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Bellerose Antiques: The shop is opening today on Mill Street in Old Village. Owner Peggy Allgeier of Plymouth is having a hard time parting with the collectibles she gathered from flea market and estate sales. /A3

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Fieger campaigns in Plym



Fleger time: Democratic gubernatorial candidate Geoffrey Fieger presented a lively talk before the Tonquish Economic Club Wednesday afternoon at the Plymouth Manor. Although the audience was mostly Republican, many said they enjoyed listening to his energetic speech.



Democrat Geoffrey Fieger came to Ply-mouth knowing he was in Republican country, but told an audience at the Ton-quish Economic Club his message is broadbased and appeals to all.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Geoffrey Fieger walked into a roomful of Republicans Wednesday afternoon at the Plymouth Manor as the guest speaker of the Tonquish Economic

And Fieger did what Fieger does

"I've always heard about his reputation as a great speaker, and I think he lived up to it," said Judy Mardigian of Plymouth, who is a school board member. "He certainly electrifies."
Fieger talked about issues aimed at

this mostly Republican, business-oriented crowd ... including eliminating the single business tax, ripping the increase in the state sales tax and the poor condition of Michigan's roads.

Of course, all this was done at the

expense of his opponent in the Nov. 3 general election, incumbent Republican Gov. John Engler.

Fieger said "there are significant obstacles to single business owners in Michigan" despite the state's low unemployment figures.

The good paying jobs have been sucked out of this state to Mexico or other states, and the people left with them. We've lost 50,000 jobs," said Fieger. "So, our unemployment looks good ... but we have no economic miracle going on. You will see no kind of renaissance like Cleveland, Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati or Pittsburgh. Not even close."

Fieger emphatically denounced the single business tax, saying "it's the most screwed up single tax in the history of the state of Michigan."

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School board faces recall

Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva says he will initiate a recall effort against the Plymouth-Canton school board, and take a look at splitting the district into separate entities

"The school board is not taking a leadership role. It's being pulled by the administration," said Vorva. "When the school board doesn't pay attention to teachers on where to build a new high school, it shows they're just not

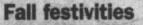
Vorva threatened last year to start a recall effort, but said "timing is everything. The last time was before a school board election, and wouldn't have worked. We'll put together a recall committee soon after the middle school bond election in October.'

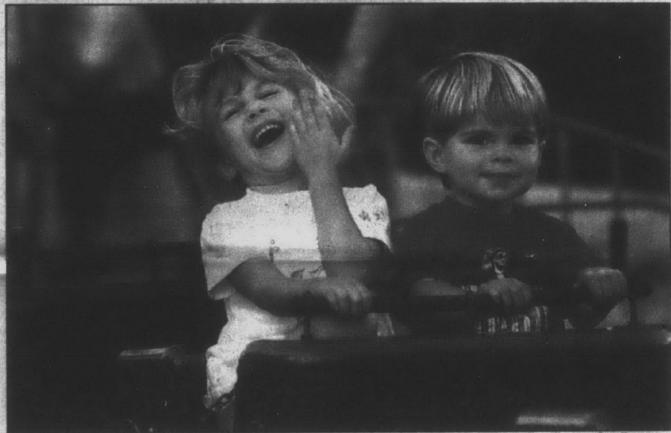
If he moves forward, Vorva will first need to have the recall language approved by a Wayne County Elections Commission panel, consisting of a judge, county clerk and county treasurer, before passing out petitions.

The recail group will then have a 180-day window to circulate petitions, with only those signatures collected within a 90-day period validated.

To get the recall effort on a ballot, Vorva's group would need valid signatures equaling one-fourth of the total number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election. The signatures would then have to be certified by the

Please see RECALL, A2







Fun for all: Above, Meghan Hartman, 5, of Canton, and her brother James, 2, enjoy the kiddie bumper car ride during the Plymouth Community Fall Festival. At left, Toni and Ralph Chapman of Plymouth enjoy the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at the Gathering. The couple, who have been coming to the pancake breakfast since 1976, said that they come for the pancakes made by their friend Jim Vermeulen. For more photos and story see page A6.

Starr report is top seller at bookstore

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The telephones have been ringing off the hook at the Little Professor on the Park bookstore in downtown Plymouth.

"Everybody wants to know when the books detailing the Kenneth Starr report will be out," said Mary Millington, bookstore manager. "Thus far we've received about a hundred special orders for the books, which I hope to have this week.

Millington said "everything has been happening at lightning speed" as publishers try to get books detailing the affair between President Bill Clinton and former White House intern Monica

"Last Saturday, and again on Mon-

day, we received 35 copies of the spe-

cial section printed by the Detroit Free

Press, and sold out within a couple of

hours each day," added Millington. "Many people were buying more than one copy. I've tried to get more, but I guess they can't keep up with the demand."

The last time we saw this type of activity was the O.J.

Simpson murder case.

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Millington said there is one large paperback book being published that costs \$10, while a pocketbook edition

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Mary Millington

Little Professor manager

Church breaks ground

BY DIANE HANSON SPECIAL WRITER

The bright sunshine wasn't the only warmth generated last Sunday at the groundbreaking of the new church for Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Plymouth.

There were plenty of warm feelings as 500 parishioners sank their shovels into the rock-hard earth on the northwest corner of Beck and North Territorial roads in Plymouth

Township, site of the new facility. "It's wonderful," said parishioner Colleen Pobur. "It really was a wonderful feeling today with the music and the setting and everybody here

Please see CHURCH, A4



Blessed event: Our Lady of Good Counsel celebrated the groundbreaking of its new church on the northwest corner of North Territorial and Beck with Bishop John Neinstedt.

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clerk's offices in each of the communities served by the school

The Canton Township clerk's office reports 19,209 people voted in the 1994 gubernatorial election. According to county officials, the recall committee would need 4,802 valid petition signatures from Canton resi-

Plymouth Township recorded 10,992 gubernatorial votes. which means 2,748 valid petition signatures would be needed from township residents.

The Plymouth clerk's office reports 4,009 ballots cast for gov-

ernor, meaning a recall effort want to split and remain inde-would need 1,002 petition signa-pendent. tures from the city.

Vorva said he's also looking at what it would take to split the Plymouth-Canton school district.
"I've had a number of calls

from Plymouth residents who want to explore the possibility," he said. "They're unhappy with the administration in the handling of many issues.'

Assistant state school superintendent Mike Williams said the state has dealt with consolidations and annexations of school districts which want to combine, but rarely with districts that

"It's been done before, but not something we've generally promoted," said Williams. "There is no easy mechanism for the division of a school district. It would take special legislation."

Williams said there's no doubt that Plymouth and Canton school districts could be viable.

"Plymouth residents would have to know they probably couldn't get the same programs which are offered in a district with 16,000 students," he said. "However, there is some sense of intimacy with a smaller scale district. Just look to neighboring Northville."



Book signng: Author R.T. Stone, right, hands an autographed book to a the Ageless Wisdom bookstore in Plymouth on Monday. Stone signed books and led a discussion on "universal truths."

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"I guarantee you get rid of it and any one of us small business owners or single business owners could hire additional employees that would add to our economy, that would add to the collection of revenue through taxes," added Fieger. "It will free up revenue to hire more employees at a living wage."

Fieger said he wants a "truth in taxes policy so taxes are collected for a single purpose and

go for that purpose. WEET.



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"Were any of you aware that in them." the 4-cent gas tax one of those cents is being diverted to the Secretary of State's office and not road repair, where it was

supposed to go?" he quizzed the

luncheon crowd. "My tax policy is any tax is bad unless it can be directly proven to be a benefit to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the state of Michigan," Fieger proclaimed. "Taxation is a drag on the economy and a means by which government intrudes in our lives. The present governor has shifted taxes. I will reduce

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Mark Slavens of Canton, who is the head of the Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, asked Fieger about Proposal A and funding for schools.

"The formula in existence is incomprehensible," said Fieger. "No school district can plan for the upcoming school year because no district knows how much it's going to get under the existing plan.

"I will never allow the diversion of public funds to private charter schools," he added. "That's a mechanism to destroy the public school system and create a class society."

Reaction to Fieger appeared to be mixed.

"It would be terrific to have a friend in Lansing and someone Democratic lawyer."

who is committed to end the war on public education," said Plymouth-Canton schools Superintendent Chuck Little.

"He's a very energetic speaker," said Plymouth resident Bill Graham of People's State Bank. "It's hard to get substance from him because a lot of what he says is driven towards allegations. Give us more specific

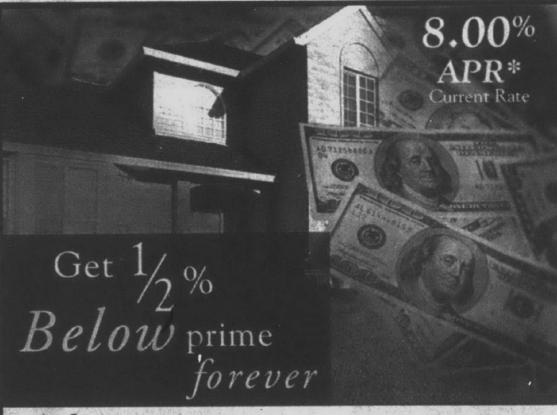
"If he's elected I think he'll do what he said he's going to do," said Nadine Frost of Redford. mother of Economic Club President Sheila Friedrich and a Fieger fan.

Sharon Dore of Bloomfield Hills, an employee of Standard Federal Bank, the club's main sponsor, minced no words when she said "He's a double-talking

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Antique shop opens in Old Village home

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rds when le-talking Bellerose Antiques owner Peggy Allgeier is busy estab-lishing her new business with a medley of unique antiques and collectibles she's gathered from flea markets and estate sales some of which she's having a hard time parting with.

"I have a little two-bedroom house in Plymouth that's just packed with stuff, but there's always something I see I'd like to keep ... but I know I don't have the room," said Allgeier standing in one of four rooms standing in one of four rooms that make up "Bellerose Antiques & Estate Sales," located at 643 N. Mill St. in Old Vil-

Approximately 700 square feet of the new antique business is located on the main floor of an Old Village home that for-merly housed Petticoats, a vin-tage children's clothing business. Allgeier said the owner continues to operate her business in the back of the house

(accessible through the antique shop), and she will carry some of her work that incorporates vintage fabrics and materials.

Carrying everything from primitive pieces, Victorian items and items representative of the 1950s, each room of the house lends itself to browsing. reminiscing and perusing.

The Plymouth resident, for-merly of Westland, maintains booths at both the Knightbridge Antique Mall on Seven Mile in Northville and the Plymouth Antique Mall. She said she named the local business after a section of Queens in New York where her husband hails from.

All in the family

"My sister in Wisconsin really sparked my interest in starting a business," said Allgeier. "I have an interest in antiques and desired to have more hands-on, one-on-one contact with my customers."

Allgeier said her philosophy of locating in an area where there are several other antique

malls and shops is, "the more

"I think the antique mails and shops throughout Plymouth and Northville encourage people to come to the area and shop for

Perched on shelves and attractively displayed are a variety of collectibles, including furniture, the ever-popular Jadeite and depression glassware, children's toys, books, linens, advertising memorabilia, jewelry and figurines.

Currently, Allgeier said Jadeite is the one of the most popular items she finds collec-tors scouting for. "It cooled-off for a while but I think that's because people may have been collecting just one particular thing like mugs, and now they're searching for some of the more unusual pieces like canisters or salt and pepper

Fire King Jadeite is a milky, green glassware fashioned into green glassware fashioned into "Customers will notice all price everything from bowls to shak-ranges as well," noted Allgeier. ers and plates.

Special Bellerose services include gift cards, packaging, gift certificates, 30-day layaway and convenient shopping hours (11 a.m. to 6 p.m. most days).

With her grand opening slated for Friday, Sept. 18, Allgeier will offer a 15 percent discount on everything in the store Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

She and her mother-in-law, Ann Allgeier will manage the

in-law Ann Allgeier will manage the

business togeth-er. They plan to add antiques

If you would like to stop by and visit the Bellerose, the home is located at 643 N. Mill St. in Old Village, or call (734) 454

Chamber tees off



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Tee time: Bob South of March Tire, from left, and Jim and Tom Sechrist of Motown Automotive. watch the drive of their fourth companion, Paul VanHull of March Tire during the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce golf outing Monday at Fox Hills Country Club. The rain held out until the last hole for most golfers in the annual scramble.

Ohio grand jury could indict Plymouth man

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

An Erie County, Ohio, grand jury will convene to determine possible indictments against a Plymouth Township man involved in a double-fatality accident near Sandusky.

Erie County Assistant Prosecutor Carl Wright says George Latva waived his preliminary examination Monday in Erie County Court, and the case will now be presented to a grand jury to review the case and decide, what, if any, indictments will be handed down.

Latva, 51, is currently charged with two third-degree felony counts of involuntary manslaughter in connection with an Aug. 14 accident on Ohio 2 that killed two young Cleveland boys.

Latva hasn't entered a plea in the case, and remains free on bond. He faces two-to-10 years in prison and fines up to \$15,000 on each count.

Latva is charged in the deaths of a 2-year-old boy and his 2month-old brother when the Chevy Suburban he was driving crashed into the rear of a Saturn in Margarita Township, near

Ohio State Police say Latva's vehicle slammed into the back of the car at about 65 mph while traffic was backed up because of construction on the Edison Bridge. Police say the two Cleveland boys, who were properly restrained, were crushed by the crash.

Latva, his wife, Margaret, along with their daughter Catherine, 18, and son Peter, 16,

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were treated and released from a Sandusky hospital following the

On Friday, Sept. 11, Erie County Judge Paul Lux issued an arrest warrant for Latva for failing to attend the originally scheduled preliminary hearing.

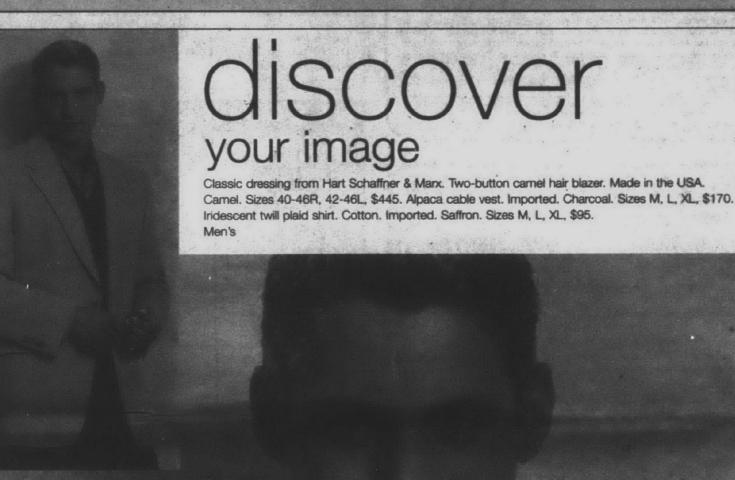
"I advised him not to show up because he already had waived his right to a preliminary trial," said Howard Whitcomb III of

The Latvas have declined interviews on the recommendation of Whitcomb. "I advised him not to discuss the accident with anybody," said Whitcomb. "I want to allow the process to progress in a normal course through the courts. I expect to hear from the grand jury sometime in mid-October.

Contacted at their home five days after the accident, Margaret Latva said the accident has forever changed their lives.

"It was an accident," said Margaret. "We just happened to be driving a Suburban, which is a

"We're really too upset to talk now," she said. "We're parents, too, and this is just so upset-





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vill sell for \$5.99.
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Millington believes many pe

e want a copy of the report for storical purposes

"This is a part of history, and something many people will want to save," she said. "It also a good lesson in the democratic ess as we learn about censure, impeachment proceedings and due process."

"This is a part of history, and something many people will want

> Mary Millington Little Professor manager

Millington says magazines like Time, Newsweek and People, as well as daily newspapers detail-ing the president's affair and the Starr Report are also selling quickly as "people just can't seem to get enough of it."

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in the abundant sunshine."

Joining in the earth-moving experience were the Rev. John Sullivan, pastor of OLGC, the Rev. J.J. (John Joseph) Mech, associate pastor, Detroit Auxiliary Bishop John Neinstedt and the Rev. Richard Perfetto, who was pastor of OLGC before being named pastor of Resurrection Church in Canton

"It is a great day, a great sign of optimism," said Neinstedt. The church building is a symbol of the faith, hope and love that the people have. The people of the parish have to continue to deepen that faith so that they make sure that this really is a holy place. It is a great sign of the progress that we are making to build the kingdom of God here on earth."

Parishioners and school children stood on a white outline of the church located on 37 acres of rolling grassy treed property to initiate the building process. Yellow balloons, containing notes about the church and asking for a response, were released after the bishop blessed the entire perimeter of the marked space.

"It is a wonderful day for the parish," said Karen Gabrys, an OLGC parishioner with two children at the school. "It is

truly an opportunity for growth of the parish. This is a wonderful setting for us. We definitely need the space. We have grown to capacity at our old space from the physical size of the church to the parking facilities. This land here is truly a blessing."

Sullivan couldn't agree more. "It was a miracle to get this land," he said. Perfetto conducted a big fund-raising drive while he was still pastor of OLGC that netted a million dollars in the OLGC bank account.

"Cardinal Adam Maida charged me with building a new church when I first came to OLGC," explained Sullivan, "To find the land was the first

Sullivan had his eye on the parcel of land on North Territorial but was told it belonged to some big hospital. He told the OLGC building committee to find out who owned it and make them an offer.

"The very day our people on committee went to Henry Ford Hospital to ask, this was the day that their board of directors let this piece of property go," recounted Sullivan. "It just so happened that the Holy Spirit had us right there at the right time."

Plans: This is a rendering of what Our Lady of Good Counsel will look like when completed. Construction is expected to begin on the main part of the church in

The asking price was \$977,000 and the cash was already in the bank. "We bought it," Sullivan said with a smile. Ironically, just a year later, Henry Ford Hospital called and asked to buy it back but ended up buying the property on the southeast corner of Beck and North Territorial instead for their new facility.

According to Sullivan, the church facilities will be built in stages. The main part of the church and connected day chapel is scheduled for completion by November 1999. The 2,700-member parish will move from a seating capacity at the old church of 900 to a sanctuary that holds 1,500. For the first time in 78 years, parishioners will have a social hall for

The parish is expected to

grow along with the population growth in Plymouth and Salem Townships. The next phase for the facili-

ty will be office space and an activity center with a new gymnasium. The old church will be turned into a gym and eventually classrooms when the new gym is completed. Finally, the entire school will move out to the site. The entire process is expected to take about 20 years to complete.

"We're right on the cutting edge," said Sullivan. "The vision is that you have to be ready. You can't sit 10 years from now and say, 'We should have done..."









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CARRIER OF THE MONTH

Eric Pearch

Eleven-year old Eric Pearch is the Plymouth Observer carrier of the month for September.

Eric, a sixth-grader at Northville Christian High School, has had a route in the Mayflower Cooperative since June 1997. He is the son of Julie

Eric's favorite subjects are science, math, gym and art. He received a first-place award for indoor and outdoor soccer. He has been on the honor roll for the past two years.

His hobby is soccer. In the near future, Eric wants to own his own business

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BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

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Some 550,000 "deadwood" names have been removed from Michigan's voter registration list, Secretary of State Candice Miller announced.

There are 6.35 million registered voters in Michigan, not the 6.9 million reported by local elec-tion officials earlier this summer, Miller said.

Under my administration, we have constructed something called the 'qualified voter file,' which we used in the primary. We have eliminated duplicates and people who have passed

Miller said Michigan has seen an increase in deadwood due to the National Voter Registration Act, which prohibits states from using the lack of voting activity to trigger the cancellation pro-

In the early 1960s, Michigan Gov. George Romney signed a law providing for canceling the registration of voters who had been inactive for two years. The courts struck down that law. The 1993 federal law, enacted by a

away, a factor that created the potential for fraud in our elections process," she said in an names on file even when people ad moved.

Under the new qualified voter file, the state has a statewide voter registration list. All voter information is transmitted electronically between the Secretary of State's office and local election

It works two ways. When Secretary of State branch offices receive voter information changes, the information is forwarded electronically to city and township clerks. And when local clerks accept new voter registra-

tions, the information is for- of voters, even when presented more tempting for those so warded to Lansing, and the per- evidence the voter has died. In a inclined." son's previous registration, if any, is canceled.

The qualified voter file was developed at a cost of \$7.6 million, Miller said. Half the funds went to local units of govern-

The qualified voter file helps scal officials with many of their duties including petition and candidate tracking; an electronic election calendar; and absentee voter processing.

Reader's Digest has made much of the failure of government to cancel the registrations

Baltimore case, a woman said her husband was recorded as having voted months after he actually died, an indication of

A 1994 book by Sabato and Simpson entitled "Dirty Little Secrets: The Persistence of Cor-ruption in American Politics" argues that the federal law "augment(s) the potential for fraud ... Under the motor-voter law, it has become more difficult to keep the voting rolls clean of 'deadwood' voters who have

The Michigan Legislature The Michigan Legislature attempted to correct a deficiency by requiring a voter to produce a photo identification card at the polls. Attorney General Frank Kelley called it unconstitutional, saying it smacked of the poll tax. Michigan's new qualified voter file will make voter turnout persentages look batter. The

centages look better. The 550,000 deadwood names had the effect of swelling the denominator and making it look as if voter participation were declin-ing over the years rather than

Forum to focus on ballot proposal

The physician-assisted suicide ballot proposal will be discussed at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6 at Angela Health Care, 14100 Newburgh Road, in Livonia.

"Ethically Exploring Physician-Assisted Suicide" by Bruce Jennings is aimed to help voters understand both sides of the issue. Jennings is the executive vice president of the Hastings Center, an institute that studies ethical and social issues in medicine, life sciences and their professions. Jennings lectures at Yale University's School of Public Health, and has written and published numerous books and articles on bioethics and public policy issues.

"This promises to be a compelling lecture, and it is important for the community to be aware of each side of the assisted-suicide issue, and also take a look at the risks involved," said Chris DiGiovanni, ethics committee spokesperson. "I'm sure a number of important questions will arise, as there as many points of concern regarding medical ethics as it relates to the integrity of our society."

There is no charge for the presentation, which runs two hours in length, but seating is limited. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to call Angela Health Care. To reserve your seat, call (734) 464-7810 and ask for voice mail box 461.

Parks offer map class for families on Saturday

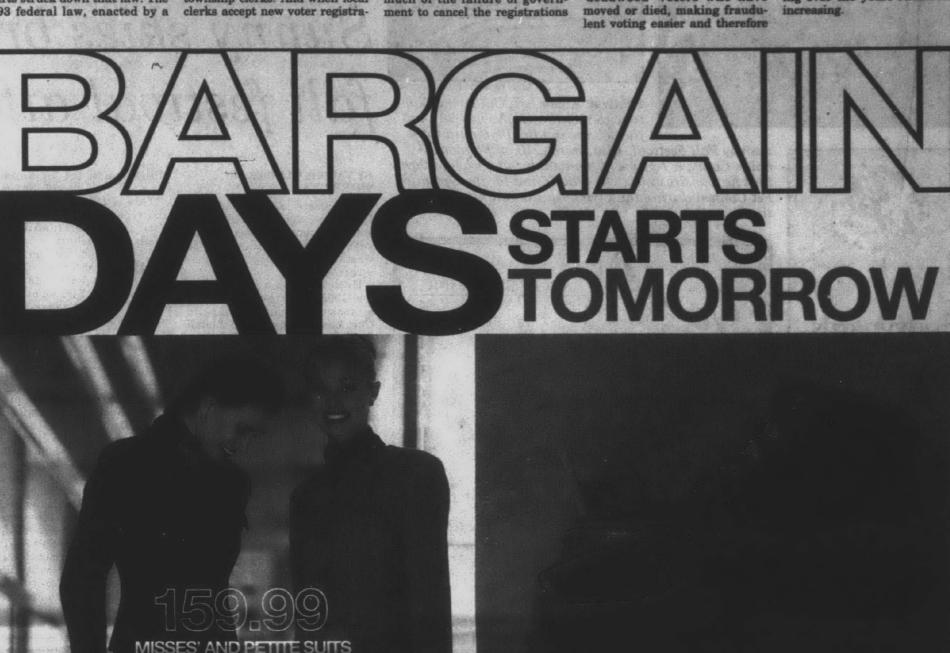
Pull out your map, dust off your compass and join Wayne County parks with your family for a two-hour class on how to use a compass and read maps at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township.

The class will highlight basic map and compass skills. Participants will follow a mystery course to test their skills. The program is geared toward a variety of skill levels and suitable for ages 8 through adult. Pre-registration is required: The

Participants should dress appropriately for the outdoors. Orienteering equipment will be provided. These are not competitive orienteering classes.

The program is made possible through money from the parks tax. Nankin Mills Interpretive Center and Crosswinds Marsh Wetland Interpretive Preserve are open for field trips and outreach programs year-round. Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is at Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Crosswinds Marsh Wetland Interpretive Preserve is at the corner of Will Carleton/ Oakville Waltz Road and Haggerty in Sumpter Township.

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Festival: Above left, Catherine Law-

ton, 18 months, enjoys her corn-on-the-cob during the Plymouth Com-munity Fall Festival. Lisa Storch, 10, of Plymouth holds Corky, a 7-year-old male tabby who was unhappy that he was dressed up as a ballerina for the Optimist Pet Contest during the Plymouth Community Fall Fes-





Sweet revenge: Erin Dowd, a sophomore at Plymouth Canton High School gloats as 9-year-old Mike LaLonde of Westland gets out of the bin of corn shuckings after Erin pushes him in. Mike had thrown a worm at Erin, thus the motive. They were among 400-500 vol-

Sunny skies brighten fall festival attendance

BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER

Organizers of last weekend's Plymouth Community Fall Festival say attendance was up this year due to three days of nice weather and the expanded line-

However, it may take until mid-1999 before the festival is at a break-even point, according to Curt Lamar, president of the fall festival's board of directors. "I think the addition of the

chili cookoff and expanded car show really helped out," said

"I feel good about the financial situation. By the middle of next year we should be out of debt."

The Michigan State Chili Championship, previously held in Milford, was brought to Plymouth for the first time this year. It drew 52 contestants from as far away as Texas, Kentucky and Ohio, said Annette Horn, chairwoman of the event. The cookoff is expected to be back at fall festival next year.

"It was 89 degrees (on Saturday). Of course, we would have liked it to be a little cooler," said Horn, who also heads the Plymouth Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff set for Sunday,

"This is the perfect spot for this type of event because fall festival is when families get together," she added.

The winner of this year's event was Marilyn Frederick of Farmington Hills with her "Time Bomb Chili." She won \$1,000 and a trophy. Frederick now advances to the world championship in Las Vegas on Oct. 10.

Other winners were: Second place, Ray Frederick (Marilyn's husband), "Tiger Bite Chili"; third place, Jim Stoddard of Texas, "Alien Chili"; fourth place, Chuck Hoff of Columbus, Ohio, "Dragon's Breath Chili"; and Diane Lentz of Kentucky, "Belle Breezing Bordello Chili."

All proceeds from the chili cookoff will go to the festival. After bills are paid Horn expects to donate \$2,200 to the festival.

The festival's committee spent a little more than expected on entertainment this year. Two stages were set up on each end of Penniman to offer continuous performances. In addition to local talent, the committee hired oldies band the Larados; country singer Janet Leigh and big band

musicians Al Townsend & the

Kathy Turnquist, vice president of entertainment, said the entertainment cost \$11,000 because of the two stages. The committee had budgeted \$8,300. Most bands cost between \$1,000 and \$1,600, she said. The Lara-

"You have to pay for some tal-ent. You can't have all locals,"

dos cost \$2,300.

The committee will meet informally today for an "impromptu critique," said Lamar. Its general meeting is scheduled for Oct.
7. "For my first year as president
I'm satisfied with the way things turned out," he said.

The committee stepped up its fund-raising efforts this year by attracting additional sponsors, such as Visteon. It also held a fund-raiser at Art in the Park, and other activities are planned to generate revenue to pay off its debts. Expenses exceeded festi-val income by \$108,000 over the last three years.

We're going to concentrate on fund raising and expanding the festival next year," Lamar said.

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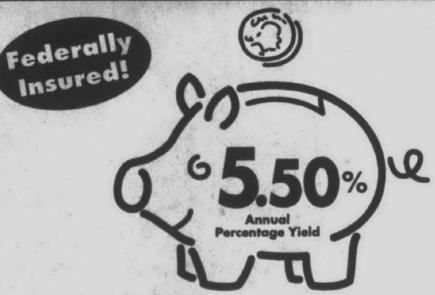


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Finishing up: A construction worker for John Carlo Inc. of Mount Clemens spreads sand as part of a fish shoal near the shore line on Newburgh Lake.

Schoolcraft will host annual college night program Oct. 7

Finding the right college to attend - with a comfortable campus, the right curriculum, rich extracurricular activities, and the proper distance from home — takes research and

Schoolcraft College can help families put the variables into perspective at its annual College Night program Wednesday, Oct. 7.
"College is an investment,"

said Julieanne Tobin, Schoolcraft director of enrollment management. "Exploring the resources available will reap big dividends in your studies,

developing leadership qualities and finding the right career."

More than 70 colleges and universities will attend College Night including Michigan State University, Central Michigan University, Western Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Adrian College, Notre Dame, the University of Michigan, Amherst College, Schoolcraft College and Purdue University.

School representatives will be on hand to answer questions and disseminate information and materials about

admission requirements, costs and programs.

All area high school students, their families and the community are invited to attend. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. All colleges and universities will be located in the Physical Education

For more information, call the Schoolcraft Office of Admissions at (734) 462-4426. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, just west of I-275.

Newburgh Lake

Oct. 16 celebration to mark key step in Rouge revival

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

A few old-timers may remember when anglers, users of paddleboats and canoes, and even swimmers enjoyed the waters of Newburgh Lake.
That seems like a long time

ago. But it appears the lake and the restoration of the Rouge River will turn an important corner toward the dream of returning Newburgh to its recreational status with the lake's official dedication Oct. 16.

That day, county officials and other dignitaries will celebrate the completion of the Newburgh Lake restoration project. They believe that one day many summer recreational activities will resume on Newburgh.

But they also caution the lake an impoundment of the Middle Rouge River - isn't quite

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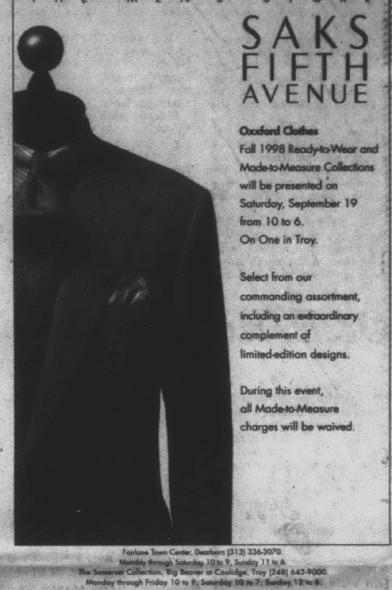
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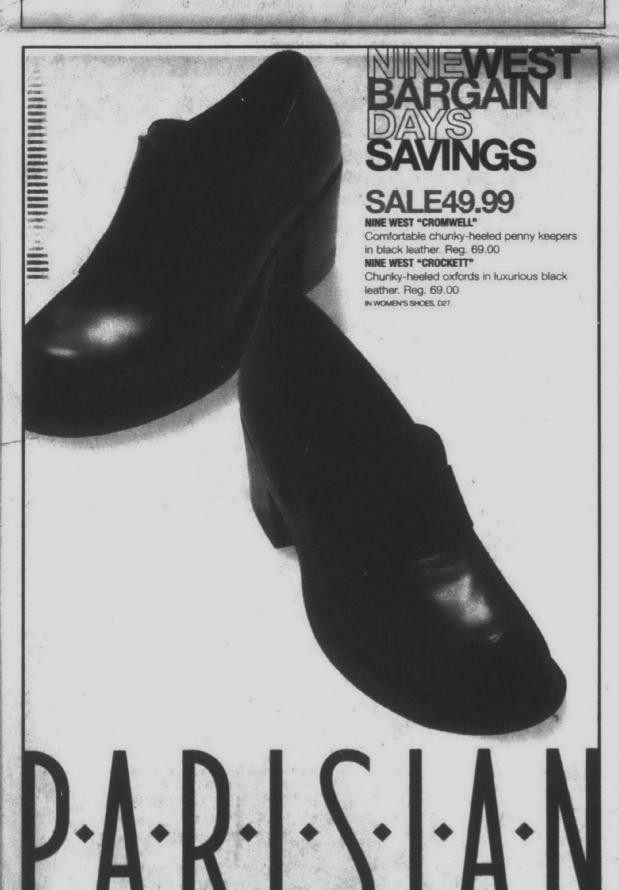
ready for full body contact with humans. State officials believe it will not be ready for fishing until

"The lake won't be open for full operations until the spring," said Hurley Coleman, director of Wayne County parks. "For that day (Oct. 16 only), we will have paddleboats and canoes available to the public."

Roger Van Omen, chief eng neer for Wayne County's Department of Environment, said Joh Carlo, the excavator contracts by Wayne County, was wrapping up the final preparations before the lake is to be refilled by damming and rainfall.

"Right now they are down there hauling dirt, and moving





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Starting Sept. 21 "desirable" seaweed will be planted along with other species to create the same hiding places, Van Omen

"There will be dropoffs and crevices where bass like to hide." Excavation crews have removed about 560,000 tons of entaminated and noncontamipated soil. The soil had been contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls originating from a lubricant used several years ago at a nearby industrial plant, which is now closed.

The PCBs flowed down a creek into the northwest part of the lake. Many fish were contaminate, but it is believed that they were removed with two fish

Work also began last week on the resurfacing of Hines Drive between Newburgh and Hagger-ty roads and the bike path along that same stretch. That work may be completed later this

Hines Drive and the bike path have been closed to the public so trucks could use Hines to transport soil out of the lake. Van Omen said Hines will be opened at about the date of the dedica-

Two parking areas will be paved, one at Newburgh Point, the other at Sumac Point, which is located on the north side of the lake, across from the dam at

The Newburgh dam will be closed on Sept. 19 to create the impoundment. After that date, the rains will refill the lake. "Some water has to be let through," Van Omen said. "It won't fill until we get a good

Fish will be restocked in late September in Nankin and Newburgh lakes. That process will continue each year over three

Minnows, bluegills, largemouth bass, channel catfish, walleye, northern pike, black crappie and pumpkinseed sunfish will be restocked in Newburgh Lake. Wayne County also will restock minnows, bluegills, largemouth bass, channel catfish and northern pike downstream at the Nankin impound-

"It's been thirty years since people were eating the fish from Newburgh Lake," said Mike Duggan, deputy county executive. "This is a historic accomplishment for us."

But one state official believes the state won't give the green light for public fishing and remove the state advisory against consumption until 2001.

'We don't plan a whole lot over the next year," said Mark Oemke, who oversees the Newburgh Lake project for the state's Department of Environmental Quality and is an aquatic biologist for the surface water quality division. "Most of these

fish will still be a pretty small

Officials with the fisheries division of the state Department of Natural Resources want the fish to reach "sport" size or legal size, for example, 14 inches for

"Depending on their growth rate, it's still unlikely they will reach that size until next year," Oemke said. The fish will be removed and tested in 2000 with results available later that year. "The fish advisory probably won't be lifted until 2001."

The lake itself will have a new

At Sumac Point, a fishing dock will be replaced and picnic tables will be placed at the site.

"As long as we get sunshine, we'll stay on schedule," Van Omen said. "Everything is look-

No swimming...yet

How about swimming in the lake? Coleman doesn't rule that out, but that will take time, and probably a tremendous public relations campaign to boot.

"It will take awhile. That will take maybe 10 years before we can have full body contact, because there are still problems with the Rouge River at large."

If it is cold enough this winter to freeze the lake, residents will be ice skating there, Coleman

"It's an exciting time," said Coleman. "Wayne County parks are coming back like a phoenix."

STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

Drug tests stuck

House Republicans failed to dislodge Gov. John Engler's pro-posal for drug testing of welfare recipients from the House Committee on Human Services. The vote on Sept. 15 was 50-48 with 56 votes needed for passa

The vote appeared to be along party lines - Republicans for, Democrats against - but a malfunctioning copy machine was unable to produce the roll call

"Democrats are playing politics," said Rep. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelenau, who asked for the discharge

Rep. Ed LaForge, D-Kalama-zoo and chair of the committee, said another bill would be reported out next week, leading Republican Jack Horton of Lowell to comment: "Finally, with a discharge motion, we get a promise of a hearing. That substitute does little."

Rep. Tom Alley; D-West Branch, said Democrats denied the discharge motion "for the same reason you didn't want us to discharge when you (Republi-

cans) were in control." The measure is House Bill

Work First grants

Engler announced a total of \$85 million in Work First grants to 25 agencies trying to move welfare recipients to jobs. Fund-ing comes from the state and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Recipients:

■ Lansing Tri-County, \$2.8

Livingston County Job

Training Services, \$112,000.

Oakland County Employment and Training Division, \$4.7 million.

Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, \$9.25 million.

Appointments

The governor has appointed:

To the Reading Plan for Michigan Advisory Council -Michael DeVault, Clarkston, superintendent of Macomb Intermediate School District; Mike Flanagan, Plymouth, superintendent of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency; Margaret O'Riley, Howell, state busin ombudsman; and James Redmond, Rochester Hills, superintendent of Oakland Intermed ate School District. Redmon will chair the panel, which is to prepare reading readiness kits and recommend a summer read-

ing program.

To the Michigan Education Trust board - Thomas P. Sullivan, Canton, president of Clearly College, representing inde-

pendent colleges.

O&E, HomeTown host job fair

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, and several on the waiting list. This is just an extension of the newspaper and cements our relationship with these compa-

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

Ficorelli said he expects the companies' employment needs to range from "the general to the

with 65 companies signed up specific." Job seekers are encouraged to come with up to 70 resumes and be prepared for onthe-spot interviews. Appropriate attire is recommended.

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Chamber announces 8 award nominees

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

By Kimberly A. Mortson Staff Writer

Several local businesses in the community of Plymouth put some extra elbow grease into making their company's exterior aesthetically appealing, and it has paid off.

Eight locations in Plymouth will be recognized by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Sept. 24 as 1998 Beautification Award Nominee

The Chamber annually recognizes those businesses who have "beautified the Plymouth ommunity by improving their business landscaping or

Be sure to walk or drive by these locations and check out the renovations or landscaping completed by each nomi-

Fleet Street Flowers, Ann Arbor Cellular, reno-

Kellogg Park Fountain,

Gabriala's Hidden Secrets, renovation PDC Glass of Michigan,

R.G. Myers & Associates, renovation

M Sweet Afton Tea Room, landscaping

Chrysler, landscaping

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE

ELECTORS OF
PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD OCTOBER 3, 1998

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Please Take Notice that a special bond election of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, will be held in the school district, on Saturday, October 3, 1998.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special bond election:

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eighteen Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$18,810,000) and issue its neral obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

developing and improving the site; erecting, furnishing and equipping and improving the site; erecting, turnishing and equipping a new middle school facility; acquiring, installing and equipping technology for the new middle school; constructing, equipping and developing outdoor physical education, playground and athletic facilities; and acquiring

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1 Voting Place: Central Middle School. The first precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 2 and all of City Precinct No. 3. PRECINCT NO. 2

Veting Place: Gallimore Elementary School. The second precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 10 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 21.

Voting Place:

Isbister Elementary School. The third precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 5, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 9, and all of Plymouth Township

Precinct No. 14. Voting Place

PRECINCT NO. 4

East Middle School. The fourth precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 4.

PRECINCT NO. 5 Voting Place: Allen Elementary School, The fifth precinct consists of all of

Plymouth Township Precinct No. 3, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 4, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 10. PRECINCT NO. 6 Voting Place:

West Middle School. The sixth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 12, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 15, and all the territory of the school district located in Salem Township. PRECINCT NO. 7 Voting Place:

Farrand Elementary School. The seventh precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 1, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 2, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 8, and all the territory of the school district located in Northville Township PRECINCT NO. 8

Fiegel Elementary School. The eighth precinct consists of all Voting Place: of Canton Township Precinct No. 3, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 6. PRECINCT NO. 9

Miller Elementary School. The ninth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 4 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 13. Veting Place:

PRECINCT NO. 10 Hulsing Elementary School. The tenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 7, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 12, and all of Canton Township Voting Place:

PRECINCT NO. 11 Voting Place:

Eriksson Elementary School, The eleventh precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 9 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 14. PRECINCT NO. 12

Field Elementary School. The tweifth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 5 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 18. Voting Place: PRECINCT NO. 18

Voting Place: Canton High School. The thirteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 8, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 25, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 26, and all the territory of the school district located in Superior Township.

PRECINCT NO. 14 Bird Elementary School. The fourteenth precinct consists of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 7 and Plymouth Township Voting Place: Precinct No. 11.

PRECINCT NO. 15

Pioneer Middle School. The fifteenth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 6, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 13, and all of Plymouth Township Voting Place: Precinct No. 16.

PRECINCT NO. 16 Tonda Elementary School. The sixteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 11 and all of Canton Voting Place:

Township Precinct No. 19.
PRECINCT NO. 17 Hoben Elementary School. The seventeenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 1, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 22, and all of Canton Township Voting Place:

PRECINCT NO. 18
Bentley Elementary School. The eighteenth precinct consists
of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 16 and all of Canton

Township Precinct No. 17. All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan.

sh: September 17 and 27, 1998

ELIZABETH M. GIVENS Secretary, Board of Education

OBITUARIES

GEORGE E. CROWTHER

Services for George E. Crowther, 56, of Brighton (formerly of Plymouth) were Sept. 12 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating.

He was born on Jan. 21, 1942, in Detroit. He died on Sept. 9 in Redford Township. He was a manager for Tennyson Chevrolet Body Shop for 15 years. He also was a co-owner of Diamond Auto Sales, and he worked in golf course maintenance. He came to the Plymouth community in 1941 from Detroit. He moved to Brighton in 1994. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1960. He liked to fish, ride motorcycles, run power boats, and collect art.

Survivors include his daughter, Denise Allison of Algonac, Mich.; two brothers, Charles (Julia) Crowthers of Glen Arbor. Mich., Joseph Crowther of N.J.;

and several nieces and nephews.

ERVIN E. SCHLEE

Episcopal Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henri and Minnie Schlee; his wife, Mary Schlee; and one son, Robert Schlee. Survivors include his son Roger (Cherly) and one grandchild.

SHIRLEY M. BRIDWELL

Services for Shirley M. Bridwell, 72, of Sun City, Ariz. were Sept. 16 at Fountain of Life Lutheran Church.

SHURGARD OF PLYMOUTH 41889 Joy Road Canton, MI 48187

Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of an open bid on October 14, 1998 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at Shurgard Storage Centers located at 41889 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. Storage Centers located at 41889 307 fload, Canton, 321 45197.

Unit #140 TIMOTHY PAUL: MATTRESS & BOXSPRING, COUCH, SLEEPING BAG, SPEAKERS, TYPEWRITER, TABLE, 3 CHAIRS, 15 BOXES, 6 BAGS, MISC. HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

UNIT 1469 JEREMY EDWARDS: MATTRESS AND BOXSPRING, COUCH: LOVESEAT, COCKTAIL TABLES, 3 END TABLES, HEADBOARD AND FOOTBOARD, MISC. BOXES AND BAGS. UNIT #467 JERRY TILLEY: 40 MISC. BAGS, IRONING BOARD, CHILDRENS TOYS, MISC. Publish: September 10 and 17, 1998

Services for Ervin E. Schlee, 75, of Westland were Sept. 17 at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton with the Father William Luepher officiating.

He was born on June 21, 1923, in Detroit. He died on Sept. 12 in Westland. He was employed as an abrasive manufacturing blender for the steel industry. He was a member of St. John

LOIS R. MOORE WOLF

grandchildren.

Services for Lois R. Moore Wolf, 78, of Canton were Sept. 14 at St. John Episcopal Church with the Rev. Arthur R. Mack officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in

She was born on July 2, 1926,

in Alton, Ill. She died on Sept.

12. She was a homemaker. She

was a member of Fountain of

Life Lutheran Church. She

moved to Arizona in 1987 from

Survivors include her hus-

band, Richard D. Bridwell of Sun

City, Ariz.; two daughters, Nancy J. Williams of Plymouth,

Gwenda G. Rouhier of Plano,

Texas; two sons, Kirby L. Williams of Albuquerque, N.M., Charles C. Williams of Waco,

exas; one stepdaughter, Darla

Caldwell of Worden, Ill; two

stepsons, Richard L. Bridwell of

Ballwin, Mo., Gregory D. Brid-well of Zion, Ill; and two sisters,

Phyllis Hall of Sun Lakes, Ariz.,

Jean Mitchell of Alton, Ill.; 13

grandchildren and three great-

Edwardsville, Ill.

She was born on Oct. 15, 1919, in Detroit. She died on Sept. 11 at Providence Hospital. She was a kitchen coordinator for the school system.

daughters, Judy (Terry), Pam Wing St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

(Ralph), Carol, Vera (Murray); one son, William (Sandra); 19 grandchildren; and 29 greatgrandchildren.

PHILLIP L MELOCHE

Services for Phillip L. MeLoche, 54, of Canton were Sept. 14 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Visitation was at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born on March 16, 1944, in Petersburg, Va. He died on Sept. 10 at Oakwood-Canton Hospital. He came to the Canton community 27 years ago. He was previously of Royal Oak. He was employed by Ford Motor Co. for 28 years. He was most recently employed as a computer systems analyst. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church, the Plymouth Elks Club, where he especially enjoyed the bowling league. He was a member of the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees. He had previously been an explorer scout advisor.

Survivors include his wife, Carol L. MeLoche; two sons, Stephen MeLoche of Canton, David MeLoche of Canton; one brother, Alan (Darlene) MeLoche of Warren; and his mother. Bertha MeLoche of Warren.

Memorials may be made to Survivors include her four Karmanos Cancer Institute, 744

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, September 8, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None Durack, Machnik, Minghine, Zevalkink Staff Present:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA Consent Calendar Item No. 1, Second Reading of the Telecommunications Ordinance No. 143, was deleted from the agenda. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of August 18, 1998 as presented. Motion carried.

Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of August 25, 1998 as presented.

CITIZEN'S NON AGENDA FTEM COMMENTS

Mark Wira, 44110 Yorkshire, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the township's purchase of the Canton Softball Center.

Harry Hill, President Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball League (PCJBL) 6306 Runnymeade; Buck Horn, PCJBL, 2388 Roundtable E.; Sheri West, 4266 Argyle Circle, spoke in favor of the purchase.

Ron Beaver, 45130 Geddes, voiced his concerns regarding the softball center overheads.

PAYMENT OF BILLS Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

\$427,080.25 General Fund Fire Fund 205,408,92 Police Fund Community Center Fund 34,459.87 208 13,028.50 Golf Course Fund Street Lighting Fund 16,361.38 1.979.69 Cable TV Fund Community Improvement Fund 73,464,26 1,663.02 E-911 Emergency Funds 261 5,284.00 Special Investigative Fund Federal Grants Funds 35,085.00 658.57 State Projects Fund 9.180.18 Downtown Devl. Auth. 294 296 6,873.10 Retiree Benefits CAP Proj-Road Paving Fund 403 22,692.64 Bld. Auth. Construction Fund 5,622.48 646.092.50 Water & Sewer Fund 592 2,382.96 Construction Escrow 702 Tonquish Creek Storm Drain 374.00 804 7.470.32 . Aug'98 Recreation Checking Acct. \$1,593,473,99 Total - All Funds

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND 1999 BUDGETS Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing on the proposed December 1, 1998 millage rates and proposed 1999 budgets open at 7:40 P.M. Director Minghine

provided a background on past and present millage rates. The proposed maximum millage rates are as follows: 1997 Increase Millage Rate (Decrease) Millage Rate 1.1100 Charter millage
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Police Special Assessment Millage 1.1100 3.0915 (0.1515)5.0000 (0.3023)CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton supports the passage of Senate Bill 832 to amend Public Act 248 of 1987 which enables the continuation of a Qualified County Airport Improvement Fund and establishes and Airport Improvement Board.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following proposed changes to the Senior Advisor Council By Laws:

Section E.,3 - Nominations to the Senior Advisory Council will be accepted

in September with elections to be held in October Section G., 3 - Senior Advisory Council meeting time will be changed to 1;00 p.m., bi-monthly on the third Monday of the month.

Further, to approve the addition of the dissolution clause to Section D of the Senior Advisory Council By-Laws. otion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to reappoint Henry Bona to the Electrical Appeals Board, term expiring June 6, 2003. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to transfer \$1,000.00 from purchase order 8911 for Waterland Trucking, Inc. to purchase order 9761 for Testing Engineers & Consultants in order to pay them for testing on the Michigan

Avenue Water Main Project. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to remove from the table and to adopt the amendments to the Flood Control Ordinance No. 104(A) to become effective upon publication in the Canton Observer on September 17, 1998. Motion

SECOND READING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY AMENDMENT TO FLOOD CONTROL ORDINANCE NO. 104 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FLOOD CONTROL ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FLOOD CONTROL ORDINANCE NO.
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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED ACTIVITIES IN
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MODIFICATION; FURTHER AT SUBSECTION 4.5(B) A SUBSECTION OF
SECTION 4.5 ENTITLED "FLOODWAY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS",
PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN SPECIFIED ENCROACHMENTS INTO FLOODPLAINS SHALL NOT RESULT IN A HARMFUL INCREASE IN

FLOOD LEVELS DURING THE OCCURRENCE OF THE BASED FLOOD DISCHARGE; FURTHER AT SUBSECTION 6.3(A) A SUBSECTION OF SECTION 6.3 ENTITLED "CONDITIONS FOR VARIANCES", PROVIDING THAT VARIANCES SHALL NOT BE ISSUED WITHIN ANY DESIGNATED FLOODWAY IF ANY HARMFUL INCREASE IN FLOOD LEVELS DURING THE BASED FLOOD DISCHARGE WOULD RESULT; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE. THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4.3(B).

This Section provides that Ordinance No. 104a is adopted to amend the Flood Control Ordinance No. 104 at Subsection 4.3(B) thereof SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION 4.5(B).

This Section provides that Ordinance No. 104a is adopted to amend the Flood Control Ordinance No. 104 at Subsection 4.5(B) thereof. SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION 6.3(A).

This Section provides that Ordinance No. 104a is adopted to amend the Flood Control Ordinance No. 104 at Subsection 6.3(A) thereof. SECTION 4. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE

This Section provides that the balance of Ordinance No. 104, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are sayed and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. This Section provides that if any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the

validity of the remaining portion hereof.
SECTION 6. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE. This Section provides that this Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such

manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manne compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto. SECTION 7. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS.

This Section provides that portions of Ordinance No. 104 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Section provides that this Ordinance becomes effective September 17, 1998 after publication of the second reading. This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the 8th day of September 1998 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law. Copies of the complete Ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at the Canton Township Hall, located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Amendment (A) September 8, 1998

Published/Effective: September 17, 1998 Canton Observer Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the Fire Fund to provide funding for special three day Fire Station Grand Opening events: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:

Community Promotions - Fire #206-336-880-0000 \$22,500 Capital Outlay - Equipment #206-336-977-0000 (22,500) This budget amendment does not increase or decrease the Fire Fund budget. Motion carried.

GENERAL CALENDAR Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to grant tentative approval of the preliminary plat for the proposed Central Park Subdivision Number 1. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, that the bid to demolish the house and outbuildings at 3725 Sheldon by Diamond Dismantling, Inc. be roved in the amount of \$6,200.00 plus a 15 percent contingency for a total of \$7,130,00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to award the bid to design a sloped roof system for the Warren Road Fire Station No. 2 to Dynamic onsultants, Inc. for \$5,650 and a 10-percent contingency of \$565; total cost of \$6,215. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to award the bid to Kosky & Glynn Associates for the survey of 12 historic agricultural properties plus the nomination to the National Historic Register of 10 additional predesignated properties for \$15,000.00. Further, to authorize the signature and return of the standard State-prescribed contract document. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to award the bid to The Casper Corporation for the purchase of shelving and gun racks for the Public Safety property room for an amount not to exceed \$14,111.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to award the bid for 14 laptop

computers (that will meet or exceed our required specifications) from Competitive Computer Systems, Ann Arbor, for a cost not to exceed \$65,842.00.00. Motion carried. Supervisor Yack called for a short recess at 8:06 P.M. and reconvened the

eting at 8:15 P.M. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to close the public hearing on the proposed December 1, 1998 millage rates and proposed 1999 budgets at 9:03 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 P.M. The above is a synopsis of actions taken at the Regular Board meeting held on September 8, 1998. The full text of the approved minutes will be available

following the next regular meeting of the Board on September 22, 1998.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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As good as it may sound, Canton residents won't have to worry that their tax bills for the illip L. ton were Neumann

year 2000 won't be based on 1900 land values. The treasurer's office is already year 2000 compliant, and Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter said all financial institutions that the township does business with have assured her that their software has been made year

2000 compliant. However, computers aren't the only technology with two-digit date chips: The township is looking at the telephone system, elevators, thermostats and radios to determine what needs to be upgraded.

The township's utmost concern is services, such as the Public Safety Department and Water and Sewer

GARDEN CITY

er Jon Bayless and elected officials may come to a head at Monday's city council meeting.

At the end of this past Monday's council meeting, Mayor Jim Barker asked that next week the council discuss terminating Bayless' employment agreement with the city.

"He (Bayless) treats us on a need-to-know business, and he decides what we need to know," said Barker. "I've complained to

him over and over about keeping us in the dark. I had to go to Traverse City (to the Michigan Municipal League conference) to learn about a law governing how the city can invest its money.'

There was no discussion about the issue at Monday's meeting as Bayless and council members then immediately went into a closed session to discuss labor

LIVONIA

A plan to build a supermarket on a church site at Six Mile and Farmington Road ran into its first official opposition Tuesday.

After an emotional public hearing, the Livonia Planning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend against rezoning the former Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church land for commercial use. Farmer Jack has an option to buy the 7.9-acre site and wants to build a 60,000-squarefoot supermarket there.

The rezoning petition now goes to the city council.

Michael Rein of Bowers & Rein Associates Inc., Farmer Jack's architects, said the Ward land is ideally situated for a supermarket. "The reason this is such a valuable corner is because Livonia is such a solid community," he said.

Last fall, the church was asking \$5.9 million for its Livonia home. The Ward congregation built a new church in Northville Township and moved into it this

past spring.

PLYMOUTH

Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva says he will initiate a recall effort against the Plymouth-Canton school board, and take a look at splitting the district into sepa-

Vorva threatened last year to start a recall effort, but said "timing is everything. The last time was before a school board election, and wouldn't have worked. We'll put together a recall committee soon after the middle school bond election in

To get the recall effort on a ballot, Vorva's group would need valid signatures equaling onefourth of the total number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election.

The Canton Township clerk's office reports 19,209 people voted in the 1994 gubernatorial election. The recall committee would need 4,802 valid petition signatures from Canton resi-

Plymouth Township recorded 10,992 gubernatorial votes, which means 2,748 valid petition signatures would be needed from township residents.

The Plymouth clerk's office reports 4,009 ballots cast for governor, meaning a recall effort would need 1,002 petition signatures from the city.

Vorva said he's also looking at what it would take to split the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Assistant state school superintendent Mike Williams said the state has dealt with consolidations and annexations of school districts which want to combine, but rarely with districts that want to split and remain inde-

There is no easy mechanism for the division of a school district. It would take special legislation," Williams said.

REDFORD

angry over having to pay for sidewalk repairs, alternately lis-tened and booed as Redford Supervisor Kevin Kelley

explained a revamped sidewalk repair program on Tuesday.

Members of the crowed com-plained about the lack of a con-sistent criteria used by the town-ship to order sidewalk replace-

"We're going to have a morato-rium on sidewalk inspections," Kelley told the crowd.

He said the township board will work on a new way to inspect and replace sidewalks.

WESTLAND

Claiming unequal treatment and lost scholarship opportuni-ties, tearful Wayne Memorial porters Monday packed a school board meeting room to protest the district's refusal to let them erform mounts and stunts dur-

Cheerleader manager Lisa Dodd shrugged off statements from district officials who said the policy is intended to prevent injuries. She said football play-ers don't face similar rules even though they are sometimes car-ried away from games on stretchers and in ambulances.

"Why don't you think about the football players that are get-ting hurt?" Dodd, a 12th-grader, asked school officials.

Wayne-Westland school board President David Cox promised that officials will investigate the issue in the wake of moves by some districts to ease cheerlead-ing rules.

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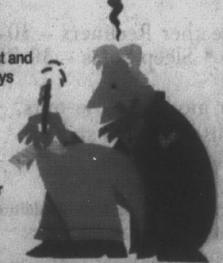
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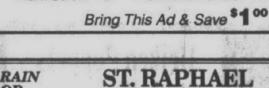
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Historian: President Cleveland told truth about his sex scandal

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Once upon a time a presidential candidate was approached by several aides who were conreported in a newspaper in Buf-falo. cerned about a sex scandal

The candidate - only two months away from an election would learn a woman claimed he fathered her illegitimate son, according to the newspaper arti-

His aides asked "What do we

His answer: "Tell the truth." Grover Cleveland, who had not yet married, told the nation the story: Yes, he had had an affair with the woman.

"He didn't try to deny it, he didn't lie about it," said Lawrence Reed, who related the story of Cleveland's presidency to members of the Westland Republican Club Monday. Reed juxtaposed Cleveland's problems with the current scandal evolving around President Clinton. his affair with Monica Lewinsky and the Starr Report, released

"It's a stark contrast with what's in the White House today," said Reed, the president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a Midland-based research and educational organization often referred to as a "free-market think tank."

Reed, who has a master's degree in history from Slippery Rock State University in Pennsylvania and has written five books, ranked Cleveland, a Democrat, among his favorites because "it was not hard to make the case" Cleveland was "the most honest man to hold the



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Lawrence Reed -discussing Grover Cleveland's sex scandal

"He was a man of great principle, and believed strongly in these principles," Reed said, another contrast from today's

But the scandal threatened Cleveland, similar to the Clinton White House.

"These were Victorian times. People had high standards," Reed said. Cleveland indeed had a "lady friend," who was not

married. The woman apparently had flings with four men, but out of them, the only unmarried and eligible - man was

Historians suspect the woman believed Cleveland would marry her. "He didn't marry her because he didn't believe he was the father," Reed said.

Reed reported Cleveland's presidency was marked by several other highlights that would raise eyebrows in today's society:

■ In 1887, he vetoed a bill that appropriated \$10,000 to drought-stricken farmers in Texas. "Though the people support the government, it is not the duty of government to support these people," Cleveland once said.

Shunned political patronage and appointed who he considered qualified candidates to his cabinet, regardless of political

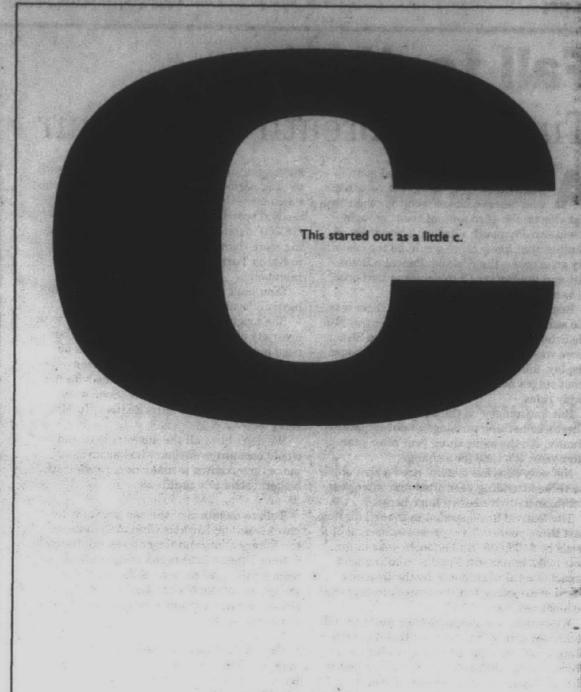
■ Vetoed twice as many bills as the 21 previous presidents combined. "Sometimes legislators would pad a bill for a project in Buffalo (Cleveland's hometown), but he vetoed these items," Reed said.

Actually Cleveland is the only president elected to nonconsecutive terms. He lost in 1888 because he wanted to discuss tariffs, and fought to reduce them. He argued it was dishonest to stifle competition and consumer choice by restricting imports, Reed said.

Reed said the American public needs to study historical figures such as Cleveland and their character.

We may have a lot of people who wake up and say, 'Character

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Fall festival

Time for a breath of fresh air

nother fall festival come and gone. Engineered by a handful of volunteers who deserve lots of credit for their tireless efforts, the 43rd annual event brought downtown Plymouth alive with hundreds of families that knew there would be the customary good eats - the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and the Rotary Club's chicken barbecue. to name just a few.

Beginning at Main and Church, there was the annual arts and crafts fair at Central Middle School and heading south on Main Street, there was the fire department's smoke house display, followed by food booths and entertainment stages near Kellogg Park and finally, the kiddy rides.

But "customary" is the keyword here. Phere's something missing. To put it quite bluntly, it's the same thing year after year after year. It's time for a change.

Not only does fall festival need a shot of life for those attending year after year after year, but financially it needs a huge boost.

The festival has operated in the red for the past three years with expenses outpacing proceeds by \$108,000. And a fourth year in the hole looks imminent. Final accounting isn't expected until next month by the festival's board of directors, but the outlook appears to be more red ink.

We realize changes have been made to add some new attractions, such as the Michigan State Chili Championship, a qualifier for the World championship to be held in Las Vegas Oct. 10. Kudos to Annette Horn for putting fogether a new and welcome addition to the festival.

The chili cook-off brought chefs from Texas, Kentucky and Ohio. It did spice up the festival and draw many who might otherwise would not have visited the festival. The aroma drew curious fest-goers to circle through the Gathering sampling each of the 52 recipes for 50 cents apiece.

After expenses, the event is expected to bring \$2,200 to the festival coffers, according to cook-off organizer Horn.

However, in the overall scheme of things \$2,200 isn't enough to balance the festival's verall budget.

Entertainment also was expanded with two

Fall arrives just in time

stages set up on Penniman to coordinate backto-back performances. Entertainment also cost much more than expected. Even though the festival board budgeted less than last year (\$8,300 instead of \$8,800) it ended up spending more than anticipated (\$11,000), according to Kathy Turnquist, vice president of entertainment.

You have to pay for some talent, you can't have all locals," Turnquist said.

She's right. In order to offer fest-goers with a variety of performances, fall festival does need bigger attractions - and that is in no means critical of our local folks. Fifteen-yearold Justine Blazer awed the crowds with her gifted voice with renditions of "Somewhere over the Rainbow" and the Beatles' "In My

We don't have all the answers here and we would encourage anyone who has ideas to make them known to make next year's festival bigger, better and profitable.

Talk to members of the non-profit participants from the Kiwanis Club to Civitans to the Rotary Club, and they all say fall festival is their biggest fund-raiser of the year. Of all money raised, 25 percent of the various group's profits go back to the festival to pay the city for maintenance, clean up and additional police officers.

Only it's the city that ends up paying in the long run. The city typically fronts the festival board \$8,400, but it still ends up owing about \$10,000, according to Municipal Services Director Paul Sincock.

A number of corporate sponsors help offsets cost, including Detroit Edison and NBD. Maybe more sponsors are needed, or maybe a larger percentage needs to be taken from nonprofit participants.

The festival committee works hard to put on a hometown festival but doesn't have all the answers, and neither do we. They need help from the greater Plymouth area.

We simply question how successful is an event that ends up so far in the hole?

Rotary Chicken



The heat is on: Jerry Ostoin and Jim Schebil, members of the Rotary Club, started cooking at 7:30 a.m. Sunday at the Plymouth Community Fall Festival and planned to be done at 4:30 p.m. The health inspector told them the chicken needed to reach at least 165 degrees but just to be on the safe side, the guys said they waited until the birds reached 180 degrees.

LETTERS

Fieger comments insulting

have received numerous inquiries as to the actual total of the state's budget. I would like to clarify some of the inaccurate information that is being discussed in the media.

"The federal government says we have \$35 billion. Mr. Engler's budget shows revenues of \$21.5 billion. That's a difference of \$14.5 billion. Maybe it's going out the back door. Maybe it's not even showing up in our budget," said Fieger (an interview by the Detroit News). His statement is untrue and unnecessarily inflammatory.

Let me set the record straight, the total state budget for fiscal year 1999 is \$32 billion, not \$21.5 or \$35 billion. The entire \$32 billion is appropriated by the Legislature. The budget process is conducted in full view of the public, debated openly by the Legislature and covered extensively by the media.

These figures can be confirmed by the state treasurer, the nonpartisan Legislative Auditor General, the bi-partisan Legislature, the nonpartisan fiscal offices and the civil servants who work in the state agency budget and accounting offices, all of whom are knowledgeable of and accountable for the state's budget. Mr. Fieger's suggestions of improprieties within the state government are not only ridiculous but also insulting to hard working state employees who work without political bias.

> Mary A. Lannoye state budget director

Officially that's the autumnal equinox, the point at which the sun

all begins this year at precisely 1:37 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Officially that's the autumnal equinox, the point at which the oun seems to cross the celestial equator from orth to south.

It's one of two days in the year when there are an equal number of dark and daylight

What the day really signifies is the changng of the season from summer to fall. Those een leaves, symbolic of new life when they emerged in the spring, begin their ritualistic color changes, soon to end up in a compost bin or as mulch in a flower bed. It's all part of the cycle of nature.

And that leads to the inevitable coffee break discussions about which is the favorite season. Snow skiers declare winter to be the best while water skiers proclaim the joys of summer. Gardeners look forward to spring when they can begin working with the soil. And hunters can't wait for the deer season to get under way in the fall.

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Snowbirds start preparing for their annual trek to points south, extending the summer season through the winter months. They don't care what time of year it is, just so long as it's

We're not advocating one season over another. They'll come and go, no matter how much we pontificate. We're just happy to be around to watch the changes. William Browne, the 17th century English poet, probably summed it up best:

"There is no season such delight can bring, "As summer, autumn, winter, and the spring.

Bond is for children

mpending fatherhood means Achyut Jajoo is one very busy man.

Besides the usual hectic planning and preparation every future father lives through, Achyut has taken the time from his very busy schedule to work for the passage of the Lowell Middle School Replacement Bond.

Achyut considers his work for the Citizens Election Committee as not only hours well spent but a family obligation. His father had many a sacrifice to ensure that Achyut had received a quality public school education. Now he says it is his duty to do so as well, not only for his child but for all the children within the community.

Public education in the Plymouth-Canton community where Achyut and his wife Smita plan to raise their much anticipated first-born, is the family's top concern.

A replacement middle school which is ready to welcome 760 students by the start of the 2000-2001 school year needs to be the No. 1 priority of everyone in our community.

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Saturday, Oct. 3, is not about our personal agenda; but our public one. It is not about whether we vote in person or by absentee ballot; but just that we vote.

A resounding YES! vote on Oct. 3 will tell future generations how much the Plymouth-Canton community of today valued it's children.

> **Martha Trafford** Canton The Citizens Election Committee

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Study the constitution, know your rights enjoy the freedom that was fought for by so many. History has it that at 4 p.m. on Sept. 17, 1787,

the actual signing of the document was undertaken by 39 of our ancestors. Remember this date and read your constitu-

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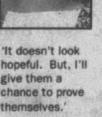
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'I don't think they'll do any better than last year.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Clinton's escapades don't shock this senior

t my age, I'm shockproof," begins Cecilia "Ce" Himes, my nearly 95-year-old friend whom I sought out for perspective as the Starr Report was released to the

A former Troy resident, she now lives in St. Anne's Mead retirement residence in Southfield. There she is an avid reader, bridge player, correspondent (she exchanges letters with 14 nieces, nephews, grandchildren and friends), has friends of all ages, and recently began a story-telling group for about a dozen residents of the Mead who can no longer read for

A former teacher, she stays on top of what's happening in her community, her state, her nation, and the world. In fact, a sprawling world map occupies one wall of her cozy, oneroom apartment.

No, she hasn't actually read the

Starr Report and its rebuttal. "I'm sophisticated and so are you," she says of the lurid sexual play-by-play.

Himes was in her late teens when the Teapot Dome scandal broke in which Warren G. Harding, the 29th president of the United States, made several misguided appointments leading to a corrupt administration. Harding died while still in office in

She acknowledges that, preoccupied by the more personal concerns of a young person, Teapot Dome "kind of passed me by."

She was in her 70s when Congress recommended three articles of impeachment for President Richard Nixon's involvement in the Watergate scandal. The 37th president resigned from office Aug. 9, 1974.

"We knew that he lied," she said. "It was very bad." But then, she reminds us, that every living presi-



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dent attended Nixon's funeral and of what was said. "He was treated like an honorable citizen."

So, at 94, as she approaches the scandal surrounding William Jefferson Clinton, the 42nd president, Himes says: "I'm trying to see the whole picture. I'm trying to think in a global way."

She worries that the crises in Rus-

sia and Asia, acts of terrorism, the always tense situation in the Middle East and the reeling stock market won't get the leadership they require as the president, Congress and the nation are preoccupied by what she sees as essentially a private affair.

Himes, who didn't vote for Clinton, sees this mainly as a personal matter between him and his family. "His lying (under oath and to the nation) was very bad," she acknowledges.

But many other presidents had affairs. "Did we suffer from not knowing the gory details? I don't think so. We're cheapening our country with this. It's turning us into a banana republic," she says, her acute sense of humor coming through.

In that spirit, she wonders whether putting Clinton "in the stocks on Woodward Avenue, no Avenue M in Washington" wouldn't be more fitting than either Congressional censure or impeachment. The stocks, of cours were a device used even before Him time for punishment.

"Then I'd let him out and forget about it. I wish his fine mind could be directed toward the real problems of this country."

Like many of us, she hopes "whatever happens, happens soon. It shouldn't be parked under the rug, but with so many pressing problem it's important to get back to mindin the store."

And if she could talk to Bill Clinton, Himes would tell him: "I know what it is to be young. But you don't know what it is to be old. There are nights when you can't sleep and your conscience takes over ... "

Judith Doner Berne is a former managing editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. You can comment on this column by calling (734)953-2047, Ext. 1997.

Diversity trumps competence for state D

on't give John Austin the speech about "work hard, pay your dues, plan carefully, and you'll be a success." He may be a little bitter about now.

Austin, 36, announced 18 months ago he was seeking the Democratic nomination for secretary of state. He is a senior project manager for Public Policy Associates, which is a potent think tank organization even if you haven't heard of it. He is a Genesee County road commissioner. He's a first-class orator, which always helps; good-looking, which never hurts; and well educated, which some folks think

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A week before the Democratic state convention rolled around, Austin had no opposition. Moreover, he had the support of two of the three gubernatorial candidates (Owen and Ross), five of the 10 Democratic congressmen, three state senators, a couple dozen state reps (including Eileen DeHart

and Tom Kelly), two State Board of Education members, two University of Michigan regents and more local party leaders than you can count.

Austin also developed a platform: campaign finance reform, caps on individual donations to political parties, a one-year moratorium on retired legislators becoming lobbyists.

So why didn't he win in a walk? **Gubernatorial nominee Geoffrey** Fieger wanted a black woman on the ticket as lieutenant governor. He couldn't find one, so he talked to a white woman and then to Rep. Jim Agee, a white male, a former school superintendent and the Democrats' top guy on public education (a superb

Meanwhile, Jennifer Granholm, Wayne County corporation counsel and a white female, had emerged as the favorite for attorney general. That left Fieger without a black woman from Detroit on the ticket.



TIM RICHARD

Michigan Democrats put together a ticket precisely the way TV's Archie Bunker taught: "You get Feldman for treasurer ... Them people know how to handle money. Then you get Salvatory for district attorney - to keep an eye on Feldman. Then you get a Mick, O'Reilly, to make sure the graft is equally distributed."

Not a word about public service. Not a thought about ability. Not when

you're dealing with Archie Bunker and Michigan Democrats.

So Fieger recruited Rep. Mary Lou Parks of Detroit to be the secretary of state candidate. Austin was assigned to make her nominating speech.

For nine minutes, Austin talked about his ideals and campaign. "Diversity is our greatest strength," he began. "Naturally, I'm very disappointed not to be part of the ticket," he said in an understatement.

He spent less than a minute talking about Parks. She knows the welfare budget, which is hardly a recommendation for secretary of state. She chairs the Black Caucus. In the six years Parks has been in the Legislature, I can't recall her saying a word on the floor. But I'll leave it to her to relate her legislative record, qualifications and program in the campaign.

Democrats say they like a good fight. Not quite true. In the Republican convention, delegates faced with an ordained candidate for attorney general with no real qualifications rebelled against their own governor's wishes and picked someone they considered qualified, John Smietanka.

Democrats just caved in, however, and nominated Parks. Austin had enough supporters for a rebellion. judging by the white-on-black "a" signs in the convention hall, but they said "to heck with ability" and went with diversity.

POLITICAL QUIZ: Who was the first woman nominated for state attorney general? Hint: It wasn't Jennifer Granholm.

Answer: Clarice Jobes, nominated in 1974 by Zolton Ferency's Human Rights Party. She later was appointed to a judgeship in Detroit - by Republican Gov. Bill Milliken.

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Let's not be left behind by the information revolution

lmost everybody has experienced the information revolution in one form or another: personal computers, faxes, pagers, cell phones, robotics, automatic teller machines, the Internet.

But, warns a report released by the blue-ribbon Michigan Information Technology Commission, Michigan businesses, communities, schools and government offices are unprepared to take full advantage of the information revolution.

Sponsored by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation and the Council of Michigan Foundation, the MITC brought together 40 leaders from Michigan's business, government, non-profit and media communities for 10 months of fact-finding and deliberation.

I was a member of the MITC. I came away from the process very impressed at the sincerity and diligence of my colleagues and enormously challenged at the implications of the information revolution for every person in Michigan.

The MITC report begins with a call to action: Abrupt and fundamental leaps in technology are very rare, taking place perhaps once or twice in a century. But they can transform the lives of people, the fate of economic organizations and even the direction of states and nations." The industrial revolution of the 19th century was one example; the information revolution of today is another.

"History teaches that a society that does not act promptly and aggressively in the face of a transforming technology risks being overtaken by those that do," continues the report. "We do not have the luxury of standing still. We either establish leadership positions in the use and production of information technology or we sit back and watch our economic base shrivel and bur children seek their livelihoods elsewhere."

The MITC report points out that Michigan can never lead the world in the production of silicon chips the way Silicon Valley in California has or in the design of software the way Seattle Theadquarters of Microsoft) has. But the report concludes that, "Michigan has the necessary elements to establish a self-renewing and sustaining environment for new generations of information technology."

The dynamics of this process, according to the report, involve Michigan becoming a world leader in applying and transferring this technology throughout our state, thereby creating enormous demand for new products and for talented information workers. "This demand, in turn, can stimulate Michigan's researchers, entrepre-



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neurs and workers to create new products and services to be sold throughout the world," the report concludes.

The MITC report contains 17 broad recommendations and 50 detailed action steps for positioning Michigan to be a leader in information technology. Some examples:

■ Educators should use the Internet and other information technology to greatly expand learning opportunities for students and workers of all ages. For example, the Michigan Virtual University will soon bring together professors from all around the state to offer education and job training via cable TV, CD-ROM and the

■ Businesses should create new software and experiment with new forms of organization to increase worker creativity and productivity by maximizing use of information technology. For example, the auto industry is building a data network in metro Detroit that will both save millions and allow companies worldwide to coordinate shipments, design products, transfer funds and communicate via e-mail and video-

■ Health care professionals should expand use of information technology in improving the health of Michigan's citizens. For example, in northern Michigan, doctors are offering longdistance consultation for patients via an advance video network. The days of "computerassisted diagnosis" are not far off.

Every thoughtful person in Michigan should read this report. It offers a detailed and concrete wake-up call to our state. You can access the entire report on the web at www.michin-

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Legislation would jail people who just watch

TIM RICHARD

attle girls would be safer from edators if a bill advocated mocratic attorney general adidate Jennifer Granholm mes law.

Criminals and big corporafrom have lots of lawyers," Franholm told a State Capitol news conference, saying she uld protect children.

But in Michigan today, "it's not a crime to watch a child be gsed and stand idly by," said he Wayne County corporation counsel and Northville Township resident who hopes to succeed Frank Kelley in the Nov. 3 elec-

Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, and Rep. Mark Schauer, D-Battle Creek, nomised to introduce her Bystander Bill" in this session of the Legislature, though there's virtually no chance it will even receive a hearing. The bill would provide for a four-year

'They would have a duty to act. To do nothing makes us an accomplice.

> Jennifer Granholm -attorney general candidate

felony sentence for bystanders who failed to help children under

"Why only children?" asked a reporter. "What if I see my neighbor beat his wife?"

"It's a first step to protect the most vulnerable in society." Granholm replied.

What if a parent abuses a

"Sen. (Mike) Bouchard (R-Birmingham) has a bill on that," Granholm replied.

"I'm not aware of any Michigan cases," she said after relating a 1997 story about the murder of a 7-year-old girl in the restroom of a casino in Primm, Nevada. A 19-year-old man

received a life sentence after pleading guilty. But a friend named David Cash Jr. witnessed the killer muffling the girl's screams and walked away.

Michigan requires certain professionals - physicians, social workers, school personnel - to report child abuse to Child Protective Services. Anyone else may make such reports but there's no requirement.

"They would have a duty to act. To do nothing makes us an accomplice," Granholm said.

Granholm, 39, worked in the U.S. attorney's office before being appointed Wayne County's top civil lawyer. The Democratic State Convention nominated her



to succeed Kelley, who will leave office Dec. 31 after 36 years.

Madonna alumni invited to homecoming on Oct. 11

host a homecoming for alumni on Sunday, Oct. 11.

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Madonna University will versity, a World Wide Web demonstration, entertainment and prizes.

> The cost is \$7 per person. For information, call the Alumni office at (734) 432-5603. Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan

Class schedule offered on university's Web site

Madonna University now offers its schedule of classes, registration forms and undergraduate application form on its Web site. Anyone can access the information through the World Wide Web address, www.munet.edu.

Also included on the Web site is a calendar of events, library services, a faculty index and information on academic programs, admissions and athletics.

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Families get help in their time of need

loday's parents have an awesome task ... bringing kids into adult-hood unscathed by the land mines that are plopped in front of

As our society becomes more desensitized to violence, obscene language, dishonesty and sex, conscientious parents are having to grab their kids and hopscotch them around a deflated value system.

Sarcastically, some have considered using ear plugs and blindfolds on their kids to insulate them from all the perils that are out there today.

Communities have looked at ways to bolster families and help them cope with things that threaten their stability like shelter, food, jobs and health

From that goal have come several outstanding programs, one of which is called the Family Resource Center in Westland.

This center was created as a telephone resource and educational hub to serve families who have various dilemmas and need solutions.

Whether mom has a concern about Johnny's temper or dad needs food for the family, the center connects them to two or three resources that will fit

As our society becomes more desensitized to violence. obscene language, dishonesty and sex, conscientious parents are having to grab their kids and hopscotch them around a deflated value system.

Since its inception in 1993, the Family Resource Center has served more than 4,000 people by linking them to the appropriate source.

Further, the Resource Center has sponsored more than 40 parenting workshops and fairs that have impacted more than

2,000 parents. Under the original directorship of Bev Brooks, and now myself, the center collaborates with numerous

agencies, health care systems, schools, community and church groups as well as the cities of Wayne and Westland (its co-sponsors).

Together, these groups help more families by broadening the safety net under them.

The center can help you with "kid problems," such as "What can I do about my lippy teen?" or "Where do I take my pregnant daughter?"

It also can direct you to where you can find food, housing, parenting workshops, health care, counseling, child care, health care, holiday assistance, support groups and much

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This consultation with a clinical social worker gives you an opportunity to explain your dilemma in more detail and get a personal recommendation from a trained expert.

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Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, LivoThe more the merrier ...

Foster family fills life with kids

■ The philosophy of Carol Spencer and her husband David Embrey is to have an open mind and a loving heart. It might explain why they have opened their home to children in need of foster care.

BY ARLENE FUNKE

An "open mind and a loving heart" have filled the Redford home of Carol Spencer and David Embrey with children who desperately need a haven.

Mom, dad, three adopted and four foster-care children - most with severe health problems or handicaps - make up the Spencer-Embrey household.

Sitting in their home, Spencer cuddles 7-month-old Joseph, who is recuperating from heart surgery. Embrey kept his eye on 6-month-old Tynisha, cooing contentedly in her baby seat.

Cody, 9, scoops up Tynisha and set-tles her against an oversized stuffed alligator. James, 2, toddles by and plants a kiss on Tynisha's cheek. In another room, there are sounds of children laughing and playing.

There's never a dull moment," said Embrey, 37, an information technology manager with General Motors Corp. "It's enjoyable and hectic. It fills up your day."

Spencer began foster parenting almost 10 years ago and soon demonstrated a willingness to care for children with serious health problems. She believes caring for medically fragile children - her own and her foster children - to be her life's work.

"I wasn't able to have children of my own, and I had a burning desire to have children in my life," she said. "My husband married into it.

"It's my calling. It's what I feel comfortable doing.

Embrey, who has four children from a previous marriage, jokes that he "never dreamed" he would be caring for so many children when he married Spencer five years ago.

The two grew up in rural Farwell, a small community near Clare, in central Michigan. They dated in high school but drifted apart. Both married others and divorced. They became reacquainted at a class reunion.

At the time of their marriage, Spencer was fostering Cody, a 3-yearold emotionally impaired, learning disabled boy with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Soon, they took into foster care Cody's biological sister, Ashley. Four years ago, the couple adopted the two children.

Cody, now 9, attends special education classes at the Hilary day treatment center in Redford. Ashley, 4, is healthy and normal. Both children are energetic and friendly.

The youngest adoptive family member is James, an affectionate 2-year-old with fetal alcohol syndrome. Doctors believe his seizures and other health problems were caused by his birth mother drinking alcohol while pregnant. His long-term prognosis is uncer-

"Almost every child we get into care is because of drugs or alcohol," Spencer children are Joseph and Tynisha who



Eye catcher: When David Embrey and his wife Carol Spencer (right) head out for a stroll there's usually plenty of company like their baby-sitter Mandie Grigsby (left) and their children - Cody standing beside the stroller), Ashley and James (seated in the first two seats).

said. "It's so sad what these children go have major physical disabilities. through."

Sudden arrivals

Sometimes the foster children arrive in the middle of the night, scared and dirty, traumatized by neglect or abuse.

We try to calm them and make sure they know they are in a safe environment," Spencer said.

Spencer and Embrey are licensed for up to four children, and are usually at

Not many people want to work with

special needs children," Spencer said. Currently in their care are Jonathan, 9, and Chris, 7. Both have physical and developmental impairments and limited verbal skills. The other two foster

Most foster children remain in the Spencer-Embrey home for up to a year. where they all eat meals together, attend school, play together, take vacations and receive treatment as needed. Only one child had to be removed from their home because of aggressive

"By having them for longer periods of time, I can manage their behavior," Spencer said. "We follow a pretty strict routine. We do everything together as a family unit. The children seem to

thrive on it.' Spencer and Embrey try to avoid getting too attached to the foster children.
"With some children you are blessed

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Orientations provide look at foster care

BY ARLENE FUNKE SPECIAL WRITER

People interested in becoming foster parents or in adoption can attend orientation meetings in Livonia and Redford.

Foster families are needed for children of all ages removed from their homes because of abuse and

We need help for all kids - little, big, all races and cultures," said Joe McDermott, western Wayne County licensing supervisor for the Michigan Family Independence Agency.

FIA, a branch of state government, is responsible for finding foster homes for abused an neglected children. The homes are licensed by FIA or private

Orientation meetings will be held 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile Road, west of Middlebelt Road, Livonia, and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Redford Library, 15150 Norborne, west of Beech Daly and south of Five Mile Road.

"It's probably the toughest job you would ask anybody to do," McDermott said. "We're looking for people willing to devote themselves for 24 hours a day to somebody else's child without a pay-

FIA is responsible for investigating complaints, and, if evidence of abuse or neglect are found, may petition the juvenile court to remove the child from his or her home. The child can remain in foster care while the case proceeds through a series of legal hearings and the court issues its order.

New state guidelines have been established to keep children from languishing in foster care for years. These guidelines call for an average stay in foster care of up to 1 1/2 years. At that time, the court determines if the child is to be returned to his or her parents or if other plans should be made. Those plans can include guardianship by a family member or adoption. An older child may choose to remain in a permanent foster care arrangement.

"It's not healthy for a child to remain in the foster care system for a long time," said Lisa Molloy of Catholic Social Services of Oakland County, which works with clients in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Lapeer counties. Anyone suspecting that a child

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Hard work is secret to centenarians' long life

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI STAFF WRITER

the "Centenarians."

Area centenarians say hard work is the secret to

They're among 56,000 Americans reaching the century mark, a group now believed to be the fastest growing in America, according to Robert E. Roush in

These stalwart pioneers have survived every illness, natural disaster and personal dilemma that felled most of their family and friends and they're living testimony of what will and perseverance can

It isn't surprising that a random check of area nursing homes and assisted living facilities showed that the centenarians are all women, considering that women are three times as likely to be widowed than men, according to 1990 statistics, the latest National Institute of Health statistics available.

In fact, in 1991, the average life expectancy at birth for Americans was 75.5 years; women live an average 79 years and men live an average 72 years, NIH statistics show

While reaching 100 is still quite remarkable, it might not be in years to come. In the next century, according to the "Centenarian," there will be as many as 2.5 million people 100 years and older.

The local centenarians had varied backgrounds and interests, but there are threads of similarity. The women kept busy; didn't smoke, many of them tended gardens and they all seemed to have a happy disposition. Their smiles sweeten their weathered faces.



How about a song?: At age 103, Pearl Workman is still up to singing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "Tiny Bubbles" for Carolyn Merucci, administrator of the Four Chaplains Nursing Home in Westland where she is a resident.

"Eat right, live right and do the right thing," is Alma Werner's recipe for longevity. At age 103, she has witnessed a century full of historical events, like the introduction of the automobile, airplane and elec-

One sunny summer day, Werner asked her granddaughter, Judi Prevost, when she was going to find her a job at the dealership where she works.

Laying in her bed at Nightingale West Convales-Please see CENTENARIANS, B6

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ou are blessed when they ve," Spencer said with a gh. "But it's difficult when we ork with the younger ones. here are some kids who yank at e strings of your heart.'

Spencer is a quality control ministrator for a local bank. ne works at home, which allows er to be with the children.

Making good use

The family has made efficient se of the small, three-bedroom bungalow home. The two main floor bedrooms each have two sets of bunk beds. Room assignments depend on the number of boys and girls in the house.

"I redecorate about every six months," Spencer said.

The house has two TVs and two VCRs, several cribs, high chairs and boxes of toys spaced strategically throughout the house. The babies sleep in cribs in the upstairs bedroom with pencer and Embrey.

In the living room are more baby swings, a toy box, computer and a changing table. On shelves above the changing table are baskets filled with baby wipes, powder and other necessities

Embrey's children from his first marriage - Heather, 14, identical twins Jason and Jeremy, 13, and Jessica, 10, live with their mother in Cadillac but visit frequently. While there, they sleep on the couch or double up in one of the beds.

"When all 11 (children) are

here I find it easier," Spencer said. "The older ones shepherd

Spencer purchases much of her food in bulk, from a buying club. The freezer is stocked with frozen vegetables, waffles and bagels. Dry cereal is purchased in case lots.

Spencer does one load of laundry a day in the family's com-mercial-size washer which can commodate up to 22 pounds of clothing at a time. Embrey cleans up after dinner while Spencer tends to the children.

One of the couple's great assets is Mandie Grigsby, their 22-year-old next-door neighbor and baby-sitter for the past four

"When I first started, it was

very intimidating," said Grigsby, a 1994 graduate of Thurston High School, now studying architecture at Lawrence Technological University.

Grigsby's responsibilities surpass the average baby-sitter's duties. During the summer, she puts in full days caring for the children while Spencer works in her home office. She also runs errands and takes the children to doctor appointments.

"Mandie is great," Spencer said. "I think my children have made her grow a lot."

Grigsby washes, feeds, changes diapers and prepares bottles of formula. She keeps track of each child's medication

Under Spencer's instruction,

Grigsby has learned what to do when James has his seizures and how to use a heart monito Spencer took Grigsby to Children's Hospital, so she could learn to use a feeding tube needed by one of the children.

Grigsby has learned to anticipate the needs of the non-verbal children by watching their behavior. One child shakes his head for "no" and claps for "yes."

"The most rewarding thing is that the children are sweet,' Grigsby said. "They give lots of hugs and kisses. If they love you, they let you know."

Spencer relies on her husband to pick up the slack when she needs a break. For Embrey, the most challenging part of the routine is carving out personal time with his wife.

One way they unwind is to take evening walks in their neighborhood. They often evoke startled looks by passersby as they stroll along with the youngest kids in a four-passenger stroller, the others tagging

Spencer and Embrey especially enjoy camping in northern Michigan where they relax and enjoy outdoor activities with the children. They cap off the weekend by cooking 18 eggs, two pounds of bacon and a panful of potatoes for their gang.

"It takes us an hour to prepare," Embrey said. "We really enjoy it."

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is being abused or neglected can call FIA. For people living in Wayne County, call (313) 396-0300. In Oakland County, call (248) 975-5200. The caller needn't give his or her name.

The screening process for prospective foster parents takes 0-60 days. It includes an orientation meeting, training, home study and background check to make sure there is no history of criminal activity, abuse or

Foster parents receive a stipend of \$12.70 per day for children under age 12 and \$15.75 per day for children ages 13-18. Medical expense are covered by state Medicaid insur-

"It's a small sum - a reimbursement for expenses," said cDermott.

stand that many factors may cause a parent to abuse or neglect children, Molloy said. They include ignorance, instability, a troubled lifestyle and poor parenting skills.

"It's important to understand family dynamics and why parents do the things they do, why they hurt or neglect their children," Molloy said. "Most parents love and want their children, but don't know how to par-

A willingness to work with the family helps the child adapt to foster care and serves as a good model for the biological family, according to Molloy.

Carol Spencer and her husband David Embrey are longtime foster parents. Affiliated with Catholic Social Services of Oakland County, they specialize Foster parents must under- in caring for special needs chil-

dren who have handicaps and health problems. The couple has adopted three of their foster children - Cody, 9, Ashley, 4, and James, 2.

Spencer, who gives talks to prospective foster parents, reminds people of the need to open their hearts."

"It's a child who needs a home, who needs love," she said. "You need to be patient and openminded. You have to have a good support system - doctors, case workers, friends, etc."

New foster parents need a lot of assistance, according to Spencer who believes many become discouraged because they lack experience and don't know where to find answers.

Spencer has taken the initia-

tive to obtain special training to better handle the medical needs of her children. Since Medicaid doesn't pay for certain medical aids, she sometimes appeals to charitable organizations for assistance. Right now, she is trying to get a protective helmet for an infant in her care.

"Carol has been very assertive to get the training she needs to

take care of the children in her care," Molloy said. "She will do whatever it takes to meet the needs of her kids, and the agency supports that."

For more information about becoming a foster parent, call FIA at (313) 896-KIDS. For more information about Catholic Social Services of Oakland County, call (248) 333-3700, Ext. 125.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279.

ST. MEL'S

Crafters are needed for St. Mel's fifth annual fall arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 26

at the church. Inkster Road north of Warren Road, Dearborn Heights. A 5-by-10-foot space is \$25, 8-foot table \$5 and limited electricity \$5. For more information, call Debbie Mathais at (734) 261-6881 or the church at (734) 274-0684.

Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt. Livonia. For more information, or table rental, call (248) 426-6227.

St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will have its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-

Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's 25th annual "Festival of Fashion '98" 10 a.m. Oct. 21 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (248) 477-8902 or Margaret at (734) 261-

ST. ELIZABETH

St. Elizabeth Spiritual Church will have its holiday bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, Redford. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

RAMALLAH CLUB

Space is available for a craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 23-25 at the Ramallah Club, 27484 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

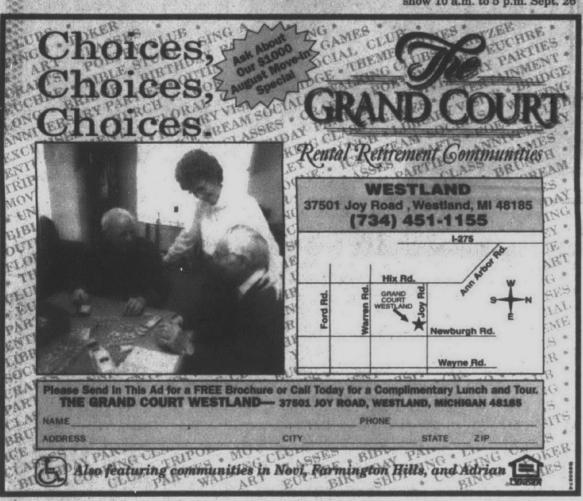
Table rental is \$30 for one day or \$60 for three days. For more information, call Nona at (734) 462-2936 or Nadia at (734) 522-4208 after 5:30 p.m.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for its seventh annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the school, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. For more information, call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or Garrett at (734) 464-7425.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

Crafters are wanted for a craft show Oct. 24 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford, sponsored by the St. Jude Circle. For more information, call Joann at (313) 937-0226 or (313) 522-





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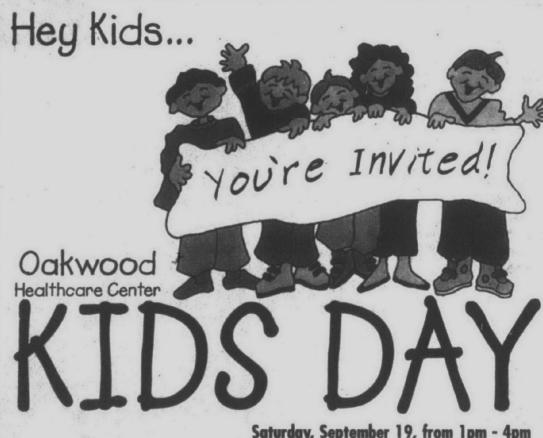


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Pennsylvania University with a

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The groom is a graduate of Catholic Central High School

and Michigan State University.

He is employed as an investment

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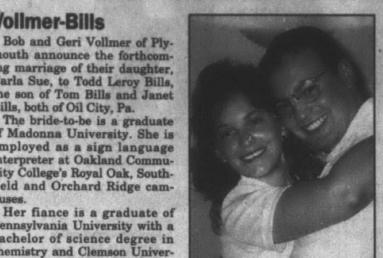
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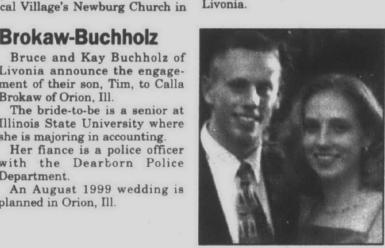
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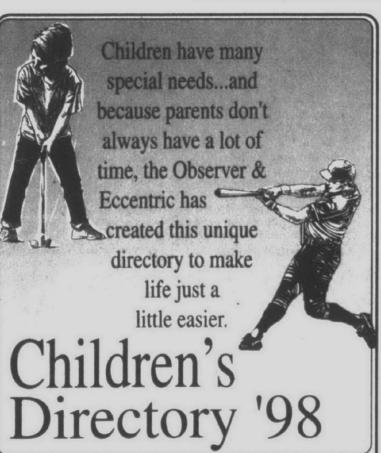


to be his best man. Scott Davis, David Andrus, Roger Shirley and Scott Hand served as

The couple received guests at The Van Andel Museum in Grand Rapids before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Tahiti and Moorea, French Polynesian Islands. They are making their







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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Walker-Pianczk

Richard and Jackie Walker of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Colleen, to Brian Christopher Pianczk, the son of Tom and Jackie Taub and Gary Pianczk, all of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 grad-uate of Garden City High School and a 1998 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in business administration-accounting. She is employed by Visteon as a financial analyst.

Her fiance is a 1992 graduate of Garden City High School. He is employed by Intra Corpora-

An October wedding is

uate of Livonia Churchill High

School. She is studying health,

nutrition and alternative medi-

cine in Las Vegas, Nev. She is

employed as a blackjack dealer

at the Monte Carlo Resort and

Her fiance is studying casino

Michelle Kay Holland and

Daryl Allen Chamberlain were

married May 30 at the Cadet

Chapel of the U.S. Military

Academy in West Point, N.Y., by

the Rev. Ronald B. Fritts and Lt.

Col. Thomas Mundie, academy

The bride is the daughter of

Lila and David Chamberlain of

Livonia. The groom is the son of

Shelley James of Woodstock,

N.Y., and Joel Holland of

The bride is graduate of the

The groom is a graduate of the

U.S. Military Academy at West

Point. He is commissioned as a

second lieutenant in the U.S.

The bride asked Lisa Lewis to

be her maid of honor with Ruth

Ingram, Robyn Oaks, Beth Ann

Brophy and Kirsten Kinbar as

The groom asked Daniel D.

with Steven Harrison, Christo-

State University of New York at New Paltz, N.Y., with a bache-

lor's degree in education.

management at the University

of Nevada-Las Vegas. He also is

Casino in Las Vegas.

Chamberlain-

Holland

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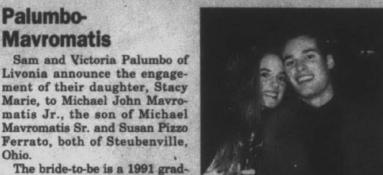
her attendants.

Palumbo-

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anned at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City.



employed by Monte Carlo Resort



pher Kondogiani, Peter Walsh and Jeffrey Edmonds as grooms-

nessee. They have left on an Chamberlain to be his best man extended tour of duty in Ger-

An October wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.

and Casino.



The newlyweds received guests at Mountainville Manor in Mountainville, N.Y., before leaving on a honeymoon in the Great Smoky Mountains in Ten-

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Krebs-Schaffart

Adrian and Kathleen Krebs of Hartford, Wis., announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Allison Marie, to Ray-mond Scott Schaffart, the son of Raymond and Ruth Schaffart of

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. She is employed as a register nurse at the University of Michigan Hos-pital In Ann Arbor.

Her fiance is a 1997 graduate of marquette University. He is employed as a marketing and communications specialist for Danal Corporation in Auburn

A September wedding is

Pamela Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Willbey Pistor of Garden City

announce the forthcoming mar-

Marie Pistor, to Robert Spencer

Pistor-Ashburn

in San Diego, Calif.

Navy's fox trot helicopter.

Church in Garden City.

Drabicki-Miller

Miller of Mendham, N.J.

tems in Novi.

Dennis and Estelle Drabicki of

Livonia announce the engage-

ment of their daughter, Kristen

Denise, to Michael Patrick

Miller, the son of Dan and Judy

The bride-to-be is a 1993 grad-uate of Livonia Stevenson High

School and a 1997 graduate of

the University of Michigan

School of Business. She is

employed as an accountant for

Lear-Donnelly Overhead Sys-

Her fiance is a 1994 graduate

of Mendham High School and a

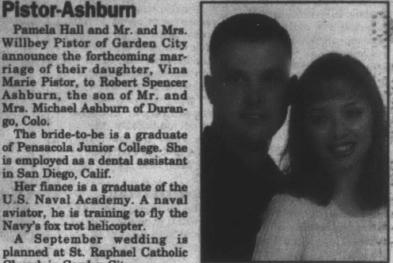
1998 graduate of the University

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ing. He is employed as a project engineer for Perceptron in Ply-



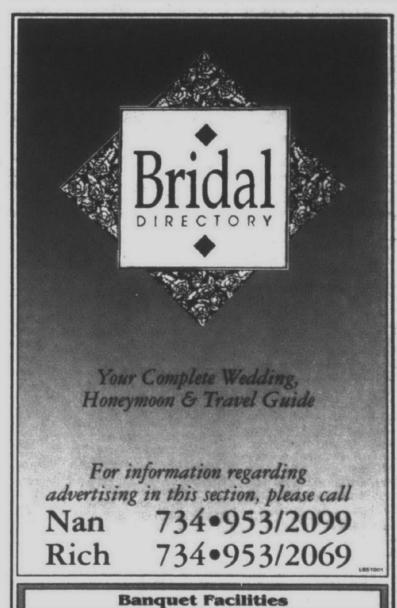
planned at Gesu Church in Mil-





An October wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

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ALPHA COURSE

Northville Christian
Assembly will begin The
Alpha Course from 5:30-8 p.m. Sept. 20 at the church located at 41355 W. Six Mile, one mile west of I-275 in Northville. This 10-week practical introduction to the Christian faith offers answers to some questions. Each weekly session begins with an informal dinner, followed by a large group learning time, and ends with small-group discussion and interaction. To learn more about the course or to reserve your place, call the church at (248) 348-9030 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM ■ The Yankee Air Museum is celebrating its 17th anniversary with a big band dinner dance, and a free open house with a pan-cake breakfast. The dinner dance will be held at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Yankee Air Museum, Beck and Ecorse roads at the Willow Run Airport, Belleville. The open house and pancake breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the same location. Dinner dance tickets are \$30 per person, available at the Yankee Air Museum Gift Shop, Willow Run Airport. Free admission to open house. Doors open at 9 a.m. Refreshments available all day.

■ The 1998 Flying Pilgrims invite you to attend our annual Mac MacAtee Memorial Giant Scale Fall Phase Out For Fun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20, at Ridge Road, just a quarter mile north of Geddes. There will be jets allowed on the runway, lunch for pilots, and food concession on site. Spectators welcome. For more information, call Jim Repp from 6-11 p.m. at (734) 416-5461. 3-D ARCHERY BENEFIT A 3-D Archery Shoot and

Family Fun Day benefiting the Great Lakes Burn Camp for Kids will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 6700 Napier Road in Plymouth Township. It is co-sponsored by the City of Wayne Firefighters Local 1620, the University of Michigan and the WWCCA. Registration of \$8 per person goes to the Burn Camp. A buffet (\$15 per person, \$25 per couple) will begin at 6 p.m. Call Shawn Bell, (734) 397-

FLEA MARKET The Livonia Historical Society and Commission are sponsoring a Flea Mar-ket fund-raiser to benefit Livonia's historical site, Greenmead, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Greenmead, Eight Mile and Newburgh. Tours available from 1-4 p.m. Food and refreshments available. Admission is \$1, Children 12 and under free. For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

OED BASKETBALL CLINIC Canton Parks & Recreation will present youth coed basketball clinics Saturdays, Sept. 19 through Oct. 24. Clinics for grades three-five will be held 9-10:30 a.m. and clinics for grades six-eight will be 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park gymnasium. Cost is \$54 for annual pass holders, \$60 for residents and \$72 for non-residents. Call (734) 397-5110.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT The Novi Lioness Club will host a singles-play euchre tournament on Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile in Novi, with extra points awarded for food donations. Registration is at 7 p.m. with play beginning at 7:30 p.m. Entry fee per person is \$12 at the door. Proceeds benefit the Lions/Lioness Charities. Call Maggie at (248) 344-

DOLL MAKERS GUILD

The Michigan Doll Makers Guild is holding their annual 20th Annual Doll Show & Sale from 10-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 27 at Laurel Park-Holiday Inn, Livonia. For more informa-

tion, please call Diane at

(248) 357-2090. HOME PARTY

EXTRAVAGANZA ■ There will be a home party extravaganza from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 sponsored by the Women of St. Kenneth Church at 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth. This home party extravaganza will have all your favorite home parties under one roof at one time. Christmas shop early and bring a friend. Free admission and babysitting. Lunch will also be available.

AROUND TOWN

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

■ The Plymouth Community Chorus is raising funds by selling the Entertainment Ultimate book. Each book contains hundreds of two-for-one and 50 percent discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events, sports and more. The books are just \$40 with the proceeds going to help fund the Plymouth Charitable and Educational Activities. To order, contact Stan at (734) 459-6829. ■ Entertainment 99 Books

are on sale by the Plymouth Optimist Club. All proceeds will be used for children causes throughout southeast Michigan. Entertainment books offer up to 50 percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, car washes and much more. Price is \$40. Home-delivered. Call Ken Fisher at 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at 453-

■ The seniors of Divine Savior Catholic Church are selling Entertainment 99 savings books. Call Joanne at 464-1263 or Dolores at 464-0369

■ The 1998 Ultimate Entertainment Book, offering 50 percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events, is available from the Plymouth Symphony League by calling 453-3016. You also can pick up your copy at the Plymouth Symphony Office, 819 Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth (451-2112). The Ultimate Entertainment Book is \$40 with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Sym-

THEATER TRIP Canton Project Arts is planning a bus trip to the newly restored and relocated Gem Theater in Detroit to see the hit musical comedy, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," at 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 11. The 6 p.m. matinee performance features cabaret seating on the main floor, along with a full service bar. Tickets may be pur-

Historical moment



Yankee Doodle: Carolyn Dicks listens to the program for the 50th anniversary of the Plymouth Historical Society and Museum last week. She plays the baritone sax horn in the Dodworth Sawhorn Band, which plays Civil War-era music. Future museum events include the Heritage Quest Roadshow at 6 p.m. Sept. 29, where you can learn to research family heritage. Cost to register is \$5. The museum is at 155 S. Main just north of Plymouth City Hall.

chased at Canton's Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center and are \$22.50 per person, which includes theater ticket and bus transportation.

KUMON OPEN HOUSE ■ The Plymouth Kumon Center will have an open house from 1-2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. For more information, please and to R.S.V.P., please call Mrs. Wu at (248) 348-3859.

YOUTH ACTIVITY NIGHT

There will be a Youth Activity Night from 5-6:45 p.m. (dinner provided), every Wednesday for first through eighth grades at The Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main St., Plymouth. Activities range from safety issues at home and outside the home, dealing with peer pressure, being more active in your community, to camping and sports. For more information, call Bill Moritz at (734) 453-5464.

PLYMOUTH ARTS COUNCIL ■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council is accepting registrations for fall classes & workshops for all ages. Arts & crafts, pottery, art appreciation, soft sculpture dolls, creative writing, video camera use, painting, drawing/sketching, life models, batik, make a memory quilt, ballroom dancing, yoga, Tai Chi. For registration or for more information, please call (734) 416-4ART.

LEAGUE SOCIAL ■ The Plymouth Symphony League is kicking off its 1998-99 season with a League social at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24. The league is a group of volun-teers that help support the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra with fund raising activities, such as card

and game parties, auctions,

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teas and much more. If you are interested in finding out more about the Plymouth Symphony League, please join us on Sept. 24. For more information, please call Patty at 416-5293.

TOWN MEETING
The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth invites you to a town meeting with the members of the Michigan State Marching Band noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Plymouth Manor. Lunch is \$13 per person. A special invitation is extended to all MSU alumni. For reservations, call (734) 459-8811.

AUDITIONS ■ The Plymouth Community Chorus is calling for people who love to sing. Most needed are tenors, basses and baritones. Some openings also exist for altos and sopranos. Open auditions for new members will be held 7 p.m. on Sept. 22 and 29 at First United

Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth Township. The 25th anniversary season will be filled with special events and activities. Call 455-4080.

Experienced singers of all voice parts are invited to audition for the Schoolcraft College Community Choir. The choir, currently in its 34th season, is conducted by Donald Stronberg and composed of 50 singers of all ages from communities throughout the metropolitan area dedicated to performing music of the masters. Auditions for new members will be Tuesday, Sept. 22, in Room 530 of the Forum Building on Schoolcraft's Livonia campus. Auditions begin at 7:30 p.m. and singers are invited to try out for solo opportunities. Call Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175 or the college liberal arts

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groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print

Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

department, (734) 462-4435, to schedule an audition.

■ Madonna University's Chorale is holding auditions for the 1998-99 season. The chorale consists of Madonna University students and local community members. All are invited to take part in this community outreach program. There is no charge for singing in the chorale, although academic credit is given to Madonna University students. Auditions will consist of an individual meeting with Dr. David Wagner, the chorale's director. No music is needed for the audition and nothing needs to be prepared in advance; Dr. Wagner will provide all accompaniment. The chorale will rehearse 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday for its christmas and spring concert performances. For more information, please

wagner@smtp.munet.edu. TAPESTRY WORKSHOP

e-mail to

call (734) 432-5708 or send

■ There will be a tapestry workshop on conquering stress from 6-7:30 p.m., Sept. 21, 28 and Oct. 5 at the Advanced Counseling Services, P.C., 17199 Laurel Park Drive North, Suite 312, Livonia, north of Six Mile, between Newburgh and I-275. Class fee is \$80 per four-week series. Classes are presented by Debbie Scott, M.A., L.L.P, and Diane B. Lothrop, M.S., L.L.P. To register, contact either of the presenters at (734) 953-1203, Ext. 418 or 434.

TENT REVIVAL Full Gospel Church of Plymouth will hold four weeks of tent revivals on the church's property, 33200 Ecorse Road in Romulus. The revivals, which continue through Sept. 27, start at 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Sat-

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urdays and at 6 p.m. on Sundays. Call (734) 453-

SKATIN' STATION

■ There will be a mom & tot preschool skate from 10-11:30 a.m., every Thursday at the Skatin' Station II. 8611 Ronda, Canton. Cost is \$3.50 per person (5 years. and under). Cost includes skates, animal crackers and drink. Strollers and push toys are welcome. There will be children's music, games and specials.

■ There will be rollarsize skate (adults only) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., every Tuesday at the Skatin' Station II, 8611 Ronda, Canton. Admission is \$4, skate rental \$2. Skate while the kids are in school to contemporary music. For more information, please call (734) 459-6401.

CASTING CALL

■ The Friends of the Canton Public Library will present the annual Mystery Dinner at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16-17. Tickets are available at the library reception desk for the family-style dinner and an evening of intrigue and prizes. Call (734) 397-0999 for more information.

SINGLES' EVENTS

A divorce recovery workshop will be held 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. Cost is \$30. Call (248) 349-0911 to receive a flier.

Single Place holds a walk in the park 10 a.m. every Saturday at Heritage Park between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, on Farmington Road in Farmington.

■ Single Place holds the following social events every Sunday: worship 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary; brunch 12:30 p.m. at Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, Northville; coffee and cards, 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center, Northville.

REUNION

Past members of the Plymouth Community Chorus will celebrate the organization's 25th anniversary Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor. There will be a commemorative program and a display of chorus memorabilia. Call (734) 459-6829 or write P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI 48170.

NATURE

Summer Nights Under the Stars, presented by Howell Nature Center, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday evenings through Oct. 12 (excluding Labor Day). Cost is \$8 per person. Guests may enjoy many of the center's nature programs such as gatherings around the campfire, and cooking dinner together.

PLYMOUTH YMCA

■ The Plymouth YMCA is taking registration for youth soccer league, flag football, t-ball and coach pitch league. Please call the Plymouth YMCA for further information or registration at (734) 453-2904. **WIDE WORLD SPORTS**

Wide World Sports Center of Ann Arbor has adult drop-in roller hockey games 8:30-10:30 p.m. Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$5 per player. Goalies play free. For details, call (734) 913-4625.

PNACD

■ The Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers of Plymouth is accepting registrations for fall classes. No experience is necessary and the minimum age is 3 years. Classes begin in September. Call Barb Martin at (734) 453-

ADULT SOCCER

■ The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations

for its men's over 30 soccer league. Call Craig Cox at (734) 454-9072.

SCHOOL **OPENINGS**

■ Tutor Time, 951 N. Canton Center, Canton, is enrolling children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. School hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Contact Donna Pomerson at (734) 981-

Openings exist for fall 1998 for students in second through fifth grade at New Morning School, a state certified and licensed nonprofit school. Call (734) 420-3331.

Small World Day Care in Canton, on Joy, between Haggerty and Newburgh, is accepting applications for enrollment. Call (734) 459-9909.

St. Michael Christian School, 7000 N. Sheldon, is now accepting registration for new students in kindergarten through third grade. They offer a low studentteacher ratio. Enthusiastic, experienced Christian teachers at a state certified facility. Call (734) 459-

■ Suburban Children's Coop Nursery has openings now in all classes for children 2-5 years old. Contact Michelle at (734) 421-6196. ■ Garfield Co-op has programs for children 18 months to 5 years, located in Livonia at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. For more information, call

SUPPORT **GROUPS**

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PARKINSON'S

■ The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets 1:30-4 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Building 5305, near parking lot P. Call (313) 930-6335.

COUNTERPOINT

Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for youth ages 10-17 and their families. Call (734) 563-5005.

CHHCS

Community Hospice.& Home Care Services, Inc. (CHHCS) invites adults who've experienced the loss of someone significant in their lives to participate in the Adult Grief Support Series. The comprehensive, six-week support series is designed to help adults understand and work through the grieving process. The meetings will be held from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, at Community Hospice & Home Care Services, 127 S. Main St., Plymouth (in the West building). There is no cost for the series, however, donations are welcome. To register for the Adult Grief Support Series, contact Rebecca Rouse, facilitator. at (734) 522-4244.

■ Suburban Nights offers a consumer-run, drop-in center open to people 18 and older who want to meet new people, socialize, make friends and just hang out. The program offers refreshments, bingo, bowling, exercise, crafts, outings, games and movies. The

SUBURBAN WEST

program is open from 4:30-9 p.m., Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call before 4:30 p.m. at (313) 425-3777 and ask for Robert, Jenny, Christine, Steve or Mark.

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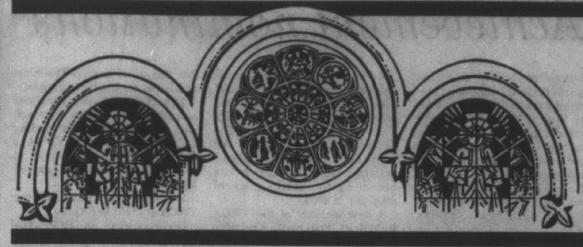
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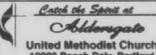
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YWCA looking for Women of Achievement nominations

County is looking for a few good women to recognize as its 1998 Women of Achievement.

Presented annually, the award recognizes women in western Wayne County who have made an outstanding contribution to business and the community.

Six different awards will be presented at the Women of Achievement luncheon on Friday, Nov. 6, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. The categories and criteria are:

Arts/communications excels in the arts, media or pub-

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Young Woman - those ages 16-23 who have demonstrated leadership qualities, service to the community and a positive glimpse of tomorrow's woman.

Nominations should include a resume or biographical information about the nominee and, with her knowledge and approval, a one-page narrative about her qualities of leadership, areas of achievement (past and present

consideration), demonstrated commitment to improving western Wayne County through work-related and/or volunteer activities and opportunities he facilitated for other women in the community.

Nominations are available from the YWCA. The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Friday,

Aj D. Jemison, general manager of the Fairlane Town Center, will be the guest speaker for the Women of Achievement Awards

Before her employment at Boy Scouts of America Trailblaz Fairlane Town Center, she managed both retail and commercial real estate in Oklahoma, Georgia and Colorado. She joined The Taubman Company in 1993 and held the position of operations manager for three years before becoming the mall's general manager in 1996.

A new member of the YWCA Board of Trustees, she also serves on the Alternatives for Girls Board of Directors, the Detroit College of Business Board of Governors and as executive Committee chair for the

er District for the Handicapped.

Tickets for the noon luncheon cost \$25 each and also are available through Oct. 23, by sending a check, payable to the YWCA of Western Wayne County, to 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster

For more information, call the YWCA at (313) 561-4110.

Incorporated in 1955, the YWCA of Western Wayne County is in its 43rd year of providing programs for women, girls and their families from infancy through adulthood.

Vincent Bugliosi opens 35th Livonia Town Hall season

Livonia Town Hall will kick off in 1972. its 35th year in a big way, when attorney and author Vincent Bugliosi pays a call on Wednes-day, Oct. 21.

Bugliosi came to national prominence in the 1970s with his successful prosecution of Charles Manson and three co-defendants in the then "trial of the century," the Tate-LaBianca murders. He earned the death penalty for Manson, Leslie Van Houten, Patricia Krenwinkel, Susan Atkins and Tex Watson, which was commuted to life imprisonment by the U.S. Supreme Court

He co-authored the book "Helter Skelter" about the Manson case, a book that is the most popular true crime book in publishing history.

His latest literary effort is "Outrage: The Five Reasons Why O.J. Simpson Got Away With Murder" in which he criticizes the Simpson prosecutors' "extreme incompetence and abysmal preparation" which led to the "inexcusable" acquittal of O.J. Simpson for the double murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

The Livonia Town Hall series will be held at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. The lectures start at 10:30 a.m., followed by the luncheen which includes a question and answer session.

The series will continue on Wednesday, Nov. 18, with master gardener and host of WXYT-AM's "Green Side Up" show Janet Macunovich. Used to answering questions about all phases of plants and gardening, she will bring a wealth of information about gardening to her Town Hall visit.

On Wednesday, Jan. 20, Brian Ingalls will entertain with a slide show about the excavation of mummies in Egypt. A prominent orthodontist from Northville, he has made several trips to the excavation sites and has firsthand knowledge of the work being done and their find-

Recently retired newspaper editor Joe Stroud will close out the season on Wednesday, March 17. Born in McGehee, Ark., he is a graduate of Hendrix College and has a master's degree from Tulane University.

Town Hall patron lecture tickets, which include name in program and lectures, are \$50, while patron lecture and luncheon tickets are \$98. Patrons' names will appear in program booklet if orders are received before Sept. 30. Season lecture tickets are \$40,

with season lecture and luncheon tickets \$88. Individual lecture tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door. Individual luncheon tickets are \$12, and reservations for the lunch must be made one week prior to the date. A lecture ticket is required to attend the luncheon.

Checks, made payable to Livonia Town Hall, should be sent to Emily Stankus, 15428 Winchester Drive, Plymouth 48170. A self-addressed, stamped envelope should be included.

Livonia Town Hall is a nonprofit organization. Proceeds benefit the Livonia Symphony Society and other Livonia chari-

For more information, call President Dee Dee Dittmar at (248) 474-7213.

NEW VOICES

Todd and Lori Sullivan of Plymouth Township announce the birth of Sydney Rae May 23 at Beaumonth Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Lyle and Linda Chamberlain and Tom and Eloise Sullivan, all of Swanton, Ohio. Great-grandmothers are Elizabeth Chamberlain of Swanton and Miriam Sullivan of

Findlay, Ohio.

Bridgett Neumann of Canton announces the birth of Alexis Pamela June 3 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Chloe Nicole, 19 months. Grandparents are Mike and Pamela Neumann of Westland. Revin and Jackie D'Arcy of

Livonia announce the birth of

Brooke Marie July 3 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a brother, Kevin Jr., 3 1/2. Grandparents are Julian and Judy Phelps and Dennis and Ann D'Arcy, all of Livonia. Great-grandmothers are Evelyn Renaud of Livonia and Mary Porta of Westland

Robert and Christina Banan of Garden City announce the birth of Carley Ann June 4 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Chelsea, 5. Grandparents are Robert and Brenda Bantan, Tom and Janine Smith, Garry Roberts and Nancy Paton, all of Garden City.

Michael and Jan Erisman of Westland announce the birth of Ian Michael May 5 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Walter and Joanne Baker of Homer and James and Marjorie Erisman of Westland. Great-grandmother is Kathryn Clemens of Westland.

Royce and Krista Hartmann of Redford announce the birth of Jared Royce June 4 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Jenna, 3. Grandparents are Raymond and Judy Hartmann of Shelby Township and Lane and Carol Stillings of Marysville,

Keith and Carol Tappan Jr. of Novi, formerly of Livonia, announce the birth of Leah Margaret June 1 at St. Joseph

Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a brother, Ross Joseph, 23 months. Grandparents are Dick and Peggy Celski of New Baltimore, formerly of Livonia, Joanne Tappan of Livonia and Keith Tappan Sr. of Farmington

Michael Crabtree and Angela Bicknell of Westland announce the birth of Michael Raymond Crabtree II June 8 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two sisters, Jayna Wertz, 5 1/2, and Michael Crabtree, 17 months. Grandparents are Joan Salva of Redford, Donald Levi of Detroit and Diane Levi of Detroit.

Shawn Komarynski and Crystal Miles of Westland announce the birth of James Martin Miles July 4 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Stephanie Miles, and a brother, Robert Alderman. Grandparents are Barbara Millard of Westland and the late Cindy Lou Colburn.

John and Joanne Metrusias announce the birth of George John May 13 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are George and Mary Metrusias of Livonia and Chris and Penny Poulos of Northville. Great-grandparents Stavroula Liogas of Greece and Christina Kanellos of Canada.

Dan and Vivian Smith of Romulus announce the birth of Abigail Grace June 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, Dan III, 12, Rebecca, 10 1/2, Vivian, 7, and Betty Jean, 1. Grandmother is Carolyn Bouquenoy of Westland.

Thomas and Amy Dwyer of Westland announce the birth of Zachary Thomas July 4 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a brother, Tyler. Grandparents are Greg and Dorothy Dwyer of Livonia and Betty Long of Garden City.

John and Amy Warren of Tyler, Texas, announce the birth of Peyton Lain June 25 at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, Texas. Grandparents are John Kieshauer and Gene and Jeanne Murphy, all of Livonia.

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cent Center on Newburgh in Westland, one moment Werner asked for her head to be raised and the next moment she accepted the truck driving job Prevost

The perpetual smile wavers between angelic and devilish, teasing and serious.

"She has a great sense of humor," Prevost added.

Spare ribs and sauerkraut "are the secret" to a long life, Werner said. Good genes may have helped, too. Werner had a sister who lived to be 97 and a brother who was 81 when he died.

Werner was born in Detroit on April 26, 1895, to German immigrants. She worked at a department store and when she was 16, she married William Werner. After her five children were in school, she went back to work. In her spare time she loved to garden, can her produce and care for her grandchildren.

Mary Pomroy, Nightingale's activities director for 28 years, has heard countless stories from residents like Werner. She remembers throwing a birthday party for a woman who was celebrating her 112th birthday.

When Pomroy told her about the shindig, the frail woman threatened bodily harm, if Pomroy revealed her real age. Pomroy promised to only mention 109 years.

Apparently lying about her age was a habit. When she was "well into her 90s," Pomroy said, "she told people she was in her 80s, so she could get a job washing dishes at a Knights of Columbus

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ains Nursing Center, Pearl Workman said at 103 she never thought about trying to live a ong time. Sitting in a wheelchair in the dining area of the Westland facility, Workman had a hard time hearing, but her

mind was alert. "I'm an ordinary, happy per-son," she said. "I liked life. I liked my children and my husband and we always got along well together."

Her hobbies were bowling, crocheting and tending to a garden; her favorite food was strawberry shortcake, and she didn't smoke

or drink. "It wasn't because I didn't want to smoke, but I didn't like to smoke," she said using the same explanation about drinking

About advice for others, she said: "I never was one to tell anyone what to do. I guess I lived kind of a good life. I don't want to die. I've always liked

Strong independence

At Plymouth Inn, an assisted living facility, Jean Bushey of Canton sat next to her mother, Irene Obrecht, 103.

"She ate regular and never did any special exercising," Bushey said. "She always worked hard (41 years at Francis Aviation), and was pretty positive about everything.

Obrecht's hands didn't become idle until recently. She involved herself in crocheting, tatting and embroidery. She worked on hair-

WRC offers divorce support group Tuesday is a speaker's session addressing legal, financial and emotional concerns that arise

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ters on Sept. 22. There is no fee to attend the meetings and registration is not required. For more information, call the Women's Resource Cencounselor while the fourth ter at (734) 462-4443.

pin lace until she was 95. Obrecht also tended to a flower

She's known for her strong will and independence - living by herself until she was 101.

At Marycrest Manor in Livo-nia, Angela Santarossa recently celebrated her 100th birthday. She moved into the facility three years ago after living for 15 years with her daughter Adeline Sartori and before that in her own home in Redford for 15

"She told me the reason she lived so long is because she worked so hard," Sartori said. "She ate healthy, nothing fancy and she worked hard. I think that's the key to it - the exercise that we don't do too much any-

Santarossa grew up on a farm in Italy, the oldest of 10 children. Her father died, she started to work on the family farm at age 7, which took away her chances of attending school.

"And she's worked hard ever since," said Sartori, a Farming-ton Hills resident. "When she came to this country when she was 25, she had 10 borders and at that time there were no washing machines. She had to wash all their clothes and everything else by hand."

She gained local notoriety with crocheted afghans that have won numerous Michigan State Fair first prize ribbons. Santarossa stopped the needlework when she was 94, because her arthritis got too bad.

Bernice Lozier, 101, lives in the room adjacent to Obrecht, an only child who married and adopted one child.

"I've always been a church person all my life," Lozier said. "My husband was a minister and I hope I was a Christian all my life. I think that helps."

Lozier quickly recalls the many cities she and her husband lived. She tells about playing the piano, organ and violin and the needlework she once loved. Lozier said, her passion has become reading large print books.

She was 90 years old when she moved into the facility.

"I never thought about living to 100," Lozier said. "It's just one of those things that happen



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Garden City Presbyterian Church will have its annual second-hand rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, at the church, 1841 Mid-dlebelt, Garden City. There will be clothing, toys, household, lunch fare and refreshments.

Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the church, 20601 Beech Daly, Redford. There will be more than 40 booths, bake sale and lunch. For more information, call John Frith at (313) 537-7865 or the church office at (313) 534-4907.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have Dr. Gregory Kramer as the guest speaker when the group meets at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at St. Kenneth Catholic Parish, Haggerty south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The topic will be "Stress and Health." The charge will be \$4, and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325 or Nita at (734) 261-

Newburg United Methodist Church will have an America Red Cross blood drive 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. People ages 17-70, weighing at least 100 pounds and reasonably good health can donate. Call Sandy at (734) 464-8286 or Larry at (734) 522-1977 for a blood donation appointment.

SPIRITUAL FITNESS

Awana, a worldwide children's club. meets meets once a week 7-8:30 p.m. Sunday, beginning Sept. 20, at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft, east of Haggerty Road, Plymouth. Awana is for children ages 5-12. Participants learn Bible verses and participate in games and special theme nights. Each age group has its own uniform, handbook of activities and earn awards. For more information, call (734) 420-0515 or (734)

COVENANT PLAYERS

Come and praise the Lord in a worship celebration with the Covenant Players at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth Road, Livonia. The drama troupe also will perform at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Calvary Baptist Church, 430565 Joy Road, Can-

Covenant Players is an international repertory theater that uses everything from light comedy to heavy drama, plus science fiction, biblical characterizations and more to present the messages of the Gospel.

Nursery care will be provided for children up to age 4 at Riverside Park. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. For more information about the Sept. 27 performance, call Calvary Baptist at (734) 455-0022.

ALPHA COURSE

Northville Christian Assembly will begin the Alpha Course 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the church, 41355 W. Six Mile, Northville. The 10-week practical introduction to the Christian faith begins with an informal dinner, followed by a large group learning time and small group discussion and interaction.

Begun in London, the Alpha Course has helped answer participants' questions about life and God and how they relate. For more information or to reserve a place, call the church at (248) 348-9030 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

MUSIC SPECTACULAR

Unity of Livonia Church will host a special concert, featuring the music of Greg Tamblyn, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the church, 28660 Five Mile, Livo-

Tamblyn will sing some of his most popular songs – "My Life Is a Beer Commercial" and "The Shootout at the I'm OK, You're OK Corral." The cost for the concert is a suggested donation of

Newburg United Methodist Church will hold its 75th Sunday Blood Drive 7:30 a.m. to 1:30

St. Thomas A' Becket holds annual auction

The first one was so successful and so much fun that members of St. Thomas A' Becket Church are holding a second "Magic Kingdom" auction, Sat-urday, Sept. 26.

The auction, featuring silent and live bidding will be 7-11 p.m. at the church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. Tickets are priced at \$30 each and are available by calling Mike Middel at (784) 981-5383.

The silent auction will open in the classroom area at 6:45 p.m. with bidding starting at 7 p.m. The live auction will start at 9 p.m. in the Family Center.

As part of the evening, pianist Tim Dressel and vocalists Janine Grady and Craig Wickham will perform a vari-

On the auction block will be

a University of Michigan jack-et, four Detroit Red Wings tickets with parking and dinner in the Olympia Room, a weekend at Shanty Creek (golf or ski-ing), golf at Mystic Creek, Pheasant Run, Washtenaw Country Club, Plum Hollow and Oakland Hills, 13-inch color television, tickets to the UM-Penn State football game on Nov. 7, two five-day passes to Walt Disney World, many

retired Beanie Babies (Erin, Peace, Princess, etc.), dance lessons and gift certificates for local businesses and restau-

For sports memorabilia buffs, there will be a signed Brendan Shanahan jersey, autographed Steve Yzerman puck and autographed Bobby Higginson baseball bat to be sold to the highest bidder.

p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. People age 17-70 who weigh at least 110 pound and are in reasonably good heath can donate blood. Call Sandy at (734) 464-8286 or Larry at (734) 522-1977 for a blood donation

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will offer Talk It Over 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road,

Northville. For more information, call the Single Point offices at (248) 374-5920.

Single Pointers will meet in the car pool lot on Grand River east of Kensington Road for a ride to Kensington Park. The group will meet at 11 a.m. Helmet are mandatory, and water bottles and locks are recommended. Participants should bring money for lunch or a picnic

HIGH HOLIDAYS

appointment.

Rosh Hashanah services at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia, will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22. For Yom Kippur, the Kol Nidre will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, with services at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30. For more information, call the synagogue at (248) 477-8974.

■ A growing Reformed Jewish congregation in Wayne County announces its High Holy Day schedule, which starts with Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 21, and religious school registration service, led by a rabbi and cantorail soloists. For more information, call Congregation Bet Chaverim at (734) 480-8880.

JAZZ SUNDAY

Nativity United Church of Christ will feature two Sundays of jazz music during its regular service Sept. 20. The music prelude will begin at 10:15 a.m. The

Nativity Choir also will be feature in a jazz arrangement of "Gentle Like Jesus." Nativity United Church of Christ is at 9435 Henry Ruff at West Chicago, Livonia. For more informa-tion, call (734) 421-5406.

PARENTING SEMINAR

Up With Parents, America's most well-attended parenting seminar, will be presented 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at St. Colette Catholic Church , 17600 Newburgh, Livonia.

Sponsored by St. Colette Religious Education, Up With Parents will make parents laugh themselves silly at the plight of parenthood while learning guaranteed ways to skyrocket selfesteem - even in negative kids and proven techniques to get children to cooperate.

The seminar cost \$10 per person and registration can be completed by sending your name, address and daytime telephone number to St. Colette Religious Education, Attn. Up With Par-

ents, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, 48152, or by calling the church at (734) 464-4435. For those unable to attend, video tapes are available at \$29 for a two-tape set, by calling (800) 538-7107.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a women's retreat Friday-Saturday, Sept 25-26, at the Quality Inn, I-275 and Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Charlotte Cowdin will leader the retreat, "Discerning God's Will: Paying Better Attention to God." Cowdin, diaconal minister and certified associate in Christian education, is a freelance retreat leader and consultant in Christian education. She has served at the Clarkston United Methodist Church and is employed as a teacher/coordinator of health occupations and as a public health nurse.

For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

HEART TO HEART

If it has been a while since you

recharged your spiritual batteries, then consider joining a mission, "Heart to Heart," Saturday-Wednesday, Sept. 26-30 at St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

The Rev. Hugh Burns will be the host and will presents for

the nost and will presents for teens through senior citizens.

Using humor, his inspirational

For more information or individual counseling, call (734) 453-4785.church teaching and encourage a life meaning of hope and joy in the Catholic Church. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 or Coletta at (734) 422-7066.

Lake Pointe Bible Chapel will host a free, for-all-ages Family Festival 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the church, 42150 Schoolcraft, east of Haggerty Road, Plymouth. There will be face painting, cotton candy, dunk tank, moon walk, clowns and games for al ages. Booths will exhibit information about MOPS, Slightly Seniors, Awana, teen activities, missions, Sunday School and Bible classes for those interested in joining activities with others who have similar interests. For more infor-mation, call (734) 453-6543 or (734) 420-0515.

GARAGE SALE

Westland Free Methodist Church's Young Teens are sponsoring a community garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the church, 1421 Venoy, Westland. Space rental is \$20 and \$5 for tables. To rent space, call Ranay Brown at (313) 531-1180 or Tammy Balzer at (734) 595-4163. Proceeds from table and space rental will benefit teen activities.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Player of the Week

Jessica Orleman, a sophomore outside hitter on Henry Ford Community College's volleyball team from Plymouth Canton, proved instrumental in the Hawks' 6-0 record of last week which is why Orleman was named the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Confer-

ence player of the week.
* Orleman had 53 kills in the six matches with a .375 kill percentage. She also collected 64 digs and six ser-

For the season, Orleman is listed among the top eight in the conference in five categories: kills per game, third (2.82); attack percentage, fourth (.264); digs per game, fourth (4.04); aces per game, sixth (0.53); and passing, seventh (.902).

Schoolcraft standouts

A pair of Schoolcraft College women's cross country runners turned in solid showings at last Saturday's University of Detroit Mercy Invitational.

Tops among junior college runners competing was Plymouth Canton graduate Becky Wolfrom, now a sophomore at SC. Wolfram placed 42nd overall in 20:30.

Steelers win opener

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity squad opened their West Side Junior Football League with an impressive 20-0 blanking of the Ypsilanti Braves last Saturday. An allaround solid team effort was the major factor in the victory, according to coach Doug Young.

The three Steeler touchdowns came on run by Tony Stott, Beau Tomlinson and Brandon Wilcox. Matt Bennett converted 2-of-3 point-aftertouchdown kicks (each worth two

The Steelers junior varsity and freshmen teams were not as successful. The JV Steelers surrendered an early TD to their Brave counterparts, but battled back with an 18-yard touchdown pass from Chris Rusin to Brandon Mancini late in the final quarter. Opting to go for the win with a two-point conversion kick, the Steelers' attempt was blocked, allowing the

Braves to escape with a 7-6 triumph. For the Steeler freshmen, it wasn't so dramatic. An older, more experienced Braves' team handed them a 20-6 loss. Kyle Gendron accounted for the only Steelers' score.

Lions' varsity stumbles

The Canton Lions varsity football team proved overmatched by the Westland Meteors in their seasonopener Sunday, losing 26-0. Defensive standouts for the Lions were Ryan Edwards, who blocked an extra point kick; Pat Keena, who recovered a fumble; and Drew Bringley, who had six tackles. On offense, Drew Amble completed passes to Joe Henry and Landon Langham totalling 40 yards.

The Lions junior varsity was more successful, beating the Meteors 16-12. David Thomas tossed a 16-yard touchdown pass to David Scherbaty and scored a second on a 2-yard run. On defense, Matt Trublowski had an interception and Ryan Lewis contributed strong play.

The Lions freshmen team fell behind 6-0 to the Meteors in the first half, but rallied to post a 13-6 victory. Adrian Parmalee scored both Lions' touchdowns and also rap for one extra point. In the first half, Ryan Kilgore had an interception and Chris Hasse recovered a fumble for the Lions.

Roth wins again

Jeff Roth, a 1975 graduate of Plymouth Salem HS, has been hot this summer. Red hot.

Last Sunday, Roth showed how tough he was by firing a course-blis-tering 61 at Forest Lake CC in Bloomfield Hills to win the pro-am for the Lincoln-Mercury Classic Championship. The victory won Roth a twoyear lease of a Lincoln Mercury Navi-

It isn't the first prize the Flint Golf Club pro has secured this summer. He won the Michigan PGA Sectional and the Michigan Open, giving him victories in two of the state's "Big Three" tournaments, a feat accomplished by only eight others in state history.

He's also in line to be named the state's player of the year, again (he previously won it in 1987 and 1996).

Salem best at WB Invite



That final spurt — it's what proved to be the difference for Plymouth Salem's boys cross country team at last Saturday's West Bloomfield Invitational. With everyone putting in that final effort, Salem was able to finish first.

The top six runners in Plymouth Salem's boys cross country lineup earned medals at Saturday's West Bloomfield Invitational, which led to the bigger prize: first place

Salem finished with 90 points, one less than second-place Traverse City Central. Redford Catholic Central came in third place (106) and Livonia Stevenson also finished among the top 10 in eighth (203).

See statistics. The top 35 individuals took home medals and Salem had six of them, including senior Nick Allen, who placed second in a time of 16 minutes,

"I thought he'd be right up there with the leaders," Salem coach Geoff Baker said.

Senior Jon Little was 10th (17:08.9)

and senior Bobby Cushman was 12th (17:15). Al Gill led a pack of Salem runners that finished 32nd, 34th and 35th. respectively. Gill's time was 18:08 while Craig Little was 34th (18:10) and Matt Anderson was 35th (18:15).

Salem gave Baker a good preview of its potential, winning its first three dual meets.

"We had good frontrunners and a good pack behind them," Baker said. "I just said 'Go out and run hard, maybe we'll win.' Almost everybody past somebody the last 400 meters and that allowed us to win."

Sophomore John DiGiovanni led

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Churchill falls to Rocks

BY NEAL ZIPSER STAFF WRITER

In a game dominated by Plymouth Salem, the Rocks needed the benefit of a close call to remain undefeated.

Salem used a controversial goal with one minute remaining Monday to squeak by host Livonia Churchill 4-3 in a physical Western Lakes Activities Association boys soccer match pitting state-ranked teams.

With the game tied 3-3, a header by Salem's Giuseppe Ianni was stopped by a leaping Steve Kleczynski.

The goalkeeper's momentum carried him backward and the referee ruled that the ball was carried past the goalline — much to Kleczynski's chagrin.

"Oh yeah, the ball went over the line barely," Ianni said.

Salem improved to 7-0-2 overall and 3-0 in the WLAA, while the Chargers suffered their first defeat of the season (5-1-1 overall, 0-1-1 in the league).

Ianni's second goal of the game capped what was a very physical and one-sided game. Even though the score didn't show it, the Rocks dominated as Salem held a 18-4 shooting advantage.

"We just couldn't seem to find the back of the net, until it mattered," Salem coach Ed McCarthy said

Churchill coach Chad Campau admitted that this was a game that Salem deserved to win.

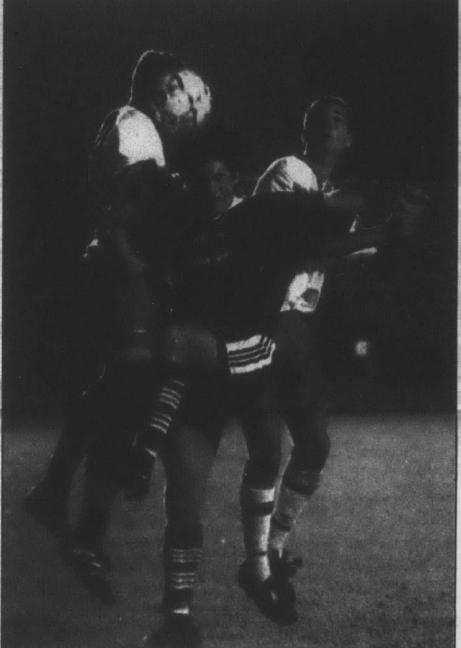
"We would have stole the victory," Campau said. "We didn't mark tight the entire game and it was like we were just hanging on the whole way. We just can't continue to play like that. We have to play possession soccer, instead of just wanting to clear the ball

out of our own end. "I still think us being in the game late is a credit to our team, however. I still think we can play with any team in the state and have yet to have a

problem with our effort." It didn't take Salem long to score as Ianni opened the scoring 1:20 into the game. Senior Tim Zdrodowski's free kick traveled to Ianni, who took control to the left of the Churchill net. He beat Kleczynski to his right side.

The Rocks carried the play for the next 25 minutes and would have built on their lead if it wasn't for several diving stops by Kleczynski.

Churchill's George Kithas was bottled up, but eventually got the Chargers on the scoreboard with their first shot at 10:47. He stole the ball from Aaron MacDonald and beat Brian Woz-



On target: Salem's Giuseppe Ianni (23) was the target of Churchill defenders for much of Monday's match, but they couldn't keep the high-scoring forward from scoring twice.

niak on a breakaway with a left-footed bullet to the far corner of the net.

Seven minutes later, the Chargers took the lead. Senior Mark Sicilia's senior Rob Sharp pounced on the rebound and drilled it into the empty Trailing 2-1 at halftime, the Rocks'

goal was to remain patient.

"I felt Churchill took control of the tempo late in the first half and we shot was stopped by Wozniak, but wanted to make sure that we would come out, play our game and dictate

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A proven winner

Teeters should keep Salem at the top

BY C.J. RISAK

Take a look at his coaching record, and the conclusion is well, this is a no-brainer. He's the guy.

You need a volleyball coach, and Tom Teeters interviews for the job, then hire him.

He's a winner. He's proven it, over and over again, at different levels, at different schools. He knows his stuff.

In fact, by hiring him, Salem may have managed to cause a shift in the balance of power in Observerland-area volleyball.

The Teeters-coached Livonia Ladywood teams have been the Rocks biggest obstacle in the

state tournament in recent years. Part of that obstacle was removed this summer after

Tom Teeters

Teeters was let go by Ladywood administrators - both sides citing irreconcilable differences The question is, can Teeters guide Salem to the promised

land - to the Final Four in the state tournament? The Rocks, under the guidance of co-coaches Brian Gilles and Allie Suffety, accomplished a lot. The duo built Salem into a powerhouse in the Western Lakes Activities Association, and not just a one or two year deal, either. The Rocks became, and remain, a solid program. But they could never manage to reach that final plateau.

Now it's in Teeters hands. And the current coach at Schoolcraft College, and the former coach at Livonia Clarenceville, Garden City, Farmington Hills Mercy and Wayne State, knows the difference between coming into a good situation and one that needs a lot of work.

"This is their program," Teeters said of his predecessors at Salem. "I'm just building upon what they've built up. I just hope I can keep it at the level they achieved.
"I'm hoping to maintain the things they brought to this

program, the consistency."

Things will be different, to be sure. Teeters has his own idiosyncrasies, at least some of which anyone involved in volleyball in this area is acquainted with.

"I bring my own coaching style," Teeters admitted. "Every coach has that. I think I'm rather low-key. "It should be an adventure, as coaching always is for me. I

hope to make it an adventure for the kids as well. Whatever else can be said about his style, this much is certain - it's been highly successful. Teeters coached at

Clarenceville from 1973-81, posting a 194-53 record with five conference titles, four state district crowns, one Class B state championship and one Class B runner-up finish. He coached at Mercy for one season (1981-82), posting a

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GIRLS BASKETBALL Chiefs' rally tops Mercy; Rocks roll

It took a performance upgrade in the fourth quarter for Plymouth Canton to eke out a 40-34 victory at Farmington Hills Mercy in a non-league girls basketball game.

The win allows the Chiefs to enter the Western Lakes Activities Association season, which gets under way tonight, with a winning record. Canton is 3-2, having faced two state-ranked teams (beating one of them) and a third that is a defending state

Mercy is hardly a school lacking in basketball tradition. The Marlins came into the game with a 3-1 mark and had a 27-25 lead entering the last quarter. Only a deter-mined defensive effort and a bet-ter job on the boards turned the tide for Canton.

"I thought defensively we were pretty good," said Chiefs' coach Bob Blohm. "We had some deflections down the stretch and in the fourth quarter we rebounded a lot

"It was a great team effort for us tonight."

Janine Guastella battled through foul problems to score a team-high 15 points for Canton, four of those coming in the fourth quarter. She also grabbed six rebounds. Janell Tweitmeyer added 11 points (five in the fourth) quarter), and Anne Morrell totaled four points and nine rebounds. Morrell's steal and ensuing layup helped turn the tide in the final period; so, too, did her five rebounds.

Mercy (now 3-2) was paced by Susie Roble with 13 points and Kristy Ramsey with 11.

One thing Canton failed to do was convert its free throws. The Chiefs were 8-of-19 from the line (42 percent); Mercy was 8-of-14

We had a chance to knock some free throws down in the fourth quarter and we didn't," said

Canton begins the defense of its WLAA championship at North Farmington tonight.

Salem 37, Dexter 33 (07); Christine Phillips scored Plymouth Salem's only two points of the fourth quarter, but they were

Phillips' basket with 20 seconds left tied the game at 31. Host Dexter had a chance to win it, but the Dreadnaughts final shot rimmed out, forcing overtime.

And that belonged to Salem and Tiffany Grubaugh. The Rocks outpointed Dexter 6-2 in the period, and Grubaugh - who led all scorers with 16 points - accounted for all of Salem's.

"It was definitely a defensive struggle," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, whose team improved to 3-0. "It was definitely between two teams that absolutely wanted to win the game. It was an extremely hard-fought game."

Andrea Pruett added 10 points and a team-high 11 boards for the Rocks, and Monica Mair hit two three-pointers. Phillips finished with four points and nine rebounds.

Salem led 13-11 after one quarter and 20-19 at the half; after three periods, it was 29-25 in the Rocks' favor. But it took Phillips', clutch basket to force OT.

PCA 68, Fairlane Christian 9: Both teams maintained their perfect records Tuesday - Plymouth-Christian has yet to lose, improv-ing to 4-0, and Dearborn Fairlane Christian has yet to win, dropping

The host Eagles led 45-4 at the half. Jenny Sutherland led the way with 27 points and eight rebounds. Carrie Zedan came off the bench to net eight points, and Rachael Sumner also came off the bench to contribute six points, five rebounds and four steals.

Angela Mays scored all nine of Fairlane Christian's points.

Pruett's 1st-quarter surge boosts Salem

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem senior forward Andrea Pruett has the No. 5 taped to a sleeve on her jersey and she hopes it gets as much notice as her own number, 13, which appears on the front and

She does this to honor 5-foot-10 forward Bree Pastalaniec, who wore No. 5 before a knee

injury in the summer ended her junior season before it started.

Pruett-scored 12 of her gamehigh 22 points in the first quarter, helping the Rocks to a fast start in Saturday's 49-38 nonleague girls basketball win over

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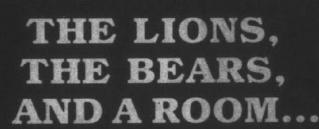
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faces surgery, can do now is sit on the bench and take statistics.

Pruett, who was seven for 13 from the floor and also had 10 rebounds to help Salem enjoy a 32-25 rebounding edge, sure keeps her busy.

"We feel for her," Pruett said. She was going to be big-time help. Her defense and jump shot are as good as any around here."

College coaches in attendance from the University of Michigan, Miami (Ohio), Eastern Michigan and Butler had to be impressed the way Pruett battled Borgess' tall frontline and guarded the Spartans' Tiffany Simon on the perimeter.

Simon scored eight of her 19 points in the first quarter and finished nine of 16 from the floor, also making a strong impression.

Pruett is playing over a sore back and shoulder, which were injured in a car accident over the

summer. She doesn't want any of Borgess' collapsing zone defense her teammates wearing her in the second eight minutes.

"I got my butt kicked today but that's OK," said Pruett, managing a post-game smile. "It was a great game and Borgess is real good competition, makes you work real hard. Our goal is to play hard the whole game."

Joining Pruett in double figures was junior guard Tiffany Grubaugh with 11 points and senior center Christine Philips added nine points and 10 rebounds. Junior guard Monica Maer contributed seven points, including a three-point shot.

Grubaugh made a three-point basket and Pruett scored 10 points, including a pair of threepoint plays, during a 13-2 Salem run in the first quarter that gave the Rocks a 17-8 lead.

The Rocks took a 22-12 lead into the second quarter, which was important since they failed to score a field goal against

Borgess scored eight straight points midway through the second quarter to cut the deficit to 26-22 and trailed at halftime 28-

"We had to break down their zone, that's what stopped us," Pruett said. "At halftime (Salem coach) Fred (Thomann) showed us how to fix it.'

It also helped that Borgess' 6foot-3 junior center Krystol Dennis, who had no points and four rebounds, picked up her third foul late in the first half and had to take a seat.

The Rocks started the third quarter on an 8-2 run, getting four points each from Pruett and Philips, to raise their lead to 35-24. Four straight points by Simon made the Borgess deficit 41-32 after three quarters and eight was the smallest margin in the fourth.

"We went to one player on the inside, four on the perimeter and all of a sudden we were getting angles (offensively)," Thomann said. "Pruett and Phillips are seniors, have been through the wars and Pruett's in a position where her game will take her places."

BY DAN O'MEA STAFF WRITER

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Simon was the only Borgess player in double figures. Sophomore guard Amber Taylor added eight points. Team defense and free throw shooting were a struggle for Borgess.

Salem made 12 of 17 free throws to the Spartans' five of

"Pruett is a tough player and if Simon could guard their best two kids at once we'd be in good shape," Mann said. "When Dennis got in foul trouble, we had to bring a freshman in in her place and that's not a good time for her to be out there once Fred made his adjustments.'

Cross country

CC's charge, taking third place overall (16:44.6). Senior Dan Jess was fifth (16:59.5) and sophomore Matt Daly also provided the Shamrocks a sterling performance, taking 19th place overall (17:25.2).

This was DiGiovanni's first cross country competition as he played soccer at CC last fall. He was a state qualifier, however, in the 1,600 meters in track as a freshman.

"I thought he and Jess ran a super race," CC coach Tony Magni said. "They went out with the leaders, hung in there. Daly was a big surprise. He's been running well at practice but you never know in the first varsity meet for a sophomore. He was a little nervous at the beginning, hung in and ran a nice race.

"Salem ran a very nice race. I thought we could finish in the top five. Our first three ran very well, the next two or three could have done a little better."

Senior Mark Repasky just missed out on a medal, taking 36th place (18:07). Senior Brian Kuszynski was 43rd (18:21), junior Jeff Haller was 49th (18:31) and sophomore Dan Krawiec was 54th (18:40).

The Shamrocks will face another tough field when they travel on Saturday to the Holly Invitational, a field that will include state title contender Rockford.

"That will be an even better test," Magni said.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

25th ANNUAL (Sept. 12 at Kensington) BOYS RESULTS DIVISION III

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth Salem. 90; 2. Traverse City, 91; 3. Redford Catholic Central, 106; 4. East Kentwood, 119; 5. Clarkston, 122; 6. Utica Eisenhower, 188; 7. Rochester, 192; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 203; 9. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 223: 10. Rochester Adams. 272; 11. Troy Athens, 280; 12. Troy. 301; 13. Livonia Churchill, 306; 14. Sterling Heights Stevenson, 338; 15. Warren DeLaSalle, 362: 16. Traverse City West, 488; 17. Walled Lake Western, 503; 18. West Bloomfield, 529; 19. Kalamazoo Lov Norrix, 623: 20. Jackson, no score.

TOP 25 INDIVIDUALS: 1. Adam Cross (RA), 16:35.5; 2. Nick Allen (PS). 16:43.6: 3. John DiGiovanni (CC). 16:44.6; 4. David Sage (Clarkston), 16:45.6; 5. Dan Jess (CC), 16:59.5; 6. Sean Secord (Roch.), 17:00.2; 7. Joe Verellen (LS), 17:03.4: 8. Josh Ruch (E. Kentwood), 17:03.9; 9. John Hughes (TC), 17:08.9; 10. Jon Little (PS), 17:08.9; 11. Ryan DeCook (TA). 17:14.0: 15. Matt Haver (Clarkston). 17:21.4; 16. Andrew Armstrong (LC). 17:20.6; 17. Eric Bohn (LS), 17:22.9; 18. Travis Crawford (TC), 17:25.0; 19. Matt Daly (CC), 17:25.2; 20. Tom Davidson (UE), 17:27.6; 21. Brandon Fisk (UE), 17:29.2: 22. Andy Jacobson (TC), 17:30.3; 23. Kevin Vokom (EK). 17:33.3; 24. Steve Ramsurgh (AAP). 17:37.8; 25. Josh Lerch (UE), 17:45.9. DIVISION II

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. White Lake Lakeland, 70; 2. (tie) Saline and Grand Ledge, 92; 4. Sterling Heights, 129; 5. Birmingham Brother Rice, 140; 6. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 171: 7. Lake Orion. 201; 8. North Farmington, 231; 9. Walled Lake Central, 233; 10. Portage Northern, 248; 11. Woodhaven, 255; 12. Holly, 338; 13. Waterford Mott. 359; 14. Taylor Truman, 368; 15. Waterford Kettering, 424; 16. Birmingham Seaholm, 445; 17. Flushing, 461; 18. Ferndale, 492; 19. Southfield Lath-

rup, 546; 20. Southfield, no score. TOP 25 INDIVIDUALS: 1. Todd Mobley (WLC), 16:30,7: 2. Anthony Saeger (Lakeland), 16:45.5; 3. Ben Evans (BBR), 16:51.1: 4. Jason Bruscha (SH), 16:51.7: 5. Andy Marsh (GL), 16:55.8; 6. Jacob Crowe (GL), 17:05.0; 7. Joe Borg (TT), 17:07.6; 8. Pat Klein (Lakeland), 17:13.8; 9. Rich Oltesvig (Lakeland), 17:13.8; 10. Aaron Fedewa (GL).

17:17.3; 11. Nick Stanke (Wy. Rsvit). WEST BLOOMFIELD INVITATIONAL 17:27.2; 12. Eric Lohr (LO), 17:28.9; 13. Sean Moore (Saline), 17:34.3; 14. Jim Stactiowiak (BBR), 17:39.6: 15. Ken Beesley (Wy. Rsvit), 17:27.2; 16. Jim Brockway (SH), 17:42.8; 17. Steve Smith (BBR), 17:43.5; 18. Mike Kushner (Saline), 17:48.1; 19. Justin Russel (Saline), 17:49.0: 20, Chad Finkbeiner (Saline), 17:49.9; 21. Matt Wiegand (NF), 17:51.6; 22. Andrew Medley (Saline), 17:53.3; 23. Rob Camilleri (Lakeland), 17:54.0; 24. Jake Hammerle (Woodhaven), 17:55.1; 25. Mark Rice

> **GIRLS RESULTS DIVISION III**

TEAM SCORES: 1. Sterling Heights Stevenson, 51; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer. 53: 3. Brighton, 90: 4. Livonia Stevenson, 141; 5. Troy, 194; 6. Livonia Churchill, 201; 7. Rochester, 204; 8. Troy Athens, 209: 9. Plymouth Salem. 225; 10. Clarkston, 228; 11. East Kentwood, 268; 12. Farmington Hills Mercy. 286; 13. Rochester Adams, 323; 14. Utica Eisenhower, 380: 15. Walled Lake Western, 477: 16. Jackson, no score.

TOP 25 INDIVIDUALS: 1. Andrea Parker (LS), 19:32.1; 2. Amber Culp (AAP), 20:00.2; 3. Marne Smiley (SHS). 20:15.2; 4. Courtney Meeker (Roch.), 20:20.0; 5. Elizabeth Kineer (Brighton). 20:28.1: 6. Leah Cressman (AAP). 20:32.3; 7. Anne Rictmyer (AAP). 20:35.9: 8. Valerie Kunde (EK). 20:36.1; 9. Katie Dankyo (SHS), 29:37.4; 10. Lisa Chaps (Brighton). 20:50.4: 11. Jenni Fitzgerald (SHS). 20:50.8; 12. Alison Fillion (LC). 20:54.8; 13. Rachel Campbell (SHS) 20:58.7: 14. Sarah Polletta (FHM). 21:01.1; 15. Ruthie Minnick (SHS). 21:02.1: 16. Rachel Eyler (AAP). 21:03.5; 17. Jennifer Rooding (Clark ston), 21:05.1; 18. Julie Austin (Roch.). 21:06.1; 19. Lauren Wisniewski (TA). 21:08.5: 20. Dian Martin (Brighton). 21:11.8: 21. Jaime Schymick (Troy). 21:18.8; 22. Catherine Ellingson (AAP).

DIVISION II

21:19.9; 23. Emily Monti (Brighton).

21:23.1; 24. Katie Sherron (LS).

21:26.4; 25. Ashley Huber (Troy).

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Saline, 66: 2. Birmingham Seaholm, 116; 3. Portage Northern, 124; 4. Lake Orion, 137; 5. Waterford Mott, 156; 6. Walled Lake Central, 156; 7. Grand Ledge, 171; 8. Holly, 181; 9. Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, 220 10. White Lake Lakeland, 230; 11. North Farmington, 251; 12. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 274: 13. Waterford Kettering, 336; 14. West Bloomfield, 367; 15. (tie) Ferndale, Southfield Lathrup, Taylor Truman and Southfield, no score.

TOP 25 INDIVIDUALS: 1. Kristyn Kern (Lakeland), 20:08.7; 2. Jessie Stewart (KLN), 20:14.4; 3. Elizabeth Bankert (BS), 20:29.5; 4. Allison Kraeger (Saline), 20:34.9; 5. Sarah Romanski (Holly), 20:43.7; 6. Erica Solway (BS). 21:02.0; 7. Krista Augustine (PN). 21:29.0; 8. Nikki Baxter (WM). 21:32.7; 9. Kara Fargunar (Grand Ledge) 21:34.3; 10. Danielle Chase (Saline) 21:35.6: 11. Michelle Stevenson (Saline) 21:35.9; 12. Jodi Miller (Lakeland) 21:37.8; 13. Kelly McFarlin (Seaholm) 21:39.5; 14. Ashley Prince (WL Central) 21:40.0; 15. Amy Coughlin (Mott) 21:57.6; 16. Leah Dubay (Lake Orion) 21:58.1; 17. Jamie Gall (Saline) 21:59.1: 18. Breanna Turlsanvi (WL Central) 22:01.7.





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Chiefs face Chargers; Rocks host Spartans

There's very little in-between in the way of Observerland football teams through two weeks of the 1998 season.

It's either a feast or famine situation in most cases. Exactly seven teams are undefeated, and seven others have yet to win on the field (explanation upcoming). The remaining four are playing

Redford Township can be proud of its teams. The four Redford schools are 7-0. Thurston, Redford Union and St. Agatha are 2-0, and the No. 1 team in the state, Catholic Central, which was idle last week when Windsor Holy Name backed out, is 1-0.

The other undefeated teams are Farmington Harrison, the top-ranked team in Class A, Westland John Glenn and Livonia Clarenceville.

Two teams who haven't won on the scoreboard (explanation very near now) will win this week when Plymouth Canton plays at Livonia Churchill and Farmington visits North Farmington.

Technically, North Farmington is no longer winless, however. Orchard Lake St. Mary's was expected to forfeit its first-week victory over the Raiders for using an ineligible player.

On the prognostication scoreboard, it's a tie ballgame. Yours truly gained a game in the standings and is now even with fellow sports editor Brad Emons. Both are 23-7.

> FRIDAY GAMES (all times 7 p.m. unless noted)

Belleville at Wayne: It doesn't get any easier for the Zebras (1-1), who lost at Fordson last week and now must face state-ranked Belleville (2-0) this week. At least Wayne is on home turf for this game. The Zebras gave the playoff-bound Tigers a good game last year, losing 17-6. PICKS: The victory bell rings for Belleville.

rden City at Fordson: The Cougars (1-1) will try to blemish Fordson's perfect record in this Mega Conference crossover. The Tractors (2-0) have outscored Detroit Kettering and Wayne, 33 O. Garden City pounded Crestwood the first week but lost to Esdel Ford in its White Division opener. PICKS: The Tractors remain in high gear.

Ypalianti at Redford Union: The Panthers (2-0) are surely making believers of Emons and O'Meara, even if they're slow to come around to their side. RU has proved both wrong with victories over Churchill and Woodhaven. The Panthers rallied from a 22-15 deficit to beat Woodhaven, 43-21. Matt Rigley was 21-of-37 passing for 226 yards and three touchdowns. This will be RU's true test since Ypsilanti is the defending Mega-Blue champion. The Braves (1-1) were trounced 41-0 by Cuyahoga Falls (Ohio) Jesuit but rebounded with a 36-0 shellacking of Highland Park. PICKS: If RU can win this game, we'll really believe in the Panthers, but Ypsi rates the role

W.L. Central at John Glenn: The Rockets (2-0) will be eager for some revenge this week. They've no doubt been reminded of last year's 27-21, upset loss to the Vikings in a game that decided the Lakes Division championship. Glenn is rolling again with wins over Cooley and Canton, but it's just the opposite for Central (0-2). The Vikings are way down compared to last year, losing backs Nathan Bruce to a knee injury and

Nick Hall to Farmington Harrison. In one of the biggest surprises of the first week, Central lost to Milford and followed that with a 28-7 loss to Northville. PICKS: Who's says steam-powered engines are no longer useful? The Rockets blow off some steam and the Vikings off the field.

Canton at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.: Canton was winless last year, too, when it met Churchill in the seventh game. The Chiefs (0-2) proved yours truly wrong and beat the Chargers (0-2) for their only win, 20-12. With the Monroe and John Glenn games behind them, the Chiefs are pleased to be playing a team that isn't state-ranked. PICKS: We'll need the coin-toss for this one but both agree it's it's Canton again.

Franklin at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.: The state-ranked Warriors (2-0) are among the unbeaten teams, also, with one-sided wins over Lakeland and North Farmington. The Patriots (0-2) will have to contain Western running backs Dave Johnson and Eric Sage to have a chance. The backfield duo combined for 323 rushing yards and five touchdowns in a 49-14 defeat of North. PICKS: The Warriors march on.

Stevenson at Salem (CEP), 7:30 p.m.: This is the only game on the schedule that doesn't involve either an undefeated or winless team. Stevenson rebounded from a loss to Dearborn to beat Franklin, 21-7. Following its loss to Belleville, Salem did likewise in defeating Churchill, 33-7. Can the Spartans stop the wishbone attack and move the ball against a good Salem defense? PICKS: It might be only a slight edge, but it goes to the Rocks.

> SATURDAY GAMES (all times 1 p.m. unless noted)

Thurston at Woodhaven, noon: Woodhaven was picked to finish second in the Mega-Blue behind Ypsilanti but is 0-2 with losses to Wyan-

to see if it can keep two streaks going - its own and Woodhaven's. In the wake of RU's victory last week, the Eagles need a win to keep up with the Joneses. PICKS: You have to go with the unbeaten team in this one, O'Meara says, but Emons likes Woodhaven.

Farmington at N. Farmington: Yours truly was fooled on this game a year ago, too. Farmington was the pick, but North was the winner. The Raiders won 21-0 en route to a 6-3 finish. The schedule hasn't been kind to either team and both are 0-2. Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Walled Lake Western and Farmington Harrison are among the best in the state, and Farmington's game with Novi might have been different if not for a lot of mistakes. PICKS: It's another toss-up game. A gut feeling says it's North.

Northville at Farm. Harrison: Not only are the Hawks undefeated (2-0), but the No. 1 team in Class A has yet to surrender a point, having outscored Oxford and Farmington, 95-0. But the Hawks will be tested this week; at least it shapes up that way. Northville was expected to be improved, and early results indicate that is so. The Mustangs (1-1) played well in a 10-3 loss to state-ranked Brighton and last week whipped Walled Lake Central, 28-7. Man With 250 career wins in the bank, the Hawks start to move coach. John Herrington toward the 300 mark.

Clarenceville at Luth. Westland: Is is too early to start thinking about a possible playoff berth for Clarenceville (2-0)? Probably since big games are ahead against the Metro Conference powers, but this looks like another game the Trojans should win. They've beaten Cranbrook and Cabrini while Lutheran Westland (0-2) has struggled in losses to Lutheran Northwest and Lutheran East. PICKS: They'll be clapping for Clarenceville again.

Redford CC vs. Brother Rice, 3 p.m. at Birm.

Stadium anymore. For the first time in years, se two rivals won't meet in the annual Boys Bowl, but that doesn't mean the interest and the football competition won't be just as keen as in the past. The question is will a week off hurt CC more than a tough, physical game at Toledo St. John did Rice? The Shamrocks (1-0) received good news this week when they learned all-state sbacker Casey Rogowski (knee) will be able to play again by early October. This game could have a bearing on the playoffs for CC, because it will play one less game after being idle last week, and for Rice, because it's Class AA now and has trouble beating CC, which won 14-12 last year. The Warriors (2-0) have wins over East Kentwood and St. John. PICKS: Rice might have a good team, but CC is No. 1 overall in Michigan and ranked nationally by USA Today for a reason. The Shamrocks are a cut above the competiti O'Meara says, but Emons goes out on a limb and

Slahop Borgoss vs. R.O. Shrine, 7 p.m. at Gardan City Jr. High: if you think the Spartans (0-2) are catching a break in the schedule, hold on a minute! After losing to Divine Child and Catholic League C-Section favorite Bishop Gallagher, Borgess faces undefeated/Shrine (2-0), also of the C-Section. The Knights have victories over Memphis, 45-6, and Detroit Benedictine, 27-0. PICKS: The sun shrines on coach John Goddard.

St. Agatha vs. Taylor Light & Life, 7:30 p.m. at RU's Kraft Field: The Aggies (2-0) are looking pretty tough after outscoring their first two opponents, Carsonville-Port Sanilac and Hamtramck St. Florian, 57-6. Light and Life (1-1), a member of the Catholic League D-Section along with St. Agatha, whipped Detroit Urban Lutheran, 32-0, but is coming off a 40-0 loss to Dearborn St. Alphonsus. PICKS: The Aggles keep the win

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.

Thursday, Sept. 17 Clarenceville at Luth. W'sld, 6:30 p.m. Wayne at Monroe, 7 p.m. Southeate at Garden City, 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.

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Brother Rice at Redford CC, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Monday, Sept. 14 Madonna at Cornerstone, 3:30 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Kellogg, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 Madonna at Aguinas, 4 p.m. Schoolcraft at Delta, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 St. Mary's at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

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Rock golfers win a pair

Lakes Activities Association ledger Tuesday by beating Northville and Farmington in a boys golf quad meet at Tanglewood.

Plymouth Canton was also competing, but the score between Canton and Salem did not count in the WLAA stand-

Salem (3-1 overall) finished with a 202 total, one stroke bet-

217 and Farmington shot 229. Salem's leader, and the quad-

medalist, was Erik Krueger with a 37. Adam Wilson, Ryan Nimmerguth and Mike Thackaberry each shot 41s, and Mark Doughty followed with a 42.

Ben Tucker led Canton (now 3-2 overall) with a 40. Next was Justin Allen at 42, followed by Bryan West (43), Jon Johnson (44) and Derek Lineberry (48).

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Madonna gets ambushed in tournament finals

Talk about a clean sweep . Madonna University's volleyball team had to have something like that in mind going into the third, and quite possibly match of the Ice Mountain Volleyball Invitational, which the Lady Crusaders hosted last Friday and Saturday.

Madonna hadn't just won their first four matches of the 12-team tourna-

The Crusaders had been extremely efficient in their performance, sweeping past their foes while winning every ame. In the Gold Division final, they had continued their quest, beating Bethel (Ind.) College 15-12, 15-13.

.That made it 14-straight games. But then, the tide changed.

Bethel beat Madonna 15-11 in game No. 3. Then it repeated its feat, going overtime to better the Crusaders in game No. 4, 17-15. A 15-12 victory for Bethel in game No. 5 capped the turnaround.

Bethel's comeback win ended a sixmatch win streak for the Crusaders (now 14-2 overall), during which they had lost just one game.

Their efforts, however, were not ignored. Madonna's Brandy Malewski, a sophomore middle hitter from Redford (Thurston HS), and Deanne Helsom, a junior setter from Grand Blanc, were both honored by the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Malewski was named player of the week after collecting 94 kills in 31 games with a .350 kill percentage. She had 86 total blocks (24 solos) and was selected to the Ice Mountain Invitational all-tournament team.

Helsom was named setter of the week after dishing out 339 assists to kills in 31 games (10.9 per game), with 59 digs and 21 service aces. She, too, was named to the Ice Mountain all-tourna-

The Crusaders won both their Pool A natches without much trouble, beating Trinity Christian 15-1, 15-5, 15-9 and Walsh College 15-10, 15-8, 15-9. That put them into the tournament quarterfinals against Olivet Nazarene, which they won handily, 15-4, 15-7, 15-6.

Other quarterfinal winners were Bethel, over Huntington College 15-5, 15-13, 15-9; Trinity Christian, over Taylor University 15-8, 7-15, 16-14, 15-4; and St. Francis, over University of Michigan-Dearborn 15-5, 15-9, 15-8.

In the semifinals, Madonna downed St. Francis 15-10, 15-9, 15-8 and Bethel beat Trinity Christian 15-8, 3-15, 15-10, 7-15, 15-13,

In the championship match, Malewski's 14 kills paced Madonna. Stephanie Uballe and Rayna Vert contributed 13 kills apiece and Nicole Burns had 12. Erin Cunningham led the defense with 25 digs (she also had nine kills); Vert had 20 digs and Jennifer Russell added 19. Malewski's three solo blocks was best for the Crusaders; she also had 11 block assists. Uballe had one solo and 14 block assists, and Burns finished with two solos and 11 assists.

Helsom totaled 55 assists to kills and three service aces.

Crusaders sweep Cougars

Madonna ran its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference record to 2-0, and its overall mark to 15-2, with a 15-7, 15-8, 15-7 victory over Spring Arbor Tuesday at Madonna. The Cougars fell to 2-6 overall, 0-2 in the WHAC.

Erin Cunningham's 12 kills (.588 kill percentage) paced the Crusader attack. Brandy Malewski added 11 kills (.526 percentage), one solo block and five block assists; Stephanie Uballe had six kills (.455), three solo blocks and two block assists; Kelly Artymovich had seven kills, nine digs, two solos and three block assists; Deanne Helsom had 36 assists to kills; and Marylu Hemme (from Livonia Ladywood) contributed a team-high 12 digs.

OCC heats Lady Ocelots

On Tuesday, Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge got 12 kills from Jessica Regentin (Walled Lake Central) in a 15-13, 15-13, 15-9 triumph over visiting Schoolcraft.

Setter Sarah Partlow added 36 assists while Sheri Dumbrell contributed eight kills as OCC improved to 3-5 overall and 1-1 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College AthSchoolcraft falls to 6-8 overall and 0-2

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In last weekend's Muskegon Tournament, the Lady Ocelots finished 3-2, reaching the final before losing to Henry Ford, 15-2, 15-4.

They lost their first match to Vincennes 9-15, 15-13, 15-12, then won their next three - St. Francis, 15-5, 15-4. Morton (Ill.), 15-9, 15-9; and Lake County (Ill.) 15-12, 15-6.

For the week (not including the OCC match), individual Ocelot statistical leaders included:

•Megan McGinty (Livonia Churchill) led with 72 kills (.246 percentage), 11 service aces, 47 digs, two solo blocks and six block assists;

•Kelly Johnston (Plymouth Salem), with 34 kills and 63 digs;

Donna Logsdon, with 27 kills and 51

Danielle Wensing (Livonia Franklin), with 138 assists-to-kills (9.2 per game), eight aces and 44 digs.

On Thursday, the Lady Ocelots lost their Eastern Conference opener at Macomb CC, 15-11, 8-15, 15-13, 15-11.

Crusaders win a pair; Ocelots bounce back with a win

"Madonna University opened up its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference season with a solid 6-1 triumph at Cornerstone College Monday.

The Fighting Crusaders (now 2-1) had a 2-0 lead before the ame was 13 minutes old. Victor Rodopoulos (from Livonia Franklin) scored the first Madonna goal at the 10:13 mark; Sam Piraine made it 2-0 at

The Golden Eagles trimmed that to 2-1 when Rod Jones scored at the 29:57 mark. But that's as close as it got.

The second-half goal barrage began with a score from Lael Bryant (from Canton/Southfield Christian), assisted by Keith Gniewek (Plymouth Canton). Other goals followed by Scott Emert, Keith Barber (from Adam Purcell) and Piraine.

Which made keeper Dave Hart's job easier. The Crusaders outshot Cornerstone 17-8; Hart made three saves, while his counterpart, Eric Mikel, made

Last Saturday, Madonna traveled to Grand Rapids to play Tiffin University in a non-conference match. The outcome: 3-1, favoring the Crusaders.

Madonna's goals came from Bryant, Emert and Rodopoulos. Dave Hart was in goal for the Crusaders, making four saves.

S'craft ambushed

It was just not going to be Schoolcraft College's day.

Cuyahoga CC visited SC last Saturday and, after the Ocelots' Scott Hurlbert was red-carded

10 minutes into the match forcing SC to play with 10 men the rest of the match - the struggle was an uphill one. Cuyahoga finally pulled it out, beating SC 2-1 with a goal two minutes into sudden-death over-

"Everything that could have gone wrong, did," said SC coach Van Dimitriou, the loss breaking the team's five-game win streak.

Indeed, Hurlbert wasn't expected to be a starter in the match at all. Ryan Konley (from Plymouth Canton) was penciled in as the starter, but a blow to

the head during practice the previous day was still affecting him. As a precaution, he was left on the bench, to be used as a

Ironically, everything seemed

to be going SC's way early on. Rob Gumber converted a pass from Shannon Lamb to put the Ocelots up 1-0 with the game just five minutes old.

But then Hurlbert was ejected when he and a Cuyahoga defender jostled, and the tide began to change. At the 25-minute mark, SC defender Michael Longlois pulled down a Cuyahoga forward, prompting a penalty kick which was converted, tying it at

until overtime, although SC missed several chances - both Lamb and Konley were turned away while parked in front of the Cuyahoga goal. "It was the first time we

That's the way it remained

played under adversity of any kind," said Dimitriou. And how did they respond? On

Monday, SC made its trip to Battle Creek a successful one, beating Kellogg CC 5-2.

The Ocelots scored the game's first four goals, surrendering two to Kellogg in the last 10 minutes. It was 2-0 at halftime, with goals coming from Mike Minnicilli (Livonia), assisted by Dave Lotarski, and Musoki Mulenga, assisted by Gumber.

In the second half, Lotarski got a goal (Gumber assisted) before Mulenga netted his second after beating three Kellogg defenders (Minnicilli assisted) Lamb broke a personal scoreless streak to finish the scoring, with Minnicilli picking up his second assist and fourth point of the match. "We're still trying to sort

things out," said Dimitriou. "We started the season with Rob (Gumber) at sweeper; now he's our offensive midfielder. And Mulenga was our stopper, now he's a forward."

One thing that hasn't changed: Eric O'Neil (from Livonia Stevenson) was in goal until the closing minutes, when Kellogg scored.

The Ocelots improved to 6-1.

Teeters from page C1

17-6 mark. He was at Garden His record at Schoolcraft has City from 1982-86, winning been equally impressive: 10 three conference titles and on district crown and going 199-37.

From 1986 through last season, Teeters coached at Ladywood, posting a 540-101 overall record, with two Class A state championships, eight Catholic League titles, eight district and eight regional championships. He also coached the Blazers to one runner-up finish in the Eastern Conference championships, nine Region 12 titles, and eight top-nine finishes at the NJCAA Tournament - including an NJCAA championship in 1988. His record at SC is 543-

Many things can be said about Tom Teeters. One that can't be denied is that he knows how to



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Monthei and Chris Cadwell -

On what appeared to be a

harmless play, the Rocks tied the game with 19 minutes left

when senior Dan Wielechowski

fired a shot from 15 yards out

past Kleczynski. Brett Stinar

Salem then took a 3-2 lead

with 12 minutes left when junior

Scott Duhl put in his own

rebound from point-blank range.

The Chargers got a break

when MacDonald was given a

red card for roughing up Kithas away from the ball. Up to that

point, MacDonald kept Kithas

tightly marked, not allowing him to touch the ball in the second

"Our defense was outstanding,

led by MacDonald, who did a

great job on George," McCarthy

"George was able to do what

he wanted our first five games of the season," Campau said. "I

hadn't seen anyone mark him

Churchill took advantage of

the extra man by tying the game

at 3-3 with four minutes remain-

ing. Kithas and Wozniak leaped

for a loose ball, but the ball

bounced to a wide open Paul

Karolak, who tapped it into the

Despite being a man down, the

Rocks kept the pressure on and

scored the winner on Ianni's

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crossed the line or not, but it's

our fault either way for leaving a

man wide open in front of Steve,"

A relieved McCarthy was

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Wielechowski drew the assist.

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and they were," McCarthy said. "This was definitely our roughest game to date. We knew Churchill had played a very good Rochester Adams team well and they were a concern like they

Canton 7, N. Farmington 0: Scott Wright continued his goalscoring barrage, but this time he got plenty of help from his friends as Plymouth Canton blanked North Farmington Monday at Canton.

The win boosted the Chiefs' overall record to 6-2; they are 4-0 in the WLAA.

Wright finished with three goals and an assist. Mike Riemma added two goals, and Pete Andreolli and Dennis Osorio each scored one. Other assists went to Evan Malone and Chris

Doug Koontz, Thomas Tomasso and Matt Strabbing all got time in goal for Canton.

Last Saturday, a wild first half was followed by a silent second as Warren DeLaSalle jolted Canton 4-1 at DeLaSalle.

"It was wild for them, but crazy for us," said Canton coach Don Smith. "They hit some good shots from some pretty good dis-

All the scoring came in the first half. The Pilots scored the opening goal, but Canton's Justin Fishaw knotted it at 1-1 15 minutes into the match, with

an assist from Houdek. It didn't stay that way for long, however. DeLaSalle scored three more times, one on a penalty kick. The Chiefs also had a PK, but failed to convert.

Stevenson 3, Harrison 0: On Monday, host Livonia Stevenson improved to 5-1 overall by overcoming defensive-minded Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Spartans led 1-0 at half-"I'm not sure of the ball time on Jeff Budd's goal from Tom Eller.

In the second half, Tony Maldonado made it 2-0 from Eller, who then capped the scoring with an unassisted goal.

Goalkeeper Joe Zawacki, who "I told the team before the only handled a couple of chances, game that they would be tested earned the shutout.

Hawks slam Falcons, stay unbeaten

BY DAN O'MEARA

After watching his Farmington Harrison football team win by shutout again Saturday, coach John Herrington revealed what his message to the Hawks would be this

Despite two easy wins, including a 47-0 defeat of host Farmington, it was no time for No. 1-ranked (Class A) Harrison to start

"I remember a couple years ago, we beat Oxford and North Farmington (in the first two games); then we played Walled Lake Western and got beat," Herrington said.

"(When you win by big scores) sometimes your first string isn't tested and hasn't played a lot in the second half. So we're going to practice hard and get ready for Northville (in the Western Division opener Saturday)."

The Hawks dominated the Ealcons as senior quarterback Dave Pesci completed 13 of 19 passes for 190 yards and four touch-

He threw two TD passes to senior Ricky Bryant and one each to seniors Mike Hoad and Andre Davis, who also ran for one touchdown. Seniors Blake Ashley and Matt Turney had rushing touchdowns, too.

"They don't come out and trick you; there's no magic out there," Farmington coach John Bechtel said of the Hawks (2-0). "When you know what's coming and have trouble defending it, that goes to show the quality of execution on the offensive side of the ball.

"They didn't show us anything we weren't prepared for, but somehow we still have breakdowns. They still they beat you and you wonder how. It's because they do a great

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Harrison had good field position the entire game and Farmington (0-2) didn't. Harrison's longest drive was six plays and 49

The Hawks had four two-play scoring drives, and all seven started from the Farmington side of the field. The Falcons crossed midfield three times, advancing as far as the Harrison 45 twice, once by penalty.

Still, it wasn't a perfect day for the Hawks,

Harrison failed to convert a pair of twopoint conversion attempts and was penalized 15 yards on the second-half kickoff for using illegal equipment. A halftime check by the officials determined a player's cleats were

"I didn't think we played well overall in the first half," Herrington said. "We made crucial mistakes and didn't pass protect like we should have. Even though we got a lead, we didn't play with a lot of enthusiasm. In the second half, I thought we came out and played like we should."

Pesci passed 16 yards to Bryant and 12 to Hoad for a 12-0 lead. Following an intercep-tion by Blake Boesky, Blake had a 2-yard scoring run.

Harrison had another drive stall at the Farmington 15 and missed a field-goal attempt before Davis caught a 13-yard TD pass for a 26-0 halftime lead.

The Hawks scored the first three times they had the ball in the third quarter. Davis carried 34 yards out of the backfield, Bryant faked two defenders and tightroped the side-

line for a 31-yard TD and Turney dashed 24 yards for the last score.

"I'm real pleased with this team," Herring-ton said, adding the Harrison defense played well. "(The Hawks) work hard and I know they're going to come to play every week. We just started out a little slow this week."

Bryant caught six passes for 98 yards. Davis four for 59. Blake rushed six times for 48 yards and Matt Reed six for 40. The Hawks had 194 of their 359 total yards

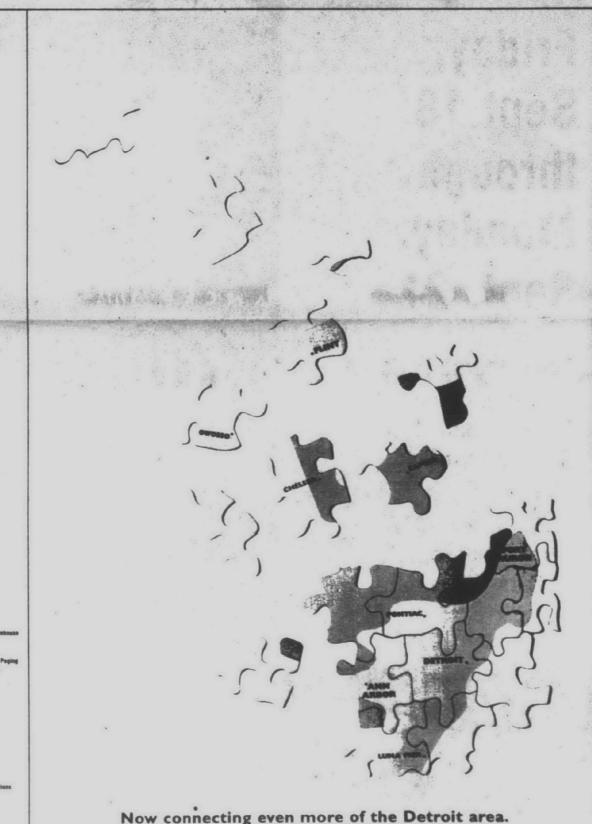
The Falcons rushed for 100 yards but had a net total of 54. Scott Kneller completed one of three passes for 18 yards. Wingback Grant Weber was Farmington's leading rusher with 45 yards on eight carries and took over at quarterback in the third quarter, connecting on one of six pass attempts.

"(The Hawks) came after (Kneller)," Bechtel said. "Their noseguard (Bryan McGhee) is one helluva player. He sets up everything in their defense and he's outstanding. They let the three down guys dominate the line, and everyone else stands in there and reads the play."

Bechtel remains optimistic about his team but said the coaches and players have to do a better job. He added the Falcons need injured juniors Todd Anthony (wide receiver) and Justin Milus (tight end) to get healthy.

"I believe we're going to be an outstanding defensive team," he said. "I'm not saying we're going to shut down (Harrison), but we can make it a little tougher for them. It's just going to take us a while.

"(The Falcons) want be successful and we keep telling them they will be successful, but at some point you have to take responsibility for yourself."



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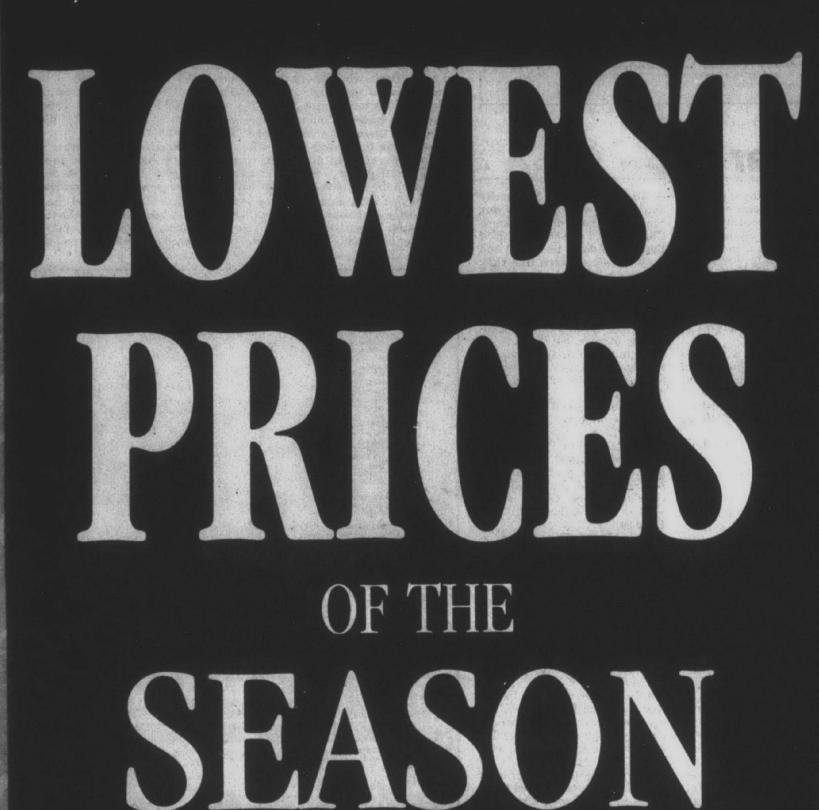
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The Trish Donnelly-Runnion 1998 Memorial Fund Run is set for Oct. 11 at the football stadium that serves both Salem and Canton HS.

The run features five age divisions and three events. The age divisions are 17-and-under, 18-30, 31-45, 46-60 and 61-andover; the events are a one-mile walk/run, which begins at 8:45 a.m.; a 10-kilometer run, which starts at 9 a.m.; and a five-kilometer run, which starts at 9:15

Entry fee is \$15 before Sept. 25 and \$18 after. All pre-paid entries will receive a long-sleeve shirt; all late entries receive

shirts while the supply lasts. Medals will be presented to the top five male and female finishers in the one-mile run/walk, and to the top three male and female finishers in each age division in the 5-K and 10-K runs. Awards will also be presented to the first male and first female

For entry forms or additional information, call (313) 981-4753 or write to: TDR Foundation, P.O. Box 700034, Plymouth, MI,

More Indian tryouts

All This

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club will have will have try-

outs for its 1999 seasons for the Mickey Mantle (15-16 age group) and Connie Mack (18-and-under) teams at 6 p.m. Saturday at Concordia College (located at U.S. 23 and Geddes).

For more information for 15year-olds, call Jeff Vancamp at (734) 522-0184; for 16-year-olds, call Greg Lenhoff at (734) 455-0793; and for Connie Macks, call Mark Zydeck at (734) 459-2492.

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11-year-old Michigan Indian teams will conduct tryouts at Plymouth Township Park (located on Ann Arbor Trail between Sheldon and Beck) at noon Saturday. Those interested in trying out must have birth dates between Aug. 1, 1987 and July 31, 1989.

For further information, call Nick Marrone at (734) 459-0695 or Dave Sarkissian at (248) 486-

For information regard other Indians teams, cont Bruce Price for 12-year-olds (734) 453-9180; Gary Mancini 13-year-olds at (734) 454-11 or Jeff Lajoie for 14-year-olds (734) 981-0864.

Anyone interested in submitting it to Sports Scene or Sports Round send them to sports editor C.J. R 36251 Schoolcraft, Livenia, MI, 48 or may FAX them to (734) 591-7275

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ARCHERY

al Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, on its walkthrough course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (248) 693-1369 for more information.

BENEFIT 30 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.

IAMBOREE

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 pm. Saturday and 9 a.m. -2 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 661-9610 for more information.

WWCCA 3D
The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will held a 30-target 3D shoot on Sunday, Sept. 20, on its walkthrough course in Plymouth. WWCCA is located at 6700 Napier Rd. Call (734) 453-9843 for more information.

HOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Chub in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more infor-

BOAT SHOW

BOAT SHOW USA

Boat Show USA, featuring over 1,100 new boats and 200 used boats as well as boating equipment and supplies will take place at Sept. 19-27 Metro Beach in Mount Clemens . Show hours are noon-8 p.m. each day. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$1 for children age 12 and under. Call (313) 884-1776 for more informa-

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 17559 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 sociation 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 discuss by some of the state's most noted turkey experts.

FALL FISHING

Metro-West Steelheaders will hold a seminar on fall fishing techniques beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, in the cafe-teria at Garden City High School. The seminar will cover pier, surf and river fishing for salmon and steelhead. Call (248) 476-6268 or (248) 476-5027 for more information.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

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.

CLUBS

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) 988-6658 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-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) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Karl Schipper will be the speaker at the October 7th meeting and will discuss the use of the GPS and preparing boats and motors for winter storage. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more informa-

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.

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EASON/DATES

runs through Oct. 26 in nated bear management

Arthery deer season opens statewide on Oct. 1. The firearms season opens statewid op Nov. 15. The muzzleloading arms season opens statewide season opens Dec. 4 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsuta). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-Michigan Hunting and Traping Guide for details.

The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules will be Oct. 3 - Dec. 1 in the North aint Middle zones and Oct. 10-Dec 8 in the South Zone.

The early elk hunt will run through Sept. 20, by special permit in designated elk manage ment units only. The late hunt will be held Dec. 8-14, also by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

The regular season is Sept. 19-Oct. 4 statewide with a daily bag limit of two. Twill be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

Ruffed grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

Woodcock season runs Sept. 19-Nov. 2 statewide.

Quail season runs Oct. 28-Nov. 11 in 22 counties throughout southern Michigan. Consult the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific open-

SHOOTING SPORTS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club will host a benefit trap shoot on Sunday, Sept. 27 at its facilities in Clarkston. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation. Pre-registration is welcomed and same-day registration egins at 8 a.m. Registration fee is \$25 and will give the participant a chance to shoot at 50 single targets at five different stations. Shooters can register as individuals or as teams of five. This shoot is open novice and expert shooters alike and one field will be reserved for novice shooters only. There will also be a pancake breakfast 8:30-11 a.m. Call (248) 682-0714 to pre-register and for more information.

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 Holidome in Livonia. The show features decoys fish, flat art, gifts, vendors and more. Admission is \$4. The Holidome is located at Six Mile Road and I-275.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednes days and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. On Mondays and Tuesdays, shotgun and archery shooting is available noon-sunset while the rifle and pistol range is open 3 p.m. to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more informa-

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more informa-

ORTONVILLE RECREATION Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more informa-

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) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

Maybury Farm will offer horsedrawn hay rides, 1-4 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through September and October.

Children under age 12 and their families can look for signs of autumn during this naturalistled hike, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Maybury.



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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Neeme Jarvi conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in their season opener featuring violinist Joshua Bell, 8 p.m. at Detroit Orchestra Hall. Tickets \$17 to \$48 (Box seats: \$55 and \$63. At the Orchestra Hall Box Office or by calling (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY



The Chenille Sisters kick off the Millennium Centre's 1998-98 season 2 p.m. in a family show designed to delight children ages 3-8. Tickets \$10, available at the box office, 15600 J. L. Hudson Dr. in Southfield, or Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 552-1225.

SUNDAY



Robert Goulet stars in "Camelot" 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Fox Theaire. Tickets \$17.50 to \$42.50, available at the Fox Theatre Box Office, and all Ticketmaster loca-



Hot Tix: Jazz violinist Christian Howes performs 12:30 p.m. Sunday, on the Wayne State Stage during the 12th Annual Detroit Festival of the Arts, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20 in Detroit's Cultural Center area. The celebration of the arts features more than 500 visual and performing artists. Admission is free. Call (313) 577-5088 for more information.

WHAT: "Chicago -The Musical," Book by Bob Fosse and Fred Ebb, Music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred

WHERE: Detroit's Fisher Theater

WHEN: Sept. 22 to Oct. 11. 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

TICKETS: \$62 to \$35. Call (248)645



Alan Thicke enjoys 'sleazy lawyer' role in Broadway musical On stage:

was 8:45 a.m. Houston time and Alan Thicke was riding in a ing of radio and television interviews to promote his appearance in

the touring company of "Chicago."
"You have to be in a limo," he said by cellular phone, "it's 300 degrees

Thicke, best known for his role as the dad in the hit situation comedy "Growing Pains," is playing slick lawyer and con artist Billy Flynn in the Bob Fosse, Kander-Ebb musical that won a new lease on life when it was restaged to critical acclaim on

Broadway a couple years ago. The touring company opens at Detroit's Fisher Theater Tuesday, Sept. 22, the last stop for Thicke before he joins the New York cast.

Though most remember Thicke as the affable psychiatrist Jason Sever in "Growing Pains," he actually got his start in music, as a rock and roll singer and in musical comedy.

"I had my training in musical theater in Toronto," he said. "I was

involved in a musical revue with Lorne Michaels (later producer of ber and Gilda Radner. But there wasn't much call for a sifiging and dancing psychiatrist dad on a situa-

Thicke said he did a production of "Promises, Promises" last year with "Seinfeld's" Jason Alexander, another sit-com performer who got his start in musical theater. Though he had been offered roles on Broadway, nothing felt right until "Chicago"

"Chicago" originally opened in 1975 to moderate success, though it featured a lively score by John Kander and Fred Ebb and innovative choreography by Bob Fosse. Two years ago, the musical was revived under the direction of Walter Bobbie and with choreography by Ann Reinking in the Fosse style. It won rave reviews and has been drawing sell-out audiences.

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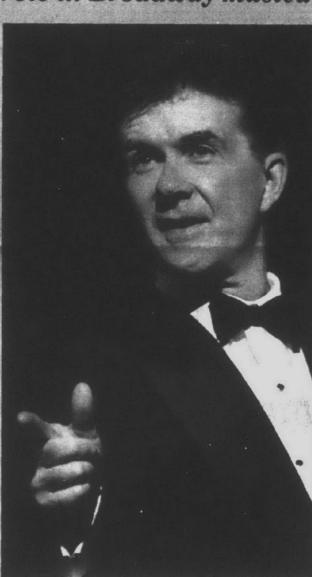


Photo above, Stephanie Pope (center) as Velma Kelly, and company perform "All That Jazz" in the sixtime Tony-Award winning Broadway musical, "Chica-go." At left, Alan Thicke.

COMMUNITY THEATER

Plymouth Theatre Guild kicks off season with 'The Nerd'

BY DOUG JOHNSON

Plymouth Theater Guild's 1998-99 season is one of popular classics, including a modern comedy, two musicals, and a suspense drama.

The season, the group's 52nd, opens 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25 with "The Nerd," a farce centered around an unwanted guest. The 1984 play by Larry Shue has been in Guild rehearsals since their mid-July audi-

Guild President Mary Lynn Kuna of Plymouth Township is very pleased with the upcoming season.

"We had a very active script committee last year. They followed a format they found being used by a community theater in Arizona. They worked beautifully using a blind vote' system involving less personal opinion. They removed the factor of 'what would I like to appear in' and took into account more of what our audiences would want," she said.

"We are being more aggressive this year. All of our directors are in place, and the show lineup for 1999-2000 has also been selected. We are trying to be pro-active, future oriented, attempting to get the best tal-



Rehearsing: James S. Roth (left to right), Cindy Gontko, Tiffany Bedwell and Tony Lawry practice a scene from "The Nerd," Plymouth Theatre Guild's season opener.

Other Guild officers include Diana Wells of Livonia and acting treasurer Peter O'Brien of Canton.

Membership in the Guild is \$1 a year, which allows those who join a chance to vote in how the organization is run. Auditions are open; those

trying out don't have to be members. "The Nerd" is set in Terre Haute, Indiana, and involves an architect

(Willum) and his friend (Axel) who doesn't think Willum is ambitious enough. The architect is visited by someone who saved his life in Vietnam but whom he has never met while conscious.

The hero is the "nerd" who walks a fine line between annoying and obnoxious. The comedy builds to a surprise ending

Cast members include Daniel Berrymen (as the child); Lindy Spears and Cindy Gontke all of Canton; Tony Lawry and Tiffany Bedwell of Garden City; James Roth of Plymouth in the title role; and Jason Birkby of Northville.

"The physicality of the cast is wonderful, excellent for this play," Kuna said.

Other upcoming shows include "Anything Goes" for November, "The Sound of Music" for February and March of 1999, and the thriller "Wait Until Dark" in May of 1999.

"Anything Goes" is the shipboard romance by Cole Porter with such great old standards as "I Get a Kick out of You," "It's De-Lovely," "Friend"-

ship" and the title song.
"The Sound of Music" by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein is

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Plymouth Theatre Guild 1998-99 season

WHERE: The Water Tower Theater on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, is off of Seven Mile Road west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads.

TICKETS: \$9 at the door, \$8 in advance for "Nerd" and "Dark;" tickets for the musicals are \$12 at the door, \$11 in advance, call (248) 349-7110. The ater-goers can save \$1 by buying in advance at the fol-

- Gardenviews, 202 W. Main, Northville
- Penniman Deli, 820 Penniman, Plymouth, ■ Evola Music Center, 7170 Haggerty, Canton.
- M Storage USA, 6729 Canton Center Road, Canton. By mail, PTG Tickets, PO Box 700451, Plymouth,
- MI 48170. All seating is unreserved.

CURTAIN TIMES: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 6

p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Thursday.

SEASON SCHEDULE:

- 'The Nerd' 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26; 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27; 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday Oct. 1-3 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4.
- "Anything Goes" Nov. 13-14; Nov. 20-22; and Nov.
- Ill "The Sound of Music" Feb. 19-20; Feb. 26-28; and
- Walt Until Dark" May 7-9 and May 14-15. (This show is not recommended for young children.)

Chicago from page E1

"Chicago" is based on a 1920s Maurine Dallas Watkin's play that was also the basis for the Ginger Rogers' movie "Roxie Hart." Roxie kills her boyfriend and tries to get her husband to take the rap. She competes for tabloid headline space and the services of slickster lawyer Billy Flynn with husband killer Velma

The story as devised by Fosse is told as a fast-paced vaudeville with minimal sets and no costume changes. It is a satirical look at the roaring '20s of fasttalking lawyers, leggy chorines and tabloid journalism.

"The show has wonderful tunes, lots of laughs, gorgeous women in fishnet costumes and I only have to wear one costume in the show, which settled the whole thing," said Thicke.

Thicke enjoys it when reviewers describe how "shifty, sleazy and smarmy" he is as Flynn. But, he adds, Flynn is also very charming.

"He's a guy who lives for fame. women and money. If it took place in the '90s, he'd be a lawyer with his own TV show and collection of power ties," he said. Indeed, the similarity between

recent courtroom cases and the musical is often attributed for the show's stunning hit status. Stephanie Pope will be appearing as Velma and Belle Calaway

will play Roxie. "It's a challenging role for women in those parts. There is

lots of technical and precise Bob Fosse choreography required, Thicke said. "It's also very involved vocally, the Kander and Ebb score is not easy. It requires range, strength and conviction."

Despite the minimal setting and costuming, the show has been praised for its energy.

"The appeal of this show is the emphasis on performance talent, musical composition and writing. It's about basic skills without mirrors and technical gimmicks," Thicke said.

Though he's enjoying the show. Thicke finds traveling can be exhausting. He will have visited more than a dozen cities before going to Broadway. But he does find time to spend with his yearold son, Carter William. Thicke also has two older sons by a previous marriage, Brennan, 23, and Robin, 21.

"This has been a wonderful see America in the summer tour," he

Thicke grew up in rural Ontario, attended Western Ontario University in London, where he discovered he didn't have the stomach for medicine and joined the "great Canadian show business conspiracy." Thicke is one of the names listed in a humorous Web site detailing the takeover of Hollywood by

"That's where it all starts, teenagers who can't buy beer in all those border towns - Detroit, Buffalo, Sault St. Marie. We hit those towns first," he joked.

Thicke made his first foray into the United States with "Growing Pains."

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"When you're in a hit for that many years, it enables the rest of your life. I was lucky enough to have a hit like that, it takes care of the rest of your career. It spoils you, you develop a reputation and are able to work," he

Thicke said a regular series also teaches "quick study, flexibility and adaptability." He added that sometimes a hit show is wasted on child actors who easily get bored and want to move on to other things.

"Those are noble goals, but you have to be careful about severing those ties. It's a cruel world out there," he said.

Thicke said his sons are about the same age as his "Growing Pains" co-stars Kirk Cameron and Tracey Gold and often came

Thicke continues to keep in contact with other members of the cast. He said Joanna Kerns remains a close friend and that he and Tracey Gold renewed acquaintance when she had a baby around the same time his new son was born.

"And Leonardo (DiCaprio) has had a pretty good year," he said. Landing in a hit musical like "Chicago" has made it a "pretty good year" for Alan Thicke as



Season opener: King Sextimus (Frederick Shulak, clockwise from left), Queen Aggravain (Maureen Cook), and Prince Dauntless (Karl Miller) wonder if Winnifred (Anne Conlon) will pass the test in Stagecrafters' production of "Once Upon A Mat-

Fairy-tale opens Stagecrafters

Stagecrafters opens its 1998-99 season with "Once Upon A Mattress," music by Mary Rodgers, lyrics by Marshall Barer and book by Jay Thomp-son, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer. The production runs Friday, Sept. 18 through Sunday, Oct. 11 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave. in downtown Royal Oak.

"Once Upon A Mattress" is an hilarious retelling of the fairytale - "The Princess and the Pea" set to a delightful score.

The domineering Queen Aggravain (Maureen Cook of Beverly Hills) has already frightened the voice from her husband, the mute King Sextimus (Frederick Shulak of Rochester Hills), and now, anxious to keep her son Prince Dauntless the Drab*(Karl Miller of Troy) attached to her apron strings, has rejected a dozen girls for marriage to her

Since the law states no one shall marry until Dauntless does, the prince's single status poses a problem for the lords and ladies of the small medieval kingdom who are anxious to marry. Particularly distressed are Sir Harry (Vincent DeRita of Eastpointe) and Lady Larken (Kelly Janney of Rochester Hills) who are already expecting a

Harry, after searching far and wide for a princess for Dauntless, returns with Winnifred (Anne Conlon). Winnifred arrives drenched as she was far too eager to wait for the drawbridge and she swam the moat instead, and proceeds to win the heart of Prince Dauntless.

Every potential wife must pass one of the queen's tests. Skeptical that Winifred is a true princess, the queen, in cahoots with the wizard (John Miller), decides to place a pea underneath a pile of mattresses. If she is so delicate as to be kept awake by the pea, her royal lineage will be proven.

Deborah Landis-Singler of Clawson is directing the cast of 28. Tickets are \$12 to \$14, all seats reserved. Call (248) 541-6430. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 24-26; Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10, 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 20, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept.

The cast also features Amanda Bayly, Eric Kent Franz and Diana Geralt of Beverly Hills; Alonzo Luzod of Farmington Hills, Matt Horn and Rick Parson of Lathrup Village, Hal Levine of Southfield, Lynn Koch and Amanda Byly of Troy.

Here's the rest of the season schedule:

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■ "The Heiress" by Ruth Goetz and Augusta Goetz, suggested by the Henry James' novel "Washington Square" - Nov. 13-15, Nov. 19-22, Nov. 27-29.

"Promises, Promises," by Neil Simon - Jan. 22-24, Jan. 28-31, Feb. 6-7, Feb. 12-14. (Dinner theater packages available, call (248) 586-1313)

"Light Up the Sky," a comedy by Moss Hart - March 12-14, March 18-21, March 26-28.

"Crazy for You," the new Gershwin musical, music and lyrics by George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin, book by Ken Ludwig - May 14-16, May 20-23, May 28-30, June 4-6.

Here is the schedule for the 2nd Stage Season on the upper level of the Baldwin Theatre. Call (248) 541-6430 for tickets.

Five Women Wearing the Same Dress," a comedy by Alan Ball - Oct. 23-25, Oct. 29-31, and Nov. 1. Tickets \$7

Massassins," music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim book by John Weitman, based on an idea by Charles Gilbert, Jr. - April 16-18, April 22-25, April 30, May 1-2. Tickets \$9

■ "After-Play," by Anne Meara - June 18-20, June 24-26. Tick-

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M NANKIN MILLS BENEFIT

Presented by the Friends of Nankin Mills, 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 is an event you won't want to miss.

Sample a variety of Michigan wines while learning about the future plans for Nankin Mills as an interpretive center. 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.

M 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 choral consists of students and community members.

For more information, call (734) 432-5708 or send e-mail to wagner@smtp.munet.edu.

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a family musical familiar to many because of the film of the

"Wait Until Dark" was recently revived on Broadway with Quentin Tarantino as the villain

and Marisa Tomei as the blind

at The Water Tower Theater, which is in a separate building on the grounds of the Northville

Psychiatric Hospital. The room seats 350. Guild membership hovers around 100 people.

The Plymouth Theater Guild

has a well-designed Web site maintained by Jason Corney of Livonia: www.causeway.com/ptg/

The Web site has brought them new members, according to Kuna. The Guild is also a member of the American Association of Community Theatres. The Guild voice mail phone is (248) 349-7110. "We are also very grateful to

have the Tower theater," Kuna added. Donations and new advertisers for show programs are always welcome.

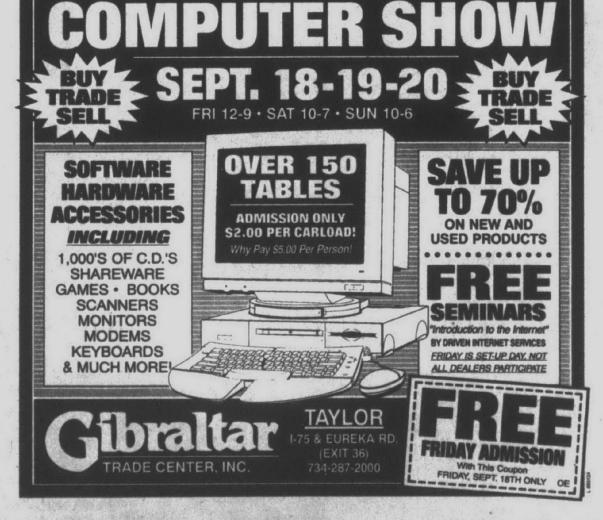
The PTG will be doing a promotional appearance at the new AMC theaters, Seven Mile Road and Haggerty, in October.

Plays for 1999-2000 will be "Oliver!" "It's a Wonderful Life," "Carousel," and "Squabbles," a comedy.



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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER Directing: Co-directors Sue Rogers and Cynthia Tupper watch as the Farmington Players work on a scene during rehearsal.

Players musical revue a barn burner

The Farmington Players pre-sent "Broadway Barned: A Musi-cal Revue," a lively look back at the Farmington Players past, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Sept. 18-19 and 25-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$20, proceeds to benefit the building fund. Call

"Broadway Barned" celebrates 45 years of theater by the Farmington Players in their venerable former dairy barn on 12 Mile Road. After more than 140 comedies, dramas and musicals, the barn is about to be replaced with a new theater with a barn motif. The stage lights will fade to black for the final time with this production of "Broadway Barned." It is a stylish, spirited

entertaining musical revue fea-turing 25 numbers from eight popular musical comedies perrmed over the years.

Musical director James Morisi selected songs to provide a memorable, fun-filled evening. "Broadway Barned" is a sentimental journey without lapsing into maudlin sentimentality.

Directors Cynthia Tupper and Suzanne Rogers keep things moving, and get in on the act with rousing performances in "Take Back Your Mink" from "Guys and Dolls" (1980).

Jan Forhan's beautiful voice is the highlight of "Brigadoon" (1997) along with Ves Spindler, who is also excellent in "I Believe in You" from "How to Succeed in Business" (1995). Forhan, incidentally, is scheduled to deliver a baby two days after the show

Barbie Amann's dancing is sensationally seductive as "Lola" from "Damn Yankees" (1974). And the boys score a hit with the "You Gotta Have Heart" number.

The tap dancing routine from "Anything Goes" (1993) is crisp and exhilarating, and the "Friendship" comic timing superb. "Pajama Game" (1984) is represented by a devilishly sinful rendition of "Hernando's Hideaway" with sultry lighting and special effects.

And of course, those womenstarved sailors had a great time with "Nothing Like a Dame" from "South Pacific" (1982) as did the girls with "Honeybun" (and three show stopping guys in hula skirts, coconut bras and yel-

low mop wigs).
The whole cast closes out the

mance of "Applause" (1985), which explains why they work so hard, all summer in this case, to

prepare a show for the public.

In addition to those above, the outstanding cast includes: Lisa Muscio, Thomas Adams, Ellen-Akins, Tim Belanger, Otto Canis, Shaw Currier, Michael DeMott, Beth Egan, Craig Forhan, Dave Gilkes, Katie Gilkes, Kristie Haas, Irene Hengstebeck, Jim Manna, Maureen Mansfield, Jacquie Pouillion, Mary Lou, Ryzenga, and Brian Tupper.

Benefit performances of "Broadway Barned" continue through Sept. 26. It is among the first of many events designed to raise the \$900,000 required for the new air conditioned barn theater featuring expanded seating (up to 240 from 170).

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With the blessing of Blanche Graham, executive director of the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford for the past three years, Peter Sonnberg took over as executive director this year.

Graham sold her house in Redford and moved to St. Joe's to be closer to her grandchildren. "But she's still involved, and comes to all the board meetings. Her heart is really in our little theater" said Sonnberg who direct last season's opener, Agatha Christie's classic mystery, "The Mousetrap."

"Blanche and I had been discussing my taking over for a long time. The position is kind of handed down from one person to the next. It's challenging," said Sonnberg. "Thankfully our building is paid for and we really have

Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild is known for doing not what everyone else is doing. They're kicking off this year's season with Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," 8 p.m. Friday,

p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through Sept. 27 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. Tickets are \$10 each. The play contains adult language, most notably, the Fword. Leave the kids at home. Call (313) 531-0554 to reserve

Although the language is a little rough around the edges, Sonnberg said the show is "a typical Neil Simon comedy, real funny. It's basically about Sid Caesar, and the making of the 'Show of Shows.' I have found it's extremely fun to watch the show and figure out who is who."

The season continues with "A Chorus Line," Nov. 20-22; Nov. 27-29, and Dec. 4-5.

"It won't be this huge musical, but an intimate story about dancers trying to get auditions, said Sonnberg.

"Little Foxes," playing March 12-14 and March 19-21 is Sonnberg's "baby. It's a difficult drama to describe, but it's extremely well written, and hasn't been done in this area in a long, long time."

presented by the students in the Creative And Performing Arts program at Churchill High School in Livonia.

"We're trying to get more members in the Guild," said Sonnberg. "We really need people to help, we're looking for a costume designer."

Anyone who is interested in theater is invited to call the Guild, (313) 531-0554 for more information. Membership is \$16 a year. As an added bonus, members will be invited to attend the final dress rehearsal of the productions for free. There will be complimentary appetizers, and the audience can talk with the cast after the show.

"People can come to the Guild and know this is their special night," said Sonnberg.

Theatre Guild members have been busy cleaning up the theater for the new season. Dan Kurt has been busy reorganizing the tech room.

Stephanie Stephan is serving as this year's president, Matt Ripper, vice president, and Pat Feldt, secretary. Debbie Pletzer The season concludes in May is directing "Laughter on the with "Diary of Anne Frank" to be 23rd Floor."



Ripper is Howard, and Tania Vilinsky, nort Elly in the Players Guild of Dearborn season opener "The Dining Room."

Guild opens season with'Dining Room'

The Players Guild of Dearborn 561-TKTS. kicks off their 71st season Friday

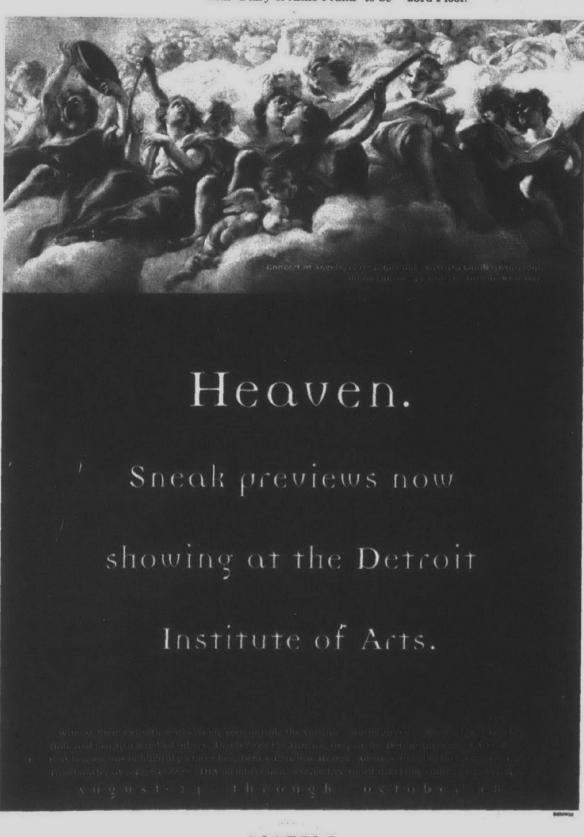
with "The Dining Room." Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20; Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 at the theater, 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Dr. in Dearborn. Tickets are \$11, call (313)

Six performers portray a wide range of characters from little boys to stern grandfathers and giggling teenage girls to Irish housemaids. The audience is led through a series of vignettes that introduce new people and events portraying the dying lifestyle of WASPdom, and the now neglect-

ed dining room, once the vital center of family life.

The cast includes Annette Hissong of Westland, Mark and Matt Ripper of Redford.

The Players Guild is holding auditions for "Mame" opening Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tues day, Sept. 21-22. Call (313) 561-TKTS for information.





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THEATER

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o - The Musical," Tuesday, Sept. sy, Oct. 11, at the theater in the Fisher Building, 8 p.m. Tuesday Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. \$35-\$62. (313) 871-1132/(248) 645-6666

Lerner and Loewe's "Camelot," with Robert Goulet, through Sunday, Sept. 20, at the theater, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17.50-\$42.50. (248) 433-1515

GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through Jan. 3, at the theater's new location, 333 Madison Ave., troit. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$32.50), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$32.50), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$27.50) and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$19.50), (313) 963-9800 MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE

"Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk," Sunday, Sept. 18-27, at the theater, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays (\$24.50, \$29.50, \$39.50), 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 (\$22.50, \$27.50, \$37.50), and 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 (\$22.50). (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000

COMMUNITY THEATER

ALTERNATING CURRENTS THEATRE TROUPE

Office Politics," Fridays-Sundays, 18-20 and 25-27, Trumbull Theatre, 4210 Trumbull, Detroit. \$6 in advance at A Woman's Prerogative in Ferndale, Chosen Books in Royal Oak, Common Language in Ann Arbor and Just 4 Us in Ferndale. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 4 p.m. Sundays. (248) 541-8316/(810) 308-5777

AVON PLAYERS

"Oliver," musical based on Dickens classic, "Oliver Twist," 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, Sept. 18-19, 25-26 and Oct. 2-3, 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 20 and 27, and Thursday, Oct. 1, special matinee performance 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$15, student/senior/group rates available Thursdays and Sundays. (248) 608-9077

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

"Broadway Barned: A Musical Revue," a lively look back at the Farmington Players past, features many great scores from musicals performed within their intimate barn setting, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Sept. 18-19 and 25-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$20, proceeds to benefit the building fund. (248) 553-2955 LIVONIA-REDFORD THEATER GUILD

Opens its season 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 with "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford.

Performances 8 p.m. Fridays and s. 2 p.m. Sundays, through Sept. 27. Call (313) 531-0554 **PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN**

"The Dining Room" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 at the playhouse, 21730 Madison (southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive) Dearborn. Performances 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. Tickets \$11, call (313) 561-TKTS. RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"Fascinatin' Gershwin," features music from shows such as "Porgy and Bess" and "Girl Crazy," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Sept. 18-19 and 25-26, and 3 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 20 and 27, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. \$20. (248) 988-7049

STAGECRAFTERS

"Once Upon A Mattress," Sept. 18-Oct. 11 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, with an additional show 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27.

DINNER THEATER

DAVE AND BUSTER'S

"An Act of Murder," a mystery dinner theatre, 8 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 10 at Dave and Buster's, M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32.95 per person plus tax and gratuity, includes dinner of Caesar salad, choice of lemon-herb chicken with tarragon-lemon cream sauce or prime rib. Not recommended for children ages 18 and younger. (810) 930-1515

"Pasta to Paczkis," the story of the marriage of an Italian bride and a Polish groom, through October at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course Italian dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Special comedy night - Stogies & Standup, Thursday, Oct. 1. Buffet dinner 6-8 p.m., three premium cigars, Single Malt Scotch and Caribbean Rum Tasting, three hilarious comedians on stage at 8 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person, revations required, call (248) 349-0522.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE "Raggedy Ann and Andy," 2:30 p.m.



Andre Ferrari, Olov Johansson and Roger Tallroth, performs 3 p.m. Saturday on the Center for Creative Studies Stage during the 12th Annual Detroit Festival of the Arts, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20 in Detroit's Cultural Center area, bounded by Warren and Ferry, Brush and Anthony Wayne Drive, Detroit. For information, call (313) 577-5088. A celebration of the arts, the festival features 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. Hours are 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. Admission is free. Check out the Web site: www.media.wayne.edu/detroitartfest/

Saturdays-Sundays, Sept. 19-20 and 26-27, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. Children ages 3 and younger not permitted. (248) 349-8110 for ticket information and special school performance times and rates.

SPECIAL EVENTS

AUTUMN LEAVES DINNER DANCE 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, dancing to the Mike Wolverton Band 7:30-10:30 p.m., at the Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. \$16.50. (313) 534-5924/(734) 422-**FESTA DEL VINO**

Wine tasting and traditional family style dinner presented by Italian American Club Cultural Committee, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, between Haggerty and Newburgh, Livonia. \$25 members, \$30 non-members, \$10-\$12.50 ages 10-15. (734) 420-3168 "MARLBORO COUNTRY NIGHTS

DANCE SHOWDOWN"

Preliminary rounds continue 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, with the Club Championships at 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25. Diamonds and Spurs, 25 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Winners at the Club Championship level advance to the Regional Championships held Oct. 23 in Fort Mitchell, Kv. (248) 334-4409 "OKTOBERFEST"

Featuring German beer, food and entertainment, 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and noon Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27, St. Mary's Preparatory School, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. (248) 683-0530 **PROUD LAKE RECREATION AREA**

"Autumn Adventure Walk," 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the park, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford. Free, state motor vehicle permit required for entry. Not recommended for children younger than 8. (248) 685-2187

RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main St. (1/2 mile north of 14 Mile Road), Clawson. \$3, (248) 546-4527 WILDLIFE CARVING SHOW AND SALE

This North American show presented by the Waterfowl Preservation & Decov Club of Michigan features carvings, flat art, gifts, and exhibitors painting and carving demonstrations, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20, at the Livonia Holidome, Six Mile and I-275. \$4. (248) 666-4550

BENEFITS STEWART FRANCKE LEUKEMIA

FOUNDATION

Fundraising concert featuring unplugged sets by Mitch Ryder, Jill Jack and Francke, who was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia in June and will have a stem cell transplant in October, from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the lobby of the Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$75. (248) 828-2865 **GOLF FLING**

Second annual Detroit Institute of Aphthalmology charity golf outing. 12:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at Walnut Creek Country Club, South Lyon. \$175 (includes golf, cart, barbecue lunch, dinner, beverages, and prizes). Proceeds to sponsor activities

for visually impaired children and young adults. (313) 824-4710 **NAMES PROJECT** Performance of musical comedy "I Love

You, You're Perfect, Now Change," 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, benefits Names Projects programs and showings of panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, at the Gem Theatre, 333 Madison St., Detroit. \$25, \$35, \$50. (248) 691-

NANKIN MILLS

10th annual wine and cheese fundraiser 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, 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. 33175 Ann Arbor Trail. east of Farmington, Westland. \$20 and available 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday at the mill, or at the door. (734) 261-1990

"THE PARTNERS BALL"

Featuring performances by Sister Hazel and the Atomic Fireballs, and a strolling supper by Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corp., 6 p.m. Wednesday. Sept. 23, Art Van Furniture, 6500 14 Mile Road, Warren. \$50 afterglow, \$125 friend, \$250 benefactor, benefits The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. (800) KARMANOS, ext. 6706

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS "Fascinating Gershwin," a gala evening wrapped around Gershwin songs, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays Sept. 18-19 and 25-26, and 3 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 20 and 27, to raise funds for the Players, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. \$20, (248) 988-7049

A benefit concert by the internationally known folk, jazz and blues artist for Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery, 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams, at Woodward, Detroit. \$15 advance, \$20 at door, \$7.50 students advance, \$10 students at door. (313) 963-7575

RUN WILD

JOSH WHITE, JR.

5K run (wheelchair accessible) and onemile, non-competitive walk to benefit the Detroit Zoo's veterinary hospital, run circle outside the zoo, walk is through the zoo, 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, pre-race warm-up begins 8:20 a.m. in the Detroit Zoo's south parking lot, 10 Mile and I-696, Royal Oak. \$10-\$20. (248) 541-5717 SUNDAY, SONGS & SYMPHONY

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents its annual benefit featuring a program of light and popular music by the orchestra, a taste of 25 area restaurants, bakeries and food establishments, a silent auction, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt, \$30, \$25 in advance. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-

FAMILY EVENTS

DETROIT FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS Featuring the works of 125 artists as well as multi-cultural entertainment on three outdoor stages, street performers, and a children's fair, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20, west of Woodward Avenue, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20, east of Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 8331805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org; And concerts by The Fairfield Four, 5 p.m., and Angelique Kidjo at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. The Hastings Street Revue 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, with Lottie "The Body," The Greystone Jazz Orchestra featuring Johnny Allen, Alberta Adams, Bruce Bradley and Otis Brown, Marlon Bailey, "Downtown" Tony Brown, and Julliette Killough and "The Three Sixes," at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 for children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

MAYBURY STATE PARK

'Signs of Autumn" kids' hike, 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, farm demonstration building: Horsedrawn havrides, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in September and October, Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck Road, Northville, Free, state park motor vehicle permit required for entry to the park. (248) 349-8390 MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE

FESTIVAL

Runs weekends through September, at the grounds, one mile north of Mount Holly on Dixie Highway in Holly. \$13.95, \$5.95 children ages 5-12, free for children ages 4 and younger. (248) 634-5552 or http://www.members.aol.com/Renfest

mi or Renfestmi@aol.com **NORTHVILLE VICTORIAN FESTIVAL**

Kicks off with a parade, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, for the next two days the streets will be transformed into a Victorian Village complete with period costumes, free horse and carriage rides, old-fashioned games, medicine man shows, strolling musicians and puppet shows 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, until 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, a Victorian Costume Ball with music by Jim Tait and the Golden Griffon Stringtet takes place 8 p.m. Saturday, also features Eugene Clark's Punch and Judy, Richard Paul Puppet Show, Geri's Jamboree, magicians Joe Chasney and Jasen Magic, Mary Ellen the Storyteller, Dawn Daniels Minstrel, jugglers Ken Krakat and Roy Kellerman, Rosco the Clown, close-up magician

show, (248) 349-7640 SOMEWHERE IN TIME

Featuring recreation of 20th century with historic tours by riverboat and trolley car, classic car show, live entertainment, arts and crafts demonstrations, old-fashioned games, puppet shows, food, pony rides, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Elizabeth Park, Trenton. Free. (734) 261-1990/(734) 675-7300

Lisa Timco and Dr. Rudy's Medicine

CLASSICAL

DEARING CONCERT DUO

Classical flute and guitar duo perform the music of Spain, Italy, France, and the Americas, 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (734) 416-2780/(734) 254-0681 **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Opening Week Celebration of Classical Series concerts featuring Neeme Jarvi

and Joshua Bell, program includes Mendelssohn, Mahler and Buck, 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, Detroit. \$17

to \$48 with a limited number of box septs available from \$55 to \$63. (313) 576-5111. Dinner at Duet and an afterglow with the musicians are available through the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Volunteer Council, (313) 576-5154 MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS

Performs music by Beethoven, Arensky and Smetana, 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20,

Britton Recital Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0594

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY **ORCHESTRA**

With the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Livonia. \$15. (734) 451-2112

POPS/SWING

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-STEVE LAWRENCE AND EYDIE

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$36.

\$32 students and seniors, \$45 gold circle. (810) 286-2222 PATTI PAGE AND THE GUY **LOMBARDO ORCHESTRA**

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton-Township, \$29, \$22 seniors and students, \$32 gold circle. (810) 286-2222

SWING SYNDICATE 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (swing)

ORGAN

DETROIT THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Charlie Balogh in concert 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Avenue at Livernois, Detroit. \$10. (313) 894-4100

AUDITIONS

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Auditions for assistant concertmaster. strings, flute, horn and principal harp, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 17-19. (734) 994-4801

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE Auditions for apprentice dancers with

modern dance and ballet experience, dancers will train with the company. understudy roles and be involved with production, at Central United Methodist Church, 23 East Adams, on Grand Circus Park, Detroit. (313) 965-3544 **DETROIT SYMPHONY** ORCHESTRA/BALLET

INTERNATIONALE

Open auditions for dancers age 7 through college for "The Nutcracker," 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 (boys) and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 (girls), at Marygrove College, room 228 of the Liberal Arts Building, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. For performances Dec. 10-20 at Detroit Opera House. (313) 576-5114

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

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, on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads. Livonia. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

CHORAL MADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE

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 choral consists of students and community members. (734) 432-5708 or send e-mail to wagner@smtp.munet.edu **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

JAZZ

DWIGHT ADAMS TRIO 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Sept. 24, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (trumpet/piano/bass) SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass) THOMAS BORGMAN TRIO 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, as part of

the New Music Society Concerts, Henry Ford Community College, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen Road (south of Ford Road), Dearborn, Cover charge. All ages. (313) 845-9676/(248) 548-9888 KURT ELLING

The jazz vocalist opens Eastern Michigan University's 1998-99 Arts Series, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. \$20. (248) 645-6666/(734) 487-1221 **ELLERY ESKELIN**

With Andrea Parkins and Jim Black Trio, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, as part of the New Music Society Concerts, Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road. Ferndale. Cover charge. All ages. (248) 399-3946

JEFF HAMILTON TRIO 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

BILL HEID TRIO

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SCOTT HENDERSON AND TRIBAL TECH 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Magic Bag.

22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com **HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO** 6-10 p.m. Mondays at Too-Chez, 27155 Sheraton Drive, Novi, (248) 348-5555: 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

KIMMIE HORNE 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Sept. 18-19 and 25-26, D.L. Harrington's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 852-0550 **JRT TRIO**

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 19, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks during entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-

RON KISCHUK AND THE TARTARSAUCE TRADITIONAL JAZZ BAND 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, First Baptist

Church, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 644-0550 KATHY KOSINS TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept.

25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 6645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass) SHEILA LANDIS With Rick Matle and Dennis Sheridan,

7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. (313) 271-4441

MATT MICHAELS TRIO With trombone player Ron Kischuk, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, and with trumpet player John Trudell, and alto sax player Larry Nozero, 8-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Botsford Inn. 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, \$5 cover waived with dinner, \$5

drink minimum. (248) 474-4800 MINGUS BIG BAND 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 open the **Detroit Symphony Orchestra's**

Ameritech Jazz Series, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15 to \$46, \$60 box seats. (313) 576-5111 **MARK MOULTRUP TRIO**

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Sept. 17. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums) **KURT ELLING QUARTET**

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. \$20 in advance. All ages, (734) 99-MUSIC or http://www.99music.com

SISTERS IN JAZZ A series of concerts featuring the winners of the annual International Association of Jazz Educators collegiate competition Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20 in Detroit at the Serengeti Ballroom and the Bird of Paradise in Ann Arbor. call for times and ticket prices. (610) 667-0501 or e-mail to dimedia@earthlink.net

JOHAN STENGARD Sweden's most sought after sax ophon-

ist in concert, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Bethany Baptist Church. 1375 Hiller Road, Waterford. \$10, \$7 students/seniors/Waterford Cultural Council members. (248) 623-9389 URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300 "WOMEN IN JAZZ" Featuring a workshop/clinic with

pianist Geri Allen and a panel of women from various areas of jazz with moderator WEMU-FM program director Linda Yohn, 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, SereNgeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave. (at Charlotte, six blocks north of the Fox Theatre), Detroit. \$5; A concert with Allen, ragtime planist Taslimah Bey and the 1998 International Association of Jazz Educator's "Sisters in Jazz" collegiate competition winners, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, SereNgeti Ballroom. \$15 or \$20 for workshop/clinic and concert. (313) 832-3010

STEVE WOOD TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

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9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday Sept. 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18, The Rhinoceros, 265 Riopelle, Detroit, Free, All ages, (313) 259-2208; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township.

ZIGGY MARLEY AND THE MELODY

Free, 21 and older, (810) 360-7450

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (reggae) (734) 668-8397

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

RICHIE HAVENS

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

DAVID ROTH

8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

PEGGY SEEGER

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MARTIN AND JESSICA SIMPSON With Christine Collister, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$12.50, \$11.50

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(734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org VASEN

8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

CRIS WILLIAMSON AND TRET

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or

SPOKEN WORD

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Detroit Story League's annual event featuring Donald Davis, Elizabeth Ellis and Anne Shimojima, workshops, and family performances, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Henry Ford Community College's MacKenzie Fine Arts Building and Adray Auditorium, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, \$5-\$30, (734) 761-5118/(313) 525-1521

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE: COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863

CONTRA DANCING 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 with Becky

Hill and Perfect Match, at the First Baptist Church, 309 N. Main, Royal Oak. \$7. (248) 542-2093 **DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE**

City Arts Concert 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, at Wayne State University in the Maggie Allessee Studio Theater, Old Main Building, corner of Cass and Warrren, third floor \$15, \$10 seniors/students. (313) 965-3544

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at

Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 662-5158 SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE

Lessons offered 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings, no partner needed, beginners welcome, at Madison Heights United Methodist Church, 246 E. 11 Mile, east of John R. \$3, first visit free. (248) 546-5037/(248) 547-9823

SQUARE DANCE

Lessons 6:45-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, you must provide your own partner, at the Livonia Seniors Center, Five Mile and Farmington, Livonia. \$15 for four lessons. (734) 425-8447

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Scott Henry, Keith Ruff and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 17-19; Kipp Addotta and Rich Higginbottom (\$14), Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 24-26, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$5), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$12), unless otherwise noted. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Charlie Wiener, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package); Steve Bills, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Claudia Sherman, 8:30 p.m. Thurs Sept. 17 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19 (\$10); Chris Titus, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 23-24 (\$7), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Satur Sept. 25-26 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Jenny McNulty and Paul Frisbee, Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 9-13, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays (\$12), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY Viagra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesdays Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through November, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-

MUSEUMS/TOURS

"BEHIND THE SCENES"

Tour of Masco Corp., 6:30 p.m. reception and art tour followed by 7:45 p.m. dinner, 8-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the corporation's headquarters. \$64 Detroit Historical Society members, \$74 non-members. (313) 833-1405 or http://www.detroithistorical.org **CRANBROOK**

Guided garden tours 1:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 24 (\$6, \$5 seniors/students), (248) 645-3147; outdoor sculpture tour noon Saturdays through October (\$7, \$5 students/seniors includes Art Museum admission), (248) 645-3323, on the grounds of Cranbrook Educational Community, 1221 N. Woodward Ave.,

POPULAR MUSIC

AGNOSTIC FRONT

With U.S. Bombs and Dropkick Murphy's, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (punk)

AMERICAN MARS 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St.,

Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (pop) JON B With Absolute and 3rd Storee, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak \$19.98 in advance. All ages. (248) 546-7610 (R&B) GEORGE BEDARD AND THE

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, Bad Frog Tayern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older, (248) 624-9400 (rockabilly) **BUGS BEDDOW**

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, and Friday, Sept. 25, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues) **BIDDLE LOVE MONKEY**

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (rock)

BIM SKALA BIM

7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL

DEANNA BOGART

9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues) DAVE BOUTETTE

8-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, Espresso

Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 singer/songwriter) CHUBBY CARRIER AND THE

BAYOU SWAMP BAND

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$4. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922

GUY CLARK

With Gillian Welch and David Rawlings, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or

http://www.a2ark.org (country) CRYSTAL METHOD

8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, \$13.50 in advance, \$15 day of show. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (techno)

CELINE DION

8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 22-23. The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2

Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$29.50, \$49.50 and \$65 (Wednesday only). All ages.

http://www.palacenet.com (pop) **GLEN EDDIE** 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248)

(248) 377-0100 or

844-4800 (blues)

8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock) **EKOOSTIK HOOKAH**

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

RIK EMMETT

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Harpo's, 14238 Harper, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 824-1700

EVERLAST

Formerly of House of Pain, 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, as part of Club X at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 (rap/rock)
PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) STEWART FRANCKE

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Jack, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (pop)

FUNKTELLIGENCE With Mr. Freedom X, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older, (734) 485-5053; 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, as part of Mood Indigo night, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (funk) **GETAWAY CRUISER**

With Sister Soleil, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, Blind Pig., 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) **GHETTOBLASTER**

With The Volebeats. The Witches, The Hentchmen and The Dirtbombs, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety) GIRL TROUBLE

With Bantam Roosers, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (rock) AL HILL

8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) LISA HUNTER

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9790; Hosts open mic. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20. Gargoyle's, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free, All ages, (acoustic rock)

JESUS AND MARY CHAIN With Mercury Rev, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept.

25, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (swirling

ELTON JOHN 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19,

The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (1-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$49.50 and \$39.50. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock) KID ROCK

7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, State

Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-

LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUES

9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues) P.W. LONG WITH REELFOOT

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL JOHN LURIE AND THE LOUNGE

8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$20. 18 and older. (313) 961-

MELT or http://www.961melt.com

THE MAKERS 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (pop)

MASCHINA With Boogle Shoes, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734)

MASSIVE ATTACK 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$20 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or

http://www.961melt.com MR. TIDY 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, \$5, 21 and older,

(313) 875-6555 or http://www.lilis21.com (rock) **MODERN VAGRANTS** 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Lili's, 2930

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2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, as part of John R Days on John R between Nine and 11 Mile roads, Hazel Park, Free, All ages, (248) 546-4060; 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills: Free. 21 and older. (248) 852-6433 (acoustic rock)

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The underground high-stakes poker circuit of New York is the canvas for director John Dahl ("The Last Seduction") and screenwriters Brian Kop and David Levien (a U of M grad). These are mean streets, indeed, populated by seedy denizens with Runyonesque mate Jo (Gretchen Mol) and "Rounders" and "The Hustler," names like Worm, Teddy KGB poker mentor Knish (John Turnot to mention "High Noon," is and Joey Knish

Our boy Matt - the other fair-haired heartthrob of the moment - is Mike McDermott, a reluctant law student by day and a reformed "rounder" by night. He's a brilliant card-counting shark who can read people like a poker hand ("If you can't spot the sucker in the first half-hour at the table, you are the sucker"). Having lost a five-figure stake to Teddy KGB (John Malkovich as an hilarious Russian who twists pen his Oreo cookies accompanied by "Star Wars"-type orchestration), Mike forsakes the back rooms for the courtrooms, urged on by his perky classmate/room-

Into his life returns Worm (Edward Norton), a high school chum who's been boardin' with the warden. Imagine Eddie Haskell gone real bad. Worm is a mechanic, a cheat ("I see a mark, I take him down"). He's also in the hole for \$25,000 to Teddy and his greasy associate Grama (Michael Rispoli), who you wouldn't want to meet in a bright alley. Mike agrees to help Worm, but together they dig an even deeper hole, the only way out being a showdown with Teddy in a winner take all match of Texas Hold'em.

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Yet, "Rounders" is true to its turf. Director Dahl, like Scorsese efore him, takes us on a tour of New York that you won't find in a Circle Line brochure. Eyes peer out with evil suspicion from behind sliding peepholes of brownstones left over from speakeasy days. Damon's narra-tion is sprinkled with the wisdom of his world ("It's a sin to let a sucker keep his money" and "You've gotta think of it as a war"). And there's one great line that only a Mets fan will love to its fullest. Describing his redescent to the dusky bricks and musty smells of the poker dens, Damon says, "I feel like (Bill) Buckner walking back into

Which brings us to the film's two bum cards in an otherwise winning hand. Damon is easy to look at and easy to like, no arguments there. But he comes off more like the Red Sox first baseman referred to above than as a topflight, hardened pokermeister a "rounder" known in every underground club in the five boroughs. The Massachusetts-born

Drama: Matt Damon (left) and Edward Norton in "Rounders."

Southie Will Hunting, shares the screen with native New Yorkers Norton, Rispoli, Turturro and Martin Landau (as his law professor). Against them, images of John Voight getting off the bus in "Midnight Cowboy," with "Everybody's Talkin' At Me" on

the soundtrack, are unavoidable. In contrast, Edward Norton's "Worm" is just that - the worm

Damon, so perfect as Boston in the Big Apple. He's a joyous not lout you want to just go away or help strangle. His is a won-? drous performance that leaves you panting for the next one. "" "

The other criticism is more and warning: brush up on your poker. Try as the narration does to deal us in, the complexities and ... strategies of the game often: leave us clueless; missing the meaning and folding the hand

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Action-comedy: Chris Tucker (left) and Jackie Chan star in "Rush Hour." opening Sept. 18 at metro Detroit movie theaters.

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ON VIDEO

Odd 'Eye of God' disappointing

BY LEANNE ROGERS STAFF WRITER

On night in a small Oklahoma town, police a find a teenaged boy walking in the dark. Covered with blood, the youngster isn't able to tell the officers what happened or whose blood has been

That's the opening of "Eye of God" a low-key drama that moves back and forth in time to reveal the events that led up to that night. The story goes back six months. Martha Plimpton plays Ainsley, a young fast food worker who is waiting nervously in the local diner for a first meeting with her pen pal - a state prison inmate who is being released that day.

Plimpton and Kevin Anderson, who plays the convict Jack, hit all the right notes at that opening scene. They're both shy, awkward and sweet with each other.

evening, they decide to get married. The convict has found religion and once he gets a job as a mechanic wants to have the per-Ainsley seems a perfectly nice

but terribly lonely young woman. It's her quiet desperation and naiveté that led her into an illadvised marriage. The local fast food restaurant is closing and Jack assures his new wife that she needn't worry about finding another job. Before long, the situation deteriorates, as Jack demands that she not leave the house without his knowledge.

There's a feeling on inevitability in the violence that results as Ainsley realizes the mistake of her marriage to Jack, who she rather belatedly learns was in prison for severely beating his pregnant live-in girlfriend. The woman survived, not the baby -

After they meet up later that a point which becomes ironic in the end.

The parallel and eventually intersecting story is of a troubled 14-year old boy. Living with an aunt after his mother's suicide, the boy played by Nick Stahl, is in an emotional free fall without anyone or anything to break his fall. There is a nice gentle quality to the brief scenes between Stahl and Plimpton.

Written and directed by Tim Blake Nelson, "Eye of God" is an odd little film overall disappointing. The narration by Hal Holbrook, the local police chief, seems to want the film to address its issues on a deeper philosophical level but fails to do so. Nelson uses an elliptical style and gradual unfolding of the story, yet very early in the film there is no mystery about what has happened - just some of the

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Irish-American musician Erik Schrody, also known as Everlast, is one man whose feelings are easy to

If he cranks out a couple hits by his previous group, House of

Pain, at his show this Saturday at the State Theatre in Detroit, he's in a good mood. It's as simple as that.
"We do a couple of obscure

ones. We don't do like the big oints. We've broken out a couple of them like 'Jump Around' once or twice. I try to stay away from it just because I like this new stuff," Schrody explained.

"But if I am breaking out something more familiar from House of Pain, that means I'm in a fantastic mood. I'm in the moods of all moods. It depends on the mood of the evening. We

expect Detroit to be jumping."
Schrody certainly has a lot to be happy about. He just released homore solo effort 'Whitey Ford Sings the Blues' (Tommy Boyland fully recovered from

emergency heart surgery.
Schrody learned of a congeni-



Erik Schrody - Everlast

tal heart defect during a physical that was required before he began filming the movie "Judg-ment Night" where he played a thug. Doctors told him that the defect probably wouldn't cause any problems until he was in his 50s or 60s. But all that changed.

"I was complaining of chest pains all day. I was recording the album in my house and one of the producers, John Gamble, in the middle of the night heard me moaning and gasping for air and called an ambulance. I didn't have a heart attack until they wheeled me into the emergency room. It's a good thing he called the ambulance, if not I'd be

Upon arriving to the hospital, Schrody said he was treated for "just a heart attack," he

"At first, they took one look at me all tattooed up and heard I was a singer in some rap band. I'm sure they thought I'was a drug addict or something so they treated me just for a heart attack. I had an angioplasty and they were putting these little stents in my heart to open up the vein that was collapsing," said Schrody, who sports a Sinn Fein tattoo next to the surgery

A few hours later, when his medical records arrived, doctors repaired a torn heart valve caused from a rare congenital heart defect. Schrody said it was a tough but eye-opening recov-

"The nurses and everybody, the way they were looking at me, was like I was doing drugs or something. I literally had to leave the hospital after five or six days because they were going to kill me in there. They're really cruel people. They treat old people like (crap). I was in one of the

best hospitals in the world. The surgeons were incredible but the care that they have there, I have a hard time calling it care. One nurse there that showed me some compassion and I'm not sure she wasn't even an angel in my sleep. I have yet to be able to locate her to thank her."

Now he is ready to hit the road in support of "Whitey Ford Sings the Blues," a collection of hiphop, rap, and even some acoustic

"I wanted it to be different. I used to always get the 'mad rap-per' label. I'm a musician. I never realized that people never really got to see that. By doing this, it really kind of made me give people an excuse to call me a musician."

On "Whitey Ford," Schrody plays guitar and keyboards, and did some "scratching

"I always personally have been playing guitar for a long time. I just always wanted to do something I just never knew what it was. I left House of Pain because I was unhappy. I left House of Pain because there was a pay-check at the end of it. I left House of Pain because it was time," Schrody explained.

"You know, I didn't want to be stuck in something that I couldn't grow out of. I'm not ashamed

thing like that. It's just you can't be the drunken Irish fool for everybody forever. I can't be the court jester for the rest of my life. That combined with a few things within the band (forced him to leave)."

His former band mates, Danny O'Connor and Leor "DJ Lethal" Dimant, now of Limp Bizkit, are finally understanding

"We've talked about doing things in House of Pain. Not anytime soon. If things go well for Limp Bizkit or for me, we'll come back around and (mess) people's minds up," he said of Dimant.

Schrody's performance on Saturday is a far cry from the House of Pain shows where the he and O'Connor were backed by only Dimant. He's touring with a band that includes a keyboardist, slide guitar player, a DJ, and stand-up bass player.

"I was talking at a show the other night in the Viper Room. If I tried to describe this band, you'd never think it would work. You wouldn't think it would sound right. Well, in hip-hop we don't think about that.

We just sample stuff and layer it. We approached it with the mentality of hip-hop. Instead of going with what's supposed to work, we go with what sounds Detroiters, he said, will be in 73

tore for some goodies.
"Everybody's really looking forward to Detroit. Every other cities are just a lead up to Detroit. It's our city because they started playing it first on the radio," he said of the acoustic flavored first single "What It's

"It's the Motor City, Detroit. We say let's go home, although none of us are from there. That's the kind of vibe. I'm sure every-one there will be happy too. You can watch this band on any

given night at not be unhappy."

Everlast, formerly of House of Pain, performs at 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, as part of Club X at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The show is free and open to those ages 18 and older. For more information, call (313) 961-5451.

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Pansy Division takes a broader view

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

When Jon Ginoli formed his openly gay power-pop band Pansy Division in 1991, he was told that having a "gay band" was too limited. But he forged ahead, and Pansy Division became one of the founders of the "homocore" rock movement.

Having accomplished that, guitarist/vocalist Ginoli - along with band members bassist/ vocalist and co-founder Chris Freeman, guitarist/ vocalist Patrick Goodwin and one-named drummer Luis - embarked on a new chapter of his career with his band's sixth album "Absurd Pop Song Romance" (Lookout!).

We had staked out territory for ourselves. People said having a gay band is limited. People wouldn't say that if you're writing about heterosexuals so why should homosexuals be more limited? We gave ourselves a narrow focus that we felt like we had covered pretty well and we decided to chart some other territory," Ginoli explained.

"With this album, we decided to be broader and less specific

and to encompass more musical styles and have a wider lyrical focus.

The change came early last year when guitarist Patrick Goodwin came into the fold. Ginoli and Freeman, who are in their 30s, were inspired by Luis and Goodwin both of whom are twenty-something.

"They're younger so they're inspired by different kinds of music than Chris or I. They're whole coming out stories are different than ours. They come from different places than we do. There's age and experience differences but there's a certain musical ground that we all share."

That attributed to the varied sound on "Absurd Pop Song

We have a lot more variety in our sound. When we sat down to actually make a record as a four piece, we had new weapons at our disposal. Then we were writing these songs that were more about friendships and relationships than about sexuality. We thought these are really good and we shouldn't try to force

something because we have a certain image or want to portray ourselves a certain way."

Besides new guitarist Goodwin, there was another fresh face in the studio - producer Steve

"It was a joy. He has such a reputation as being irascible. But if his obnoxious reputation were true, he could not work with all the people that he does. He's very smart and very very good at what he does. He knows the studio inside and out. He's never really recorded a record that was as poppy as ours."

"We never had so much fun making a record. I mean, it was hard. We were working 12-14

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hour days, but we were very well rehearsed and organized and we nailed the performances. We were really happy with it."
All of that, as well as a feeling

of renewal made "Absurd Pop Song Romance" Pansy Division's best album yet, he explained.

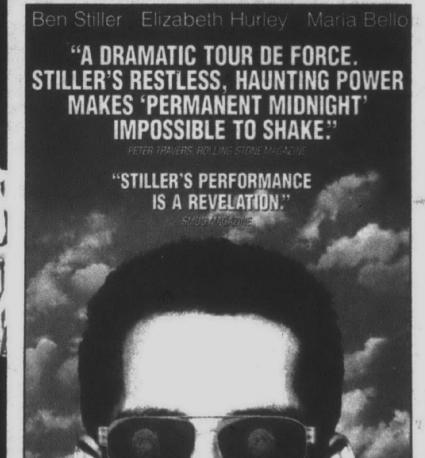
Pansy Division performs an all-ages show Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the Magic Stick in the Majes-tic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets. Doors open at 8 p.m. For more information, call (313) 833-POOL. Pansy Division can be reached at P.O. Box 460885, San Francisco, Calif., 94146-0885 or http://www.pansydivision. com.



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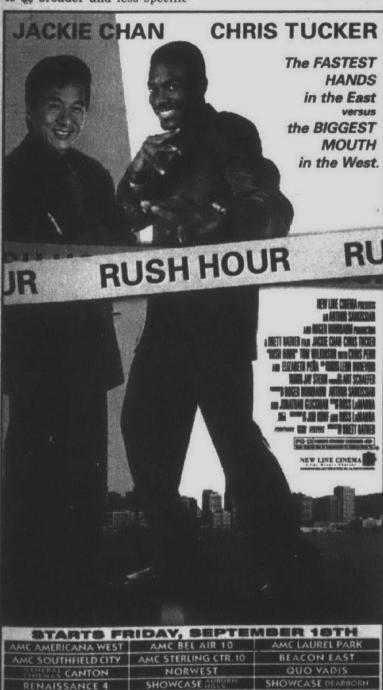
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Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza VII

When: 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, in the Waterman Center, on campus 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Roads, just west of I-275), Livo-

Admission: Culinary Extravaganza VII tickets are \$40 per person or two tickets for \$75. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Both can be purchased by calling the Office of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417. Visa, MasterCard, Discover credit cards and checks are accepted. Sponsors are being sought. Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$5,000. For information about participating in Culinary Extravaganza VII, or being a sponsor, call (734) 462-4417. Event proceeds benefit student scholarships.

Highlights: Approximately 60 of the pre-

Old Mexico with restaurants and Cascades, a restaurant

mier restaurants of southeastern Michigan will offer tastes

A live auction features combination prizes and a raffle with two round-trip tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S. or a trip to Las Vegas.

of their specialty dishes.

■ There will be free mini-seminars on food-related topics, including demonstrations of healthy, low calories meals by a chef from the Weight Watchers Group, whose president, Florine Mark, is the event's honorary

Raffle prizes include two round-trip tickets on Northwest Airlines to anywhere in the contiguous U.S. where Northwest flies: a Las Vegas trip for two; the lease of a new Saturn for three months; and a lady's 14karat ring with an iolite stone and five small diamonds.

Livonia, are among the partici-

Restaurant owners Vicki and Ramon Castaneda have been participating in Schoolcraft's Culinary Extravaganza for quite awhile. "I love it because everyone is so friendly," said Ramon. "You meet all kinds of people, and sometimes catch some new customers."

Their son, Tim, who manages Old Mexico in West Bloomfield, enjoys "seeing all the people he doesn't get to see throughout the year, because everyone is working. "You get to see what everyone else is doing.

Even though it's work, Vicki says, "it's fun work. It's very well organized. You feel like they want you there."

Open since Dec. 15, 1975 in Livonia, Old Mexico opened a second restaurant in West Bloomfield on May 17, 1986. The menus at the two restaurants are similar, but you'll find more upscale menu, and seafood dishes at the West Bloomfield restaurant, which also offers entertainment on weekends. Mexican favorites, with attention to quality and freshness, make Old Mexico Restaurants consistently

"We travel all over Mexico looking for new ideas," said Vicki. "I go in the hotel kitchens. We're always looking for new ideas no matter where we are."

Vicki took a Spanish class at Schoolcraft College, and she's happy to help by participating in Culinary Extravaganza. "I have employees who go there," she said. "I think it's a nice little

Old Mexico will be serving ground beef soft tacos at the Culinary Extravaganza.

Cascades Restaurant inside the Embassy Suites is not for guests only. A tropical paradise, no matter what the season, Cascades is inside a five story tropical atrium with two cascading waterfalls, surrounded by a stream. There are plants galore, and fish inside the pond.

Tim Kelly, director of catering, has served on the Culinary Extravaganza committee for three years.

"It's great for the local community, and gives a lot of people a taste of what's going on, and helps Schoolcraft reach their goal of giving out scholarships,"

Executive Chef Lorenzo Brye of Farmington Hills and execu-



Tropical escape: Yes, you can get away from it all at Cascades, a jewel of a restaurant inside the Embassy Suites in Livonia. Julie Beaubien (left, restaurant manager) and Tim Kelly (director of catering) make sure guests are comfortable, while Executive Chef Lorenzo Brye (left) and sous Chef Gary Katterson (right) make sure every dish is picture perfect, and delicious too. Look for them at Culinary Extravaganza.

Where: Inside the Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia, (734) 462-6000.

Open: Lunch served 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., dinner 5-10 p.m. everyday.

Menu: Variety including sandwiches, choice seafood, chicken, and pasta.

Reservations: Recommended for parties of 7 or more.

tive sous chef Gary Katterson of Redford are planning to serve Mini Beef Wellingtons at Culi-

nary Extravaganza "I emphasize traditional items - beef, seafood and chicken," said cades. "Presentation is a major factor - it's simple, basic, but appealing to the eye. Nothing

For lunch or dinner at Cascades, Brye recommends Shrimp Here's what you can look for-"Scampi" Deangelo, Crab & Rock Shrimp Alfredo, or beef tenderloin. "The ribs are going pretty good too," he said. "It's a very comfortable atmosphere, quiet, and we're not expensive." You'll

salads, and sandwiches. Menu items are moderately priced with dinner entrees ranging from \$13.95 to \$19.95. Open Grille, offered 5-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, allows customers to

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ward to at Culinary Extravaganza: From the Capital Grille, baby lobster bisque from the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, or fresh fettuccini Alfredo from DaVinci's in the Novi Hilton. The fish course includes samples of pan-seared scallops with leeks from Plymouth's Cafe Bon Homme, rock shrimp chevre and roasted tomato risotto from Southfield's Golden Mushroom or rock shrimp with basil in puff pastry from Excalibur, or peppered salmon from The Moveable Feast in Ann Arbor.



Taste of Mexico: Vicki and Ramon Castaneda of Old Mexico Restaurants present a botana, just one of the many items you'll find on the menu at their restaurants in West Bloomfield and Livonia. Look for Old Mexico at Culinary Extravaganza.

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