can implement a lean manufacturing system that could improve their bottom line. From 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia. Call (800)-292-4484, Ext. 4561.

THURS, SEPT. 24

WINDOWS 95 CLASS

Walsh College is offering "Introduction to Windows 95" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the college's Novi campus, 41700 Gardenbrook. Cost is \$195. Additional computer and business classes offered at the Troy campus. Contact the Business and Professional Development Office at (248) 689-8282, Ext. 260 or fax (248) 689-7816 for a complete class schedule for the week of Sept. 21-25.

FRI, SEPT. 25

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Livonia Chapter, regular meeting from 7-8 a.m. at Senate Coney Island, Plymouth Road near Stark. Call (734) 397-9939.

TUES, SEPT. 29

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC CLUB

The Women's Economic Club will host a noon luncheon at the Westin Hotel in the Renaissance Center. Guest speaker Bernadette Grey, editor-in-chief

of "Working Woman," will discuss "Finding a job where you can thrive: What smart companies are doing to attract and retain executive women." Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for guests. For reservations, call (313) 963-5088.

WED, SEPT. 30

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Laurel Park Chapter regular meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. at Richards Restaurant on Plymouth Road and Newburgh. Call (734) 397-9939.

WED, OCT. 2

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Livonia Chapter regular meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call (734) 397-9939.

WED, OCT. 7

LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

Financial consultant Paul Leduc will discuss how to make your living trust work for you, including tax planning and trust asset management. Seminar takes place from 1-3 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. Open to the public at no cost. For more information, call (248) 594-1020.

THURS-FRI, OCT. 22-23

ENGINEERING WORKSHOP

The Society of Automotive Engineers Inc. is sponsoring a two-day workshop, "The Application of Noise and Vibration Technology in Manufacturing to Achieve Product Quality," at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Call (724) 772-8569; fax (724) 776-4955 or e-mail: prodev@sae.org

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Clinton scandal fodder for those browsing the Web

As the world watches the latest developments in the strangling scandal involving President Clinton, the Word Wide Web is awash in chat rooms, Web site and online petitions devoted to all aspects of the controversy.

The traffic has been so heavy as people dialed in and logged on that the entire Internet has sometimes slowed to a crawl, especially after Congress announced that large chunks of the damning impeachment report issued by Special Prosecutor Ken Starr would be released online.

At the Café Domain, the Internet coffee house and business center in Royal Oak where I spend a lot of my time these days as vice president of Internet Development, a steady stream of customers were renting time on the fast Tline-connected computers to exercise their curiosity in cyberspace. At times, it resembled a party atmosphere as people scrolled through the online sites that chronicle every aspect of the case.

On WWJ Radio during morning rush hour Friday, I was even doing regular "Internet updates" on the latest opinions being voiced across the Net. That's how ubiquitous the Internet and the Web have become.

"The Internet," as I said in an interview about this on Fox2-TV, "is the world's new back yard fence."

My quick search of the Net revealed more than 50 Web sites devoted to exposing and publicizing impeachment efforts and Clinton troubles, compared to only a handful of pro-President sites.

And interest in the Starr Report was astounding. On Thursday, MSNBC (<http://www.msnbc.com>) put up an online questions asking its read-

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ers how much information they wanted on to be made available on the Internet. Within hours, tens of thousands had voted. In the eight hours, the tally was over 50,000 responses, 80 percent of whom wanted all the details.

Here are some of the more interesting sites related to impeachment and the Starr report.

■ Starr's letter to Congress (<http://www.abcnews.com/sections/us/underinvestigation4/index.html>) ABCNews.com has put together an extensive background on the report, including the text of Ken Starr's letter to Congress turning over his massive report.

■ House Rules Committee (<http://www.house.gov/rules/>) This is the Congressional panel that hammered out the parliamentary details of receiving and processing Starr's report. Their resolutions on the issue are available here.

■ One to watch is Drudge Report (<http://www.drudgereport.com/>) Everybody's heard of so-called Internet columnist Matt Drudge by now. Everybody says he's too fast with half facts. Everybody pretends like he's the scourge of cyberspace. But his site remains probably the most checked Net resource for the latest news of the scandal.

■ Impeach Clinton Now (<http://impeachment.org/>) This site has been shrill and loud on the issue for months. And no wonder, it's a site affiliated with the John Birch Society.

■ The Committee to Impeach President Clinton (<http://www.impeachclinton.org/>) This site is a project of the Clinton Investigative Commission, which purports to be a grassroots organiza-

tion that claims to have delivered over one million petitions to Congress asking for impeachment.

■ The White House (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/>) Don't forget this site, the President's own home page, so to speak. What will this site say? What won't it say? How will the White House cover its own story. This should be an interesting spot to watch.

■ Another choice is Zippergate (<http://www.shastalake.com/gate/index.html#menu>) It's not very tasteful, but this collection of sites that dissect, lampoon and discuss the crisis show how insatiable the Internet appetite for scandal has become.

Coming events: I'll be broadcasting the PC Talk radio show on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT live next Saturday, Sept. 19, from the Inca Computer Builder's store on Woodward Avenue, just south of Maple. I'd love to meet as many readers of the column as possible. Stop by and say hello.

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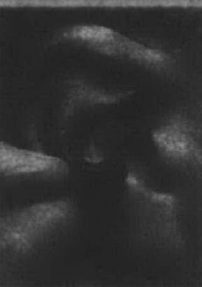
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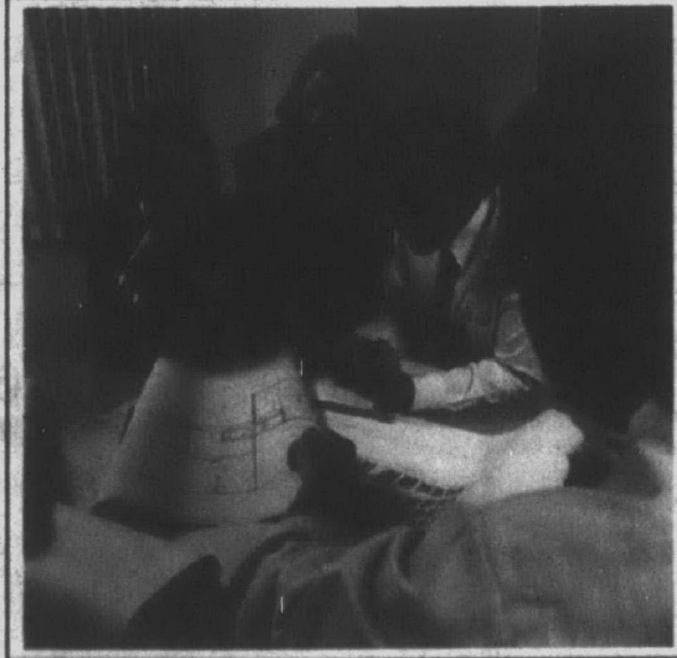
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Marketing is orchestra's key to future success

Julia Kurtyka is calling on past winning ideas to market the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra in the future. Kurtyka, in her position as the orchestra's new executive director, has managed several orchestras on the West Coast and in Michigan.

A musician, with bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan School of Music, Kurtyka's considering a method she used to increase season subscriptions for the Inland Empire Orchestra in San Bernardino, Calif. How does awarding two airline tickets to Paris to a lucky season subscriber sound? Well, not this season, but maybe next, the Plymouth Symphony could give away the trip of your dreams.

"I'm excited because the board is extremely enthusiastic, and appears to be a working board," said Kurtyka. "While there won't be a lot of change right away, I have some ideas on how I'd like to see things change a little. Visibility is extremely important, newspaper coverage, but also one-on-one. We want to increase visibility by involving as much of the community, and as much of the corporate and business community, as possible."

What: The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan celebrates its 10th anniversary in a concert with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

When: 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20.

Where: Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Tickets: \$15. Includes an afterglow and opportunity to meet the artists. Call (734) 591-0346 or (734) 451-2112.

Goals

Kurtyka's primary goals are to increase season subscriptions, and market the orchestra. With a budget of \$220,000 this season, she'll have to find creative ways to solicit donations from corporations, businesses and individuals. Eager to get started, Kurtyka visited business owners in the community, the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, and Plymouth Community Arts Council her first week on the job.

"Not a lot of revenue comes from ticket sales so I'd like to take a look at fund-raising events," said Kurtyka. "One idea, which was successful last year, was a season subscription party."

Children are the future

If the Plymouth Symphony, or any other symphony for that matter, hopes to exist 10 or even 20 years from now, they must court children. Kurtyka would like to see a multitude

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New direction: Executive director Julia Kurtyka stands by a Michael Mullen print which is available for a \$500 or more donation to the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's endowment fund.

Arts come alive AT SPECTACULAR DETROIT FESTIVAL



Festival facts

What: A celebration of the arts featuring more than 500 visual and performing artists, including stage and street performers, international foods, a children's fair, literary arts festival, arts procession, and youth artists market. Free.

When: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20. Children's fair hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Where: University Cultural Center, bounded by Warren and Ferry, Brush and Anthony Wayne Drive, Detroit. For information, call (313) 577-5088.

Highlights: Seven stages at the African American Museum of History, Center for Creative Studies, Wayne State University Campus (Cass north of Kirby), a dance stage on Kirby (east of Woodward), a Children's Fair Stage (Gullen Mall) on the WSU campus, the American Music Cafe (Cass at Putnam), and De Roy Auditorium (literary arts festival on Saturday) on the WSU campus.

DSO Opening Week Celebration concerts are 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 17-18, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 in Orchestra Hall.

Tickets range from \$17 to \$48 with a limited number of box seats available from \$55 to \$63. Call (313) 576-5111. Dinner at Duet and an afterglow with the musicians are available through the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Volunteer Council, call (313) 576-5154.

Local participating artists are David Trevillian (mixed media) and Mary Tomas (drawing); Troy; William Thayer (photography); Redford; Carole Berthor (clay); Bloomfield Hills; Kathy Phillips (watercolor) and Barbara Abel (photography); West Bloomfield; Michael McCullough (printmaking); Farmington Hills; Alice Ham (clay); Berkley; Penny Mason (fiber); Clarkston; and Martha Miller (watercolor), Commerce.

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Colorful creatives: Members of Neighbourhood Watch Stilts International from the United Kingdom preen and prance their way through the festival site as nine-foot ostriches. Toronto artist Susan Todd designed this year's Detroit Festival of the Arts poster, upper left.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Pedestrian sign symbols come to life, a flock of stilt performers dressed as ostriches and a recreation of the blues music heard on Hastings Street in the 1940s — the 12th annual Detroit Festival of the Arts outshines itself this year with a spectacular celebration of visual art, music, dance and culture Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20.

Co-produced by the University Cultural Center Association and Wayne State University, the festival features more than 500 visual and performing artists, including photographers William Thayer of Redford and Barbara Abel, West Bloomfield (see chart for list of local participating artists), a children's fair, literary arts festival, international foods, arts processions and a 50-ton sand sculpture of stamped Safari animals. And it's all free thanks to the Chrysler Corp. Fund and other sponsors. The University Cultural Center Association worked all year to raise the \$700,000 necessary to bring in interactive art activities such as Truck Art where visitors can help paint a mural on three 48-foot semi trucks located at Woodward and Farnsworth.

Peter Cummings, a Bloomfield Hills resident and vice chairman of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, co-chairs the festival with John E. Lobb, chairman and chief executive director of Detroit Edison.

"What sets the Detroit Festival apart is the diversity," said Cummings. "It's an absolute kaleidoscopic mix of events — performing artists from Cuba, Africa, Asia and the Americas, visual arts and offbeat kinds of

things I've never seen before like The Klezmatics and a Czechoslovakian blues band. But what makes it special is it's surrounded by the great cultural institutions of the state. You can have an arts fair in a field or a parking lot, but to have it against the DIA and to have ongoing exhibitions like 'Angels from the Vatican' at the DIA and 'Black Bottom and Paradise Valley' at the Museum of African

American History, if you put it all together, it's going to evolve into one of the great festivals in the country."

Arthur L. Johnson founded the festival with the concept it would be "second to none." The retired vice president of Wayne State University Relations remembers the first festival 12 years ago, and the emotional experience of looking at the 15 blocks of festivities he'd created in the University Cultural Center. Early on, Johnson made three elements priorities — a children's fair on the WSU campus, a literary arts festival and an Artists Marketplace. As advisor to this year's event, Johnson's elated that the festival is growing.

Children's fair

Nearly 60 arts and science organizations, including Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Pewabic Pottery and Very Special Arts Michigan, provide a variety of safari-style activities for children from hands-on projects to puppet shows at WSU's Gullen Mall. Children can paint the Serengeti Plain, make animals masks and insect puppets. A Grand Arts Procession begins at 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with young and old alike invited to don masks and costumes and take part in the festivities. New this year is the Fabric Action Artscape — a 4,000-square-foot performance playscape from New York City. There is also a youth artists market featuring students from Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, Pontiac and Clarkston. Garden City dance teacher Michelle Orow, and the rest of the Wayne State Dance Lab, will host workshops 12:30 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday in the Detroit Medical Center performance area.

Johnson originally founded the festival to draw the university, Detroit Institute of Arts and other cultural and educational institutions into a campus community. He approached then WSU president David Adamany who enthusiastically applauded the idea. They set out to "develop a festival that's second to none."

Today, the festival spotlights not only Wayne State University and the Detroit Institute of Arts, but Center for Creative Studies, the Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit Science Center, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit Public Library, The Heritage Museum, International Institute, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Scarab Club which hosts its first juried sculpture exhibition, "Off the Wall." Internationally known artist and sculptor Jean Jacques Porret juried the show and will talk about the award-winning pieces during an artists reception 6-10 p.m. Saturday at the historic club behind the Detroit Institute of Arts.

By no means a Detroit-only audience, the festival attracts visitors from the surrounding suburbs. Last year's event drew a crowd of more than 250,000. Event coordinators expect that number to rise as the 1998 festival has been expanded to cover more than 20 blocks. Seven performance stages, five of them outdoors, host a variety of international performers.

Beginning 3 p.m. Sunday on the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History stage, the Hastings Street Revue recreates the spirit of Detroit's legendary Hastings Street with a 1940s blues revue.

Violinist seeks balance in life, music

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Violin virtuoso Joshua Bell began playing violin when he was 5 years old and was playing concert halls by the time he was 14, but he has been widely recognized as one "child prodigy" who has been able to maintain a balanced life.

"It's very important to me," he said. "I can't imagine life being just music. I have lots of other interests."

He even takes days off when he doesn't practice.

Bell plays his music with a passion and precision that he also brings to tennis and golf.

"I played (golf) twice this weekend. It's getting better. In another lifetime I could see myself playing a lot of golf."

In this lifetime, Bell will open the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's 1998-99 season with a performance of Mendelssohn's Concerto for Violin. The orchestra, under music director Neeme Jarvi, will also perform Buck's "Festival Overture" and Mahler's dramatic Symphony No. 5.

Bell's boyish good looks do not mask the musical artistry he's been honing since childhood. Bell was born and reared in Bloomington, Ind., home of Indiana University, noted as one of the country's best music schools. When he was 12 he began to study with Josef Gingold, a former concertmaster of the Cleveland Orchestra and noted teacher.

"I was lucky to be born in Bloomington, my mother was born in Detroit and went to Wayne State, actually. But they moved to Bloomington because my father taught in the psychology department," he said.

At 14 Bell won the Seventeen Magazine/General Motors Competition and made his orchestral debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra. He has since performed with many of the world's leading orchestras and has recorded widely, first for London/Decca and recently for Sony.

Bell was reached in Toronto where he is attending the premiere of "The Red Violin" at the Toronto Film Festival.

What: Detroit Symphony Orchestra opens new season with featured violinist Joshua Bell. **Buck's Festival Overture** Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto Mahler's Symphony No. 5 **When:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 17-18, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20. **Where:** Detroit Orchestra Hall **Tickets:** \$17 to \$48 (Box seats: \$55 and \$63. At the Orchestra Hall Box Office or by calling (313) 576-5111.

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Joshua Bell

POTTERY ARTISTS

Potters share techniques and sweet corn

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Kris Darby has served sweet corn every night since her house guests arrived from Nicaragua. Clay artists Amanda Guzman and Paula Rodriguez fell in love with the seasonal treat while giving a series of ceramics workshops sponsored by Potters for Peace in Illinois and Pewabic Pottery in Detroit. They were in Plymouth to demonstrate their traditional craft at the Village Potters Guild founded by Darby.

The dark brown clay they brought to shape the birds, animals and market women sculptures they dug from an area at the foot of a Nicaraguan volcano known to locals as Hebericles San Jacinto. After sculpting the ceramics at the potters guild, Guzman and Rodriguez applied a dark terra cotta red slip before burnishing the exteriors



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Traditional clay: Nicaraguan artists Amanda Guzman (left) and Paula Rodriguez demonstrated their craft at the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth.

with polished stones, a rare commodity in their homeland. Assisting the pot-

ters, Darby proudly lifted a plastic bag of stones she'd purchased as a gift for them the day before.

"These are very rare," said Darby displaying a polished stone in her hand. "Because they only have river rocks, they're passed from generation to generation."

Rodriguez first learned to shape clay at her mother's side at age 11. By 19, she began working by herself to create her own designs instead of her mother's. Her studio is in the barrio in which she lives, a community of attached huts made from stucco. Her daughters, ages 16 and 10, now learn ceramics from Rodriguez. Rodriguez's husband is also a ceramic artist and she's very proud of that.

"I like animals and different things to do with nature," said Rodriguez. "I

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Nature lovers: Amanda Guzman and Paula Rodriguez created these bird, animal, and market women sculptures during a workshop sponsored by Potters for Peace.

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of programs to interest young people in symphonic music. When she was with the Toledo Symphony, Kurtyka started a youth orchestra. Although that's an idea the orchestra might foster later on, right now they're interested in attracting the audience of the future. To do so, they're encouraging attendance by giving free admission to children through high school age starting with the season opener 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium.

School is another good way to reach children so orchestra members are setting aside the week of Monday-Friday, Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, to introduce orchestral music to third graders in Plymouth Canton Community Schools. The demonstrations will acquaint youngsters with flute, oboe, clarinet, violin, and cello.

"Education has always been important to me," said Kurtyka. "Everyone says the children are our future audience, but aside from that, it helps all of us. It's good for the kids. It exposes them whether they go into a musical career or not. Music is

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Julia Kurtyka
PSO Executive Director

limitless. I enjoy rock as well and have played with Smokey Robinson and with Rod Stewart at Tiger Stadium."

Regrets

Kurtyka has taught music since the mid-1990s so it is with sadness that she is giving up teaching the Suzuki method of violin. She thinks it's important to devote all of her attention to the orchestra. She also plans to continue performing as a violinist. Kurtyka spends a lot of time on the road traveling between orchestra rehearsals and concerts. She is concertmaster with the Grosse Pointe Symphony, International Symphony (Port Huron/Sarnia), co-concert master with the Southern Great Lakes Symphony (formerly the

Allen Park Symphony) and the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra. She also performs with the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra.

"We're trying to get youth involvement by having school band members and youth clubs volunteer to meet and greet concert goers," said Kurtyka. "We're trying to increase the size of the audience. We're reaching out to senior citizens by offering them a ride to the concert. We're also going out to the senior citizens center to give programs."

Help wanted

Now that the orchestra has filled the position of executive director, it is searching for a new concertmaster. Auditions for concertmaster, string and horn positions for the orchestra's 53rd season take place Monday, Sept. 14. The 60 to 70 member orchestra is also searching for a conductor to replace Russell Reed when he retires at the end of the 1998-99 season.

"This season we'll continue to have a few guest conductors, other prospective conductors will come for rehearsals and some conducted last season," said Kurtyka.

In all, eight conductors are being considered. A decision will be made at the end of the season. Kurtyka is also looking for volunteers like Janice Hallsworth who works in the office two days a week. No experience necessary, said Kurtyka, to help with mailings, filing, etc. To volunteer, call (734) 451-2112.

"I enjoy it," said Hallsworth. "I enjoy the people I work with."

If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the visual or performing arts, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin, (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

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like to do things that give people a good feeling and utensils you can make with a natural form."

Forty years of experience and knowledge go into making Guzman's ceramics. Guzman learned to craft pottery from her grandmother "in the old tradition." All four of her children earned college degrees. Son Ramiro, 26, however, could not find a job as a chemical engineer in Nicaragua so he now throws pottery on a wheel.

"My grandmother made cooking and eating utensils, water jugs, soup pots," said Guzman, "but I like to make things of nature too and people of my village, gorditas and campacinos."

Guzman's sculptures of market women (gorditas) and the "common man" (campacinos) honor her people. In a country where teachers and police officers earn \$140 a month, Guzman makes heroes of everyday people like cannery workers who survive on \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year.

In January, Darby visited Nicaragua for a month as part of the Potters for Peace program. Potters for Peace is trying to help Nicaraguan artists market their ceramics. Currently, Guzman and Rodriguez sell their work at markets and alongside

roadways.

"They put water jugs by the side of the road and hope someone who needs a jug passes by," said Darby. "We not only want to help them market their work, but to bring them here for workshops. It's so important for us to be exposed to their culture, their techniques, their views and ways with clay and for them to learn about our pottery, glazes and our culture."

Eileen Hewett, a guild member from Irish Hills, appreciated the educational workshop with Guzman and Rodriguez. After removing the wares from the kiln, Guzman and Rodriguez sprinkled wood chips on top of the ceramics to create the black surfaces.

"It's such a privilege to take part in this, to have the experience of working with someone who does something as fast as on a wheel but with their hands," said Hewett. "This is the first time watching somebody sculpt something by hand. They seem to do it with so much ease and they make their own tools. A piece of coconut shell is used to shape the clay."

In Nicaragua, Guzman and Rodriguez fire clay in a hand-built brick kiln. At the Village

Potters Guild, they used a gas flame kiln. That's part of the concept behind Potters for Peace — to expose artists from developing countries to American ways. Guzman, like Rodriguez, enjoyed meeting all the people she encountered along the way but more importantly she expanded her knowledge by watching American potters at work.

"I like seeing a lot of the things like the kilns, tools and clay," said Guzman. "In Nicaragua there's just one or two kinds of kilns but there are a lot of artists there."

Overall, their opinions of America were favorable. While Guzman and Rodriguez didn't like the elevators and escalators, Rodriguez thought Americans were no different from her people.

"The cities are very different," said Rodriguez. "You have a lot of things we don't have in our country, but I don't want to live here. In my country, life is tranquil and calm. Everything is too busy and fast here. In my country we have time during the day to just sit and visit. There's a very close fraternity with our friends and neighbors. Here, there's such a distance. It's just on the telephones."

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val. Bell was musical consultant and performs the music of John Corigliano on the soundtrack to the Francois Gerard film. Gerard directed the acclaimed "Thirty-two Short Films About Glenn Gould."

Corigliano is one of many contemporary composers whose works Bell has championed, while also recording the standard repertoire.

"I know there are many that don't get recognition, it's hard to get played and I'm as guilty as anyone," Bell said. "I have a stack of manuscripts from composers that they sent me. It takes so much time to weed through because a lot is not good."

Bell composes his own cadenzas and enjoys composing.

"I don't fancy myself as a com-

poser, yet. Every time I've done it, I've loved it."

Bell's most recent recording is a selection of music by George Gershwin with John Williams and the London Symphony. The music was transcribed especially for the violin. Bell's approach to Gershwin is typical of his general view of music.

"Gershwin obviously is appreciated by so many people," he said. "There's not any category you can put him in. It's a shame we have to label everything so exactly. The term crossover is so distasteful to me, such as the idea that my playing Gershwin is crossing over. Gershwin is its own thing, part pop, jazz, classical. 'Porgy and Bess' is a great classical opera and then it isn't. He's one of the greatest composers of all time."

Bell's two current recording projects show his musical eclecticism. He will record major concertos by Sibelius and Goldmark with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and he recently completed a project with bass player/composer Edgar Meyer, whom Bell has known since college.

"He wrote all the music and there's a lot of bluegrass and we play with bluegrass performers like Sam Bush and Mike Marshall. I learned a lot," he said.

In Detroit, Bell will demonstrate his ability to make the familiar new.

"Mendelssohn, I consider to be one of the greatest violin concertos, maybe in some ways the greatest... It's often referred to as 'the perfect concerto,'" he said.

Bell said the important thing is to make it fresh and honest.

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170 artists, children's art activities, silent art auction, showcase of art by students with disabilities from the Kennedy Center, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, in Shain Park, Bates and Merrill, Birmingham. To benefit Common Ground. (248) 456-8150.

ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN SHOW

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents nearly 100 exhibitors, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 in Central Middle School, Main Street and Church, Plymouth. \$2, \$1 seniors/students. (734) 426-4ART.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE GUILD

"Spotlights Market," a juried art, craft & gift show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20. Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion on the east campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Cost: \$3; (248) 370-3305.

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "She Loves Me," which runs Nov. 14-28. Audition 7:30 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday, Sept. 8 & 10. 752 Chestnut Street, south of Maple Road, east side of Woodward, Birmingham. Contact Lee Sechler, (248) 642-5635.

AUTUMNFEST

The annual Autumnfest, a festival that celebrates Southfield history, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. Mary Thompson Farmhouse, south of Civic Center Drive, adjacent to municipal complex on Evergreen Road, Southfield.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Artisans and crafters for the Third Annual Craft Show sponsored by St. Stephen Parent's Guild, Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4. St. Stephen Church, 18800 Huron River Drive, New Boston. For information, (734) 654-8817 or (734) 753-5876.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY

Auditions for singers who can read music and enjoy performing oratorio music should call to schedule auditions, (248) 650-2655. Rehearse at First United Methodist Church, 1589 West Maple, Birmingham.

EXHIBITORS FOR ART FAIR

Fine artists and crafters needed for show on Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4 at St. George Cultural Hall, Maple Rd. at John R. Troy. For information, (248) 932-5636.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

Auditions for fall session 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Farmington Activity Center. For information, (248) 471-4516.

JACKSON CHORALE

Auditions for new members 8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14 at the Vocal Music Room, Rochester High School, 160 S. Livernois. (248) 651-3085.

LONE MEADOW CRAFT SHOW

New crafters needed for 16th anniversary "Long Meadow School Country Craft Show," Saturday, Oct. 17. For application (248) 651-6964 or (248) 375-0652.

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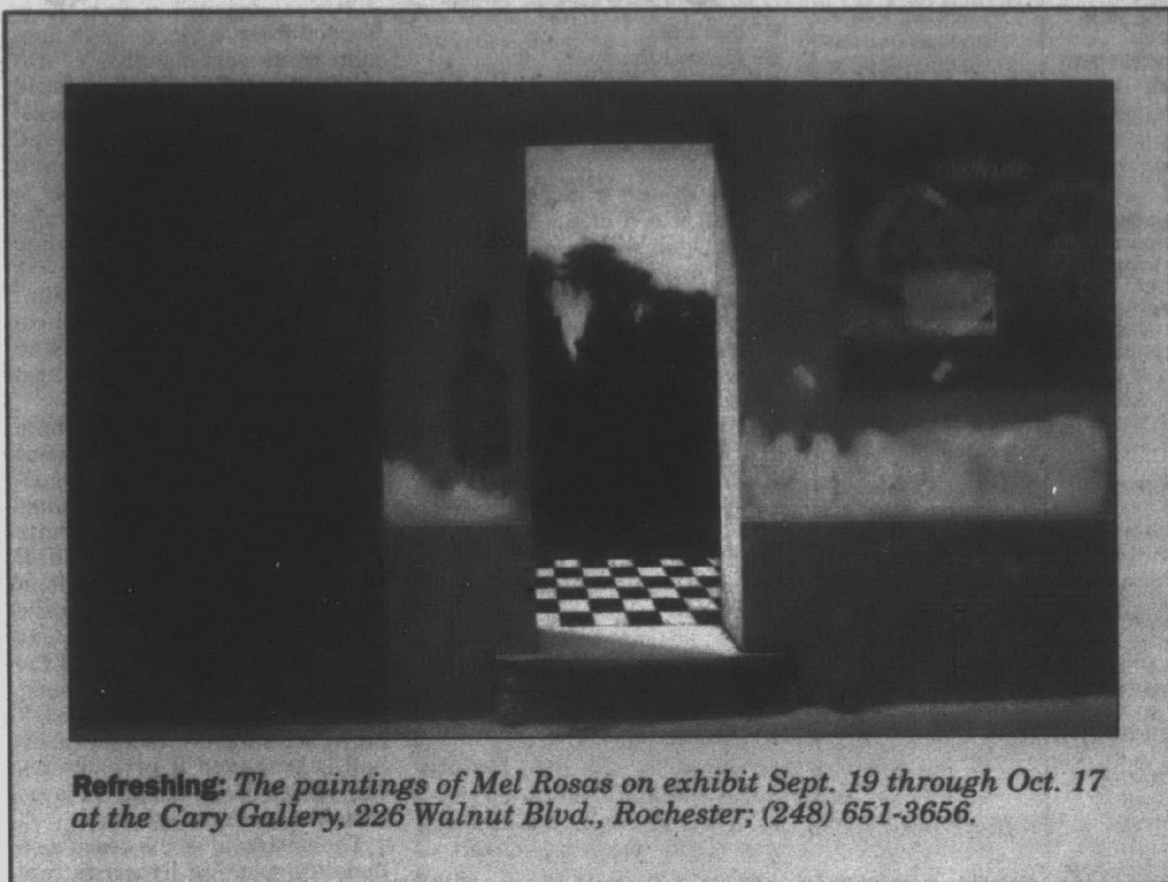
Auditions for boys and girls ages 8 to 14 for "Cinderella" 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at the theater, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville. (248) 349-8110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for new members, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 15, 22 and 29, especially needed are tenors, basses and baritones, some openings for altos and sopranos. First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080.

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR

Auditions for qualified artist to perform as soprano, tenor and baritone soloists in "Carmina Burana" Feb. 18-19 at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Applicants must submit tape of two contrasting opera or oratorio selections with resume and biography by Sept. 18 to Suzanne Acton, c/o



Refreshing: The paintings of Mel Rosas on exhibit Sept. 19 through Oct. 17 at the Cary Gallery, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

Michigan Opera Theatre, 104 Lothrop, Detroit, Mich. 48202. Finalists will be notified by Sept. 25 to audition Oct. 4. Call (248) 738-9827. Also looking for singers for "Carmina Burana." For audition, call (313) 341-3466.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 15 and 22, for season including Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Bach's "Magnificat," in Room 530 of the Forum building on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (248) 349-8175 or (734) 462-4435.

STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for "The Heiress" 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 and Tuesday, Sept. 15. First United Methodist Church at 7th Street and Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak; (248) 541-4832.

TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS

Seeks chorus members for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 165, Troy, MI 48099. (248) 879-0138.

CHORALE/CHOIR

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The group is looking for members and former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala ball Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor, Livonia. (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, Mich., 48170

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ART MUSEUM PROJECT

Non-credit studio art classes and workshops from mid September through November. Programs led by noted instructors from the region. For free brochure and to register, (734) 593-5058.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Fall community open house to introduce instructors noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, art demonstrations. Fall classes begin Sept. 14. Formerly known as the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

B'HAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMM. ED. DEPT.

Fall registration for beading classes. Seaholm High School, Lincoln at Cranbrook roads, Birmingham; (248) 203-3800.

CERAMIC STUDY GROUP

Program by Tim and Minnie Holdaway entitled, "Desserts & Dessert Tableware," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, Dearborn Historical Museum, McFadden-Ross House, 915 Brady, Dearborn; (248) 689-8028.

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE

Register for fall classes. 5951 John R. Road, Troy; (248) 828-4080.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

Range of art classes for fall, including courses for youth, teens and adults. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

FAR CONSERVATORY

Holds registration for fall special needs arts classes through Friday, Sept. 18 at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. Classes in art, vocal and instrumental music, dance, theater arts, drama, and skating for children and adults with special needs. (248) 646-3347.

GETTY MUSEUM TOUR

The Community House in Birmingham is offering a tour of the Getty Museum in the foothills of the Santa Monica Mountains. Tour will be held Nov. 12-16, 1998. Limited space. For information, call (248) 644-5832.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

"The Pleasure of Painting," demonstration and instruction by Sandra Levin, 12:30 & 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays through September. Second session begins Nov. 3. Fee for five-week class: \$50. 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays at 11:30 a.m. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield; (248) 932-8699.

LONGACRE HOUSE - ART CLASSES

Range of art classes, including watercolor, drawing and collecting pottery. Hand quilting and applique taught by Lynn Van Nest, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays Sept. 14-Nov. 2; fee: \$72. Mask-making, ages 18 and up: 7:15-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 21. Private voice lessons from instructor Bessie Koursaris, all skill and age levels: by appointment between 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 21 or Nov. 4-Dec. 16; fee: \$210. The Longacre House of Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. To register, (248) 477-8404.

ONCE UPON AN EASEL

Classes for preschoolers, students ages 6-16, and adults: session one - through Oct. 12; session two - Oct. 19-Nov. 15. Golden Gate Plaza, 8691 N. Lilley Road, southwest corner of Joy and Lilley roads, Canton Township; (734) 453-3710.

PAINTING IN THE PARK

Drawing and painting every Saturday beginning at noon. Meet at Heritage Park, Spicer House Visitor Center, on Farmington Road, just north of 10 Mile Road; Farmington Hills; (248) 661-5291.

PAINTING CLASSES

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation holds watercolor, oil and acrylic painting classes with Karen Halpern beginning Sept. 23. Student art show from previous classes on display to Sept. 25. 4640 Walnut Lake Road, West of Farmington Road. (248) 738-2500.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Classes in colored pencil, portrait painting, ceramics, watercolor and oil, and decorative painting begin Sept. 14. 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 462-4448.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

New adult night classes include "Drawing," "Exploration in Painting," and "Multimedia in Fine Art," taught by Mine Jolin Celebi. Classes begin 7 p.m. Sept. 15-17.

Cost: \$120 for eight-week session. 24350 Southfield Road, north of the Lodge, south of 10 Mile Road; (248) 424-9022.

VAAL

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia begins its fall classes Tuesday Sept. 15. Workshops in pastel, watercolor monotypes, fall landscape, still life, watercolor, and painting glass ornaments start Friday Sept. 18 at the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. To register or for more information, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455-9517.

DANCE

LES BALLETS DE MONTE-CARLO

"Romeo and Juliet" 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sept. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 26-27. Detroit Opera House, corner of Madison Avenue and Broadway, Detroit; (313) 874-7464, (248) 645-6666.

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Opening concert presents works for Paula Kramer and Barbara Selinger, including premiere of "Unknown Sequence," 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Sept. 25 & 26. Maggie Allessee Studio Theater, (formerly Old Main Bldg.), third floor, Wayne State, corner of Cass and Warren avenues. Tickets: \$10-\$15; (313) 965-3544.

LECTURE

CRITIC GENE SISKEL

"How Jews are Portrayed in Movies Today," a speech by film critic Gene Siskel, of TV's "Siskel & Ebert," 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Cost: \$25 for speech; \$36 for luncheon and speech; (248) 683-5050.

WAR & IDENTITY

Prof. Sidney Bolkosky speaks on "German Jews on the Eve of War: Crisis of Identity," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, W. Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

BBAC LECTURE SERIES

Gilda Snowden opens the BBAC's Captive Audience Lecture Series with a lecture, "Capturing the Essence of the African American Experience through its Artists," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 22. The accompanying exhibit will run Oct. 9-31. 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

ON ARCHITECTURE

"ArchiLecture," a lecture by Gisele Hariri, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1, College of Architecture and Design, Lawrence Tech, 21000 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 204-2880.

MICHIGAN FOLK SONGS & STORYTELLING

"Bunyan & Banjoes" by Kitty Donohoe, noon-1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, Oakland County Information Technology Auditorium, Oakland County Executive Office, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

MUSEUMS (ON-GOING)

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Through Sept. 30 - "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," produced by the Michigan State University Museum and the Arab Community Center for Economic &

Social Services, 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7934.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through Oct. 18 - "The Invisible Made Visible: Angels From The Vatican," an exhibit of more than 100 rare works of art and artifacts from the 9th century B.C. to the 20th century. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends. 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

HENRY FORD

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE Through Sept. 30 - "Passages to Innovation," in collaboration with students from Center for Creative Studies, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn; (734) 271-1620.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through October 18 - "Detroit's Black Bottom & Paradise Valley," and "Juke Joint," a recreation of southern country nightclub life by artist Willie Little. 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

Tours

FITON HILLS HOMES

Tours of ten historic homes in the Farmington Area Heritage Home Tour, 1-5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 19-20. Tickets: \$12. Available on tour days at Farmington Historical Museum-Warner Mansion, 33805 Grand River; (248) 626-8264.

Opera

VERDI OPERA THEATRE

10th anniversary concert celebration featuring the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, sopranos Jan Rae and Valerie Yova, tenors Jack Morris and Raymond Roberts and baritone Dino Valle and Quinto Milito. Selections from the operas of Verdi, Puccini, Mozart, Saint-Saens, Donizetti and Bellini. Cost: \$15. Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia; (734) 953-9724, (734) 591-0346, or (734) 451-2112.

ORGAN/CHURCH MUSIC

RECITAL

Jürgen Sonnenschmidt in recital 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. St. Andrew Lutheran Church, just north of Maple on east side of Telegraph; (248) 646-5207.

LUTHERAN HIGH NW

Jennifer Knapp in concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. 1000 Bagley at Livernois, Rochester Hills; (248) 340-1900.

ORGAN CONCERT

Robert Glasgow, international concert organist and recording artist and professor of organ at U of M presents music from the Romantic period in the opening of the Music at Christ Church Cranbrook Series, corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 644-5210, ext. 39.

VOLUNTEERS

FAR CONSERVATORY

Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays Sept. 21-Dec. 19 at the conservatory in Birmingham. Call (248) 646-3347.

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. Open May-October & December. Eight Mile at Newburg Roads, Livonia; (734) 477-7375.

MUSEUM DOCENTS

Volunteers to conduct school tours for grades 3-1, special pre-school tours and tours to the general public and adult groups. Volunteers receive extensive training, includ-

ing one-and-a-half days of class per week from September-June. For information, (313) 833-9178.

EXHIBIT (OPENING)

ARIANA GALLERY

Sept. 16 - "Steppin' Out on the Right Foot," featuring interpretations of the shoe in various mediums, including clay, metal. Through Oct. 5. 119 S. Main, Royal Oak; (248) 546-8810.

AVENUE GALLERY

Sept. 18-19 - Thomas Kinkadee Touring Museum, a museum on wheels. 167 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 594-7600.

ELAINE L. JACOB GALLERY

Sept. 18 - "Charged Hearts" by Catherine Richards. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit; (313) 993-7813.

KIDD GALLERY

Sept. 18 - New paintings by William Nichols, through Oct. 17. 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Sept. 18 - Works of Sadashi Inuzuka and Liz Quackenbush, through Oct. 31. 10125 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

CARY GALLERY

Sept. 19 - The paintings of Mel Rosas, professor of art at Wayne State, through Oct. 17. Opening reception 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

ZOOM GALLERY

Sept. 19 - New anthropocentric drawings by Randall Veilleux offer a rare glimpse into the empirical, whimsical and holistic vision characterizing the Ann Arbor artist. Through Oct. 18. 212 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor; (734) 747-9944.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY

Through Sept. 15 - Michigan Watercolor Society's 51st Annual Exhibition continues on the third floor of the Mardigian Library at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. An exhibition of glass selected from the university's permanent collection is featured through Sept. 22; (313) 593-5400.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through Sept. 16 - "A Summer Group Exhibit," featuring Larry Rivers, Harry Bertoia, Valentina Dubasky, and Dennis Wojtkiewicz. 107 Townsend St., Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

PCCA

Through Sept. 18 - "Celebrate Michigan Artists." Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

WB PARKS & REC CENTER

Through Sept. 25 - Student Art Show, includes works by local residents. 4640 Walnut Lake Road, west of Farmington Road; (248) 738-2500.

HABATAT GALLERIES

Through Sept. 26 - Glass sculpture of Jaromir Rybak. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

NETWORK

Through Sept. 26 - Ceramics of Wendy Waigate. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

UZELAC GALLERY

Through Sept. 26 - Paintings of William Barnhart. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

O&E hosts roundtable discussion about theater

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers presents "Building A Theater Community In Metro Detroit" - A Roundtable Discussion 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road.

Come hear the views of professional, student and community theater groups on the challenges facing the local theater community.

Topics include: collaboration, play development, funding and building an audience.

Panel members include Jan

Radcliff, Heartlands Theatre Company; Evelyn Orbach, Jewish Ensemble Theatre; Peggy Cooke, Meadow Brook Theatre; Blair Anderson, Wayne State University (Hilberry & Bonstelle Theatres); Phil Hadley, Farmington Players; Cate Foltin, Stagecrafters; Jay Peterson, Birmingham Village Players; William Mandt, SRO Productions; and Ken Kuna, the Plymouth Theatre Guild. Admission is free, call Keely Wygonik (734) 953-2105 or Frank Provenzano, (248) 901-2557 for information.

'If I Don't Six' uncovers ugliness of college football

By Elwood Reid
(Doubleday, \$22.95)

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

This roman a clef set in the football world of the University of Michigan will be an eye opener for any of those still naive enough to believe that college football builds character, makes boys into men, is played for the love of the game or any of those other obnoxious clichés.

Elwood Reid, who played for the Wolverines as Brian Reid before being sidelined by injuries, uses his own sad experience as an offensive lineman to testify otherwise. College football is a raw world where the players are separated from other college students, brutalized by their coaches and each other and reduced to being fodder for the sake of college revenues and NFL recruiters.

Even those who most love the game soon find themselves physically and mentally traumatized, looking for ways to get out of playing and still retain their scholarships. "Six" is short for "deep six," the practice of taking a career ending but endurable injury in order to retain a scholarship.

"If I Don't Six" is an unsettling debut novel. Reid is a talented writer. He has a direct, clipped, minimalist style with an excellent ear for dialogue. Indeed, much of the book is told through conversations that capture the various and conflicting voices with dead accuracy, or at the least brilliant parody.

But there is a problem in Reid's telling. The protagonist is

Elwood Riley, a big, no-neck line-man from working-class Cleveland who defies all the stupid clichés about big "dumb" jocks. Riley (Reid) would rather read books than hit people, though football gives him a rush. He is especially taken with the Stoics and the emperor/philosopher Marcus Aurelius, whom he quotes to anyone who'll listen. He resents being pushed into "easy" classes by Coach Roe (read Bo Schembechler) and makes out his own schedule.

All of this would be refreshing, except that Riley is an arrogant person who sees himself as superior to most people he encounters. Riley's (Reid's) comments on everyone from his football star-struck parents, to his clinging hometown girl friend, to the obnoxious and brutal coaches, to most of the other players and the fans are distasteful and skewed to make him look good. Even if all he says about Michigan football is true (and it probably is), the caricatures of his antagonists weaken his argument.

The portrayal of the coach as a banality-spouting hypocrite captures the voice of Bo Schembechler so accurately that it is disingenuous to deny that he is based on Bo. But this is a cartoon Bo that doesn't fairly deal with a man with more depth than indicated here.

In a note, Reid says he uses the U-M name to give a sense of reality to the events while maintaining that this isn't specifically the U-M. Hmm. That doesn't quite work as an out.

Reid describes the brutal training programs, the injections of cortisone that keep players active, the numerous attempts

by players to incur injuries that will get them out of the action and the cynicism most players have about the whole boohoo-boohoo routine.

He also describes the animalistic extracurricular activities of the players that comes of presuming themselves privileged, especially the drinking and sexual nightmares they create for themselves and unwary young women. Riley finds solace in a young woman in rebellion against her coach/father (one of the fathead assistant coaches).

What Reid doesn't do is give a true picture of the complexity that is Ann Arbor. In fact, little of the atmosphere of the school or city are presented. That's a shame, because U-M is a peculiar place. Yes, it is a leading football-basketball factory, which draws the devoted, maniacal following of fans (Reid's portrait of fans is devastating), but it is also one of the top academic universities. There has always been a tension between the two that is reflected in Riley's desire for an education but never portrayed in the story.

This is a good first novel, now Reid needs to learn a little compassion and insight into what drives others.

Reid will sign his book at Borders Birmingham, 31150 Southfield Road, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 and will return to Ann Arbor for book signings at Shuman Drum, 313 State St., 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, and at Borders, 612 E. Liberty, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6.

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'Bible Code' reveals messages

The Bible Code
By Michael Drosnin
Simon & Schuster, 1997, \$13



ESTHER LITTMANN

According to author Michael Drosnin, the Bible is an interactive computer program. Encoded in its first five books (the Torah) are names of prominent persons, dates of significant events and warnings of future catastrophes.

Yitzhak Rabin's murder, for example, is encoded in Deuteronomy and was uncovered by the author a year before it occurred. References to Hitler and the Nazis, the moon landing, Nixon and Watergate and the Gulf War are found in the Bible.

"There is a Bible beneath the Bible," writes Drosnin in the New York Times bestseller "The Bible Code." For 3,000 years, it was time-locked, awaiting detection with the invention of the computer.

The code, found only in the original Hebrew, operates by a process called "equidistant letter sequences." If one prints the Torah as a continuous strand of 304,805 letters - with spaces

between words eliminated - one can find words, phrases, even short sentences by applying various consistent skip sequences: 1 letter skipped, 2 letters, 3 letters, up to several thousand.

That finding alone would be unremarkable, writes Drosnin, were it not for related information encoded in close proximity. Yitzhak Rabin's name, for instance, is crossed by "assassin" that will assassinate, and located nearby is the name of his murderer: Amir.

Formerly an investigative reporter for The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal, Drosnin was highly skeptical when he first heard of the Bible code. Mildly curious, however, he flew to Jerusalem in 1992 to meet the decoder, Soviet-born mathematician Eliyahu Rips, who teaches at Hebrew University. Rips, along with two other mathematicians, had made a startling discovery. Using the technique of equidistant skip sequencing, they found the names of 32 Jewish sages, from Biblical to modern times, encoded in Genesis, along with the corresponding dates of their birth and death.

In an attempt to uncover a hoax, Pentagon code breaker Harold Gans wrote his own computer program, using a different set of names. He came up with

the same results. All the names were encoded in the Bible, matched with their dates and even the cities in which they were born.

Drosnin maintains that the statistical methods used by Rips and his two colleagues have been confirmed by Harvard professor David Kazhdan and Yale mathematician Piatetski-Shapiro. Rips' article, published in August of 1994 in Statistical Review (and reproduced in Drosnin's book), passed three peer reviews.

One might ask how a text written 3,000 years ago could foretell the future. "It is God," says Drosnin. It is a relic from a close encounter with alien intelligence, explain others, including the author.

Then does the Bible code imply that human life is predetermined, that the prediction of an atomic holocaust in 2000 or 2006 will come true? Drawing on quantum physics and the Uncertainty Principle that states "there is not one future but many possible futures," Drosnin believes that the Bible may actually record multiple outcomes. Truly, "The Bible Code" is a revelation. It is well documented and written persuasively. But whether the miracle in Drosnin's book is divine or mathematical remains to be seen.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, WOODWARD)

Harry Cook discusses Elizabeth Fienza's "Sharing Her Word: Feminist Biblical Interpretations in Context," 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13; Keyword Hebrew 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 and 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17; Gay and Lesbian Book Discussion group discusses E. Lynn Harris' "If This World Were Mine," 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14; Alicia Nelson discusses "Beginning Anew: A Woman's Companion to the High Holidays," 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14; Geoffrey Stebbins discusses "Self-Employment," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15; Mary Ter Meer discusses "Vegetarian Cooking for Healthy Living," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16; Paul Parente Jazz Connection 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18; The Farm Lady 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19; pianist Jeffrey Michael, 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19; a mass book signing involving 150 bookstores for "Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul" featuring 13-year-old Birmingham writer Diana Parker, 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the store, 34300 Woodward Ave.,

Birmingham (248)203-0005.

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, SOUTHFIELD ROAD)

Two of A Kind present "The Books I Read," 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13; Rick Blalock signs "Remembering Diana: the People's Tribute to Their Princess," 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13; Mother-Daughter Book Club discusses Katherine Patterson's "Jacob Have I Loved," 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14; romance writer Raynetta Manes read from "Follow Your Heart," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16; Science Discovery features "The Rain Forest," 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19; Elwood Reid discusses and signs "If I Don't Six," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the store, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham (248)644-1515.

BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS)
The 20th anniversary of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" will be celebrated at midnight Monday, Sept. 14, with numerous contests and prizes at the store, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248)652-0558.

BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)
Geoffrey Stebbins discusses fran-

chising 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16; Gardeners Support Group meets 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16 at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248)737-0110.

BARNES & NOBLE (BLOOMFIELD HILLS)

Reader's Book Club discusses Helen Dunmore's "Talking to the Dead," 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13; Franziska Schoenfeld, Ann Kelly and Margot Snyder discuss "The Impatient Otter," 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13; Laurie Covensky performs music from "Titanic," 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 at the store 6575 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248)540-4209.

BARNES & NOBLE (WEST BLOOMFIELD)

Books on Film discusses "L.A. Confidential," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15; local attorney Steve Weiss signs his new book "The Farewell Principle," 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18; David H. Lynn discusses his collection of short fiction, "Fortune Telling," 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the store, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248)626-6804.

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ROUNDERS (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 9:50
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1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:00

KNOCK OFF (R)
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:35

WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE? (R)
1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:10

BLADE (R)
1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40

DEAD MAN ON CAMPUS (R)
9:55

HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK (R)
1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

AIR BUD 2 (G)
1:30, 3:45, 5:50

SHAKE EYES (R)
1:05, 3:20, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

H20 HALLOWEEN (R)
8:10, 10:20

PARENT TRAP (PG)
1:10, 4:00, 7:00

SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (R)
1:00, 2:00, 4:40, 6:10, 8:00, 9:20

SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)
1:10, 3:40, 6:30, 9:00

LETHAL WEAPON (R)
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DANCE WITH ME (PG)
5:00

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THE NEGOTIATOR (R)
2:00, 7:30, 10:15

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1:15, 4:45, 8:20

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WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE? (R)
12:50, 3:10, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05

BLADE (R)
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40

HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK (R)
1:20, 4:00, 6:50, 9:20

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1:40, 3:30, 5:30, 7:35, 9:40

ROUNDERS (R)
1:10, 4:00, 7:15, 9:55

BLADE (R)
1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:20, 9:45

AIR BUD 2 (G)
1:00, 2:45, 4:30

SHAKE EYES (R)
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WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE? (R)
5:15, 7:40

BLADE (R)
12:45, 3:05, 5:30, 7:50, 10:15

54 (R)

1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20

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THRU THURSDAY

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LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX (R)
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SIMON BIRCH (PG)
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EVER AFTER (PG13)
1:00, 4:00, 6:30, 9:20

PARENT TRAP (PG)
12:45, 3:30, 6:55

SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (R)
12:30, 3:40, 6:00, 9:30

LETHAL WEAPON (R)
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SLIMS OF BEVERLY HILLS (R)
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AIR BUD 2: GOLDEN RECEIVER (G)
11:50, 2:40, 5:40

SHAKE EYES (R)
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H20 HALLOWEEN (R)
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THE MASK OF ZORRO (PG13)
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THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)
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LETHAL WEAPON 4 (R)
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NP NO VP TICKETS

SLIMS OF BEVERLY HILLS (R)
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NP KNOCK OFF (R)
12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:30

NO VP TICKETS

BLADE (R)
10:50, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

EVER AFTER (PG13)
1:00, 3:45, 6:15, 8:45

SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (R)
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THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)
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BLADE (R)
10:00, 11:30, 2

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LIMITED SPACE

Canton Project Arts is taking reservations for a trip to see "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," Sunday, Oct. 11 at the Gem Theater in Detroit. The bus leaves the Canton Township Hall at 4:30 p.m. for a 6 p.m. performance.

Tickets are \$22.50 per person (includes transportation) and available at Resource Development in Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Deadline for reservations is Sept. 21, call (734) 397-6450.

FINAL DAYS

Gallery owners Scott Smith (Penniman Gallery) and Annette Horn (Native West) are among the "Familiar Faces" portrayed in an exhibit of photography by Jill Andra Young through Sept. 18 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon at Junction.

The series of black and white photographs feature local Plymouth personalities depicted in such a way as to say something about their profession—chiropractor Sidney Disbrow with a stethoscope around his neck and a human skeleton in his hands, Downtown Development Authority director Steve Guile wearing his many hats, and Beth Stewart, Plymouth Historical Museum director.

"Familiar Faces" represents a departure for Young whose studio is located on Penniman in Plymouth. Although she trained as a commercial photographer and worked at a professional portrait studio, Young is best known for her pet portraits. In

keeping with the concept of the exhibit, Young's self portrait in the show depicts her with dog Annie in "Bark Softly and Carry a Big Bone."

Hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday, until 9 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

OPENING RECEPTION

Zoom Gallery hosts an exhibition by Randall Veilleux Sept. 19 to Oct. 18 at Zoom Gallery, 212 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor. A reception takes place 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the gallery.

Veilleux new anthropocentric drawings offer a rare glimpse into the empirical, whimsical and holistic vision characterizing the Ann Arbor artist.

For more information, call (734) 747-9944.

NANKIN MILLS BENEFIT

A painting of Nankin Mills by Westland resident Paul Maceri will be on exhibit during the 10th annual wine and cheese fundraiser 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Farmington in Westland.

Presented by the Friends of Nankin Mills, the evening includes the opportunity to sample a variety of Michigan wines while learning about the future plans for Nankin Mills as an interpretive center. Come and hear what the naturalist has been doing with school groups and summer camp during the past year or tour the historic mill.

Tickets are \$20 and available 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday at the mill, or at the door. Call (734) 261-1990.

CHORALE AUDITIONS

Madonna University's Chorale is holding open auditions for the 1998-99 season. Auditions consist of an individual meeting

with David Wagner, chorale director.

The chorale rehearses from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays for its Christmas and spring concerts. There is no charge to sing in the chorale but academic credit is given to Madonna University students. The chorale consists of students and community members.

For more information, call (734) 432-5708 or send e-mail to wagner@smtp.munet.edu.

ARTREACH FALL LUNCHEON

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is hosting a luncheon featuring Lois Bro and her "Doll Art" 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon, Plymouth.

Cost is \$15. Proceeds will go for an annual field trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts for all Plymouth-Canton Community Schools fifth graders.

In conjunction with the luncheon the arts council is hosting

a workshop with Bro 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. Learn to make beautiful faces for cloth dolls. A basic doll body, 12-14 inches, will be furnished for you to complete and take home. Bring needles, thread and scissors. Cost is \$53 and includes all materials. To register for the luncheon or workshop, call (734) 416-4ART.

Bro earned a bachelor's of fine art degree in sculpture from Center for Creative Studies. She works in clay, porcelain and soft sculpture. Founder of Stuffits, a soft sculpture group in South Carolina, Bro shares her doll making skills in seminars and workshops throughout the country.

MONOTYPE WORKSHOPS

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia presents two workshops in watercolor monotypes with Lily Dudgeon 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays Sept. 19 and 26 at the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Livonia.

Learn to print by hand or with a press. Bring watercolor supplies and sketches or photos for subjects to print.

The cost is \$45 for VAAL members, \$50 non-members. Instructor will sell print paper for cost. Call (313) 561-4457 for instruction sheet.

To register or for more information, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455-9517.

FLOWERS AND ART

Noted for its formal gardens, wetlands and winding trails, the grounds of the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens are being enhanced with sculpture crafted by contemporary artists from Michigan and the Great Lakes region. Each piece of work will be displayed for 12-18 months in one of 20 locations.

Among the items in place at the gardens is the "Arc," created by Tom Phardel. Located in the wetland area, Phardel's sculpture combines natural and man-made steel. Further down the path near the bend of Fleming Creek, Jim Melberg's "Forest Murmurs" and "Two Figures" provide a fascinating play of light and reflection off the six-foot tall highly polished cast aluminum forms. Located near the main entrance to the Gardens at Willow Pond is Jon Rush's "Jane LaRue Sun Dial." Part of Matthaei's permanent collection, this piece is rooted in earth seeming almost totemic. The Rose Garden plays host to Lou Marinaro's "Dawn" and "Dusk."

The 350-acre Matthaei oasis is open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset. Hours for the conservatory housing more than 1,200 plants from around the world are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily except Christmas, New Year's Day and Thanksgiving. To arrange a tour or learn about upcoming events and programs, call (734) 998-7061.

Cranbrook exhibit explores disturbing view of gender

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Just when the dilemmas of politically correct language seemed to be resolved comes the ultimate post-modern gender twister in Cranbrook Art Museum's season-opening exhibit, "It's all about ME, Not You," an installation by the late Greer Lankton.

Within one of Cranbrook's interior galleries is a rectangular, white-sided house. Inside is a cathartic look at the artist's life, including photographs, pen and ink drawings, images of heroes and heroines, and psychologically tortured dolls, some of which resemble the artist.

But in reality, there are only approximations of the artist.

In mind, body and art, Lankton is the personification of a pushing-it-to-the-edge artist—morally ambivalent, outrageously androgynous and excessively individualistic.

Through Lankton's imagery of gender exploration, viewers will inevitably become curious about what was the day-to-day life of the artist, a transsexual, who, at age 38, died in late 1996 from the apparent effects of drugs and anorexia.

Indeed, there's no separating Lankton's art from her tortured life as a "woman in a man's body," then a transsexual and an artist seeking a 3D world to recreate the haunting images ruminating in her mind, and sculpted into the deep pores of her dolls.

A reading room adjacent to the exhibit provides biographical information on Lankton as well as a range of books on gender studies.

"This exhibit isn't really about 'me,'" said Irene Hofmann, associate curator at Cranbrook Museum of Art. "You feel the soul of the artist. Perhaps people will feel more compassion and understanding."

The small installation house of Lankton's art is placed on an ersatz set: tacky patio furniture rests on an astroturf lawn. A pair of legs wearing red ruby shoes are stuffed under the house.

Apparently, the house landed in a bizarre world not far from Oz, but there's none of the joy of watching Dorothy finding her way home.

"It's all about ME, Not You" is utterly gut-wrenching. Not because of its stark confrontation of transsexuality, but because of its relentless psychological and physical exposures of the artist.

New Exhibits at Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300

■ "It's all about ME, Not You," an installation by Greer Lankton, through Nov. 1. Opening reception 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18.

■ "The Squeeze Chair Project" by Wendy Jacob, through Sunday, Nov. 1

■ "Somewhere," an installation by Carla Preiss, through Sunday, Jan. 3

■ "Motel Movies 24 Hours," a project by Robert Andersen, through Sunday, Nov. 1

While some may find Lankton's work painfully beautiful, it is quite difficult to look beyond the pain and vulnerability.

Exposing the private life

Upon reading and seeing the graphic details of Lankton's sexual transformation in art, and accompanying photo album, there's an uneasy, but all-too-familiar exposure to the private side of life.

In the name of art and with the hope-to-shock sensibility of a racy tabloid, Lankton's 15-minute of fame has the effect of a cattle prod forcing viewers to face their own issues of gender and sexual identity.

"We're not doing our job if we're not making people think," said Hofmann. "The exhibit suggests that gender ought not to be so clear cut."

To conservatives or those supporters of the Christian Coalition, Hofmann's mere choice of the exhibit might appear as an endorsement of the transsexual lifestyle.

To those possible critics, Hofmann pleads for tolerance and compassion.

"Greer didn't have control of anything in her life, except for her art, especially her dolls."


The dolls had been a life-long infatuation for Lankton. At an early age as a boy, she chose to play with dolls. Soon thereafter, she made her own dolls that apparently symbolized her emotional turmoil.

Her life is filled with stories of ridicule and rejection. But surprisingly, also of acceptance.

Lankton's father is a Presbyterian minister, whose church raised money to pay for the artist's sex-change operation. Several years later, Lankton's father also officiated at the marriage ceremony of his son.

10TH YEAR
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Grand Prize

The Grand Prize will include a pair of choice tickets to a performance of "The Phantom of the Opera" in Toronto, one night accommodation at The Delta Chelsea Inn, round trip VIA RAIL passes and one 'Phantom' Gift Pack.

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If you know "Who's Behind The Mask?" complete the entry ballot below and send to: **Observer & Eccentric Newspapers**, C/O: Marketing Department 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150. One ballot per household. Contest is open to residents of Michigan over the age of 18.

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Best of the West: Southwest and Native American art at Native West in Plymouth.

Browse two of 'the best'

Native West in Plymouth and Knightsbridge Antiques in Northville are among the "Best of Malls and Mainstreets," according to readers. In case you

SHOPPING CENTERED



DONNA MULCAHY

don't know what I'm talking about, several weeks ago an announcement ran on these Malls and Mainstreets pages, inviting readers to write in, listing their favorite places to shop. The resulting list would be called "Best of Malls and Mainstreets." My job this week was to check out two of the stores that readers

nominated and see what I thought about them.

One of the stores was Native West, which received this glowing nomination from a reader: "By far the very best, and I mean the very best in authentic Native American art and furnishings from the Great American Southwest, is Native West. The quality of merchandise is terrific! And talk about service... I love going in that store. No pressure but an excellent staff knowledgeable about so much." I had a great time visiting Native West. Every item there has a story or legend behind it, and learning about them was a lot of fun.

Take the store's fetishes, for example. Fetishes are small animal sculptures carved of rock or stone. Each animal is associated with different traits and if you have a fetish and respect it, then it is believed that those traits will rub off on you, shop owner Annette Horn said. Bear fetishes make great gifts for people who are ill, because they are supposed to give a person a stout heart, a strong will, inner knowledge, strength and good health, Horn said.

Other things you'll find at Native West include: hand carved drums (the largest ones can be used as coffee tables), beautiful rugs and blankets, Navajo sand paintings, Southwest-style tables, Native American jewelry, pottery, copper wall art, hot sauces, dips and more.

"We will not sell an item without disclosing information about its origin," Horn said, adding that the store is a member of the Indian Arts and Crafts Association, which works to protect the interests of Native American craftspeople. Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 455-8838.

A reader who nominated Knightsbridge Antiques wrote that, "(I) could spend hours, no days, just looking (there). By far the best antique mall we have ever been in." I haven't been to a lot of antique malls, but I enjoyed visiting Knightsbridge Antiques. It's sort of a museum of pop culture and every piece I saw raised questions like: who did that belong to, why did they give that up, why on earth did someone save that, or, I have something like that, I wonder how much it's worth?

Some of the strangest things I saw there were Pepsi straws from the 1930s and 1950s. The ones from the 1950s came two in a wrapper for \$2. The ones from the 1930s were unwrapped and were \$8 each. The most intriguing thing I saw was a wooden box that a soldier inscribed with a love poem and sent to his wife during World War II. Did he come back from the war and why would anyone part with such a romantic heirloom? Knightsbridge Antiques has more than 300 dealers and does not carry things made after 1960. It is located at 42305 Seven Mile Road. Call (248) 344-7200.

Next week in Malls & Mainstreets, look for more readers-choice "Best Of" places and products.



Fashion preview: Above, Drita Palushaj models an original hair design by Rino, Kristina Gjelaj and Sylvia Bitonti at Figaro and makeup by Valerie Lewis at Figaro. Christi Forgacs wears Body Action Design stretch velvet separates from It's The Ritz. Right, Jeanette Kelly is in a gray silk satin dress by Joseph at Tender. Her silk beaded scarf is by Romeo Gigli, also at Tender. Sylvia Stephanovich wears a Bill Hallman slip dress and Betsey Johnson beaded cardigan from It's The Ritz.



Luxe: Jeanette in John Bartlett's skirt and leather vest from Tender.

Savor the flavor of Birmingham at this year's Fall Spectacular



PHOTOS BY JERRY SOLITARY

Birmingham has become a destination city. Folks flock to its bustling downtown to shop for cutting-edge fashions, peruse art galleries and antique stores, relax in coffeehouses and indulge in salon services. Come sunset, the sidewalks teem with restaurant- and movie-goers, scene-stealers and people-watchers.

With this "see and be seen" attitude in mind, the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and more than 100 Birmingham merchants, restaurants and galleries loosely dubbed their ninth annual Fall Spectacular, "A Day in the Life... Birmingham," with a fashion show that will take viewers on a stylish spree through town, with appropriate attire for day-to-evening Birmingham pursuits.

Fashion coordinator Heather Luplow Hartle hopes to convey the "vibe that is Birmingham." The production will offer a slice of life, highlighting what makes the city special. "You'll recognize Birmingham on stage," she says. An eclectic mix of live and recorded music will add to the show. In keeping with the clean, polished look of this fall's key fashion trends, the runway will be filled with sophisticated grays and cosmopolitan collections. The Spectacular, a fashion and dining extravaganza complete with live and silent auctions, is slated for Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. under the tents between the Townsend Hotel and The Community House. The event benefits the Pediatric Cancer Survivors Scholarship Fund of William Beaumont Hospital.

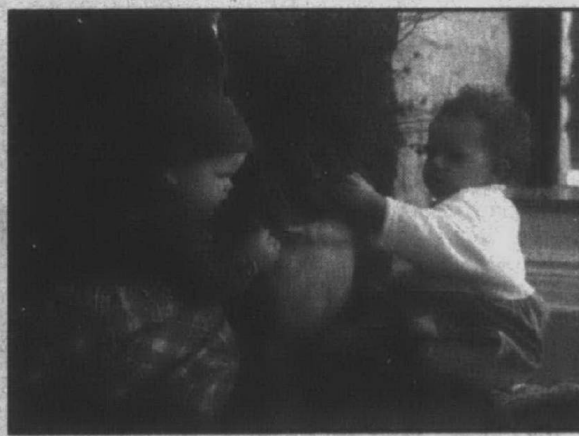
"This year our goal is to provide 20 children with college scholarships," says Richard Astrein, event co-chair.

"What's so unique is that so many Birmingham people participate. It's the only event that pulls all types of businesses together to raise funds for such a special cause," says Astrein.

Florists donate flowers, art and antique dealers decorate the tents, local salons provide hair and makeup services for the models and 25 Birmingham merchants provide the clothes for the fashion show.

"It's fashion and entertainment that will emphasize Birmingham's community spirit," says Hartle. General admission tickets are \$45 (\$55 at the door). Patron tickets are \$125. Tickets are available at all participating Birmingham merchants, salons and the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce at (248) 644-1700.

— Linda Bachrack



Babes: Avery Halminiak and Vanessa King in togs from Purple Bear.



Dapper: Bob Benkert wears gray flannel chalk stripes from The Claymore Shop.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

ROYAL REFLECTION

Author Rick Blalock signs his new book about the late Princess Diana, *Remembering Diana: The People's Tribute to Their Princess*. The book is a collection of more than 400 notes of sympathy and original poetry dedicated to Diana. It includes the touching eulogy by her brother Earl Spencer, and a special tribute from author and poet Maya Angelou. 4 p.m. Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

WORDS OF LOVE

Romance author Raynetta Manees reads from and

signs her new novel, *Follow Your Heart*. Born and raised in Detroit, Manees is the author of two other romance novels. 7 p.m. Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

CRYSTAL CREATIONS

Neiman Marcus hosts a personal appearance by Daum Creative Director Christian Poincignon. M. Poincignon will sign select Daum crystal sculptures. With any \$750 Daum purchase, receive a Daum Delighted Nature Frog (\$70 value). 12-4 p.m. The Galleries, Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, Troy.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

SOUL FOOD

Be a part of the Guinness Book of World Records'

Biggest Booksigning Event in History. Over 150 bookstores nationwide will raise money for eight children's charities, while hosting contributors to *Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul* (Health Communications, \$12.95). Borders Birmingham welcomes 13-year-old Birmingham contributor Diana Parker who wrote the story, "Close Call." The book offers a non-judgmental read for kids ages 9-13 who feel alone, are facing a tough choice or are simply looking for a good laugh. 3 p.m. Borders Books & Music, 34300 Woodward, Birmingham.

HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Jacobson's Livonia store hosts a Homecoming fashion show with the season's hottest evening wear inspired by the movie, *Titanic*. 12-1 p.m. M.J. Department. Also, from 12-4 p.m. Jacobson's hosts a M.J. model search in all of its Midwest stores. The "open call" session is for aspiring models, ages 16-30. The winners will be featured in visual displays and signage and will receive gift certificates. Contact your local Jacobson's store for information.

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Fall finery adds polish to Gem Theatre reopening

When the curtain rises on Act Two in the Gem Theatre's housewarming production of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," Kate Willinger appears on stage in a comical Kelly greensatin bridesmaid's ensemble complete with giant bows and dyed-to-match shoes. Fortunately, though good for laughs in the Gem's musical comedy, the garish gown and its like was not visible at the theater's Wednesday night celebration of Chuck Forbes and his relocated cabaretshowplace.

Instead, Forbes' friends and family, neighbors, arts patrons and downtown movers-and-shakers gathered in the Gem's garden-gated courtyard wearing tasteful, understated summer-into-fall formal wear. Some 450 guests cozied up to the ever-gracious Forbes and admired the polished-to-perfection "gem" of a theater. "What a welcome addition to the neighborhood," said

communications guru Leland K. Bassett of Farmington Hills, whose office is just across the street. The pony-tailed Bassett mingled in an elegant tux with casual-chic black sneakers.

The first cultural event of the season found women searching their closets for appropriate attire. "It's hard to know what to wear this time of year," said Susie Hunt of West Bloomfield. "I spent a long time deciding." She made her entrance in a black satin gown with a tiger-striped bodice. And when the evening turned cool, around dusk, she and other stylish theater-goers donned lightweight jackets, shawls and sweaters.

A sea of black dresses and suits circulated among the chrysanthemums on the gray tiled terrace. But an occasional royal blue or fuchsia gown punctuated the landscape, and

songstress Amy Jackson, who opened the show with a lovely performance of "Bless This House," was stunning in red pleated silk.

John Heide, longtime usher at the Gem and Fox theaters, has seen his share of openings, but this one was special. He conducted his own personalized private tours, bragging about the interior refurbishing, the miracle move from East Columbia Street and the amazing tenacity of Chuck Forbes and the building. "Everyone's saying it looks just the same. It's like an old friend. And it looks like it belongs right here. And they're right. Nothing's changed, except it's even better than ever." As for the fashion, this was a tame, elegant crowd in Heide's estimation. "I've seen some outrageous costumes in my time," he said. "And they weren't always on the actors."

- Linda Bachrach



PHOTOS BY JIM JADGFIELD

Crowd pleasers: Admirers of the theater include Joanne Forbes, Susan Ritchie and Kay Cox.

Gem lovers: Susie and Brad Hunt of West Bloomfield dress up for opening night.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in Sunday's column.

What We Found:

- Maple bun candy was seen at the Meijer service station on Ford road.
- Karen does dog grooming from her home, (734) 261-8762.
- For Dee we found the Kenner's Cricket doll and accessories.
- A reader suggests that anyone looking for old high school yearbooks call the school and see if they have extra copies in the library.
- We found Rita the Hallmark Rocking Horse ornament.
- We found a stem for the Pyrex coffee pot, a Tupperware pill box for Grace, an electric fry pan for Joyce.
- A Chatty Cathy doll for Debbie.
- Bleyle jackets and slacks can be found in the Tog Shop catalog (800) 342-6789, and the Apple Seeds catalog at (800) 767-6666.

We're still looking for:

- Lisa is looking for Shrinky Dinks.
- Joanne is looking for parts for her meat grinder (one you turn by hand).
- Baretta is looking for the

small disposable bags for the G.E. powered vacuum sweeper #P3SVL.

• Pat is looking for replacement pieces for Mikasa china pattern Sketchbook sold at JCPenney about 12 years ago. It was a special design by Bob Van Allen.

• Bob is looking for the movie (tape/film) Golden Fish from the early '50s (it is a short film).

• Stephanie wants Clairol Kindness electric hair rollers (19) for short hair.

• Kelly wants the board game Pollyanna.

• Sara is looking for an old record player.

• Mary is looking for kittens that look real, they have the same fur as a kitten. She found them at the Country-side Craft Mall about a year ago.

• Patricia wants a rotatiller.

• Virginia is looking for someone to purchase her old 78 RPMs and vintage clothing.

• Pat wants Angel Face makeup foundation in a compact by Pond's.

• Ed is looking for a grass catcher for a Black & Decker #U-274. It has a 22-inch blade.

• Melissa is looking for a milk door (can be found on houses).

• Dee wants a Potter's Wheel.

• Sheila's looking for white chocolate ready-to-spread cake frosting.

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Are you interested in meeting a special lady? I'm an outgoing, friendly SWF, 34, 5'5", who enjoys photography, art, a variety of music and movies, going to church and all outdoor activities. I would like to enjoy the company of a SWM, 33-38, Ad#6155

HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY
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REFLECTIVE AT TIMES
Discover this flexible DWCF, 52, 5'6". She is employed and has many interests such as the theater, reading, art, music and walking. She's looking for a spiritual, DWM, 47+, with a positive attitude. Ad#8081

SPECIAL LADY
You'll have a great time with this outgoing, loving SWF, 35, 5'9", N/S, who enjoys church, movies, concerts, sporting events, quiet times and more. If you are a secure SWM, 35-42, N/S, who shares similar interests, call now. Ad#1963

MY SPECIAL SOMEONE?
Professional, brown-eyed WWCW, 51, 5'3", who enjoys traveling, the outdoors and quiet evenings at home. She seeks a caring, romantic SWM, under 58, for a possible relationship. Ad#4641

TRUE BLUE
She's an outgoing, attractive SBCF, 45, 5'4", 135lbs., who enjoys personal growth, traveling, reading and is in search of a spiritual, educated SBCW, 40-53, with similar interests. Ad#1652

SPECIAL
Inside and out. SBF, 46, 5'4", looking for real SBM, 40-60, intelligent, kind, strong yet gentle, is sure of himself and God, are you special too? If you believe, all things are possible, call me. Ad#2903

RESCUE MY HEART
She's a SBF, 60, 5'8", who enjoys going to church, jazz concerts, dining out and is in search of a kind, gentle SM, 55-62, for friendship first. Ad#1221

INTERESTED?
SBF, 29, 5'6", looking to spend quality time and share a relationship with an employed, mature SBM, 25-35. Ad#2468

FAMILY-ORIENTED
I'm a full-figured, 34, 5'1", SW mom of one, with blonde hair and green eyes. I enjoy animals, outdoor sports, horseback riding and country music. If you are open-minded and honest D/SWM, then give me a call. Ad#5564

CHARMING
Here's a friendly DWCF, 44, who wants to find a humorous N/S, non-drinker DWM of any age. She's 5'1" and enjoys art, music and the outdoors. Ad#4283

DON'T MISS OUT
A down-to-earth, professional, Catholic SW mom of one, 42, 5'7", with blonde hair, has a great sense of humor and she is searching for a tall, fit, handsome, professional SWM, 42-48, for a possible relationship. Ad#1431

DESERVING
She's an active, professional SWF, 38, 5'11", who enjoys music, art, church activities and is in search of a SWM, age unimportant, to share life with. Ad#6755

REACH FOR THE STARS
Attractive, professional Catholic DWCF, 50, 5'3", looking for a retired SWJM, 50-70, 5'9" plus, who is outgoing and has a good sense of humor. I love dancing, walking in the parks and biking. Ad#4847

IS IT YOU?
She's in search of a SWM, 42-50, for friendship first. She's a DWCF, 46, 5'2", who enjoys movies, dancing and concerts. Ad#7893

HIGH STANDARDS
Say hello to this shy DW mom, 45, 5'8", seeking an old-fashioned, clean-cut, stable SWM, 45-52, who enjoys family-oriented fun. Ad#3913

TELL NO TALE
She's a DBCF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys the theatre, Gospel music, walking and is in search of a gentle SM, 55-62, who is in search of Jesus. Ad#2125

SHARE LIFE WITH ME
Pretty, petite, trim, DWCF, 57, 5'4", 118lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys soft music, dining out, dancing, the theatre and being outdoors, seeking a tall, handsome, romantic, fit SWCM. Ad#5554

SPECIAL REQUEST
Here is a professional Catholic DWCF, 58, who is seeking a Catholic SWM, 48-60, to spend quality time with. She loves walks on the beach, dining out and antiques. Ad#3768

SIMPLY PUT
SWCF, 18, 5'4", 115lbs., long brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys playing violin, music, dancing, horseback riding and animals, in search of an attractive SWCM, 18-25, with a sense of humor. Ad#2121

HONESTY COUNTS
She's an attractive SW mom, 49, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, traveling and quiet evenings, in search of a tall, athletic SWM, 49-56, for a long-term relationship. Ad#1148

BE KIND TO MY HEART
Shy and reserved SWCF, 31, 5'6", full-figured, seeks an understanding, kind, dependable SWCM, 50's, to share moonlit walks, movies, traveling and meaningful conversation. Ad#3587

HAPPINESS COULD FOLLOW
If you call this dark-haired WWCW, 57, 5'3". She is retired, outgoing and friendly. She enjoys movies, dining out, walking and traveling to warmer climates. She seeks a SWCM, 54-65. Ad#2639

MAGIC IN THE AIR
Here is a sincere, employed SB mom, 25, 5'4", who enjoys going to church, traveling and reading, in search of a hardworking, professional SM, 28-40, for companionship, possible long-term relationship. Ad#3273

THE TIME IS RIGHT
She's a outgoing, hardworking SWF, 45, 5'10", whose interests are antiques, flea markets and picnics, in search of a SWM, 40-60, to get to know. Ad#9852

LEAVE YOUR NAME
A professional, educated SWCF, 45, enjoys reading, long walks, the theatre and dining out, is seeking a SWCM, with similar interests. Ad#7646

FAMILY-ORIENTED
She is a quiet, reserved SW mom, 28, who enjoys picnics, long walks, coaching sports and is seeking an employed, caring SWM, who likes children. Ad#8389

MAKE THE CONNECTION
Youthful SWF, 38, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, is seeking a handsome, sincere, honest SWM, over 35, to share mutual interests and friendship. Ad#2356

ENERGIZED
She's an outgoing DW mom, 42, 5'2", with red hair, brown eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, rollerblading and quiet evenings, in search of a SWM, 37-49. Ad#7623

SPECIAL REQUEST
She's an outgoing, witty SBCF, 42, 5'6", who enjoys outdoor activities, walking and reading, in search of an honorable SM, 46-50, for companionship. Ad#3154

EASYGOING
Protestant DWCF, 60, 5'8", with a great personality, enjoys dining out and dancing. She is seeking a tall WWCW, 65, with similar interests. Ad#1305

WITH HOPE
Catholic SWF, 33, 5'7", is looking for a friendly, sincere, Catholic SWM, 28+, with a great sense of humor and similar interests. She's a Red Wings fan and animal lover. Her hobbies are biking, tennis and walks. Ad#1211

MISSING YOU
Are you looking for a bright Catholic DWCF, with a beautiful heart? She is 44, 5'11", with brown hair, who enjoys outdoors, dining out and walks in the park. She is looking for a Catholic SWM, 34-51, to share life. Ad#3804

FEEL AT EASE...
She's a sweet, active, fun-loving SWF, 60, petite, who enjoys dancing, reading and the theatre, wishes to share interests and companionship with an easy-going SWM, 55-68. Ad#9972

LOOK NO FURTHER
This Catholic DW mom of one, 26, 5'2", who is shy and reserved at first, enjoys dining out, walks, amusement parks and quiet evenings at home, is looking for a Catholic WM, 25-35, for a possible relationship. Ad#6899

MAYBE YOU & ME
She's a shy, never-married SWF, 34, 5'7", who enjoys baseball games, the outdoors and movies, in search of a athletic SWM, 28-39, for friendship first. Ad#4211

WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU
I'm a Catholic DW mom, 37, 5'5", professionally employed, pretty and have a great sense of humor. I'm looking to meet a Catholic SWM, 35-44, who enjoys gardening, the theater, dining out and dancing. Ad#6844

MOVE QUICKLY
SWCF, 56, 5'2", 122lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, seeking a SWCM, 50-60, who is respectful and appreciates a good woman. Ad#6258

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SO HOW ARE YOU?
Attractive, outgoing SWCF, 41, 5'7", a professional, enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, the theatre and more, seeks a SWCM, 30-45, who is serious about life. Ad#5866

GET TO KNOW ME
Easygoing SWF, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, employed, enjoys being around family and friends, barbecues, working out, bowling and more, seeks a SWM, over 44. Ad#1952

WELL-EDUCATED
Outgoing SWF, 62, 5'6", employed, enjoys singing, shopping, reading, traveling and flea markets, seeks an intelligent, active SWM, 55-65, who is a gentleman, for companionship. Ad#2000

GOD COMES FIRST
Outgoing WWCW, 44, 5'8", employed, enjoys traveling, walking, reading and exercising, seeks a SWJM, 44-58, who loves God, for friendship first. Ad#7788

THIS IS IT
Outgoing and friendly SWC mom, 38, 5', enjoys dining out, movies, casinos, Bible study, seeks SWCF, 38-46, with similar interests. Ad#1959

MAKE A WISH FOR ME
SWCF, 50, 5'7", brunette, enjoys church and long walks, seeks a SWM, 38+, with good communication skills, for friendship first. Ad#7454

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE
Personable SWCF, 46, 5', participates in Christian activities, enjoys square dancing, listening to music, playing cards, boat races, singing, going to church and sports, seeking a SWCM, 43-53. Ad#7328

CIRCLE THIS AD
Catholic, DWCF, 50, 5'1", outgoing, educated, enjoys sports, reading, traveling, gardening, seeks Catholic SWM, 48-54, with similar interests. Ad#1895

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SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME
He is a fun-loving, sincere, passionate, and friendly, Catholic SWM, 26, 6'2", who enjoys movies, dining out and spending time with friends. He is searching for a slender SWF, 22-45. Ad#2222

JUST YOU AND I
Catholic SWM, 44, 6', who enjoys youth ministry, seeks a slender, Catholic S/DWF, 25-40, who is marriage-minded, fun-loving and sincere. Ad#4232

CIRCLE THIS AD
This SWCM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., with black hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, movies and children, is in search of a SWCF, 40-50, who is marriage-minded. Ad#3580

IT HAS TO BE YOU
Handsome SWM, 44, 6'1", 190lbs., who enjoys outdoor activities, dining out and quiet times at home, is searching for a slender, romantic SWF, 28-44. Ad#1313

A TRUE GENTLEMAN
Hardworking Catholic SWM, 29, 6', is searching for a Catholic SWF, over 23, who is romantic and kind, patient with children and the elderly, loves horses and puppies. Ad#3208

A TRUE ROMANTIC
SWM, 46, 6'1", with brown hair and green eyes, is seeking a SWF, 36-49, who enjoys music, movies, camping, family activities and sports. Ad#3121

JUST YOU AND I
Handsome SBM, 35, 5'5", 155lbs., seeks a SCF, 25-37, with a great personality. He enjoys Bible study, bowling and playing tennis. Ad#8989

FRIENDLY NATURE
Professional, Catholic SWM, 36, 5'10", with a good sense of humor, enjoys working out and romantic dinners. He is in search of a fit, Catholic SWF, 23-36, with similar interests. Ad#7001

INFINITE AFFECTION
He's an outgoing, attractive, professional Catholic SWM, 38, 6', N/S, who enjoys sports, music, dining out, the rewards of hard work and the theatre, in search of an above-average, loving Catholic SWF, 23-37, with similar interests. Ad#6789

BORN-AGAIN
An outgoing and friendly, he's a professional DBC dad of two, 42, 6'2", 182lbs., who enjoys Bible study, travel, golf, music and seeks an attractive, fit, mature SCF, 28-40, without children, for fellowship which may lead to more. Ad#1204

NO HASSLES
He's an outgoing, hardworking SWM, 27, 5'9", who enjoys making people laugh, going to church, family activities and is in search of an honest SWF, 18-30, who enjoys life. Ad#2160

BACK TO BASICS
Outgoing SBC dad, 20, 6', who enjoys music, movies and family activities, seeks a SWF, for friendship and fun. Ad#1564

COMMON BOND
Outgoing and friendly, he's a professional WWCW, 59, 6'2", whose interests include Bible study, golf, reading, theater, dining out and lots of laughter. He's seeking a special SWCF, 50-60, for companionship. Ad#5845

AWAITING YOU
This outgoing, friendly SBCW, 35, 5'5", 155lbs., is searching for a special, professional SBCF, 25-37, never-married, children, who enjoys sports and Gospel concerts. Ad#4949

FRIENDS FIRST
This outgoing SBCW, 55, 5'6", 150lbs., seeks a professional SBCF, 26-34, N/S and non-drinker, who enjoys Bible study, for friendship and companionship. Ad#7070

BACK TO THE BASICS
Here's a DWCM, 40, 5'11", looking for a SWCF, 34-50, who enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, movies, and travel. Ad#1001

ANGELS WELCOME
This attentive Catholic SWM, 44, 5'10", who is a good conversationalist and has a wide variety of interests, is in search of a caring, affectionate Catholic SWF, 33-49. Ad#4455

IF GIVEN THE CHANCE...
I could be the one you've always dreamed of. I'm an handsome, professional SBCW, 37, 6'2", 215lbs., in search of an attractive, established, emotionally mature SWCF, 24-43. Ad#1998

GIVE ME A CALL
Born-Again, musical SWCM, 35, 5'10", who enjoys volleyball, teaching Sunday school, bowling, golf, bicycling, travel, animals and more, seeks a SWCF, 25-37, with similar interests, leave a message and we'll talk soon. Ad#9631

TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF
Never-married SWM, 31, 5'10", medium build, a Catholic, enjoys biking, rollerblading, going to movies, skiing and playing tennis, seeking a SWF, 24-35, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad#7777

LISTEN CLOSELY
SWM, 37, 6'4", 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who likes music, movies, dining out and church activities, is seeking a SWF, 30-40, with similar interests. Ad#3968

LIGHT UP MY LIFE
Get together with this Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1". He's looking for a family-oriented, petite, romantic, sincere DW mom, 18-38. Ad#4111

TRUE BLUE
Adventurous Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", hoping to meet a spontaneous, romantic and slender SWF, age unimportant, for friendship first. Ad#2539

FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
See a good movie with this handsome, outgoing DWM, 47, 5'11", with brown hair/eyes, who hopes to hear from a special SWF, 33-52, who is warm and compassionate. Ad#8709

THE BEST KEPT SECRET
Open-minded, caring SWM, 22, 5'11", looking to share friendship and to develop a relationship with a SWF, under 25. Ad#3323

TAKE A LOOK
Self-employed, shy and quiet, SWM, 30, 6'1", looking to share mutual interests, activities and friendship with a SWF, over 25, who enjoys swimming, sunsets and fun times. Ad#3336

ARE YOU THE ONE?
A professional DWM, 51, 5'6", who is into honesty, spiritual and personal growth, good humor and fitness, is hoping to meet a petite SWF, under 5'4", 38-50, N/S, non-drinker, with the same beliefs. Ad#6614

I'M LOOKING
SWM, 40, seeks a slender, athletic SWF, age unimportant, who enjoys golf, tennis, the outdoors, taking walks, the theatre and romantic times, to share a long-term relationship. Ad#8025

TO THE POINT
This athletic SWM, 42, 6', enjoys working out and is seeking a slim DW Catholic F, of any age, to spend time with. Ad#7287

SMILE WITH ME
I'm an outgoing Born-Again SWCM, 35, 6'3", who enjoys outdoor activities, sports, boating and am in search of a SCF, 24-40, for a possible relationship. Ad#3061

MUTUAL RESPECT
He's a catholic SWM, 30, 5'9", 180lbs., who is athletic, N/S, non-drinker, physically fit and shy at first, seeking a slender, attractive, N/S, SWF, 24-33, who likes the outdoors, motorcros, mountain biking and basketball. Ad#1239

FAMILY-ORIENTED?
This athletic, sincere, professional, fun-loving Catholic SWM, 43, 6'1", has a wide variety of interests, seeks a spontaneous, slender, attractive, romantic SWF, race and age unimportant. Ad#2613

SMILE WITH ME
I'm a SBM, 26, 6'2", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys playing basketball, movies and more, in search of a SWF, 21-29. Ad#8222

THE ANSWER IS HERE
Professional, outgoing SBCW, 33, 6', 185lbs., never-married, enjoys music, concerts, dining out, the park and traveling. He is seeking a SCF, 21+, with similar interests. Ad#8262

EASY TO PLEASE
He's an outgoing, friendly SBM, 25, an employed student, who likes barbecues, spending time with family and friends, outdoor sports and is looking to meet a sincere, honest SBF, for good times. Ad#7000

DEEP BELIEFS
He's a trim, muscular, professional SWM, 26, who is involved in church activities. His hobbies are working around his home, riding his motorcycle, going to church and is looking for a SWF, 22-27, who likes a good conversation. Ad#1234

THE SEARCH IS OVER
Are you tired of being alone? Well, let me keep you company. I'm a self-employed SW dad, 41, 5'11", who enjoys cooking, outdoor activities, and is in search of an attractive SWCF, 27-35, children welcome. Ad#7002

LOVING & CARING
Stable DW dad, 39, 5'5", is looking for a trustworthy SF who cares more about the heart than money. He likes walks, some sports and togetherness. Ad#8315

RICH IN LOVE
Understanding is what this tall SW dad of two desires. He is seeking friendship with a SWF, 30-43, who enjoys life. Ad#8882

THE SEAL OF EXCELLENCE
He's an outgoing SWM, 32, 5'6", who enjoys hunting, fishing and bowling, in search of an attractive, petite, goal-oriented SWF, 24-36, who is not afraid to try new things. Ad#1133

LONG-TERM
Take the time to listen to this SWCM, 40, 6'1", slim who is searching for a slender, athletic, attractive SWCF, who enjoys getaway weekends, playing golf and swimming. Ad#5555

TELL ME ABOUT YOU
Get together with this never-married, handsome, professional SWM, 35, who enjoys designing cars, outdoor activities, quality time with friends, golfing and is looking for an understanding, honest SWF. Ad#1550

NICE CHANGE OF PACE
Professional, athletic SWM, 40, 6'1", looking for a petite, slender, attractive SAF, who is on the romantic side. Ad#1625

OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING
This outgoing Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", enjoys outdoor activities and more. He is looking for a slender, professional, family-oriented SWCF, age unimportant, who has a passion for life. Ad#7404

FUN-LOVING
Outgoing SWM, 22, 5'4", is a SWCF, 18-23, without children, for friendship. He loves amusement parks and movies. Give him a call! Ad#1701

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GARDEN CITY WOMAN

Outgoing DWF, 45, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

TALL ATTRACTIVE

Blonde, 5'10", likes dancing, going, walks, boating. Seeking an honest gentleman, 6+, who wants a monogamous relationship, and has varied interests. #2988

LIGHTHOUSE LOVER

Very independent SF, young 48, likes lightening, light house, great child, very outgoing and outgoing. Seeking friend, 45-60 to share weekends doing all things. No drugs, no games. Honesty is key. #2952

YOU ARE US

Outgoing DWF, 45, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

ALMOST AN ANGEL

Outgoing DWF, 45, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

PRETTY, SMART, SEXY

Honest, sincere, financially secure DWF, 38, 5'8", blonde/blue, great child, very outgoing and outgoing. Seeking friend, 45-60 to share weekends doing all things. No drugs, no games. Honesty is key. #2952

PARTNER IN ADVENTURE

Attractive, outgoing, financially secure DWF, 45, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

ATTRACTIVE DOCTOR

SWF, 38, never married, hard work, has time for you. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

FUN & FLIRTY

SWF, 28, 5'7", blonde/blue, great child, very outgoing and outgoing. Seeking friend, 45-60 to share weekends doing all things. No drugs, no games. Honesty is key. #2952

GOOD COMPANIONSHIP

Pretty, understanding, financially secure DWF, 45, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

ARE YOU READY?

Fun-loving SF, 28, blonde/blue, great child, very outgoing and outgoing. Seeking friend, 45-60 to share weekends doing all things. No drugs, no games. Honesty is key. #2952

BEAUTIFUL BLUE EYES

SWF, 28, 5'7", blonde/blue, great child, very outgoing and outgoing. Seeking friend, 45-60 to share weekends doing all things. No drugs, no games. Honesty is key. #2952

DESIRE SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP

Intelligent, passionate, financially secure DWF, 45, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

HANDSOME DOCTOR WANTED

Very pretty blonde/blue, bright and warm, youthful 45, 5'8", slightly over 200 lbs. No game playing. Trustworthy, honest, financially secure. #2937

SELF MADE MAN

Seeking SWFM, secure, average-looking, trustworthy, emotionally/financially stable, fun, hip guy, 40-52, 5'8"-5'11". No games. I'm pretty, classy, slim, 5'7", secure, open, hip guy. No lies. You won't be disappointed. #2930

PRETTY PROFESSIONAL

WF, 38, 5'8", slim, long dark brown hair, outgoing, fun, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

The perfect, tender, romantic professional DWF, 30s, brown hair/eyes, enjoys movies, theater, dining out and travel. Seeking tall, professional SM, 30-42, with similar interests. #29109

PRETTY, FUN, FIT, FREE

SWF, 40, 5'8", blonde/blue, great child, very outgoing and outgoing. Seeking friend, 45-60 to share weekends doing all things. No drugs, no games. Honesty is key. #2952

SEEKING ROMANCE

I'm 52, pretty, outgoing, intelligent, refined yet fun, classy yet eccentric, outgoing yet sensitive and a smoker. Seeking Gent 50-65, tall, intelligent, articulate, classy, confident and into romantic dating. #29025

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Pretty, educated, active, artistic female, mid-30s, seeks a male, similar attributes, for a monogamous, caring relationship. #2950

WOMAN WITH BAGGAGE

(2 kids and a neurotic dog). Seeking a SM, to wine, dine, entertain and make me laugh. SF, 5'7", lit, gorgeous, classy, outgoing, 45-55, please apply. #2901

LOOK NO MORE

DWF, 44, good sense of humor, seeks SM, 40-52, who enjoys music, movies, football, eating out, and who can enjoy life with me. #2952

PARTNER IN ADVENTURE

Attractive, outgoing, financially secure DWF, 45, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

HARD-WORKER

SF, 57, 175lb, blonde/blue, great child, very outgoing and outgoing. Seeking friend, 45-60 to share weekends doing all things. No drugs, no games. Honesty is key. #2952

CUTE SBF, 24, 5'7", 225lb, brown skin

no kids, enjoys college student, water sports, fishing, camping. Seeking an honest, sincere, romantic gentleman, for a LTR. #2951

LOVES BEETHOVEN

SWF, 37, attractive, petite single mother, loves classical music, theater, gardening, camping. Seeking single male, 30-45, with similar interests especially in classical music. #2944

NO GAMES PLEASE!

Attractive, churning, career-minded SF, 37, working on a degree, career-minded SBF, 35-40, who enjoys sports, jazz, concerts, and dining. #2944

PRETTY BROWN-EYED ITALIAN

Outgoing single mom, 38, brown hair, loves movies, theater, dining, long walks, good conversation. Seeking honest, sincere, financially secure SM, 35-45, who enjoys sports, jazz, concerts, and dining. #2944

ONLY REAL MEN NEED APPLY

SWF, 28, 5'7", blonde/blue, great child, very outgoing and outgoing. Seeking friend, 45-60 to share weekends doing all things. No drugs, no games. Honesty is key. #2952

SPECIAL REQUEST

Pretty SF, 48, reddish, young in attitude and appearance. If you're honest, stable, no game playing gentleman, 40-55, good sense of humor, with a love of life. Looking for friendship and companionship. Northern Oakland County. #2937

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE LADY

European-born, refined, giving, outgoing, intelligent, 40-52, blonde/blue, 5'8", many interests, seeks gentleman, 40-55, with sense of humor, career, intelligent, secure, NIS, for lasting relationship. #2904

YOUR SEARCH IS OVER

Attractive DWF, who's intelligent, honest, just about the right amount of wit and charm, seeks SBF, 40-51, who's honest, caring, and has strong moral values. Serious replies only. Rochester area. #2912

GARDEN CITY

SWF, 22, 5'7", curly, short brown hair, outgoing, fun, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE

WF, young 52, Farmington Hills area, outgoing, fun, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

PETITE ATTRACTIVE SF

DWF, very active, enjoys water, outdoor sports, reading, movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

NO NONSENSE AD

DWF, 48, intelligent, outgoing, fun, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

Thoughtful, considerate SF, 55, 5'8", enjoys animals, gardening, reading, movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

SPARKLING, SPUNKY, STYLISH

MA, 40, 5'8", blonde/blue, great child, very outgoing and outgoing. Seeking friend, 45-60 to share weekends doing all things. No drugs, no games. Honesty is key. #2952

A SHOT IN THE DARK

Attractive, 44-year-old, sincere SF, 38, 5'8", hard-working, honest and financially secure. Enjoys outdoors, water sports, fishing, camping. Seeking tall SM, 37-45, honest, outgoing, respectful and goal oriented. #2950

SOMEONE SPECIAL

SWF, 43, 5'8", medium build, smoker, active, enjoys movies, quiet dinner, dancing, and more. Seeking honest, romantic, financially secure, sensitive man, 48-55, tall stature. #2907

PARTNER IN ADVENTURE

Attractive, outgoing, financially secure DWF, 45, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

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HUMOROUS, SPIRITUAL, SPONTANEOUS

active SWF, NIS, ND, no dependents, seeks tall, polished, intelligent, honest gentleman into doing things spontaneously. Likes theater, music and travel. #2952

STAND OUT

Good-looking 46, DPF, 5'7", 140lbs, NIS, enjoys traveling, movies, reading, exercising, outdoor activities. Seeking SBF, 35-45, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. #29125

A MOUNTAIN WIFE

Seeking life-long partner, DWF, 40, 5'7", blonde/blue, great child, very outgoing and outgoing. Seeking friend, 45-60 to share weekends doing all things. No drugs, no games. Honesty is key. #2952

AN ANGEL'S TOUCH

Meet the handsome, blonde SM, 39, a bit devilish, but cuddly, and loyal. Seeking divine inspiration through the company of a heavenly lady with an angel's touch. #2935

SLIGHTLY HUMOROUS

Caring, attractive, friendly, tall, lit, and handsome SWFM, dark blonde hair, 40-44, who is sensitive, caring, outgoing, physically fit, attractive, humorous. For friendship, possibly LTR. #2937

CHARMY MY HEART

Intelligent, educated SBF, seeks gentleman, 40-50, outgoing, educated, successful, financially secure, possible relationship/serious life. #2904

LOOKING FOR

HONEST COMPANION DWF, 43, medium build, seeks SBF, 40-50, must be educated, NIS, like children, outdoor activities and sports, for possible LTR. #2950

THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE

SWF, 51, 5'7", 125lb, brown eyes, blonde hair, outgoing, fun, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

TALL BLENDER

Young-looking, tall, slender DPF, 50, growing child, enjoys golf, college sports, dining, dancing, would like to meet someone "like" looking for a friend first. #2911

GREEN EYES

and a great smile too! Full-figured, outgoing, fun, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

ATTN: SWM, MID-20S

Are you seeking a savvy, successful, spiritual soulmate? Please your interest. I am looking for a friend to dance with. #2911

ARTIST/PAINTER SEES SAME

Young-at-heart, one-man woman SBF, 50, artist/composer, likes country-western folk music, antique/classic cars. Seek SM, 50s. #2950

ANY LOVE GOING TO WASTE?

Fun, outgoing, professional, DWF, from the western suburbs enjoys music, travel, canoeing, movies, theater, conversation and N. Michigan. Seeks SWM with similar interests. #29104

SEEKING SOULMATE

DWF, 55, 5'8", blonde/blue, NIS, financially/emotionally secure, likes movies, sports, dining, travel. Seeking SWF, 45-55, no dependents, for LTR. #29108

WALKS ON THE BEACH

A lot of me, a middle-aged professional of average height and weight. Seeking satisfying social contact with a pretty person. #2951

HEALTHY INDULGENCE

Peachy WM, 42, 6'2", scrumptious 185lb, yummy in pants, mouth-watering smile, love, endless mouth-to-mouth, math/delta, prefers candlelight with delectable, low-fat, spicy dish, 5'5"-5'7" Seeking hunkulicious, blue-eyed blonde. #2934

CASINO ROYALE

DWF, 38, 5'8", blonde/blue, hard worker, enjoys things, Vegas, travel, and quiet times. Seeking employed male, 30s-40s, who is honest and caring. Nationally unimportant. #2988

ATTRACTIVE ADAM

Non-smoking AF, seeks attractive, health-conscious, dependent-free WM, 30-40, 5'8", for casual dating, possible LTR. #2901

MOTORCYCLE

Motorcycle dude, attractive, sexy, slightly overweight, passionate, single mom with long brown hair, is seeking you. Are you DPF, 35-52, 5'10", and want to ride and howl at the moon? #2912

SEEKING LOVE

SWF, 33, 5'7", 150lb, blonde/blue, seeks a friend, 35-52, to date and for possible LTR. #2952

ULTIMATE MAN

Romantic, honest, extremely attractive, passionate, sexy SWF, 25, 6', incredible bawdy, seeks slender, pretty, athletic SF, age unimportant. If you are being selfish off your feet, give me a call. #2922

ARE YOU INTO DEPTH

Artistic, spiritual, somewhat metaphysical, 5'10", 170lb, blonde/blue, classical, jazz, beaches and art films. Seeking SM, 35-45, for friendship, possible LTR. #2950

NEW TO THIS

Nice-looking, intelligent, kind, sincere, affectionate, slender SWF, 64, 5'8", seeks a caring, SWF, under 65, NIS, who can be a friend. Possible LTR. #2956

SEEKING SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP

Fun, outgoing, professional, DWF, 40, 5'7", blonde/blue, great child, very outgoing and outgoing. Seeking friend, 45-60 to share weekends doing all things. No drugs, no games. Honesty is key. #2952

SINGLE IN REDWOOD

Intelligent SWF, 5'10", 170lb, enjoys mountain biking, working out, dancing, camping, all sports. Seeking SWF, HW proportionate, long-term, likes to talk, interested in an honest, trustworthy LTR. #2950

LOOKING FOR A NICE LADY

Sincere, outgoing, nice DWF, 40, ND, NIS, enjoys rollerblading, bike riding, outdoor sports, 35-45, for friendship, possible LTR. #2951

LOOKING FOR

HONEST COMPANION DWF, 43, medium build, seeks SBF, 40-50, must be educated, NIS, like children, outdoor activities and sports, for possible LTR. #2950

AFFECTIONATE & CARING

Active, outgoing, DWF, 58, 5'8", ND, DFE, enjoys family outings, country music concerts, craft shows. Seeking special process, 35-52, who is an honest, trustworthy LTR that might lead to marriage. #2944

A LOT TO OFFER

Humorous, outgoing, DWF, 40, 5'10", enjoys outdoor activities, reading, writing, theater, and movies. Seeking NIS, friendly, outgoing, 35-45, for friendship, possible LTR. #2950

MARRIAGE-MINDED

SWF, 50, enjoys dancing, long walks, having fun, playing cards, traveling. Searching for a good woman, 35-50, to share my life. #2950

COME FOR A DATE

Stay for a relationship. Good-looking SWF, 45, open to anything from a date to marriage. Seeking LTR. #2950

LOYAL AND SINCERE

Tall, honest DWF, 35, 6'4", NIS, slim, in good physical condition, sense of humor, self-employed. Would like to meet a slender, attractive lady, 41-49, for companionship, possible LTR. #2941

CHARM SCHOOL GRADUATE

Tall, attractive, slim, adventurous, open-minded SWF, 30s, 5'8", blonde/blue, outgoing, fun, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

MY DAD WANTS

Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWF, 38, 5'8", blonde/blue, outgoing, fun, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

PASSIONATE

Sensual, intelligent, easygoing, gentle, fun, outgoing, SWF, 30s, 5'8", blonde/blue, outgoing, fun, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

KIDS DRAPER LOOK-ALIKE

SWF, 34, 5'10", 140lb, blonde/blue, outgoing, fun, enjoys movies, dining, video, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #2950

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TRAVEL

Fall is fine for family camping in Ontario

By THERESA L. MCFARLAND
SPECIAL WRITER

Visions of lazy Labor Day potluck picnics have faded fast. Summer's casual pace has been replaced.

School project deadlines, cupcakes for the Brownies, soccer and more soccer, are sandwiched between late night business meetings, dentist appointments and PTA activities. You anticipate each precious weekend, only to spend them grocery shopping, cleaning the house, hauling the kids to soccer games and dance classes, catching up on the laundry, cleaning the yard, repairing that leaky whatever, visiting with the in-laws, 45 minutes for church and spending an entire 20 minutes of quality time with the family. WAIT!

The fall season offers a scrumptious milieu for family outdoor adventure. Plan a quick fall fix right next door, camping at Canada's Pinery Provincial

Park, only about a two-hour drive northeast.

"Ugh!" You say. If sleeping in the dirt without TV isn't exactly your idea of a family quality experience, look at it this way: You will be traveling to foreign soil, no passports necessary. When crossing from Port Huron to Sarnia, Ontario, I advise a detour to the duty free. Opt for the giant bottle of Bailey's (it's a great value), just to take the chill out of the evening air.

Bring your camper, your trailer or your tent; lots of easy-fixin' comfort food; your camera; and a comfortable pair of walking shoes. Oh yeah, and do bring the kids. If you don't own a camper or a tent ... consider borrowing one. Camping devotees - and we all know them - have every conceivable outdoor gadget and gizmo that would make feasible even a trip to Antarctica. Just ask to borrow their gear. One caveat though, be prepared for a

lengthy oration as they perform like Felix the Cat and his magic bag " ... And this turns into a table for day, a bed for evening and a kayak for fishing. See!"

The amber, sanguine and saffron foliage, and the crisp weather is perfect for Patagonia-clad lads and lasses to roam the 10 hiking trails that showcase distinctive conifers and mammals. Trails vary in difficulty as well as scenery, ranging from .8 km to 3 km in distance. (That's about .5 to 1.86 miles for those of us who never grasped the metric system.)

The crowds are minimal this time of year. Take time and stroll the well-kept trails, complete with wooden stairways that make it easy to climb hills and cross swampy areas. Trails ramble along the river, around ponds, through forests and some even to Lake Huron's shoreline.

We found the campsites to be private, quiet and relaxing. So relaxing, that we forgot the cardinal rule of camping: secure all food. A nocturnal visitor absconded with half a dozen apples (those large delicious ones) and several navel oranges. This was no squirrel. Although temperatures may dip considerably, we were snug in our zero-degree rated sleeping bags. Actually, we cheated and hooked up to electricity, since it was only 60 feet away. Serenaded by a pair of hooting owls, we all slept like babies.

Need more reasons? Did I mention that the Provincial Parks are clean, clean, clean! Maybe it's as much an honor to be one of the Provincial Park's Toilet Police as it is to be a member of their Mounted Police. They have full-service comfort stations with steaming hot showers, in addition to outhouses. A little advice: hit the showers before 8 a.m.

One gem you will want to include is Rock Glen, located just outside the tiny town of Arkona, about 16 miles south of the Pinery. Established along the Au



Rock Glen: Alex, left, and AJ with their father Mike Stankovich on the Au Sable River, which offers great fossil hunting opportunities.

Magnificent falls: The Au Sable River boasts terraced waterfalls and great fall foliage.



sable River, Rock Glen is a delightful 64-acre conservation area teeming with fossils. Fossil specimens like brachiopods, horn coral, crinoid stem sections and trilobite geological formations, as well as Indian artifacts are on display in Rock Glen's quaint museum. Playing Indiana Jones, you can meander the nature trails, past scenic waterfalls, along the Au sable River bed and into the dam ruins, on a treasure hunt for traces of marine life from the Devonian Era. We successfully unearthed all but the elusive trilobite. If you've never fossil hunted, let me tell you, it rates right up there with scavenging the Great Lakes shoreline for that perfect skipping stone, or traipsing white ocean beaches in search of the supreme shell. Some of the horn coral

even have an uncanny resemblance to dinosaur teeth. These fossils are actually older than many dinosaurs (that's pre-Jurassic Park), some 345 to 395 million years old! Is this not sounding more like a Disney vacation?

For conifer-lovers, the area offers southern climate trees of sycamores, sassafras, black walnut and tulip-trees, standing side by side with sugar maples, beeches, white elm and basswood that generally grow in the North. It's yet another great reason to make a quick weekend trip to visit our Canadian neighbors.

The Pinery boasts nearly 1,000 campsites available in three areas: Burley, Dunes and Riverside campgrounds. They also offer 400 year-round sites at

Riverside Campgrounds. But if you plan to include a trip to Rock Glen, make sure you get there by late October, when it closes for the winter.

It's still a bargain, remember that the fees are all in Canadian currency. The camping fees are \$17.75 a night non-electrical; \$20.75 a night electrical, plus a \$6 reservation fee. Admission to Rock Glen is \$2 per person or \$5 per car. And duty free is a bargain. For information and reservations (recommended) for the Pinery, on Hwy. 21, 8 km southwest of Grand Bend, Ontario, call (519)243-3099. For information about Rock Glen, call (519)828-3071.

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GREAT ESCAPES

WINTER'S COMING

Do you have some favorite winter vacation getaways. We'd like to hear about them for travel stories. Whether you enjoy escaping the wind and snow of Detroit by flying to a tropical isle or you believe in embracing winter by skiing Whistler or dog sledding Alaska, let us know. Call Hugh Gallagher at 734-953-2118, or fax him at 734-591-7279 or e-mail him at hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

LEAVES ARE FALLING

Michigan's fall color season is beginning moving from the Upper Peninsula down to the state line from mid-September to late October.

For information about the Upper Peninsula, you can write for the Upper Peninsula Four Season Planner at (800)562-7134.

MUSHROOM HUNTING

The Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club is sponsoring a mushroom hunt at Cedar Lake, Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea. Mushroom experts such as Walt Sturgeon and Alan and Arleen Bessette from the North America Mycological Association will be on hand to help identify edible and poisonous fungi. Daily seminars, guided field tours and cook books will be available. A Michigan State Parks Pass is required at the entrance. For additional information, call Jim at (810)463-6213 or Peter at (734)483-0290.

CREATIVE HARVEST

The Creative Harvest Fine Arts Festival will be held in Gaylord, Oct. 2-3. Gerhard Knodel of the Cranbrook Academy of Art will be the special guest luncheon speaker Friday. For information and reservations, call (517)732-5181, ext. 360.



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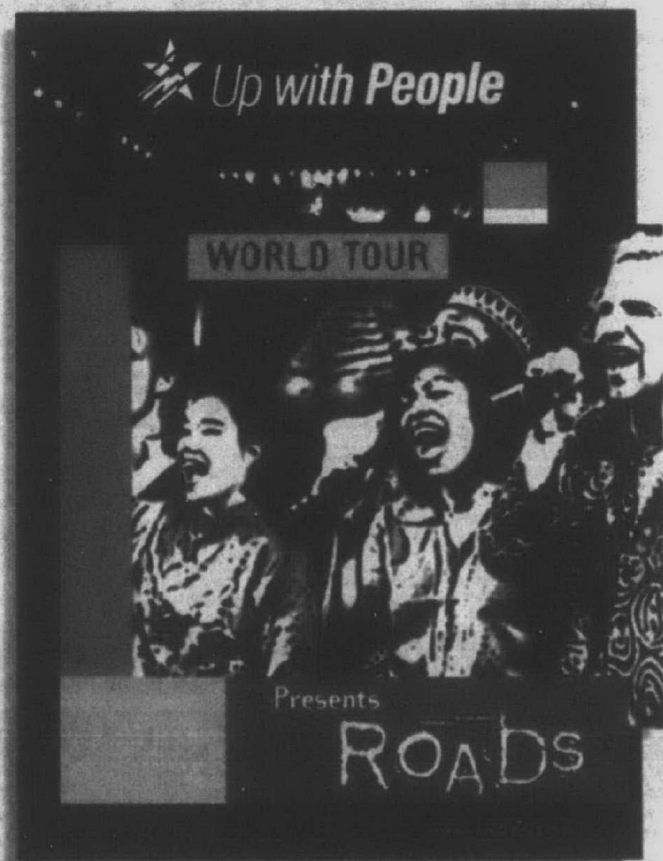
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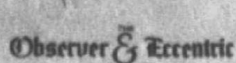


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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Baseball meeting set

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association (formerly the CCJBSA) will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 14 in the Canton Little Theater.

The CCJBSA will accept nominations for officers for its 1999 season and is seeking volunteers for various league positions.

Topics on the agenda include reasons for the league name change, plans for the 1999 season, institution of a T-ball program, field improvements, umpires and clinics.

"We have an opportunity to take another big step forward," CCJBSA President Harry Hill said. "We think we can do that and continue to serve our constituency as we have in the past."

Lightning strike

The Plymouth Lightning '81, an under-18 girls premier soccer team, captured top honors at the 17th annual Romeo Peachfest Soccer Tournament held Labor Day weekend. After a scoreless draw in their first match, the Lightning won their next two games 1-0 and 2-1. In the championship game, the Lightning rolled to a 6-0 victory over the Port Huron Lakers.

Team members are Kelly Connell, Jenny Fisher, Emily Kaatz, Kristin Kopenski, Emily Neilandam, Vicki Palis and Kristina Senich of Canton; Sarah Debie, Danelle Filips, Theresa Radtke, Cheron Rice and Andrea Weinman of Plymouth; Tara Robertson of Ann Arbor; Nicole Angelucci and Kristin Shea of Novi; and Susan Fisher and Jessica Roberts of Trenton. The team is coached by Glenn Kaatz and John Debie.

A fitful Force

The Canton Force, an under-15 girls soccer team, powered their way to a first-place finish at the first-ever St. Clair Shores Waterfront Invitational Soccer Tournament. The Force outscored their opponents — the Brighton Express, the Brighton Eclipse and the Birmingham Blazers — by a 6-1 margin in the preliminaries, then defeated the Blazers 1-0 in the championship match.

Team members are Sarah Amos, Cindy Bennett, Lindsey Birchmeier, Meghan Bruner, Arielle Bryant, Asher Bruner, Amy Campbell, Jennifer Curran, Jessica Dean, Katie Good, Megan Gourley, Shara Huggins, Lindsay Lasher, Lauren Marzolf, Cheri Opasik, Sarah Plymale, Natalie Thomas and Brianna Wolcott. Monica Blossom, Danielle Portelli and Anya Zubryckiy were guest players. The team is coached by Eric Dean and Jim Good, and is managed by Debbie Bruner.

Counsel rolls

Our Lady of Good Counsel's junior varsity soccer team was the winner in the three-day St. Alfred's Fall Kickoff Classic Aug. 29-31 in Taylor. Good Counsel beat Bloomfield Hills St. Hugo in an overtime shootout (it was 1-1 after regulation), topped Dearborn Sacred Heart 6-0 and edged Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows in an OT shootout (1-1 after regulation).

Members of the team of sixth-graders are John Napolitano, Marco Masciulli, Andrew Ready, Jim Gutkowski, Adam Kudla, Chris Atkinson, Jeff Willman, Mike Murphy, Tony Leon, Jason Zarate, Jim Stallings, Sean Cwiek, Brandon Seifert and Paul Isiminger. Fifth-grade members of the team are Dante Masciulli and Mike Spitzley. The team is coached by Mark Seifert and Tim Atkinson.

Sports luncheon

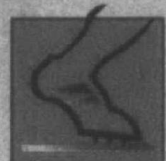
Business leaders and sports figures will join forces in support of education in Madonna University's Sports Celebrity Power Breakfast for Annual Fund will be 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, in the residence hall dining room.

As an added attraction, the Stanley Cup will be available for viewing. Companies wishing to contribute to the annual fund are invited to participate in the complimentary breakfast.

Former Detroit Tigers Bill Freehan, Jim Northrup and Jason Thompson, along with former Red Wing hockey great and hall of famer Ted Lindsay, will be among the celebrity guests.

For more information call (734) 432-5421.

Salem's off to a fast start



The opener went about as expected for Salem — and that's good news for the title-hungry Rocks, who are entertaining some big plans.

There were precious few surprises for Plymouth Salem's boys cross country team, which opened the dual-meet portion of its Western Lakes Activities Association season Thursday by sweeping past all three opponents in its quad meet at Nankin Mills.

"I'm very happy," said Rocks' coach Geoff Baker, his team a winner in the only meet that counted — 21-39 over Lakes Division foe Livonia Stevenson. "The guys went out and ran real well."

If there was any "surprise" at all, and this really wasn't much of one, it was the

meet's overall winner. That honor went to Josh Burt of Livonia Franklin, who edged Salem's Nick Allen. Burt won in 16:19; Allen was second in 16:22.

Burt, Allen and Salem's Jon Little, who placed third overall in 16:33, figure to be among the best runners in the WLAA all season. Allen and Little finished second-third at last season's WLAA Championships, and Burt was ninth.

Burt, however, had a race under his belt this season,

while Allen and Little were competing for the first time this season.

Despite that minor exception, everything else went according to Baker's plan. "I said that I thought by the end of the season, we could have 10 runners under 17:30," he noted. His five scorers in their season-opener were under 17:50.

The Rocks' other scorers and their overall finish: Bobby Cushman, sixth (16:56); Matt Anderson, Please see **BOYS CROSS, D2**

Stevenson still best

The high school girls swim season officially opened Thursday for everyone in the Western Lakes Activities Association with the annual WLAA Conference Relays meet, and guess what?

Big deal. Trying to figure the last time the Spartans didn't win either the season-opening relays meet or the season-ending (for most WLAA teams, anyway) WLAA championship meet might be more difficult. That's how dominant they've been.

On Thursday, their margin of victory was somewhat slimmer than last year's. But if the final standings in the relays meet are any indication, there's not going to be too much shuffling among the league's top teams.

Stevenson totaled 249 points, with North Farmington moving past host Plymouth Salem to finish second with 219 points. Salem was third (212) and Plymouth Canton was fourth (206).

In 1997, the top four spots went to Stevenson (275), Salem (227), Canton (199) and North (195).

The Spartans claimed five first-place finishes this time (they had six in '97). They also finished second three times and third once; they were disqualified in the 200 backstroke relay. North won twice, Walled Lake won twice and Salem won once.

Lindsay Dolin, Colleen Bosman, Katie Clark and Meghan Lesnau combined to get Stevenson started well, winning the meet-opening 400-yard medley relay (4:17.04). Julie Kern, Jessica Makowski, Amanda Polkowski and Meghan Mocerri teamed for a first for Stevenson in the meet's second event, the 400 freestyle relay (3:49.85).

The Spartans also finished first in the 200 butterfly relay, with Clark, Paula Smith, Emily Yambasky and Emily Sondergaard (1:57.73); the 500 freestyle crescendo relay, with Abbey Larson, Meghan Lesnau, Meghan Mocerri and Kern (4:50.76); and the 200 medley relay, with Emily Irvine, Marti McKenzie, Makowski and Polkowski (1:59.53).

North got wins in the 200 breaststroke relay, with Lindsay McErlean, Randi Taur, Jennifer Bendick and Nevra Alver (2:14.87), and in the 400 individual medley relay, with Lauren Turner, Melissa Navas, McErlean and Alver (4:25.74). Walled Lake's firsts came in the one-meter diving, from Tonya McCarty and Marissa Mallory

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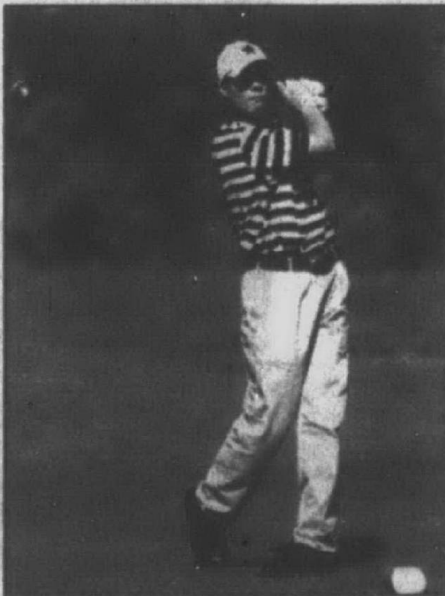


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Winning anchor: Kari Foust swam the final leg in Plymouth Salem's only winning relay, the 200-yard backstroke, which the Rocks won in 2:04.31.

Winning scores

Canton's good, Salem's better in dual match-up



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Solid stroke: Salem's Erik Krueger shot 36 to earn medalist honors against Canton.

It was the best meet of the season for Plymouth Canton's golf team.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, it came at the same time their arch-rival — Plymouth Salem — posted its best score of the season. And on this day, Salem's best was slightly better than Canton's.

The result: a victory for the Rocks, 195-197, Wednesday in a Western Lakes Activities Association meet at Hilltop.

"They came ready to play," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "Fortunately, so did we."

"We knew they were a good team. We knew they were shooting good scores. But as I said, fortunately, so did we."

Three of Salem's five scorers bettered 40, all solid scores at a course like Hilltop. Leading the Rocks was Erik Krueger, who earned medalist honors with an even-par 36. Mark Doughty followed with a 37, and Adam Wilson was next for Salem with a 39. The other scorers were Ryan Nimerguth at 40 and Mike Thackaberry at 43.

Canton's five scorers were all bunched within two strokes of each other. Matt Rosol was low man for the Chiefs with a 38; next best was Jon Johnson with a 39. Ben Tucker, Derek Lineberry and Justin Allen all tied for Canton at 40.

"There aren't many scores by any team under 200 out there (at Hilltop)," Wilson said. "I know I'd take a 197 every time and put it up against anyone in our conference."

Canton coach Tom Alles would, too. Alles guided the Chiefs to the WLAA championship last season, but the 197

they shot against Salem Wednesday was the lowest score they've carded at Hilltop in his five years as coach.

"That was a battle royal, I'll tell you," Alles said. "Everyone played their hearts out. That's just the way it always is between Canton and Salem — it's a pride thing."

Wilson had hardly been confident going into the meet. Prior to last Wednesday's dual, the last time the Rocks had played as a team had been nine days earlier at the Brighton Invitational.

"We had this layoff and frankly, I was a little concerned," said the Salem coach. "I'm glad we could play like this."

The Rocks play at the Adrian Invitational Monday, then have two key WLAA dates on Tuesday and Wednesday. They play Farmington and Northville in a double-dual at Tanglewood Tuesday, then go up against Westland John Glenn at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Fellows Creek in Livonia.

Canton plays unbeaten Walled Lake Central at Edgewood CC at 3 p.m. Monday, then hosts Livonia Stevenson at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Hilltop.

Canton 212, W.L. Western 220: Plymouth Canton didn't allow Wednesday's setback against Plymouth Salem affect it Friday when it hosted Walled Lake Western in a WLAA Western Division match at Hilltop.

The Chiefs played the back nine holes instead of the front

FOOTBALL

Rocks rip Churchill; Chiefs fall

David Clemons and Gabe Coble scored two touchdowns apiece to ignite Plymouth Salem's unrelenting ground attack and lead the Rocks to a 33-7 victory over visiting Livonia Churchill in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover football game Friday.

Salem racked up 387 rushing yards in evening its record at 1-1, at the expense of hapless — and winless — Livonia Churchill (0-2).

The Rocks led 33-0 before the Chargers scored on a 10-yard pass from John Bennett to Eric Geddes with 7:46 remaining in the game. The TD was set up by an 82-yard kickoff return by Brett Kearney.

Salem's Eric Peterson got the game's initial touchdown, scampering 5 yards in the first quarter; Jason Furr kicked the extra point to make it 7-0.

Clemons' 4-yard run scoring run in the second quarter, capped by Furr's two-point conversion run, gave the Rocks a 15-0 half-time lead.

Quarterback Coble took command in the third quarter, scoring on touchdown runs of 51 and 54 yards off the option to make Salem's lead 27-0.

Clemons broke loose for a 63-yard run early in the fourth quarter to complete the Salem scoring.

Kearney, who returned two kickoffs for 120 yards and punted five times for an average of 43 yards, booted the PAT after the Churchill score.

Clemons rushed eight times for 123 yards and Coble carried eight times for 119 yards. The Rocks' Matt Fair completed 2-of-7 passes for 23 yards as the Rocks gained 410 yards in total offense.

Salem held Churchill to minus-one yard rushing. The Chargers had 68 yards through the air, with Bennett completing 6-of-16 passes.

John Glenn 33, Canton 7: The Reggie Spearmon show was more than Plymouth Canton could handle Friday.

Spearmon, a senior tailback, scored four touchdowns — three of them coming in the second quarter — to help bury the visiting Chiefs. Glenn improved to 2-0 overall; Canton is 0-2.

After a scoreless first quarter, Spearmon erupted for the Rockets in the second. He scored on runs of 15, 10 and 44 yards as Glenn built a 20-0 lead by half-time. Jeremy Catarino converted 3-of-5 point-after-touchdown kicks in the game for the Rockets.

Spearmon finished his assault

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(390.15 points), and in the 200 free relay, from Laura Kaznecki, Jessica Martin, Sheryl Robel and Megan Sparling (1:42.86).

Salem's only triumph came in the 200 backstroke relay, from Stephanie Tyler, Rachel Maurer, Jenny Foess and Karl Foust (2:04.31).

Scorers: Plymouth Canton's butterfly relay team of (from left) Michelle Nilsson, Joanne Stewierski, Charlene Dullas and Danielle Drysdale combined to finish fourth in 2:07.52.



WESTERN LAKES CONFERENCE RELAYS

Thursday at Plymouth Salem

Team standings: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 249 points; 2. North Farmington, 219; 3. Plymouth Salem, 212; 4. Plymouth Canton, 206; 5. Northville, 189; 6. Walled Lake, 170; 7. Livonia Churchill, 146; 8. Farmington Harrison, 100; 9. Westland John Glenn, 89; 10. Livonia Franklin, 79; 11. Farmington, 68.

Event results

400-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Lindsay Dolin, Colleen Bosman, Katie Clark, Meghan Lesnau), 4:17.04; 2. Harrison, 4:28.30; 3. Salem, 4:28.51; 4. North Farmington, 4:29.18; 5. Canton, 4:40.33; 6. Northville, 4:45.36; 7. Walled Lake, 4:53.23; 8. Franklin, 4:58.22; 9. Farmington, 4:58.83; 10. Churchill, 5:18.21; 11. John Glenn (DQ).

400-yard freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Julie Kern, Jessica Makowski, Amanda Pozkowski, Megan Mocer), 3:49.85; 2. Walled Lake, 3:50.60; 3. Salem, 3:56.89; 4. Canton, 4:06.34; 5.

Northville, 4:09.08; 6. North Farmington, 4:24.72; 7. Harrison, 4:35.46; 8. Churchill, 4:46.13; 9. Farmington, 4:54.04; 10. John Glenn, 4:54.36; 11. Franklin, 4:57.67.

200-yard breaststroke relay: 1. North Farmington (Lindsay McElean, Randi Taub, Jennifer Bendick, Nevra Alver), 2:14.87; 2. Stevenson, 2:17.51; 3. Northville, 2:24.92; 4. Canton, 2:28.00; 5. Farmington, 2:31.09; 6. Churchill, 2:32.37; 7. Salem, 2:33.72; 8. Walled Lake, 2:40.29; 9. John Glenn, 2:42.78; 10. Franklin, 2:54.77; 11. Harrison, 3:00.35.

200-yard backstroke relay: 1. Salem (Stephanie Tyler, Rachel Maurer, Jenny Foess, Karl Foust), 2:04.31; 2. Northville, 2:05.70; 3. North Farmington, 2:08.01; 4. Canton, 2:08.06; 5. Churchill, 2:09.81; 6. John Glenn, 2:22.33; 7. Walled Lake, 2:22.95; 8. Franklin, 2:26.49; 9. Farmington, 2:58.43; 10. Harrison, 3:07.97; 11. Stevenson (DQ).

200-yard butterfly relay: 1. Stevenson (Katie Clark, Paula Smith, Emily Tam-

basky, Emily Sondergaard), 1:57.73; 2. North Farmington, 1:59.87; 3. Salem, 2:00.32; 4. Canton, 2:07.52; 5. Franklin, 2:11.06; 6. Walled Lake, 2:15.59; 7. Northville, 2:16.93; 8. Churchill, 2:25.70; 9. John Glenn, 2:34.14; 10. Harrison, 2:46.99; 11. Farmington (DQ).

One-meter diving: 1. Walled Lake (Tonya McCarty, Marissa Mallory), 390.15 points; 2. Stevenson, 359.90; 3. Churchill, 290.95; 4. John Glenn, 277.10; 5. Canton, 245.45; 6. North Farmington, 244.85; 7. Northville, 244.70; 8. Franklin, 238.40; 9. Salem, 234.95.

400-yard individual medley relay: 1. North Farmington (Lauren Turner, Melissa Navas, Lindsay McElean, Nevra Alver), 4:25.74; 2. Salem, 4:31.38; 3. Stevenson, 4:33.83; 4. Northville, 4:39.91; 5. Canton, 4:44.98; 6. Churchill, 4:57.87; 7. Walled Lake, 5:11.74; 8. Franklin, 5:20.71; 9. Harrison, 5:24.66; 10. John Glenn, 5:40.40; 11. Farmington (DQ).

500-yard freestyle crescendo relay: 1. Stevenson (Abbey Larson, Meghan

Lesnau, Meghan Mocer, Julie Kern), 4:50.76; 2. Harrison, 5:00.77; 3. Churchill, 5:02.08; 4. North Farmington, 5:15.88; 5. Salem, 5:19.82; 6. Canton, 5:20.03; 7. Northville, 5:21.70; 8. John Glenn, 5:27.69; 9. Walled Lake, 5:42.84; 10. Farmington, 5:46.38; 11. Franklin, 6:39.37.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Emily Irvine, Marti McKenzie, Jessica Makowski, Amanda Polowski), 1:59.33; 2. Canton, 2:08.63; 3. Northville, 2:09.23; 4. Salem, 2:12.99; 5. North Farmington, 2:14.56; 6. Walled Lake, 2:15.68; 7. John Glenn, 2:26.82; 8. Churchill, 2:31.21; 9. Farmington, 2:36.70; 10. Franklin, 2:42.65; 11. Harrison, 2:45.37.

200-yard freestyle relay: 1. Walled Lake (Laura Kaznecki, Jessica Martin, Sheryl Robel, Megan Sparling), 1:42.86; 2. Stevenson, 1:49.04; 3. Canton, 1:54.45; 4. Salem, 1:54.50; 5. Northville, 1:55.24; 6. Churchill, 1:57.19; 7. North Farmington, 1:57.46; 8. Farmington, 2:12.81; 9. John Glenn, 2:15.58; 10. Harrison, 2:31.73; 11. Franklin, 2:40.41.

Salem rolls to win; rally saves Canton

A lot of Plymouth Salem singles added up to Farmington's first soccer defeat of the season Wednesday at Salem.

The Rocks rolled past Farmington 7-0, with seven different players scoring goals. Three of them came in the first half.

Giuseppe Ianni led the Salem assault with a goal and two assists. Scott Duhl and Jeff Haar each contributed a goal and an assist, with Aaron Rypkowski, Dan Wielechowski, Nick Tochman and Chris Price getting one goal apiece. Other assists went to Nick Szczechowski and Jeff Chrzanowski.

"Our defense played fantastic," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy, his team now 6-0-2 overall, 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. "They didn't give up any shots to speak of."

Farmington fell to 3-1 overall, 1-1 in the WLAA.

SOCCER

Canton 3, Northville 2: Don Smith, Plymouth Canton's long-time coach, said it best.

"We set ourselves up to be beat," Smith said after his team fell behind 1-0 at the half of Wednesday's WLAA match at Northville. "We got caught up in being better than we are."

Fortunately, the Chiefs managed to score three quick goals in the second half, and that was enough to pull out the victory.

Scott Wright tied the game at 1-1 early in the second half for Canton. Steve Epley turned an assist from Justin Fishaw into a goal, making it 2-1 in the Chiefs' favor. A goal by Johnny Demergis, Chris Houdek assisting, put Canton up 3-1.

The Chiefs improved to 5-1 overall, 1-0 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Franklin, Churchill end in a scoreless tie

It was a 0-0 deadlock, but from Livonia Franklin's standpoint it was an upset win.

On Wednesday, the Patriots stunned visiting Livonia Churchill in a Western Division boys soccer match in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Churchill is 5-0-1 overall and 0-0-1 in the division, while Franklin is 2-5-2 and 0-0-1.

"It was an emotional game for us, the guys were pumped up," Franklin coach Dave Hebestreit said. "Our guys stepped up and played better than they have all year."

"And they followed the game plan to a T."

Franklin came out in a 4-5-1 attack with Ken Douglass and Ryan Kracht marking Churchill's top two scoring threats Mark Sicilia and George Kithas.

"Franklin took us out of our game," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "We played kick-ball and didn't possess it at all."

Franklin took 13 shots with six on goal. The Patriots had three corner kicks and five fouls.

"Playing a 4-5-1 we didn't expect a lot of offensive pressure, but we got it," Hebestreit said. "It was end-to-end action."

Churchill had 10 shots, five on goal, with 17 fouls, two corner kicks and three yellow cards.

"Our guys lost their compo-

sure, it was inexcusable," Campau said. "Give Franklin credit. They worked us hard."

"This was a real eye opener. It was a real wakeup call."

Steve Kleczynski was in goal for the Chargers, while Jeremy Bruckner was Franklin's keeper.

It was only the night before that Churchill travelled to Rochester Adams and handed the state-ranked Highlanders their first loss of the year, 3-1.

"Playing back-to-back didn't have any effect," Campau said. "We hope to learn from this. We can't let our emotions run the game. We have to play with more composure."

"But we still have a chance to win our division."

STEVENSON 7, N. FARMINGTON 2: Seven different players scored Wednesday as Livonia Stevenson (4-1, 1-0) opened Lakes Division play with a win at North Farmington.

Nick Ziobron had one goal and two assists, while Tony Maldonado and Mike White each contributed a goal and one assist.

Nick Soper (game-winner), Jon Mathis, Matt Freeborn and Martin Kennedy also scored for the Spartans. Jeff Budd and Tom Eller also drew assists.

Craig Hearn and Justin Street scored in the second half for the Raiders.

PCA romps to victory over Clarenceville

Plymouth Christian Academy, led by senior center Jenny Sutherland's game-high 16 points, drilled winless Livonia Clarenceville 47-5 in a non-league girls basketball game Friday at PCA.

Senior guard Carrie McCoy added eight points, while junior forward Karen Moran collected seven steals and four points for the Eagles.

Danielle Sledz had all five points for the Trojans.

Pioneer 48, Ladywood 44: A difference in shooting percentages told the story Friday as visiting Ann Arbor Pioneer held on to defeat Livonia Ladywood.

The Pioneers made 18 of 42 field goals for 43 percent. The Blazers were 15-of-52 from

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the floor for 29 percent.

Erin Hayden and Michelle Harakas scored 12 points apiece to lead Ladywood (1-3). Carly Queen added eight points, and freshman center Liz Obrecht had six rebounds.

Angie Felecia's nine points was tops for Pioneer (3-1), which led 25-17 at halftime and 31-30 after three quarters.

The Blazers took a 33-32 lead — their first since scoring the first basket of the game — early in the final period, but the Pioneers outscored them 17-14 over the full eight minutes.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 18

Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Fordson, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem (CEP), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Thurston at Woodhaven, noon.
Farmington at N. Farmington, 1 p.m.
Northville at Harrison, 1 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. W'sld, 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Birmingham Groves, 3 p.m.
Bishop Borgess vs. R.O. Shrine at Garden City Jr. High, 7 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Taylor Light & Life at RU's Kraft Field, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Liggett at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. East at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Southgate at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Taylor Truman at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Fordson, 7 p.m.
Canton at Mercy, 7 p.m.
Salem at Dexter, 7 p.m.

Woodhaven at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
St. Agatha at Mt. Carmel, 7 p.m.
Borgess at A.A. Pioneer, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
Fairlane at Ply. Christian, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 17

Clarenceville at Luth. W'sld, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Monroe, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Canton at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Howell at Salem, 7 p.m.
Northville at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Romulus at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Monroe S.M., 7 p.m.
Mercy at Riv. Gab. Richard, 7 p.m.
St. Florian at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. S'gate Aquinas at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18

Alcona at Bishop Borgess, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Inter-City, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, Sept. 14

Wayne at Robichaud, 4 p.m.
Thurston at Fordson, 4 p.m.
RU at Taylor Truman, 4 p.m.
Northville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.
Tay. Kennedy at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Luth. W'sld at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.
Inter-City at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.
Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Wayne at River Rouge, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.
Allen Park at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 17

Luth. W'sld at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Divine Child, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18

Grosse Ile at Garden City, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Roper, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Ply. Christian at Clinton, 11 a.m.
Anderson at Farmington, 12:30 p.m.
Salem at Troy High, 1 p.m.

N. Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20

Brother Rice at Redford CC, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Monday, Sept. 14

Madonna at Cornerstone, 3:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Kelllogg, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Madonna at Aquinas, 4 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Delta, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Whitman Center, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

St. Clair (Ont.) at Schoolcraft, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Madonna at Aquinas, 1 p.m.

O.L. St. Mary's at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
(College of DuPage, Ill. Tournay)

Schoolcraft vs. Lake County, 11 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20

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Schoolcraft at DuPage, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 17

St. Clair at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20

Saginaw Valley at Madonna, 3 p.m.

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Solid shooter: Canton's Ben Tucker shot a 40 against Salem and had a 42 against Western.

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nine, and, according to coach Tom Alles, that was reflected in their scores. "There's a lot more trouble on the back nine," Alles said. "But we were very happy with the victory. The only time we played (the back nine) last year we lost in the tiebreaker to (Westland) John Glenn. So when they told me we were going to have to play the back nine today, I was a bit concerned."

Again, good grouping of their scores was instrumental for Canton, now 3-1 in the WLAA. Matt Rosol led the Chiefs with a 41; Ben Tucker and Kyle Larman shot 42s; Derek Lineberry followed with a 43; and Justin Allen had a 44.

Western (now 1-3 in the WLAA) was led by Ralph Martello with a 40.

W.L. Central 197, Salem 198: Once again, Plymouth Salem posted a sub-200 score — only this time, the Rocks came out on the high end.

Walled Lake Central improved

its WLAA record to 4-0 with a single-stroke victory over the Rocks Friday at Central's home course, Edgewood CC. Salem slipped to 1-1.

"It's disappointing to lose by a stroke," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "But the scores were good. This is a tough (Central) team. They'll knock some people off."

Wilson did get a pleasant surprise from James McCaffery, a junior playing his first varsity match. McCaffery shot a 37 to earn team medalist honors.

Next best for the Rocks was Erik Krueger with a 39, followed by Mark Doughty, 40; Ryan Nimmerguth and Mike Thacker, 41 each; and Adam Wilson, 42.

The Vikings were paced by Lee Aho, who shot even par 36 to collect match medalist honors. Mark Hamilton was next for Central with a 37, followed by Cory Johnson at 38 and Justin Long, Don Vitale and Chris Pyzik, all at 43.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Women's golf

Northville's Carolyn Benninger shot an 81 to win first flight low gross honors in the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop Friday at Pierce Lake Golf Course.

Joey Kruithoff (Novi) and Pat Meyers (Birmingham) tied for second with 85 each.

Mary Allen (Wayne) and Diane Wazney (Dearborn) tied at 67 each for low net honors. Dolly Vettese (Northville) was runner-up with a 71.

Jan Nelson (Canton) won low gross second flight with a 91, five shots ahead of Penny Irwin (Westland).

Dorothy Cody (Farmington Hills) took low net with a 68, while Mary Ann Kraft (Dearborn Heights) finished second with a 72.

Zoo run

The Second Annual Run Wild will take place Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Detroit Zoo for the benefit of the zoo's veterinary hospital.

Proceeds from the event,

which features a 5K run and a one-mile, non-competitive walk, will fund the purchase of veterinary equipment and maintenance for the hospital and training for the hospital staff.

The hospital's veterinary staff provides services for the zoo's 1,250 animals. Run Wild is hosted by the Detroit Zoological Society and the Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association.

The K run takes place on a flat course (wheelchair accessible) circling the outside of the zoo and through the surrounding Huntington Woods neighborhood. The one-mile walk is through the zoo.

The run begins at 9 a.m. and the walk at 9:10 a.m. Aerobics instructors will lead participants in a pre-race warmup beginning at 8:20 a.m. in the zoo's south parking lot.

Individual registration fees for the run are \$15 before Sept. 12, \$17 through Sept. 18 and \$20 on race day; family/group (three or more) rates are \$12, \$14 and \$20, respectively.

Individual fees for the walk are

\$10, \$12 and \$15; family/group fees are \$8, \$10 and \$15.

Race-day registration begins at 7 a.m. Only applicants whose entry forms are received on or before Sept. 12 will receive their race packets by mail. To obtain registration forms and information call (248) 541-5717.

The entrance gates to the Detroit Zoo will close at 8:55 a.m. the morning of the race. No vehicles will be allowed to enter or leave until the last runner has crossed the finish line.

Men's racquetball

A men's fall racquetball league, sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation Services, is now forming. Cost is \$100 per player, which includes all league court time and awards.

There are no residency requirements. Matches will be played at Body Rocks-Racquettime, in Livonia. Matches will be on Wednesdays starting Sept. 16 and last for 13 weeks, with 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. court times. Players will be divided into divisions based on ability level.

Baseball tryouts

•The Wolves Federation Baseball Club will have tryouts for the 12-and-under teams on Sunday, Sept. 20 and 27. The teams will play 50-plus games per season. For more information, call Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4667 or Mike Vara at (313) 928-5691.

•The Michigan Indians Pee-Wee Reese (12-year-olds) baseball team is currently conducting tryouts for its 1999 squad.

The team is based in the Plymouth/Canton area, but there are no residency requirements. The team will play in the Little Caesar's Federation; players must have birthdates on or after Aug. 1, 1986. For tryout times and information, call Bruce Price at (734) 453-9180.

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Madonna rolls

Rayna Vert and Erin Cunningham combined for 23 kills Thursday to lead Madonna University's women's volleyball team to its 10th victory in 11 tries.

Vert had 12 kills and Cunningham 11 as Madonna defeated visiting Hillsdale (3-7), 15-12, 6-15, 15-6, 15-0.

Deanne Helsom had 35 assists and three service aces. Vert had seven digs, two blocks and five block-assists. Nicole Burns had seven assists on blocks and Brandy Malewski eight, in addition to six solo blocks.

Malewski also had eight kills and Stephanie Ubalde had seven. Marylu Hemme served a pair of aces.

On Tuesday, Madonna blitzed Tri-State (Ind.) in straight sets, 15-3, 15-13, 15-10.

The Crusaders hosted the Madonna University Invitational during the weekend.

VOLLEYBALL

Ocelots victorious

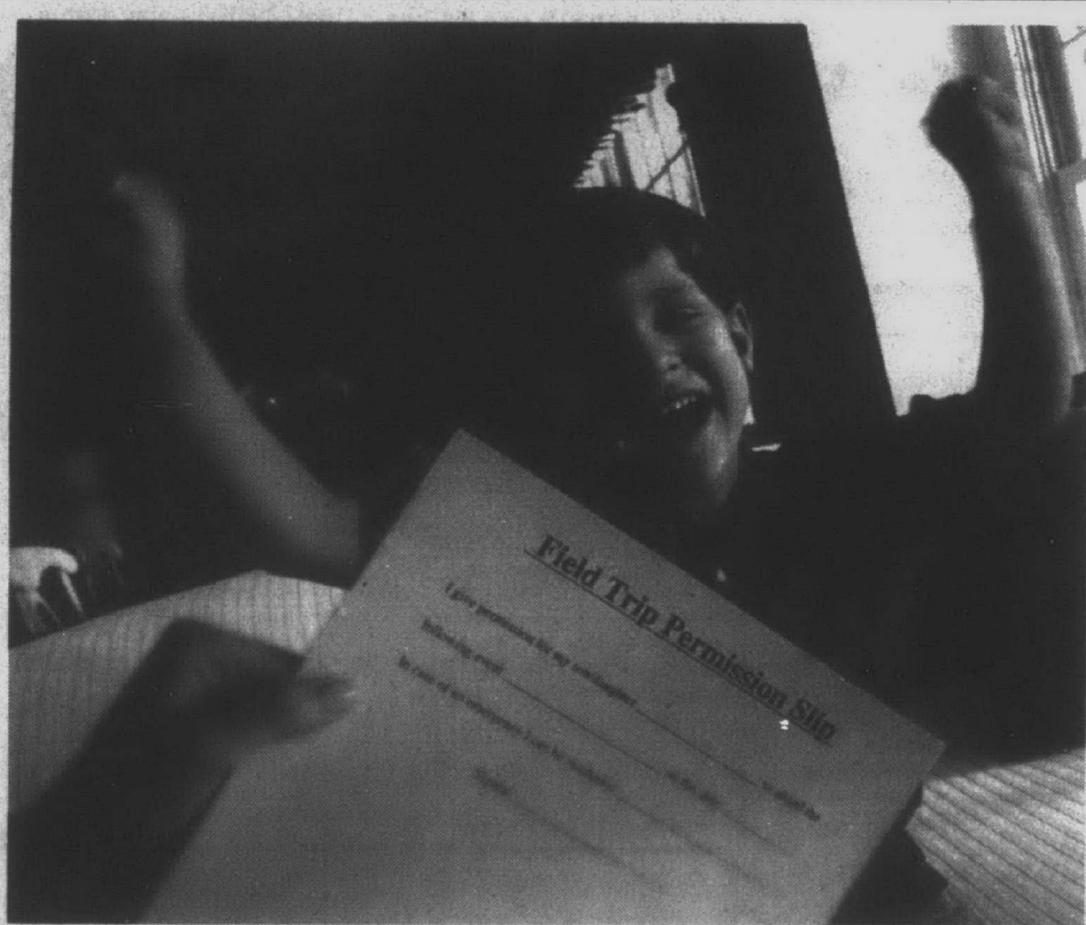
Schoolcraft's women's volleyball team trimmed Macomb CC, 15-11, 8-15, 15-13, 15-11, to improve its record to 4-5.

Coach Tom Teeters' team got 26 kills from Megan McGinty and 11 from Kelly Johnston. McGinty had a 25 percent success rate, best on the team.

McGinty also led her team with three blocks and service reception accuracy, taking 41 of 42 successfully. Johnston received 46 serves with only three miscues.

Danielle Wensing had 44 assists and only four errors in 163 attempts.

Melissa Plave served three aces in the matches and Johnston recorded 29 digs.



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FOOTBALL

4th-quarter rally carries Spartans past Pats

BY BRAD EMONS
SPORTS EDITOR

After losing momentum at halftime and well into the third quarter, Livonia Stevenson seemed to be going in reverse.

But the host Spartan rallied for a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns to subdue pesky Livonia Franklin, 21-7.

Stevenson evened its football record to 1-1, while the young Patriots dropped to 0-2.

Ryan Van Belle's 31-yard sideline strike to Phil Szumlanski with 7:03 remaining proved to be the difference.

Stevenson added an insurance TD on Waleed Haddad's 1-yard run with 1:04 to play.

"We were kind shell-shocked after the third quarter," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "But the kids on the sideline made sure everybody stepped it up and we were able to bounce back quickly after they scored."

Van Belle, a senior, connected on 10 of 21 passes for 183 yards.

He also bounced back from last week's 19-7 loss to Dearborn when he was two for 11 with one interception.

"Ryan threw the ball well, and he's capable of throwing well," Gabel said. "The situation in the Dearborn game, where we ran only eight plays in the third quarter, dictated some of that. And in the red zone we missed some assignments."

The Spartans had 336 total yards to Franklin's 181.

Stevenson ran 37 first-half plays and enjoyed a 7-0 lead when Eric Puninske scored on a 4-yard run with 8:44 left in the second period.

And the Spartans were poised to take increase their advantage when Steve Bartlett recovered a fumble at the Franklin 28 with 1:47 to go.

Franklin's defense, however, stiffened inside the 10, forcing Stevenson's Eric

West to line up for a field goal attempt just before the half.

His 21-yard attempt was blocked by Bryan Moore.

Sophomore linebacker Jesse Edmunds plucked the ball out of mid-air and the foot race was on to the end zone.

With the goal line in sight, Edmunds roared 80 yards, only to be tripped up at the Stevenson 12 by Mike Mocer and Mike McClain.

"We didn't make mistakes, we made blunders," said Gabel, referring to the first-half turn of events. "That had a noticeable effect on the game."

With only three seconds left, the Patriots failed to capitalize as Dave Scicluna's 31-yard field goal attempt sailed wide.

"Running 37 plays at the half made me feel good, but after that huge breakdown and only leading 7-0 at the half, I didn't feel good," Gabel said. "But the Franklin coaching staff and kids

deserve credit as well.

"It was like many Franklin-Stevenson games. They played really hard."

Franklin, given new life, controlled play in the third quarter, marching 76 yards on 12 plays, capped by sophomore quarterback Joe Ruggiero's 1-yard sneak. Scicluna's extra point tied it at 7-7 with 6:30 left in the third quarter.

The score was set up by junior Jeff Job's 26-yard run. Job led all carriers with 91 yards in 22 attempts.

Meanwhile, Haddad and Jason Allen ran for 69 and 67 yards, respectively, to pace Stevenson.

Poor field position and a pair of costly penalties hurt Franklin on the next two series of downs.

Ruggiero, however, showed poise and a strong arm in his second varsity start.

"The passing game improved because we did a better job of picking up the blitz, but we still have a lot of work to," Lee said. "We gave ourselves a chance

to win, which is better than last week (a 19-0 loss to Lincoln Park). That's all you can ask. And we were playing within our scheme more this week."

Defensively, Dan West led the Spartan with three solo tackles, four assists and two sacks. Tackle Dominic Freda contributed four solos and three assists, while junior linebacker John Van Buren had five solos, one assist and a sack.

Franklin got standout defensive play from Edmunds, Billy Merrifield and Jason Craven.

"I'd go into the trenches with them — they're fighters, they dug down deep," Lee said. "Defensively we came up big when we needed it."

"But Stevenson is a fine ballclub, well coached. We had the momentum and had them on their heels, but we've got to get better with our concentration level. We're still young and inexperienced."

Tractors shut down Zebras

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

It was a gift that was earned.

Wayne Memorial practically handed Dearborn Fordson its two touchdowns Friday night but the Tractors definitely worked for their 14-0 victory.

It was the Michigan Mega Conference Red Division opener for both schools following season-starting non-conference wins by each.

"What hurt us the most was giving the ball up," Coach Floyd Carter of the Zebras said. "But give Fordson credit."

"It's a typical Fordson team. They possessed the ball. And when they do that, we can't score."

"They came off the ball well and ran the ball hard."

Wayne had ground out a pair of first downs on its first possession of the first home night game in Fordson history when it

coughed up the football and defensive end Belal Majed pounced on it as the Zebra 33.

Nine straight running plays by Munier Ali and Rendall Winston marched the ball to the six. On third down, quarterback Ali Dabaja rolled right and hit Mohamed Salamey with a touchdown pass.

Kassem Anani kicked the extra point and Fordson had a 7-0 lead with 13 seconds left in the first quarter. Wayne ran just nine offensive plays in the first period.

Late in the second quarter Ahmed Harajli recovered another Wayne fumble, this one on the Zebras' 19.

Six runs, including a fourth-down gain of three yards by Dabaja for a first down on the seven, put the ball on the one and Ali ran it over from there with a good second-effort lunge. Anani's kick made it 14-0 with 2:35 left in the half.

"When you give them the ball that deep, they're in four-down territory," Carter said. "Against a team like Fordson, you can't do that."

Wayne played without its best back, Cameron Mingo, whom Carter hopes to have back for Belleville this Friday. Giant lineman Steve Barber played only the second half "and both those things played a factor," the coach said.

"We did not execute well offensively," Carter said. "And we made blocking mistakes up front. We would stutter and not get any momentum. That hurt."

Winston ran the ball up the gut 31 times for the Tractors and gained 92 yards. Ali was 11-for-20 rushing while Majed not only contributed defensively, he also ran four times for 13 yards including a big 10-yard gain near the end of the third quarter which got Fordson beyond its own 20.

The two first downs Wayne got

on its first possession were the most it got any time it had the ball.

Kwame Hampton was the leading Zebra rusher with nine carries for 39 yards, 36 of it coming on one fourth-down burst off right tackle and around right end which put the ball on the Tractors' 38 late in the fourth quarter.

Wayne couldn't get any closer and an incomplete pass on fourth down gave Fordson the ball with 2:37 to play.

"Our defense as a whole played well," Carter said, "when you figure where we gave them the ball and where their field position was."

Scott Sheedy led Wayne with 14 tackles, Jeremy Overton had 12 and Terry Turner 10.

Quarterback Turner had a couple decent runs for the Zebras. He threw 10 times, completing three for 16 yards. He was intercepted once but it was at the end of the half.

Carter cited Mike Cunningham, Pat Czarnik and Overton on defense.

Trojans win 2nd straight; Warriors clobber East

Good things are happening on Livonia Clarenceville's football field.

Of course when Walter Ragland touches the ball, and if he touches it often enough, then good things are as likely as sunny September days.

Ragland touched the ball 16 times Friday night on running plays and twice ended up in the end zone to lead Clarenceville to a 28-0 victory over visiting Allen Park Cabrini.

Ragland's runs were from 25- and 10-yards out as he gained 186 yards in the game.

Freshman Tim Shaw ran 12 times for 96 yards and scored on a 15-yard run as the Trojans expanded a 6-0 halftime lead to 22-0 after three periods.

John Wallace scored the other Clarenceville touchdown from two yards out. Wallace also contributed an interception to the Clarenceville cause.

Clarenceville is now 2-0 while Cabrini lost for the second time.

LUTH. EAST 39, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 22: Neither half started out well for the Warriors.

The first points of the night came

when Lutheran Westland was sacked in its own end zone for a safety.

The Warriors scored twice in the second quarter and trailed, 15-14, at halftime but the Eagles dented the Lutheran Westland end zone twice within two minutes of the third quarter and wound up with 18 unanswered points for a 33-14 lead.

Lutheran East was minus its top two quarterbacks, both serving suspensions, and thus stayed strictly on the ground (except for one incompleteness).

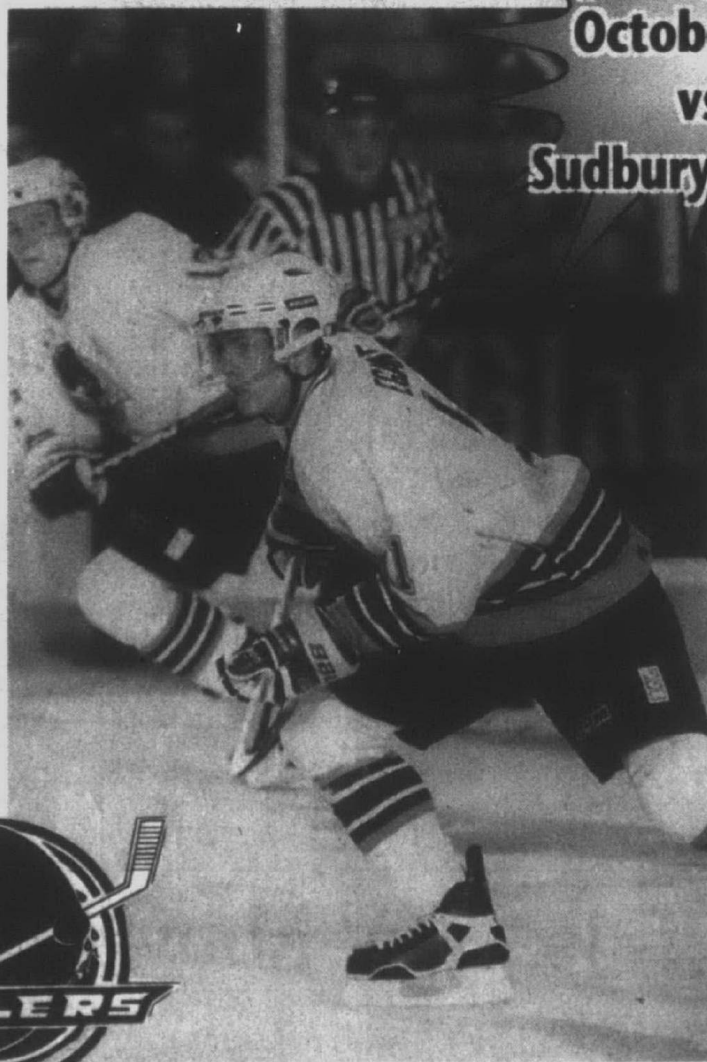
The Eagles ran 27 times for 259 yards, capitalizing on big plays, while Lutheran Westland ran 50 times for 165 yards.

The Warriors' Josh Moldenhauer ran 20 times for 72 yards, including a 5-yard scoring run, while Scott Archer counted a 3-yard run among his 20 carries for 66 yards.

Robert Quinnie scored on runs of 35- and 17-yards for the Eagles. Steven Lewis burst 39- and 61-yards for scores. Lewis gained 91 yards on only three rushes.

Dorian Crawford had a 16-yard TD run and Mike Hertel had a 1-yard run.

Gordie Engel threw a 15-yard scoring pass to Charlie Hoeft after Moldenhauer's score for Lutheran Westland in the second quarter.



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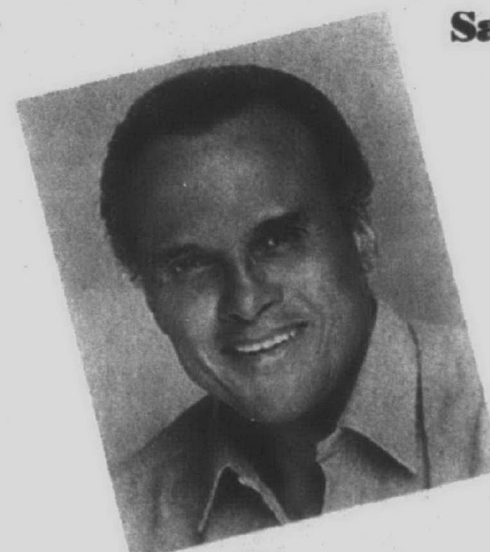
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Laich gives back to community

If only everyone cared about the welfare of our youth as much as Bob Laich cares.

If only everyone cared about the welfare of our outdoor heritage as much as Bob Laich cares.

The Westland resident and father of two grown children has combined his love for the outdoors with his concern for children and the negative influences they face in today's society to come up with a marvelous program aimed at introducing children to the sport of deer hunting and wild game management.

"I had this idea about two years ago to let kids, who otherwise might not have the opportunity, get a chance to go deer hunting," said Laich, a past president of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. "So many kids today come from split families, for whatever reason. Many times these children started out learning about the outdoors, but then the opportunity left them. This program will give that opportunity back."

Youth Hunting Day is a combined effort of MUCC and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Although some of the details are still being hammered

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

out, the plan is to have this special program ready to roll for the 1999 deer hunting season.

The program will be open to a limited number of youths between the ages of 12-14 who come from single-parent homes.

Each child will have his/her own special mentor and will be required to complete a DNR Hunter Safety Certification Program and the International Bowhunter Education Program.

Kids will be taught safety, map and compass reading, wilderness survival skills, simple first aid, game management, hunting ethics, conservation, shooting skills, hunting skills and much more before ever stepping foot in the field.

At the end of the program the kids will be able to participate in two separate weekend deer hunts at Maybury State Park. The park is traditionally closed to hunting, but the plan is to open the park for these special hunts only to help thin an abundant deer population in the park.

"So far everyone has been great and very supportive," Laich said. "There's a group called 'Friends of Maybury,' and I wasn't sure how well they'd like the idea of opening the park to hunting, but when they heard about the kids (program) they said 'OK' and wished them good luck."

"There are so many deer out there and they're eating everything. This will benefit the park,

too."

Laich said the first year will be sort of a pilot program and if everything goes well he already has the blessing of the DNR to possibly expand the program.

"(DNR) Director Kool told me that if everything comes off well we could do this across the state," Laich said.

Mentors are needed and will begin training after Jan. 1 so the program can be initiated in time for next fall.

If you're interested in assisting with this invaluable program and becoming a mentor contact Dennis Knapp at MUCC by calling (800) 777-8720.

"I grew up in the country (near Ford and Wayne roads) and maybe that's why this is so important to me," Laich added. "There is so much a kid can learn out in nature."

"There's so much out there to enjoy and it's a shame to not even have an opportunity. I just hope they get as much enjoyment out of the outdoors as I have."

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

Nature's discoveries, identifications of deformed frogs denote changes

Working at a nature center often results in some interesting discoveries and observations.

People often bring in their specimens for identification, or ask why something is doing what it's doing. It's a challenge that keeps a naturalist on their toes.

Snake identification is very popular. In most cases they want to know if the snake is poisonous. Most of the time it's not poisonous.

In fall leaves are frequently brought in for identification as students work to complete their leaf collection.

But sometimes the unusual comes in.

Recently someone brought in a six-legged green frog to the Erie Marsh Metro Park near Rockwood. It was collected on Grosse Ile.

I've read about deformed frogs, but this was the first time I had ever seen one. Except for four back legs it looked normal.

This is not the first deformed frog for southeastern Michigan.

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

In April of this year four leopard frogs were found deformed and in June a green frog was found with one extra hind limb.

One of the first things that came to mind is, what causes such malformations?

A definitive answer is yet to come, but scientists have some ideas they are working on.

First, it should be noted that deformed frogs are not new to science. Collectors from the early 1900's reported the occasional unusual frog or salamander.

But what is happening in some areas of the country is that the rate of occurrence is increased remarkably.

In Minnesota, David M. Hoppe at the University of Minnesota said he handled thousands of frogs between 1975 and 1995 and saw only two with minor limb defects.

But in 1996 he saw over 200 deformities in six different species of frogs. Fifty percent of the mink frog population in one area had abnormalities such as extra limbs, fusion of upper and lower legs and missing eyes.

Scientists have postulated three reasons for these deformities.

One is the increased incidence of ultraviolet light reaching the earth due to the thinning of the ozone layer.

Another idea is the presence

of chemicals like pesticides and herbicides.

The last hypothesis is the presence of trematodes, a parasitic worm that invades the body of a developing tadpole and causes damage to the differentiating area or limb.

Scientists have tried to duplicate this condition in the laboratory but have been unsuccessful in producing deformed adults.

Some scientists are not alarmed by these unusual frogs, while others feel it is a symptom of the well documented decline in amphibian populations around the world.

Web sites on the internet have been established to allow people from around the U.S. to report normal and abnormal amphibians they find.

These findings will be used by scientists to determine patterns in the incidence of deformed animals.

Thanks to the internet this kind of reporting is possible.

This unusual six legged frog is on display at the nature center in Erie Marsh Metro Park.

A good time to view this unusual specimen would be Sept. 19-20 at the Hawk Fest.

Lots of activities focused around the migration of hawks, mostly broad-winged hawks, moving south along the shoreline.

There will be fun for the whole family.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 983-9658 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (beginners and non-beginners are welcome). The club meets monthly at Gender Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 886-8910 for more information.

DETROIT WEST STEELHEADERS

Detroit West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 473-1434 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0943 for more information.

ARCHERY

BENEFIT 3D

Wayne Firefighters Local No. 1620 and the Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a benefit 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the WWCCA grounds in Plymouth. Proceeds from the shoot will benefit the Great Lakes Burn Camp. Activities include a 30-target 3D shoot (\$8), MUCC's wetland animal exhibit, a birds of prey exhibit, trophies, a supervised child archery shoot, raffles, novelty shoots, a dunk tank, a 50/50 long distance shoot, fire safety house, Sparky the Fire Dog, and much more. There will also be a buffet dinner/banquet 6 p.m.-midnight featuring music, dancing and a cash bar. Dinner tickets are \$15 per person and \$25 for a couple. Call (313) 722-1112 for tickets and more information.

JANISORE

Detroit Archers will hold a Bowhunter Jamboree on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Registration will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 681-9610 for more information.

WWCCA 3D

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 30-target 3D shoot on Sunday, Sept. 20, on its walk-through course in Plymouth. WWCCA is located at 6700 Napier Rd. Call (734) 453-9543 for more information.

CLASSES/CLINICS

BACKPACKING GLACIER

REI staff member Dave Tate will give a slide presentation

on his adventures this summer while backpacking Glacier National Park in Montana during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at REI. REI is located at 17699 Haggerty Road in Northville (at Six Mile and Haggerty). The presentation includes trail suggestions, photography tips and information on low impact backpacking.

TURKEY HUNTING

Jay's Sporting Goods of Clare, the Michigan DNR and the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will be conducting Michigan's first fall wild turkey hunting workshop beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Jay's. Fall hunting techniques, calling, the use of decoys, laws, turkey biology and much more will be discussed by some of the state's most noted turkey experts.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. Call (313) 532-0285 to pre-register.

FISHING

TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 50-boat open tournament on Sunday, Oct. 11, on Lake Orion. Registration is \$75, \$80 after Oct. 7. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 7-8, at the Holiday Inn-Fairlane, 5801 Southfield Service Drive in Detroit. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

DEER

Archery deer season opens statewide on Oct. 1. The firearms season opens statewide on Nov. 15. The muzzleloading season opens Dec. 4 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

DUCK

The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules will be Oct. 3 - Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 10-Dec. 8 in the South Zone.

ELK

The early elk hunt will run through Sept. 20, by special permit in designated elk management units only. The late hunt will be held Dec. 8-14,

also by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

GOOSE

The regular season is Sept. 19-Oct. 3 statewide with a daily bag limit of two.

GROUSE

Ruffed grouse season opens Sept. 15.

RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season opens Sept. 15.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season opens Sept. 15.

WOODCOCK

Woodcock season opens Sept. 15.

QUAIL

Quail season runs Oct. 28-Nov. 11 in 22 counties throughout southern Michigan. Consult the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific openings.

SHOWS

WILDLIFE CARVING

The Waterfowl Preservation & Decoy Club of Michigan will hold the North American Wildlife Carving Show and Sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20, at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. The show features decoys, fish, hat art, gifts, vendors and more. Admission is \$4. The Holiday Inn is located at Six Mile Road and I-275.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-8787. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

HAY RIDES

Maybury Farm will offer horse-drawn hay rides, 1-4 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through September and October.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7766; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

Baseball, bowling rooted in St. Louis; Local TV shows return

When Mark McGwire broke the home run record Tuesday night he did a big favor for bowling.

If you look for similarities between baseball and bowling, there are a few, the distance from the pitching rubber to home plate is the same distance between bowling's foul line and the headpin.

The Bowling Hall of Fame, which is located in St. Louis shares the same building with the Cardinals for their Hall of Fame and museum.

Now that visitors will be more attracted to the Cardinals site, they will also be right there to go

TEN-PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

in and see bowling's national Hall of Fame on display as well.

Bowling and baseball have also shared in the same sort of debate, now that there are so many more home runs being hit, does it cheapen the home run or enhance the game?

At least five players will top 50 this season.

The same question comes up in bowling with so many more 300 games and 800 series than ever before.

here is no question that the baseballs have been made more lively, and the same could be said for all the new high performance bowling balls that are now so popular.

Has the value of a 300 game become diluted?

■ Bowling shows are coming back to local TV.

It has all come about as a

result of the newly formed CNTV, a marketing merger between Comcast, Media One, T.C.I. and Time Warner.

Combined, they cover 500,000 homes in the Detroit market.

If you remember the highly popular Bowling for Dollars with Bob Allison on Channel 4 many years ago or perhaps Beat the Champ with Chuck Walby in the '70s, these new shows will fill that void we have had for many years.

CNTV has agreed to a 6-7 p.m. daily time slot five days per week for bowling.

According to Gary Aldinger of Thunderbowl Lanes, the new show is Bowling for Bucks and anyone can enter simply by purchasing an entry at his or her local participating bowling establishment.

The bowling center will turn in

all entries and a random drawing will be held to determine the contestants.

Those selected will then have a round of (handicapped) qualifying which will also be taped for daily viewing on CNTV. The 20 or 25 top qualifiers will then get to bowl for the bucks in a strike or bust format (so many bucks per pin). And if the result is a strike, the contestant gets another shot if a second ball is a strike, they then get the third and bigger chance at \$250 cash, along with a Bowling For Bucks jacket and a dinner for two at a popular restaurant.

There will be a local sports celebrity (TBA) to host each show.

It should be interesting for it will be a chance for bowlers at all skill levels to compete and win some bucks on TV.

For more information, call

Gary Aldinger at (313) 381-2266.

The one hour time slot will be shared with another local show, more on that in the next edition of Ten Pin Alley.

■ Hollywood Hogan has gone bowling. Not only the Hulkster, but Macho Man, Diamond Dallas Page, Sting, Bret Hart and Kevin Nash are promoting the new Bowling WCW Leagues.

Check with your local bowling center to see if they are participating in this program sponsored by WVV and NOW wrestling.

Those who enter will receive numerous merchandise packages including a collectors series bowling ball in 6-8-10-12-14-15 or 16 pounds, along with a Henley style shirt with your favorite wrestler's name and logo embroidered and a matching cap.

These leagues are starting now, so it's time to sign up.

If your preference in NASCAR racing to wrestling, this league's for you.

Join one of the many NASCAR leagues and receive your choice in merchandise including driver uniform jackets, bowling shirt, cap, towel and watch.

Another choice is the collectors edition NASCAR bowling ball, which is for display purposes only.

The ball has a replica racing car encased in clear plastic. You can choose merchandise of your favorite driver including Jeff Gordon, Dale Jarrett, Mark Martin, Dale Earnhardt Rusty Wallace and more.

This promotional league also coincides with the 50th year of NASCAR.

See your local participating bowling center for more details and entry forms.