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Mayflower meets end Monday



Beginning Monday, demolition crews will begin tearing down the 62-year-old Mayflower Hotel. It will be replaced with a \$7 million project that includes office, retail and condominiums.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Mayflower Hotel, a fixture in downtown Plymouth since 1927, will be nothing more than a memory in a few weeks.

Beginning Monday, demolition crews will be in town, tearing down one landmark in favor of a new \$7 million project which many are hoping will become the new jewel of downtown Plymouth.

"We expect it will take between three and four weeks to bring down the present structure," said Craig Smith, architect for Tri-Mount Vincenti Companies of Novi, developers of the venture. "As soon as that is completed, we plan on beginning construction of the new project."

The new Mayflower will have a stone exterior on the first level. The two upper floors will be brick exterior with stone trim.

The first floor plans call for Peoples State Bank to occupy the south end of the building, with a drive-through that will exit on Main Street.

There will also be 19,000 square feet for a proposed restaurant. A three-archway opening with a courtyard will be constructed at the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail, which will be used as outdoor seating for the restaurant. The eatery will also have a second-floor seating area overlooking it.

The 27,000-square-foot second floor

will include administrative offices for the bank, plus other office tenants.

The third level will consist of 11 condominiums, with streetside balconies and a loft area with access to a garden terrace. The price for living downtown is expected to be \$250,000 to \$400,000.

There will be 11 two-car garages for residents in a lower level parking lot, with another 22 spaces of public parking.

At Tuesday's city commission meeting, commissioners voted to sell the parking lot on the site to John Vincenti for more than \$127,000. The deal was

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Unchanged: Curtis Lamar, president of the Plymouth Community Fall Festival board of directors said don't expect a lot of changes for the 44th annual Fall Festival, which begins Friday. "We like to keep it pretty much the same because it's a proven formula," he said.

Fall Festival celebrates hometown

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For 43-years the Plymouth Fall Festival has grown in size, but still remains a hometown celebration.

So, don't expect a lot of changes for the 44th annual event, which begins Friday. And that's by design.

"This year's event won't be much different from previous years. We like to keep it pretty much the same because it's a proven formula," said Curtis Lamar, president of the Plymouth Community Fall Festival board of directors. "We want to keep the festival as local as possible without bringing in a lot of outside activities."

That means the old favorites will be back: the Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast, the Rotary Club chicken barbecue, the Polish Centennial Dancers, plus a larger variety of kids entertainment and attractions.

"The Fall Festival has always been a way for the community to get together after the kids were back in school," added Lamar. "It's a family-oriented event with a theme like 'let's have a picnic.'"

While Lamar wants to keep the Fall Festival a local event, the board of directors have hired a marketing firm to bring in sponsors to help foot some of the \$50,000 it costs each year to put on the three-day event.

"We want to keep it as low key as possible," said Lamar about the additional monetary help. "We don't want sponsors who want to hang big banners, but

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PLYMOUTH FALL FESTIVAL

Friday highlights:

- 4:30-5 p.m. Plymouth Fire & Drum Corps between stages
- 6:30-9:30 p.m. Bingo in The Gathering
- 8-10 p.m. Del Kaufman and Big Band Express on Stage No. 1

Saturday highlights:

- 7-11:30 a.m. Kiwanis pancake breakfast in The Gathering
- 9-11 a.m. Optimists Club pet contest on Stage No. 1
- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Artists & Craftsman Show at Central Middle School
- noon to 6 p.m. chili cookoff in The Gathering
- 1-2 p.m. Observer Newspapers pie eating contest on Penniman Avenue
- 8-10 p.m. Street Dance by Two Left Feet Productions on Stage No. 2

Sunday highlights:

- 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rotary chicken barbecue in Kellogg Park
- noon to 5 p.m. Artists & Craftsman Show at Central Middle School
- noon to 5 p.m. classic, antique and performance car show on north Main Street and west Penniman

Old Village joins fun with carriage rides

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Old Village hopes to become a part of the Plymouth Community Fall Festival this year.

For the first time carriage rides will be available to visitors from Old Village to downtown, location of the Fall Festival. Antique shops along Liberty also will have sidewalk sales

throughout the three-day festival.

"It will be nice for us. It will loop us in (to the festival)," said Peggy Allgeier of Bellerose Antiques, which recently moved to a larger location at the corner of Liberty and Mill in Old Village.

The carriage rides will run from Starkweather and Liberty at the Lower Town Grill to City Hall, Main and Church streets. A recommended

donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children is suggested. Hours are 5-9 p.m. Friday, 3-7 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

"The donations will go to cover the carriage rides. If there is anything left over it will go to the renovation of the community center," said Sherrie Pryor of the Old Village Development Association.

The horse-drawn carriages are

being provided by Northville Carriage Company and sponsored by the OVDA, Aggro Bravura Constructs Architects and Bill's Market.

"People can come park in Old Village and take a carriage to downtown," said Pryor.

A public lot on Spring has about 30-40 spaces and public parking is also allowed along Starkweather, she

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City conducts probe of DBA newsletter bids

■ 'There are some misconstrued and strong allegations of wrongdoing. But the buck stops here with the city commission.'

Joe Koch
mayor

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Plymouth Mayor Joe Koch has called for a city administration investigation into whether the Downtown Business Association used the bidding process in awarding the contract for a downtown newsletter to Comma Graphics and owner W. Edward Wendover.

"There are some misconstrued and strong allegations of wrongdoing," said Koch at Tuesday's city commission meeting. "But the buck stops here with the city commission."

The call for the investigation came

after several Downtown Development Authority representatives blasted Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury for suggesting improprieties in the selection process for a firm to write and print the newsletter.

In a letter sent to 7,000 city resi-

dents, Shrewsbury questioned "what role did (DDA Director) Sally Repeck play in arranging for an apparent no-bid contract for her husband Ed Wendover and Comma Graphics in the amount of \$20,000 over the last 12 months."

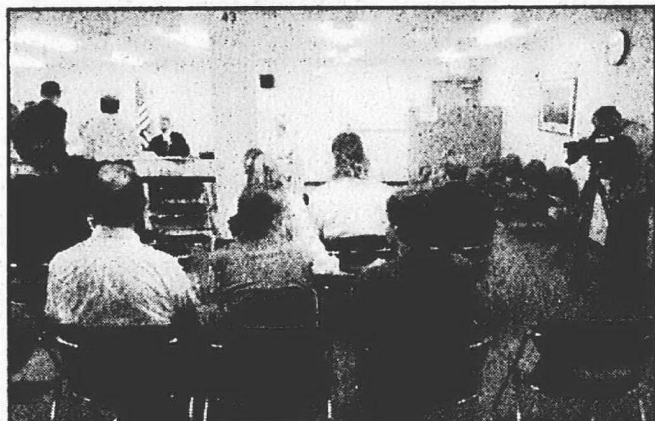
A number of DDA members came to the defense of Repeck.

"The Shrewsbury letter is politically motivated to damage the reputation and integrity of Sally Repeck as a candidate for the city commission," said Dave Pugh, current DDA director. "At the same time, Shrewsbury and his associates are jeopardizing the reputation of DDA board members and Downtown Business Association board members. The very implication of impropriety, such as orchestrating a no-bid process, would have to involve other board members. That scenario did not happen."

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Above, Sergey Plotnikov, left, editor in chief of Information Agency "Studiya 7.62," a television news magazine, videotapes an interview with Judge Lowe. Translator Yelena Ryndak interprets. At right, sitting at the back of the court room, from left, are First United Methodist Church member Wes Kappler, who is hosting one of the delegates; Translator Yelena Ryndak; and Sergey Shaleyev, first deputy chairman of the Regional Energy Commission of Nizhny Novgorod Oblast. Plotnikov is at right, videotapes the proceedings.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Visiting Russians watch democracy in action at court

Two Russian delegates are spending 10 days in Plymouth Township, visiting various local, county and state institutions to learn about democracy and the American way of doing things.

The delegates, part of the Library of Congress Russian Leadership Program, and their interpreter are being hosted in Plymouth by the First United Methodist Church, staying with host families throughout the township.

The program is designed to allow local and emerging leaders in Russia to visit various areas throughout the United States.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet, consult, observe and interview leaders in similar occupations here in the U.S.

The stated goal is to increase mutual understanding through exposure to the functioning of

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U.S. democratic institutions and of the U.S. political system.

The delegates and their interpreter visited 35th District Court in Plymouth last week.

They observed the workings of the local court, videotaped the morning's proceedings and then met and interviewed Judge Ron Lowe and joined him for lunch.

Road update: Junction Street paving begins



The following information was submitted by the City of Plymouth Department of Municipal Services regarding road work in the area:

JUNCTION:

The primary supply water main installation is nearly completed at this time. The contractor is currently awaiting results from the required State of Michigan Department of Public Health tests. Once tests are completed work on total pavement removal will begin at Sheldon Road. It is anticipated that total pavement removal will begin this week.

Crews are expected to remove the street in two to three block sections. Once the existing concrete is removed, new water services will be installed to the new water main and then pavement base material will be placed. Once the stone is placed the roadway will be driveable. This operation will be much slower than the water main installation.

Final paving of Junction is expected (weather dependent) to take place in early October. We remind residents and businesses that the concrete paving is expected to take place on the full width of the street and take place over two or three days. This process will deny access to Junction Street during the paving and for seven days afterwards. The delay in "getting back" onto the street is to allow the concrete to properly cure. This will have a significant impact on residents and businesses along the north of Junction Street as there will be no access.

WING STREET:

This street is now open to the public. Those who have driven this street in the past will be happy to know that the "ski jump" on the eastern edge of the intersection has been removed and it is now a smooth ride.

Hand patching of parking lots and driveways will take place when the paving of N. Evergreen takes place.

STARKWEATHER & OLD VILLAGE AREAS:

The right of way restoration is now taking place in this area. Once the area has new grass seed installed residents and business must insure that the new grass is watered. This will set the seed and make it grow.

Persons with questions should call the City Department of Municipal Services at (734) 453-7737.



by
Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.



ZOONOTIC DISEASES

A zoonotic disease is one that can be spread from animal to man. Ringworm is one of the more common zoonoses passed from cats to humans. Bacterial infections also can be spread from cats to humans. The most common bacterial zoonosis is Pasteurella, carried in the mouths of about 60% to 75% of normal cats. Cats can shed salmonella bacteria in their stools. Cat Scratch Disease is carried by cats and cat fleas and can be very dangerous in people with compromised immune systems. Finally, parasitic diseases, such as roundworm, are potential zoonoses. To prevent contracting a zoonotic disease, practice aggressive flea control, wear gloves or wash hands after litter box cleaning, and treat cat bites and scratches with antibiotic cleansers.

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P.S. People with weakened immune systems, such as those undergoing chemotherapy or using steroids, are especially vulnerable to catching zoonoses.

Join Congresswoman Rivers for coffee

U.S. Representative Lynn Rivers has scheduled coffee hours in Plymouth on Monday, Sept. 13. Rivers will be at Vassal's of Plymouth, Restaurant and Deli, 9468 S.

Main from 8:30-10 a.m. All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to drop by, have a cup of coffee and discuss their concerns with her.

For directions or for more information, call Carrie Auster in Rivers' district office in Ypsilanti at (734) 485-3741.

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(That's right. There are none.)

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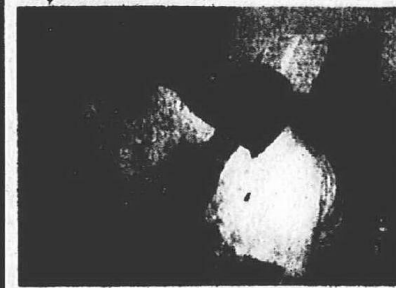
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The New-comers: Christine Johnson, left, publicity chair for the Plymouth New-comers, and Robin McHugh, vice president of the social organization, laugh together along Main Street in Plymouth Tuesday. The two will be among members of the organization welcoming visitors to Plymouth at the Fall Festival this weekend.

Get to know the Newcomers at upcoming social events

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If you're new to the community or have lived here for some time but want to meet new people, stop by the Plymouth Newcomers booth at the Fall Festival. The group will be at the southwest corner of Kellogg Park at Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

Getting to know your neighbors is what the Newcomers group is all about.

Many people think the group is the welcome wagon, but it's not, said Christine Jackson, publicity chairperson. It's more of a social outlet, she said.

The Newcomers is a non profit organization dedicated to helping people meet other people in the community.

Its monthly meetings are held September through May and people can join at any time. To kick off the season, the group will meet from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15 at the Lower Town Grill for a micro brew beer tasting with

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In October, a wine and cheese mixer is planned at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

But the group has many other special interest groups that meet throughout the month, such as the Out-to-Lunch Bunch, the Plymouth Fun Brigade, a book discussion group and baby sitting co-op.

This is the second year the Newcomers have participated in the Fall Festival.

Festival from page A1

instead those who want to participate by helping to defray the costs."

The festival board hired Streets Marketing of Northville, which this year was able to secure \$5,000 from Sprint, which will also have a booth allowing fair-goers to make free phone calls.

"If we bring in the marketing firm next year, hopefully they'll be able to do a lot more for us," added Lamar.

Of the entire budget, a majority comes from participants who pay 25-percent of their monetary take during the event to the festival committee. Lamar is hoping that with additional sponsorships, those groups will be able to keep a higher percentage of their gains.

Because much of the festival's

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financial well-being is dependent on a percentage of money taken in by organizations from their booths, weather is a big factor in determining if the festival walks away debt-free.

"If it rains, we lose quite a bit of money," admitted Lamar. "Three years ago we had a

\$12,000 deficit. However, after working with the city, we finally paid off the bill and this year are starting from scratch."

In reality, the largest contributor to the festival is the City of Plymouth, which Lamar notes gives \$8,600 in services to the festival. However, the festival's largest bill also comes from the city, in the range of \$14,000.

This year's Fall Festival is expected to attract nearly 100,000 people over the three-day run.

"You don't see this type of thing anywhere else in the Detroit area," boasts Lamar. "Anyone who comes and visits always remembers it. So, if you get them here the first time, they'll come back."

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said. Pryor is hoping the carriage rides and sidewalk sales will bring some exposure to Old Village, which is tucked away from all the festivities.

"I know they'll be a lot of food there (at Fall Festival), but if anyone wants to sit down and relax we have several good restaurants here too, like the Lower Town, Station 885, Bushels and the deli," she said.

Allgeier of Bellerose Antiques said the sidewalk sale is coinciding with her one year anniversary sale. "It's hard because we don't get the foot traffic as they do in downtown," she said.

Another new business, Hooked on Rugs, recently opened on Mill, just a few doors away from Bellerose Antiques.

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to fill our customers' request for vibrant and distinctive programming," said Cathy Schelb, MediaOne marketing director.

Sundance subscribers will see such films as Darren Aronofsky's award-winning "Pi" and the October world premiere of Marcus Spiegel's "The Farmhouse."

Starring Blythe Danner, the film is the centerpiece of "Scenes from America," a month-long festival of regional filmmak-

ers' works.

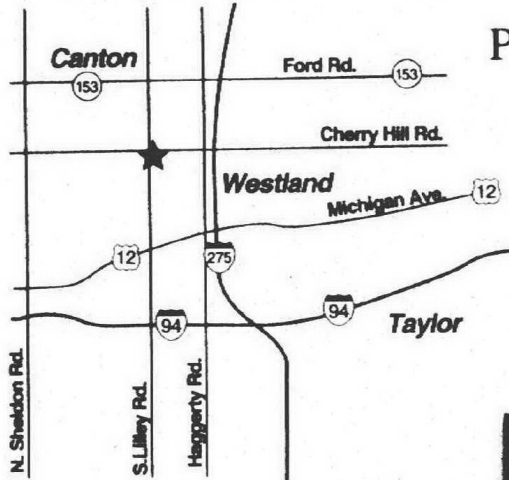
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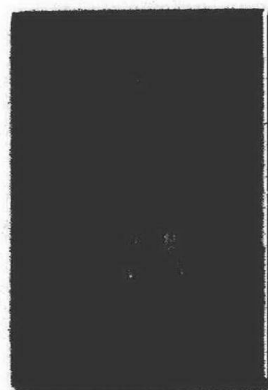


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Retiring: Above, Phyllis Hess, right, stands in the food line with her successor, Stan Kovacheff, at left. Hess retired as program coordinator for the Council on Aging. At left, Mary Bunch joins her husband Archie at the lunch. Their son Dave is at left.

Hess steps down as seniors' coordinator

Nearly 100 members of the Plymouth Community Council On Aging met for a luncheon last week at the Elks Club on Gold Arbor Street in Plymouth Township to honor retiring Program Coordinator Phyllis Hess, and members Mary and Archie Bunch.

After an eight-year career, Hess decided to

spend more time with her family. Stan Kovacheff will take over her duties.

The Council on Aging meets the second Monday of the month, September through June 1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

For more information call Bernice Rudick, president, at 453-2851.

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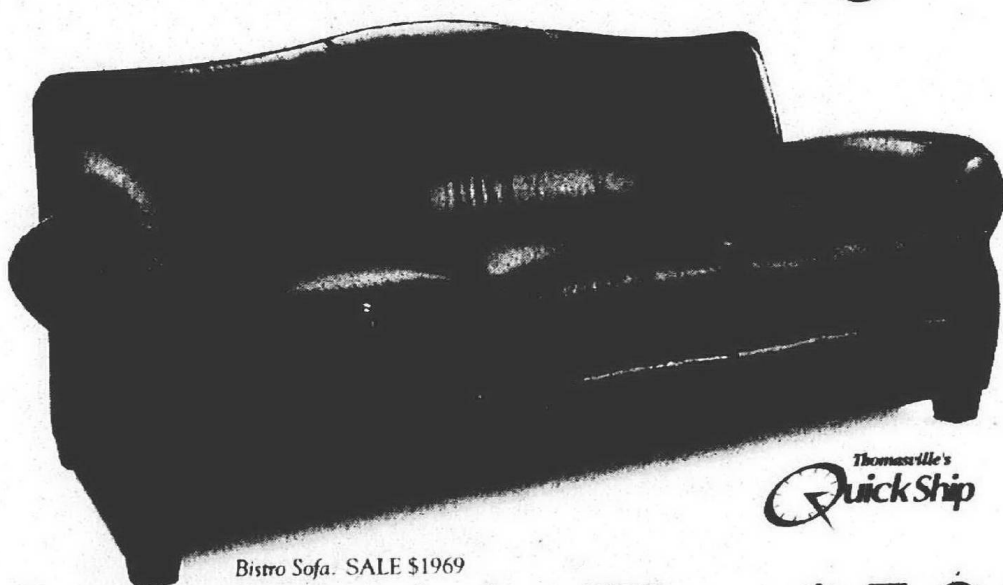
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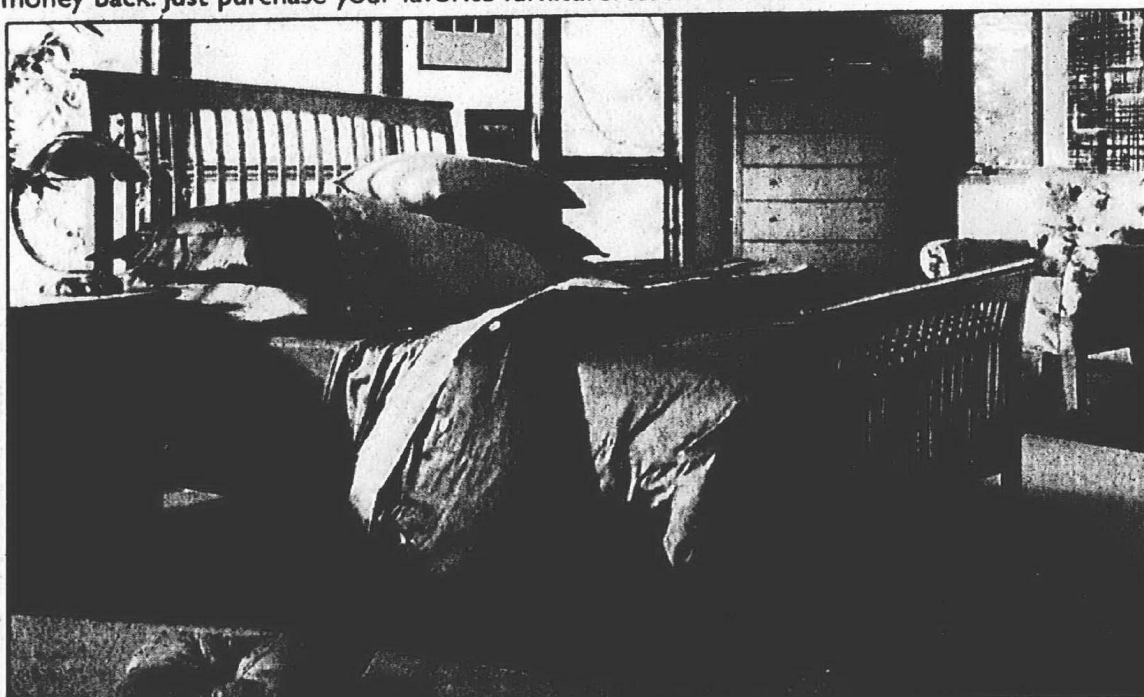
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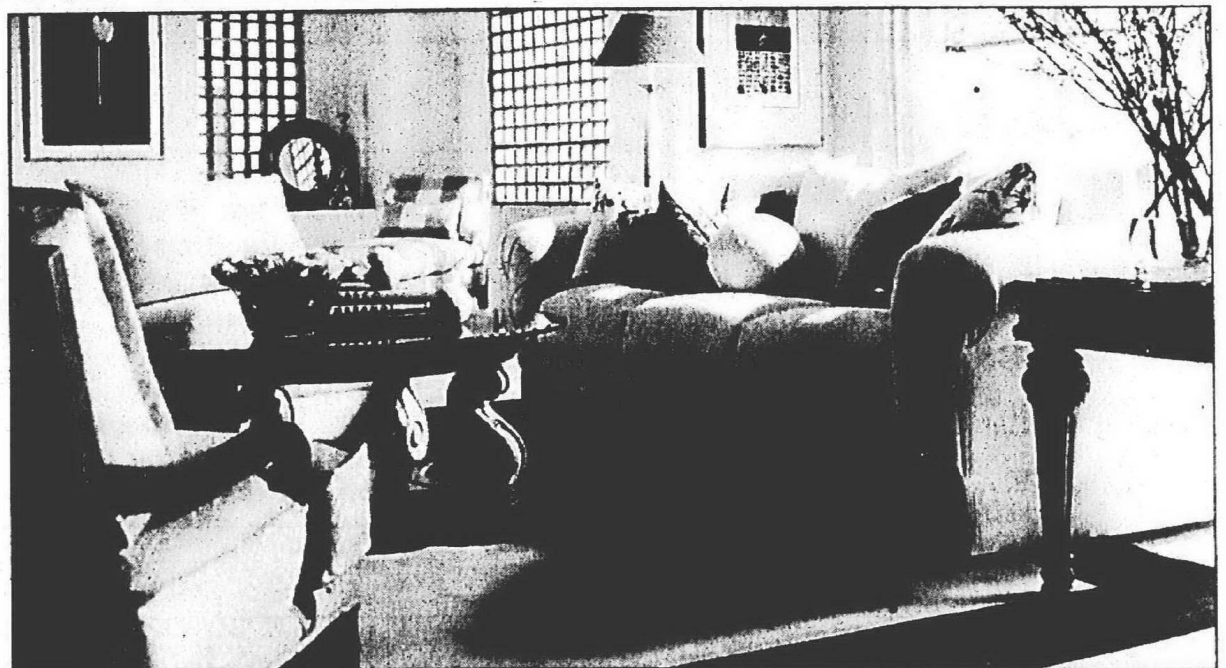
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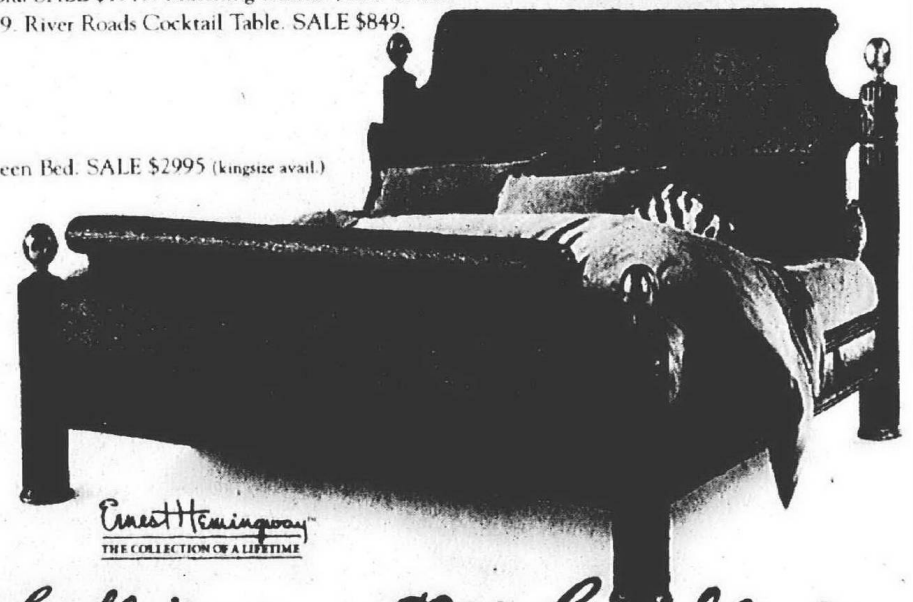


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Consumers urged to be protect personal information

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"Identity theft" - crimes in which the perpetrators use personal information about the victims to run up debts or drain bank accounts - is on the rise, and the Michigan Attorney General's office is warning state residents to take precautions.

Attorney General Jennifer Granholm issued a consumer alert Thursday urging residents to guard personal bank account and credit card information against theft.

"This is an extremely difficult area to get a handle on," Stanley Pruss, chief of the AG's Consumer Protection division, said. "Nationally, it has become a \$40 billion a year problem. In Michigan, if you were to count all identity frauds in which someone, using fraudulent means, impersonated another to run up credit card debt or drain a bank account, there must be hundreds if not thousands of instances."

And thieves are coming up with new ways to obtain that personal information about their victims.

"We have recently heard of a 'year 2000' scam, preying on people's fears, in which a caller states they are from the consumer's bank and requests account information saying that the information is needed to ensure that the bank can comply with 'year 2000' requirements. Once the thief gets the information, the fraud artist accesses

and depletes the consumer's accounts," the consumer alert stated.

This reported scam occurred out of the state, but Pruss said he believes the ruse may be in use here as well.

Personal information can be stolen in a variety of ways, by stealing wallets or searching of the mail or trash from the victim's to find old bank or credit card statements.

"Identity thieves have a distasteful habit of going through trash; it's called 'dumpster diving.' It may be trash to you, but it can be a gold mine for them," the AG's office stated.

More sophisticated techniques of using computers to read and store information from the magnetic strip of an ATM or credit card are also being used. Identity thieves have even been known to call financial institutions, pretending to be the customer, and trick employees into releasing personal account information, the consumer alert states.

The AG's office offers the following tips to protect yourself:

- Guard your personal identifying information. Before giving personal or financial information, know how it will be used and whether it will be transferred to third parties. Often, there are choices. If you have a choice, opt out of releasing personal or financial information.

- Use care in disposing of charge receipts, insurance forms, bank checks and state-

ments, even credit offers and applications.

- Use caution when placing outgoing mail, such as credit card payments, in your mailbox and raising the flag for the postal carrier. This can be an invitation to an identity thief to steal your mail and obtain valuable information.

- Carefully review credit card and bank statements for unauthorized activity and discrepancies.

- Do not provide your credit card number or other personal information over the telephone unless you have initiated the call.

- If you shop over the Internet, check on security measures before entering personal information or your credit card number and be sure you are dealing with a reputable business. If you don't know the company, check it out first.

- File a police report and get a copy of the report. Credit card companies, financial institutions and insurance companies may require a police report to verify the crime.

- Report the fraud to your credit card issuers and financial institutions.

- Notify the Federal Trade Commission. The 1998 Identity Theft and Assumption Deter-

rence Act directs the FTC to maintain a database of identity fraud complaints and to refer victims to the appropriate authorities.

If you are a victim of identity theft take immediate action to minimize the damage. Contact

the fraud department of the three major credit bureaus listed below. Request that your file be flagged with a fraud alert advising creditors to call you prior to opening new accounts in your name.

■ Experian (formerly TRW),

P.O. Box 949 Allen, TX 75013, (800) 353-0809.

■ Equifax P.O. Box 105139 Atlanta, GA 30374-5139, (800) 556-4711.

■ Trans Union P.O. Box 736 Springfield, PA 19064-0736, (800) 680-7293.

Nankin Mills hosts botany hike

The Rouge River's floodplain habitat may not be the bayou, but it provides the perfect environment for a variety of floodplain plants like the Green Dragon and Hackberry. Nature enthusiasts are invited to enjoy a day of "botanizing" 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

Plant lovers of all ages can learn about floodplain plants on a two-mile hike through the

Ellsworth Section of the Holliday Nature Preserve. Participants will also hike along the bike trail to view other plants that call Hines Park their home.

Enthusiasts are encouraged to wear water-resistant shoes as the area may be muddy. They should also be prepared for any lingering mosquitoes. Suitable for ages 8 and up, the fee is \$1 per person and advance registration is required.

The program is made possible through the funding from the parks millage.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off Hines Drive and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

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part of an option negotiated years ago for the owner of the building.

"We don't plan on closing any roads on Monday," said Assistant City Manager Paul Sincok. "As we get further into demolition, we may have to look into some lane closures."

"We're pretty much on schedule," added Smith. "We're where we thought we would be with this project. We expect it to be completed at the end of next year."

"I'm saddened to see the Mayflower go, but it's been in such need of repair for so many years the only option was to demolish it," said Mayor Joe Koch. "However, I am excited about the new facility with condos, which will bring added nightlife and be the cornerstone of downtown."

Melanie Purcell, Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority director, admits

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she'd like to have a brick or two from the old building for her office as a keepsake. However, she's excited about the new possibilities for downtown.

"I think the new project will help revitalize and infuse new energy into downtown," she said. "I think it's a compliment to Plymouth that someone like Mr. Vincenti wants to come here and build."

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"We hope to begin construction on that project soon after we get the Mayflower building started," Smith added. "We'll have both projects going on at the same time. This one we hope to have completed sometime late next year, before the Mayflower project is completed."

The federalist colonial style building will be constructed with both brick and stone, and have a steep-pitched roof with gables.

Vincenti said the first two floors will be office space, with the third floor to contain two condominiums.

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pen.

"I'm personally offended and insulted, and look for an apology from the offending and offensive individual, Mr. Shrewsbury, and a clear statement of vindication and support from responsible members of the city commission," added Bob Mundt, a member of the Downtown Development Authority.

Shrewsbury defended his actions, noting he failed to receive any information concerning bids for the newsletter in a Freedom of Information request, in which he received more than 100 pages of information.

"Although (several people say) there are meticulous notes on all of this, I didn't receive one single paper that showed there was any kind of bid process," he said. "I didn't just make this up. Either there was no bid process, somebody was withholding the information from me, or their records are so screwed up nobody could find them."

Melanie Purcell, DDA director, said she's confident the investigation will find the business association did employ the bid process in handing out the contract.

"As far as we can tell, there were 14 requests sent out for marketing plans and three responses were received," said Purcell. "Comma Graphics received the bid based on the lowest cost."

"If there was any doubt in my

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mind, whatsoever, regarding the propriety of going forward or allowing the board to expose itself, or the city, to liability I would have nixed it immediately."

Several board members, before the investigation even began, gave support to the business leaders.

"I believe this letter was politically motivated, and is pure Shrewsbury," said Commissioner Dave McDonald.

"I'm perfectly comfortable everything was handled the proper way," said Commissioner Colleen Pobur. "I have confidence in the DDA and DBA. The work done by those boards is above reproach."

"I think the investigation will clear the good name of the DDA as well as the DBA," said Koch. "Without you we couldn't run a city as beautiful as Plymouth."

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION FOR PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH

Republic Bank, organized under the laws of Michigan, and having its principal place of business at 2425 E. Grand River, Lansing, Michigan 48912, has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, for permission to establish a branch at Plymouth Independence Village, 14707 Northville Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office (FDIC, Division of Supervision, 500 W. Monroe St., Suite 3500, Chicago, IL 60661) not later than September 24, 1999. The nonconfidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within one day following the request for such file. It may be inspected in the Corporation's regional office during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the nonconfidential portion of information in the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

By: /s/ Barry J. Eckhold
BARRY J. ECKHOLD, President
Republic Bank

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Commission OKs rodent control program

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Wayne County soon will be re-establishing a rodent prevention and control program.

On Aug. 31, county commissioners approved a \$2.7 billion budget, which included \$60,000 for the rodent control program.

A rodent control ordinance, introduced by Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, also is expected to be officially read for a second time before commissioners on Sept. 16, which makes the ordinance legal upon publication.

Husk introduced the ordinance to assist residents who complained about rats, particularly in the community of Dearborn Heights. "They were concerned and upset," Husk said. "There was a program about 20 years ago, but after the funds ran out, Wayne County stopped the pro-



Kathleen Husk

gram.

"I wanted to start up the program, because there was such a

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need for it."

Some Redford residents also have complained of rodents, but Husk hasn't received quite as many complaints from that community as she has from Dearborn Heights.

Husk hopes the state can obtain additional funds. "The Department of Agriculture is working on a grant from the federal government," Husk said.

Husk's ordinance authorizes that an environmental health education program will be developed to stop neighborhood rodent infestations, and authorizes Wayne County's division of public health services to enter into cooperative agreements with municipalities to start a joint rodent prevention and control program.

The resolution also states:

■ Rat infestations have become a "substantial if not yet serious threat" to the public health in many Wayne County communities;

■ Rat populations can multiply rapidly in any area in which household food garbage is placed in plastic disposal bags, but the bags are not stored in rat-proof containers.

■ Rats are known to carry fleas, lice, ticks and several diseases, which can be transmitted to pets and sometimes to humans.

■ Low levels of rat infestation are rarely noticed. Homeowners tend to self-help when rat populations rise to the level of becoming commonly visible and set traps and poison baits. The use of rat traps and baits, however, presents hazards to pets and children.

Crosswinds Marsh presents class on orienteering

Are you easily lost? Do you have trouble reading a map? Then join Wayne County parks from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Crosswinds Marsh Wetland Interpretive Preserve for a class on orienteering.

The class will highlight basic

map and compass skills, and participants will follow an actual orienteering course to test their skills. This program has been designed for a variety of skill levels and is suitable for ages 8 through adult.

Pre-registration is required

and the cost is \$1. Participants should come dressed for the outdoors. Orienteering equipment such as compasses and maps will be provided.

This program has been made possible through funds from the parks millage. Crosswinds Marsh is open for field trips and

outreach programs year-round and is located at the corner of Haggerty Road and Will Carleton/ Oakville Waltz Road in Sumpter Township.

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Members of the Michigan Public Service Commission will discuss changes in the natural gas, electric and telephone industries and how these affect consumers.

After years of receiving utility service from monopoly providers, some customer now

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TIME:	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
PLACE:	Birmingham Community House Downtown Birmingham
GUEST SPEAKER:	Scott Schropp, President Merrill Lynch Trust Bank
SPEAKER:	Bob Lewis, Vice President, Business Insurance Specialist
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Michigan stronger against recession

Michigan workers are more likely to keep their jobs throughout the business cycle, with 25,000 fewer job losses in the next recession, according to a study commissioned by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

The study, conducted by the Anderson Economic Group, found that Michigan's economy today provides a higher return to Michigan workers, both in income growth and employment growth, with less risk, than at any previous time in the last quarter century.

"We wanted to take an objective look at whether Michigan's

economy has become significantly more diversified in the last 25 years," said Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. "These results lend credence to the idea that Michigan is becoming more diverse."

The study also indicates that changes in Michigan's economy have lessened the likely severity of the next recession.

"With the recessions of the 1960s and '70s, Michigan got hit hard, with up to a 4 percent loss in employment," Rothwell said.

"This survey shows that if a recession hit today, our losses would be about 20 percent less

severe due to diversification."

That's 25,000 people insulated from the effects of the next downturn in the business cycle, Rothwell said.

The study noted several other improvements, including:

- Michigan's manufacturing sector, which accounted for 30 percent of employment 25 years ago, now makes up only about half that share. However, Michigan still has a larger percentage share of manufacturing employment than the U.S. as a whole;

- Much of the manufacturing decline comes from the automotive industry, but accounts for only a few less workers in abso-

lute numbers, since larger growth has occurred in other industry sectors;

- Michigan's manufacturers are "better prepared" to compete nationally;

- The service sector of Michigan's economy has doubled in the last 25 years, from 15 to 30 percent. This sector includes those in the health care industry, accountants, attorneys, engineers and many other high-skill jobs.

To view this study online, visit the Michigan Economic Development Corporation website at www.michigan.org.

County begins first Head Start training

Wayne County will be conducting its first training session since taking over the out-county Head Start grant this spring.

The daylong training will bring together more than 600 Head Start workers Sept. 24 at the Cobo Center in Detroit. The training session, "Working with Families in the New Millennium," runs from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and features several workshops, covering topics such as family intervention services, the promotion of family literacy and getting men involved in the program.

Wayne County's Head Start program is just getting under way.

Wayne County was notified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in May that it was awarded \$20.6 million for an out-county Head Start Program. Of that, approximately \$16 million was awarded in federal funds, and the balance in in-kind services

from schools, social service agencies and other programs.

Wayne County took over operations Sept. 1 from Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency.

One of the county's goals is to increase enrollment. "With 30,000 eligible children, we're working hard to get the word out that we want to increase enrollment," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. Wayne County's program is among the five largest in the Midwest.

The program is available in 25 out-county communities. Children participating in Head Start receive assistance with education, health, nutrition and literacy. The program also assists the families of the children in areas of health care, employment and housing.

For further information about the training, contact (734) 334-1300 or (313) 224-5454.

Madonna offers math for elementary teachers

Madonna University in Livonia has launched a new academic major - mathematics for elementary teachers. The new program has been approved by the Michigan Department of Education.

"This area of study is specifically designed for students who want to teach mathematics at

the K-8 level," said Sister Kathleen Wlodarczyk, chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department.

The major is based on the guidelines of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Five new courses have been introduced to help elementary teachers gain a deeper understanding of the mathematics they teach and the methods they use to help children learn. The courses are: algebraic thinking and proportional reasoning, geometry for elementary teachers, reasoning and proof in the

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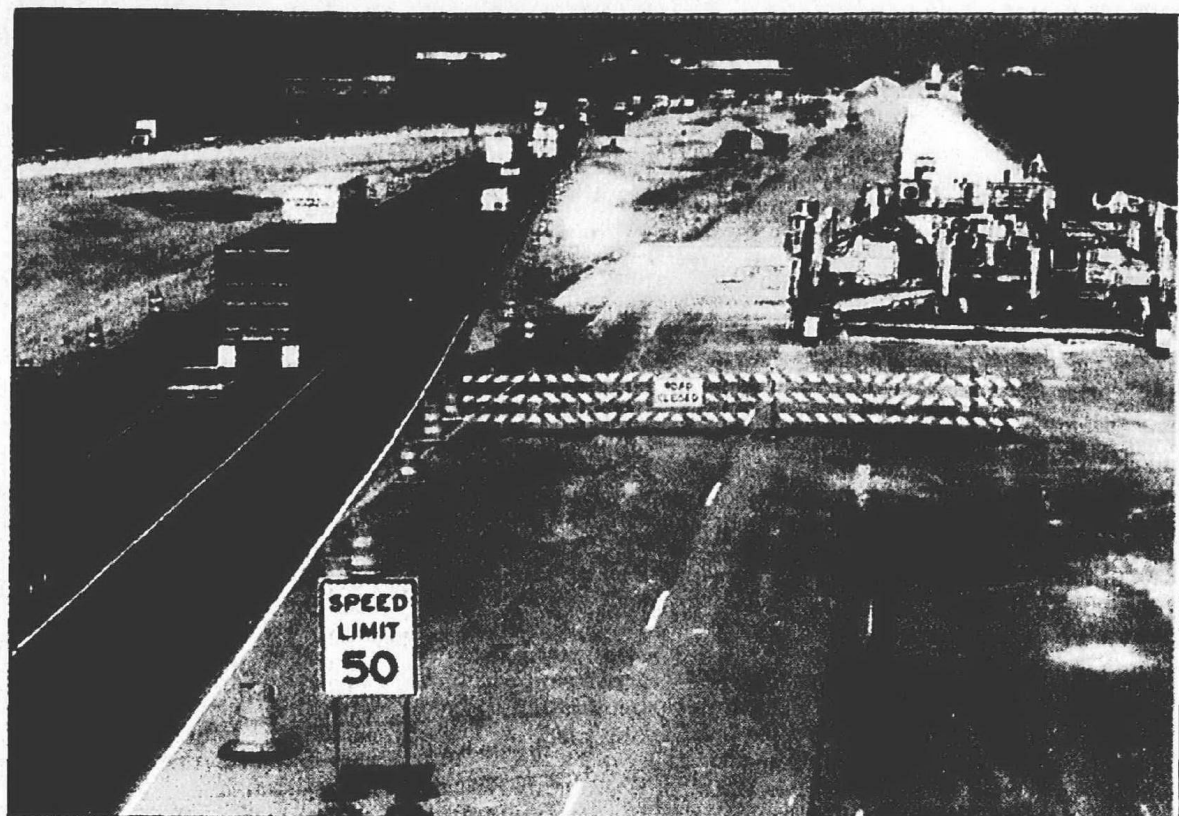
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Intimidator: A spreader that can pour a concrete strip 36 feet wide was part of the equipment being used on the continuing I-275 paving project. This view is looking north from the Five Mile bridge.

Road crew and 'Intimidator' pave I-275, north of 5 Mile

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Once again, motorists who use Seven Mile to access I-275 can expect detours while ramps accessing the freeway's northbound lanes are paved today.

On Tuesday, construction workers from John Carlo started paving new northbound lanes for I-275 north of Five Mile Road. Those crews and equipment will include the infamous "Intimidator," a spreader that can pour concrete about 36 feet wide or about three lanes, one lane more than the traditional spreaders complete.

Once crews reached the Six Mile Road interchange, they closed entrance and exit ramps there for new ramps to be paved. Those ramps are expected to be completed by today (Thursday), if it didn't rain Wednesday.

Officials at the Michigan Department of Transportation expected crews to reach the Seven Mile interchange by today or Friday, at which time those ramps will be closed for new pavement to be poured and cured for new ramps there.

"That's if the weather cooperates," said Robin Pannecouk, spokesperson for the Michigan

Department of Transportation.

Once that is completed, crews will proceed north to Eight Mile. Those ramps are expected to be paved next week. The freeway's four lanes and two shoulders will be rebuilt, along with entrance and exit ramps and bridge decks.

Northbound traffic on Michigan's second busiest freeway has been shifted since June to the southbound side starting north of Five Mile Road. It is slated for completion in October.

The northbound freeway's four lanes and two shoulders will be rebuilt, along with entrance and exit ramps and bridge decks.

Travel Michigan reports a record summer season

(PRNewswire) — "We thought it couldn't get any better than the summer of '98, but from what we are hearing from our partners in the industry — it did!" said Susy Avery, vice president of Travel Michigan, Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

An economy that just "keeps on ticking," exceptional weather conditions, and a robust response by travelers to Michigan's "Great Lakes, Great Times" campaign have kept record numbers of travelers on the move in Michigan this summer. "Our prediction for a four percent increase in summer travel in the state appears to be right on target, and may even be surpassed once final figures are in later this year," Avery added.

With the last official weekend of the summer on tap, an informal regional sampling of the state revealed nearly carbon copy reports about Michigan's summer travel season:

"I never thought we could beat the 'summer of all summers' (1998), but we did!" said Carol Potter, executive director of the Cadillac Area Visitors Bureau. "Restaurants are busy, lodging facilities' occupancy rates are way up — this has really been a grand summer!"

The Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council (SMTTC) which represents Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties, reported that area attractions and lodging facilities have experienced anywhere from two percent to 25 percent increases over last year.

"Our area is a favorite destination for families due to all of the recreational activities and attractions that are so prevalent here," said Phyllis Dowsett, executive director of the SMTTC. "Southwestern Michigan business owners and their staffs provide good friendly service to their customers, and they enjoy coming back to visit year after



Visitors: Mid-summer brings crowds to the west Michigan harbor town of Grand Haven. Great Lakes Coast Guard ships come in for the annual Coast Guard Festival. All ships are open for free tours. This year marked the event's 75th anniversary.

year," she added.

Tom Ferguson, executive director of Michigan's Sunrise Side, which represents Michigan's northeastern quadrant of the Lower Peninsula, couldn't agree more. "We've had an above average summer with people traveling around the region," he said. "There is plenty to see and do here — great golf and great times!"

Farther north, the Upper Peninsula Travel & Recreation Association reported that the summer of '99 has been, "busier

than ever."

And Travel Michigan doesn't see things slowing down anytime soon. "Michigan is going to be 'the place to be' for great fall color this year," added Avery.

Travelers may call Travel Michigan's toll-free line, 888-78-GREAT, to receive free Michigan travel publications, including the new 1999-2000 Michigan Fall/Winter Calendar of Events & Travel Guide. Michigan fall-color conditions may also be accessed by calling 888-78-GREAT, 24-hours a day.

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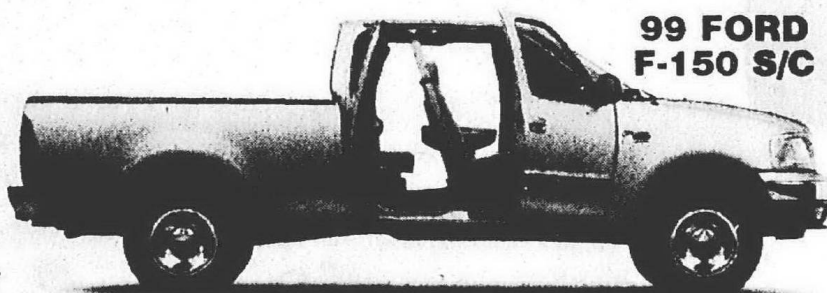
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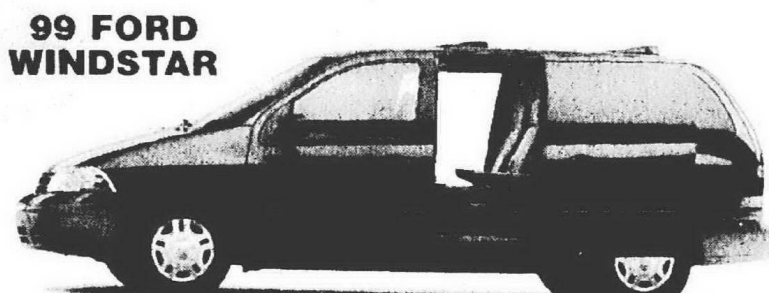
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Schoolcraft, Madonna collaborate on online education

Lynda Mammel always believed she would have been further along in her career if she had a college degree, but she was never willing to give up the time it would take to earn a degree.

Now she studies three hours a night and spends most of Saturday and Sunday doing homework.

Mammel is a member of the first group of OMNIBUS stu-

dents, the Online Multi-degrees in National and International Business program that is a collaboration between Schoolcraft College and Madonna University. OMNIBUS students earn

three degrees in four years, all online, in one of the few completely online multi-degree programs in the country.

"When OMNIBUS came along, it was a blessing," said Mammel, a senior recruiter for an automotive engineering consulting firm who lives in Livonia.

"I will be 50 this month, and I need to do this quickly. A person's work life is only so long. That's why OMNIBUS appealed to me," Mammel added that she can get her degree, and "do something with it."

The 19 OMNIBUS students received their associate degrees from Schoolcraft College in May and are on to Madonna University where they will earn a bachelor's degree in November 2000 and a master's degree in July 2001. Even though OMNIBUS is an accelerated curriculum, all 19 placed on the Schoolcraft dean's list.

OMNIBUS is designed for working adults without college degrees who have achieved a measure of success and made the decision to move forward in their careers. Students apply once, and the \$185 per credit tuition, including all fees, books and course materials, is guaranteed for four years, making the \$28,000 cost for three degrees an affordable prospect.

The 19 students in the first cohort average 35 to 40 years old and tend to be in middle management. Several have attended college, but because of families, transfers or other complications, do not have degrees. The majority of students in the second cohort work in the automotive industry, with wide experience in factory set ups and international business.

Kathleen Goncalves, another member of the first cohort, had 2-1/2 years of premed studies

when she decided to travel around the world instead. A Farmington Hills resident, she has worked for Northwest Airlines for 30 years and plans to seek a new career when she finishes OMNIBUS with her master's degree.

"For adult education, this is the wave of the future," Goncalves said of the online program. "A bachelor's degree is not the answer for a person who really wants to go far in her career. OMNIBUS gets a person from step A to step Z, and when you leave the program, you have your master's."

"This is a very intelligent program Schoolcraft and Madonna have put together, and the people involved have been dedicated to making it work well."

OMNIBUS students do their work, their team projects and communication online. The program stresses core business skills, information retrieval from electronic as well as traditional sources, skills in managing work using information technology, teamwork skills and global management and leadership skills. The work is divided into three 12-week terms and one four-week intersession, with no classes in August and December.

OMNIBUS student Oliver Bosnjakovski, a software/network engineer, travels and spends late hours at work to finish projects.

"Because of work, I probably would miss most of the classes if I had to show up on campus," he said. "Usually I am so exhausted from work, I wouldn't want to sit in a classroom for several hours. To a point, OMNIBUS lets me set my own schedule and pace."

Bosnjakovski said going online also means more interaction than in a traditional classroom. "In most classrooms, only a few students participate and the rest listen," he said. "OMNIBUS makes everyone interact with

each other. I know I am much more active and learn more in this environment."

As for being distracted by hearth and home, Bosnjakovski said it doesn't happen.

"Would I rather be stuck in a classroom in the middle of summer looking out the window, or would I rather be home, relaxed, with my books in front of me? The answer is obvious."

Of course, not everything happens online. Mammel said she made sure she got everyone's phone number at orientation, and she has formed a support group with other students who talk on the phone almost daily. When some students had trouble with algebra, Schoolcraft provided tutoring help, and they traveled to the campus twice a week for assistance.

The tutor made sure the OMNIBUS students understood how they got answers to the algebra problems they received online.

Jeanne Bonner, Schoolcraft associate dean for liberal arts, independent and distance learning, said often course work is integrated so that, as an example, students taking political science, economics and statistics courses might work on one project for all three classes, perhaps examining a political science topic from statistical and economic points of view.

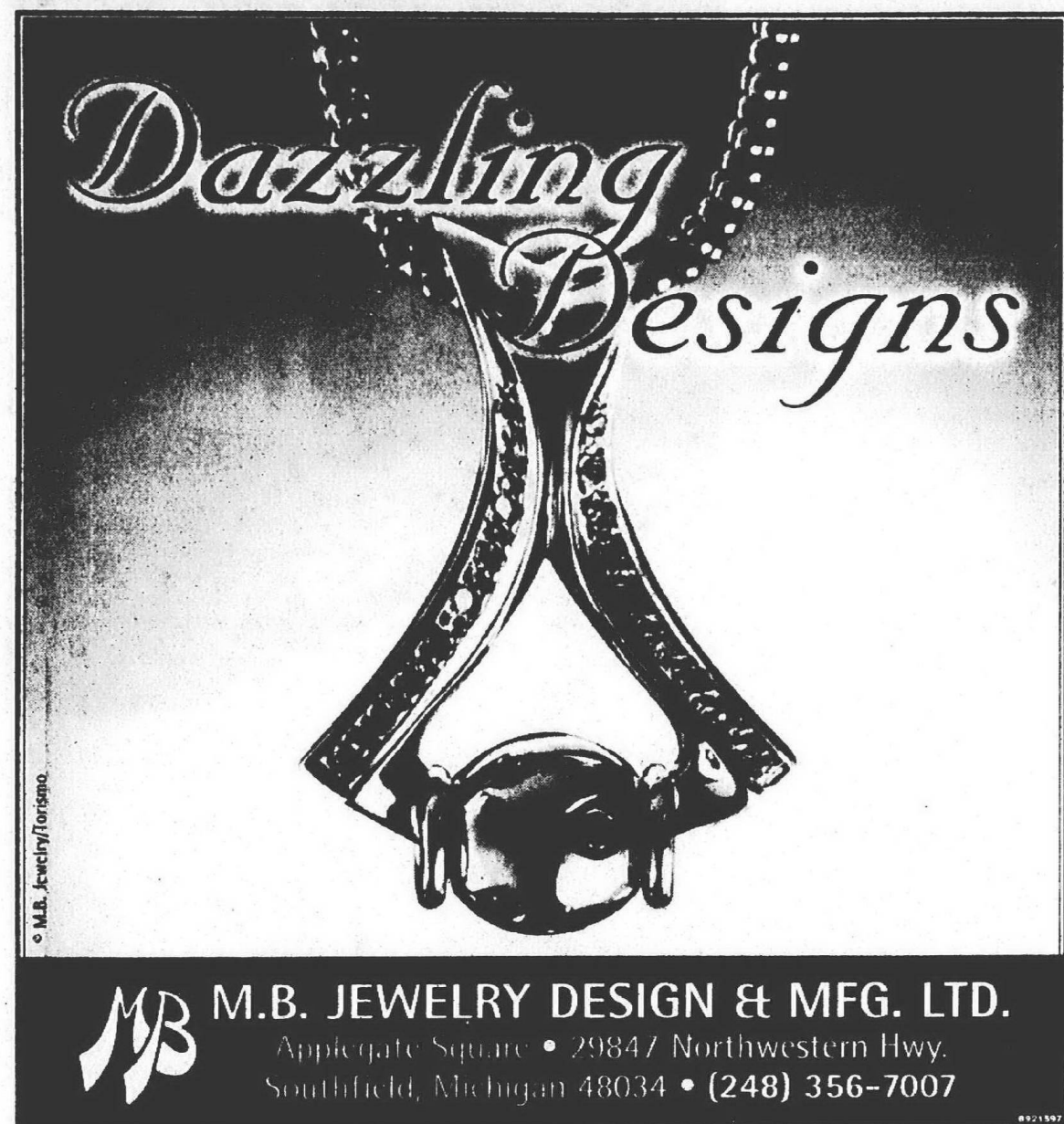
"Everyone has to participate online, so everyone has to consider each other's ideas," said Bonner. "Some employers give our students permission to do classwork from their office after work. We encourage the students to go outside traditional lines and explore the Web. Last spring in art appreciation, they took a virtual tour of the Louvre and other world-class museums."

Planning for OMNIBUS began in 1995 with representatives of both schools, and the curriculum they developed meets both schools' requirements. There are monthly meetings with all faculty and staff.

Bonner said the biggest challenge has been to help faculty rethink a traditional 16-week course into a 12-week online interactive learning experience.

Applications currently are being accepted for the fall term, which begins with orientation the weekend of Sept. 11-12.

For more information about the OMNIBUS program, call (734) 462-4599.



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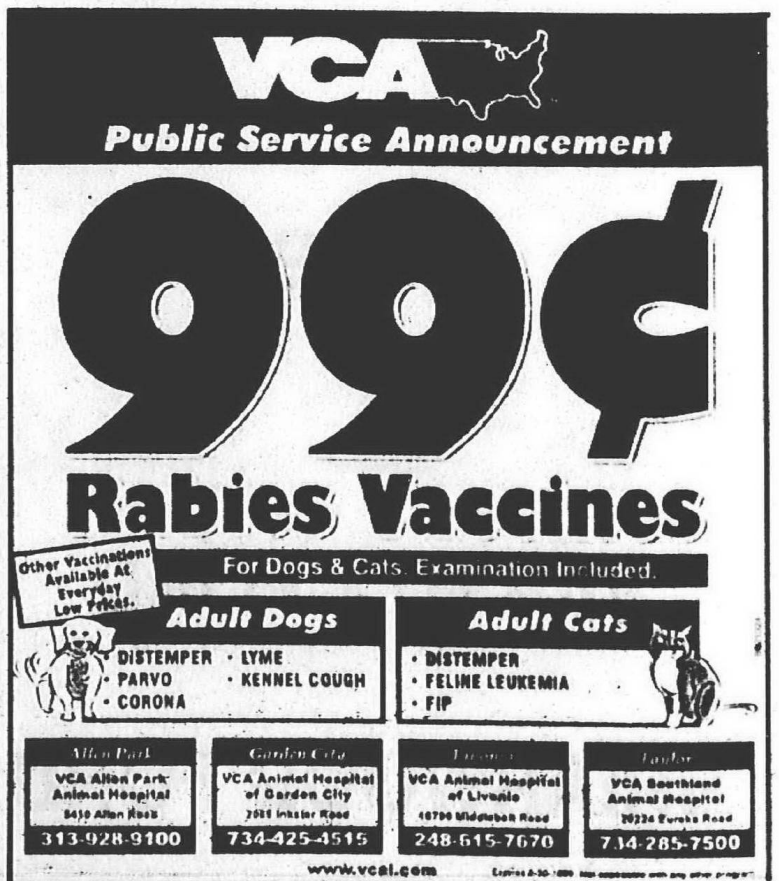
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Engler, local road agencies square off on road priorities

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The state Legislature's effort to rewrite Public Act 51, the law that details how roads taxes are divided up, is rapidly turning into a showdown between local road agencies and Gov. John Engler.

A coalition of local agencies — represented by the County Road Association of Michigan, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Public Transit Association and the 3-C Transportation Planning Director's Association — presented recommendations to the state's Transportation Funding Study Committee Thursday, Sept. 2. The coalition was quickly labeled by committee members as "the Band of Six."

And the proposals were not well received.

"I'm disappointed that the Band of Six has endorsed the status quo. You don't do your members any favors endorsing a formula that takes in \$1.7 billion to the Michigan Transportation Fund and nets out \$1.38 billion," Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Jackson, a member of study committee, said. "If you are going to endorse the status quo, why are you wasting our time? Embracing the status quo is unacceptable. What we need to be doing is developing a new transportation formula."

The criticism was echoed by Greg Rosine, spokesman for the Engler administration.

"This governor will not accept the status quo," he said. "He will



Gov. John Engler

not accept a proposal that nibbles around the edges but does not add strategic investment in our roads. It's irresponsible."

Local agencies weren't happy with the response.

"I'm a little surprised," said Craig Bryson of the Oakland County Road Commission. "I think Sen. Hoffman sold the proposal a little short. There are new ideas in there, but they were also designed not to incite disagreement. Before we go making changes to the formula, we need to do an objective, scientific needs study."

Local road agencies are calling for the study to document the road improvements needed on all roads — state, county and local. They argue that Act 51 has never before been amended without first conducting a needs study.

But the Michigan Department

of Transportation and the administration oppose a needs study, "probably because they know it would show needs on local road which the MDOT would prefer to ignore," Bryson said.

Not so, according to Gary Naeyaert, director of communications for the MDOT. The only thing a needs study will show, he says, is the need for more taxes.

"What we need is a prioritized investment strategy for the money we have," Naeyaert argued. "We agree there is not enough money to satisfy the needs, wants and desires of everyone in the state, but we have \$600 million in new dollars that we have just started collecting from the 4-cent gas tax increase ... That increase passed — let me do the math — with zero votes to spare in the Legislature. This governor is not going to accept another gas tax increase."

Naeyaert said: "All a study will do is create this massive Christmas list of 'needs' and show that more money is needed to meet them. It will show we have \$10 gazillion in needs, but we only have \$4 gazillion in funding."

And so it goes, on nearly every point, with local agencies butting heads with the Engler administration, as the state tries to rewrite its road finance formula. First passed in 1951, Public Act 51 specifies that the Michigan Transportation Fund is to be divided so that 39.1 percent goes to the state, 39.1 percent goes to counties and 21.8 percent goes to cities and villages. The formula has seen no end to controversy

as local agencies and the MDOT have jostled the amount of money necessary to maintain and improve their assigned roads.

To force a resolution, the Legislature voted to let Act 51 expire. The date has changed several times, but currently it is due to expire in September 2000. In response, Engler appointed a nine-member study committee including Hoffman, Sen. Joseph Young, Jr., D-Detroit, Rep. Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, and Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne.

Also on the panel are Sam Hart, a resident of Livonia and the business manager of the International Union of Operating Engineers; Robert Hetzler of Bay City; Jordan Tatter of Watervliet; Richard White, Corporate Council of AAA Michigan; and Bob Welke, an independent engineer.

Welke, who is the panel's chairman, said he wants to have recommendations for revisions to Act 51 in draft form early in October.

But the committee is getting 'way ahead of itself, according to Ron DeCook, deputy director of

the County Road Association of Michigan. The MDOT jumped the gun a few meetings back when it submitted a list of recommendations to the study committee. The list of recommendations drafted by the local road agencies is largely in response to that, DeCook explained.

"I don't think our recommendations are an endorsement of the status quo," Jim Miller of the Michigan Farm Bureau said. "They are reactive to what we have heard in the past few months, particularly from the MDOT."

"This is not a status-quo proposal," Dan Gilmartin of the Michigan Municipal League agreed. "The edges they say we are nibbling around look more like cliffs to some of us ... It's irresponsible to offer changes without a clear vision of the needs. It's important to do the study."

Other issues in dispute are: ■ A proposal by local agencies that recognition be given that "all roads are equal."

"At some point, you have to get off that state highway and use county and local roads to get

where you are going," DeCook said. "I think to residents of the state, it is important that all those roads be in good condition."

Responds Naeyaert: "Clearly, not all roads are equal." The MDOT wants the function and utility of a road, as well as traffic counts to be accounted for in the formula. The MDOT has jurisdiction of only a small percentage of the state's roadways, but since those roads are expressways and highways, they carry the lion's share of traffic. Function and traffic counts are not currently considered in the formula, he said.

■ Local agencies called for an increase in diesel taxes to match the tax currently applies to gasoline sales. "That's a chump change," said Naeyaert. The MDOT wants the increase applied to commercial trucks as well.

■ The MDOT wants to require that local partnerships end differences in how municipalities treat roads within their jurisdictions. Local agencies say they are cooperating now and the MDOT should stay out of it.

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Inline hockey isn't just a street sport anymore

BY SCOTT NEINAS
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He shoots, he scores, he dodges a car. Parking lots, parks and side streets are all witness to one of the nation's most rapidly growing sports, inline hockey.

Once considered a novelty sport, inline hockey now boasts a professional league shown on cable television's ESPN2 and a national team that plays in international tournaments.

Though it may have a ways to go before it reaches "major sport" status, there's no arguing the point it's one of the most popular street sports played by kids.

"It's proven to be very popular," said Bob Dates, recreation supervisor for Canton Township. "You can see for yourself, they're playing every day and every night at our parks."

Freedom Park and Barchester Park both have roller hockey "courts," which consist of special surfaces for skating, goal lines and boundary markers.

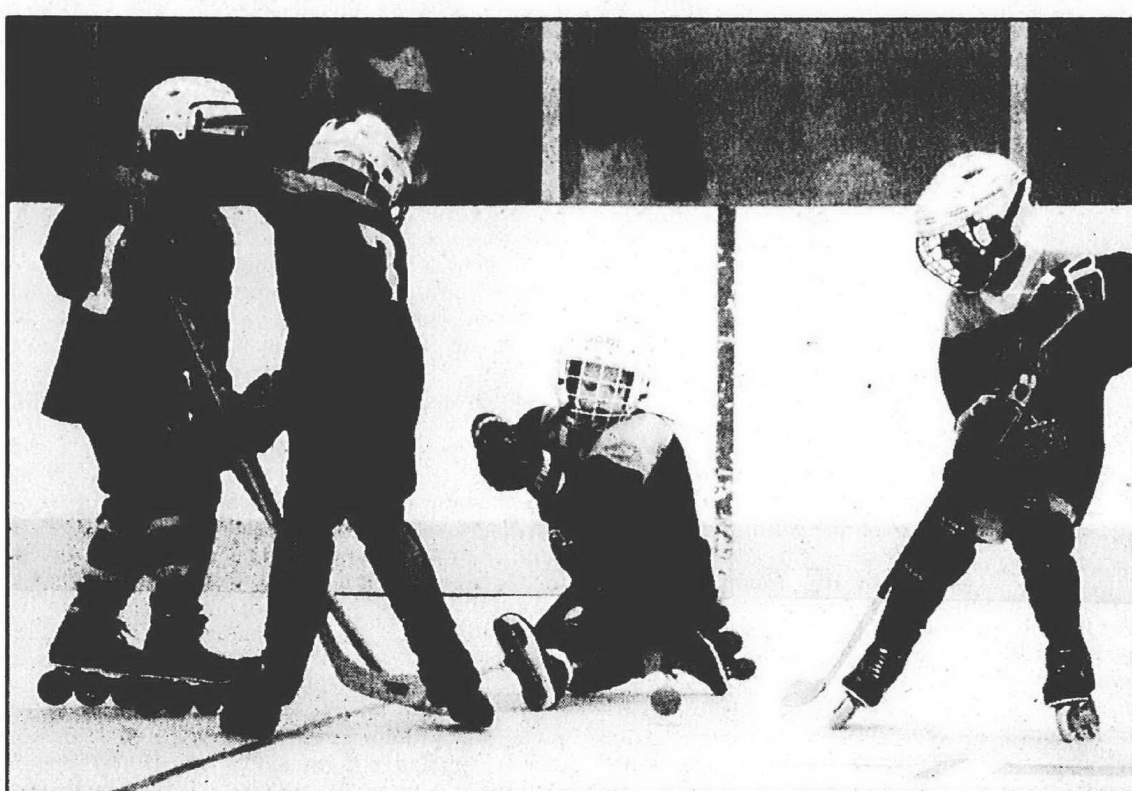
Dates recounted that when Freedom Park was in its earliest planning stages, building a roller hockey area was one of the top priorities.

"It was obvious to us that inline hockey was a growing sport. We wanted to make sure we could accommodate the community's desire to play," Dates said, adding that his department has budgeted money for boards to be installed at Freedom Park next year.

For more organized play, Canton has two indoor venues that hold roller hockey leagues and tournaments.

Linda Jozefczak, manager of Michigan Dek Hockey on Michigan Avenue near Canton Center Road, has seen firsthand how the sport intrigues young skaters.

"We had an ice hockey team playing in one of our 12-and-under inline leagues. Before the season ended, three of the players converted to inline hockey for good."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

He shoots: Inline hockey popularity has gone from the street to the arena. Michigan Dek Hockey on Michigan Avenue near Canton Center offers league play. Canton Township also has several outdoor "courts" at Freedom and Barchester parks, which consist of special surfaces for skating, goal lines and boundary markers.

"They're not going back (to ice hockey)."

Travis Jozefczak, Linda's eight-year-old son, is part of a generation that grew up playing hockey on wheels.

After leading his team to a lopsided victory at a recent league game, Jozefczak said he ice skates "sometimes" but has never played ice hockey.

■ Inline hockey's rapid growth can be attributed to its accessibility. Anyone with a cheap pair of skates and a stick can play.

Does he want to?

"Not really," he said.

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"You can play in a driveway, cul-de-sac, any place where there's smooth pavement," Jozefczak said. "The kids, when they arrive here for their league games, they show up in their skates because they just came from playing at home."

Charles Williams, a seven year old in the same league as Travis, said when he's not playing at the rink he plays in his neighborhood in Canton "until it's dark."

Adults too, are joining in the fun.

Dave Jackson, hockey manager at Canton's Skatin' Station 11 at Joy and Haggerty Road, says inline hockey is perfect for adults who like hockey but have never played.

"It's a beginner's sport," Jackson said. "A majority, 75 percent, of the skaters that come here had no prior hockey experience in terms of organized leagues."

Jackson plays in an advanced league and also referees games. He started playing five years ago when his brother bought The Skatin' Station.

"It keeps me in shape...I'm not one of the ones out for blood, I'm much older," said Jackson, 31.

Asked how he keeps up with 18-year-olds who have been playing all their lives Jackson replied, "I don't. I'm a defenseman."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday August 31, 1999 at 1150 South Canton Center Road, in the Public Safety Administration Building. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to move to a closed session at 6:11 P.M. for the discussion of pending litigation. All ayes present.

ROLL CALL - Closed and Open Sessions

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present - Closed session: Durack

Staff Present - Open session: Durack, Santomauro, Golles, Kucka

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to return to an open session at 7:01 P.M. All ayes present. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

ITEM 1: PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Presentations were given on Employee Development System (EDS) and Professional Standards. EDS is a evaluation tool used to establish accountability, enhancing service to the community by recognizing and rewarding good performance, identified deficiencies and establishes direction for the public safety department. Professional Standards are the conscientious ethical choices that the organization has chosen to use as models or choices for employee and organizational development.

Director Santomauro explained a proposed plan and partnership with Schoolcraft College to Enhance the Public Safety Service Officer position. The enhanced program would allow for guaranteed advancement of qualifications for employment with the opportunity to attend college while working full time as a PSSO. At a point in the program, an individual would qualify for a partial tuition reimbursement program. The Director of Public Safety also is attempting to define a merit system for police personnel creating a higher police officer classification.

ITEM 2: DISCUSSION OF THE GILMORE HOUSE

Director Durack gave a background on the purchase of property located on Ridge Road, north of Ford Road. Consideration was given as to what to do with the historic homestead located on the northeast corner of the property. The building department will be directed to assess the condition of the home. Resource Development will draft a proposal to offer the site to the public for a possible rehabilitation project.

Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 9:45 P.M.

The above is a synopsis of discussion taken at the Regular Board meeting held on August 31, 1999. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on September 14, 1999.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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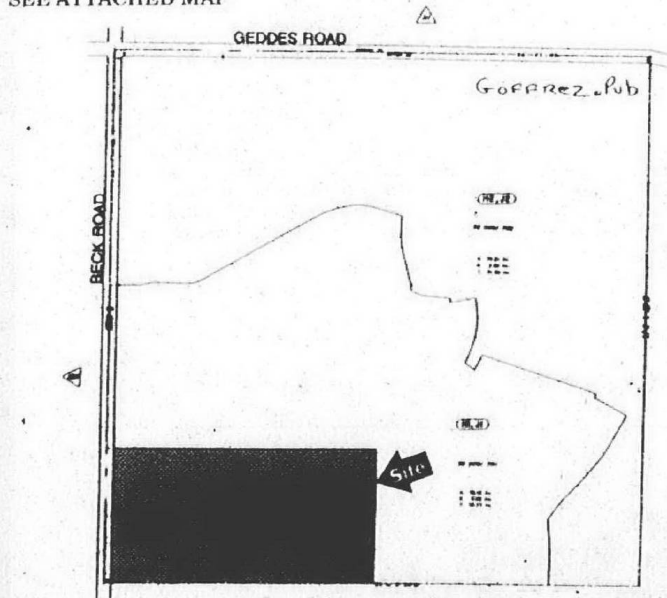
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 4, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GOFF/JOHNSON REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 130 99 0003 000, 130 99 0004 000, AND 139 99 0005 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the east side of Beck Road between Geddes Road and Michigan Avenue.

SEE ATTACHED MAP



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, September 30, 1999, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Antique show returns to the Novi Expo

One of the Midwest's finest antiques shows returns to the Novi Expo Center Sept. 10-12.

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collectibles and vintage decorator items for every taste and budget. Exhibits will include fine art glass and pottery, antique furniture, fine estate gems and jewelry and countless other items presented by dealers

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The Novi Expo Center is located just off I-96 at Exit 162, one mile west of I-696 and I-275. Show hours are 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Weekend admission is \$6, with parking and children 16 and under free. Call (248) 348-5600 for additional information or directions to the Expo Center.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Canton, in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program regulations' subparagraph 65.7(b)(1), hereby gives notice of the Township's intent to revise floodway along the Willow Creek, specifically a section of the creek east of Haggerty Road and north of Ford Road, and adjacent to the Willow Train Subdivision. The floodway for Willow Creek in this area will decrease 0.1 feet. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Canton Township Public Works, (734) 397-5405, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

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ADVERTISEMENT TO BID CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 23, 1999, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following:

STRAIGHT RAIL AIR EXHAUST SYSTEM

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the name, address and telephone number of the Company/Person submitting the bid, and the name of the bid, bid opening date and time. Specifications are available in the Finance & Budget Department. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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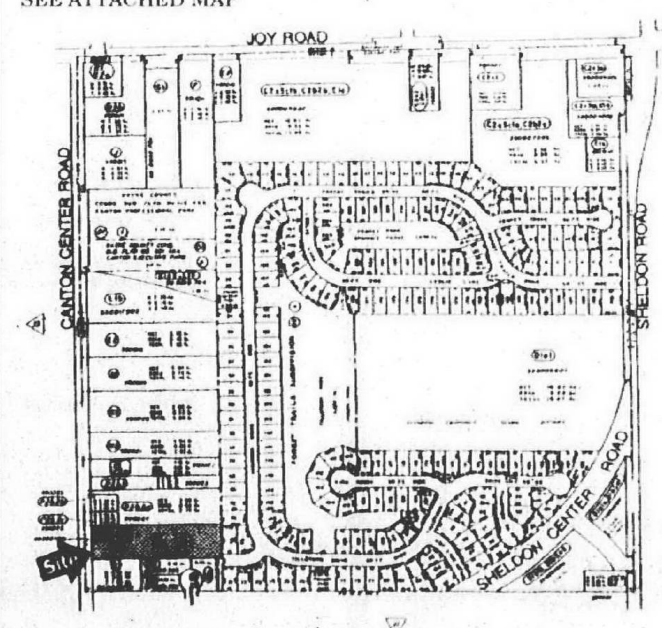
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FOEGE REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 010 99 0027 0001 AND 010 99 0027 002 FROM R-5, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO O-1, OFFICE. Property is located on the east side of Canton Center Road between Joy and Sheldon Center Roads.

SEE ATTACHED MAP



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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David Medley
ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton
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(734) 397-5435

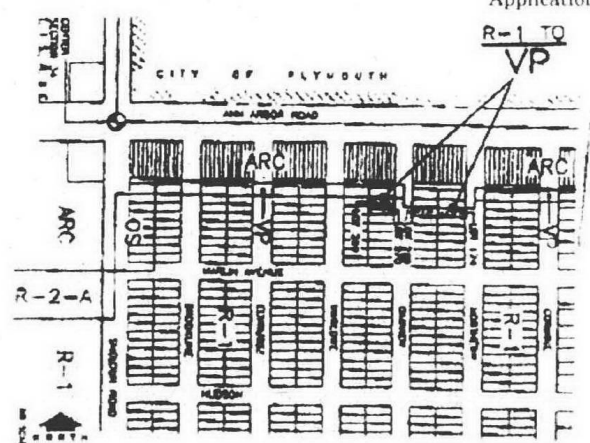
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: R-1, Single Family Residential
TO REZONE TO: VP, Vehicular Parking
DATE OF HEARING: August 18, 1999
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Trail
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1, "Single Family Residential" District, to VP, "Vehicular Parking". Containing 0.55 acres, more or less.

Application #1591



LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lots 174, 265, 269, and 270 including vacated Oakview R.O.W. Wide Green Meadows Subdivision, T 1 S., R 8 E., Plymouth Township, Liber 61 Page 94, Wayne County.

ORDINANCE NO. 83 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 112 PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON
EFFECTIVE DATE

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (734) 453-3840 X 201. TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary
Planning Commission

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OBITUARIES

DONIA M. LAFAVE

Services for Donia M. Lafave, 80, Plymouth were Sept. 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Felix A. Lorenz, Jr. officiating. Burial was in West Mount Cemetery, Taylor.

He was born Jan. 27, 1919 in Flint. He died Sept. 2 in Superior Township. He worked for McLouth Steel for 30 years. He came to the Plymouth Community 14 years ago from Romulus. He attended the Lutheran Church and was a former member of the Moose Lodge in Trenton. At one time he served in the Merchant Marines.

Survivors include his wife, Majorie of Plymouth; four children, Ruth Ann Spearman of South Lyon, Sally Martin of Wayne, Debra (Daniel) Trampuh of Minnesota, Michael (Patty) LaFave of Arizona; special friend, Marshall Grace of Wayne; sister, Eleanor Oglesby of Kentucky; one brother, Walter Tank of Arizona; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

BENJAMIN A. PERUSKI

Services for Benjamin A. Peruski, 74, of South Lyon (formerly of Plymouth) were Sept. 1 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon with Father Kenneth Chase. Burial was in South Lyon Cemetery, South Lyon.

He was born Jan. 17, 1925 in Parisville, Mich. He died Aug. 28 at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. He retired from Ford Motor Co. He was a usher at St. Joseph Catholic Church, a member of South Lyon Seniors, V.F.W. Post 5740, Parisville, Mich., and the UAW Executive Board Local 36.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers; and one sister. Survivors include his wife, Alice E.; one daughter, Pat (Randy) of Salem; one son, Larry (Janet) of Canton; one brother, Stanley Peruski of Harbor Beach; three sisters, Ruth Grifka of Warren, Agnes Ertmann of Sterling Heights, Mayme Hill of Ruth, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church Expansion Fund, 810 South Lafayette, South Lyon, MI.

Local arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., Northville.

GERALD M. ULBRICH

Services for Gerald M. Ulbrich, 70, of Canton were Sept. 3 in Risen Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. David W. Martin. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

He was born March 26, 1929 in Detroit. He died Aug. 31 in Superior Township. He was a supervisor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin Martin and Florence Ulbrich. Survivors include his wife, Carol A. Ulbrich of Canton; three daughters, Kathy (David) Alderman of Plainwell, Linda (Michael) Brown of Canton, Anita (Nigel)

Dunning of Jerome; one son, Timothy (Leslie) Hagerty of Phoenix, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate Inc., 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48075-3680 or to Trinity Lutheran Church, 706 SW 6th Ave., Cape Coral, Fla. 33991.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

GISELA MCCABE

Services for Gisela McCabe, 67, of Farmington Hills were Sept. 2 in the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills with Father Norbert Kendzierski officiating. Burial was in Pine Lake Cemetery, West Bloomfield.

She was born in East Prussia. She died on Aug. 30 in Farmington Hills. She was on the Board of Trustee's Farmington Community Library. She was a member at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville, a member of Oakland Bar Association, participant in golf tournaments throughout the world. She graduated from law school in 1971. She was admitted to the bar association in 1971.

She enjoyed, golf, gardening, swimming, bridge, birds and socializing.

Memorials may be made to the Farmington Community Library.

CONSTANCE KOSTIN

Services for Constance Kostin, 83, of Plymouth were Sept. 4 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

She was born Feb. 18, 1916 in Detroit. She died Sept. 1 in Dearborn. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her four sons, John (Marilyn) Kostin of Kalamazoo, Richard (Pat) Kostin of Milford, William (Donna) A. Kostin of Plymouth, Alan Kostin of Battle Creek; one daughter, Joan (John) Kiefer of Livonia; one sister, Bernice Seirs of Royal Oak; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made as mass offerings.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

DONNA J. WOOD

Services for Donna J. Wood, 56, of Plymouth were Sept. 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born Sept. 21, 1942 in Detroit. She died Aug. 30 in Zion, Ill. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community from Westland 10 years ago. She was a member of the Tri-City Art Club in Plymouth. She loved painting, playing the piano, gardening and politics. She graduated from Thurston High School in Redford Township.

Survivors include her husband, John W. of Plymouth; two sons, Christopher of Plymouth, Gregory of Plymouth; one sister, Debbie (Bob) Stoltman of Milford; and one brother, Ray (Darlene) Havlena of Dearborn Heights.

JOHN C. WILLIS

Services for John C. Willis, 75, of Jupiter, Fla. will be at noon Tuesday, Sept. 28 at the Northville United Methodist Church with the Rev. Douglas Vernon officiating.

He was born in Northville. He died July 15 in Palm Beach County. He was an engineer with Ford Motor for 30 years, retiring in 1981. He is a former P.O.W. and Purple Heart recipient. He served in the U.S. Army and had fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jack Willis, Jr. Survivors include his wife, Betty Jean Willis; three daughters, Judith (Walter) Palmer of Stuart, Vicki Junod-Wackeen and Tom Wackeen of Stuart, Lisa (Richard) Rappa of Jupiter; one and daughter-in-law, Terry (Valerie) Junod of Plymouth; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

MARY "BLONDIE" WASYLENKO

Services for Mary "Blondie" Wasylenko, 76, of Canton will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church in Yonkers, NY with the Rev. Yaroslav Sudic, D.D. officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY.

She was born Dec. 30, 1922 in Yonkers, N.Y. She died Sept. 3 in Wayne. She lived most of her life there until she moved in later years to live with her daughter Barbara and her husband Bill in Canton. While she was living in Canton, she donated her time crocheting lap robes

for the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Dialysis Unit. She retired from Technicon Corp., Yonkers, N.Y. after 20 years of service as an auditor. She was a member of St. Paul Macedonian Cathedral in Dearborn Heights.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore. Survivors include her two daughters, Barbara (William) Frenchek of Canton, Diana (John) Bendel of Boston; one grandson, William Michael (Kerri) Frenchek of Ann Arbor; and one great-granddaughter, Alyson Juliana Frenchek.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Dialysis Unit in memory of Mary "Blondie" Wasylenko.

Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

BARRY H. ALFORD

Services for Barry H. Alford, 80, of Portage, Mich. (formerly of Plymouth) will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10 at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Visitation will be held from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born Aug. 22, 1919 in Ypsilanti. He died Sept. 6 in Portage. He was a graduate of Wayne State University Medical School in 1950 and opened a family practice in Plymouth. He retired in 1978. He was an Army veteran of World War II serving in both the European and Pacific theaters. He was a member of the A.M.A. and enjoyed photography, model railroading and gardening.

He was preceded in death by

his wife, Nadine. Survivors include his former wife, Ruth Ellen MacFarlane of Mass City, Mich.; five children, Peter (Evelyn) Alford of Oregon, Richard Alford of Oregon, Michael (Nancy) Alford of Portage, Thomas Alford of Ypsilanti, Janet Alford of Colorado; four step-children, Jennifer (Dennis) Davidson of North Carolina, Janice (Larry) Ritterbush of Nebraska, Laura LaRouque of Royal Oak, Lisa (Todd) Jochim of Texas; and two sisters, Nancy (Robert) Weiskopf of Conn., Elizabeth Alford of Alaska.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association or the Hospice of Greater Kalamazoo.

MADELINE KENTER

Services for Madeline Kenter, 77, of Canton were Sept. 8 in Santeu Chapel, Garden City with the Rev. Robert McDonald of Fair Haven Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born July 3, 1922 in Rogersville, Ala. She died Sept. 5 in Superior Township. She was a seamstress.

Survivors include her daughter, Diana (David) Makulski; two sisters, Zadie Beavers, Leadie May Tate; one granddaughter, Michelle (Robert) Church; two grandsons, David Jr. (Trista) Makulski, Bradley Makulski; one great-grandchild, Jordan Nicole; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association or to Michigan Humane Society.

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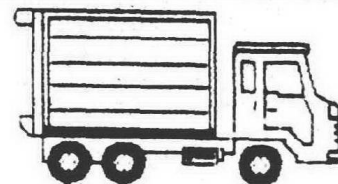
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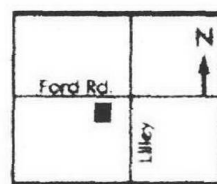
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794 SOUTH MAIN, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1999

Glass houses A new haven for politicians

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. And when it comes to politics, almost everyone lives in a glass house. Ask Plymouth City Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury.

The boomerang came back to hit Shrewsbury in the noggin after he penned a letter to 7,000 residents last week attacking commission hopeful Sally Repeck and her husband, Community Crier publisher Ed Wendover, for owing the city \$49,000 in back taxes and unpaid water bills.

He further alleged that Repeck, as chairwoman of the Downtown Development Authority, awarded a \$20,000 no-bid printing contract to her husband, also owner of Comma Graphics.

It didn't take long before we learned that Shrewsbury himself owed the city back taxes amounting to \$2,229.93 for his 1998 and 1999 property taxes. He has since paid the taxes.

He should be disgraced that he has governed the city for the past two years while racking up a \$2,229.93 debt to the city. He should be even more ashamed of making accusations against someone all the while being guilty of the same offense.

Shrewsbury claimed it was an oversight — that his misdeeds aren't as bad as someone who repeatedly is three years behind and pays only to keep his property from being sold in a tax sale. We disagree. You can't split hairs over technicalities when it comes to paying taxes. It's quite simple: It's the law.

How can a person be regarded as a city leader and be responsible for a multi-million dollar budget to which he or she is indebted? In our opinion, Repeck should politely bow out of the race.

Shrewsbury was right when he told a reporter: "I'm embarrassed, to say the least" upon learning of his debt.

It's a total embarrassment. The letter he sent to voters attacking Repeck for unpaid taxes brings city politics to a new low. In fact, the subject was reportedly the topic of a sermon at Our Lady of Good Counsel on Sunday.

However, the Observer believes that paying taxes on time is a basic qualification needed to run for elected office.

It's not a character issue like having used drugs in the past or having extramarital sexual relations.

It's the law. How can a person be regarded as a city leader and be responsible for a multi-million dollar budget when he or she is in debt to that city? In our opinion, Repeck should politely bow out of the race.

There are 7,000 other residents — and seven other commission hopefuls — who work hard, pay their taxes and obey the law. They should be mad as hell. We certainly are.

Tired of utility disaster mode

It's become the summertime routine around here the last few years. The minute the winds begin to pick up and the skies darken, grab your flashlight and your battery-powered radio — you're going to need them. Scattered power outages during thunderstorms or other tumultuous weather are understandable. Tree branches do come down, sometimes taking overhead power lines with them.

Edison officials, who have tracked the weather, note that nine storms over the last 14 months in metro Detroit included winds that were clocked at 60-85 mph, as opposed to a total of six in the five years before that.

But outages in western Wayne and southern Oakland counties are becoming the norm, not the exception. And not all of them are storm-related. That has us concerned. So does the response of Detroit Edison to its customers.

Most of the utility's recent public relations campaign alternates between invocation of the old "Act of God" clause with pleas for customers to dial up that thermostat while doing the laundry and other electricity-sapping chores at odd hours. Sounds kind of shallow if you're rooting around a musty cellar trying to stay cool — as many area residents have been in recent months.

Sections of Livonia, Northville and Farmington Hills suffered repeated outages throughout July and early August. In Redford Township, a July 30 transformer explosion sprayed mineral oil over the backyard and into the home of Dean and Cheryl Bessega. The Bessega's 6-year-old daughter was using a swingset underneath the transformer moments before it exploded and the family was concerned about PCB contamination,

although the utility said it hasn't used the chemical in its transformers since the mid-1980s.

Edison cited overloaded circuits due to heavy air conditioner use for the Redford incident. In Northville, utility officials say older equipment, along with birds and squirrels who gnaw on power lines as contributing factors.

Ron May, Detroit Edison regional vice president for energy delivery and service, said the utility will spend \$450 million to \$500 million on maintenance and system improvements during 1999, consistent with its expenditures of the last several years. That figure includes \$40 million for tree trimming, \$6 million more than last year.

Edison maintains it is doing a better-than-adequate job of keeping the power flowing, pointing out that it finished 11th in a 1998 survey of 41 electric utilities in that area. Edison customers suffered an average of 1.01 interruptions (outages of five minutes or longer) last year, according to the survey.

"There were no outages reported for better than 50 percent of our customers," May said. Still, May concedes that 9,000-10,000 residential and business customers — those with repeat outage problems — have a right to complain. "They have a legitimate right to say 'I deserve better than this,'" he said.

Given the older nature of many area subdivisions, the Observer wonders if the utility is doing enough to keep the system viable, especially while it still possesses a near monopoly on service. If burying lines underground isn't the answer — and Edison maintains it isn't — then what is? We're tired of seeing a utility that goes into "disaster mode" every summer.

GEORGE BROOKS



LETTERS

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Citizens forgotten in process

The city commission meeting on Monday, Aug. 16, was very interesting. Many residents had received a flier from the union representing the police dispatchers, citing multiple concerns regarding the joint dispatch agreement between the city and the township and they came to this meeting in droves. In my many months of attending these meetings, I had never seen the room so full.

The vast majority of citizens in attendance expressed their dismay over the joint dispatch agreement and indicated they would be more willing to pay higher taxes in order to retain dispatch in the City of Plymouth. Many also stated that they knew nothing of this agreement until they received the above noted flier. The debate got heated at times and lasted well over an hour.

I feel that the joint dispatch agreement is just a symptom of a larger problem. This problem being the city's much publicized financial deficit which has forced the city to look for less expensive options to provide services. It appears to me that the (also well-publicized) personality conflicts of our current commission have detracted them from representing us adequately. These conflicts have superseded adequate monitoring of spending and budgetary constraints. It seems the commission has been so self-involved, trying to assuage the infighting, they have forgotten the citizens who elected them into office.

However, I must commend Commissioners Shrewsbury, Green and Loiselle for listening to the public's outpouring of sentiment against the joint dispatch agreement at Monday's meeting, and attempting to table this issue to a later date. Unfortunately, Commissioner Shrewsbury's motion to table this issue was not accepted and the agreement was passed on Monday evening.

We, as residents of the city, must make the time to be informed of the topic and be involved in the process. Decisions that are made at these meeting directly affect every one of us. I implore more residents to read the local paper and attend these commission meetings to ensure that all of our best interests are taken into consideration when decisions are made.

Michele R. Potter
Plymouth

Decision was poor

The Sunday, Aug. 22, edition of the Observer quotes Mark Horvath as stating, "I think it would violate the public trust not to build the new school at the corner of Joy/Beck." However, after reading the Observer article on Thursday, Aug. 19, concerning the site issue, it appears that the school board members voted for the Beck/Joy site without complete and accurate data and information. That violates my trust!

I assume elected board officials thoroughly research and analyze all critical data and information before making such decisions. Obviously that was not the case. Negative impact on efficiency of operations and increased costs are, in my opinion, vital components of any long-term decision regarding optimal site location.

The board is charged with making prudent decisions in the best interest of students and the community. The board appears to have fallen far short of this responsibility.

Mary Ellen Gier
Canton

Senior center needed

My wife and I just moved into Plymouth to be near our children and grandchildren. In the short time we have lived here we find it is beautiful place to live. The only problem I have is that there is no place for senior citizens to socialize. Where we lived before in Lexington, Michigan, a small town of about 700 persons — we had a senior center which was in use every weekday.

In Westland, Livonia and in Canton there are very nice places for seniors but as outsiders Plymouth residents can not share in all of the activities there. I have inquired about senior activities through the staff at the cultural center here in Plymouth but was told the best they could offer would be a room to meet in but each person would have to pay about \$2 each time they attended any get-together. I think it would be nice if the city could provide a place where seniors could meet for cards and coffee every weekday.

Norm Brown
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We asked kids who attended the Kinder-Musik program held at the Coffee Bean in Plymouth

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LETTERS

Disappointed in choice

I am a teacher and alumnus of Plymouth-Salem High School. However, I am writing you this letter as a parent, a long-time committee member and a taxpayer. When I learned of the decision to place the new high school on the west end of the property at Joy and Beck roads, I was deeply disappointed. I believe that I understand why this decision was made. Several board members felt that they would be betraying the voters by changing the location from what was originally planned. However, I believe that the betrayal is far more severe when they choose to spend our money, reportedly \$300,000 annually, to bus students from one school to another rather than simply building the new facilities within walking distance of the existing buildings.

Several weeks ago, I had the opportunity to attend the board meeting in which the high school administrators presented the many reasons why they supported the new building being located within walking distance of the other high school buildings. The placement of the building on the west site will effectively limit our student's choices beyond the core curriculum. In addition, it would be irresponsible for the board to spend taxpayer money so unnecessarily.

My primary concern is that when this building is built, the district will not be able to afford to operate the facility. I urge the board members to reconsider their decision and look out for the best interest of the community and especially the students. Certainly, those of us who work in these buildings would clearly understand the negative ramifications of placing the building on the western site. We only want equity and quality education for all of the Plymouth-Canton students.

Marybeth Turner
Plymouth-Salem English
Teacher

Disappointed in vote

Like the 2,500 others who have spoken, written and signed their names in favor of locating the new high school within walking distance of Salem and Canton. I am very disappointed by the votes cast at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting by Sue Davis, Judy Mardigan, Dar Watts, and Mark Slavens. By their action, they have demonstrated their profound disdain for taxpayers, their own employees and advisors, and most important of all, the children of our community.

The board was clearly informed by its own administration that by choosing to build the new school within walking distance of other schools, the community would avoid permanent transportation and related costs totaling a minimum of \$300,000 per year. Despite what the board itself says is the precarious financial situation of our district, Davis, Mardigan, Watts, and Slavens voted to commit to a completely unnecessary expenditure of funds that will provide our students with zero educational gain. What would \$300,000 per year buy? Each year, we could reduce class size by paying the salaries of up to 10 additional teachers. Each year, we could add 3,000 books to each of our three high school libraries. Each year, we could provide 150 students with a laptop computer. Each year, we could waive the \$750 pay-to-play fee for 200 student hockey players. As a teacher who struggles on a daily basis to provide the minimum in the way of materials for my students and to give each of them my maximum attention, it is impossible to understand how this board of education would support spending such a large sum of money that does not directly benefit students.

At the August 17 workshop meeting the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Pat O'Donnell and the high school administrative team presented over 100 pages of information on the effect of location on security, curriculum, cost, staffing, and other issues. The board learned that a west, or distant, site jeopardizes security by doubling the physical size of

What do you think?

Did the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education make the right decision in voting for the new high school site at Beck Road, near Joy, as promised before its 1997 bond vote, or does it make more economic sense to have all three high schools next to each other at the Park?

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the Park. Safety risks are multiplied by a fleet of shuttle buses moving each hour of the day. The board also learned that our curriculum will suffer serious damage. French and German could no longer be offered. Dozens of specialized courses with small enrollments would be eliminated. Mainstreaming options for special education students would be severely limited. Many of these programs represent the unique ability of the PCEP curriculum to precisely meet the educational goals of a wide range of students. The votes of Davis, Mardigan, Watts, and Slavens take that away.

At recent public board meetings the board has been clearly and strongly advised to choose the closer site by the interim superintendent, the assistant superintendents of instruction, the architect, both high school principal, all PCEP assistant principals, and dozens of representatives of the high school staff. At Tuesday's meeting the board heard from approximately 30 parents who, in eloquent and heartfelt words, also encouraged them to choose the east site. In previous months the board has been presented with petitions by PCEP parents (1,000 signatures), PCEP students (1,500 signatures), and PCEP teachers (140 signatures) urging a near site, too. Eighteen months ago the district's New High School Planning Committee made up of parents, teachers, support staff, community members, students, and administrators recommended a near site as well. Obviously Davis, Mardigan, Watts and Slavens believe they possess

greater wisdom than all these parents and students as well as all those who they employ to administer our schools and teach our children.

Board members Roland Thomas, Steve Guile, and Liz Givens are to be applauded for their support of the east site. They based their decision on present fiscal realities, an appreciation of the economy of scale sharing facilities can provide, and support for our curriculum. Unlike the others, they place a high value on the equal opportunity, diversity, and rich opportunities PCEP provides. Finally, they trusted the opinions of their advisors and listened to the voices of the community.

Today it is clear that the so-called promises that were made in the past were based on incorrect information and incomplete facts. For all the talk of credibility, how can taxpayers support any future bond vote when their money is being so recklessly mismanaged? For all the talk of ethics, how can a board of education call itself moral when it makes a choice against opportunity for children? I join others in urging Davis, Mardigan, Watts, and Slavens to reconsider their votes. It would be viewed as a sign of strength, not weakness.

Cynthia Burnstein
Plymouth

East vote was credible

After reading and re-reading your editorial "Doing the right thing," it saddens me to think of the future students who will have to attend PCEP-West. Those four board members and you have condemned those future students to a substandard building that will never have all the advantages of Salem and Canton High Schools. You ridicule the administration and teachers by calling them "self-serving." What ever happened to labels such as "doing one's job, dedication and going the extra mile." These are the labels that should be used for their tireless efforts working on committees to make this new school work. How frustrating it must be to have their

efforts ignored by the board and then held up to ridicule by you!

You obviously were not at the meeting. Or, if you were, you did not listen to the many concerned and dedicated employees who tried to point out to the board that the West site is not the best location both for the students and the district. Even the interim Superintendent, whom we are paying \$10,000 per month for his expertise, stated very clearly that the East site was the better of the two.

What you and those four board members keep forgetting is that the building in either location is still a separate building!

The location at the East site can be a win/win site for everyone. It's a separate building, thus reducing the number of students in each building. If it's closer to the existing buildings it will be easier for the "West" students to take classes at Salem and Canton. The East site will save operating costs no matter who runs the numbers.

The Board of Education has an obligation to operate the schools with a balanced budget. In the most recent past they have been able to put enough busses on the road, yet your position puts added strain on the bus system. They have not been able to maintain athletic facilities (i.e. tennis courts) yet your position puts the entire school budget at risk.

Yes, money matters. School board members Guile, Thomas and Givens understand their obligation to the parents, students and taxpayers with their very credible vote for the East site.

Jon Gary
Plymouth

CLARIFICATION

The identity of U-M Law School Dean Jeffrey Lehman was omitted from a commentary on race-based admission that appeared in last Thursday's Observer. Lehman argues that affirmative action programs are still needed in education. The Observer regrets the error.

School strike overwhelms Duggan's good works

It's the iron law in the news business: The good news always gets drowned out by the bad.

We saw a perfect example over the past week when the labor relations mess at the Detroit public schools made big news, while Wayne County Deputy Executive Mike Duggan's success in fixing up school buildings went largely unnoticed.

That's too bad, because Duggan and his team of volunteers deserve a big pat on the back for a job well done.

Back in May, David Adamany, the school system's interim superintendent, tapped Duggan to spearhead a program to repair and renovate 8,000 shabby, neglected classrooms in the district.

"Duggan has a long record for getting things done," said Adamany at the time, "and he gets them done right." Widely regarded as Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara's house pit bull, Duggan had a high profile in brokering the deal to build two stadiums in downtown Detroit and in the county's \$840 million agreement with Northwest Airlines to build the new midfield terminal at Metropolitan Airport.

But, clearly, this job was not going to be easy.

Leaky roofs, bathrooms without working toilets, broken windows, creaky floors and fallen ceilings all had contributed to the educational failure of a 182,000-student district where less than one third graduate after four years of high school. Years of financial mismanagement bordering on the criminal coupled with micro-meddling by the Detroit School Board, which coddled building contractors and custodial staff alike, created chaos in the management of the district's 263 buildings.

But Duggan quickly got to work, organized a top-flight team of volunteer managers and coordinators, and called on contractors throughout the region. Ninety-three buildings with serious roofing problems were repaired. Lockers and light fixtures were put in. More than 10,000 new toilets and bath roof fixtures were installed. Classroom doors were replaced and walls painted.

And by the time the school year was ready to start and contract negotiations between Adamany and the Detroit Federation of Teachers broke down, Duggan had completed the \$80 million job, on time and on budget.

I've known Mike Duggan, now 40, since he was a kid growing up in Livonia. He is the son of



PHIL POWER

Pat Duggan, a successful lawyer and now a federal judge, and Joan, who was Ed McNamara's spark plug while he was Livonia's mayor. He went to the University of Michigan, became a lawyer, got married, coached soccer. And he continued the family tradition of working with McNamara when Ed got elected chief executive.

For somebody who's politically ambitious — he'll run to succeed longtime Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair next November — taking on the Detroit school assignment was a risk. After all, voters in Detroit's often race-based politics might resent a white guy from Livonia messing around with their schools, while doing the job right wouldn't necessarily bring a lot of additional votes from the Wayne County suburbs.

"I see a chance to improve the deplorable conditions these kids have to go to school in every day," Duggan said when he was appointed. "It's a personal thing with me."

I don't know what's going to happen in the Detroit school imbroglio, when strong-willed people are trying to change a system that has taken decades to collapse, the situation inevitably becomes very volatile. Nor do I know how the election for prosecutor will turn out.

But I do know that Mike Duggan has done his job and, by all reports, done it well.

It's just too bad that piece of good news got overtaken by the bad. But that's life in the news business, folks.

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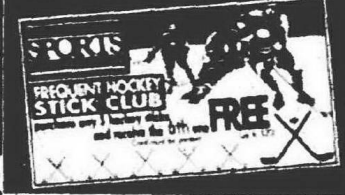
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Teens help seniors tackle CPUs, Internet

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Technology, especially as it relates to computers, can be intimidating to anyone.

But a group of Canton seniors is tackling the world of CPUs, RAM, MHz and cyber space with gusto these days. According to instructor Jean Carmean, her students have a keen interest in computers.

"They're so eager to learn," she said at a recent class at Summit On the Park. "They would stay here to 7, 8 or 9 o'clock without a break if we let them. This is absolutely marvelous."

Classes began last month at the senior center and have covered basic topics such as keyboarding, the Internet and how computers work. Seniors say they've learned a lot.

"I wanted to get some basic knowledge," said Canton resident Pat Gdula, who purchased a computer about a month before beginning the course. "Carmean has given us some excellent tools to get into the programs."

Mattie Wright agreed.

"All of my kids are computer-literate," she said. "I wanted to do something myself."

Wright plans on continuing her education this fall.

"I intend to come back for the 'I know nothing' class," she said.

Senior Center Coordinator Dianne Neihengen said the idea for the program actually began at the state level.

The township received a \$4,000 grant from the Michigan Association of Senior Centers and Michigan Office of Services to the Aging to help get classes going, she said.

Funds were used to buy two new computers. A stipulation of the grant, Neihengen said, was that high school-aged students had to be involved with instruction.

So far, so good. A handful of students have helped Carmean teach the seniors.

"We feel this is a great way for them to see what we're doing at the senior center," said Neihengen, "and to get to know people."

Students are receiving commu-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

PC Help: Beth Schultz of Canton, 16, offers assistance to Canton seniors Eunice Hayes, standing, and Nancy Meyers during a Computer Help class at Summit on the Park.

nity service credit for their work — a graduation requirement at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Canton junior Pavan Bhavara was in for his first session with the seniors Friday. He said he was excited about helping.

"I've always been good with computers," the 16-year-old said. "I thought this would be a good thing to do."

As did fellow Canton High junior Beth Schultz. She has been the backbone of student helpers this summer, said Neihengen.

"I want to be a teacher," said Schultz, also 16. "This will give me some experience."

She likes working with seniors. "It's interesting to see how their faces light up so bright when they learn something," Schultz said. "It's cool."

Carmean said most of her students came into the class with "zero" knowledge about computers.

In order to ease the seniors'

fears, she said she tried to relate computer terminology to things they were familiar with.

"The seniors associate computers with a strange technology," Carmean said. "It's beyond their reach. I've tried to translate to things they know like the typewriter. Once they get the terminology they find it's not so hard."

Friday's class touched on how to use "Help" in a word processing program. Carmean said it's not uncommon for students to send her e-mail questions at home.

Gdula said she often practices class lessons at home. She doesn't feel intimidated by her computer anymore.

"You can actually sit down and feel at ease," Gdula added, "knowing you can do something with the computer."

Students interested in participating should contact Peggy Bozyk at Canton High at (734) 416-7945. Seniors can sign up for fall classes at the Summit. Call 397-5444 for more information.

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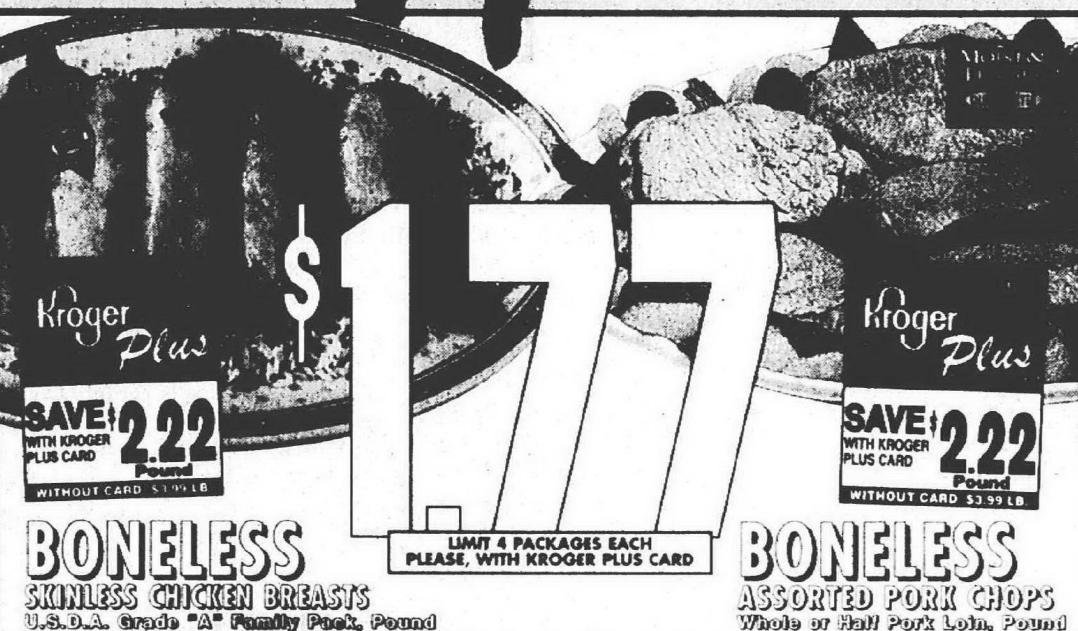
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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Teaching kids lessons of responsibility

In the newspaper the other day, a letter to the editor suggested that more and more people initially lack good judgment, then foist the blame onto others.

The example described in the letter was this:

It seems that a woman got sucked into online gambling and charged a \$70,000 debt to her credit card. Now, she is suing the credit card company for "aiding and abetting illegal Internet gambling and making lots of money off of it."

I, too, was privy to a situation that got me wondering: *doesn't anyone see what they are doing?*

While on vacation in British Columbia, I had the good fortune to visit the sparkling city of Victoria.

We took a tour of the city on one of the stately double-decker buses and enjoyed the running commentary about the city from our driver.

He gave us an opportunity mid-trip, to stop and watch a school of seals sunbathing at a marina (of all places), and kindly asked us to make sure we limited our visit to 20 minutes, so that he could continue the tour.

"If you aren't here in 20 minutes," he exclaimed, "I will assume that you want to stay until the next bus comes around."

■ When teaching our children these lessons or responsibility, a great way to not feel guilty about the "mess-ups" is to think of them as gifts to your child. Rescuing them provides them with an out, and it's likely they may repeat it again.

After enjoying the playful seals, we returned to the bus only to encounter an irate woman, climbing aboard. To anyone who would listen, she shouted, "The last bus left me here, just because I was one minute late getting back to the bus!"

And to add insult to injury, her family members had the gall to leave on the bus without her.

My suspicion was that her habit of tardiness had worn thin with the family, and they decided that this time they would let the consequence fall naturally.

I could just hear them chuckling to themselves as their bus pulled away: "Maybe that'll show her."

But probably it wouldn't. She saw nothing irresponsible in her actions. After all, she was only one minute late.

As we see all too often, bad behavior is rationalized by the doer and blame put elsewhere.

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When Sam forgot his lunch and called mom at work to say, "You forgot to remind me to take my lunch and now I don't have it," an on-the-ball mom shrugs her shoulders and says, "Sorry you forgot it. I'll bet you won't forget it next time."

Goof-ups are the gift of change.

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Tae-bo



Working out: Physical fitness instructor Tracey Weber (photo at right) puts her students through a workout during her tae-bo class at Gold's Gym in Canton.



Among the exercise craze's followers are Erin Lindsey (top photo, from left) and Joyce Segedi. Charlene Mercado (photo at left) is serious about exercising and won't work out on Mondays so she can be a part of Weber's class.

Fitness takes on a new kick

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Tracey Weber talks about tae-bo as if it were the most-addictive aerobic workout to hit health clubs in years.

Judging from those who attend, she may be right. "Once people come, they're totally addicted," said Weber of the well-attended class she teaches at Gold's Gym in Canton.

A professional fitness instructor and personal trainer, Weber has been working in the field of health and fitness for 22 years. She knows a good thing when she sees one, and now offers her own version of tae-bo by incorporating interval training. The class meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m.

"I do more than the tae-bo you see on TV," said Weber, who's taught aerobics for the past 15 years. By switching between the kickboxing techniques associated with tae-bo and resistance training, Weber has created a varied workout for her students.

"It burns a ton of calories," she said. "We do abs and legs. I created this on my own."

The workout is just as beneficial for beginners as it is for those who joined the class when she opened it last year, she said. Students can work at their own pace.

Beginners might concentrate more on balancing and getting the routine right, rather than incorporating hand weights or using a step — which adds to the workout.

"The big challenge is coordination," said Weber. "Week by week, you see people get better."

She holds a pre-class to teach the proper way to kick and punch before students begin the class.

Seeing a difference

John Drabek of Canton said he saw the difference tae-bo made within the first few weeks of his workout. Four months ago he joined Weber's class and has already noticed weight loss and improvement in his general well-being.

"I can't believe the difference in my weight," said Drabek, who attends twice a week. "Most guys think it's for girls. It's not."

Gregory Balteff, manager of the gym and Westland resident, said he enjoys tae-bo and agreed it isn't just for women. He said there is a cultural bias that links women to aerobics and men to weight training. His solution? Balteff tells gym members to "just do it."

"Tae-bo incorporates all the muscle groups in a synchronization," he said. "There's a very low, low impact on the body."

Balteff said tae-bo's popularity is attributed to

being a "new" way to workout. But whether it's a fad or mainstay at the gym, he said the important thing to remember is that tae-bo encourages people to workout.

"There is nothing more important than your health," said Balteff.

Charlene Mercado takes exercising seriously. She said she won't work on Mondays, so she can make it to Weber's class.

"I live in Redford, and I come all the way out here," she said.

The tae-bo class is different from other aerobics-based exercises because of the way it incorporates all muscle groups. It also teaches coordination and balance, using techniques like front kicks and back kicks. Weber said it's a low impact workout that's safer than aerobics which require jarring movements or jumping that can be hard on the joints.

Cindy Fella calls it "a great all-over body workout."

"The challenge is making it through the class," she quipped. "Weber is really good at making it kind of creative."

Part of the job

That's all part of the job as far as Weber is con-

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Couple shares love, clowning

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

When Ron and Sue Kardynski of Westland were married in 1991, they prepared for their nuptials much like any other couple — with some differences.

She wore something blue, something red, something yellow and something green. She spent a good deal of time making sure her makeup and hair looked right ... the grease paint was matted down with powder and her bright red hair fell into place nicely. The train on her dress chugged around in a little circle.

His baggy, multicolored trousers were cleaned and wrinkle-free. His oversized shoes were all laced up, and his red hair was without tangles.

The invitation should have been the first clue this wasn't an ordinary wed-

ding. A blue image of a circus tent was printed above the words, "A clown wedding."

That's right. The Kardynskis, who met while clowning around at a clown camp in Wisconsin, were married as clowns in California. A few members of the wedding party also dressed as clowns.

But good clowning around, they say, is no laughing matter. As owners of "Clown Antics," an Internet clown supply store and teachers of a "Be a Clown: An Introduction," they know what it takes to be a good clown — and how to avoid being the clown that frightens people. Their class is offered through the Livonia Public Schools' community education department.

For starters, hobo clowns must still look neat. White-face clowns must not show any natural skin tones, even on the hands or neck. Costumes must be

laundered or cleaned before performances.

"We still believe in the ethics of clowning very strongly," Ron said. His motto when entertaining at adult parties is "Be seen, not obscene." When the party attendants learn his routine is clean, they're relieved, he added.

"We get a lot of favorable comments," he added.

The Kardynskis assume different personas when they're clowning. Ron's favorite is "Snudek," a Polish word for a mischievous troublemaker. Snudek is a white-faced clown.

Sue's favorite is "Soomi," a name she lifted from a Native American friend. Soomi is an "Auguste" clown with a pink face.

It might be surprising to learn that Sue, a clown since 1980, ran from



Funny folks: Among Ron and Sue Kardynski's clown personas are "Snudek" and "Soomi." "Snudek" is the Polish word for a mischievous troublemaker and "Soomi" is a Native American name.

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clowns as a little girl.

"I was petrified of clowns," she said. "I was really afraid."

And when she saw her husband-to-be after he applied his white-face paint, she admits she wondered "What am I doing?" But she overcame her fears and tied the knot.

The fear of clowns, the Kardynskis say, comes from "bad" clowns ruining the art for all clowns. They describe these clowns as being "Halloween" clowns who frighten children. Many adults are afraid of clowns as well.

The Kardynskis have taught their clown class for six years. They've given diplomas to 187 clown students at a 93 percent success rate.

For the "final exam," students must get into full clown gear and perform in public. The Kardynskis say that for some clown hopefuls, this test is far more frightening than any paper one.

One student who did well through the whole class didn't show for her final. She later said she had stage fright but wanted to take the class again.

The Kardynskis say being real, working clowns gives them credibility when teaching. The students also benefit by having both teachers of both sexes.

"They get a male and female point of view," Sue said.

Learning the basics

During the class, students learn the basics of makeup, costume and, most important, how to act like a clown. Students are also required to outfit themselves — which can be done for under \$100, Sue said.

But some aspects of clowning can't be taught.

"You need to have a little bit of caring and compassion for people," she said. "You have to know when they're afraid and back off. You need maturity."

Clowning provides a rush that keeps the Kardynskis coming back time after time.

"If you're performing and see a little sparkle in a child's eye, it's a high," Sue said. "It's really a great feeling. You can't get that from drugs, and you can't get that from alcohol."

Ron said he likes the interac-

Clowns, clowns and more clowns

Here is a sampling of some of the different types of clowns:

■ **"White face"** has two types: the "neat," with tiny features and "grotesque," with larger features and a false nose.

■ **"Auguste"** clowns have pink- or peach-colored faces with white, emphasizing the eye and mouth area. They also wear false noses.

■ **"Tramp"** or "hobo" clowns can be either true hoboes with torn, tattered clothing or "down-on-their-luck" hoboes who look as though they might have been a Wall Street executive. Both usually wear sad expressions and have 5 o'clock shadow.

■ **Character clowns** can be doctors, nurses or "Key-stone Kops."

tion clowning provides.

"I like to be entertained by people," he said, adding he gets a kick out of people when they fall for his tricks.

Surprisingly, some of the most successful clowns the Kardynskis have known are actually introverts.

"It's surprising how many quiet, shy people we have taking the class," Ron said. Their transformation, he added, can be remarkable.

"All of a sudden, for the first time in their life, they let their inner self out," he said.

In the beginning, people tend to hide behind their makeup, Sue said.

"Later, in the class, they're no longer hiding," she said.

For information about the Kardynskis' clown class, contact the community education department for the Livonia Public Schools at (734) 523-9277. For more information about Clown Antics, visit the Web site at www.clownantics.com or call (734) 454-6625.

Culler is president of DAR chapter

When the Ezra Parker Chapter of the national Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets on Friday, Sept. 10, Judy Culler will be there.

The Redford Township resident is serving as regent of the chapter which meets at noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 529 Hendrie at Sixth Street in Royal Oak.

The first meeting of the season will be a sandwich luncheon. The program will focus on "Storybook Quilts."

Culler joined the chapter in 1991. She has served as American history chairman for two years and first vice-regent for four years. She's attended several state conferences and state Awards Days and currently serves as piano player for those events.

She also has been a delegate to

the Continental Congress in Washington, D.C., in 1998 and 1999.

A native of Sylvania, Ohio, she received her bachelor of music and master of music degrees from the University of Michigan. She taught orchestra, general music, vocal music and mathematics in the South Redford, Highland Park, Troy and Livonia schools district until her retirement in 1994.

Culler also was a conductor with the Livonia Youth Symphony from 1977 to 1982 and with the Metropolitan Youth String Orchestra from 1982 to 1988 and taught the violin, viola, cello, string bass and piano privately.

A deacon and member of the handbell and adult choirs at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, she is a member of the Sigma Alpha Iota, the profes-

sional music fraternity for women, the Pontchartrain Alumnae Chapter in the Detroit area and the editor of Alumnae Notes for Pan Pipes, the national magazine of Sigma Alpha Iota.

Married, she and her husband David have two sons, Kevin and Kurt, and two granddaughters, Jaclyn and Katelyn.

Joining Culler as chapter officers for 1999-2000 are Marcia Cramer as first vice-regent, Diane Segel as second vice-regent, Daphne Cushman as chaplain, Marjean Schneider as recording secretary, Jean Wright as recording secretary, Joan Balogh as treasurer, Oneida Stevens as financial secretary, Evada Brown as registrar, Lois Lance as historian, Lois Ellis as librarian and Mary Lou Williams as director.

For more information, call



Judy Culler

Judy Culler at (313) 533-4447 or Marcia Cramer at (248) 288-3916.

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cerned.

"My job as an instructor is to keep people progressing," said Weber.

Her students, like Mercado, said she's more than an instructor, she's a motivator.

"It's not as easy as it looks," Mercado said. "We learn new things every week."

Drabek called Weber a "dream instructor" who "really gets you

coordinated."

So what keeps people coming back to class?

Weber said she believes it's the way the workout makes you feel.

"It's an exhilarating way to expand your heart rate and your cardiovascular (fitness)," said Weber. "It makes your heart stronger and when your heart's strong, your body runs a lot more efficiently."

Erin Lindsey of Canton has been doing tae-bo regularly for six months. She began at home using workout tapes but now attends the class at Gold's Gym.

"I've seen a lot of cardiovascular improvement," she said. She noticed physical results more quickly than she did with step aerobics, she said.

But Lindsey also mentioned that the exercise has boosted her

confidence. By learning the kick-boxing style and technique, she feels more able to defend herself if she were ever in a dangerous situation.

"Make it a part of your life," said Weber.

Classes at Gold's Gym fill up quickly, so call (734) 459-0020 to reserve a spot. The cost is \$8 per class and is open to the public. Packages are available.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing and mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, by fax at (734) 591-7279 or by e-mail at smason@oe.homecomm.net.

ST. ELIZABETH
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church is looking for crafters for its autumn arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, Redford.

SACRED HEART
Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

ST. DAMIAN
Crafters are needed for St. Damian Parish's arts and crafts

show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 30055 Joy Road Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

ST. THEODORE
St. Theodore Catholic Church is looking for crafters for its craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. Call Mary at (734) 425-4421.

ST. AIDAN
Crafters are needed for St. Aidan Catholic Church's craft show Oct. 16 in the Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (248) 477-8942 or (734) 427-1457.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE
Tables currently are available for St. Robert Bellarmine

Church's Christmas bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23, at the church, West Chicago at Inkster roads, Redford. Table rental is \$25. Call Joanne at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (734) 522-2963.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
Crafters are needed for the Delta Kappa Gamma juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. A single space is \$70 with table rental available and electricity free of charge. Call (734) 453-5145.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for its craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Call (734) 532-0022.

PRCUA SYRENA

The PRCUA Syrena Parents Club will hold its craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights. Table rentals are \$23 and \$25. Call (313) 271-0201 or (313) 563-1761.

LIVONIA STEVENSON

The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia. A single space (booth) costs \$60. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. Call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

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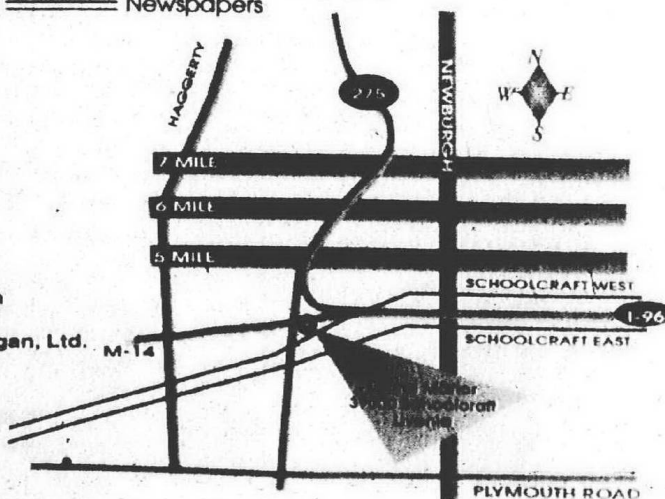
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Christensen-Westover

Wendy K. Westover and Daniel L. Christensen were married at the First United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. The Rev. Wayne T. Lange officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David and Glenda Westover of Farmington Hills, formerly of Livonia. The groom is the son of Donald and Karol Christensen of Howell.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering. She is employed as a management engineer at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Howell High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in computer engineering. He is employed as a systems engineer at Dynaloc Engineering Inc. in Walled Lake.



The couple received guests at a reception at the Novi Hilton Hotel before leaving on a Caribbean cruise. They are making their home in Farmington Hills.

Browning-McFall

Michael Wayne Browning and Jennifer Leigh McFall were married June 5 at Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn by the Rev. Debbie Hatt.

The bride is the daughter of Carl and Sally McFall of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Andy and Rita Browning of Canton.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed at Gerard Thomas in Southfield.

The groom is attending Eastern Michigan University where he is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in secondary education. He is employed at Kroger as a co-manager.

The bride asked Kristen McFall to serve as her maid of honor with Shelly Munie, Missy Lopez and Niki Vericker as bridesmaids.



The groom asked Brandon Browning to serve as his best man with Brian Munie, Jeff Lotarski, Brian Czerwinski and Dave Schavilon as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at a reception at Joy Manor. Following a cruise of the eastern Caribbean, the couple is residing in Canton.

Gorecki-Nicles

Len and Judy Gorecki of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Marie, to Karl and Frederick Nicles, the son of Fred and Linda Nicles of North Muskegon.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of North Muskegon High School, a 1993 graduate of Hope College and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School. He is currently completing his pediatric residency at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.



Arbor.

A November wedding is planned at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne.

Demarest-Logerquist

Sharon and Michael McGee of Garden City and William Demarest of Brighton announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee, to Kevin Logerquist, the son of Kenneth and Donna Logerquist of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in computer-aided design. She is employed at Borg Warner Automotive in Livonia as a tool design engineer.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in computer-aided design. He is employed at Autodesk in Novi as



a software engineer.

An October wedding is planned at the Henry Ford Estate-Fairlane in Dearborn

Weidenbach-Mort

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weidenbach of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lynn, to Eric James Mort, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James

Mort of Farmington Hills.

The bride is a graduate of Ladywood High School and Madonna University with a bachelor of science degree. She is employed by Ameritech.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington High School. He is employed by Mort Sign Co.

A September wedding is planned at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville.



Nagy-Grabow

Zoltan and Penney Nagy of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lora Kristen, to James Louis Grabow, the son of Eldon and Carol Grabow of Alpena.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Lutheran High School in Westland, a 1995 graduate of Calvin College with a bachelor's degree and a 1997 graduate of Wayne State University with a master's degree in social work. She is employed as a therapist at Wedgwood Christian Youth and Family Services in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Alpena High School and a 1995 graduate of Central Michigan University. He will receive his master's degree in social work in April from Grand Valley State University. He is employed



by Heart of West Michigan United Way.

An October wedding is planned at Grace Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids.

Kinney-McMurdie

Kelly Suzanne McMurdie and Jeffrey Kinney were married June 26 at the First Congregational Church of Wayne. The Rev. Ed Wellingham officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara McMurdie of Westland. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Kinney, also of Westland.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of John Glenn High School. She is employed at Garden City Hospital.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of John Glenn High School. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co.

The bride asked Amy Kinney to serve as her maid of honor, with Shannon Ferguson and Amanda Vance as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Toby Vance to serve as his best man, with Keith Kilburn and Greg Gierke as groomsmen and David Allan Carpenter Jr. and Alan Mitchell



as ushers.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club before leaving on a honeymoon trip to northern Michigan and Mackinac Island. They are making their home in Garden City.

Read Taste on Sunday

Neff-Ramm

Lisa Katherine Ramm of Garden City and William Martin Neff of Put-in-Bay, Ohio, were married July 25 in Tahoe Beach Park in Tahoe City, Calif., by Beverly Bedard.

The bride is the daughter of Walter and Angeline Ramm of Ypsilanti. The groom is the son of Thelma Neff of Upperville, Va., the late Allen Neff and the late and Elizabeth Neff.

The bride is a 1981 graduate of Garden City High School. She is employed as a site acquisition

contractor.

The groom attended Ohio State University. He is employed as a construction engineer with Sprint PCS.

The bride ask Sandie Trebilcock to serve as her honor attendant. Richard Trebilcock and Nathan York served as the groom's attendants.

The couple received guests at Chamber's Landing in Lake Tahoe before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Bodega Bay, Calif. They are making their home in Garden City.



Oakwood Welcomes

Yasser M. Awaad, MD, MSc
Director, Pediatric Neurology and Movement Disorders Program

Oakwood is pleased to welcome Yasser M. Awaad, MD, MSc, and the new Pediatric Neurology and Movement Disorders Program. Dr. Awaad brings his medical expertise and more than 21 years of experience to Oakwood where he will care for infants, children and adolescents with a variety of neurological problems including: headaches, seizures, head trauma, learning disorders, cerebral palsy and many other diseases. Dr. Awaad also specializes in the evaluation and management of children and adults who experience tics, Tourette syndrome, dystonia, spasticity and other movement disorders.

Education and Professional

Dr. Awaad is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Movement Disorders Society and the National and International Child Neurology Associations. He completed his Pediatric residency and Child Neurology fellowship at New York University Medical Center and comes to Oakwood from Children's Hospital of Michigan. He utilizes state-of-the-art therapy to treat children with spastic muscle disorders, including oral medications, Botulinum toxin injections and intrathecal Baclofen pumps.

Practice Information

In Addition to his pediatric neurology practice and role with the Movement Disorders program, Dr. Awaad is also joining Oakwood's new Program for Exceptional Families - a multidisciplinary program that provides comprehensive, coordinated care for children with chronic, complex disorders and disabilities. He is currently seeing patients at his office in the Oakwood Waterworks Building on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn. To schedule an appointment today, please call 313-791-4323.

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1 day per wk \$48 2 days \$62 Unlimited \$78 10 weeks
** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes

M/W	5:55 P.M.	Kickbox/Combo	Sept. 13	A. Schumaker
M/W	7:00 P.M.	Sculpt/Tone	Sept. 13	Staff

14 - PLYMOUTH

JoAnne's Dance Extension (Ply. Trade Ctr. 9282 General Dr. Ste 180 & 190, bet. Ann Arbor Rd. & Joy, E. of Lilley)

1 day per wk \$48 2 days \$62 Unlimited \$78 10 weeks
M/W/F 9:30 A.M. **Rotation Sept. 13 C. VanHoel

*Mon Kickbox & Sculpt, Wed Kickbox & Step, Fri Interval
T/TH 9:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact Sept. 14 K. Rudolph

*Babysitting available \$2.00 per child \$4.00 per family
Must pre-register -1-800-285-6968

Babysitting may be cancelled if not enough participants
**Classes will include Aerobic Circuit, Aerobic Kickbox Combo, Kickbox-Step Combo

SPONSORED BY: Plymouth Parks & Recreation
Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer-734-455-6620)

1 day per wk \$48	2 days \$62	Unlimited \$78	10 weeks
M/W	6:00 P.M.	Aerobic Interval/Circuit	Sept. 13 S. King
Sat	8:00 A.M.	Aerobic Interval/Circuit	Sept. 18 S. King

15 - LIVONIA

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (30650 Six Mile Rd., E. of Meridian)

1 day per wk \$48 2 days \$62 Unlimited \$78 10 weeks
M/W/F 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 13 P. Peitz

M/W 6:00 P.M. Low Impact Sept. 13 M. Hopson
M/W 7:10 P.M. Hi/Low Impact Sept. 13 M. Hopson
T/TH 9:00 A.M. Sculpt/Tone Sept. 14 K. Godin

*MUST PRE-REGISTER for Babysitting \$2.00 per child \$4.00 per family. May be cancelled if not enough participants

16 - SOUTHFIELD

SPONSORED BY: City of Southfield
(Register through Southfield Parks & Rec. 248-354-9603)

1 day per week \$50 2 days \$65 Unlimited \$80 10 weeks
** \$10.00 non-resident fee will be charged

Brace-Lederle Comm. Ed Bldg (18575 W. 9 Mile Rd. bet. Southfield & Evergreen)

M/W	6:00 P.M.	Sculpt & Tone	Sept. 13 S. Reynolds
M/W	7:00 P.M.	Low Impact	Sept. 13 L. Blackmon
T/TH	6:00 P.M.	Sculpt & Tone	Sept. 14 A. Kapeda
T/TH	7:00 P.M.	STEP	Sept. 14 Staff

Student must provide own STEP

17 - FARMINGTON

Farmington Gymnastics Center (1/2 Mile N. of Nine Mile W. of Halstead on Freepark Dr. off Industrial Dr.)

1 day per wk \$50 2 days \$65 Unlimited \$80 10 weeks
** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step 3 week ext. starting Nov. 29th Check with instructor

M/W	8:20 A.M.	Low Impact	Sept. 13 S. Kamboors
M/W/F	9:35 A.M.	Hi/Low Impact	Sept. 13 P. Reed/Goodman
M/W	6:15 P.M.	Sculpt & Tone	Sept. 13 Staff

Farmington Gymnastics Center, Cont.

M/W	7:30 P.M.	Kickbox Aerobics	Sept. 13 Staff
T/TH	9:35 A.M.	STEP	Sept. 14 P. Kerwan
T/TH	6:15 P.M.	Kickbox Aerobics	Sept. 14 K. Truesdell/Smith
T/TH	7:30 P.M.	Step Sculpt	Sept. 14 K. Truesdell/Smith
Sat	8:30 A.M.	Hi/Low Impact	Sept. 18 Staff
Sat	9:35 A.M.	Sculpt & Tone	Sept. 18 M. Navarro-Bloom

*Babysitting \$2.00 per child

SPONSORED BY: Farmington Hills Recreation Center
Farmington Hills Activities Center (28600 11 Mile Rd. Gate 4 Door C-248-473-1816)

1 day per wk \$50 2 days \$65 Unlimited \$80 10 weeks
3 week ext. starting Nov. 29th Check with instructor

M/W	9:30 A.M.	Sculpt & Tone	Sept. 13 L. Morris
M/W	6:30 P.M.	Hi/Low Impact	Sept. 13 Staff
T/TH	9:25 A.M.	**Rotation	Sept. 14 J. Stec
T/TH	7:00 P.M.	Kickbox Aerobics	Sept. 14 Staff
Sat	9:00 A.M.	Hi/Low Impact	Sept. 18 K. Truesdell/Smith

*Babysitting available \$2.00 per child
**Classes alternate between Hi/Low Aerobics/Circuits/Fat Burner. Check with instructor

SPONSORED BY: Farmington Community Ed.
(Register through Farmington Comm. Ed. 248-489-3333)

1 day per wk \$50 2 days \$65 Unlimited \$80 10 weeks

Farmington Community School (30415 Shawwassee, bet. Truck & Orchard Lk. Rd.)

M/W	9:00 A.M.	Hi/Low Impact	Sept. 27 Staff
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*Babysitting available \$2.00 Child must be waking no infants
East Middle School (on Middlebelt Rd. bet. 10 & 11 Mile Rds.)

M/W	6:30 P.M.	Kickbox/Scout	Sept. 27 Staff
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18 - NOVI

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GARAGE SALE

■ The Plymouth Branch of the AAUW is having a fund-raiser garage sale on Saturday, Sept. 11 and Sunday, Sept. 12. The sale will be held at 1274 Penniman, close to Our Lady of Good Council. Sale hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Items for sale include, books, glassware, collectibles, decorative items and more.

ART AND CRAFTS SHOW

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring its 28th annual Artists and Craftsman Show 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11 and noon-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 12 at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. The donation is \$2 per adult, \$1 for seniors and students and children under 12 are free.

PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

■ A perennial exchange is sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club at the Plymouth Fall Festival 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at the corner of Union and Ann Arbor Trail (in front of the Wilcox House). Please bring healthy and identified plants. For more information, call (734) 459-7146.

ANNUAL HONEY HARVEST

■ Maybury Farm will host its annual "Honey Harvest" 1-4 p.m., Sept. 11-12, each day at the Farm Demonstration Building. There will be continuous demonstrations of honey extraction as the beekeeper harvests the bee's golden crop. Ask the beekeeper about his work, and view the beekeeping tools and equipment on display. Honey will be available for purchase. Maybury Farm is within Maybury State Park on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park, but there is no additional charge for Garden Day activities. For more information, call the park office at (248) 349-8390.

APPRAISAL CLINIC

■ Canton Historical Society presents DuMouchelle Antique Appraisal Clinic 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Cherry Hill School located at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Appraisals will be given by appointment only. Limited to three hand-carried items. Cost is \$7 for a verbal appraisal and \$10 for a written appraisal. All proceeds go to benefit the Canton Historical Society. For more information or to schedule an appointment time, call Marie Gentz at (734) 453-5297.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

■ The fall meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady, Northville. A beginner's class in genealogy will be held at 1:30 p.m. Kernie King will talk about gathering information to

replace the 1890 census as a residency census. For more information, call (248) 349-1276 or (810) 220-4542.

FUND-RAISING DINNER

■ A fund-raising dinner will be held Sunday, Sept. 12 and a concert by the Detroit Symphony Chamber Winds will kick off the fall semester for the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory. The 1:30 p.m. dinner at the Outback Steak House on Ford Road in Canton will precede the 3:30 p.m. performance by the Chamber Winds at the conservatory, 5701 N. Canton Center Road. The concert by the Chamber Winds, which is comprised of 14 members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will feature the DSO's brass section. There will be 150 seats at \$50 each available for the concert. The ticket total includes dinner. For additional information, call Conservatory Director Jeffrey Myers at (734) 453-7590, ext. 222.

BEANIE BABY SHOW

■ The Plymouth "All Beanie Baby Show" returns during the City of Plymouth's Fall Festival, Sunday Sept. 12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Vendors and collectors will be selling current and retired Beanie Babies and their accessories. There will be Beanie Baby door prizes given hourly. Show hours are 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., admission is \$5, kids age 4-12, \$2. For information, call (734) 455-2110.

GOLF OUTING

■ The Airline Ambassadors Bolivia Mission is holding its first annual golf outing at noon, Sunday, Sept. 12 at Fox Hills, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth (on North Territorial, 1 1/4 mile from Gotfredson). Cost is \$90, which includes scrambles, a \$5,000 putt for dough, and a BBQ dinner. Proceeds help the needy children of Bolivia. A mission to bring medical supplies, toys and clothing to those in need. For more information, or for registration call Keeley Kielman at (248) 245-0377.

FLEA MARKET

■ The Livonia Historical Society and Commission are sponsoring a Flea Market fund-raiser from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, to benefit Livonia's Historical site, Greenmead, between Eight Mile and Newburgh roads. Admission is \$1, children 12 and under free. Food and refreshments will be available. Village open for tours from 1-4 p.m. For more information or for space rental, call (248) 477-7375.

ADOPTION EDUCATION

■ There will be a Adoption Education Meeting 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 at Hands Across the Water, 2300 Washtenaw, Suite 103B. The Topic is "Medical Concerns with International Adoption." Dr. Jerri Jenista, a nationally known author, lecturer, and adoptive parent, will discuss medical issues fam-

Dynamite



Win: The Canton Dynamite, an under-12 girls soccer team, finished first in the Silver Division in the 1999 Northwest Ohio Soccer Festival Tournament Aug. 13-15 in Maumee. The Dynamites out scored their opponents 15 to 2, beating Team Olympic from Ohio 2 to 0 in the finals. Team members include (bottom row from left) Courtney Pickard, Brittney Scero, Kendra Armstrong, Kim Killion, Becci Houdek; (middle row from left) Lindsey Fanning, Laura Gibson, Kelsy Zemanski, Jenna Dreher, Toni Phillips, Lauren Reed; (top row from left) Coach Craig Pickard, Jessica Hanley, Jenny Krajovic, Cherri Buijk, Megan Justus, Lisa Ealy and Trainer, Mark Zemanski. Not in photo is team member Kat Harrison, who left to attend space camp.

ilies should be aware of when adopting internationally. Cost is \$5 per person. Call to register or for more information at (734) 913-0831.

FAMILY FARM TOUR

■ The second annual Washtenaw County Rural Community Appreciation Tour will be held 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. This year's tour will include the Plymouth Orchards, located at 10685 Warren Road, Plymouth. There will be apples, cider, bakery goods, and pumpkins for sale. Enjoy wagon rides through the orchards where 5,000 bushels of apples are produced annually. A petting farm and the Spinners Flock will be doing wool spinning demonstrations. This event is free and open to the public. Donations are accepted. For more information, call Mike Score at (734) 971-0079 ext. 2619 or Barry Lonki at (734) 426-3669.

APT KICKOFF

■ Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County with Adoptive Parents Together (APT) is sponsoring its first annual picnic 11 a.m.-2

p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at Ford Lake. There will be games, art, storytelling and more. Main dish and drinks are provided. Bring a dish to share. Cost is \$5 per family. RSVP with Diane Ratkovich at Catholic Social Services, (734) 971-9781 ext. 320.

INLINE HOCKEY

■ Fall Inline Hockey classes are now available for boys and girls, ages 5-17 years old. Sign up until Sept. 24 at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill, Westland. Cost is \$125, which includes eight games, eight practices, a jersey, and a party. For more information, call (734) 326-2801.

AROUND TOWN

CHORUS AUDITIONS

■ The Plymouth Community Chorus has set rehearsals for the annual Christmas Concert. Auditions by appointment will be conducted at 7 p.m. Sept. 14, 21, 28 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Basses and tenors are especially needed, but there are openings

for sopranos and altos as well. For more information or to make an appointment, call (734) 455-4080.

WEIGHT TRAINING COURSE

■ The four-week program is designed for adults of all ages as well as special instruction for seniors. Class objectives include the basic principles and techniques of flexibility, body toning, abdominal and low back strengthening. Med-health's medical staff provides class instruction and supervision. Classes are from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. or from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, Sept. 22 and Sept. 29. Cost is \$25. Community Outreach Program Course registration and payment may be made at Medhealth Wellness Center, 47659 Halvard Drive, Plymouth, (734) 459-1800. Payment can be in the form of a check, credit card or cash. Registration will be taken from now until Sept. 8 with limited availability.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

■ The Canton Historical Society will host a "Civil War Fashion Show" featuring live models wearing gowns of the era. Pamela

Yockey, a teacher and collector of vintage clothing will be the speaker. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9 at the Canton Historical Museum, Canton Center Road at Heritage Drive. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited. Parking is at the rear of the museum.

MEETING

■ Canton Business and Professional Women are hosting a meeting from 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at Roman Forum on Ford Road. Guest speaker will be John Petz, regional director for U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham on "Budget Surplus" and more. For more information, call Janet Hlinak (734) 459-9898.

VIETNAM VETERANS

■ The Vietnam Veterans of America will hold their general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 at 9318 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail). All veterans on active duty Feb. 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 regardless of duty station are eligible. For more information, call Don Dignan at (313) 845-3752 or at (734) 525-0157.

DINING WITH FRIENDS

■ Plymouth Dining With Friends will hold an informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 12154 Hunter Creek Dr., Plymouth (between Beck and Powell Road). For more information call Dottie Brower at (734) 451-1206 or Pat Stokes at (734) 455-7108.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

■ The Community Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15 at Plymouth Township Hall Meeting Room, located at the Northeast corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley (Mill) Road, Plymouth Township. Guest speaker will be Lisa Tucker, speaking on "Voter to Voter: Communicating the Democratic Message." Refreshments will be provided at 7 p.m. For more information, call Becky Tavarozzi at (734) 398-5845.

CAR WASH

■ The High School Hockey Boosters are having a car wash from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Michigan National Bank on the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, Plymouth. The car wash is to raise money for the Rachael Maurer Scholarship Fund and for the inaugural year of the two high school hockey teams. All volunteers and dirty cars are welcome. The next booster club meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

NACW

■ The monthly NACW (National Association of Career Women) meeting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21 at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guest speaker will be Cathy Lefton, speaking on "Controlling Closet

Clutter." Cost is \$18 for members, \$22 for non-members. For more information or for reservations, call Tracey Huff at (248) 347-3355.

GRIEF SUPPORT

■ Arbor Hospice will offer a professionally led grief support group for children and teens who've experienced the death of a parent, no matter when or how the loss occurred. The group will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 28 through Dec. 14 (a family dinner takes place the first half-hour) at the Church of Christ on Sheldon Road in Plymouth. A suggested payment for each weekly session is \$30 for one child and \$15 for each additional child. Many insurance companies partially or fully cover this cost. No family is turned away for inability to pay. Assistance is available. Registration closes Sept. 20. To register or for more information, call Arbor Hospice, a non-profit organization at (734) 662-5999, extension 175.

CRAFTERS

■ Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's 26th "Festival of Fashion '99" beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (248) 477-8902 or Margaret at (734) 261-3738.

KINDERMUSIK

■ Village Music in Plymouth's Old Village offers professional instruction in Kindermusik, an early childhood music and movement program for newborns to age 7. Registration is now open for all levels and early sign up is encouraged. For more information and registration materials, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825. ■ Registration is in progress for fall Kindermusik programs at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in Canton. This internationally recognized program supports all areas of child development and teaches social skills while introducing your child to music. Classes are available for infants through seven years. For more information, contact the Conservatory at (734) 453-7590 ext. 703 to request enrollment materials.

CAMP BORDERS

■ Camp Borders is a free 10-week program for children 7-12 years old. All metro area Borders stores will offer a variety of educational and cultural events every Thursday at 7 p.m.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

■ Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual "Holiday Arts & Crafts Showcase" 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, in the Activities Center on campus. Booths with electricity are an extra \$5. Call (734) 432-5603.

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material, printed or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Sara K. Schoeneman, a Canton resident, received a \$100 Haworth College of Business Achievement Award, a scholarship supported by donations from WMU staff, faculty and alumni of Western Michigan University. A sophomore majoring in finance, she is the daughter of Mary Jane and Dick Schoeneman.

Brendan E. Bernacki, Amber K. Wood, Tim-

othy Zdrodowski of Canton and Julie Godfrey, Rebecca A. Herr, Sarah A. Kindred, and Andrew J. Powers of Plymouth all are among the prospective freshmen who have been selected to receive a share of \$2 million in academic scholarships from Western Michigan University this fall.

DEAN'S LIST

Thomas S. Asuma, Melissa R. Bacyinski, Kristie L. Hoffman, Kelley M. Larsen, Stephanie E. Layng, Stacia E. Markley, Dawn M. Putnam, Kellie A. Titus of Canton and Deanna K. Bondie, Katherine B. Collins, Alyssa L. Hafemeister, Adam M. Matusz,

Joshua W. Atickney of Plymouth were all named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University for the winter semester.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Amber Leigh Auten of Plymouth is studying mass media issues and methods in England, Scotland and Wales as part of her Michigan State University study abroad experience. Auten is an advertising major and plans to graduate in December. She is active in the American Advertising Federation. She is the daughter of Norm and Sue Auten and is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Adam Covington of Midland is studying a wide

range of topics during his Michigan State University summer study abroad experience. He is studying such topics as music, history, English and the arts in the American thought and language in London, England, and Glasgow, Scotland. Covington is the son of William and Debra Covington and is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. At MSU he is majoring in hospitality business.

ADMITTED

Andrew Copenhaver of Canton was admitted into Manchester College for the 1999-2000 academic school year. He is the son of Gary and Becky Copenhaver of Canton.

Better schools for kids - debate recycles old concepts

HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA PARKER

September... It means three things are certain. The weather is mild - a perfect transition between hot summer and glorious autumn. Kids are back in school with their shiny new school supplies.

And it's time to renew our debates about how to improve our educational system.

We tend to think that education was easier - some would say better - in the days of the one-room schoolhouse. Certainly, it was more straightforward since teachers only worried about teaching the "3 R's," right? Well, let's see.

Since one-room schools were located in rural and other isolated areas across the United States, they housed whatever students were available, whether three or 60!

Men and women who taught in these schools often had only an eighth grade education. With so little training, they faced a formidable task, teaching children of mixed ages, especially when female teachers were often younger and smaller than the strapping, teenage, farm boys they taught.

Mid-19th century one-room schoolhouses took many forms besides the gabled, oblong structures that immediately come to mind. Some were octagons. Some were highly stylized and ornate. However, as the population moved west across the prairies, these simple schools were frequently canvas tents, shed-roof tarpaper shanties, dug outs, and sod houses.

No wonder, then, that teachers often had to scramble to teach that simple 3-R curriculum of

reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic. They used whatever books they could obtain, whether McGuffey's Readers, the Bible, hymnals or even an atlas!

Paying teachers

Teachers' salaries were figured a little differently. Women teachers were, of course, paid less than men. So how much might a woman be paid? In 1827, records show that Mary Barber was paid the annual salary of \$32 to teach at Hough School in Canton.

Often, contracts stipulated that the teacher would board 'round, which meant she would live at the students' homes for two-week intervals.

Pity the poor teacher who was at the mercy of a lousy cook. Worse, privacy was minimal, and accommodations often included sharing the children's beds.

Imagine the lawsuits that would bring today!

There were reformers, both architectural and educational. Some tackled international comparisons, which, interestingly, extended to teacher salaries. Authors of a 1918 book about reforming rural education decried the practice of teachers receiving lower pay in the United States than Europe.

There were reformers much before that, however, and some raised environmental issues. As early as 1832, one schoolmaster won an award from the American Institute of Instruction for his innovative concepts regarding modifications in furniture and windows, provision of educational equipment and allowance for fresh air and recess space.

Expanding curriculum

Early in the 1880s, educators began an earnest effort to improve and expand the curriculum. They referred to it as "the new education." Often through

the concept of consolidated schools, rural communities began offering additional subjects.

However, plans were also devised for this to occur within the one-room school. Plans included traveling libraries and manual training for the boys. Less attention was given to domestic skills for girls. These activities were not carried on in separate rooms, but in alcoves set apart for those purposes.

Additionally, the school garden, a concept with its roots in antiquity, was revived and encouraged. Arbor Day became

an annual celebration with speeches, songs, and tree planting.

Ideas of sanitation were somewhat different from today. It was considered a healthful practice to separate the boys' and girls' cloakrooms. There was also frequently a girls' door and a boys' door to enter the building.

Two decades into this century, two educational reformers argued that "modern" one-room schools should have toilets that were as sanitary as in well-equipped city schools. Their provocative chapter, "Outhouses Made Decent," outlined steps

rural schools should take where circumstances precluded flush toilets.

Proper heating and good ventilation, seen in terms of cubic space and natural circulation for fresh, outdoor air, likewise drew attention. Tinted or papered walls, plaster casts to decorate the room, framed copies of the masters, plants, books and an aquarium, if possible, were recommended.

All this was to give a homey, yet scholastic feel to these humble environments, which some considered a "temple of learning." It would encourage "less

dragging of heavy feet to the school." This was part of a philosophy that maintained school should be for the students and not the subject.

As we carry on our own, multifaceted debates about quality education and reforms, maybe we should be slow to pat ourselves on our 21st century backs. The technology may have changed, but there's nothing new about the basic issues.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

Zonta stages 'Fashion with a Flair!'

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County Area is teaming up with Parisian at Laurel Park Place to sponsor "Fashion with a Flair!"

The luncheon and fall fashion show will be Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Marriott Hotel Banquet Facility at Laurel Park. The festivities begin at 11 a.m., with lunch served at 11:30 a.m., followed by informal modeling.

There also will be door prizes, goodie bags and discounts at Parisian. Tickets cost \$30 (includes a \$10 donation). They can be ordered by calling (734) 420-2923.

Pat Harris is chairing the fashion show fund-raiser, with the help of Evelyn Shuput, Evelyn Mundy, Mary Bowersock and Mary Jo Plante.

Zonta International is a service organization of executive women dedicated to world peace, providing community service and improving the status of women world-wide.

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County helps support



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Smile! Pat Harris (left) is working with April Wilkins, Parisian director of public relations and special events, on the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne Area's annual "Fashion with a Flair!"

local organizations, such as the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, the Wayne County Homeless Shelter, Seedlings Braille Books for Children, and Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

In addition to the fashion show, the organization's other fund raising project is its annual sale of Koeze Nuts Products, available for delivery in early November. All of the proceeds are used for the various service

projects. International projects include scholarships for women. Members also invest time, talent, and energy in women's development, health, education and cultural needs.

Scout unit sponsors sale

Girl Scout NSU 33 will host a used uniform sale 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, in the day camp building of Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads in Farmington Hills.

People with uniforms to sell or interested in making a donation can call Cathy at (248) 477-6996. Handbooks and other Girl Scout items are welcomed for the sale.

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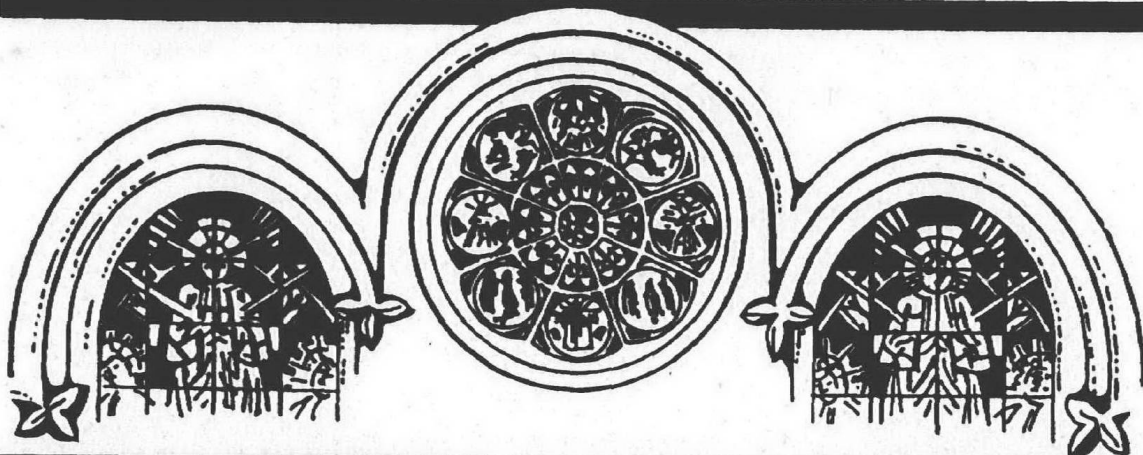
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Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

SUCCESS SEMINAR

Men, have you been thinking that there's got to be more to life than this? Are you under pressure? Do you often have the lingering feeling that something just isn't right?

The Success that Matters seminar might be what you're looking for. The seminar will be offered at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 11, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville.

The seminar costs \$30 and includes a continental breakfast at 7 a.m. For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

YOUTH RALLY

The Rev. Jimmy Lawson of Community Free Will Baptist Church in Westland will hold a youth rally at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the church, 33031 Cherry Hill, between Wayne and Venoy roads.

Jimmy Mitchell will be the featured guest speaker. Mitchell is youth pastor at the Sophia Baptist Church in Beekley, W. Va., where he is a police officer.

ADULT DANCE

St. Theodore Parish will have a pre-Family Fun Day Dance 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Tickets cost \$10 per person and includes beer, setups and snacks. Food will be available at a nominal cost. Music will be by the Sunrise Band, featuring "Elvis the King" live impersonation floor show. There also will be a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets are available at the parish office or at the door. For more information, call (734) 425-4421.

SINGLE PLACE

Members of Single Place Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will have its fall street dance 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 on Church Street in downtown Northville. The cost is \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

Single Place also will have a fall retreat Friday-Sunday, Sept. 16-

18, at the Howell Nature Center, 1005 Triangle, Howell. The Rev. Norm Nawrocki will be the speaker for "Simplicity and the Spirit of Joy." The cost is \$137 per person. For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-0911.

FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

St. Matthew Lutheran Church will have a Friendship Festival 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. There will be food, fun, games and entertainment. Craft tables are available at \$15 each. For more information, call the church at (734) 425-0260.

YARD SALE

The Westland V.P. Church will have a yard sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the corner of Wayne and Hunter roads, across from the Big Boy Restaurant.

SCHOOL TIME

Preschoolers through adults will start their fall series of Sunday School and Bible classes Sunday, Sept. 12, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Canton campus. Classes for all ages are 10:45-11 a.m. A light Bible breakfast in the Friendship Hall will be held before the education hour.

Worship services are at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the church, 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center Road.

First graders through adults will have numerous opportunities to study the Bible when they attend Midweek School at Christ Our Savior, Livonia campus, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 15. Classes are 6:30-8 p.m.

The curriculum for grades 1-6 will be based on the Old and New Testaments of the Bible and confirmation classes for seventh-eighth graders will be held. Additional study opportunities will be offered for both youth and adults, including "Finding Joy," "Isaiah" and "I Have Good News for You."

Worship services are 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays at Christ Our Savior's Livonia campus, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96. For more information for Sunday School, Bible studies and Midweek School, call the office at (734) 522-6830.

FAMILY FEST '99

Anyone may attend Memorial Church of Christ's first Family Fest 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12,

on the church grounds, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia.

The fest will begin the church's fall program and will feature basketball, volleyball, video games, ping pong, street hockey, pony rides and tricycle races 5-6 p.m. The cookout will be at 6 p.m., with a Ministries Fair planned for 6:30 p.m. in the church lobby. The main event will be Christian comedian David Dean of Indianapolis performing at 7 p.m.

For more information about the free fest, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

QUEST SPEAKER

David Ring of Franklin, Tenn., will present powerful testimony of how the love of Jesus Christ transformed him from "a cerebral palsy victim into a cerebral palsy victor" when he speaks at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit charitable organization is starting beginner tai chi classes at three locations, starting Monday, Sept. 13.

Classes will meet 7-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, and 7-8 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Jeff Smith will teach tai chi classes 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays, beginning Sept. 20, in the Fellowship Hall of Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Road, Livonia. The class costs \$20 for six weeks and there is a limit of 20 people per session. For more information or to sign up, call parish nurse Ida Reifsnider at (734) 421-5406.

REMARIED MINISTRIES

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will offer an informal drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of being a blended family.

The group, hosted by the Rev. Paul Klough, will meet 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month, beginning Sept. 14, in Room C309 of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville.

For more information, call the Remarried Ministries at (248) 374-5912.

REDFORD CLERGY

The Redford Clergy Association will have its quarterly meeting Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Presbyterian Village Redford, 17383 Garfield, off Six Mile Road. The meeting will be held in the Patterson area, "I" Corridor. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by the meeting. For reservations, call Alexandra at (313) 541-6487.

BIBLE STUDY

The First Church of the Nazarene will have a Ladies' evening Bible study at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 14. The study, a part of the Creative Living series, will focus on the Book of Acts. There is a \$15 registration and materials fee for first-semester materials. First Church of the Nazarene is at 21260 Haggerty, Northville. For more information, call Judy

DePoy at (248) 473-5449.

CARAVAN

The Plymouth Church of the Nazarene is offering Caravan, a scouting program sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene, 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Road.

Caravan is for youths age four through sixth grade. Youth do activities with adult guides to achieve spiritual, mental, physical and social development in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Those in grades 1-6 earn badges in such areas as camping, cooking, physical fitness, Bible reading, crafts, first aid and personal care.

Children age four through kindergartners are in a Caravan group called Benson's Buddies where activities and learning Bible verses are offered in a fun and exciting way.

For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1525.

NEWBURG NIGHT OUT

Newburg Night Out at Newburg United Methodist Church will run Thursday, Sept. 16-11, at the church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Dinner will be available 5:30-6 p.m. for a cost of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 10 years and under.

Educational programs are at 6:30 p.m. and include Noah's Ark for preschoolers-second graders, quilting, The First Millennium and Parenting with Love and Logic.

Musical opportunities include Cherub Choir for children entering kindergarten in 1999 or 2000, Children's Choir for first and second graders, Choristers for third-sixth graders, Youth Choir for seventh-12th graders. Drama opportunities include youth drama for seventh-12th graders and children's drama for third-sixth graders.

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

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Patrick Gietzen and Mari-beth Sala-Gietzen of Plymouth announce the birth of **Matthew Louis Henry** April 6 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He has a brother, Christian, 10. Grandparents are Rosalie Sala of Northville Township, Clement Gietzen of Sterling Heights and Rachel Gietzen of Detroit. Great-grandparents are Virginia Sala of Livonia and Adeline Edwards of Center Line.

John and Lisa Danek of Westland announce the birth of **Tara Aletrice-Lynn** April 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins brothers, Michael, 12, and Steven, 10. Grandparents are George and Dorothy Johnson of Wheaton, Ill., Ron and Sherry Danek of Traverse City, Shades and Linda Edel of Big Sandy, Tenn.

Benjamin Kittle and Rebecca Hoeflein of Garden City announce the birth of **Joshua Robert Kittle** April 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City. Grandparents are Timothy and Drema Kittle of Garden City and Michael Parsons and Lois Hoeflein of Westland.

Latasha Boone of Canton

Township announces the birth of **Brittany Nicole** April 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Julia Boone and David Boone, both of Canton Township.

Jim and Marybeth Gendjar of Livonia announce the birth of **Megan Renee** April 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ron and Marian Gendjar of Livonia and Thomas Robert and Shirley Conroy of Brighton.

William and Kelly Tofliski of

Westland announce the birth of **Lauren Victoria** April 18 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a brother, Zachary Ryan. Grandparents are Dave and Karen Johnson, Bob and Diane Fritz and Lynne and Victor Tofliski, all of Westland.

John and Lauren Hosko of Canton announce the birth of **Stephanie Lauren** April 20 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a brother, Alex, 3. Grandparents are

Diane and Larry Roslinski of Plymouth and Robert and Therese Hosko of Warren. Great-grandparents are Frank and Jean Kijek of Detroit and Sophie Roslinski of Roseville.

Scott and Linda Janack of Canton announce the birth of **Trey Alexander** April 23 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Wayne and Catherine Parent of Pittsfield Township, Mark Janack of Belleville and Judy Janack of Livonia.

Neil and Karen LaChance of Garden City announce the birth of **Melissa Ann** April 23 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two brothers, Rodney and Michael. Grandparents are Joe and Alice Fluker and George and Nora LaChance, all of Westland.

William and Patricia Holcomb of Livonia announce the birth of **William Lyman Holcomb IV** May 10 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He joins a sister, Amy, 5 1/2. Grand-

parents are Betty Wesley of Detroit and Bill and Marion Holcomb of Marion.

Carl and Kristle Ostrander of Redford announce the birth of **Aubrey Marie** May 1 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She joins sister Alexis Breann. Grandparents are Gene and Helen Ostrander of Westland and William and Ettia Grima of Canton. Great-grandparents are Frances Zarb of Malta and Mary Grima of Roseville.

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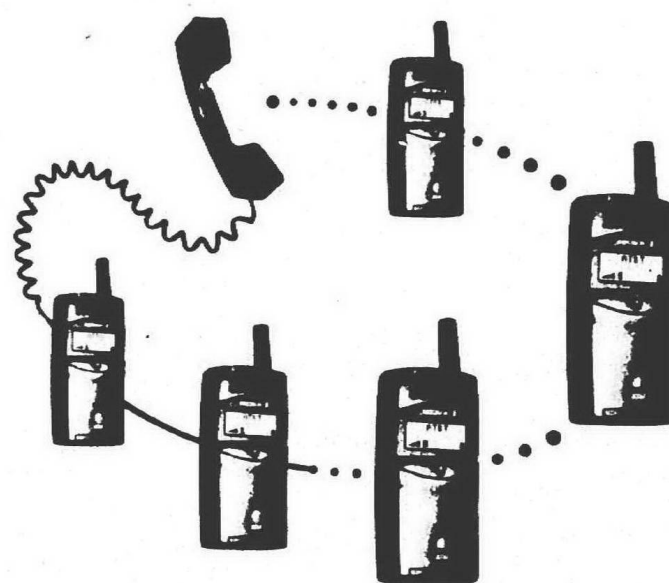
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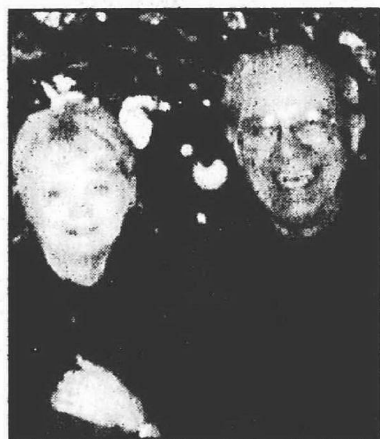
Frank and Edna Watts of Westland are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner at Montana's Restaurant in Westland.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 10, 1949, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wayne. She is the former Edna Dengel.

The Watts have four married children - Terry and wife Melanie of Superior Township, Lindsay and wife Kim of Westland, Bradley and wife Cheryl of Canton and Frank and wife Amy of Naperville, Ill. They also have three grandchildren.

He retired from Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. in 1989.

Their interests included St. John's Lutheran Church and University of Michigan football games.



Toth

Steven and Arliss Toth of Northville are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 4, 1954, in Toledo, Ohio. She is the former Arliss Lindeman.

The Toths have two children, Stephen and Valerie, and two grandchildren, Jessica and Sarah.

He is a retiree of the Ford Motor Company. A registered nurse, she retired after more than 20 years at Garden City Hospital.

Their interests include travel and spoiling their grandchildren.

Blanchi

Frank and Trudy Bianchi of Redford are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows in 1944 at Tabor Lutheran Church in Detroit. She is the former Trudy Stuenkel.

They have three children - Frank II, Bradley and Barbara - five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Naval pilot during World War II, he retired as a designer from the Ford Motor Co.

They are active at Grace Lutheran Church in Redford and are interested in gardening.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Ocelots chosen

What a surprise! Schoolcraft College, which has been the reigning power in Michigan Community College Athletic Association men's soccer for two decades, was selected to again win the championship in a ballot of community college soccer coaches.

SC collected three of the possible four first-place votes (Ocelot coach Van Dimitriou was not allowed to vote for his own team). Macomb CC got the other first-place ballot and was selected to finish second, with Kellogg CC third and Delta CC fourth.

In the MCCA volleyball pre-season vote, St. Clair County CC was the choice to win the eight-team Eastern Conference. The Skippers got seven of the eight first-place ballots.

The other went to Henry Ford CC, the team picked to finish second. SC was the third-place selection.

The remainder of the poll had Mott CC fourth, Macomb CC fifth, Oakland CC sixth, Delta College seventh and Wayne County CC eighth.

In the seven-team Western Conference, Kellogg CC was a narrow choice to finish first, reaping four first-place votes to Kalamazoo Valley CC's three. Grand Rapids CC was the team picked to finish third, with Lansing CC fourth, Glen Oaks CC fifth, Muskegon CC sixth and Lake Michigan College seventh.

Michigan United 2nd

The Michigan United under-11 boys select soccer team placed second in the Boys Gold Division of the Star Soccer Tournament, held in Muncie, Ind.

Top teams from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois competed in the tournament. Michigan United reached the championship game, where it lost to the Elkhart (Ind.) Hot Shots 3-1.

Team members are Grant Anderson, Brooks Belhart, Adam Brown, Keith Campbell, John Farmer, Brian Hale, Joey Harris, Parker Laabs, Austin Poirier, Ryan Quinn, Scott Schrimsher and Max Vaughn of Canton; Alex Cabildo of Westland; Daniel Robinson of Plymouth; Carl Roll of Garden City; Ryan Whittum of Redford; Nicholas Lloyd of Wayne; and Chris Dolinski of Monroe. The team is coached by Steve Schrimsher, Ralph Cabildo and Tim Blevins.

Boosters car wash

The High School Hockey Boosters will have a car wash from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Michigan National Bank, located at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, to raise money for the Rachael Maurer Scholarship Fund and for the inaugural year of the the Salem and Canton hockey teams.

Maurer would have been a senior this year at Salem; she was killed in an auto accident this summer. Her brother, Michael, is trying out for the Salem hockey team.

All volunteers and dirty cars are welcome. The booster club's next meeting is 7 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

CCJBSA tryouts

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have tryouts for its 2000 girls fast-pitch softball season Saturday at the Heritage Park softball diamonds.

The 12-and-under tryouts will be from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; the 14-and-under tryouts will be from 12:30-2 p.m.; and the 16-and-under and 18-and-under tryouts will be from 2-3:30 p.m.

Rain date will be Sept. 12. All ages are based upon age as of Jan. 1, 2000.

For more information, call Buck Horn at (734) 397-3888 or Ray Barnes at (734) 981-7281 or 981-5170.

3-on-3 basketball

The Sports Academy will sponsor 3-on-3 semi-full court basketball leagues with glass backboards and break-away rims. MVP awards, trophies, T-shirts and \$100 will be awarded to league champions.

Teams will play 16 games with playoffs; rosters will be limited to six players. Age divisions are 15-18, 19-29 and 30-and-over. Registration deadline is Oct. 1.

Cost is \$250 per team. To register, call (248) 380-0800, ext. 112 (FAX is 248-380-8144), or send registration fees to the Sports Academy, 2215 Heslip, Novi, MI, 48375.

SWIM PREVIEW

Chiefs look to climb in WLAA

BY C.J. RISAK
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Last year was not a good one for Plymouth Canton's girls swim team. The Chiefs were widely perceived as underachievers and dissension was widespread.

Things have changed this year. Four seniors who did a lot of the scoring for Canton at the Western Lakes Activities Association finals — Teri Hanson, Meagan Dowd, Jaclyn Bernard and Leah Reeder — have graduated. Also gone is former coach Sarah Eubanks.

The new coach is Jeremy Kemeny. While some may not envy the task confronting him, Kemeny figures he has it pretty good. Whatever happens this season has to be better than last.

Canton finished a disappointing sixth at the WLAA meet, scoring just 258 points. "My goal, as far as that goes," said Kemeny, "is to finish higher than last year."

Even with the loss of those four seniors, his chances of accomplishing that are good. The reason: Improved depth.

"Mainly, I'm trying to build the depth in the team," said Kemeny, who wasn't hired as coach until mid-summer. "More girls have to contribute. Last year, they had four or five girls and they pretty much rode them all year."

Despite his late hiring, Kemeny has a lot to work with. Fifty-seven girls have joined, "the biggest team Canton has ever had."

At the top of the talent list is sophomore Danielle Drysdale, a state qualifier and varsity record-holder in the



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Conference scorer: One of the key returnees for Canton is sophomore Danielle Drysdale, who was third in the 100-yard backstroke and fourth in the 100-yard butterfly at the WLAA finals.

100-yard backstroke. Drysdale placed third in the 100 back (1:02.30) and was fourth in the 100 butterfly (1:03.22) at the WLAA meet.

Also returning are senior Michelle Nilson, who finished 12th in the 100 fly (1:08.99) and 14th in the 200 individual medley (2:27.05) at the

WLAA; junior Chelsea Opdyke, who was 13th in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.81) and 18th in the 200 IM (2:31.02) at league; and junior Erin Rogala, who placed eighth in the 100 breast (1:14.80).

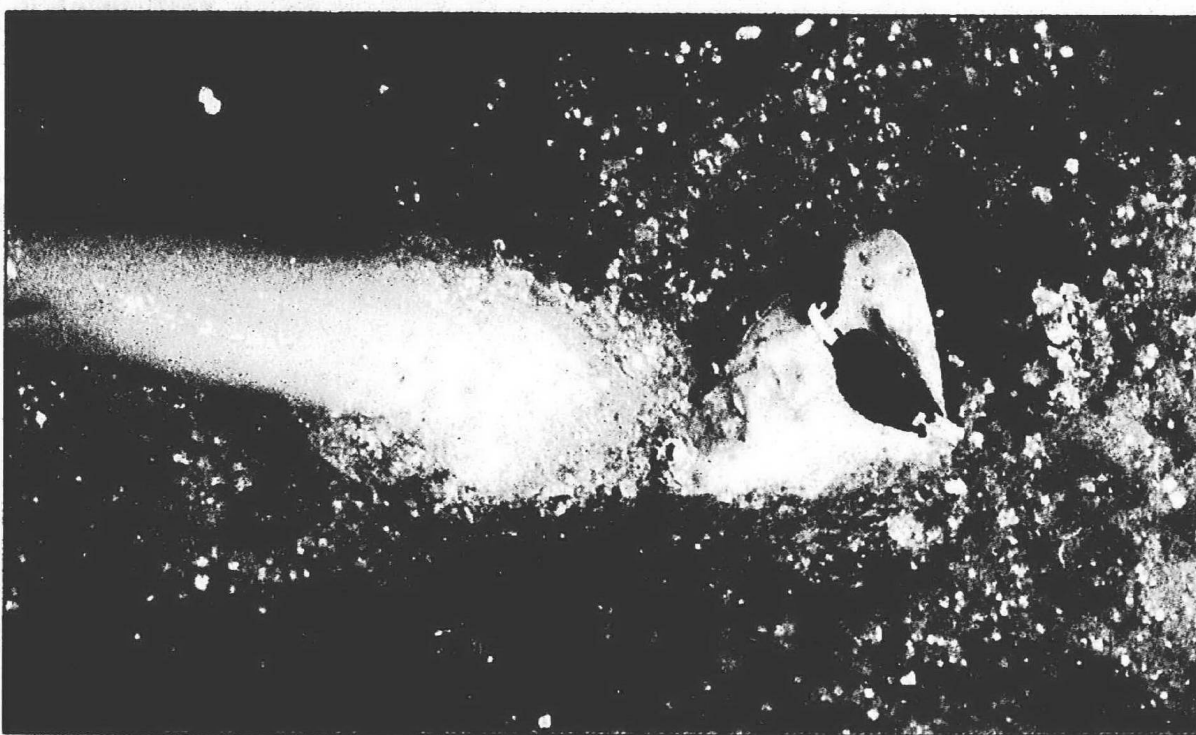
That provides Kemeny — who spent the last four years coaching the

girls team at Milan HS — with a framework to build around, but it's the rest of the construction that has him anxious.

"There's not a whole lot back as far as conference scorers, but we do have

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Big squad will boost Rocks' chances



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Top grade: Sarah Rogers, a senior, is counted on to be one of Plymouth Salem's better performers this season. At last season's WLAA finals, Rogers placed sixth in both the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyles.

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The numbers favor Plymouth Salem.

Girls swim coach Chuck Olson knows he has a lot to replace. He's lost Lori McKay, Kelly Holbel, Lindsay Hartz, Kathy Kelly and Stephanie Tyler to graduation; all scored at the Western Lakes Activities Association finals last year.

Tragically, Rachael Maurer is also gone. Maurer, who would have been a senior this year, was killed in an auto accident this summer.

Even with those losses, the Rocks could actually outdo last season's performance, when they finished second to Livonia Stevenson at the WLAA meet.

"A lot of teams swam well last year," said Olson. "We were fortunate that we swam a little bit better. Last year's team overcame a lot of difficulties that occurred throughout the year and had a very successful season."

What Salem has going for itself is one of its bigger teams. The Rocks' squad totals 74 members, with 50 of them in the sophomore/freshmen class. By comparison, last year's team numbered 66, "and that was a big team," said Olson.

The three senior co-captains are Jess Hala, who was ninth in the 500-yard freestyle (5:40.20) and 12th in the 200 free (2:06.66) at league meet; Jenny Taylor, who placed 12th in the 500 free (5:56.54) at

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Triumphant start

Rocks hold off Pioneer to win opener

BASKETBALL

A final burst late in the game carried Plymouth Salem's basketball team to a 52-46 victory in its season-opener at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The Pioneers fell to 1-2 with the loss.

Led by Tiffany Grubaugh's 19 points and six assists, the Rocks battled back throughout the contest. They trailed 12-10 after one quarter and 24-21 at the half, in part due to Pioneer's 12 first-half free throws.

Salem managed to pull ahead, 35-31, with a 14-7 surge in the third quarter. But Pioneer battled back, scoring six consecutive points to recapture the lead in the last quarter.

The Pioneers remained in front until the Rocks' final rally.

"It was a hard-fought game for so early in the season," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "It was a heckuva game for the first game we had to play. It was awesome."

No other Rock reached double figures in scoring. Kelly Jaskot scored nine points and Dawn Allen had eight. Bree Pastalaniec's seven rebounds was best

for Salem; Jenna VanWagoner had six.

Agape 32, Huron Valley 31: The Hawks had a slim chance to win at the end but didn't have enough time to pull it off.

A jump ball following a missed free throw under Huron Valley's basket gave the Hawks the ball with a second to play.

They in-bounded the ball but were unable to get off a shot before time expired.

"They played good defense," Coach Kris Springstroh of Huron Valley said. "We could not get into our offensive mode."

PCA 59, Clarenceville 16: In the consolation game of the Eagle Classic Saturday, Laura Clark poured in 20 points, and Kallie Gross contributed 18 as host Plymouth Christian (1-2) cruised past

Livonia Clarenceville (0-2).

Ladywood 61, Woodhaven 24: Livonia Ladywood (2-1) came up with 18 offensive rebounds and 22 steals en route to an easy non-league victory Tuesday over Woodhaven (0-3).

"We had a height advantage, we were quicker and more aggressive," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "A lot of those steals led to layups."

Ladywood jumped out to a 19-4 first-quarter lead.

The Blazers shot 46 percent from the floor.

Sophomore center Liz Obrecht scored eight of her team-high 14 points on putbacks. She also grabbed seven rebounds.

Junior forward Michelle Harakas added eight points and four rebounds. Sophomore point-guard Jana Beumee had six steals, while junior guard Kristen Barnes scored seven points.

Woodhaven got nine points from Heather Lambert.

SOCCER

Salem grad gets winner

What a start to a collegiate career.

Rob Zdrodowski, a redshirt freshman at Western Michigan from Canton, scored his first goal as a Bronco in a situation hard to match for drama.

WMU had played host — and 16th ranked — Notre Dame evenly through regulation. With just over a minute elapsed in overtime, Evan Fonger's corner kick went to the far side of the net, where Trevor Garrison tracked it down and sent it back across the goal mouth.

Where Zdrodowski was waiting. He promptly knocked it in to give the Broncos a 1-0 victory, their first in four matches this season and only their third ever in 14 games with Notre Dame. The Irish are 2-1.

"I couldn't imagine a better scenario for my first goal," Zdrodowski, a Plymouth Salem graduate, said.

Sunrise or sunset?
There's no doubting the way both Canton's first-year coach, Bill Boyd, and Salem's Geoff Baker see it. The runners that anchored Salem's league championship teams the last two years are gone, while Canton has an almost completely new lineup to go with its new coach. Still, both see the upcoming season with optimism — as a chance to build something positive.



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Rocks face uphill race to retain title

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The training was much the same as it was in the past. The Plymouth Salem cross country teams traveled north to a small town near Gaylord to get in some good mileage, in preparation for the upcoming season.

"The guys were running most of the summer," said Rocks' coach Geoff Baker. "I think this team ran more this summer than our teams did before."

There's one difference between this team and its predecessors, however, and it's a big one. For the most part, these aren't the same guys.

Gone from the team that won the last two Western Lakes Activities Association championships and qualified for the Class A state team meet are five of Salem's top seven runners: Nick Allen, Jon Little, Bobby Cushman, Matt Anderson and Craig Little. All but Craig Little were seniors and graduated; the Littles moved out of the school district.

So while Allen takes his skills to Wayne State and Jon Little tries out at Rutgers, the current

SALEM OUTLOOK

Salem team will try to reconstruct this program.

Or, as Baker put it, "We've got some big shoes to fill."

Not that all is dark and dismal for the Rocks. As the Salem coach added, "I think we have some capable athletes to step in there."

The frontrunners for the Rocks are junior Donnie Warner, who was Salem's fourth runner at the regional (25th overall) and their sixth man at the WLAA meet, and Manvir Gill, who missed part of last season with a knee injury.

Warner, who had tried to juggle a position on the Salem soccer team while running cross country, has decided to concentrate solely on cross country.

"He's showing us some good things," said Baker.

Gill has his attention narrowed on the upcoming season, too. "He's ready to go," said Baker. "He's focused and looking forward to getting back."

However, building a team around two runners who were only occasionally among Salem's

top five scorers does not breed optimism. Baker knows mounting a challenge for the WLAA crown will be a long shot.

"No, we don't have that kind of talent," he said in comparing his previous teams with this season's. "But sometimes you'll take work ethic over talent."

Salem, Baker believes, does have the latter. Among the runners he plans to form a team from are juniors Rob Showalter, who also ran a few varsity meets last season, Greg Kubitski and Mike Bolger, all whom should be among the Rocks' top seven; senior Mike Carpenter, one of three seniors on the team; junior Kurt Sarsfield, a first-time runner; junior Brad Litwin; sophomore Ben Brockschmidt; and freshman Dave Anderson.

"Out of that 10 we'll put together a pretty good team," said Baker. "This year, we'll move in slowly, we won't taper too much for other meets before the regional, league and state. We'll aim for the big meets at the end of the season."

Those targets will be difficult ones. In the WLAA, Livonia Churchill, Walled Lake Central and Livonia Stevenson could all

be formidable.

"It's going to be tough," admitted Baker. "Looking at the Churchill times from the other day's time trial, they're going to be good."

"We're going to have to work hard to get there."

Not that Baker is about to relinquish Salem's title as WLAA champ without a struggle. "We have a shot at them," he said. "But what we have to do is continue to get better and believe in our ability. These guys have worked hard, they seem hungry."

"It's going to be interesting to see how this year unfolds. We'll ride with it and see where it takes us."

If the losses start mounting, Baker won't worry. His philosophy towards winning and losing is: "You've got to have one to appreciate the other."

Salem opens its season today with a quad meet against WLAA rivals Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western and Farmington Harrison at Willis Park in Wixom. On Saturday, the Rocks will compete in the Brother Rice Invitational (formerly the West Bloomfield Invitational).

Chiefs' new coach faces rebuilding job

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This season, as Bill Boyd — Plymouth Canton's new boys cross country coach — described it, will be "a fun learning process."

It will have to be. Because expectations can't go very high for a program that has dropped very low.

Last season, the Chiefs finished 13th out of 15 teams at their Class A regional and were ninth in the 12-team field at the Western Lakes Activities Association finals.

Hardly much for Boyd to build on. And he won't have to, because just about everyone from that team is gone.

"It'll be a building year," admitted Boyd, who ran cross country at Canton (he graduated in 1986) but has never coached it until now.

By the time Boyd was named as coach, taking over for Mike Spitz, the 1998-99 school year was about over, leaving no time to recruit a team and plan a summer workout.

"We have 17 on the team, which isn't bad considering there wasn't much of a summer program," said Boyd. "We ran just a little this summer."

"The kids are working hard, really hard. We just don't have the numbers right now."

It didn't help when Boyd learned junior Marty Kane, who would have been in competition for the No. 1 runner slot, would be lost most likely for the season due to a badly pulled abdominal muscle that he originally injured during winter workouts a year ago. Kane still ran track, despite the pain, last spring.

That leaves Boyd with just one other returnee from last season's varsity: junior Jon Mikosz. "That," said Boyd, referring to Kane's injury, "makes (Mikosz)

our No. 1 guy."

Hardly the way someone wants to reach to top — by default. But the team has just one senior: Jim O'Brien, and he has no cross country experience. O'Brien was a hurdler on last season's track team.

Scott Gillen, another junior, did run a few varsity meets last season. Others Boyd will look to are junior Ryan Stanko, sophomores Ross O'Hara and Pat Pruitt, and newcomers Brandon McClellan, a sophomore, and Steve Kress, a freshman.

"The kids are reservedly confident," said Boyd. He, too, remains optimistic, hoping he can put together a team that can perhaps break into the top six at the WLAA finals.

But that is not his main objective. "We're looking at individual times and seeing how the kids can build for future runs," he said. "We've given each of them their individual goals."

No doubt their resolve will be tested, considering the strength of the WLAA. Walled Lake Central, with Todd Mobley — who finished first at the WLAA Conference finals — returning, has to be considered a title challenger. Defending champ Plymouth Salem has lost five of its top seven runners, so the Rocks are rebuilding as well.

"I've heard Livonia Churchill is strong," said Boyd. As for his own team, "We don't have real high expectations. The kids are just hoping to make a good showing."

Which would be something to build a future on.

Canton opens its season with a quad meet today against Livonia Churchill, Westland John Glenn and North Farmington at Cass Benton.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Thursday, Sept. 9

Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 5 p.m.
W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at N. Farm., 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10

Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Monroe, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 7:30 p.m.
Churchill at Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Thurston at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Agatha at Taylor Light & Life, 1 p.m.
Bishop Borgess at R.O. Shrine, 2 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Birm. Brother Rice at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium, 2:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Sept. 9

Thurston at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

East Catholic at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

Luth. Westland at Luth. East, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Riverview at Canton, 7 p.m.

Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

S'field Christ. at Huron Valley, 7:30 p.m.

(Mercy Hoops Classic)

Benedictine vs. Adams, 5:30 p.m.

South Lyon vs. Mercy, 7 p.m.

(Northville Tournament)

Ply. Salem vs. Novi, 5:30 p.m.

Bishop Borgess vs. Northville, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10

Mon. St. Mary's at Ladywood, 7 p.m.

(Schoolcraft CC Invitational)

Country Day vs. Oak Park, 6 p.m.

Marian vs. Detroit CMA, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Northville Tourney, 5:30 & 7 p.m.

Mercy Tourney, 5:30 & 7 p.m.

S'craft Invitational, 6 & 8 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Friday, Sept. 10

Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Wayne at Grosse Ile, 4 p.m.

Huron Valley Tournament, TBA.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Salem at E. Lansing, 11:15 a.m.

Redford CC vs. Toledo St. John at Livonia's Whitman Field, 3 p.m.

Liv. Frankin at Lansing CC, 6 p.m.

Huron Valley Tournament, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Sept. 11

Cuyahoga CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Thursday, Sept. 9

Madonna at Aquinas, 4 p.m.

St. Mary's at Schoolcraft, 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10

Madonna vs. Grace (Ind.) at Trinity Tourney, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Madonna at Trinity Tourney, 12:30 p.m.

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Can Chiefs get on track?

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That's more like it!
Both of your Observerland grid prognosticators, who have yet to disagree on a pick after two weeks of the season, got in the groove last week, correctly choosing 14 of 15 winners.

The only glitch was Garden City's 19-14 victory over Mega Conference White Division favorite Allen Park.

So both now stand 25-7 on the year. (The first week we finished 11-6, but that's understandable considering it was the season opener.)

Without alluding to any conspiracy theories, it's a safe bet that yours truly and the smiling Irishman (Dan O'Meara) may have a few disagreements.

Former Observer sports editor Doug Funke promises to appoint an independent counsel and bring back Ken Starr to investigate Week No. 3 (if the picks remain the same).

Anyway, here is a capsule look at this week's games, featuring three Thursday night encounters due to Rosh Hashanah.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Luth. Westland (0-2, 0-1) at B.H. Cranbrook (1-1, 1-1), 5 p.m.: The Warriors, trying to squeal an 11-game losing streak dating back to the start of the 1998 season, have produced little offense so far in 1999. Cranbrook, an upset winner the opening week over Hamtramck, came back down to earth in last Friday's 20-0 loss to Harper Woods. **PICKS:** Cranbrook wins this Metro Conference twilighter.

W.L. Central (0-2, 0-0) at Liv. Stevenson (2-0, 0-0): It's the Lakes Division opener for both schools. Stevenson charged back from a 14-2 halftime deficit to beat city rival Franklin, 24-14, while Central was hammered by Farm-

GRID PICKS

ington Hills Harrison, 35-12. **PICKS:** Central may be bigger, but Stevenson is too quick.

Westland Glenn (2-0, 0-0) at N. Farmington (1-1, 0-0): The Rockets proved they have more than one running back when Dan Smitherman pounded out 102 yards in seven carries to support Eric Jones' 180 on 23 carries in a 30-6 win over Livonia Churchill. North, a 45-14 loser last week to Northville, will be a decided underdog. **PICKS:** Rockets blast off in the Lakes opener.

FRIDAY GAMES

(all at 7 p.m. unless noted)

Ply. Canton (1-1, 0-0) at Liv. Franklin (1-1, 0-0): It's the Western Division opener for both teams. Franklin played well for a half before succumbing to city rival Stevenson, while Canton was plagued by mistakes and penalties en route to a 27-0 loss to formidable Farmington. **PICKS:** Flip a coin; both go with the Patriots.

Wayne (0-2, 0-1) at Monroe (1-1, 0-1): Give coach Floyd Carter the Zebras credit, they have played both Romulus and Dearborn Fordson tough, before losing a pair of close ones. They also missed captain Mike Shaw, a three-year starting lineman who broke his leg in practice (Aug. 30), but still gave the Tractors fits before falling 13-6. Monroe, shackled by Saginaw in the season opener, bounced back last week to beat Lincoln Park, 26-6. **PICKS:** Monroe absorbs the shock, topples Wayne.

Garden City (2-0, 1-0) at Woodhaven (1-1, 0-1): The Cougars are the talk of Observerland right now after stunning Mega White favorite Allen Park last week. Running back Mike Sparks appears to be a good one. As for Woodhaven, they managed just 80 yards total offense in a 26-0 loss Friday to Ypsilanti. **PICKS:** Let's go with the Cougars again.

Redford Union (0-2) at Belleville (2-0): This Mega crossover features two

outstanding offensive threats, RU's Mike Macek and Belleville's Kevin Harrison. RU, jumping up to the Mega White, is taking on a perennial Mega Red contender in the Tigers. Last week Belleville squeaked by Dearborn, 13-6, while RU fell to Dearborn Edsel Ford, 42-21.

Clarenceville (2-0, 2-0) at Hamtramck (1-1, 1-1), 7:30 p.m.: This is a key game in the Metro Conference. The Trojans, led by sophomore running back Tim Shaw, who has 336 yards in two games, will face an outstanding running back in Hamtramck's Aaron Brock, who rushed for 2,093 yards last season and had 101 last week in a 21-14 win over Macomb Lutheran North. Quarterback Stan Garbacz also tossed a couple of TD passes in that one for the Cosmos. **PICKS:** Keyworth Stadium's new carpet is to Clarenceville's liking.

Churchill (1-1, 0-0) at F.H. Harrison (1-1, 0-0), 7:30 p.m.: Don't forget Harrison is still the reigning Western Division and Western Lakes Association champion. The Hawks, led by running backs Kevin Woods and Lou Hadley, racked up 300 yards on the ground last week against Central. Churchill, who got a blocked field goal and interception last week from Rob Wilson in a lopsided loss to Glenn, will have to contain the Hawks' speed to mount any kind of upset bid. **PICKS:** It's the Hawks off and running again.

Farmington (1-1, 0-0) at Salem (0-2, 0-0), 7:30 p.m.: The Falcons, who out-gained Canton 354-185 in total yards last week, return to the same field where they played on the previous week looking for more success. Salem's defense stood tough last week against explosive Western in a 17-3 defeat. But the Rocks will need a lot more than their meager 18 yards on the ground. **PICKS:** Farmington makes it two straight at Centennial Educational Park.

Red. Thurston (1-1, 0-1) at Trenton (1-1, 0-0), 7:30 p.m.: Thurston, coming off a 27-12 loss to Gibraltar Carlson, needs a victory to stay afloat in the Mega-Blue race. The Eagles will have to contain Trenton running back Justin

Newsome, who rambled for 177 yards in just 11 carries in last week's 20-6 victory over Southgate Anderson. **PICKS:** Trenton wins it in the trenches.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

St. Agatha (2-0, 1-0) at Taylor Light & Life (0-2, 0-1), 1 p.m.: This is a Catholic League D-Section game with the Aggies overwhelming favorites. In a 19-6 win last week over Hamtramck St. Florian, sophomore Dan Boulter ran for 147 yards and quarterback Jeff Smith was four of six for 134 yards. Taylor Light & Life is coming off a 41-14 loss to Dearborn St. Alphonsus. **PICKS:** The Aggies make it three straight.

Bishop Borgess (1-1) at R.O. Shrine (2-0), 2 p.m.: The Spartans may have bitten off more than they could chew in last week's 44-6 loss to Central West Division foe Dearborn Divine Child. Shrine, coached by former Agatha coach John Goddard, now in his seventh year, rolled to a 42-0 win over Allen Park Cabrini as Justin Henry rushed for 177 yards and five TDs. **PICKS:** We'd like to see Goddard take a victory dip in the Rouge River or even his own backyard pool, but the pick is Borgess.

Redford CC (2-0) vs. Birm. Brother Rice (2-0), 2:30 p.m. at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium: This is definitely the marquee matchup of the weekend. It's not the Boys Bowl anymore, but it's still big. But under the new playoff system, a loss by either team won't kill their chances at the postseason. Rice is coming off an impressive 27-7 win Saturday at Chicago Brother Rice as fullback Mark Goebel, who has committed to Michigan State, rushed for 205 yards in 37 carries. Rice quarterback Matt Baker also threw a pair of touchdown passes. CC, meanwhile, continued to roll with a 43-0 win over London (Ontario) Catholic Central as fullback John Kava and quarterback John Hill each scored a pair of touchdowns. **PICKS:** Emons goes out on a limb, takes Rice-a-Roni, the San Francisco treat. O'Meara needs a good-luck symbol. Hey, how 'bout a Shamrock? Go CC!

CC shuts out London CC; Liggett stretches Warrior winless streak to 11, 46-0

School names are all those two had in common Saturday at Redford's Hillbert Junior High.

Redford Catholic Central turned its non-league football game against London Catholic Central into a slaughter, winning 43-0 after enjoying a 31-0 halftime advantage.

The Shamrocks scored six touchdowns, most after long drives, and a 48-yard field goal just before the half by junior Mike Sgroi, who made four of six extra-point attempts.

Senior tailback John Kava had a pair of seven-yard TD runs and quarterback John Hill threw touchdown passes of six and nine yards to Kevin Entaminger and Matt Lorides, respectively.

Hill, who didn't complete a pass in Week 1, was six for 12 for 49 yards.

Reserve runningback Chris Davis scored on his only carry, which covered 72 yards. Also scoring for the Shamrocks was Matt Merkowicz, who carried 36 yards for a touchdown.

Markowicz finished with 69 yards in six carries and Kava 64 yards in seven attempts.

The Shamrocks had 15 first downs and 282 total yards, 233 on the ground. London CC finished with five first downs and 41 total yards.

Most of the second half was played with running time as soon as CC took a 35-point lead.

Junior Mark Williams had two interceptions and senior Charles Brown, 1-18, made 12 of 18 passes. Brown led with 4-12 passing. Chris Scales had four.

London Catholic Central won three touchdowns Saturday from Charles Brown to lead last Dearborn High Westland in 11th straight defeat dating back to the 1998 season.

The Warriors, off to an 8-2 start in 1999, were outgained by Liggett in total yardage, 307-69.

The Knights, who improved to 2-0 overall and 3-0 in the Metro Conference, led 32-0 at intermission.

Loews had scoring runs of 48 and 44 yards. He also returned an interception 55 yards for a score.

Liggett's Mark Brammer booted five extra points and had a 22-yard field goal in the second quarter.

Charlie Hoelt (13 for 49) and Josh Moldenhauer (seven for 85) were Lutherans Westland's leading rushers on the day.

Moldenhauer and Kevin Packard were the Warriors' leading tacklers with seven apiece. Richard Wilson, Andrew McLaughlin and Brett Braun each registered six.

Matt Glenn had three kick returns for 68 yards (22.6 average), while Hoelt punted four

RACE RESULTS

RUN LIKE WIND 10-KILOMETER RESULTS

Sept. 3 at Hines Park

Male overall winner: Tim Emmett (Redford), age 43, 33 minutes, 58 seconds.

Female overall winner: Gabrielle Crandall (Plymouth), age 40, 41:39.

Male masters winner: John Tarkowski, 46, 36:18.

Female masters winner: Marianne Bayne, 54, 48:54.

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1-15: 1. John Petrosky, 1:09:28; 20-24: 1. Ed Dudek, 42:52; 2. Ryan Arnhalt, 43:15; 3. Jonathan Grey, 43:37; 25-29: 1. Craig Dolecki, 40:03; 2. Mike Patterson, 42:07; 3. Jon

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Madonna starts 2-0

The second season of women's soccer at Madonna University is already looking a lot better.

In the program's first season, the Lady Crusaders posted a 3-12-1 overall record. Over the Labor Day weekend, they played two games at the Tri-State University Tournament in Angola, Ind., and came home with two victories.

Madonna defeated the University of Findlay 2-2 on Sunday, then knocked off Seton Hill College 2-1 on Monday.

Megan Thiry was the offensive star in the two wins. Thiry got the game-winning goal against both teams, scoring against

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Seton Hill with just 6:37 left to play as the Crusaders overcame an early deficit.

Seton Hill scored first, getting a goal at the 35:16 mark from Jody Polinezak. Madonna tied it with less than 14 minutes left on a goal by Lindsay Crawford, who knocked in a free kick taken by Kelly Delaney.

Thiry's game-winning was unassisted. Jennifer Dunn was in goal for the victory.

Madonna overcame two one-goal deficits in defeating Findlay. After Janna McKinley

scored at the 18:16 mark for Findlay, Thiry tied it at the 39:34 mark by converting a great pass from Jill Gibson.

It remained tied at 1-1 until the final 17 minutes. Findlay recaptured the lead on a penalty kick by Jennifer Nickelson, but 5 1/2 minutes later the Crusaders re-tied it, this time Gibson putting in a pass from Thiry.

Thiry got another game-winning with only 1:22 remaining as Findlay keeper Missy Kreiling missed a save attempt and Thiry took advantage.

Jenny Barker (from Livonia Stevenson) was in goal for Madonna.

Crusaders divide a pair

Even with the loss of a lot of offensive firepower from last season's 20-3 team, Madonna University's men's soccer team won't be hurting for goals.

Indeed, it wasn't the offense that was lacking when the Fighting Crusaders opened last weekend at Tri-State University. They put six goals on the board in their two games there.

Unfortunately, they surrendered five and ended up with a split, losing 3-2 to Tri-State Friday and winning 4-2 over Geneva College Saturday.

Sophomore Sam Piraine — switched from midfield to forward this season to help make up for the loss of Scott Emert, Madonna's career leader in goals — accounted for five of

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the Crusaders' six goals.

Piraine scored three times in the win over Geneva, giving Madonna a 2-0 lead with just 2:45 left in the first half and then adding two more in the second half before Geneva got two late scores.

Jim Misajlovich (from Livonia Stevenson) got Madonna's first goal just 10:08 into the match. Brian Murphy assisted. Other assists went to Charlie Bell, Joe Suchara (Stevenson) and Seamus Rustin.

Dave Hart was in goal for Madonna, making eight saves in evening his record at 1-1.

On Friday, Wolverine-

Hooier Athletic Conference rival Tri-State came after the Crusaders after falling behind 2-0 in the first nine minutes of the match. The Thundering Herd scored three second-half goals, the tying and game-winning markers coming from Tomas Frennesson on assists from Chris Rosokos.

Again, it was Piraine who did the scoring for Madonna. Misajlovich assisted on the first at the 1:46 mark; the second, coming just 8:26 into the match, was unassisted.

Hart was in goal for the Crusaders, who played without marking defender Ryan Thomason (Plymouth Christian Academy). Thomason has a leg injury.

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conference; and diver Kim Tamme, who was 18th at the WLAA's (192.00 points).

Another senior to watch is Sarah Rogers, who placed sixth in both the 200 (2:03.78) and 500 (5:33.93) freestyles at league. "She had some great swims for us last year," said Olson.

What adds to the optimistic appraisal of the future is the strength of every other class. The juniors are led by Kari Foust, who finished fourth in the 100 backstroke (1:02.97) at league and qualified for state in the event, and was eighth in the 200 individual medley, too (2:24.05).

Other strong juniors are Christy Roy, who placed 14th in the 200 free (2:09.43) and 16th in the 500 free (5:52.99); Stephanie Morgan, who was 15th in the 50 free (27.23); and Emily Laskie, who is also a sprint freestyler.

Three members of the current sophomore class put points on the board in individual events at last year's WLAA finals. Monica Glowski, whom Olson said "might have been our best sprinter. She went faster every

time," was ninth in the 50 free (26.11) and placed 10th in the 100 free (57.88).

Trisha Dotson finished 15th in the 500 free (5:51.99) and 16th in the 200 free (2:10.09), and Alex Evans placed 11th in the 200 IM (2:25.09) and 12th in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.41).

"We have a lot of juniors who are ready to be more involved this year, and some sophomores who really contributed last year as freshmen," said Olson.

Now: Can the current freshmen class, which has 30 members, be as helpful?

"I'm excited about the numbers there," said Olson. "I think we have some pretty good talent, but until I see it in competition I can't be sure."

Among the more promising newcomers are Jenny Crable, Alicia Dotson and Sarah Bealafeld. However, who will emerge from the first-year class can be difficult to predict. As Olson noted, "I don't think anyone could have foreseen what Monica Glowski would do last year."

Which leaves just one ques-

tion: Are the Rocks ready to stop the run? Can they dethrone Livonia Stevenson, the team that has owned the '90s in WLAA girls swimming with eight consecutive championships?

That would be difficult to do. "He just antagonizes me," Olson jokingly said of longtime friend Greg Phill, who coaches Stevenson, "because he never realizes what talent he has."

Olson added: "Funny things happen. You never know. We're going to show up for the relays meet, we're going to show up for our dual meet, we're going to show up for the conference meet. If they're not ready to come in and swim well at conference, they know they can get hurt."

A warning? Perhaps. Salem and North Farmington (which was third last season) have an abundance of talent returning.

But unless something drastic happens, that talent will only make the race for second place interesting.

Salem hosts the WLAA Relays, starting at 5 p.m. today.

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a lot of good swimmers," he insisted.

Joining the six returnees are a group of 10 swimmers Kernen figures has the ability to put points on the board at the league meet: senior Brandy Shuler; juniors Charlene Dallos, Jessica Baker, Kim Weaver and Milyne Matheny; sophomores Lindsey Muliois and Beth Provost; and freshmen Alex Derian-Toth and twin sisters Jamie and Katie Bielak.

Jamie Bielak, in particular, has caught Kernen's attention. A freestyler, his current plan is

to use her mostly in the 200 and 500.

"She can score at conference meet," he said. "Those are my expectations for her, to be honest."

Nilson and Shuler are two of just six seniors on the squad. The sophomore/freshmen group numbers 38.

Which bodes well for the future. But, while that is a definite interest to Kernen, he's also confident of what lies ahead this season — not that Canton can challenge Livonia Stevenson, the longtime WLAA kingpin.

The Spartans have won eight-straight league titles. It will take a minor miracle for that to change this season.

"Looking at the times from last year, Stevenson has to be the team to beat," Kernen said. "Salem has a lot of girls who will score (at conference), but they don't have as many in the upper level as Stevenson."

Salem finished second in the conference meet last season, and North Farmington was third. That's some company the Chiefs would like to join.

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OAKLAND BASS MASTERS
Oakland Bass Masters will hold its final two-man team tournament of the season on Sunday, Sept. 26, on Lakeville Lake. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254.

CLASSES/CLINICS

FLY TYING
Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fly tying classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

ROD BUILDING
Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fishing rod building classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering two hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Oct. 23-24, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313) 532-0285 to register and for more information.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION
Livonia Parks and Recreation is offering a hunter education class on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24-25, at the Sheldon Senior Citizen Center. Class fee is \$10 and advanced registration is required. Class size is limited. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL
Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring one more fly fishing schools before the summer comes to an end. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the school includes lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. The class is scheduled for Sept. 12. Class size is limited. To register and for more information call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

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.

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more

information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS
An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

ACTIVITIES

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY 101
Learn the basics of nature photography with experienced photographers during this program, which will be held Sunday, Sept. 12. For location and more details call (248) 932-5370, (248) 932-5370 or (248) 738-5595.

PADDLE ALASKA
Join REI staffer Bob Taylor and relive his exciting six-day, sea-kayaking adventure in Alaska during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE
A used sports equipment sale will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24-25, at the Wixom Community Center. Call (248) 624-2850 for more information or if you have equipment for sale.

SHOWS

WOODS-N-WATER WEEKEND
The 13th annual Woods-N-Water News Outdoor Weekend will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10-12, at the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds in Imlay City. The show features merchandise booths, seminars, a puppy mart, a 3D archery challenge, a frontier encampment, entertainment by "DaYoopers," and much more. Entry fee is \$5 for anyone over 12 and a three-day pass costs \$8. Parking is free.

CLUBS

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 Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 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 information.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the

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first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FLY TYING

The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 850-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. 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 information.

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 information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

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) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

FARM STORIES

A story hour for children begins

at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Maybury.

BIRD HIKE

Observe and identify bird species seen throughout the park during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Maybury. A similar program will be offered Saturday, Oct. 9.

HONEY HARVEST

Continuous demonstrations of honey extraction will be offered 1-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12, in the Farm Demonstration Building at Maybury.

HORSEDRAWN HAYRIDES

Horsedrawn hayrides will be offered 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays beginning Sept. 11 and running through the end of October at Maybury.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

1999 PERMITS

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Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

KIDS STAR GAZERS

Children ages eight to 12, accompanied by a parent or guardian, can view the night sky and print fall constellations on a t-shirt during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at Indian Springs.

BROWNIE BADGES

Brownie scouts can earn their Space Try-It and their Animal Try-It badges during programs offered throughout the day on Saturday, Sept. 11, at Indian Springs.

FALL BIRD COUNT

Beginner and expert birders are needed to help count Kensington's birds during this program, which begins at 7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Kensington.

WILDLIFE WALK

Bring your binocular and search for migrating birds and animals in the park during this morning walk, which begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at Hudson Mills.

BUTTERFLY TAGGING

A short training session followed

by a walk to a field where you will catch and tag Monarch Butterflies, begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Hudson Mills.

FAMILY SCIENCE

Learn all about insects during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Hudson Mills.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 4:00 P.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1999

Regular meeting called to order at 4:12 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Richard Henningsen
Agenda - adopted as amended.
Minutes of regular meeting of July 26, 1999 - approved.
Minutes of study session of July 27, 1999 - approved.
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$992,011.34 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for July, 1999 - received and filed.
Operations Manager's Report for August, 1999 - received and filed.
Y2K Mid-Year Update Report - received and filed.
Proposed WTUA Schedule of Meetings; Fiscal Year 1999/2000 - approved.
Proposed Budget (1999/2000 Fiscal Year) - approved.
Award of Contract; Local Area Network Server - Contract awarded to Friske & Friske of Livonia, Michigan.
Document Imaging System Update - approval to phase the project over the end of the current fiscal year and start of the next fiscal year with the selection of a preferred system to be presented at the September board meeting.
Middle Rouge Block Wall Painting - approved.
Change Order No. 1; Redirection Project - approved.
BFI Composting Contract Renegotiations - tabled for further discussion.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK,
Chairman

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.
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ROUNDUP

Baseball tryouts

The Michigan Indians baseball clubs are having tryouts in all age divisions for the 2000 season.

Tryouts for the 12-year-olds will be at 1 p.m. Sunday; the coach is Dave Sarkissian (248-486-6553). Tryouts for the 11-year-olds will be at 4 p.m. Sunday; the coach is Mark Glover (248-349-3392). Both will be at Massey Field in Plymouth.

Those interested in trying out for the 13-year-olds should call Bruce Price (734-453-9180); the 14-year-olds should call Gary Mancini (734-454-1104); and the 15-year-olds should call Don McNeish (248-348-2055) for times and dates.

Tryouts for 16-year-olds will be 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3 at Concordia College; call Mark Minch (734-421-2388) or Jeff Vancamp (734-522-0184) for details.

For information on tryouts for 17-year-olds, call Greg Lenhoff (734-455-0793).

PCJBA registration

Boys and girls in third-through-eighth grades going to school in the Plymouth-Canton school district, or living in Canton Township, can register to play basketball in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association the next two Thursdays.

Registration will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 9 and Sept. 16 at the East Middle School gymnasium. The league season lasts about 10 games plus the tournament. Players can keep their team jerseys. All players will play part of every game and not all of any game. Tryouts will be conducted before teams are organized to equalize rosters.

Note: High school students interested in a referee's job should register the same days. Any parents interested in coaching should register the same days.

Punt, pass, kick

The annual Punt, Pass and Kick football contest will get underway at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 at Griffin Park. The top finisher in each division advances to the next level of competition, and the top two finishers in each division receive awards.

Competition will be for both boys and girls, in the following age groups: 8-9 years old, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15. There is no fee to compete and no residency requirements; however, a copy of the competitor's birth certificate is required.

Registration will begin at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 at Griffin Park (Sheldon Road side). For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risch, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

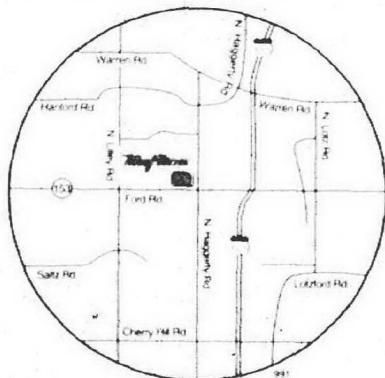
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Fall into The Fall Festival in downtown Plymouth which begins this evening, 4:30-10 p.m. The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will kick off the free weekend event.

SATURDAY



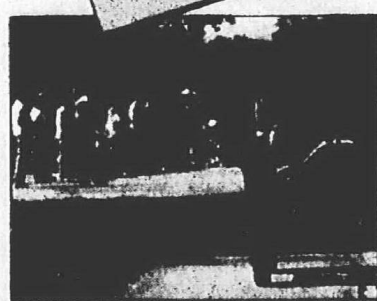
If you "Believe" in Cher, catch her rescheduled performance, along with special guests Cyndi Lauper and Julio Iglesias, Jr. 7:30 p.m. at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are still available for \$75.25 and \$45.25. Call (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



Delicious food, entertainment, a petting farm, cake walks and hayrides are just a few reasons to visit the 12th annual Autumnfest 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mary Thompson House and Farm, 25630 Evergreen Road, south of the Southfield Municipal Complex. Admission is free and parking is available at the Southfield Civic Center Library lot. Bring along the youngsters for face-painting, crafts, a Native American Jewelry Exhibition and more. Call (248) 354-9603.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: Car lovers won't want to miss the 49th annual Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 11-12. Watch for the Grand Parade of vehicles at 10:30 a.m. each day. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

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TO REVISIT BLUES ROOTS

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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As a headliner for this year's Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, Sept. 17-19, KoKo Taylor can't wait to return to a city she connects with the early days of her career as the "Queen of Blues."

"I am very much looking forward to coming to Ann Arbor to do that show," said Taylor. "It's one of the first places I worked years ago. There was a little, tiny club called the Blind Pig." Surprised to hear that the club is not only still standing, and remains a hot spot for live music in Ann Arbor, Taylor reflected back on her blues roots.

"I worked in the Blind Pig, wow, I can't count the times. It was one of the clubs (I worked at) before I started traveling all over the world: Europe, Canada, New Zealand. I'm looking forward to it."

The Blind Pig is not one of the three venues hosting this year's Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, but the Michigan Theater, Bird of Paradise jazz club, and Gallup Park are.

This time around, Taylor will be performing for a much larger crowd at the Michigan Theater.

In her signature slow, silky tone, Taylor, interviewed by phone from her home in Chicago, spoke about working with long-time friend Buddy Guy.

"He's one of my favorite guys, a good friend of mine," she said during the conversation on Sept. 1. "Buddy Guy played on my 'Wang Dang Doodle.'"

Though Taylor visits Detroit and Lansing at least once a year to perform, she hasn't been to the Ann Arbor area for quite some time. "I've been all over Michigan, I just

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Blues & Jazz

F E S T I V A L

1999 CONCERT SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 17 MICHIGAN THEATER

Buddy Guy and KoKo Taylor perform at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$75, \$40, \$25 in advance.

Saturday, Sept. 18 GALLUP PARK

Tickets \$20 at the gate, students \$15. Advance tickets \$17, students \$12.

- 11 a.m. Festival gates open
- 12 p.m. Uncle Jessie White
- 1:15 p.m. Thornetta Davis
- 2:30 p.m. Jimmy Dillon
- 3:45 p.m. Steve Turre Quartet
- 5 p.m. C.J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band
- 6:30 p.m. Pharoah Sanders

BIRD OF PARADISE

Charles Earland Quartet perform at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show, for each performance.

Sunday, Sept. 19 GALLUP PARK

Tickets \$20 at the gate, students \$15. Advance tickets \$17, students \$12.

- 11 a.m. Festival gates open
- 12 p.m. Madcat and Kane
- 1:15 p.m. Amigo Latin All-Stars with Eileen Orr and Francisco Mora
- 2:30 p.m. Bird of Paradise Orchestra
- 3:45 p.m. Steve Lucky and the Rumba Bums
- 5 p.m. Big Bill Morganfield and The Bob Margolan Blues Band
- 6:30 p.m. Keb' Mo' Band

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Charles Earland Quartet perform at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show, for each performance.

WHAT: The Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival
WHEN: Friday-Sunday, Sept. 17-19, see concert times below
WHERE: The Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, one-half block west of State Street, call (734) 668-8397; Gallup Park, US-23 to Geddes Road, exit and go west on Geddes until crossing Huron Parkway, the park is on the left and parking is provided at Huron High School on the right; Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St. in downtown Ann Arbor, call (734) 662-8310.

GETTING AROUND TOWN: A free shuttle bus will transport visitors from Huron High School parking lot to the event. The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority has buses running to and from Gallup Park, call (734) 996-0400 for route information. Parking structures are located near both the Michigan Theater and Bird of Paradise club.

COST: Children 12 and under admitted to Gallup Park for free

if accompanied by an adult. Ticket prices vary, see schedule. Tickets may be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets, including the Michigan Union Ticket Office. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS to charge by phone or try the Web at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets for Gallup Park are also available at stores around downtown Ann Arbor including SKR Blues and Jazz, Espresso Royale Cafes, P.J. Records and Borders Book Store. Groups of 20 or more may call (734) 747-9955 for discount information.

RULES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Check out Art in the Park in Gallup Park on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18-19. Storytellers, face-painting and the annual Kid's Parade are highlights.

No alcohol cans, glass containers, coolers, pets, bicycles or inline skates will be allowed in the park.



DANCE

New set enhances the allure of 'Riverdance'

BY KEELY WYGONIK AND
HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITERS

"Riverdance — The Show" has a new set, and the "show's a lot more theatrical," said Felicity O'Brien, stage manager of the Lee Company, which is coming to Detroit, Sept. 16-19. "The band used to play on the side of the stage. Now they play at the back of the stage and your eyes are more focused on them."

Music plays an important

role in "Riverdance," which focuses on the evolution of Irish dance, its similarities and influences on other cultures. "Music drives the energy of the show," explained O'Brien in a telephone interview from her hotel room in Cincinnati where the show was playing on Aug. 17. "They're the cream of Irish musicians."

O'Brien has been touring

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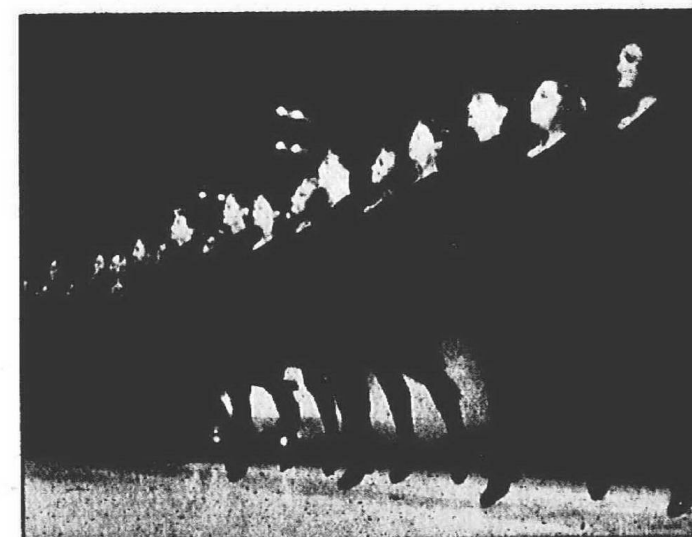
"Riverdance — The Show"

WHEN: Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 16-19. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday; 1 p.m. Thursday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

WHERE: Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit.

TICKETS: \$35 to \$63, available at the Masonic Temple and Fisher Theatre box offices, and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets or (313) 872-1000 for more information.

Web site: www.riverdance.com



Phenomenon: "Riverdance — The Show" is a celebration of Irish music, song and dance.

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haven't been to Ann Arbor (late-ly)," she said.

But if there is one way to draw her attention to the area, it's inviting her to a festival.

"Yes I do enjoy festivals," she said. "This is something women can go to who are mothers ... You know what I mean? A lot of mothers would like to go. This way they can plan, bring a blanket, enjoy music, lay on the grass."

Performing at a club, said Taylor, eliminates a lot of women and older people who don't want to stay out late. With events like the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, Taylor, Guy and 13 other acts can reach a wide audience.

While Taylor is working on new material for her upcoming album, don't expect to hear the new tunes just yet.

"The new album, I'm just about finished with it," said Taylor. "I'm doing it for Alligator Records here in Chicago. It'll be ready to roll in November."

But Taylor wouldn't call her newest collection of blues different from previous albums, such as her 1993 release "Force of Nature."

"From my opinion it's no different," she said. "I have tunes on there — slow tunes — what most people call traditional Mississippi blues on there. There's also up tempo tunes for people who want to dance and listen to it while they ride in their cars."

Mixing both styles, Taylor will offer something for everyone on the new disc, which is unnamed as of yet.

"I do it just like if I'm cooking a pot of soup," she said. "A little bit of this and a little bit of that and I've got a good, big pot of soup."

Since this new "pot of soup" isn't quite done cooking, Taylor will stick to the tunes her fans want to hear. Listen for songs like "I'm a Woman," "Let the Good Times Roll," and "I'd Rather Go Blind."

"I will be playing some tunes everyone can really enjoy and relate to," she said of her upcoming performance. "We can only do so many."

First and foremost she's out to

I will be playing some tunes everyone can really enjoy and relate to. We can only do so many.

*Koko Taylor
'Queen of the Blues'*

please the crowd. "What I do, I'm not doing to please myself. I try to do what I feel is the public's favorite. Everything I do, in the back of my mind, I sure hope the public will enjoy."

It isn't only the general public that's looking forward to catching Taylor's show. Two of her fans will be performing at the weekend festival as well. Peter Madcat Ruth and Shari Kane, known as blues duo Madcat and Kane, identified themselves as fans.

"I love that," said Kane when asked about playing the same event as Taylor and Guy. "That's always a thrill." She's felt fortunate in this profession to have played on the same bill and had a chance to meet some of her musical heroes, she said.

"I think it's going to be a great line-up," she said. "I think it's going to be a great festival. It's more than just coming to hear the music. It's supporting something we want to have in our town."

Both Ann Arbor residents, Madcat and Kane called the festival a historic event.

"There's really a lot of energy at the festival," added Kane. "People are really pumped up. What we end up playing depends on our mood." She said she's not sure if they will do an acoustic set or an electric set this time around, but she's looking forward to it.

Peter Madcat Ruth said he remembered the popularity of the Blues and Jazz Festival in the early 70s. He attended and has performed at it before. "It's nice to play for a hometown crowd," he said. "It's well run and in a nice location. It tends to be a great weekend."

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with the show for a little over a year, and is looking forward to coming back to the Masonic Temple Theatre. "You're close to the audience," she said. "And the audiences in Detroit are always excellent."

Life on the road is very hectic, but the over 100 cast members, musicians and crew are like one big family. "We all know each other so well," said O'Brien.

Friends

Many of the performers have friends in metro Detroit. Mick Gavin of Redford is looking forward to the group's return.

"It's a great show, very well put together," said Gavin who saw it four times last year. "It's very interesting. You're always comparing one show to the next. I know a lot of the dancers and musicians."

When they're performing or rehearsing, Riverdance cast members get together with Gavin and other people from the metro Detroit Irish community.

"They've become friends," said O'Brien. "The musicians might go to an Irish pub or someone's house to play music together."

Keeping the show fresh is a challenge for O'Brien who organizes rehearsal schedules, and ensures that the artistic integrity of the show is maintained. She also takes care of costumes, and makes sure dancers aren't getting careless.

"I still get shivers up and down my spine watching the show," she said. "It's wonderful."

To keep the dancers fresh, various experts work with them to improve their posture and upper body strength. "We have a fitness expert that does warm-up exercises with the dancers, and yoga classes to strengthen and improve posture," she said.

Except for the set, "Riverdance" hasn't changed much over the years. "Various directors will come in and touch things up," said O'Brien. "The show has evolved. Little details are important. They make such a difference. The show is so much better now."

Mike Belvitch of Plymouth, a senior at Plymouth-Salem High School, just returned from a summer "Riverdance" tour. He spent one week in Edmonton,

Alberta and two weeks in Portland, Ore.

"It's been a lot of work and a lot of fun at the same time," said Belvitch, who auditioned for and won a spot with the Logan Company in July 1998.

Belvitch said Riverdance appeals to his sense of wanderlust.

"It gives me the opportunity to meet a lot of new people and the opportunity to travel and see all different places," he said.

He has been involved in Irish dancing since he was 8. His mother's side of the family is Irish.

"It's kind of a nice reward after years of practice," said Belvitch.

Dancers range in age from 17 to 28, with the bulk being 22-23. They come from all over the world, but mostly Ireland. There are three companies, all named after rivers in Ireland. The Lee Company, named after a river in County Cork; the Logan Company, named after a river in Belfast; and the Liffey Company, touring Europe, named for a river in Dublin.

Paul Cussick, a Plymouth resident who graduated from Catholic Central this year, is part of the Liffey Company. His mother, Noreen, said he's enjoying life on the road.

"He's having a wonderful time," she said. "He's loving it."

So far he's visited Cologne and Stuttgart in Germany, Rotterdam, Brussels and Ghent in Belgium and Zurich, Switzerland. He's been a dancer since he was 5.

"I think it's wonderful," Cussick said. "I love to watch him dance."

It can take up to a year for a new dancer to learn all the moves they need to become part of the cast; 2 to 3 weeks to learn just one number.

"There's a lot of rehearsing, two to three hours a day," said O'Brien. "It's hard work, and requires concentration."

Some of the cast members toured with the original company. Many attended colleges and universities so they will have something to fall back on. "They're very skilled people who come to 'Riverdance,'" said O'Brien. "We thought it was just a three month phenomena but it's gone on for a very long time."

UK band proves that its 'Pretty' self can still rock

BY ALICE REEIN
STAFF WRITER

An oxymoron if there ever were one: Pretty Things. The British band that time forgot was never, ever pretty. In their glam days they were bad-boy cute — that is — if you had a thing for men with long blond hair in silver satin pants.

But in the '60s and early '70s, the six-man group, which plays this Tuesday at the Magic Bag in Ferndale, pumped out a slew of raucous rock-and-roll albums. The band never really broke up, but the original Pretties are together again with a new album, "Rage Before Beauty" (Snapper Music).

A musician's band who can sing raunchy and still harmonize, the Pretties left a mark on such impressionable young men as David Bowie (who covered two tunes on "Pin Ups"), Johnny Rotten and those chaps from Led Zeppelin (who invited the band to record on its label Swan Song).

While Pretties guitarist Dick Taylor was an original member of the Rolling Stones, the band's music has always been more akin to the Kinks in its novelty and idealism. But like most bands in the '60s, Pretty Things had an ugly side.

They were the first rock-and-roll band in England to be busted for drugs, the first to set fire to an aircraft in mid-flight, the first to have their drummer beaten senseless by a heavyweight boxing champ.

When parents warned their teenagers about the immoral Beatles and those vulgar Rolling Stones, the band that truly deserved to be feared was Pretty Things.

The Pretties can also be credited with another first, the album S. F. Sorrow (1968) was the first rock opera, though the title was usurped a year later by The Who's "Tommy."

Whether it's fast-driving R&B or serious ballads, music has always come easy for lead singer and songwriter Phil May; hit singles haven't. "Joey (in a dream),"

What: The Pretty Things (featuring original members) WSG The White Stripes
When: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14
Where: Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale
For information: Call (248) 544-3030 or visit www.themagicbag.com

from the glam-rock epic "Silk Torpedo" (1974) comes the closest. But any teenager worth his or her musical weight had a copy of the 1970 release "Parachute" and the rootsy "Freeway Madness" (1972).

In the 1980s, the band started work on "Rage before Beauty," which was released this year. Nineteen years to make an album that includes three cover tunes?

Yes, and no apologies necessary. While the cover of the Stone's "Play with Fire" never ignites, "Eye of Destruction" is as hauntingly poignant today. Ronnie Spector lends her vocals on a grinding version of "Mony Mony," which dignifies this song thought destined as a mere excuse to swear on the dance floor.

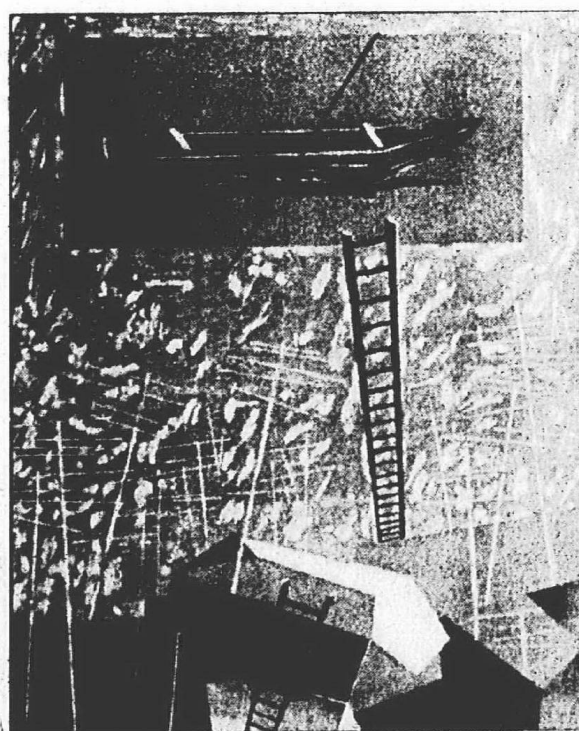
The bluesy "Vivian Prince" recounts the original outrageous drummer: "Goodbye, Goodbye and 'Fly Away' are smooth-as-silk ballads and the thrashing "Not Givin' In" could be the band's rendering of the quintessential Dylan Thomas poem.

The Bach Chorale lends its angelic voice to "Love Keeps Hanging On," but it's Mandy Miller's Inspirational Choir that sings in exhalation on "God Give Me the Strength."

Pretty Things were always a little too hip for their own good. While the British punk wave came and went, one of the best unknown bands kept right on with their revved-up harmonies and tightly wound ballads. And rock-and-roll has never been s pretty.

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Ridgedale Players open season with 'Nunsense'

Ridgedale Players will present the musical comedy "Nunsense" Saturday, Sept. 11, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 17-19 and Sept. 24-26 at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (between Crooks and Liver- nois) in Troy. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$13; seniors and students pay \$12 on Sun- days, call (248) 988-7049. Sand- wich and coffee afterglow includ- ed with ticket price. Free previews of "Nunsense" are scheduled dur- ing Ridgedale's annual open house 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at the theater.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

The director of the Ridgedale Players' upcoming staging of "Nunsense" wants the audience to forget all the stereotypes associated with the sisterhood.

In the play, the group of nuns works on rais- ing money to bury their fellow sisters, who were accidentally killed by the convent cook. In the meantime, the dead nuns are stored in the freezer.

"We have been rehearsing ardently for the past five to six weeks," said director/choreog- rapher Dan See of Troy. "What (the audience) really has to look forward to is the presentation of a very different image of nuns," See said. The cast is all female.

"Nunsense's" Mother Superior, played by Becky MacIntyre of Troy, is a former tightrope walk-

er who has a hard time control- ling her flock. Sister Mary Hubert, played by Peggy Jones of Rochester Hills, wants Mother Superior's job. Sister Robert Anne, played by Lynn Koch of Troy, is street wise and wants to be a star. Sister Mary Amnesia, portrayed by Tania Velinsky of Royal Oak, is a ventriloquist. Another nun, Sister Mary Leo, played by Rachel Pattison of Royal Oak, expresses her love for God through ballet.

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"It's hysterically funny and full of toe-tapping music," See said. The audience will be encouraged to interact with the

cast during a bingo fund-raiser put on by the play's nuns.

"Nunsense," penned by Michi- gan resident Dan Goggin about 12 years ago, never made it to Broadway, but has been shown off-Broadway, See said.

"Now it's kind of a stock piece for community theater," he said.

Other upcoming Ridgedale productions include:

■ "Jest a Second" by James Sherman, Nov. 5-6, Nov. 12-14 and Nov. 19-21

■ "Deathtrap" by Ira Levin, Jan. 14-15, Jan. 21-23 and Jan. 28-30

■ "Oklahoma" by Rodgers and Hammerstein March 10-11, March 12-13 and March 19-21 2000 and

■ "Moon Over the Brewery" May 5-7, 12-13 and 19-21



No nonsense acting: (Front, left to right) Rachel Patti- son, Tania Velinsky, and Peggy Jones worked with Troy residents and fellow actors (Back, left to right) Lynn Koch and Becky Mac Intyre in the Ridgedale Players new production, which opens Sat., Sept. 11.

Tinderbox shows 'Godspell'

Tinderbox Productions pre- sents "Godspell" 8 p.m. Friday- Saturday, Sept. 10-11 and 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Tickets are \$6-\$10 and may be reserved in advance or obtained at the door. For more information, call (313) 535-8962.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Tinderbox Production's upcom- ing production of "Godspell" aims to show the audience the lighter side of being one of Jesus Christ's disciples.

Originally staged on the heels of 1970s-influenced "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Godspell" focuses on a band of disciples who tell each other bible parables through music and dance. Like "Super- star," "Godspell" also is set amid a 1970s-theme, said Nancy Florkowski, artistic director for Tinderbox Productions.

"The production of 'Godspell' will bring back many fond mem- ories," Florkowski said. "The cost- umeing is very colorful and pret- ty far-out. There are a lot of (clothes) that don't match."

Director David M. Hartmann has directed "Godspell" numer- ous times. The show runs about 2 1/2 hours.

Stars include Meaghan Duke and Kirsten Benjamin of Detroit, Rebecca Allen of West Bloom- field, Jody and Jenny Florkowski of Redford, Ben Ryberg of Farm- ington Hills, Morgan Johnson of Livonia, Kyle Grant of Livonia, and Shannon VanEsley of Red- ford.

Tinderbox Productions, which is sponsored by the Scottish Rite Masons as part of their family outreach program, was begun in 1990 by Florkowski as part of her master's theses project in children's theater. It was former- ly known as the Redford Youth Theatre, and was sponsored by

and housed in South Redford Schools, until outgrowing its quarters and moving to Detroit.

The group won a spot in the 1996 Livent production of "Joseph and the Amazing Tech- nicolor Dreamcoat." The Tind- erbox Show Choir has performed at events such as the Festival of Trees at Cobo Hall and holiday concerts at Greenfield Village and senior homes.

General auditions for the 1999-2000 season will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 following the 2 p.m. performance of "School House Rock" at Masonic Temple. Auditions for 1999-2000 season, non-paid positions, all ages, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. Call (313) 535-8962.

This year's productions include "The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupery, "The Little Princess" by Frances H. Burnett and Music Theatre Internation- al's Broadway Junior "Annie."

'The Music Man' opens Avon Player's season

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Avon Players is opening its sea- son Friday, Sept. 10 with the musical classic, "The Music Man."

Jean Garringer, vice president at large for Avon Players, said musicals give the players a real chance to shine.

"I would say that we put on wonderful musicals," Garringer said. "I think it's our forte."

The Avon Players typically open their season with a musi- cal.

"We try to pick a show that has children and teens involved," she said. "There are least 10 teens and children involved in 'The

Music Man'.

Children and teens from Avon's youth theater group typi- cally "graduate" to Avon's main stage productions, she said.

Avon's show, like the original, is set in the early 1900s. The plot involves the romance between a fast-talking con man and the librarian who cons him. The director is Debbie Schlutow of Auburn Hills.

Show dates for "The Music Man" are 8 p.m. Friday-Satur- day, Sept. 10-11, 17-18 and 24- 25, and Oct. 1-2; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, Sept. 19, and Sept. 26; 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, and Thursday, Sept. 30. Perform- ances are at the theater 1185 Tienken Road, 1 1/4 miles east of

Rochester Road in Rochester Hills. Tickets are \$15. Senior and student discounts available for Thursday and Sunday perfor- mances. Season tickets are \$65 and includes all five shows of the season. Call (248) 608-9077 for ticket information.

The upcoming Avon season:

■ "Wait Until Dark" a sus- pense thriller — Oct. 29-31, Nov. 5-7 and 11-13.

■ "Made in the U.S.A.: Encore!" a musical biennial salute to American song and dance. — Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 27-29.

■ "Moon Over Buffalo," a hys- terical farce — March 3-5, 10-12 and 16-18, 2000.

Clarkston Village Players to present 'Murder by the Book'

The Clarkston Village Players will usher in its 39th season Friday, Sept. 10 with a murder mys- tery thriller — "Murder by the Book," a story about a London novelist and murders real and fake.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. for Thursday shows and 8 p.m. for all other shows throughout the season. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased by calling (248) 625-8811. The Clarkston Village Players' Depot Theatre is located at 4861 White Lake Road, between Dixie Highway and Ander- sonville Road in Independence Township.

Show dates and times for "Murder by the Book" are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11, 17-18 and 24-25; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23.

Other shows in the season include:

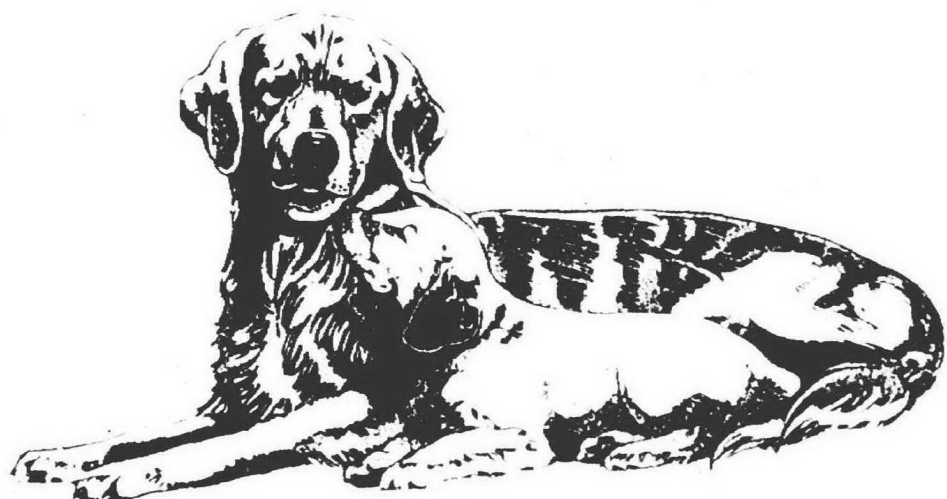
■ "Close Ties," a family drama involving an aging matriarch, Nov. 5-6, 10-13 and 18-20.

■ "Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick, Jan. 7-8, 13-15 and 20-22.

■ "A Case of Libel," by Henry Denker, March 10-11, 15-18 and 23-25.

■ "A Bad Year for Tomatoes," May 12-13, 18-20 and 25-27.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, at 8 p.m. the Players will present "Fall Concert 1999" featuring David Mosher, Bob Gerics and Dan Hall. Tickets are \$10. Compact discs will be available following the show. Call (248) 625-8811 for more infor- mation.



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GEM THEATRE

"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, Sept. 15 through Feb. 13, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theatre, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

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Puccini's "La Boheme," Friday, Sept. 10, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16501 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. \$15, includes afterglow reception; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Belian Art Center, 5980 Rochester Road at Square Lake Road, Troy. (313) 582-0997

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AVON PLAYERS

"The Music Man," Sept. 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, and Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$15. (248) 608-9077

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS

"Nunsense," Sept. 11, 17-18 and 24-26, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy. \$13, \$12 seniors/students, includes sandwich and coffee afterglow. (248) 988-7049; open house 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12.

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS
"You Know I Can't Hear When the Water's Running," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 24-25 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, east of Lahser, Detroit. \$10. (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-4010

ST. DUNSTON'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK

Tour one of the country's oldest operating outdoor Greek theaters and an indoor theater designed by Eliel Saarinen while taking a behind-the-scenes look at St. Dunstan's Guild community theater, 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the facility, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 642-1404

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

"Godspell," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11 and 17-18 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, suitable for adults and families, not for children under age five, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$10, \$8, \$6. (313) 535-8962

WAYNE STAGE IV

"Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect up," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11 and 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the State Wayne Stage IV Theatre, Wayne. \$10, \$5 seniors/students. (734) 721-7400

DINNER THEATER

DAVE & BUSTER'S

Mystery dinner theater "Engaged to Die," 8 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 2, on the northeast corner of M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32.95 plus tax and gratuity. Not recommended for children under 18. (810) 930-1515

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Rumpelstiltskin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 12, 19 and 26, at the theatre, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$6. (248) 349-8110

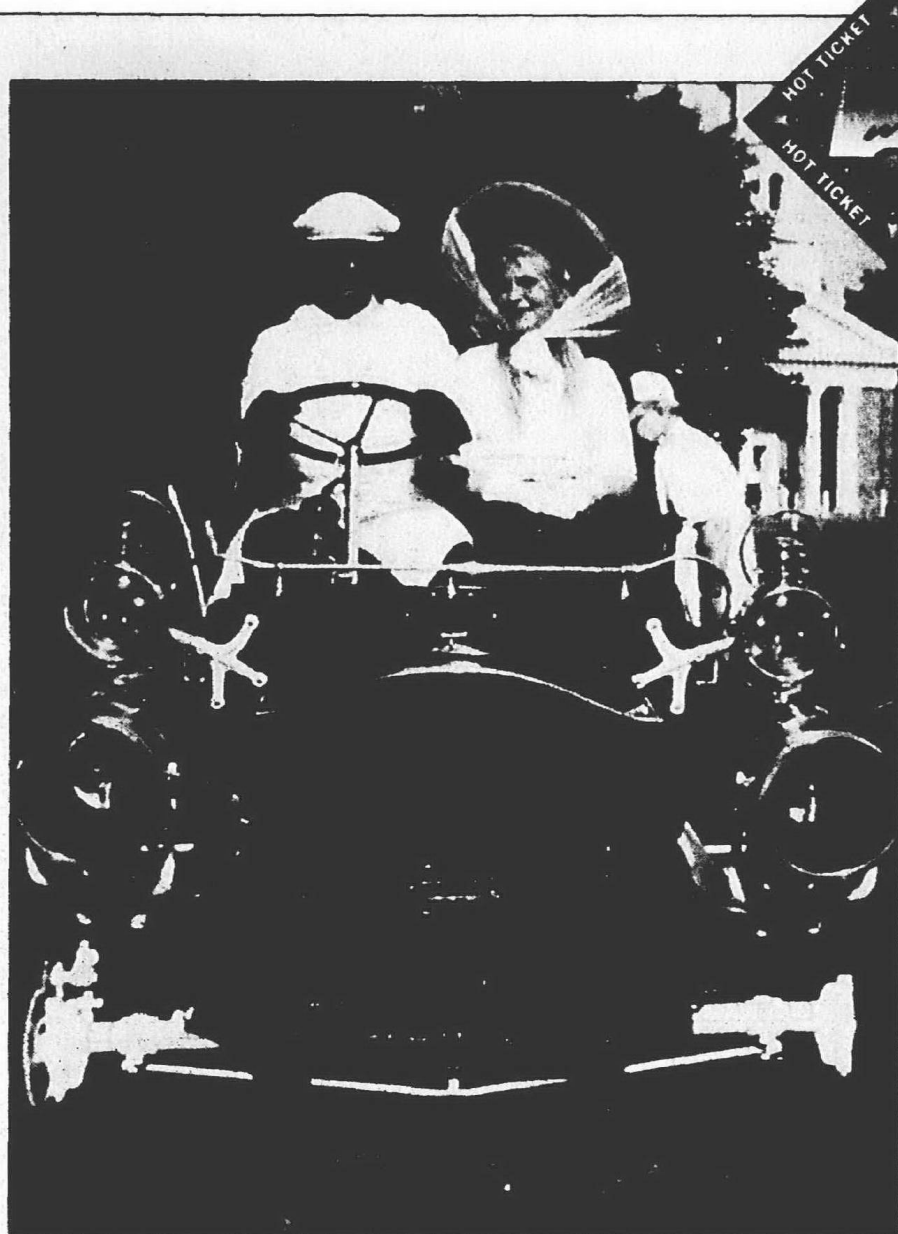
SPECIAL EVENTS

ANN ARBOR AIRPORT

Open House featuring Dairy Aire "Cow" plane, Ford Tri-Motor plane and a Yankee Airforce C-47, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 (free), pancake breakfast 8-11:30 a.m. (\$4, \$2 children), at the airport, south of I-94, near the corner of State and Elsworth roads, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-2841

ANTIQUA SHOW

2-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Novi Expo Center, off I-96 and exit



Drive away: Vehicles from the past are ready to roll into Greenfield Village this weekend for the 49th annual Old Car Festival. From historic Model T's to Packards, a slice of the Motor City will be on display 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12, at Greenfield Village, 20900 Woodward Boulevard in Dearborn. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

162, one mile west of I-696 and I-275/ \$6. (248) 348-5600

BEANIE BABY SHOW

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. \$5, \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

BIRD HIKE

8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, Maybury State Park, meet at the Concession Building in the main parking area on Eight Mile, one mile west of Beck Road, Northville. Free with state park motor vehicle permit. (248) 349-8390

"DAILY IN THE ALLEY"

Multicultural festival featuring more than 30 local bands, arts and crafts, food, a kid's fair, poetry, movies, a swing dancing contest, carriage ride, and more, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 (rain date Sept. 12), between Forest and Hancock, and Second and Third, Detroit. (313) 832-1949/(313) 831-1265

DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS

Hundreds of street rods rumble into Depot Town 6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 9, Cross Street in Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444 or www.ypsilanti.org

FALL BIRD COUNT

7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Nature Center in Kensington Metropark, 2240 W. Buno Rd., Midford. Take I-96 to Kent Lake Rd. exit 153 then follow the signs. (248) 685-0603 or (800) 477-3178. A Metropark vehicle entry permit is required, annual \$15, \$8 seniors, or daily \$3 weekends and holidays, \$2 weekdays except Wednesdays, which are free entry days.

HEALING CONCERT OF CHANT

Norma Gentile performs by candlelight sacred chants including Singing Tibetan Bowls, medieval chants by 12th century abbess Hildegard von Bingen, and spontaneous healing chants intoned from the Huthors and others, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at the Center of Light Church of Metaphysics, 10377 Enterprise Drive, off Dixie Hwy., Davisburg. \$15. (248) 673-5702

HISTORICAL TOUR

Through Woodlawn Cemetery and special program with historian Martin Brosnan, learn about prominent Detroit families and "Millionaires Pond," 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, meet at the cemetery, on west side of Woodward Ave., south of Eight Mile, across from State Fair Grounds, Detroit. Free. (734) 722-6305

JAGUAR CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, to enter be there by 9:30 a.m., at the Northfield Hilton, I-75 and Crooks, Troy. (734) 464-3887

MICHIGAN STATE CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP

And Salsa Competition, Saturday, Sept. 11 during Plymouth's Fall Festival. Benefits all of the community service groups in an around Plymouth. (734) 455-8838

REDFORD THEATRE

"Sleepless in Seattle" starring Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan and Rosie O'Donnell, with guest organists, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, Sept. 10, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, Sept. 11, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or http://theatreorgans.com/mi/redford

RICK ROE

The pianist performs old and new favorites, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. (734) 327-4282

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Music, ethnic cuisine and dress, and performances by the Tex Mex Conjunto Estrella Azul Pyramid Performing Theatre, Mariachi America de Manuel Zaragoza, and Banda Embajador, 3-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, in Clark Park, Detroit. Free. (313) 843-9598

BENEFITS

GILDA'S CLUB METRO DETROIT

Family Walk & Block Party, 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 8:30-9:45 a.m. registration in Macomb Hall, begins with a walking tour of downtown Detroit or a one-mile indoor fun walk, then back to Cobb Center for a family block party. \$22, children under 10 free. (248) 577-0800

"HAIL TO THE TRAIL"

A 5-K, 10-K or one-mile fun run, 7:30 a.m. (registration begins) Saturday, Sept. 11, at West Brank Picnic Area in Stony Creek Metropark, near Rochester/Utica. \$22, proceeds to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. A Metropark vehicle permit is required, \$3 weekends, \$15 annual (\$8 seniors). (248) 541-7190/(810) 781-4242/(800) 477-7756

HUDSON'S FASHION SHOW

To benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at Hudson's in the Briarwood Mall, Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 994-8004

SOMEWHERE IN TIME/ GREAT GATSBY GALA

Celebrates the Scarab Club's history and the Emerald Sinfonietta's second season 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 with cocktails, dinner (8:30 p.m.), dancing and entertainment, vintage dress or black tie preferred, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$100, proceeds to benefit educational outreach programs of the Emerald Sinfonietta and the Scarab Club. (313) 438-0780

FAMILY EVENTS

JIF PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM CONCERT

10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 11, featuring Janet and M. Arch of the Children's Theatre of Michigan, at the Star Theatre at Great Lakes Crossing, Auburn Hills.

KINDERMUSIK STORY TIME

An interactive program of storytelling, music and movement with Karen Schanerberger, a licensed music educator at Evola Music in Canton, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Science Emporium, 30951 Five Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. (734) 427-6125

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 11-12, Highland Fling, off I-75, Grand Blanc exit 106, on Dixie Hwy., between Pontiac and Flint. \$13.95 (\$12.50 advance), \$11.75 seniors age 60 and up with ID, \$5.95 ages 5-12 (\$5 advance), (800) 601-4848/(248) 634-5552

PLYMOUTH FALL FESTIVAL

Classic car and motorcycle show, chili cookoff for Michigan State Championship, rides, chicken barbecue, pancake breakfast, and music by community and country groups 5-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. (734) 453-1540

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY CHAMBER WINDS

Concert 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory, Maben Road, north of Ford Road, Canton, begins with 1:30 p.m. dinner at Outback Steak House, on Ford Road, Canton. Limited seating. (734) 453-7590, ext. 222

BRASS

DODWORTH SAXHORN BAND

Presents its recreation of mid-19th century American brass bands, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. \$8, \$5 students/seniors, \$20 family. (734) 453-5280

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY

"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through September, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS

AUTUMNFEST

Volunteers needed for the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation festival, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Marksbank Park on Hiller Road,

north of Commerce Road. Also needed volunteers for Oct. 23 Monster Mash Bash. (248) 738-2500

AVON PLAYERS

Open auditions for "Wait Until Dark," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-14, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. For performances Oct. 29-31 and Nov. 5-7 and 11-13. (248) 475-9212

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages for rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School, Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

DEARBORN BALLET THEATRE

Auditions for "The Nutcracker," 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 (1 p.m. children's parts for party scene, 2:30 p.m. acrobats, 3 p.m. advance dancers, and 4 p.m. adults for non-dance roles), at the Dearborn Senior Center Gymnasium, 13500 Colson, east of Schaefer between Michigan and Ford roads. For performances Nov. 26-27. (313) 563-2488/(313) 943-3095

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

Auditions for the youth orchestra's new season will be held Sept. 11. (313) 576-5164/(313) 576-5100

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA/BALLET INTERNATIONALE

Open casting call for dancers (ages 7 to college) for "The Nutcracker," noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, in room 228, Liberal Arts Building, Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. For performances Dec. 9-19 at the Detroit Opera House. (313) 576-5477

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Auditions for the 1999-2000 season will be held in the coming weeks. (734) 591-7649

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Auditions for "It's a Wonderful Life," 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-14, at the Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile, west of I-275, Northville. For performances Nov. 19-20 and 26-28, and Dec. 3-4. (248) 344-1723/(248) 349-7110 or www.causeway.com/ptg/

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions for all voice parts 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, in the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Schoolcraft College is reviving its jazz ensemble and is looking for musicians. Rehearsals will be held 7-10 p.m. Mondays beginning Sept. 13 in the music department of the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 420-8984

SECOND CITY-DETROIT TRAINING CENTER

Classes in improvisational technique and basic acting skills run Sept. 30 to Nov. 24, at 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$200. (313) 964-5821 or www.secondcity.com

SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS

Looking for new members of all ages to rehearse and become new members of the ladies group that sings four-part harmony in the barbershop tradition, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of Inkster Road, Livonia. (313) 937-2429

STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for "Dracula," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 20-21 (6:30 p.m. registration), at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. (248) 541-4832. For performances Nov. 5-6, 7, 10-14, and 18-21.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for 1999-2000 season, non-paid positions, all ages, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Also Scary Workshop classes for grades 1-12 (six weeks, \$25), for Oct. 16 performance. (313) 535-8962

TRILLIUM PLAYERS

Looking for a director for "The Fantastics," must submit resume and fee information no later than Sept. 12, c/o 1165 Ford Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192. For performances the weekend of Jan. 28 at the Trillium Theater, formerly the Wyandotte Theater.

WIELICZKA DANCERS

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America dancers are taking registrations Sept. 9 to Oct. 15 for students ages 4-16, classes take place Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Tom Dooley K of C Hall, 28945 Joy Road, Livonia. (734) 591-2079

YOUTH COMPETITION

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December at Evola Music of Canton, in addition to orchestral instruments, piano contestants are also being sought, winners will perform on the youth concerts in February of 2000. (734) 451-2112

CHORAL

CANTIBLE WOMEN'S CHORAL

Performs a variety of music including Renaissance, classical, folk, spiritual and gospel, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at

First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward, south of Nine Mile, Ferndale, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at St. Patrick Church, 9086 Hutchins Road at Union Lake Road, White Lake. Suggested donation of \$5 may be made at the door. (248) 685-7628/(248) 788-4361

JAZZ

TASILIMAH BEY

8:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 (ragtime piano)

FRANK FOSTER AND QUARTET

7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO

With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555 (Brazilian jazz/American standards)

"JAZZ ON THE LAKE"

Chuck Mangione headlines followed by Alexander Zonjic, also food and wine tasting offered by nearly three dozen area restaurants and wine merchants, and a silent auction 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake. \$65. (248) 683-1750

BETTY JOPLIN

9:30 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-8310

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS STYLE JAZZ

3-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, and alternating Saturdays, at Steak and Ale, 32750 Concord, east of I-75, Madison Hgts. \$4. (248) 476-2674

JANET TENAI TRIO

Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnen, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 351-2925

TYE-KOWALEWSKI TRIO

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

THE WARREN COMMISSION

6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

WORLD MUSIC

BLACK BRIMMER

With Brendan McNulty and Ron Jewell perform at the Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, followed by R.P.M., at the Blarney Bay Pub, 27758 Warren, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Westland. No Cover. (734) 421-6940 (Irish)

CRAOBH RUA

Traditional music reminiscent of the 1960's Irish folk revival, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$12.50

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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PICNIC DANCE

3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, music by Ted Sokolowski Orchestra, 5 p.m. performance by the Mala Polska Dance Groups, at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple at Dequindre, Troy. \$5. (248) 689-3636

STARDUST BALLROOM

Dance Parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Malone and Nootcheez, and Elliott Branch, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 9-11 (\$15), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Tom McGillen also Alyce Faye Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 8-12; Etta May and Chris Speyer Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 15-19, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY

"Phantom Menace to Society," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

BELLE ISLE ZOO

Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 31, at the zoo on Central Avenue on Belle Isle, two miles east of downtown Detroit, entrance is on East Jefferson at East Grand Boulevard. \$3. \$2 seniors age 62 and older and students. \$1 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900/(248) 399-7001

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS

Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 27 (\$10); and 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reservation for an additional \$10; gardens open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (\$5), guided garden tour at extra cost by reservation, at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM

"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Lasera programs at the science center which closed temporarily Sept. 7, opens Oct. 15 with new permanent exhibits "Life Lab," "The kinetic," "Every Rock has a Story," and "Reading Objects," and a temporary exhibit "Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces that Shape our World," 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-462-7262

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Sunday Stroll program begins with tour of the Michigan State Fairgrounds, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, \$10, \$5 Historical Society members. (313) 833-4727. Behind the Scenes program begins with dinner and a Forbidden Hollywood show package at the Century Theatre, 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, \$74, \$64 members. (313) 833-4727. Detroit Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays. \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LANE

Estate tours include the restored river side powerhouse. Henry Ford's person-

al garage and cars, giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Old Car Festival, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 11-12; Railroad Days, displays, ride a 1890-1910 handcar, traditional hobo camp, create puppets of engineers and conductors, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 25-26; the village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

"Something Old, Something New: Wedding Gowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries," on display 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Sept. 25, at the museum on Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off of Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663

POPULAR MUSIC

AH LAROECCA

9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 14, 28, The Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

THE ALLIGATORS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. Free. 21 and over. (248) 735-4011; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, Cavern Club, Ann Arbor (734) 332-9900

BACKSTREET BOYS

7:30 p.m. Saturday-Monday, Nov. 6-8, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Sold Out!

JEFF BECK

With Johnny Lang, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets now on sale \$35 pavilion/\$15 lawn at The Palace and Pine Knob Box Offices and Ticketmaster locations. Charge by phone (248) 645-6666 or online www.ticketmaster.com (rock)

BENNY AND THE JETS

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, live on the Web chatroom at www.bennyandthejets.com

BLUE CAT

7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE HAWAIIANS

7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE ROSE

Saturday, Sept. 11, Mt. Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. (248) 549-2929; 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

BLUE SUITE

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Lower Towne Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and over. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BRITTLE OXEN

With Radium, 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, 313jac, upstairs from Jacobsy's, 624 Brush St., Detroit. 18 and over. \$5 cover. (313) 962-7067 (rock)

JAMES BROWN

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$35 and \$27.50 on sale now at Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at (248) 433-1515 (soul)

JOE BROWN

With Goodwill, 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 313jac, upstairs from Jacobsy's, 624 Brush St., Detroit. 18 and over. \$5 cover. (313) 962-7067 (instrumental)

BUSTER BLUES BAND

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Karl's Cabin, 9779 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth (734) 455-8450 (blues)

SUSAN CALLOWAY

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 in advance. (248) 544-3030 (local rock)

CEPHAS & WIGGINS

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 761-1800 (country blues)

CHER

With Cyndi Lauper and Julio Iglesias, Jr. Concert rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets from the July 23 show will be honored on Sept. 12. Tickets for an additional show on Sept. 11 are on sale for \$75.25 and \$45.25. Call. (248) 645-6666

MARK CHESNUTT

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. Tickets on sale \$12.50 and \$25.50. (248) 370-0100 (country)

THE CHURCH

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8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, Majestic Theater, Majestic Theater Center, Detroit. Tickets \$11 advance. (313) 833-9700 (grateful dead covers)

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INNERCOURSE

With Factory 81, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets on sale \$8. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

ISOTOPE 217

With the Eternals, Thursday, Sept. 23, Magic Stick, Majestic Theater Center, Detroit. (313) 833-9700 (funk/jazz)

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With Stewart Francke, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. (248) 370-0100 (pop)

MANIC STREET PREACHERS

July 24 show has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 at Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets for the original date will be honored at the door.

RICKY MARTIN

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6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, postponed until Sept. 15, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$25. All ages. (248) 546-7610 (pop)

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8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets

MOVIES

'Mickey Blue Eyes' guilty of laugh-making

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Hugh Grant has a problem. A lot of young actors achieve instant stardom and spend a career living up to the early hype. Hugh Grant seems to have to prove himself with each new release. It's possible that this summer's comedy quinnella, "Notting Hill" and "Mickey Blue Eyes," will let him go on to do his thing without the "Yeah, he's cute but can he act?" anchor around him.

Grant is cute, all right; he's also got the frenetic funnybone of that other Grant character,

Cary. This allows him to be best when the walls are closing in, like the earlier Grant in "Front Page" and so many others.

In "Mickey," Hugh plays Michael, a suave Manhattan art dealer who runs an auction like Don Rickles with culture. Proposing to girlfriend Gina (Jeanne Tripplehorn) in a Chinese restaurant, a scene you'll recall next time you're in one, he's shocked when she turns him down. "You're ashamed of me," he reasons. "I talk funny and my hair's unusually fluffy."

But she's got a different explanation. If he becomes a member of the family, he becomes a mem-

ber of...The Family. He's never met them, and protests that "I don't wanna marry your father." "You will," she warns, "and all his friends."

Downtown in Little Italy, he confronts the clan. There's Frankie, VinEE, RichEE, LouEE — that's how they say it on Mulberry Street. Frank, Gina's dad, is James Caan. He's an old crony to the big boss, Vito (Burt Young). Caan's equally at home playing serious gangsters ("The Godfather") and comedy gangsters ("Honeymoon in Vegas"), so the dees, dems and doses flow freely.

Before you can say "Fuhgedaboutit" — which Grant can't, as

you've seen in the commercials — poor Michael's in up to his fluffy hairline doing favors for Dad. First laundering a little money through the art store, then covering up a little arson; finally, there's that little accessory to murder thing.

To stay alive as a rival crime family and the FBI are closing in, Michael poses as mobster Mickey Blue Eyes from Kansas City. There's a lot of "Analyze This" in this. Grant's and Billy Crystal's fishes-out-of-water come from the same pond. Supporting actor Joseph Viterelli plays the exact same role in both movies as a huge henchman. Even a few of the locations look the same, from the New Jersey bank of the Hudson River where they bury the bodies to the abandoned shipyard where the opposing Dons bury the hatchet.

"Mickey Blue Eyes" is a lightweight romantic comedy and has no aspirations to be anything more. Grant, Caan and Tripplehorn are guilty of laugh-making in at least the second



Romantic comedy: Gina Vitale (Jeanne Tripplehorn) and Michael Felgate (Hugh Grant) in "Mickey Blue Eyes."

degree. They are aided and abetted by a motley mob of comic criminals. So eh — what's not to like?

Jon Katz is a free-lance writer who lives in Rochester.

'Outside Providence' makes growing up look comical

BY VICKI DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Written by brothers Peter and Bobby Farrelly — who created last year's smash hit, "There's Something About Mary" — and director Michael Corrente ("American Buffalo"), "Outside Providence" is one of those slightly-sad, slightly-mad comedies about a group of kids who are at the edge of adulthood, trying to find their way in life.

Based on Peter Farrelly's novel of the same name, it contains a bit of the spirit of Peter Yates' film, "Breaking Away," and Gus Van Sant's "Good Will Hunting," along with some of the boisterous raunch reminiscent of John Landis' "Animal House."

Set in Rhode Island and Connecticut in the shaggy '70s, "Outside Providence" focuses mainly on the life of one Timothy Dunphy (played winningly by Shawn Hatosy), a high school senior whose mother shoots ornaments off the family Christmas tree with an air rifle one year, and then turns a real gun on herself several years later.

Dunphy, though he definitely possesses a certain charm, could never be mistaken for an overachiever in the blue-collar town of Pawtucket, Rhode Island where he lives with his curmudgeonly father, his crippled brother, and his three-legged, one-eyed dog. To find clues to Dunphy's identity, best to look in the dictionary under the word, "slacker."

The same goes for his pals. Drugs Delaney (Jon Abrahams)

is wasting much of his youth in a kind of chemically induced fog.

Mousy (Jonathan Brandis) entertains child-like, dreamy dreams of somehow escaping gritty Pawtucket and making it in sunny California someday. Others in the group are birds of a similar feather. You could safely say that not one of these guys is exactly consumed by drive and ambition.

One night, while chauffeuring his buddies around town, Dunphy accidentally rams his car into a police cruiser. Nobody is hurt, but the event is the last straw as far as Dunphy's exasperated father is concerned. Just about as quickly as Dunphy can pack his trash-bag luggage, and sent his errand son off to an exclusive Connecticut prep school called Cornwall Academy.

Here, Dunphy is greeted by slimy resident director, Mr. Funderberk (Timothy Crowe), who assures him of the awful truth: "We at Cornwall expect more than those liberal institutions." Not surprisingly, the young diamond-in-the-rough learns some things about life and love as this story progresses. But, while the movie may be predictable and a little choppy at times, some right-on dialogue, appealing characterizations, and strong performances lift "Outside Providence" above the usual, garden-variety, teen-comes-of-age flick.

Cast as Old Man Dunphy, Alec Baldwin plays a middle-aged,

working-class father struggling mightily to bring up his two motherless sons, and point them in what he considers the right direction. He's a mixed bag of thorns and tough love — a paternal type we've all seen on the screen before. However, Baldwin brings to the role a kind of poignant strength that not only gives extra dimension to the character, but adds substance to the film itself. One simple, but touching, scene in which he discusses with his son the manly art of tying neckties is a real keeper.

George Wendt is a winner as a poker player with a surprise up his sleeve, and newcomer Jack Ferver is a quiet riot as Dunphy's roommate, who often looks like he needs quick access to a barf bag. Amy Smart, playing "the coolest chick in school," is an All-American beauty, but she's clearly at a disadvantage here, since her part is much less interesting than the male roles in this picture.

Employing rather harsh lighting and grainy stock, director of photography Richard Crudo paints Pawtucket as a gray, slightly shadowy place with an almost-desolate feel. On the other hand, the prep school milieu is as colorful and lovely-to-look-at as Lollipop Land. One assumes Crudo meant to underscore the differences in these two worlds, but he may have gone slightly overboard. This "color scheming" gives the movie an odd feel overall, as if the two parts never quite meld together.

MUSIC

JoyDrop is Canada's latest modern rock candy

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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With the sounds of Smashing Pumpkins "Siamese Dream" wafting in the background on the other end of the telephone line, Tom McKay explained he doesn't spend much time lounging around his living room in Toronto these days.

The bassist for the Canadian-based modern rock band, JoyDrop, said they've been touring incessantly since last January in support of their debut album "Metasexual," released by Tommy Boy Records. On Sept. 10, JoyDrop will stop in Detroit for the first time.

While the band's moniker conjures images of rock candy, its meaning is something more than sugar-sweet. McKay came up with the name while toying with words that described how the music makes him feel. He chose "Joy" because music has an ability to lift you up, he said.

"Drop" was another word that encapsulated that idea, while also referring to something with weight, something that would

not fly away in the wind. "JoyDrop" had a good feeling, a good weight to it."

The members of JoyDrop — McKay, vocalist Tara Stone, drummer Tony Rabalao, and guitarist Thomas Payne — came together in 1996 in Canada's urban center, Toronto. McKay and Rabalao knew each other prior to forming the band, and Stone auditioned after answering an ad in an entertainment newspaper.

"We knew she was the one," said McKay. "No one else stood out."

Impressed by her powerful voice and obvious experience as a singer, Stone joined the band and "the chemistry evolved pretty quickly." For the first year JoyDrop was together, the band rehearsed six days a week working to solidify their material before performing in front of an audience.

Unlike his bandmates, McKay did not formally study music. "I was more the guy who left home a little early. I went to Britain." His objectives were to travel to a place he considered to be very

cool and to get a record deal. In his early 20s, McKay achieved both aspirations, having lived in London and Glasgow, Scotland and getting signed to a record deal as a member of Five Guys Named Moe.

"It was really good training to be young and have a record deal. I learned a lot being 22 years old and having all that experience. It was like an apprenticeship."

An apprenticeship that has paid off, it would seem. JoyDrop has broken into the top 20 on Billboard's Modern Rock Charts with their first single "Beautiful." At number 20 on Sept. 4, the song is among McKay's favorites on the album.

"If you look at the top 20 songs, it's pretty stiff competition," he said. "These are bands that I have in my record collection. It's an amazing thing. The record company really helped get it there."

Seeing the single do well, said McKay, is a way of creating a bond between the band and

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STREET SCENE

Reviving the 1980s: an experiment that paid off



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

I hate to admit it, but I am a product of the 1980s.

It started with a pair of purple leg warmers I wore in second grade (scrunched to the ankles of course) and continued on to my later discovery of the curling iron (which led to big, over-hair sprayed hair), and culminated in my leather mini skirt phase. Somewhere between hair bands like Poison and an affinity for flannel shirts and Pearl Jam's "Ten," the decade came to a close.

What was gone, was not forgotten.

As often occurs within the cyclical nature of our society, the 1980s returned in the late 1990s, and did so in a big way. The hideous fashions may have come and gone, but the music has lingered on. Radio stations like WPLT 96.3 FM may be to blame with their continuous flashbacks and concerts featuring headlines like the Violent Femmes and

Men at Work, all re-born within the 1980s fervor. You won't hear me complaining.

Reviving the recent past

Garrett Michaels joined the radio station more than three years ago to become operations manager and program director. Experience working in radio at a Philadelphia station, helped Michaels come to the realization that alternative music had reached a sort of peak. Working at Planet 96.3 where the target audience reaches 25-40 year-olds, he saw how this shift was causing that particular segment of alternative rock fans to "tune out." Generation X-ers reaching their 30s cherished the alt-pop sounds of bands like Erasure and Human League, a synthesized resonance that faded from popular music by the time grunge took hold. As early alternative morphed into the folkier sounds of REM, and later the big rock reverberations of U2, those early fans were increasingly ignored by popular radio formats — or so Michaels thought. He took a concept he was experimenting with in Philadelphia and helped integrate it into what

is today's Planet 96.3 sound. With support from the station's general manager Mike Fezzy, the 50 percent modern rock and 50 percent flashback and alternative classics format became a recipe for success.

Instituting the "Flashback Lunch" re-introduced metro Detroiters to songs like "Tainted Love" by Soft Cell and "Rock the Casbah" by The Clash and allowed memories of a decade past to flood right back. Having older sisters who exposed me to popular music at a young age, I had a natural affinity to the sounds of 80s one-hit-wonders like Soft Cell and ground-breaking mainstays like The Cure. Besides, I already knew all the words.

Taking it to the streets

But I never knew what it felt like to dance to those songs until Clutch Cargo opened in downtown Pontiac and began "Saturday Night Flashbacks," a four-hour uninterrupted simulcast of flashback music from the club out through the radio waves. Once old enough to wander through the doors of the gothic-looking church-turned-nightclub,

I found myself dancing to the same music my older sisters had partied to in college, the same music that blared from my best friend's car as we squealed into our high school parking lot just in time for first hour. Flash back indeed.

"It's been three years now and it's hugely successful," said Michaels of the Saturday night ritual. "On any given (Saturday) night you'll see a couple thousand people there partying. The main room is always packed. People are getting down. It's an interesting looking crowd, a very diverse group of people."

Michaels said Generation Y isn't interested in flashback music, but instead they crave the sounds of the moment including Korn and Limp Bizkit. Plenty of radio stations, not to mention MTV, cater to that need. But this 80s revival could be spreading. He mentioned radio stations in California that are experimenting with similar retro formats. Whatever happens in years to come, Michaels hopes for continued success and intends to keep growing with the audience, rather than leaving them behind for the newest music trends. He's

a man with long-term goals and strong connection to the early years of alternative rock. Michaels would like to see WPLT become something of a radio institution in Detroit, following in the footsteps of others like WRIF and WCSX. So far his ideas seem to be working just fine.

Flashing back: the live version

Men at Work, featured at last month's Planet Fest, will return to the metro area 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9 at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave. in Ferndale. Tickets are \$15. Call the club for additional information at (248) 544-3030.

Michaels said anyone who didn't catch the band at Planet Fest

should check them out this time around. "If people go out and see them, they'll be really pleased," he said. "They play nothing but their hits."

With songs like "Down Under" and "Who Can It Be Now," Men at Work performances are sure to draw audiences into a sonic time machine, taking them back to the 1980s, an era remembered for parachute pants, skinny ties, and cutting edge music that finally started getting the recognition it deserved.

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its audience, which is something he strives for as a musician. While his musical influences are too many to name, McKay said the last live show he attended that made him feel that bond was a Marilyn Manson performance he caught while in Philadelphia.

"I expected it to be really good," he said, with a hint of excitement rising in his voice. "They were so good live. And I've seen a lot of bands. I did a complete double-take (and thought) that's the level we have to be at...I aspire to that."

But Marilyn Manson and JoyDrop are quite different in appearance, sound and style. McKay describes the JoyDrop sound as having a strong melody, good lyrics, and, well, it has to rock.

"You gotta have good lyrics," he said. "They can't be throw-away. There are too many good lyrics to live up to by now. We try to work on those a lot. We try to rock, and we do rock."

But what sets JoyDrop apart may be what McKay calls the "quirky elements" of the songs, those moments that reach into the psyche, the sound of a daydream. "I think there's an honesty in the sound," he said.

To bring out that honesty, JoyDrop worked with Ron St. Germain (Creed, Soundgarden and Tool), who produced and mixed the album. Working at Long View Farms Studio in Massachusetts, St. Germain got the performances out of JoyDrop



JOSEPH CULICE

Plenty of 'Fizz': JoyDrop (pictured right to left) is Thomas Payne, Tony Rabalao, Tara Stone and Tom McKay. The band is known for its first single "Beautiful."

that showcase their sound so purely on "Metasexual."

"It was a farmhouse setting," said McKay. "We were kind of connected to nature. Also there was a lot of wide open space to think...It was a time to breathe mentally."

The setting coupled with a producer that McKay referred to as an "Olympic Coach," allowed JoyDrop the space and time to come into its own.

"He looked for the strengths in each person," McKay said of St. Germain. "I'm indebted to that guy. He sort of let us be who we

were."

The bandmates worked collectively to write the 14 songs that make up their debut album. But for McKay, inspiration to write music and lyrics comes from the people he meets. "On a certain level, I can be inspired by the planet and things of beauty, but I'm more inspired by people, the dynamics between people in cities."

But the people that matter most in McKay's career, are those who own the new album and really "get it on all the levels." In his eyes, the band has already been successful because

what truly matters to McKay are all the fans who've come to see JoyDrop and said that, in some way, the songs and lyrics touched them, helped them, or lifted their spirits.

"You write a song and you think you're inspired...but when someone says 'I'm inspired by your song,' you know you're doing something real...That to me is success; we're already there."

See JoyDrop live 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at The Shelter, located downstairs from St. Andrews Hall at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are on sale now for \$6. All ages are welcome. Call (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com.

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A sampling of the newest of the new restaurants, old favorites, fine wines and tempting auction packages await diners at the eighth annual Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26.

The gourmet feast, which raises scholarship funds for Schoolcraft College students, will include a number of Schoolcraft Culinary Arts alumni among the almost 60 restaurants and food distributors attending.

Those with adventuresome souls might want to sample the fare at Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, La Bistecca Italian Grille, the Hilton Garden Inn and Buca Di Beppo, all restaurants new to the area.

Traditionalists will find old favorites such as Emily's, the Golden Mushroom, Station 885 Restaurant, the Water Club Seafood Grill, Zingerman's, Rocky's and La Shish ready and waiting with fine examples of their fare.

For a taste of something farther afield, diners can sample offerings from Broadstreet of Linden, TBQ Pastries of Windsor, Kerrytown Bistro of Ann Arbor and The Farm Restaurant of Port Austin.

The American Harvest, the restaurant operated by Schoolcraft Culinary Arts students, tops the list of participants with

Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza
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close ties to Schoolcraft.

Others include Chef and Schoolcraft instructor Brian Polcyn's Five Lakes Grill, alumni Jeff Zak of Jeff Zak's Catering in Plymouth, Chef and instructor Jeff Gabriel's The Farm Restaurant, alumna and Chef Kelli Lewton's Too Unique Caterers, Buca de Beppo, whose chef Matt Chuchman is a Schoolcraft grad, and Intermezzo, whose owner Nick Apone has a son in the Culinary Arts program.

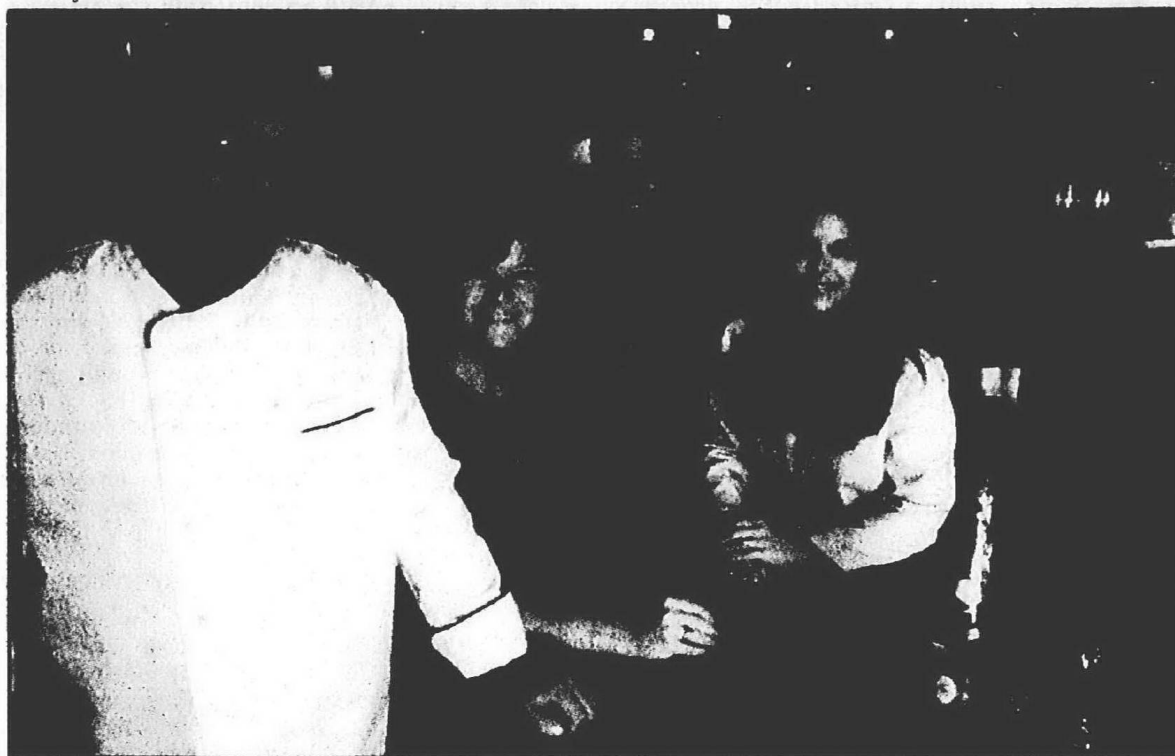
Patrons of Culinary Extravaganza VIII will experience a wide variety of culinary delights. Begin with Nantucket Bay scallop bisque from Excalibur, oysters on half shell from Tom's Oyster Bar, Angus beef bits with horseradish sauce and tortilla chips from the Hilton Garden Inn, wild mushroom kiwi bisque from the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train or chicken Wellington enroute from Embassy Suites Hotel.

Perhaps the next stop might be Norwegian salmon from Costco, smoked chicken risotto with sun dried tomatoes and chevre from the Golden Mushroom, bowtie pasta from the Macaroni Grill, sea scallops with shitake salsa and taro hash from Broadstreet or char grilled breast of chicken from the University of Michigan Food and Nutrition Services.

Save room for ice cream sundaes from blue ribbon award-winning Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe or TBQ Pastries. Diners can compliment their food choices with wines from Michigan Grape and Wine Council, Pelee Island Winery or Fine Wine Source, Inc.; beverages from Central Distributors of Beer, Inc. and Craft Distribution; and flavored cappuccino and espresso from Cadillac Coffee Company.

During the event, Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon of Unique Restaurant Corp. will present a wine seminar, matching wines to the foods from selected restaurants and be available for individual commentary. Raffle winners will be announced and claim their prizes, which include two round-trip tickets on Northwest Airlines to anywhere in the continental U.S., a three-month auto lease from Saturn of Plymouth/Farmington Hills and an Orin Jewellers garnet and diamond ring.

Capping off the day, a live auction will feature packages



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Planning the event: Erik Lukasik, (left to right) executive chef of La Bistecca Italian Grille, Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza co-chair Colleen Pobur, restaurant owner Jerry Costanza Jr., and co-chair Suzanne Thomas-Hughes, at the restaurant in Plymouth. La Bistecca Italian Grille, and other popular metro Detroit restaurants, will serve samples of their specialties at the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza on Sunday, Sept. 26.

designed to pamper and delight lucky bidders. They include: a gourmet dinner for eight in your home, prepared by a Schoolcraft chef; a weekend getaway to Pelee Island, complete with wine tour and tasting, and dinner and hotel for four; a private wine

tasting seminar for 20 people with Madeline Triffon, Master Sommelier, with appropriate foods; a Las Vegas trip, complete with fabulous dining; a RE/MAX balloon ride, with pick-up and return in a Hummer; a Wayne County Metro Airport Control

Tower tour with lunch and a six-week pilot's training class at Schoolcraft; hotel stays at Embassy Suites and Petoskey's Bay Harbor; and the chance to be a train engineer for a day on the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

What's Cooking includes listings of new restaurants, special dinners, menu changes, restaurant anniversaries and renovations.

■ **Bernardus Winery at Big Rock Chop & Brew House**, 245 S. Eton, Birmingham (248) 647-7774, winemaker dinner 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14. Cost \$75 per person includes tax and gratuity. An hors d'oeuvres reception will be followed by a tantalizing five-course menu prepared by Executive Chef Scott Peterson and paired with the award-winning wines of Bernardus, in California's Carmel Valley. The entire highlight is Duck Three Ways — grilled, seared, and confit, served with the winery's signature red wine 1995 Bernardus Marinus. Winery Director of Operations Seri Sedlacek will be on hand to

provide personal introduction to Bernardus wines.

■ **Al's 13th Annual Chili Cookoff** noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at **Al's Copper Mug**, 1704 W. Maple, corner of Decker Road, in Walled Lake, donation \$1. More chili cooks are needed, call Al or Patti (248) 624-9659 for details. The event is a fundraiser for Michael Babel for a bone marrow transplant. The Commerce resident has a match, he just needs help raising money to pay for it.

The chili cook-off will feature Sax Appeal 4-9 p.m. and Dan Valine 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Beer, hot dogs, Italian sausage, buffalo burgers and hamburgers will be cooked outside on the grill. No children or anyone under age 21 will be admitted.

■ **Classical Flamenco Guitar Music and Latin Foods** 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at **Forté Restaurant**, 201 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 594-7300. The cost is \$40. The Troubadours, David Cocagne and Michael Blaskiewicz of Ferndale, both have a master's degree in music from Wayne State University and specialize in classical-flamenco guitar.

They will perform historical music from Brazil, Italy and Spain while you dine on a four-course international menu with foods from the same countries, prepared by Executive Chef Tim Voss. Admission for standing room only, without dinner, is \$10. Reservations strongly advised.

■ **Too Chez Restaurant**, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi, Executive Chef Greg Upshur will treat patrons to a five-course macrobiotic culinary extravaganza featuring fresh, all-organic ingredients, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. The cost is \$32 per person (excluding beverage, tax and gratuity). Call (248) 348-5555. Featured menu items include five different flavors of rolled nori served with a wild grape sauce, wild mushroom, Adzuki bean and Hiziki soup, and an organic apple pie with a natural wheat crust and elderberry

sauce.

■ **Two chefs from the Golden Mushroom restaurant** in Southfield were chosen to compete on teams that will travel to the Culinary Olympics in Germany in August 2000.

Executive Chef Derin Moore was chosen as one of the five members of the United States National Culinary Team. Nigh chef Deni Smiljanovski will compete in Germany as a member of the Macomb Community College Culinary Team.

The U.S. Culinary Team was recently in Michigan, using the kitchens at Schoolcraft College in Livonia to test recipes and practice working together.

■ **Andiamo Osteria**, 129 S. Main Street (corner of Second Street), Royal Oak (248) 582-

9300 now has valet parking. Hours are lunch 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner 4-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until midnight, Friday-Saturday; and 4-10 p.m. Sunday. The menu is an eclectic array of authentic Italian dishes from antipasti through desserts.

■ **New menu at Zanzibar**, 216 S. State Street, Ann Arbor (734) 994-7777 created by the sister-brother team of chefs Misty and Todd Callies explores the sweetly aromatic and gently-flavored vegetables and pastas of the Mediterranean, the bounty of North American waters and gardens, and the

grain-fed, corn-finished steaks and roasts of the Midwest along with the tropical theme loyal diners include as their favorites.

Chef Todd will also launch a series of Todd's Spicy Specials in the fall. And he's not talking spicy, he'll be dishing up fiery.

Zanzibar is open Monday-Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday until 10 p.m. Saturday 5-10 p.m. and Sunday 5-9:30 p.m.

But don't bring your cigarettes. Zanzibar is completely non-smoking.

■ **The Capital Grille**, a classic steak house, recently celebrated its third anniversary at 2800 W. Big Beaver Road in Troy in the Somerset Collection North. The Capital Grille's diverse menu features steaks, seafood, fresh salads, hearty soups, and award-winning appetizers such as pan-fried calamari with hot cherry peppers.

■ **Bella Ciao** — 118 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor (across from the Ann Arbor Art Center) offers "intimate dining with a European flair." The restaurant is open 5:30-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Call (734) 995-2107 for information, or www.belaciao.com

■ **Olga's** the Troy based restaurant chain is now on the Web. Visit them online at www.olgaskitchen.com

"We're really excited about the site," said Steven Frank, director of marketing at Olga's Kitchen. "It gives us the opportunity to build a better relationship with our current guest base by giving them a new way to enjoy one of their favorite restaurants." A portion of the site is devoted to a coloring contest for kids.

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