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Fall Festival



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Tugboat ride: Nathan Campbell and Shannon Williams, both 4 and from Northville, stick out their tongues at their parents as they ride the tugboat ride during the Fall Festival. For story and more photos see Page A3.



Fun for all: At right, Dirk Damen and Kady Seres of Gladwin take in some entertainment. They were in town for their 50th High School reunion and decided to check out Fall Fest, as well. Above, Courtney Beville, 8, awaits the finale during the Canton Master of Dance Arts performance.



Arbor Hills landfill expansion planned

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Salem Township residents attempted to block an expansion at Arbor Hills West landfill at Six Mile and Napier roads. However, it appears their concerns won't stop the landfill from expanding.

"My staff is still looking at the reports, but I haven't heard of anything that seems to be a big problem. BFI is a sophisticated industry," said Philip Schrantz, district supervisor of DEQ's Waste Management Division.

Representatives from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality were at a public hearing last week in Salem Township Hall to answer questions and address concerns. A final decision by the DEQ isn't expected until Oct. 15.

Many residents were opposed to the expansion because the landfill has accepted waste from Ontario, Canada, since 1993. Federal regulations allow landfills to receive waste from other

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Back taxes stall hotel demolition

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"I was tickled when I found out that I'd be working on this project," said Jack Lancaster, 38, while standing in the parking structure of the Mayflower Hotel.

Lancaster, a former Northville resident, works for North American Dismantling, which is in charge of demolishing the downtown Plymouth landmark.

"I've eaten here, and even stayed overnight for a wedding," recalled Lancaster, who was doing some preliminary work in the parking deck. "I enjoy the history of the building, but it's time for the hotel to move on."

"It just doesn't fit here anymore," he continued. "The town and the area has progressed past an eyesore."

Crews were delayed for a couple days in tearing apart the building as city officials held up the demolition permit for Tri-Mount Vincenti Companies

because of an outstanding water bill and overdue summer taxes. According to Teresa Cischke, city treasurer, there was an unpaid water bill of \$963, plus taxes and penalties totaling \$14,390 still owed on the property.

Building official Jim Penn said the last-minute delays in getting the permit weren't unusual. He did note owner John Vincenti has all the releases from utility companies, and is in possession of a letter of credit from

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A heart like his...

Plymouth man shares millions

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Clara Hopper wants everyone to know what her late husband's boss did. "People need to know about a man with a heart like that," the Livonia woman says.

What he did "makes the world a better place to live in."

Hopper is talking about Bob Thompson of Plymouth, who made world headlines in July when he fulfilled a vow by sharing millions from his company's sale with his employees.

Thompson also included Hopper, a

non-employee, in his largess.

"He didn't have reason to give me anything," she notes in her soft southeastern Missouri drawl. She won't reveal the amount.

Thompson, who distributed to his 550 employees \$128 million of the \$422 million from the sale of his asphalt and paving company, was remembering her and Kenneth, her husband for 39 years.

A civil engineer, Kenneth Hopper had been Thompson's key gravel negotiator for five years in the late 1980s, as Thompson-McCully Co. was becoming the largest business of its kind in

Michigan.

Hopper negotiated purchases of gravel pits from their owners — something he enjoyed doing for a company for which he enjoyed working.

But Hopper, who often told Clara he wished he'd joined Thompson years earlier, died of a massive heart attack two days after his contract with the company expired on Easter Sunday 1990.

The loss added more stress to Clara's already ~~heavy~~ ^{heavy} life. After rearing their two daughters, she'd gone back to

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School site in doubt — again

■ After voting last year and again two weeks ago on placing the new high school at Beck and Joy, board members succumbed to pressures and will again open the issue up for discussion for possibly placing the third high school at the PCEP campus.

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Despite a 4-3 vote by the school board Aug. 24 to build the new school at Joy and Beck, the location could change. Three of the four who voted in favor of the west location have opened the door for a re-vote on the controversial issue, which could put the building on the so-called east site, closer to the existing high schools.

In a prepared statement read by school board president Susan Davis at Tuesday's meeting, seven mandates were given to school administrators, which if met, could bring the issue of where to place the school back to the table. She also criticized the lack of complete financial information and the

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Debate begins for ALS

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Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards is pushing for advanced life support for Plymouth Community Firefighters before state legislation takes effect that will increase hours of training and costs.

Emergency medical providers must respond to a wide variety of situations, including trauma, burns, poisonings.

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School bus fleet heads in new direction

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"The school level is down two levels," said Plymouth-Canton Schools bus driver Luis Caruso of Canton. "And I attribute that to Mary."

Mary is Marvin Bartel, the district's new director of transportation who has been in the business for nearly 25 years.

Bartel, 49, took over an aging bus fleet that was prone to breaking down, forcing bus drivers to double up routes, and many times leaving children stranded at bus stops in below-zero temperatures.

However, for both bus drivers and the children the fleet serves, things have changed.

"He's a super guy and is kicking butt around here. He puts his foot down, does what he says he'll do, and doesn't back down," added Caruso. "I needed a map for bus trips, he got it and put it up. He listened to what I had to say and did it."

"He's done something for everybody," added Ann Fowler of Plymouth, whose been driving for 22 years. "Nobody is stressed like they used to be."

Bartel believes he has a good relationship with the drivers. However,

as a former bus driver and mechanic himself, Bartel knows what new buses can do for morale. The 15 new buses on the road this year, combined with seven buses received by the district last year, are a big plus to the 85-bus fleet. Another 15 are on order to be delivered in December, with 15 more expected at the start of the 2001 school year.

"I think I have a good working relationship with the employees. It's very challenging and exciting," he said. "The drivers are also excited about the new buses. They are certainly good for morale. The drivers have a very stressful job."

With 22 newer buses on the road, it takes away the pressure of putting buses with 150,000 miles on them on the road, and expecting them to make it through a tough winter, let alone an entire school year.

"The bus fleet is in good mechanical shape right now," said Bartel. "With a new preventative maintenance schedule that we've worked on hard all summer, we've had only a few breakdowns in the beginning of the school year. The buses should be ready to get through the winter if winter isn't too hard on the buses."

Bartel credits his assistant director, Dave Rucker, and lead mechanics,

Mike Macmillan and Kurt Miles, for keeping the fleet in good working order to achieve a common goal, the safety of kids.

"That's the number one concern of all of us," Bartel said. "In the first week or so we had some slow routes because we wanted to get everyone home safely. We've missed some kids, but that's because we didn't know of everyone who moved into the district over the summer. We're still adjusting some routes."

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Firefighter injured in Morgan Street fire

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A Plymouth Community firefighter will be off for four days recuperating from a back injury sustained while fighting a fire on Morgan Street early Wednesday morning, according to Fire Chief Larry Groth.

Firefighter Dan Atkins, with the department for six years, was treated at a St. Joseph Mercy facility in Livonia and released. He was leaning from a second story window trying to extinguish the fire at the gable when injured, Groth said.

The two occupants of the home were unaware that the fire start-

ed, but weren't injured, Groth said.

"A neighbor spotted the fire and called 911," Groth said. "When firefighters arrived, flames were coming through the roof."

The police department, arriving first on the scene, knocked on the door alerting the resi-

dents to the danger. Groth said.

He estimated \$40,000 property loss to the home and a \$15,000 loss in contents following the fire that Groth said was caused by bird nesting in the chimney at the roof line.

"They used the fireplace and set the roof on fire," Groth said.

Yard sale benefits ill woman

A giant yard sale that began today at Parkview Baptist Church in Livonia will aid a Westland woman who is a candidate for a lung transplant.

Donated clothes, computers, bicycles and more will be on sale at the church until 5 p.m. today

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Veterinary Notes

by **Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.**

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Yummy: Rio Santo of Westland, 18 months, couldn't watch the donut eating contest sponsored by the Plymouth Observer without first sampling the merchandise.



Chillheads: Mayor Joe Koch samples one of the chili entries as a judge in the state cookoff competition on Saturday.

Fall

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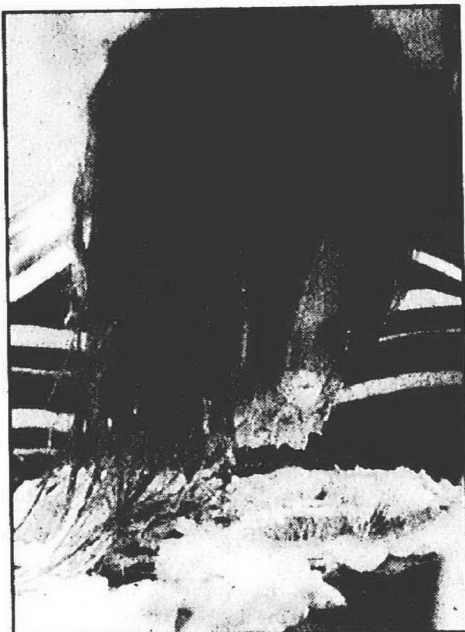
By just about all accounts, this year's Plymouth Fall Festival was a big success.

"We had great weather and the crowds were good, so I'm guessing well over 100,000 people visited the festival," said Curtis Lamar, president of the Plymouth Community Fall Festival board of directors.

Lamar said final figures won't be available until November, but "the fact that many of the groups sold out during mid-afternoon Sunday is a good indication it was profitable for everyone. From the groups I talked with, they did as well or a little better than last year."

That's echoed by Bob Pineau of Plymouth, the chairman of the Plymouth Rotary chicken dinner.

"We sold around 12,000 dinners," said Pineau. "After we pay our bills, give the standard 25 percent to the Fall Festival committee, and give donations to groups



Winner: Plymouth Observer Pie Eating Contest winner Andrea Kalvenas of Canton, 10, didn't let a little hair get in the way as she led the competition Saturday in Kellogg Park.

that helped us, we'll still have about \$20,000 left for our foundation. The chicken barbecue is definitely our biggest fund-raiser."

Lamar's vote for "most improved" portion of the festival goes to the chili cookoff.

"The cookoff, which is entertainment supplied by the Fall Festival, brought in almost three times as much money as last year," said Lamar, who gives credit for improving the event to Annette Horn. "With more

cooks and the addition of the salsa competition, we made nearly \$4,000 from that part of the festival."

"We had a full house, with 49 cooks in the chili competition and another 29 in the salsa competition," added Horn. "It was a wonderful event."

Assistant City Manager Paul Sincovec said "there were no major problems during the three-day event." Police officials say despite the large crowd, there was no criminal activity to report.

The Fall Festival committee will be meeting tonight, not only to talk over this year's event, but to make plans for the 2000 festival.

"We'll take a look at how everything went this year, and talk about how we can improve next year," said Lamar.

Lamar is projecting the Fall Festival will be able to pay its bills, and is hopeful there will be a \$5,000 profit, which will be seed money for next year's event.



Jousting: Missy Mestrovich of Plymouth, 13, jousts with Julia Fabiszewski of Canton, 13, Saturday on Ann Arbor Trail near Main.

Staff photos by Paul Hurschmann



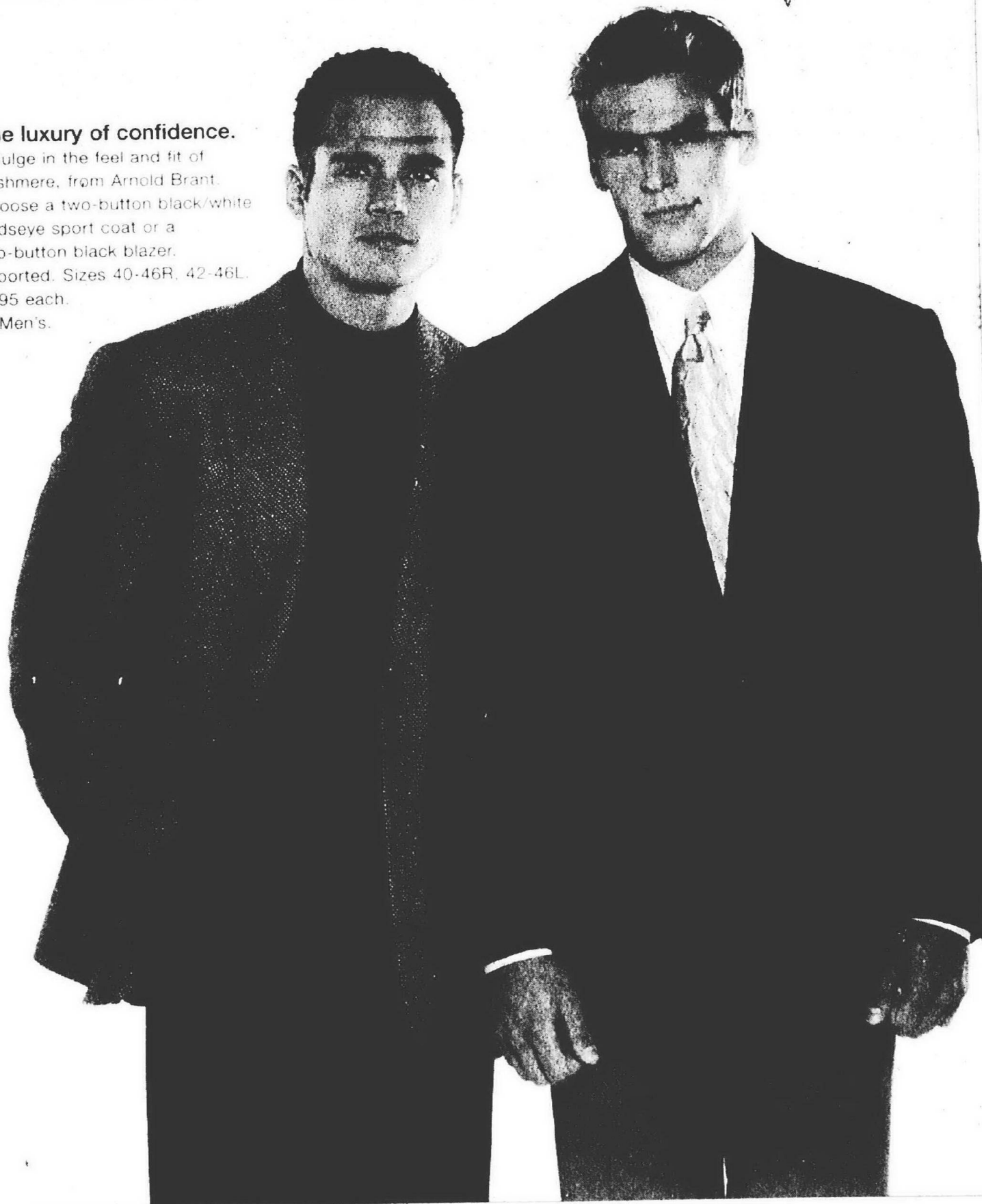
Going for a ride: Kirsten Schroeder of Plymouth, 11, likes the idea of riding a Harley-Davidson motorcycle as Plymouth Township Police Officer John Drake allows her to climb aboard his department bike at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Saturday.



On stage: Krystle Gariepy, 17, as Dorothy, shies away from Glinda the Good Witch portrayed by Jessica Parks, 17, in the finale of the Canton Master of Dance Arts performance Saturday on the main stage on Penniman.

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Plymouth police are seeking extradition of a former city resident who is wanted for criminal sexual conduct.

Lt. Wayne Carroll said the 48-year-old man is wanted in a 1994 case which reportedly involved the fondling of a child.

"We were going to charge him with fondling his 9-year-old step-granddaughter, but he skipped town before we got the warrant," said Carroll.

Carroll said the suspect was recently picked up by authorities in Cortez, Colo., after he tried to purchase a gun at a Wal-Mart store. Police were notified of the outstanding warrant when the background check was made by store officials.

Carroll said the suspect, whose name is being withheld pending arraignment, is fighting extradition to Michigan.

—Staff writer Tony Bruscatto

Ex-husband charged in stabbing incident

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A Plymouth Township man was remanded to the Wayne County Jail following his arraignment Sunday in 34th District Court in Romulus on charges of home invasion and assault with a dangerous weapon, police said.

A plea of not guilty was entered for Frank Harte, 36, who didn't post the

\$20,000 cash bond set for him by Judge Kathleen McCann, said Plymouth Township Officer David Hayes. He faces a preliminary exam at 9 a.m. Sept. 24 in 36th District Court in Plymouth.

If convicted, Harte faces up to 20 years on the home invasion charge and four years on the assault with a dangerous weapon charge.

Plymouth Township police officers were dispatched to a home on Thornridge Satur-

day where a woman reported that she and her father had been stabbed by her ex-husband who had entered their home uninvited. Their wounds were superficial and they sought their own treatment, said Jamie Senkbeil, community resource officer.

The man was gone when police arrived at the home, Senkbeil said.

Road officers located and arrested the man a short time later on Ann Arbor Road, east of Haggerty, she said.

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Bank One "in case of any damage to city property such as lights, sidewalks or water mains during demolition."

Lancaster said the parking deck will be the first to go, with the oldest part of the hotel expected to be demolished towards the end.

"What you'll see won't be all

that exciting," admits Lancaster, who has been tearing down buildings for nearly 15 years. "It's a slow, neat, orderly process. It's more controlled than exciting."

Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock said he expects the project to take between three and four weeks, with minimal street

and sidewalk closings.

Soon after the building is down and the debris trucked elsewhere, Vincenti expects to begin construction of a \$7 million restaurant, office and condominium complex on the site.

Construction is also expected soon on a new, three-story office and condominium complex on

Penniman Street, across from the post office.

In all, Vincenti is spending nearly \$11 million in downtown Plymouth. Both construction projects are expected to be completed by the end of next year.

Landfill from page A1

countries, although several bills in the state legislature have attempted to change the guidelines.

"I have nothing against the Canadians, but let them take care of their own trash," said Bill Renski, who lives on Godfredson, north of North Territorial.

Approximately 30 percent or one million cubic yards of waste

is accepted annually at the Arbor Hills landfill from Ontario, said John Meyers, district vice president of BFI. The landfill is limited in how much it can accept because of the contract it has with Washtenaw County, he said.

Resident Bob Uherek also questioned health concerns, specifically after contaminants

dredged from Newburgh Lake and the Riverview project were recently dumped there. He further questioned the change in the landfill's grade and how that would affect the stormwater runoff.

The runoff will continue in the same pattern it currently does, flowing to the southeast corner of the landfill, according to

Arnold Geldermans, vice president of Midwestern Consulting, the architectural firm that designed the expansion for BFI. The East site, which is currently closed, has a groundwater extraction and treatment system. The West site doesn't have groundwater contamination.

The Arbor Hills West and East landfills hold 47 million cubic yards of waste. The expansion will add 2.63 million cubic yards of capacity.

"There is 17 years of remaining life to the landfill. This will add one or two years," said Meyers.

The proposed expansion at Arbor Hills West won't increase the height of the landfill or affect the 217-acre solid waste disposal area. BFI owns 337 acres at the southwest corner of Six Mile and Napier, although only 217 acres are allowed to be used as a solid waste disposal area as approved under its previous permit.

The permit requests a vertical expansion — meaning the slope of the landfill or its "stormwater benches" will change in dimension with add-on berms. A final cover cap is required before the new berms will be added.

Residents can send written comments to the DEQ until Sept. 22. The comments will become part of the public record. Send to Philip Schrantz, district supervisor, Department of Environmental Quality, waste Management Division, Jackson District Office, 301 E. Louis Glick Highway, Jackson, MI 49201.

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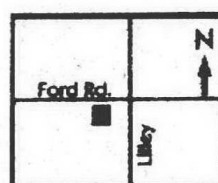
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GOP plan challenges union rules

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Troy Republican Robert Gosselin wants to enact a Michigan Workers' Bill of Rights that he says would protect laborers from unions as well as state and local laws.

Rep. Gosselin and House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo Township, plan to introduce a package of bills when the state Legislature returns to session Sept. 21 to allow workers to trade overtime for compensatory time off, allow workers to opt out of that portion of union dues used for political contributions, and allow public employees to live wherever they want.

"Yeah, right," is the reaction from unions and state Democrats.

"A union worker voting for a Republican is like a chicken voting for Col. Sanders," House Democratic Leader Mike Hanley, D-Saginaw, said. "Until Republicans stand for a strong prevailing wage law, a decent minimum wage, stronger workplace safety measures, job training and child care, they will have very little



Rep. Robert Gosselin

credibility with union workers for anything they claim as a pro-worker agenda."

State law presently bans the practice of trading overtime for comp time, Gosselin said, although that is a popular request by employees. He said his proposal would benefit employees who seek flexibility in

their work hours, or who work in seasonal occupations.

"If construction workers could trade their time and extra hours in the summer, they could get extra time to go to Florida with their families" in the winter, Gosselin said. "Some companies would like to do that, it's just that state law prohibits it. The law states that one hour of overtime is worth one-and-a-half hours worth of pay."

Gosselin said his bills would specify that when time is traded, workers would get an hour-and-a-half in paid time off for each hour of overtime worked. The proposal would not mandate comp time trades on companies, and would not eliminate businesses' right to control work time. The bill would require that the time trade be agreed to by worker and employer, he said.

The legislation would also enforce workers' so-called "Beck rights," named after a court case on the issue of whether workers should be allowed to opt out of that portion of union dues that is used for political contributions. The courts have supported workers' rights to opt out, Gosselin

contended, but the federal government and most unions have not gone along with the ruling.

Under Gosselin's bill, workers annually could choose not to pay that portion of dues used for contributions. They could then keep the money, or contribute it to their own candidates.

"My dad used to come home from the shop and complain that the union was working against him," Gosselin said, because he did not agree with the candidates endorsed by the bargaining unit.

Democrats counter that workers vote for their leadership, and can vote them out if they disagree with the candidates endorsed.

"That's fine if you only care about the 51 percent majority and say, 'Screw the other 49 percent,'" Gosselin said.

The third provision of the package would outlaw residency rules in local communities for municipal workers, like police officers and firefighters. Approved last session in the Senate, the ban on residency rules has yet to be taken up in the House.

Schoolcraft opens American Harvest

American Harvest, the restaurant operated by Schoolcraft College's renowned Culinary Arts Department, is open for lunch Wednesday, serving a variety of gourmet selections prepared and served by Culinary Arts students. The students work under the supervision of the department's four certified master chefs.

The restaurant offers a quiet, formal venue for entertaining business clients or gathering with friends. All foods are made fresh daily, and the menu features breads, soup, salad, assorted entrees and a wide choice of desserts. All items are a la carte.

Lunch is served Tuesday through Friday, closing Dec. 17 for final exams. The restaurant will reopen in January. To make reservations, call (734) 462-4488.

The popular international dinners, prepared by second-year students in the International Cuisine class, continue this fall. Each Thursday evening, diners enjoy a sumptuous five-course meal drawing from the dishes of a particular area or country. The dinners are \$26.95 and reservations are recommended because seating is limited. Call (734) 462-4488.

The Professor's Pantry is another opportunity for community members to enjoy the products of Culinary Arts students. Each Tuesday through Friday specials such as fresh bread, pastries, soups, pasta and salads and dressing are on sale between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Lastly, it's not too early to begin planning your Thanksgiving menu. The Culinary Arts Department will prepare a complete dinner, ready for pick-up the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Included with a 14- to 16-pound oven-ready whole turkey are stuffing, a fresh vegetable, yams, relish and gravy. The meal will serve 8 to 10 people and cost between \$80 and \$90.

You can order a Thanksgiving dinner starting Oct. 26 by calling (734) 462-4491.

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Orders will be accepted through Oct. 5. Available planting stock include Austrian pine, white pine, Engelmann spruce, Norway spruce, white birch, red Osier dogwood and white flowering dogwood.

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A Vision of Community for Older Adults

Steven Faine, Botsford Health Care Continuum

Society holds an expectation that the health care industry will not only treat disease and injury but also seek solutions when the quality of life is challenged. Botsford Health Care Continuum believes part of that challenge has been to develop new choices that maximize quality and independence for older adults. Botsford has invested research and resources to find a lifestyle alternative that acknowledges the value of aging and supports the independence we all cherish. This research ultimately led to Botsford Commons as a full service continuum devoted to the needs of an aging population. However, it is a continuum with a twist.

The usual model for a continuum of care is a cycle which requires one to move to different living areas as one's physical condition changes. Each move results in losses of freedom, familiar surroundings and friendly faces. Botsford sought to identify ways to make the home supportive of the changing needs of the individual, not the other way around. Each residence on the campus was designed to quietly support the individual by providing an environment that compensates for some of the losses that come naturally with aging. The Commons also provides professional support services geared to helping each resident achieve and maintain an optimum level of health and independence. At its heart is a support network which ensures that individuals do not have to face problems alone.

Despite our advances, sometimes people still need help with the challenges of daily living. The Botsford Commons continuum includes a 64-unit Assisted Living Center offering services to support any need that a resident may have without intruding on one's sense of independence and privacy. The Center effectively incorporates the research which went into other campus elements including the emphasis on building a vision of community.

The spirit of community is reflected in the care that is given. It is evident in the interactions among residents as they watch out for one another. It is evident in campus facilities which allow residents to meet for meals, swim in the pool, enjoy the home theater, or the library, billiard or craft room. It is evident in the ability to stay in the home that you have selected while services are delivered to you instead of you going to them. And it is most evident in the ability to meet any medical crisis by providing the level of care required at a given time and return home when the time is right.

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Grateful: Clara Hopper was given help from her late husband's boss. Bob Thompson of Plymouth made world headlines in July by sharing millions.

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work, in part because her husband had no life insurance — he didn't think it necessary.

She'd become the top saleswoman at Meyer's Jewelry, selling over a half-million a year, and she also had both profit sharing and a 401K plan to help her out.

The stress from saleswork made her ill and sidelined her. Luckily, Bob Thompson had kept paying her medical insurance since Ken's death.

Her house was paid for, she says, but she worried about maintaining it and being able to live there so as not to be a bur-

■ If more bosses "would show more concerning care for their employees" as Bob Thompson did throughout his career, "they'd get more loyalty from their employees," she says.

den to daughters Pam and Patty.

Not enough

The grandmother of five eventually realized her 401K and Social Security weren't going to be enough. Meyer's had folded, so she went to work part-time for The Jewelry Factory in Livonia, becoming one of its top salespeople.

A religious person, she had entrusted her problems to God, saying, "I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength."

"He took care of me," she says. "He worked through Mr. Thompson."

One day an aunt told her she'd heard Thompson had sold his company and was making a big

distribution.

Hopper was "more worried about my medicals at the time" — she's still under a physician's care — and "never dreamed about a distribution."

But then she got a company letter inviting her to the Thompson-McCully office in Belleville.

Thompson's secretary, holding two envelopes, took Clara into the company conference room, sat her down and handed her the first envelope.

It was a personal letter from Thompson. It spoke nicely of her late husband and told of Thompson's vow 40 years earlier to share profits with his employees if he were successful.

'Change forever'

It said that "something very exciting has happened" with the company "and that now he had something exciting for me that would change my life forever," she recalls.

"I couldn't imagine what it was," she says. Then the secretary handed Clara the second envelope.

Inside was a check. It was such "a large distribution," she says, "I had to look at it two or three times" to be sure of the amount.

"And it changed my life forever."

"I was crying so hard" it took her an hour to regain her composure, she says.

She figures her husband would have been a multi-millionaire that day.

While she's still deciding what to do with the money, she's very certain about one thing.

If more bosses "would show more concerning care for their employees" as Bob Thompson did throughout his career, "they'd get more loyalty from their employees," she says.

Clara Hopper will soon be telling millions about Thompson.

A crew from ABC-TV's "20/20" show, headed by correspondent Bob Brown, interviewed her in her house about Thompson.

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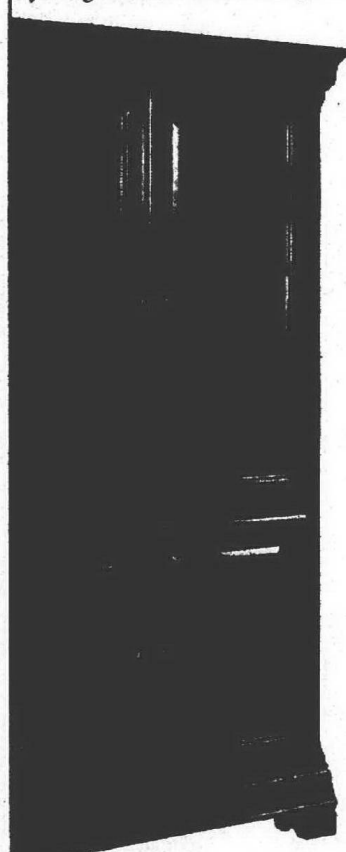
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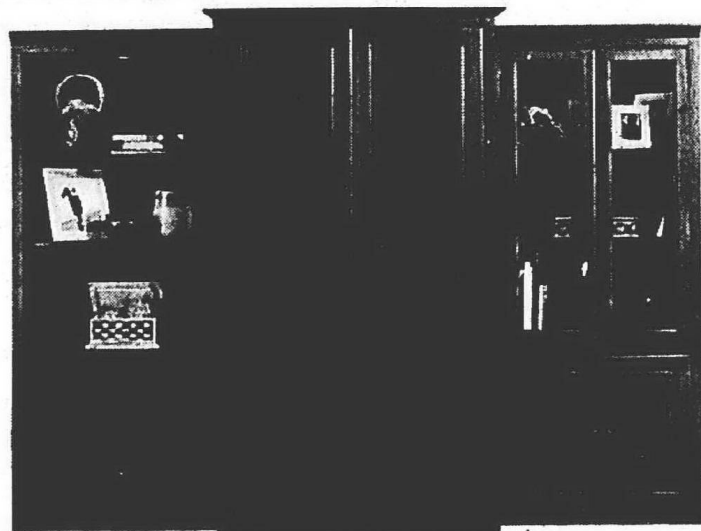
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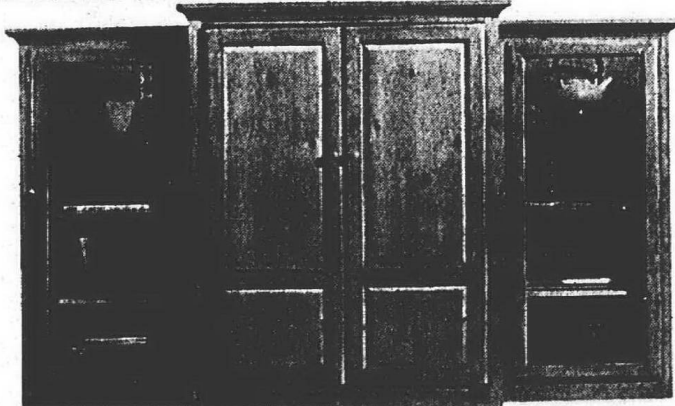
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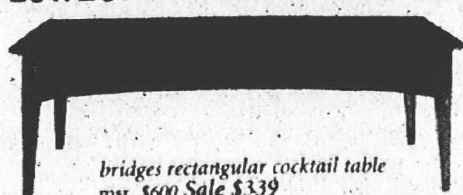


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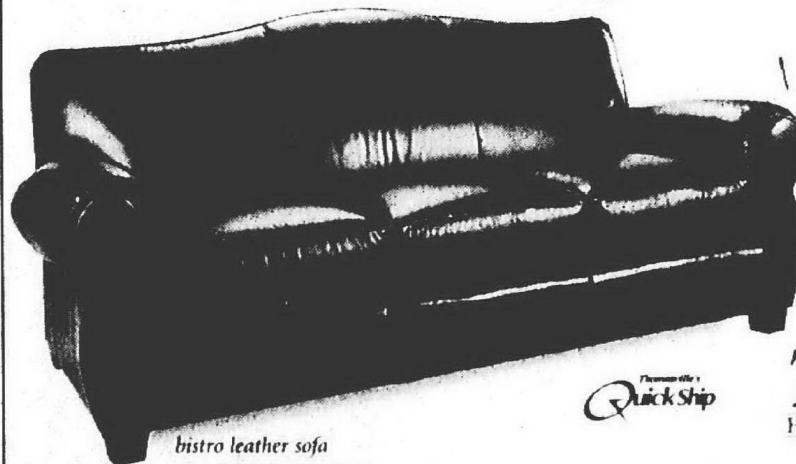
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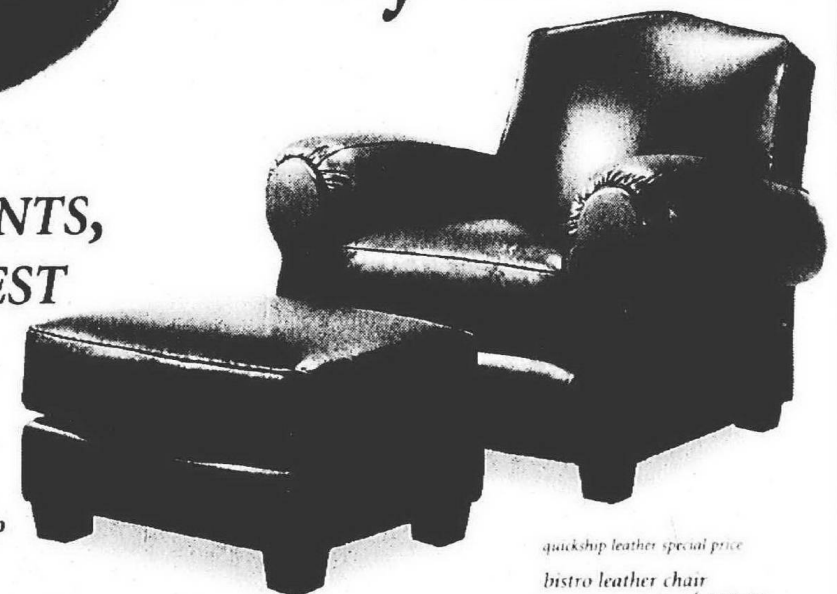
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Communities want Edison to reimburse police, fire time

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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At least two western Wayne County leaders want Detroit Edison and other utilities to reimburse their communities for police and fire overtime costs associated with guarding downed power lines.

On Friday, members of the Conference of Western Wayne, an 18-community legislative consortium, agreed to wait before acting on an resolution calling for new local ordinances requiring reimbursements.

Locally, Plymouth Township was expected to approve an ordinance.

A survey of the conference communities found that costs of police and firefighters watching downed lines totaled \$217,387 for eight communities in Wayne and Oakland counties for two storms in 1997 and two in 1999. That included Plymouth, \$32,346; Garden City, \$25,873; Redford, \$17,322; and Canton, \$3,427.

Dearborn Heights Mayor Ruth Canfield, whose community ran up \$113,198 in costs, said communities sent out either a police officer or firefighter to guard the site until Edison crews arrive.

Canfield said that Edison crews arrive after an "unreasonable length of time."

"I believe Detroit Edison should reimburse our cities for time expended by our employees protecting or responding to a downed power line, even lines that have been downed by a storm," Canfield said.

"If Edison wants to avoid these costs, they should take steps to update and repair their existing lines now, and make sure enough Edison employees are available to guard downed wires."

Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth Township supervisor, said for years each community has routinely assigned emergency personnel to watch downed wires after even the smallest of storms. "We do so in order to protect the health and safety of our citizens until Edison personnel respond to the unsafe situation," McCarthy said.

The amount of money spent on emergency overtime increases each year, McCarthy said.

"Because we have been providing this service to Edison for

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such a long time, we have not routinely identified all of the costs for each incident," McCarthy said. "However, based on the citizen complaints of power outages that we all receive, I am certain that the total costs are extremely significant."

In July 1997, an Edison high-

voltage line fell on the roof of the 35th District Court. Edison was notified repeatedly, starting at 6 p.m. but did not respond until 9:30 p.m., McCarthy said. As a result, the building was electrified and burned to the ground, McCarthy said.

The insurance carrier for the courthouse sued Edison for dam-

ages. Edison named the Plymouth Community Fire Department as a "non-party at fault," claiming it failed to cut the Edison line, failed to fight the fire properly and failed to train properly.

McCarthy believes Edison's claim was a legal strategy to reduce the size of any award if the company was found at fault for the fire.

Edison spokeswoman Lori Kessler did not comment on that lawsuit or McCarthy's claim.

Kessler said Detroit Edison remains committed to public

safety. Nearly 4,000 employees — including those at desk jobs, such as accountants or marketing officials — are trained to handle downed power line assignments during a catastrophic storm, Kessler said.

Edison is also a taxpayer in Plymouth and Plymouth Township, paying \$700,000 to \$800,000 in taxes, Kessler said. "In terms of public safety, we as taxpayers should have some expectations of the community's public safety role," Kessler said. Kessler wondered whether the communities would charge a

homeowner for costs associated with the removal of an uprooted tree that lies in the street.

When a storm is not in the area and the weather is normal, Edison has an "objective to be there within 90 minutes," Kessler said. "During a storm, it will be longer, but we still have an objective to be there within several hours."

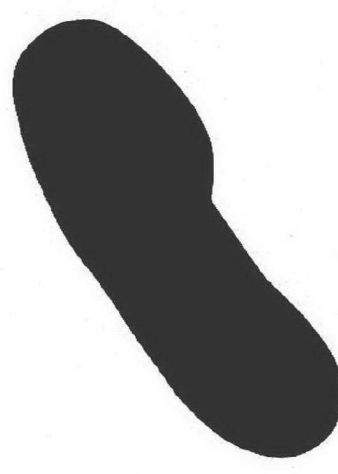
Edison also tries to work as a partner with communities, cutting power to downed lines to protect firefighters and others, Kessler said.

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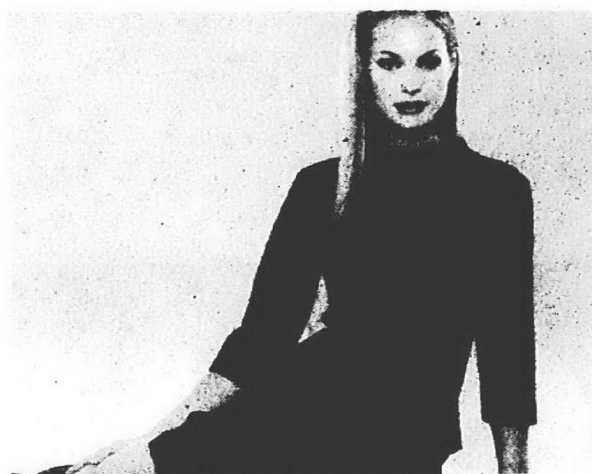
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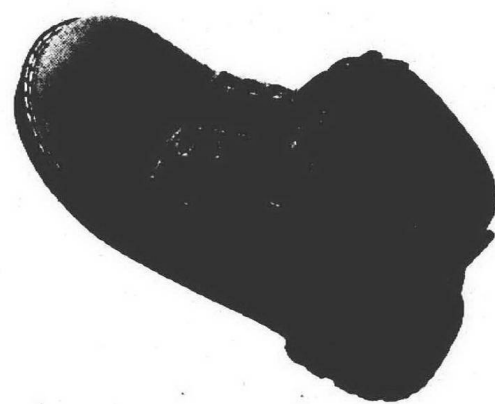
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Get ready to pay utility bills a little faster. The Michigan Public Service Commission decided Monday, Sept. 13, to grant a request by the state's gas and electric utility companies to shorten their billing cycles.

Approval means utility customers will have 17 days, rather than the current 21, in which to pay their utility bills.

But the PSC rejected a number of other changes requested by utilities, including shorter grace periods for late payments before penalties can be applied and higher deposits for new customers and reconnections.

The grace period will remain at the current five days, rather than being shortened to one, and deposits will remain at twice the average monthly bill, rather than jumping to 2 1/2 times the peak monthly bill.

The request for changes to billing practices was filed by Michigan Consolidated Gas. But since the change in billing practice rules will apply to all gas and electric utility companies in the state, including Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy, those utilities joined in to ask for the revision.

MichCon made the request in 1997, but the lack of publicity of the proposal caused state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm to object to the changes this past August. She argued the changes were a disguised rate hike. She contended that the utility companies' claims that the purpose was to increase "personal accountability" among customers were offensive.

MichCon officials argued the purpose was to stop customers from "gaming the system," withholding payment until just before shutoff.

The change in billing practices is expected to become effective early next year.

Schoolcraft plans a feast to benefits scholars

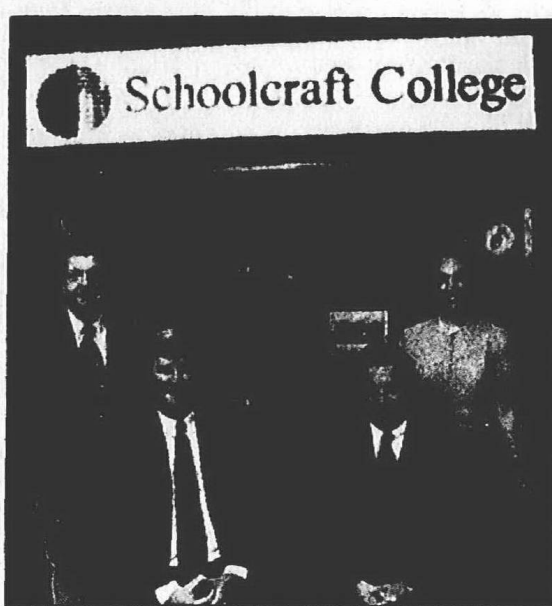
The Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza, set for Sunday Sept. 26 on the Livonia campus, is a feast for food fanciers. And while patrons are enjoying food and beverages provided by more than 50 area restaurants and caterers, the college's scholarship coffers are growing at the same time.

The event, expected to raise more than \$125,000, will benefit a wide range of students who need financial help to attend college. Thanks to more than 150 sponsors who have donated anywhere from \$250 to \$5,000, the scholarship funds at Schoolcraft will continue to help students reach their educational goals.

Benefactors such as Air Gage, Aramark, AVI Foodsystems, the Beson Family Foundation and Sodexo Marriott donated \$5,000 to become platinum sponsors. Crossmark, Ford Motor Co., PVS Chemicals and a long list of area businesses and individuals will also serve as sponsors for the eighth annual event from 2-5 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center.

"We are delighted with the response from the business community and look forward to many new long-term relationships," said Richard McDowell, president of Schoolcraft College and chairman of the sponsor committee.

"One of our most rewarding



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Culinary sponsors:
Robert Farris (left front) of Ralph Wilson Agency, John Blackwell (right front) from Blackwell Ford, Dominic Perichini (back left) with Air Gage, and Sam Florek, recently retired dean of marketing for Schoolcraft College.

tasks is granting scholarship to students, watching them complete their studies, graduate and begin a new phase of their lives," said McDowell.

"Last year, the foundation granted almost 400 scholarships," he added.

Scholarship recipients Jeanette Burns, Alexandre Martinov, Neil Hunter and Maria Mitter are just a few who have benefited from the generosity of businesses and other "friends" of Schoolcraft.

Jeannette Burns knows the

value of financial aid. She received assistance to go through the culinary arts program at Schoolcraft. But whatever aid she has received, she has given back much more.

Burns' husband died eight years ago. He had been sick a long time and left her with big hospital bills. She had started college several times, wanting to be an elementary teacher, but never quite finished. When her husband was ill, she took nutrition classes to learn how to cope with his heart condition. After

two years of continuing education cooking classes, Schoolcraft College chef Jeff Gabriel told her to get serious and enroll in the culinary arts program.

She graduated four years ago, works part time at Too Chez in Novi, raises her children, works part time for a catering company and is a part-time culinary assistant in the Schoolcraft program. She is the culinary arts students' unofficial mother, working with them from the moment they arrive until they graduate, tutoring and getting them help.

Since Burns began tutoring and assisting the students, the highest percentage of students have completed the program, with the best grades since its beginning.

Her own plans are to get a bachelor's degree and then a master's in video community. Her job is to help culinary students succeed.

Alexandre Martinov came to the United States three years ago. Newly married and with no knowledge of English, he set out to learn the language and establish a career. He began working on a culinary arts degree with the goal of becoming a master chef.

He received a Friends of the Foundation Scholarship to Schoolcraft College.

Neil Hunter's goal is to be a homicide detective. To achieve

this objective he is working toward an associate's degree in criminal justice and will enroll in the Western Wayne County Police Academy at Schoolcraft.

Maria Mitter, recipient of the Lloyd and Elka Wilkie Endowment Scholarship, plans to earn a doctorate in psychology and work as a high school psycholo-

gist. A full-time student, she is proud of her 3.9 grade-point average, which she earned while working two jobs.

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Come on down to the farm

Rural Appreciation Tour introduces you to farm life

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Cows don't moo. They mmm-ooooo, a belly-deep, fog-horn kind of a sound that announces you're on a farm.

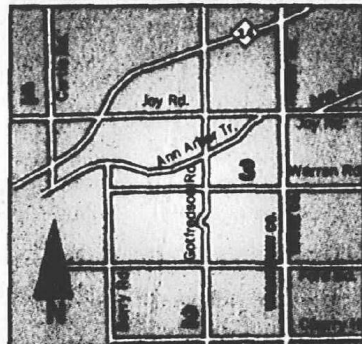
If you've never had the opportunity to see — and smell — a cow up close, here's your chance. The second annual Washtenaw County Rural Community Appreciation Tour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, will take you to three farms in Salem and Superior Townships: Way-lene Acres dairy farm, Sandy Hills horse farm and Plymouth Orchards.

"The tour allows people to visit different types of local farms and get an idea of what local farmers face," says Mike Score of the Washtenaw County MSU Extension.

From moo to you

Wayne DeForest manages the only registered Guernsey herd in Washtenaw County on his 134-acre dairy farm, Way-lene Acres. "I kind of like them because they're easier to get along with. Their milk also has a higher butterfat and protein content."

The farm has been in his wife's



What: Washtenaw County Rural Community Appreciation Tour
When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18
Where: Salem and Superior Townships
1. **Way-lene Acres**, 6709 E. Joy Road, Salem Twp. Take M-14 to Goffredson Road (Exit 15), east left and head south to Joy Road and turn right. Continue west on Joy 1 1/2 miles past Curtis Road. Farm is on north side of Joy.
2. **Sandy Hills Farm**, 9101 Cherry Hill Road, Superior Twp. Take Ford Road to Goffredson, turn left and head south to Cherry Hill. Turn right and go 1-3/10 miles to farm. Farm is on north side of Cherry Hill.
3. **Plymouth Orchards**, 1065 Warren Road, Salem Twp. (734) 455-2290. Located on Warren Road between Napier and Goffredson. Take M-14 to Goffredson Road (Exit 15). Head south to Warren and turn right or head east on Goffredson and turn left. Orchard is on north side of Warren.

year, she'll produce milk approximately 305 days, says DeForest. Then it's 60 days rest while she prepares for her next calf's arrival.

"We've just had a pregnancy check last week. He (the bull) hasn't been doing his job too well."

DeForest milks his cows eight at a time twice a day, at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. The milking is done mechanically, with the milk flowing from the udders through a channel of pipes into a holding tank. While his Guernseys produce about 40 pounds of milk a day, DeForest's Holsteins will produce 60 pounds.

Dairy farming is not easy, DeForest will tell visitors. There's always the threat of pneumonia, mastitis, or uterus infections. And sometimes a farmer must shoot one of his cows, like DeForest recently had to do after the cow fell in a split-leg position and couldn't get up.

Still, there are rewards. His three Australian shepherds run free; the barn cats prowl at will, and time is measured by the weather. DeForest grew up on a farm, and except for a dozen years when he worked in a factory, the fields have been his domain.

"What I enjoy most is getting out in the field and working. You're by yourself and you can think. It's peaceful."

Horse lover

The energetic Sue Rudnicki has more horsepower than the 52 horses she keeps on Sandy Hills Farm, a 25-acre horse-breeding and boarding farm she owns with her husband, Tom.

When she's not tending her horses, she's painting fence posts. And when Tom's not bailing hay, he's cleaning 52 stalls out every day. "We don't eat until 11 o'clock at night," says Sue.

See **FARMS**, page A10



Proud farmer: Wayne DeForest shows off one of his prized Guernseys. Although all cows have registration numbers, some have names. Meet Lisa ... or maybe it's Rascal.

4-H: Head, heart, hands, health ... and horses

Kate Keim, 14, of Canton said it's rare to find another 4-H member at Plymouth-Salem High School. "I don't think the kids know there are barns around in Canton. Most of them say, 'What? 4-H?'"

A member of 4-H for three years, Keim said 4-H has taught her "what to look for in a good horse." It's also brought her a lot of new friendships outside of high school.

Keim doesn't have her own horse, but she leases Sweet Buttermilk, aka "Sweetie," a 17-year-old Appaloosa. She doesn't mind that Sweetie has no eyelashes. "I think it makes her cuter."

4-H pledge:

"I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living — for my club, my community, my country and my world."



Keim has an agreement with Sweetie's owner, Linda Witkowski of Salem: She cleans Witkowski's stable and grooms her two horses, Sweetie and Velvet, for the privilege of riding Sweetie and showing her at the Wayne County Fair. Witkowski, now married and the mother of 7-year-old Aliana, was a 4-H member during her

A live rocking horse: Kate Keim, 14, holds Danielle Witkowski, 2 1/2, aboard "Sweetie."

See **4-H**, page A10



Lunch time: A group of hungry Guernseys lines up at the trough at Way-lene Acres in Salem Township. A well-fed Guernsey will produce about 40 pounds of milk a day.

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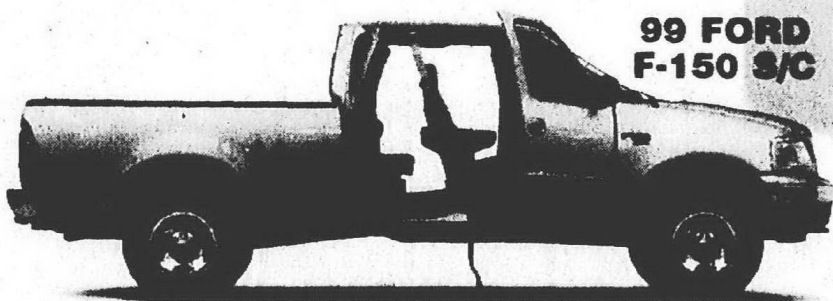
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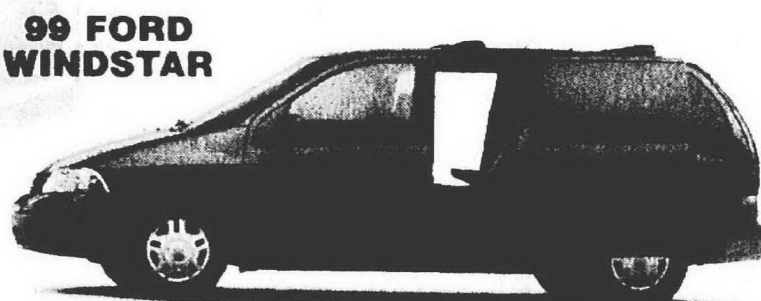
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SEMCOG forum looks at transportation in new century

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People interested in transportation issues can attend a forum Sept. 29 to discuss transportation problems with officials from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

SEMCOG hopes to identify problems and solutions for its long-range planning process and developing the 2025 Regional

Transportation Plan.

"Transportation 2000 and Beyond — A Visioning Process" starts at 8 a.m. and ends at noon at the Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center in Detroit.

Residents, representatives of the business community and interest groups can talk about selected transportation themes, such as safety, congestion, financing, public transit and intermodal freight issues. Those interested in registering for the

forum will be asked to fill out a brief questionnaire for SEMCOG to decide on group discussion topics and group assignments.

Participants will be asked which transportation topic is most relevant to them out of the choices of highways and roads, freight and trade, public transit and non-motorized transportation. Subtopics for possible discussion include bridge conditions, environmental impact, marine transportation, rail, job

access and bicycle paths.

Paul Tait, SEMCOG executive director, will discuss "Getting There from Here," then participants will break into smaller groups for discussions. A wrap-up discussion will conclude the morning's activities.

A SEMCOG official said the recommendations will be placed in either the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan or a Transportation Improvement Plan.

The U.S. Department of Transportation requires that SEMCOG complete its regional transportation plan for Michigan and the SEMCOG region to receive federal money. That 20-year plan is generally integrated by SEMCOG with local communities, counties and the Michigan Department of Transportation. It is revised every three years.

The TIP acts as the action arm of SEMCOG to complete road, highway and other trans-

portation improvements, and is revised every two years.

Members of the public are invited, along with city, county and state officials. Nearly 8,500 people who are on SEMCOG's mailing list should have received the survey and registration form.

For information, call SEMCOG at (313) 961-4266 or check SEMCOG's Web site at www.semco.org.

Madonna plans open house

Madonna University in Livonia is holding an open house for prospective students at 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, in the Take 5 Lounge on campus.

Those attending will tour the campus, meet the faculty, staff and students, and learn about the more than 50 career-oriented programs and 14 master's programs offered during the day, evenings and weekends.

Information on financial aid and scholarships will be available and transfer students are encouraged to bring their transcripts. Complementary refreshments will be provided.

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Schoolcraft offers Sunday Health Club program

The Schoolcraft College Sunday Health Club will be open 26 Sundays during the 1999-2000 season.

Members enjoy unstructured activity in a fully equipped physical education facility that includes two gyms, six ball courts, a fitness room with weight machines and other exercise equipment, a pool and sauna.

The facilities are available on Sunday afternoons 1-5 p.m. from Sept. 19 through Dec. 19 during the fall semester and Jan. 2 through March 26 during the winter semester.

Individual fees are \$32 for either semester of \$55 for both.

Family fees are \$70 for a single semester and \$125 for both. Guests will be charged \$4 a visit.

An adult must accompany children under 16 and nonswimmers must be 45 inches tall at the shoulder to use the pool. Members 16 and older may use the

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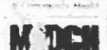


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lack of support for a west site by administrators.

"While the 1997 bond campaign recommended a Joy and Beck location, it also promised random selection, equal opportunities, and cost containment. We are dismayed by the current flow of inaccurate financials, summarized data and personal posturing that exist around this issue," she said.

Davis, along with trustees Judy Mardigan and Darwin Watts, voted in favor of the west site last month. However they drafted the proposal as a compromise, which will make changes in the delivery of education, while at the same time preserving the campus look. Board member Mark Slavens declined to take part.

"The four people who voted in favor of the west site were really

in favor of change," said Davis. "It's important to look at our curriculum for the 21st Century. We're saying 14 year olds shouldn't be on a college campus; Kids should be able to connect with each other without being scattered every hour."

The seven mandates given to the administration, which need to be met in order for the board to consider a re-vote on the location, include:

- Significant restriction in the movement of students between buildings, thereby eliminating the elements of the "college campus" atmosphere, which are developmentally appropriate for high school students.

- A complete external audit of our secondary curriculum supported by the district budget to determine what is appropriate for the Plymouth-Canton Com-

munity School District and for the 21st century.

- Investigate new models for leadership that will enhance the ability of the three schools to function as one, yet remain distinctive.

- Implement an on-going process for students to be more closely connected with a single adult who would serve as their mentor for at least a year at a time.

- Implement a strong code of conduct, in addition, but not limited to, including Character Counts in the curriculum, implementing stronger dress and behavior codes.

- The changes as described will become an accountable element of administrative position objectives for meeting timelines of implementation, budgeted cost control and guiding the change

process as directed.

- Develop a specific and completed budget and future projections with accompanying support data.

The statement read by Davis concluded with: "We are charging the superintendent to bring back to the board of education specific parameters under which secondary education will be delivered at three contiguous high schools in the future at Plymouth-Canton. In addition, the superintendent will solicit letters of agreement from administration staff, which will publicly acknowledge their commitment to move these changes forward. At the conclusion of these activities, the board of education is willing to make a commitment to place the issue of the school site back on the agenda."

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and cardiac arrests.

Edwards was displeased fellow board members voted to postpone discussion of the item Tuesday night to a Nov. 2 study session. Prior to the meeting, Edwards gathered signatures from 184 Plymouth Township

residents in about five hours supporting ALS and faxed it to board members.

"What upset me the most tonight was that there was no ability to ask questions to debate the issue," Edwards said. "All I was trying to do was to move this issue forward. It's wrong to cut off debate."

Other subjects haven't been relegated to study sessions, Edwards said. "In the future if I have any concerns I will demand a study session."

Trustee Chuck Curmi asked why the item couldn't be discussed at an earlier study ses-

sion. It was studied at a 1997 board study session but not acted upon, according to background material.

Fire Chief Larry Groth said that he is "absolutely in support of ALS."

"Ron has wanted it for a long time," Groth said. "He saw it, he took it and ran with it."

Groth is unsure how many firefighters would be trained and boosted to the paramedic level after taking classes at Emergency Education Inc. in Westland, a highly-regarded institution because of the large amount of students who pass classes and

are certified. The current requirement of 300 class hours and 300 hours of clinical work, along with the cost, would double after the state's new requirement next year. The Feb. 4 and April 22 classes would be adequate to meet the time requirement, Groth said.

The total projected cost of training is \$240,000.

The introduction of ALS must first be negotiated with the firefighters union, Groth said.

The townships of Bloomfield, Canton, Huron, Redford, Shelby, Washington and West Bloomfield have ALS.

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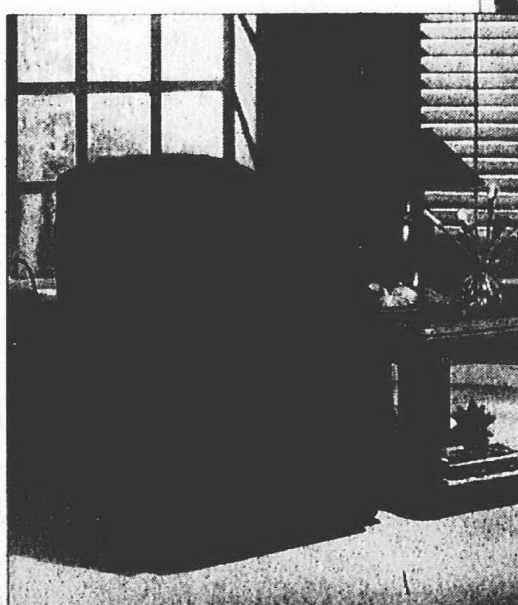
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Workshops show how to cut waste, increase energy

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Local manufacturers, auto suppliers and community developers can learn how to reduce waste and run more energy efficient operations at a workshop Nov. 10 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

The Great Lakes Region 7th Annual Waste Reduction and Energy Efficiency Workshop will present representatives ranging from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality discussing pollution prevention to corporate officials talking about "environmentally friendly" packaging options.

"It's to assist businesses, manufacturers, auto suppliers, community and local organizations

and real estate developers and inform them about technologies that have proven to reduce waste and help with their productivity," said Barb Spitzley, marketing and events coordinator of the education and outreach section of the DEQ's Environmental Assistance Division. "We do that through case studies."

Program areas to be discussed are automotive, manufacturing, community redevelopment, energy efficiency and resources. Attendees can design their own agendas from sessions offered in each area.

Among the topics and speakers are:

■ "Innovative Total Waste Management Program: Aligning Environmental, Manufacturing

and Corporate Citizenship Objectives," Daniel Wystra, supervisor, plant engineering and facility layout, vehicle operations, Ford Motor Co.

■ "Pollution Prevention Case Studies," Colleen Durocher, technical analyst, energy, environment, health and safety services, Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center, and Robert Hausser, assessor for Michigan Retired Engineer Technical Assistance Program.

■ "Brownfield Redevelopment: Old Sites Pay Off in New Ways," Robert Terry, community redevelopment specialist, Community Redevelopment Program, DEQ's Environmental Assistance Division.

■ "Advanced Ozonation Treatment of Industrial Wastewater," Lee Dupuis, Local 200 Canadian Auto Workers environmental representative, Ford Windsor Casting Plant and Karen LeBlanc, senior manufacturing engineer, environmental, Ford Windsor Casting Plant.

■ "Environmental Resources Available on the Internet," Thomas Wackerman, president of Applied Science and Technology.

Cam Metcalf, executive director of the Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center, will be the featured keynote speaker. Metcalf is experienced in industrial waste auditing, along with pollu-

tion prevention program management and training.

The workshop began in 1993 when 12 organizations, including trade associations, universities, utilities and governments, gathered in Detroit to develop a seminar to help companies reduce costs while reducing wastes. While new technologies assist many companies, others may not be aware of the opportunities to reduce wastes and costs.

Spitzley said the workshop also focuses on reducing risks and liabilities.

Last year's conference drew 350 participants. Since the workshop's inception, more than

2,000 people have participated.

The cost is \$50, which includes continental breakfast, lunch and workshop materials. Anyone who wishes to view the full schedule of events can download a workshop brochure at www.deq.state.mi.us/ead, then click on "Workshops/Training" and find the workshop listed on a schedule of events. A PDF file can be downloaded from that site.

To register or request more information, call the DEQ's Environmental Assistance Center at (1-800) 662-9278.

County sets policy for reduced meal costs

The Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency has announced its policy for free and reduced meals for children served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program.

The eligibility requirements set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture range from \$10,712 in annual income for a family with one child to receive free meals and milk for that child, to \$43,706 for 10 children. The family income scale for reduced meals or milk ranges from \$15,244 for one child to \$62,197 for 10 children.

Children from households whose income is at or below these levels are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Application forms will be sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians from all Wayne County public schools. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households should fill out the form and return it to the school.

Households may apply at any time during the school year.

Application forms are available at the principal's office in each school. Parents or guardians should answer all the questions on the form.

Applications from families currently receiving food stamps or enrolled in the Family Independence Program only need the child's name and food stamp or FIP number and the application signed.

Households not receiving food stamps should fill out applications with total income by source for each household member (such as wages, child support, etc.); names of all household members; Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application and the signature of an adult household member.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility and verifying data or for qualifying children for other federal and state programs, as authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Applications may be verified by the school or other offi-

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cials at any time during the school year.

If children are approved for free or reduced-price meals benefits, the household must report to the school increases in household income over \$50 a month (\$600 per year) and decreases in household size.

If a household is not currently eligible but experiences a decrease in household income, an increase in household size or if a household member becomes unemployed, the household

should fill out an application at that time.

In most cases foster children are eligible for these benefits regardless of the household's income. If a household has foster children living with them, and they wish to apply for free or reduced-price meals or free milk for them, the household should contact the school for more information.

Each public school district, non-public school, pre-school, child care agency, Head Start Center and residential child care institution participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program deter-

mines the official or officials to review applications and eligibility.

A parent or guardian dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. The household has a right to a fair hearing, which can be scheduled by contacting the hearing official listed in the letter sent to parents. Each district, school, center or agency's main office has a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.

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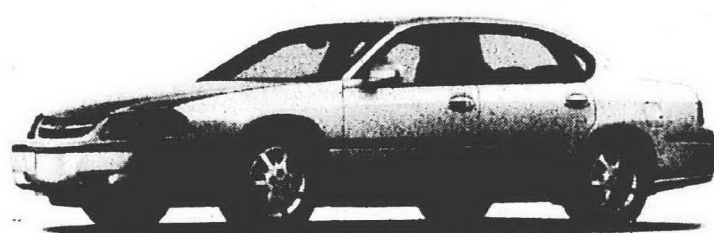
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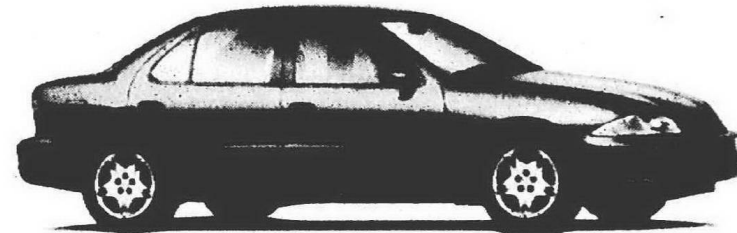


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Crosswinds Marsh site for bird watching

Grab a cup of coffee and join the Wayne County parks staff at Crosswinds Marsh for early morning bird watching 7-9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19.

The Crack of Dawn Birding Club meets on one Sunday each month and offers an opportunity to meet other bird watchers in the area. More than 141 species of birds have been seen by birders at Crosswinds Marsh, including the bald eagle, peregrine falcon and great egret.

This club is suitable for ages eight through adult. The cost is \$1 per person and pre-registration is required. Birders are encouraged to bring binoculars, bird identification books, wear comfortable shoes and dress for the outdoors.

Birders will meet at the screened pavilion at Crosswinds Marsh, which is located at the corner of Haggerty Road and Will Carleton/Dakville Waltz Road in Sumpter Township.

For information on any parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1999

Fall Festival Organizers deserve credit

The Fall Festival has been referred to as Plymouth's homecoming since it is a time for old friends and neighbors to gather in downtown. For three days people return to their roots.

Kudos to Curt Lamar and the rest of the Fall Festival board who were able to balance the importance of a hometown event and turn the festival's finances around in a very short period of time.

Two years ago the festival was \$12,000 in debt. Last year it made money thanks to the addition of the Michigan State Chili Cookoff. And this year, the debt was paid off due to corporate sponsorships. It will be several weeks before the board knows the overall financial picture, although the outlook is promising, according to Lamar. There may even be a profit of \$5,000 in festival coffers for next year.

Organizers hired Street Marketing of Northville to find corporate sponsors, such as Sprint and Tempus Resorts. The marketing firm brought in more than \$10,000 in revenue to help pay for the proposed \$49,500 festival budget. The sponsors had booths soliciting services, although the greater glory of the festival wasn't tarnished in the process.

The board also scaled back expenses from

the previous year, although it was hardly noticed by fest-goers who enjoyed the entertainment, rides, food and fun as they have for the past 44 years.

Plans are to increase corporate sponsors next year to reduce the percentage of profits taken from service clubs to help pay for festival expenses.

Currently, service clubs pay 25 percent of profits to the festival coffers. For most service clubs, the Fall Festival is their biggest money-making event. Reducing costs for the Kiwanis and Rotary will only allow more money to filter into the community through their good deeds and generosity.

We support what Lamar and the festival board have accomplished through corporate sponsorship. We know they have the best interests of Plymouth in mind and will keep the integrity of the hometown festival intact.

Other festival board members include Carolyn Brown, public relations chairwoman; Kathy Turnquist, vice president of entertainment; Cheryl Shannon, secretary; Sue Clark, applications chairwoman; Mark Baldwin, treasurer; Barb Hanosh, membership chairwoman; and Fred Eagles, manager.

Home rule rooted in democracy

Without home rule, local government has little effective purpose.

Local units of government — county, city, township and village — and their governing bodies' legal ability to determine how a local community will grow and exist are deeply rooted in the American way of life.

Unlike any other form, local government is closest to the people. It is the level at which regular people can and do have an impact. They can ask questions, get answers and action that determines the way of life in their own community.

Local government and home rule are the foundation of American democratic government.

But along comes politics and deal-making with business lobbies in Lansing in the form of House Bill 4777, also known as the "The Job Creation and Regulatory Responsibility Act of 1999."

Introduced in June by Rep. Robert Gosselin of Troy, the legislation says, in effect, that only the state and federal governments have the authority to regulate business activity. In other words, existing local ordinances, such as barring vending machine sales in restaurants, or enacting penalties for the sale of cigarettes to minors, would be void, and any new similar ordinances forbidden.

The legislation, with its reference to 21 statutes that are defined as state or federal law, would render local government nearly impotent. HB 4777 would prohibit any ordinance or regulation that relates to the subjects in these state and federal laws.

Already, local governing bodies, such as the South East Michigan Council of Governments and the Michigan Municipal League, have adopted resolutions opposing the legislation as a threat to home rule and local government's ability to respond to its constituency and implement plans for communities through ordinances.

Examples of issues which local governments would be prohibited from regulating include minimum wage, liquor control, con-

struction code and highway advertising.

The bill's supporters, such as the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, believe local ordinances have created a hodge-podge of rules and regulations that in one way or another hamper business activity. Hard to believe with our current thriving state economy, with one of the lowest unemployment rates in history, high job creation, business investment and expansion.

The pretext for the latest attack on local government is the effort, mostly successful, by a handful of communities, particularly Detroit, to adopt living-wage proposals. Also lurking in the birth history of this bill is some business lobbies' opposition to local communities, such as Marquette, that have banned smoking in restaurants.

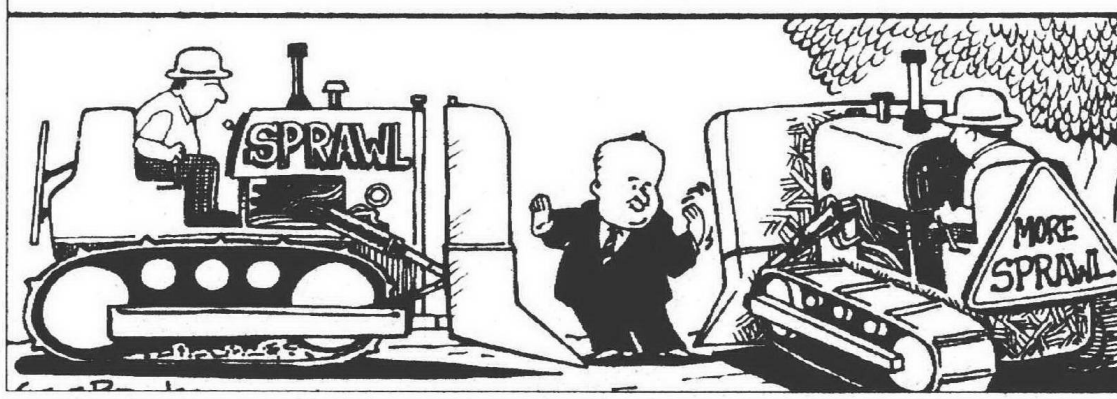
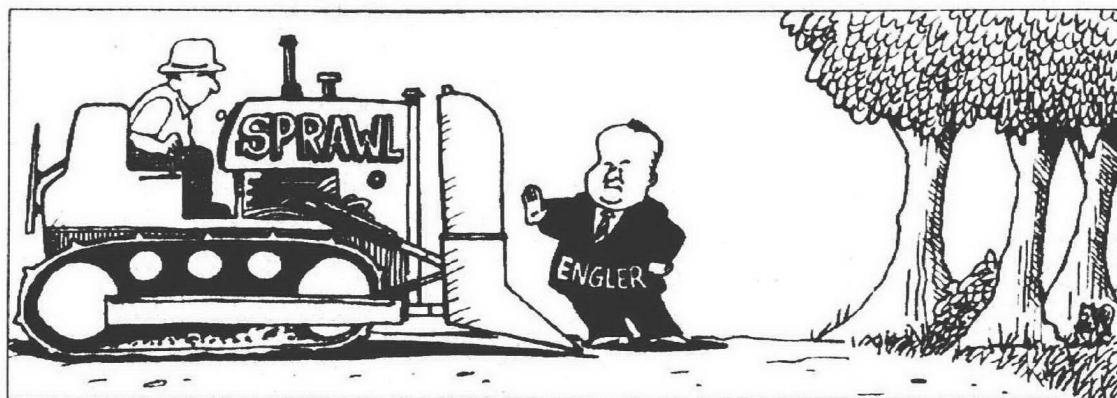
HB 4777 is shooting at a ghost. Local government has not and does not hamper business expansion or job creation. In fact, local ordinances that regulate billboards to ensure an aesthetically pleasing community with healthy property values have only served as a gilded invitation to corporate headquarters in our suburban communities. Business thrives in healthy, aesthetically pleasing and safe communities. Local ordinances protect business. Local government also works with chambers of commerce to provide a healthy environment for business and residents.

And nowhere is it found that communities with living-wage ordinances or bans on cigarette smoking in restaurants have brought business expansion or job creation to a halt.

The travesty of this legislation is the variety of means in which it may be interpreted when the need arises. Local officials cannot conceive what wouldn't fall into these categories if state legislators so determine.

The state Legislature will soon gain a tawdry reputation for passing single-issue and single-minded legislation only to address the gripes of a few business interests who are loading their financial futures on the backs of local government and the health, safety and welfare of citizens.

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LETTERS

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Apologizes for tax error

I would like to announce that I have completely paid all taxes owed to the City of Plymouth for the years 1998 and 1999, including all penalty charges.

I'm sorry for this error on my part, and apologize to the majority of Plymouth citizens and residents who consistently pay their taxes on time. My normal method of doing business is to pay property taxes when due, and this situation was an aberration.

I specifically do not apologize for sending a letter to the voters and taxpayers of the city which gave them information about a candidate for Plymouth City Commission, Sally Repeck, and the taxes and water bills and special DDA assessments which remain unpaid for the past three years, and which represent over \$40,000 in unpaid taxes.

I would like to say there is a difference between making an occasional mistake which is rectified immediately and operating a business in such a way that taxes are consistently unpaid, and which shifts an unnecessary and unfair burden onto other citizens and taxpayers.

Dennis Shrewsbury
Plymouth
City Commissioner

Criticism not deserved

Despite the advances in technology and an increase in the standard of living. Despite year-round recreational leagues and access to personal transportation. Despite cable television, the Internet, special effect movies, compact disc, and video games. The one common experience among each generation of youths is boredom.

While the streets of the City of Plymouth have recently been repaved, there is criticism of the city for neglecting the road of adolescence. Regardless of the fact that the majority of youths congregating downtown and disturbing neighborhoods are from outside the city, and that the city is first responsible to the concerns of the city residents.

If there is any failing, it is that critics have limited the concerns of adolescence to the boundaries of the city, and have failed to examine what alternatives are offered in neighboring communities.

No question. A \$200 fine for loitering is excessive. But to claim that youths are not welcomed in the city is also unjustified. I do not recall

reading about other communities inviting a nightly barrage of traffic, noise and loitering, sometime lasting beyond midnight. Nor have I read about the many skateboard parks and youth entertainment centers that the city is criticized for lacking.

No one criticized the Wayne County Sheriff's Department when late night cruising and congregating were swept from Hines Park. No one criticized the area malls when security was increased to reduce loitering. Few people protested when tennis courts were removed from Hines Park and Canton High School.

Prior to 1986, cruising and loitering did not exist on Main Street. A nightclub, once located in the city, closed during the early 1980's due to lack of business. City residents should not be expected to finance an alternative to a disturbance they did not create. One year, the city was required to allocate \$50,000 of tax dollars to control late night traffic and loitering.

The city offers many cultural events, summer afternoon and evening concerts, and seasonal festivals and parades for their enjoyment of all ages. The city has several neighborhood parks; one with a sand volleyball court and a baseball diamond. Residents continue to pay a recreation tax, even though the city population is aging and declining. The township, with a population three times the city and growing, does not.

Although the cruising and congregating appear harmless, it has provoked some residents to move from the city, strained law enforcement personnel, and disrupted quiet residential neighborhoods. It would hardly be good public relations to promote an event that is considered detrimental to the city.

No longer a young adult, I am hesitant to suggest on how evening times should be spent during the difficult years of adolescence. My years as a youth were as different from my parents' era as my children's experiences are from mine. Hopefully, the youth forum will address the differences.

Instead of criticizing the city, non-residents are equally responsible for offering night time gathering spaces for youths in their own communities. In today's complex world, cruising and loitering may be a trivial concern. However, when used as a nightly alternative to boredom, the activity will lessen the features that make Plymouth a desirable place to live and visit.

Gerald Sabatini
Plymouth

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Were you surprised by the Lions' opening win Sunday? What is your prediction for the season?

We asked this question Monday at the Canton post office.



"I think they did a good job yesterday. I'm an optimist all the way about their chances."

Bill Flaton
Canton



"I think it's a good start. Hopefully, there will be more wins to come."

Jamie Cookrum
Canton



"They played — but they won yesterday. They got lucky. I think they'll be bad this season."

Gail Rennie
Canton



"I think they'll be average. They'll probably win more than they lose."

Aaron Reinhart
Canton

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— Philip Power

LETTERS

For the silent majority

I wish to applaud the guts and valor of the Plymouth-Canton school board as they pondered and later voted on Tuesday, Aug. 24, on the complicated issue of where the site of the new high school would be.

In particular, I was proud to witness the discernment, under difficult circumstances, displayed by board members Sue Davis, Judy Mardigian, Mark Slavens, and Darwin Watts. This sort of leadership is precisely what this district will require as it delves into the meaty issues of enormous growth and the retaining, and perhaps improvement, of quality education.

While I offer major kudos to the four board members above, it goes without saying that all the board members seemed sincere in their efforts to tease out the poignant issues, voting as their consciences warranted. If this board, with its clear brain-power and capability, can move forward with momentum, I see wonderful opportunities for the Plymouth-Canton school district and its students in the future.

A community of mobilized individuals at the meeting begged that the board vote for an East site, offering compelling testimony that the "park" and its campus atmosphere is a wonderful and fruitful learning environment for their kids. They commented that they felt no allegiance to which spot was "advertised" during the time of the vote, and that the prospect of commuting students from site to site to retain the level of program offerings was an outlandish, costly notion.

A spattering of West supporters offered convincing testimony that the advertisement and sale of the bond "yes" vote was predicated on the notion of a move toward smaller, perhaps even self-operating, schools. Many were afraid of the bigness of the school, and how easy it is for a kid to "get lost," and not affiliate, which are critical factors which contribute to the success of a high schooler. Academics agree that smaller is better, and even in big schools, creating a feeling of familiarity and intimacy in the school

environment is an important consideration in ensuring high school success.

Myself, I was divided, but in truth totally relieved at the difficult decision made by the board. In my heart I do not believe for one minute that the mobilized group of citizens representing the East vote was a group representing the majority of parents within the school district. I believe, given conversations with many parents, that there is a quieter majority within the district that needs to make itself heard.

Catherine Seay-Ostrowski
Canton parent

Vote wasn't for kids

It is interesting to note that all of the parents who spoke in favor of the new high school being built within walking distance of Salem and Canton (east site) at the school board meeting last Tuesday night were people who have, or have had, children at PCEP. Conversely, all of the parents who wished for the new high school to be built at least a bus ride away from Salem and Canton (west site) are people who have never had children at PCEP. The only exception was Sue Davis, the president of the school board.

This reminds us of a common truth: People fear what they don't know. It also reminds us that adults are afraid of teenagers, especially when they are masses together.

Why, then does this massing of teenagers no longer frighten the parents of students who have actually attended PCEP?

We human beings instinctively search for meaning in our surroundings. If we can't find it, we make it. That's what staff and students have been doing at PCEP since its opening almost 30 years ago. We have naturally found ways to break the size of the Park down into manageable and humane parts by creating smaller communities within PCEP. These smaller communities are best known by their curricular and Co-curricular titles: Odyssey, ESL, Plymouth Park

Players, the Marching Band, Madrigals, Indian-American Association, the Rock Cafe, Science Olympiad, French Club, etc. The wonderful thing about these communities is that they provide a place for everyone at the Park, staff and students who is looking for one.

For almost 30 years now the grain that has sickened some Plymouth and Canton residents is the size of PCEP. But it is time for these residents to look more deeply, beyond the statistics of its size.

PCEP staff members know more than anyone that PCEP is not a perfect place and we certainly have had our share of failures. PCEP is not the best place for every child but what school is? If the new high school is built at the west site, \$80,000 year in costs are projected just to bus students among the three schools to preserve equity for each student. Wouldn't it be better to budget this money for finding creative ways to meet the needs of students who are not happy at PCEP, while still offering them the opportunities afforded by its size?

Since the school bond issue was passed over two years ago, staff, parents and students have taken the opportunity to present the school bond with deep and extensive information concerning the curricular and co-curricular programs at PCEP, that they did not have before it promoted the bond proposal. This information has led many PCEP parents, staff and students, the PCEP administration, the superintendent of instruction, the architect, the interim superintendent and three board members to state publicly at board meetings their preference for the east site. Four other board members voted for the west site largely because of the promise they felt the board made to voters when the bond proposal was advertised.

Promises are not to be made or taken lightly, and the credibility of the board is critical. But of supreme importance to the board should be doing what's best for the kids. The school board members now have information that they didn't have

before they drafted the bond proposal, and vastly more information than any resident of Plymouth and Canton could ever have. Does the board really believe that residents would hold the board to the promise it made if they knew that keeping that promise would mean spending at least \$80,000 a year to do what's not best for kids?

Mary Beth Carroll
Plymouth

Vote benefits students

I just wanted to thank school board members Sue Davis, Judy Mardigian, Mark Slavens and Darwin Watts for voting to keep the site of the new high school at the corner of Beck and Joy roads. I appreciate your commitment to the children of Plymouth-Canton and I commend you for standing strong against a very vocal minority. I can assure you that there are many, many children who will benefit from your foresight and good judgment. Thank you very much.

Georgia Barton
Plymouth

Vote was a mistake

Count us among those who believe that the members of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education who voted for the Joy and Beck site for the new high school have made a serious mistake. We are the parents of four children who have graduated from PCEP, the most recent in the Class of 1999. Each of them loved PCEP and thrived there. We never ceased to be impressed by the extent of the opportunities that PCEP has presented to all its students. We believe that the board's recent vote has put those opportunities in serious jeopardy for all future classes.

The rationale presented by several board members was that they were fulfilling what had been "promised" at the time of the election in 1997.

We don't believe, however, that the voters were given all the facts about

the implications of a West vs. East location. Certainly, some voters may have been influenced by an indication that the site would be at Joy and Beck, but were they told what the implications would be? Were they told that by locating there the operating costs would be significantly higher and the curriculum choices significantly reduced? Or, did the public vote with the assumption that by locating the new high school in the proximity of Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton the current extensive PCEP curriculum and cost efficiencies could be maintained? (After all, what could the public really know about the effects of locating East or West when the locations seemed so relatively close and no pros or cons were presented?)

We believe that in developing the initial bond proposal, the then-current PCCS administration and board made decisions about the site location that included implicit, but unspoken, changes in the educational philosophy of PCEP without receiving adequate input from parents, teachers, and PCEP administrators. In short, the public was not given all the facts!

Now the input has been provided, but the board appears to lack the courage to admit that they could have been mistaken in their initial site choice. In our minds, it is insufficient to defend a vote solely on the basis that it is consistent with what had been "promised" to the voters. If subsequent evidence indicates that a decision is a wrong one, the courageous thing to do is to admit it and correct it. Businesses do this all the time. We encourage the Plymouth Canton Board of Education to reconsider its vote and acknowledge that ALL the evidence now indicates the eastern site for the new high school is the better choice. Please - do this while there is still time.

Gary and Mary Beth Fry
Plymouth

Incentive is key to school reform

Is the real lesson to learn from the recent Detroit teacher strike that Michigan public schools simply cannot be reformed from within?

Some people argue "yes" and go on to add that, therefore, the thing to do is pass the school voucher plan on the theory that you have to destroy public education in order to reform it.

I asked state Treasurer Mark Murray, one of the most thoughtful and experienced public servants in Michigan, about this. Murray should know; he's a member of the appointed school board that picked David Adamany to be interim CEO of the Detroit schools.

"Overall, the strike slows down school reform a little, but it doesn't kill it," said Murray. "It simply shows how tough reforming urban schools really is and how we have to stay on course for years in order to get something meaningful done."

Murray's right. The issue isn't whether public education as a whole can be reformed, but whether urban education in our state can ever be improved.

Think about it. The pace of reform in most out-state school districts is fast and getting faster.

Parents, teachers and school boards are now accustomed to looking at how their schools are performing according to standard student assessment tests such as Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests. By bringing market forces to bear on the public K-12 monopoly, charter schools have stimulated the demand for change and accelerated the pace of reform.

Good school districts are now competing - East Lansing and Okemos are good examples - in student performance and in parental satisfaction. And it isn't just a matter of rich districts versus poor ones; neither Frankenmuth nor Ishpeming are particularly rich districts, but their gains in recent years are impressive.

The real issue is what can be done to help/force under-performing urban schools - not only Detroit but also districts such as Inkster, Benton Harbor and Pontiac - to tackle the multiple structure barriers to sustained improvement. For example, it may be that the Inkster school district, which lost some 20 percent of its students to private and charter schools last year, is worse off than Detroit's.

I suspect that Detroit's problems - past micro-meddling school boards, bureaucratic mismanagement, poor/inert labor relations, inadequate supplies, uncoordinated curricula and poor student discipline - apply as well to many other Michigan urban school districts. And, just maybe, the tools for reform now in place in Detroit ought to be applied elsewhere.

Certainly, having an appointed school board



PHILIP POWER

makes a big difference. The evidence is great that in Detroit, at least, there was no real collective bargaining at the table between the schools and the unions; the unions merely went to their patrons on the board and got what they asked for.

Moreover, past school boards came and went; the appointed board in Detroit has a long-term mandate for reform and a clear understanding that change will take years.

Gov. Engler and the state legislature should consider evaluating the extent of failure in other urban districts, appointing receiver boards where the fact of under-performance is undoubted and the prospect of reform is as dim as it was in Detroit.

The state law forbidding teacher strikes and providing for individual teachers to be fined in the event of an illegal strike appears to have been a powerful weapon in persuading a majority of the Detroit Federation of Teachers to go back to school. Toughening it further, as some legislators are now urging, seems unnecessary. Unless the state really wants to break all teachers unions, coercing angry (and poorer) teachers back to work is hardly going to assure well-motivated educators in the classroom.

At the end of the day, the key will wind up being merit pay, not given to individual teachers but to the staff of entire buildings that excel.

Adamany couldn't get the Detroit teachers to buy in to collective bargaining, but he wants to experiment with the idea unilaterally.

I hope he will. Until teachers and other school employees - not to mention school boards, administrators and parents - see there really is an incentive in place for student achievement, the prospect for serious school reform in urban districts will be dim.

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OBITUARIES

JOSEPH J. POLEK

Services for Joseph J. Polek, 81, of Canton were at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

He was born Jan. 10, 1918 in Toledo, Ohio. He died Sept. 6 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. He was an internal clerk for U.S. Postal Service.

Survivors include his wife, Rita T.; three sisters, Adeline Wagner, Irene (George) Cubra, Jane (Chester) Kolodziej; and many nieces and nephews.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road (at Lilley) Canton.

RUBY L. THOMAS

Services for Ruby L. Thomas, 96, of Plymouth were Sept. 10 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne Parker officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born Aug. 28, 1903 in Portersville, Ala. She died Sept. 7 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1990 from Royal Oak. She was a former member of the Main Street Baptist Church in Hendersonville, N.C. Her family was her life. She loved to cook and crochet.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard; and one daughter, Sara G. Fields. Survivors include his two sons, Willard David (Carolyn) Thomas of Hendersonville, N.C., Robert (Mary E.) Thomas of Plymouth; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

BETTY JANE KOHMESCHER

Services were held for Betty Jane Kohmescher, 78, of Noblesville, Ind. (formerly of Plymouth).

She was born June 14, 1921. She died Aug. 27 in Noblesville. Survivors include her husband, Paul; one daughter, Joyce Mancini; four sons, Paul, Jack, Rodney, Duane; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

MADELINE KENTER

Services for Madeline Kenter, 77, of Canton were Sept. 8 in Santeiu Chapel with the Rev. Robert McDonald of Fair Haven Baptist Church. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial West, Westland.

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

Survivors include his daughter, Diana (David) Makulski; two sisters, Zedie 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 the American Heart Association or to the Michigan Humane Society.

EARL FRANCIS DUTHIE

Services Earl Francis Duthie, 80, of Clawson were Sept. 10 in Guardian Angels Catholic Church.

He was born March 21, 1919 in Detroit. He died Sept. 7 in Troy. He worked in Packard Motor Car Company from 1940 to 1957. After Packard Motor Company he worked at Consumer's Power in 1981 and retired after 21 years in customer service. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of Guardian Angels Catholic Church since 1953. He joined the Guardian Angels Usher's Club and the Pinochle Club. Mr. Duthie volunteered as a Boy Scout Master for a Guardian Angels Troop. He had many hobbies such as exhibiting his stained glass in Clawson Craft shows, enjoying his flower garden, traveling and playing quarter slot machines.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna. Survivors include his two sons, Dennis L. (Marlene) of Mayville, Wis., Dale F. (Patricia) of Canton; one daughter, Diane (Gary) William of Rochester Hills; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Guardian Angels Catholic Church, The American Cancer Society or to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Local arrangements were made by Gramer Funeral Home, Clawson.

JOAN T. MARTIN

Services for Joan T. Martin, 80, of Wayne were Sept. 4 at St. Joseph Traditional Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Radecki officiating. Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

She was born May 28, 1919 in

in Livonia. She worked at Ford Motor Company as a Trade Mark Analyst.

Survivors include her brother, Francis X. Martin of Canton; one nephew, Michael (Shirley) Martin of Grass Lake; and two nieces, Mary S. Noel of Monroe, Lynn (David) M. Peruski of West Bloomfield; and six great nieces and nephews; and three great-grand nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made as mass offerings to St. Joseph Traditional Roman Catholic Church, 3521 Fourth St. Wayne, MI 48141.

KURT LYLE SCHNEIDEWIND

Services for Kurt Lyle Schneidewind, 56, of Westland were held Sept. 13 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. David Brown officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Gardens, Livonia.

Mr. Schneidewind was born June 9, 1943, in Detroit. He died Sept. 9 in Plymouth. He was a social worker and a member of Ward Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra S. Schneidewind of Westland; parents, Fred C. and Jessie Schneidewind of Dearborn; one brother, Eric (Ann) Schneidewind of Lansing; and 12 nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield 48075 or to Ward Presbyterian Church, Deacons Fund, 4000 Six Mile

GEORGE RONALD NELSON

Services were held for George Ronald Nelson, 76, of Plymouth with the Rev. William B. Lupfer officiating.

He was born Feb. 8, 1923, in Washington, Pa. He died Sept. 7 in Livonia. He was a supervisor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George L. A. and Mary Nelson. Survivors include his two sons, William E. Nelson of Visalia, Calif., and James R. Nelson of Plymouth; one daughter, Mary Ann (Wayne) Raybon of Darmstadt, Germany; one sister, Ruth Jean Conner of Longview, Wash.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

CHARLES HART HEINEY

Services for Charles Hart Heiney, 70, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Kent Clise and James Russell of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville officiating.

Mr. Heiney was born Oct. 19, 1928 and died Sept. 12. He served in the Army Signal Corps during the Korean War and upon completion of chemical engineering studies at Purdue University was hired by Consumer's Energy Company. He was an industrial marketing supervisor at the time of his

After retirement, he served for three years as a consultant for EMC Gas of Detroit. He was a supporter of the arts and greatly enjoyed listening to classical music, especially opera. His hobbies were woodworking projects and playing golf. He was a former member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, the Plymouth Kiwanis Club in later years and the Plymouth Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy, a retired Plymouth teacher; two sons, William (Patricia) and Carl; and one brother, Robert.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's, Parkinson's or Diabetes Associations.

EMMETT JOSEPH EVES

Services for Emmett Joseph Eves will take place at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mr. Eves died Sept. 13. He served his country in Germany and Japan during World War II. He had been an active member of the Plymouth Knights of Columbus where he served in many capacities, of which cooking was his favorite. His favorite pastimes included joking with family and friends. He was at his best on Drummond Island. He spent long summer days tinkering, hunting or watching freighters in the distance.

his wife, Ruth; three daughters, Bonnie (George) Russian of Okemos, LuAnne (Jerry) Williams of Grass Lake, Jo (Ron) Mandle of Tucson; one son, Tom of Plymouth; six grandchildren, David and Brenda Williams, Matthew, Andy, Danny and Autumn Russian; special friend, Helen Hast-

ings; and many other nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to Angela Hospice in Livonia.

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



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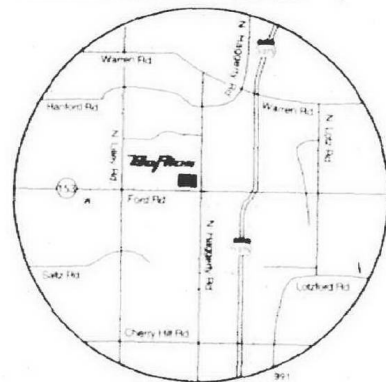
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JACK GLADDEN

Miss America: What's the fuss?

This is just great. You must have read about it by now. As if we didn't have enough Y2K problems to worry about, or violence in schools or the government lying about what really happened in Waco, the Miss America Pageant has changed the rules.

The changes don't apply to this year's pageant, but they've been changed.

For about 50 years — since the 1949 Miss America, Jacqueline Mercer, was both married and divorced during her reign — contestants have had to sign a pledge stating that they have never been married nor pregnant.

Now, in order to comply with New Jersey's discrimination laws (shouldn't that be "anti-discrimination"?), contestants have to sign a statement that says "I am unmarried" and "I am not pregnant and I am not the natural or adoptive parent of any child."

And what a flap has ensued. Why?

Well, according to the Bert Parks traditionalists, the rule changes open the competition up to girls (oops! Women!) who may have been married or (GASP!) had an abortion!!!

Shock to the system

"I was shocked when I heard it," said Leanza Cornett, Miss America of 1993. "I was like 'What?' Out of all the things I could have expected, this is one I wouldn't think of in a million years. There are still little girls out there who have held Miss America and others like her up on a pedestal."

"When you're sitting around the dinner table with your daughter or your little niece, it'll bring up so many questions. I'm shocked!"

And so am I. I'm like, shocked. SHOCKED! I mean, like, "There she is. MISS AMERICA! There she is. YOUR IDEAL! Blah blah blah!"

And she's had S-E-X! That, of course, is what this is all about. "MISS America" is not supposed to have had S-E-X. Until she becomes MRS. America, after which, presumably, S-E-X is acceptable (as long as she didn't enjoy it).

I'm a little unclear as to where the "adoptive parent" clause comes in, unless the pageant board figures that having kids is having kids is having kids, regardless of how you do it.

Now, if all of this seems confusing, it is. The pageant board is scared of being sued, so they're trying to get everything in compliance with the New Jersey laws (you know, "the boardwalk in Atlantic City, etc.")

The traditionalists, like Ms. Cornett, are upset because, well, this is "MISS America!"

The Feminists are upset because, as Cheryl Garrity, the president of the Massachusetts chapter of the National Organization for Women, asked, "Is the ideal woman a woman who has never been pregnant or married? And if we're talking about morals, then why is it that they ever parade around in bathing suits at all?"

Why do we care?

So, with hurricanes bashing Florida, earthquakes bashing Turkey and Indonesians bashing each other, why do we care whether MISS America is a virgin or not?

I don't know. I suspect it has to do with America's obsession with the insignificant. With a society where violence is accepted as an unfortunate, though common element of life, but S-E-X is taboo.

Where "Seinfeld" and "Frasier" are natural topics for "non-alcoholic" cocktail conversation, but Mozart and Shakespeare are considered the boring, politically incorrect history of "dead white men."

Where an entire nation can speculate on who killed Jon Benet Ramsey, but few question why she was paraded around in beauty pageant makeup and costume before she ever entered kindergarten.

Who cares about Miss America's chastity? For that matter, who cares about Miss America?

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On the road ... again



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Ride on:
Nick O'Shea is riding 30-40 miles a day to prepare for a more than 500-mile bicycle trip with three other riders to St. Louis, Mo. The cycle-thon is meant to raise money for Retrouvaille, a program that helps save troubled marriages.

Ride aims to save marriages

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Nick and Virginia O'Shea are ready to roll ... again. The Livonia couple participated in an 18-day, 1,600-mile bike trip to Fort Worth, Texas, in September 1996, and they plan to make the trek again — or at least half of it — to support an organization they believe saved their marriage.

After suffering serious marital troubles and losing their 6-year-old daughter Eileen to leukemia in 1976, the O'Sheas turned to Retrouvaille, a Catholic-based program designed to heal troubled marriages.

"It teaches you to communicate on a different level, on a feeling level, on a level we don't even think about," said Nick O'Shea. "It's when you really know how the other person feels about (a situation) that you're going to go along with it. You can compromise."

It worked for the O'Sheas, who've now been married for 42 years.

Retrouvaille is a French word meaning "rediscovery." The program has been in existence since 1977 and

was founded in Quebec. Programs are held locally six times a year.

After their involvement with Retrouvaille, Nick O'Shea and a few other participants sought ways to raise money and bring into the program other couples who couldn't afford to participate without some financial assistance. The group decided that bicycles held the answer.

This year, the O'Sheas have scaled-down the ride a bit. The 1999 Cycle-a-thon will consist of a 523-mile ride from St. John's Family and Life Center in Plymouth to St. Louis for Nick O'Shea and three other cyclists. His wife will ride alongside in a van, and provide them with water and support. "She's very content in the van," said O'Shea of his wife.

O'Shea said the hardest part of the previous trip was riding through the hills of Indiana and Ohio.

"We were three days out into the bike ride," he said. "It was very hot. If we were ever going to quit, we would've quit then."

But they didn't quit. They found ways around the hills and kept pedaling toward their goal. More than

\$8,000 was raised for a Retrouvaille scholarship fund on that trip alone. O'Shea said if they raise at least that much this time around, the 1999 Cycle-a-thon will be another success story.

The cost of one weekend experience with Retrouvaille is \$395, plus a registration fee of \$75. While the scholarship fund will help cover the cost for those who need it, it does not cover the registration fee.

"A lot of times, money is the problem to begin with," said O'Shea. "We do ask for a deposit." He said those involved with Retrouvaille feel that people get out of the program what they invest in it.

To prepare, he rides 30 to 40 miles a day. O'Shea is going the distance with the program, too. He's working as a member of Retrouvaille's International Expansion Team, which is reaching out with marital assistance to people in countries like Brazil and Portugal.

On Friday, Sept. 10, through Sunday, Sept. 12, O'Shea and his wife went to Grand Rapids to speak to a group of about 30 couples who embarked on a Retrouvaille experi-

ence. O'Shea said it was a positive experience overall.

"Usually one half of the couple is reluctant," he said. "We have to be very careful on Friday night and Saturday morning so that they don't bolt. They explore what it's about."

None of the weekend participants left early, he said. Common issues dealt with in the Retrouvaille program include boredom, alcohol or drug abuse, and infidelity.

"We tell our story on how we used the program to help us," said O'Shea. "None of the couples have to share their problems. Some are reluctant (but if) they just sit and participate, (they'll) learn how to get in touch with their feelings. All of the work is done between husband and wife."

The O'Sheas believe they wouldn't have made it without help from the program.

For more information about Retrouvaille, call (313) 237-6052 or check the Web at www.retrouvaille.org. Donations may be mailed with checks payable to "Retrouvaille" at 28455 N. Clements, Livonia, MI 48150.

Ship's reunion has a woman's touch



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Making plans: Lois Czadankiewicz (left) looks over the contents of her late husband's box of World War II mementos with Wanda Snead of Colorado.

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"I just found this," said Lois Czadankiewicz, showing her house guest, Wanda Snead, a box she and her grandson found in the basement of her Livonia home.

Lifting the lid, she revealed a collection of foreign currency, most printed by the Japanese government during World War II, photographs, a cigar and a book on returning to civilian life, the few things her late husband Michael had saved from his time in the U.S. Navy.

The discover ties in nicely with how the two women are spending now through Sunday — gathering with the men who served and trained on the U.S.S. Dyson (DD-572) during and after World War II.

Up to 65 people from throughout the United States and Germany are expected to attend the reunion, hosted by Czadankiewicz, the first female president of the reunion association.

"I have no idea how I became president, but it's a real honor," she said. "I think they wanted to have it in Michigan, and I've been to every one except

the one in Colorado."

Czadankiewicz started planning the reunion the day after she got home from last year's event.

"It takes a lot of work and planning, it isn't an easy thing," she said, adding that she will happily pass on the job to someone else.

A busy time

The reunion will be based at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. Czadankiewicz has planned a busy three days for participants. Tiger Stadium, Comerica Park, Greektown, Eastern Market will be on tap for Friday, with the Henry Ford Estate, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village filling up Saturday.

On Sunday, they group will gather for breakfast at the hotel when suggestions for sites for the 19th annual reunion will be entertained.

After breakfast, Czadankiewicz has arranged for the group to tour Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia and receive the key to the City of Livonia from Mayor Jack Kirksey and Councilman Jack Engebretson before they head off to Windsor for some shop-

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ANNIVERSARIES

Cummins

Kenneth and June Cummins of Novi, formerly of Bangkok, Thailand, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at a Mass at the Church of the Holy Family and a party at Stephenson Haus in Royal Oak.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 10, 1949, at St. Cecilia Church. She is the former June McLain.

The Cumminses have six children — Joan Rogers and husband Bill of Canton, Michael and wife Suzan of Alexandria, Va., Patricia Hollenbeck and husband Dennis of Westland, Tim and wife Atsuko of Toledo, Ohio, Peggy Polinski and husband Craig of Plymouth and Kathi of Farmington Hills. They also have nine grandchildren.

Semi-retired, he is a former professor of civil engineering at the University of Detroit and Seat Graduate School of Engineering in Bangkok. He also was technical director of the American Concrete Institute.



He is a fellow member of the American Concrete Institute, Engineering Society of Detroit and Michigan Society of Professional Engineers and a member of the Knights of Columbus at the Church of the Holy Family.

She is a lector and a representative of Right to Life-Lifespan at Holy Family and a 25-year volunteer for the American Red Cross.

Elliott

William and Elizabeth Elliott of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to England.

The couple married Aug. 6, 1949, at the Dane Street Congregational Church in Beverly, Mass. She is the former Elizabeth Wiseman.

They have two married daughters, Beverly Simmonds and husband Thomas and Patricia Welland and husband Thomas.

Retired from Ford Motor Company, he is active with the Plymouth Historical Society. Retired from Providence Hospital, she is active in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Longtime members of the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth, they also enjoy traveling.

Reunion from page B1

ping or gambling before landing back at the hotel for the reunion banquet.

"That's when they'll determine where they want to meet next year and who will be president," Czadankiewicz said. "That's when I'll make my farewell speech."

"Unless we can convince her to do it again," added Snead.

What makes the reunion unusual is the participants who come from Germany to be a part of the gathering.

While his English wasn't the best, Erick Dettlef heard some former Dyson shipmates talking about the reunion and figured out that he had trained on the same ship while it was on loan to the Federal Republic of Germany

after being taken out of commission in 1947.

He was a radioman on the ship just as Czadankiewicz's husband had been during World War II. Snead's late husband, Harold, was the gun captain of the Dyson's five-inch guns.

The German contingent holds a reunion every two years, and Czadankiewicz wants to attend one. She had planned to attend this year but stayed home because of her terminally ill brother-in-law.

It turned out to be a wise decision. She ended up going to Pennsylvania where she suffered a heart attack. Had she gone to the reunion, she would have been overseas when it happened.

"I still plan on going next

time," she said.

The 'Tin Can'

Launched on April 15, 1942, the Dyson, affectionately known as a "Tin Can," participated in campaigns at New Georgia, New Guinea, Treasury-Bougainville, Bismark Archipelago, the Marianas, the Philippines and Okinawa. Its crew earned nine battle stars and a Presidential Unit Citation.

The first Dyson reunion was held in Nashville, the same week the Czadankiewiczes were there on vacation. They didn't find out about until after they were back home, when a shipmate called.

Her husband had gone to bed and declined to answer the phone when it rang, but took the

steps two at a time when she delivered the message.

"He said, 'Just tell him it's Red,'" Czadankiewicz recalled. "We've been to every one since, except Colorado."

When her husband died in 1993, Czadankiewicz's daughter Cathy came from Raleigh, N.C., to go with her.

Snead, like Czadankiewicz, has continued to attend since her husband died last year. She admits she felt out of place at first, but "everyone makes you feel so welcome."

"I enjoy the camaraderie and making friendships with the other wives and the men who served on the ship," Czadankiewicz added. "It's like one big family."

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

ST. ELIZABETH
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church will have its autumn arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, 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. There will be free admission and bake sale. For more information or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

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

crafts show. The show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 30055 Joy Road Westland. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

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

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

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE
Tables currently are available for St. Robert Bellarmine Church's 17th annual Christmas bazaar, slated for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23, at the church, West Chicago at Inkster roads, Red-

ford. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Joanne at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (734) 522-2963.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
Crafters are needed for the 13th annual 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 for more information.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for its eighth annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Admission is \$1. For an application, call (734) 532-0022.

LIVONIA STEVENSON
The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its annual Holiday Happening 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. For an application, call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

ST. ANSELM

Crafters are needed for the 16th annual holiday boutique 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 6 at St. Anselm's Church, Outer Drive north of Ford Road. There is no admission charge. Table rental is \$30. For more information, call (313) 563-0572.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and a 6-by-8-foot table is available for \$50 for one day and \$90 for two days. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. For an application or more information, call (734) 432-5603.

ST. EDITH

Crafters are needed for St. Edith School's fall craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Booth rental is \$40 for a 10-by-8-foot space. For more information, call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or Jo Ann at (734) 464-9370.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

ORDINANCE NO. C-99-05

SUMMARY OF
AMENDMENT TO UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR
CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES
POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR
AND OPEN INTOXICANTS IN A MOTOR VEHICLE

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE SECTION 5.16a, POSSESSION OR TRANSPORT OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR, REVISING SECTION 5.16b POSSESSION OR TRANSPORTATION OF OPEN CONTAINERS OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN A MOTOR VEHICLE, VIOLATION, PENALTY, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THE PRESERVATION OF ALL PENDING PROSECUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, PUBLICATION, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE.

This section amends Section 5.16a and 5.16b of the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages of the Charter Township of Plymouth as follows:

Sections 5.16a and 5.16b prohibit possession or transport of alcohol by a minor; possession or transportation of open containers of alcoholic liquor in a motor vehicle; and consumption of liquor on highways or on property open to the public.

SECTION 2. NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED.

The Township Clerk shall publish notice of the Ordinance and maintain copies at the Clerk's office.

SECTION 3. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES REPEALED.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions or violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall, upon publication, become effective on October 1, 1999.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-99-05 considered for first reading at the September 14, 1999, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 1999. The ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone number (734) 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

Publish: September 16, 1999

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

ORDINANCE NO. C-99-03

SUMMARY OF
AMENDMENT TO UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR
CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES
DRUNK DRIVING

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE SECTION 5.15, PERSON UNDER INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, PUNISHMENTS, PRIOR CONVICTIONS, PAYMENT OF COSTS, PLEA BARGAINS, AND SPECIAL VERDICTS; REVISING SECTION 5.15a, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, WARRANTLESS ARREST, PRELIMINARY CHEMICAL BREATH ANALYSIS, ADMINISTRATION, EVIDENCE, PRESUMPTIONS, REVISING SECTION 5.15b, MISDEMEANOR VIOLATIONS, ARRESTS, DRUNK DRIVING ARRAIGNMENT, PRETRIAL AND ADJUDICATION TIME LIMITS, ADVISE OF RIGHTS BEFORE PLEA, SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT, SENTENCING AND LICENSE SANCTIONS, REVISING SECTION 5.15c, IMPLIED CONSENT, CHEMICAL TESTS, REVISING SECTION 5.15d, CHEMICAL TESTS, REFUSAL, REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE, SECTION 5.15e, REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TESTS, WRITTEN NOTICE BY OFFICER, FORM, REQUEST FOR HEARING, REVISING SECTION 5.15g, REFUSAL OF CHEMICAL TEST, CONFISCATION OF LICENSE, TEMPORARY LICENSE, REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE, BLOOD TEST, REVISING SECTION 5.15m, OPERATORS OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES, ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT, REVISING SECTION 5.15n, FORFEITURE OF VEHICLES, NOTICE, HEARING, SALE AND DISPOSITION OF FUNDS; ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THE PRESERVATION OF ALL PENDING PROSECUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, PUBLICATION, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE.

This Section amends Sections 5.15, 5.15a, 5.15b, 5.15c, 5.15e, 5.15g, 5.15m, and 5.15n of the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages of the Charter Township of Plymouth as follows:

Sections 5.15 through 5.15n pertain to the prohibition of operating motor vehicles under the influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled substances; warrantless arrests, preliminary chemical breath analysis, administration, evidence and presumption; time limits on misdemeanor violations; implied consent and chemical tests; confiscation of license and issuance of temporary license; reports to Secretary of State; operators of commercial motor vehicles; and forfeiture of vehicles.

SECTION 2. NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED.

The Township Clerk shall publish notice of the Ordinance and maintain copies at the Clerk's office.

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions or violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall, upon publication, become effective on October 1, 1999.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-99-03 considered for first reading at the September 14, 1999, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 1999. The Ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone number (734) 354-3224.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Larsen-Hatch

Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Larsen of Canton announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kelley Marie, to Tad Alan Hatch, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Hatch of Ludington.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a student at Grand Valley State University where she is majoring in elementary education. She is employed as an assistant swim coach at the university.

Her fiancé is a 1998 graduate of Grand Valley State University and is employed by Aramark at the university.

A September wedding is



planned at St. Simon Catholic Church in Ludington.

Owings-Fitzsimmons

Joanne Theresa Fitzsimmons and Keith Edward Owings were married Sept. 11 at the Belmont Manor House in Elkridge, Md. The Rev. Andy Lunt of Glen-Mar United Methodist Church officiated.

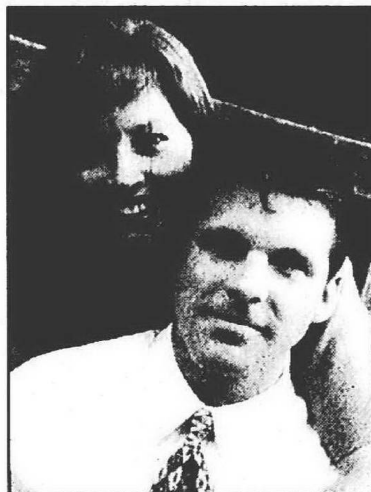
The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Fitzsimmons Sr. of Ellicott City. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale E. Owings of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Arizona State University with a bachelor's degree. She is an account executive with J. Walter Thompson in Baltimore.

The groom is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree. He is in sales in the Baltimore/Annapolis area.

The bride asked Kerry Panich to serve as her honor attendant with Becky Fitzsimmons, Debbie Ittner and Michelle Bossi as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Kevin



Owings to serve as his best man with Greg Savoie, Jim Petzer, Randy Schofield, Jim Fitzsimmons and Keith Sandum as groomsmen. Austin Fitzsimmons and Ian Sandum were ring bearers.

The couple received guests at a reception at Belmont Manor House. After a honeymoon in Vermont, they are making their home in Baltimore.

Gorecki-Nicles

Len and Judy Gorecki of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Marie, to Karl 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. A November wedding is planned at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne.

Salgh-Sudek

Sharlene Marie Sudek and Donald Richard Salgh were married May 15 at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. The Rev. Donald Browne officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Beverly Sudek of Livonia. The groom is the son of Richard and Rita Salgh of St. Clair Shores.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed as a benefits coordinator by Staffco Inc.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of Bishop Gallagher High School and a 1991 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He is employed as a sales engineer by G.E. Corporation.

The bride asked Maureen Brown to serve as matron of honor with Laura Geletzke,



Sherrie Coon and RaeAnn Sudek as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Paul Piotrowski to serve as best man with Steve Osterman, Mark Andary and Mike Widgren as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Fox Hills Country Club in Salem Township before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Jamaica.

Farabee-Carlson

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Farabee of Farmington Hills announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Julie Ann, to Daniel Roman Carlson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carlson of Canton.

The bride-to-be is an audiologist at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester.

Her fiancé employed in building sales at Wickes Lumber in Rochester Hills.

A September wedding is planned at

Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.



Horton-Martin

Dennis Horton of Superior Township and Chris Horton of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Lyndsey Ellen, to John Allen Martin, the son of John C. Martin of Millbrae, Calif., and Caryn Martin of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy High School and a 1997 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed as a legislative assistant to Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, receiving a bachelor of business administration degree in 1992 and master of science degree in 1994. He is employed as the assistant sports information director at Eastern Michigan University.

A November wedding is planned in Novi.



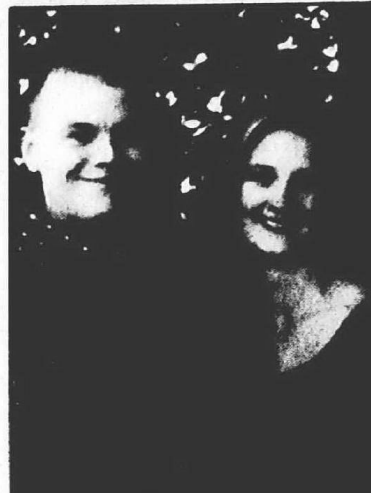
Gusfa-Kelly

James and Barbara Gusfa of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Allison, to Patrick Marc Kelly, the son of Patrick Kelly of Drummond Island and Carolyn Kelly of Rockford.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a masters of arts degree. She is employed with Dearborn Public Schools as a speech language pathologist.

Her fiancé is self-employed as the owner of Top to Bottom Building and Contracting.

An October wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in



Livonia.

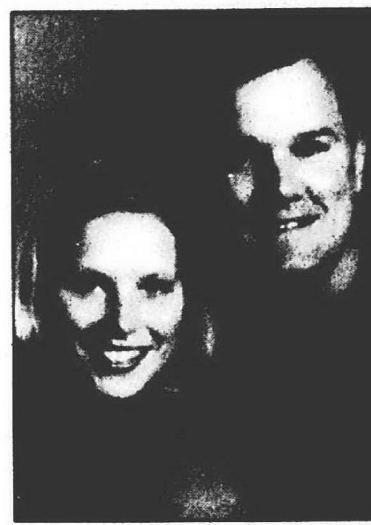
Bourgeois-Darnell

Mr. and Mrs. William Bourgeois of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly Elise, to Chad Albert Darnell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Larson and Larry Darnell, all of Shepherd.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1998 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed by the Oxford Community Schools.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Shepherd High School and a 1997 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed by Automated Benefit Services in Sterling Heights.

An October wedding is



planned.

Platter-Rudolph

Robert and Nancy Platter of Canton announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Cynthia Ann, to Brian Thomas Rudolph, the son of Colleen and Gerald Rudolph of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1998 graduate of Oakland University. She is employed as a mechanical engineer at Ford Motor Co.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University. He is a senior mortgage banker at Rock Financial in Canton.

A September wedding is



planned at St. Thomas A' Becket Church in Canton.

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This marvelous event combines a fascination with food with a love of learning and a desire to help students who need assistance completing a degree or the training for a new career.

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 for two and are available before the event or at the door. To order or for information, call (734) 462-4417. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

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CALENDAR

WEEKEND

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. Donations are accepted. For more information, call Mike Score at (734) 971-0079 ext. 2619 or Barry Lonki at (734) 426-3669.

SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

The Home Depot is sponsoring a Children's Safety Awareness Day from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. There will be a free identification kit provided by The Home Depot.

BOUQUET WORKSHOP

Keller and Stein Florist are holding a "Harvest Bouquet Workshop," from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. Learn how to create beautiful floral arrangements using flowers from your garden. Pre-paid \$10 fee covers all materials. For more information, call (248) 360-4187.

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.

BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Canton Public Library are holding their annual used paperback book sale from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, and from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, in the library meeting room. The library is located on the west side of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer, just south of the Canton Township Hall. For more information, call Marcia Barker at (734) 397-0999.

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.

TOY AND TRAIN SHOW

The Plymouth "Model Railroad & Toy Train Show" returns from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Admission is \$4, kids under 12 years old, \$1. Vendors and collectors will be selling model railroad and toy train equipment and their accessories. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

INLINE HOCKEY

Fall Inline Hockey classes are now available for boys and girls, ages 5-17. 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.

ADOPTION FESTIVAL

The 11th Annual Kinship Adoption Festival will be held from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, on Belle Isle at the Casino area. The event is aimed at recruiting adoptive families for Special Needs Children who are free for adoption and reside in the tri-county area surrounding Detroit. For more information, call (248) 344-9606.

GOLF OUTING

The Plymouth Canton Music Boosters are sponsoring a golf outing to benefit the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Marching Band. The event will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at St. John's Golf Course, Plymouth. Cost is \$75 per person which includes a four-person scramble with 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner and prizes. Tee off starts at 12:30 p.m. Hole sponsorships are available for \$150 each. For more information call, (734) 455-8604 or (734) 459-4539.

AROUND TOWN

BICYCLE TOURS

Find out how to get around to the major focal points of the Plymouth Community through neighborhood bike rides while minimizing sharing the road with fast moving vehicles. The free tours are sponsored by the Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society and will start at 6 p.m. every Monday in October at the Comerica Bank parking lot near the NW corner of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon. Tours will be given on Sept. 20 and Sept. 27 if the leader is contacted at (734) 455-9144.

RIISING STAR AUDITIONS

The Rising Star Singers will hold open auditions from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Auditions are open to all ages from 8-16. Practices are held from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays starting Oct. 5 (no rehearsal Nov. 30 or during school vacations) and runs through August 2000. Cost is \$160 for whole year and includes a one year student membership and T-shirt. For

Chiefettes named grand champs

The Plymouth Canton Chiefettes once again took Grand Champs for the 1999-2000 season.

The Chiefettes came home from Grand Valley State at the Mid American Pompon Camp with awards.

Team members include, the captains: Becky Baloga, Michelle Bernard, Katie Gazsi, Katie Dysarczyk, Tracy Timmerman with the awards from Camp Senior High Kick 2nd place, Squad Congeniality, Grand Camps and Peggy Squad.



Title: The Plymouth Canton Chiefettes took honors as Grand Champs for the 1999-2000 season.

more information, call (734) 416-4278.

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. 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. 22 and Sept. 29. Cost is \$25. Community Outreach Program Course registration and payment may be made

at Medhealth Wellness Center, 47659 Halyard 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.

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.

BNI MEETING

The Plymouth chapter of Business Network International (BNI) will hold its monthly meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

The Canton chapter of Business Network International will hold its monthly

meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at the Summit, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton Center Road and Palmer, Canton. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

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.

LIVING TRUST WORKSHOP

There will be an "Advanced Living Trust Workshop" held from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 5252 Farmer St., Plymouth. The guest speaker will be Paul Leduc, Financial Consultant. The event is free.

ANNUAL RUN

The Rinnion Foundation along with the Plymouth Salem men's and women's cross-country teams will be hosting the third annual run on Sunday, Oct. 10. Registration for the race starts at 7:30 a.m. at the PCEP Football Stadium. The race will feature a one mile run/walk starting at 8:45 a.m., a 10k run starting at 9 a.m. and a 5k run starting at 9:15 a.m. Proceeds from the race will go to benefit higher education and Breast Cancer Awareness at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. For more information, call Pat Donnelly (734) 981-4753.

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.

ENROLLMENT

Fall semester enrollment is now open at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory located at 5701 N. Canton Center Road, Canton. Registration is open for these programs: Dance Studies, Theater Studies, Kindermusik, and Private Instrument Instruction. For more information or to enroll, call (734) 453-7590.

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. Booth space measuring 9-by-6-feet with two chairs, and one 6- or 8-foot table is available for \$50 for either Saturday or Sunday or \$90 for both days. Booths with electricity are an extra \$5. Call (734) 432-5603.

ME & MY SHADOW PROGRAM

New Morning School has openings for the fall 1999 "Me & My Shadow" program. This is an introductory preschool class for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and their parents. Classes meet weekly on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings. Music, art, fingerplay, story time and snacks are centered on a weekly theme. A variety of activities and play equipment will be available. There is also special one-on-one time for the parent and child plus the opportunity for children to take their first steps toward socializing with other children. New Morning is certified by the Michigan Department of Education. For more information, contact the school at (734) 420-3331. New Morning school is located at 14501 Haggerty, just north of Schoolcraft Road.

REGISTRATION

Garfield Co-op has openings for children 18 months to 5 years of age. Garfield Co-op is in Livonia, at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road. Call (734) 462-0135. Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings now in all classes for people 18 months through 5 years of age. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Call April at (734) 522-8469.

PLYMOUTH YMCA

The Plymouth YMCA is accepting registration for the fall session. Registration can be done over the phone with Visa or MasterCard by calling (734) 453-2904 or in person at the Y office at 248 S. Union, Plymouth. Some of the classes that are being offered are Step Aerobics, Yoga, Youth and Adult Golf, Youth and Adult Karate, "Y" Preschool, T-Ball Leagues for ages 5-6, Coach Pitch League for ages 7-8, Flag Football Instructional League for ages 8-13, Outdoor Soccer League for ages 5-12, Hodge Podge Sports for ages 3-5, Tykes T-Ball, ages 3-5, Bumble Bee Soccer for ages 3-5, Driver Education and other classes.

VOLUNTEERS

The American Red Cross announces the rejuvenation of the HEROMobile program. The plan is to build public awareness of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter by honoring local heroes who have unselfishly responded to emergencies, which in turn may have saved a human life. For more information, call Cathy Kocian at (313) 833-2685.

CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

CAMPUS NOTES

Items for Campus Notes are welcome from the Plymouth community. Items should be addressed in writing to: Campus Notes, c/o Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 or faxed to (313) 459-4224.

GRADUATES

The following Canton residents graduated from Eastern Michigan University this spring: Steven Antilla, Ronald Barnett, Kimberly Becker, Jennifer Belisle, Elizabeth Brock, Suzanne Carlisle, So Ping Choi, Randy Church, Robert Couturier, Jamers Dunleavy, Samarachere Erkard, Mark Eubank, David Fairchild, Robert Felts, Yiping Feng, Donald Fields,

Jennifer Gavala, Sandra Gillig, William Goebel, Sonia Gujral, Kenneth Heimerl, Zhu Hu, Robert Hudson, Kathy Hurst, Denise Jones, Jeffrey Kehoe, Paul Kijek, Young Mo Kim, Michele Kirkwood, Kevin Kuhlman, Sharon Lindner, Karen Lippert, Ying Lu, Jessica Maci, Dana Mackie, Kathleen Montgomery, Rebecca Moore, Christy Pasieka, Robert Petroski, Henry Rebandt, Gregory Rochford, Julian Rodenbeck, Tara Rothoff, Todd Scott, Remy Shammass, Bryan Sleek, Nancy Smith, Cynthia Spurlock, Amanda Stoyak, Carrie Stoyak, JaimeAnn Sullivan-Rodriguez, Gary Sugarland, Lana Tatom,

Michelle Taucher, Adam Wade, Katherine Wise, Robert Wojcik, Chang-Hui Yu, and Nicholas Zmiky.

The following Plymouth residents graduated from Eastern Michigan University this spring: Amy Bavin, Heidi Birmele, Melanie Blair, Thomas Bonenfant, Erika Boss, Reese Bradley, Dawn Buda, Rebecca Carlson, Xiaomei Chen, Eric Dristy, Holley Engel, Marlene Erxleben, Gregor Foreman, Sandra Freels, Lisa Gestro, Sasha Gobeski, Betty Green, Thomas Greene, Toni Harrington, Linda Hatcher, Rachel Holmberg, Andrea Hug, Michael Jakubowski, Dean Kurtz, Carri

Lee, Melissa McCabe, Jennifer Minier, Michael Patterson, Lori Place, Kristen Pride, Joanne Randolph, Janice Reissenweber, Matthew Rich, Sarah Sheehan, Jennifer Stockwell, Michael Swek, Jennifer Thomas, Jeffrey Wilson, Heather Wood, and Duane Zantop Jr.

HILLSDALE DEAN'S LIST

Emily Stachura, a sophomore elementary education major at Hillsdale College, was named to the dean's list for the 1999 spring semester. She is the daughter of Greg and Jean Stachura of Canton and a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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BETHEL BAPTIST TEMPLE
29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia
734-525-3664

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wed. Family Hour 7:15 P.M.

September 19th
11:00 a.m. Dr. Richard Freeman
6:00 p.m. Dr. Richard Freeman

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INDEPENDENT BAPTIST
YOUTH AWANA CLUBS
DR. RICHARD FREEMAN
PASTOR

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5403 S. Wayne Rd. • Wayne, MI
(Between Michigan Ave. & Van Born Rd.)
(734) 728-2180

Virgil Humes, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Praise Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Brightmoor Tabernacle

Assemblies of God • Calvin C. Ratz, Pastor
26555 Franklin Rd., Southfield, MI 1-696 & Telegraph • West of Holiday Inn • 248/352-6200
8:45 Family Sunday School Hour • Wednesday 7:00 pm "Family Night"

10:00 AM - Pastor Calvin C. Ratz - *How You Play*
6:30 PM - Pastor Doug Lebsack
The Golden Rule Wasn't Meant to "Confuse"

24-Hour Prayer Line 248-352-6205

New St. Paul Tabernacle Church of God in Christ and Grandmont Rosedale Park Christian Day School
Bishop P.A. Brooks, Pastor & Founder
15340 Southfield Drive at Fenkell & Grand River

313-835-5329
SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

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Michigan Ave. & Hannon Rd.
326-0330
Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 6 pm

CONGREGATIONAL

Mt. Hope Congregational Church
30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia • 734-425-7280
(Between Middlebelt & Merriman)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Nursery Care Available
"The Church You've Always Longed For"

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth
1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Reading Room - 445 S. Harvey, Plymouth
Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Thursday 7-9 p.m.
453-1676

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH
14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills
(248) 661-9191

Sunday Worship
10:00 A.M. (Summer)
Child Care provided for all services
Summer Sunday School for children through Grade 6
Activities for all ages • Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Youth Groups • Adult Small Groups

CATHOLIC

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Traditional Latin Mass
St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8
23310 Joy Road • Redford, Michigan
5 Blocks E. of Telegraph • (313) 554-2121

Mass Schedule:
First Fri. 7:00 p.m.
First Sat. 8:30 a.m.
Sun. Masses 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.
Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
1160 Penniman Ave.
Plymouth • 453-0326
Rev. John J. Sullivan

Masses: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 A.M., Sat. 5:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.
5:00 P.M. Life Teen Mass

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
48755 Warren Rd., Canton, Michigan 48187
451-0444
REV. RICHARD A. PERFETTO

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
16360 Hubbard Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-8481

Mon-Fri 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Dinner & Classes
Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
Sunday 7:45 & 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist
10:00 A.M. Christian Education for all ages
Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available
The Rev. Robert Clapp, Rector

MATIVITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
9435 Henry Ruff at West Chicago
Livonia 48150 • 421-5406

Rev. Donald Lintelman, Pastor
9:15 Adult Class
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
and Youth Classes
Nursery Care Available
-WELCOME-



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Rev. Luther A. Werth, Sr. Pastor
Rev. Robert Bayer, Assist. Pastor
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14175 Farmington Rd.
(N. of I-96)
Sunday Worship 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
(734) 522-6830

CANTON
46001 Warren Road
(West of Canton Center)
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:45 am
(734) 414-7422

Visit our Web Site at <http://www.ccaa.edu/~lcmcs>

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
20805 Middlebelt (corner of 5 Mile & Middlebelt)
Farmington Hills, Mich.

WORSHIP SERVICES
Sundays Evening 6 p.m.
Sundays Morning 9:15 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30

Pastor John W. Meyer • 474-0675

HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
9600 Levee • So. Redford • 313-937-2424
Rev. Lawrence Wilto

Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Thursday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Christian School Kindergarten-8th Grade
313-937-2233

LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
9415 Merriman • Livonia
Sunday Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
School Grades - Pre-School - 8
Church & School office
(734) 422-6930

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
17810 Farmington Road • Livonia • (734) 261-1360
May thru October • Monday Night Service • 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Bible Classes For All Ages 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Services 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Pastor James Hoff
Pastor Eric Steinbrener

Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church & School
14750 Kinloch • Redford Twp.
313-532-8655

Worship Services 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.
Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Grade K thru 8
Phone for Enrollment Info
WLQV 1500 SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Agapé Family Worship Center
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45081 Geddes Road, Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-0357

New Service Times
Sunday Worship Services - 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday - Family Night - 7:00 p.m.

Agapé Christian Academy - K through 12

FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH
291 E. SPRING ST.
2 Blocks N. of Main - 2 Blocks E. of Mill

SUNDAY
Bible School 10:00 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.
(Nursery Provided in A.M.)

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study - 7:00 P.M.
(Classes for all ages)

Pastor Frank Howard Ch. 453-0323

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN Church & School
5885 Venoy
1 Blk. N. of Ford Rd., Westland 425-0260

Divine Worship 8 & 11:00 A.M.
Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
Monday Evening Service 7:00 P.M.
Gary D. Headgich, Administrative Pastor
Kurt E. Lambert, Assistant Pastor
Jeff Burkee, Principal/DCE

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD
25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DAILY 532-2266 REDFORD TWP.

Worship Service 9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Nursery Provided
Rev. Victor F. Halboth, Pastor
Rev. Timothy Halboth, Assoc. Pastor

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Timothy Lutheran Church
8820 Wayne Rd.
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)
Livonia • 427-2290

Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Avail.)
<http://www.timothylivonia.com>

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"1999" Trinity's Year of Prayer Countdown to "2000"

10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
5 Miles W. of Sheldon Rd.
From M-14 take Gottfredson Rd. South

734-459-9550
Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor

8:00 Prayer & Praise Service
9:30 Lifeline Contemporary Service
11:00 Traditional Service
SUNDAY SCHOOL (NURSERY PROVIDED)
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages

PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH, USA
16700 Newburgh Road
Livonia • 734-464-8844

Sunday School for All Ages 9:30 a.m.
Family Worship 11:00 a.m.
"To Die Is Gain"

Rev. Janet Noble-Richardson, Pastor
<http://www.unidial.com/~sttimothy>

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Main & Church • (734) 453-6464
PLYMOUTH

8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Dr. James Skimins, Pastor
Senior Minister: Tamara J. Seidel
Associate Minister: Carole MacKay
Director of Christian Education

CHRISTADELPHIANS

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN Church & School
1001 Hannon Rd. Wayne corner of Glenview & Hannon
(734) 728-1950

Sunday Morning Worship Services
Traditional Services 8 & 11 am
Contemporary Service 9:30 am
Sunday School (Children & Adults) 9:30 & 11 am
Wednesday Night Service 7 pm
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Schultz Rev. Merle Welhausen

CHRISTADELPHIANS

Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:30 A.M.
Bible Class - Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.
36516 Parkdale, Livonia
425-7610

UNITED METHODIST

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST
30900 Six Mile Rd. (Bet. Merriman & Middlebelt)
Chuck Sonquist, Pastor

10:00 A.M. Worship & Church School
11:15 A.M. Adult Study Classes
Nursery Provided • 422-6038

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
29887 West Eleven Mile Road
Just West of Middlebelt
Farmington Hills

Contemporary Worship
Saturday - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship and Church School at 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Benjamin Bohnsack
Rev. Robert Bough
Rev. Kathleen Grotz
Rev. Jane Berquist
Mr. Melvin Rookus

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
36500 Ann Arbor Trail
between Wayne & Newburgh Rds.
422-0149

Worship Services & Sunday School
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
NOTE: Time change for early service
Discovering God's Vision
For Your Life
"Who Do You Think You Are?"

Rev. Thomas G. Badley, preaching
Contemporary Worship Service
Tuesday 5:00 p.m. • Topic/Prayer

Rev. Thomas G. Badley
Rev. Melanie Lee Carey
Rev. Edward C. Coley

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WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church

40000 Six Mile Road
"Just west of I-275"
Northville, MI
248-374-7400

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Worship Services,
Sunday School
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service
8:50-9:45 A.M.
Evening Service
6:00 P.M. in the Chapel
Nursery Provided

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
5835 Sheldon Rd., Canton
(734) 459-0013

Sunday Worship & Sunday School
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Education For All Ages

Childcare Provided • Handicapped Accessible
Resources for Hearing and Sight Impaired

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (USA)
9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI
(between Merriman & Farmington Rds.)
(734) 422-0494

Worship Service & Sunday School
10:30 a.m.

Nursery Care Provided
We Welcome You To A Full Program Church
Rev. Richard Peters, Pastor
Rev. Ruth Billington, Associate Pastor
Visit our Website at <http://www.rosegardens.org>

CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE

PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (313) 453-1525
Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M.
NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN 455-3196

Clarenceville United Methodist
20900 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia
474-1444
Rev. Jean Love

Worship Services 10:15 A.M. 6:00 P.M.
Nursery Provided
Sunday School 9 A.M.
Office Hrs. 9-5

"Building Healthy Families..."

9:00 a.m. - Casual Worship
11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship
• Dynamic Youth & Children's Programs
• Adult Education
• Child-Care Provided
Pastors: Dr. Dean Klump, Rev. Tonya Arnesen

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
15701 N. Terminal Rd. West Chicago, IL
(734) 453-5280

Catch the Spirit at Aldergate

United Methodist Church
10000 Beech Dale, Redford
Between Plymouth and W. Chicago
Bob & Diana Goudle, Co-Pastors
313-937-3170

Worship at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Nursery at 9:30 & 11:00
Cry room available

September 19
Scripture/Matt 20:1-16
Topic/Parable of Workers in the Vineyard
Rev. Bob Goudle, preaching

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

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.

SINGERS WANTED

St. Mary's Church at 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia is looking for new singers for its cappella church choir. All voices are encouraged to join. People interested in singing can contact Linda Lawson, choir director, at (734) 464-3786.

SINGLE PLACE

Members of Single Place Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will have a fall retreat Friday-Sunday, Sept. 16-18, at the Howell Nature Center, 1005 Triangle Road, Howell. The Rev. Norm Nawrocki will be the speaker for "Simplicity and the Spirit of Joy." The cost is \$137 per person.

The group also will have a pig roast/house party at the home of T. Warnke on Saturday, Sept. 25. Pre-registration is required and maps are available on Thursday evenings at Single Place. For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-0911.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a Crazy Hat Dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at St. Gerald's Church Hall, Farmington Road, north of Eight Mile Road in Farmington Hills. The \$8 charge includes refreshments. For details, call Bill at (734) 421-3011 or Diane at (734) 971-4553. The group also meets at 10

a.m. Sundays for breakfast at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly in Redford, and 11:15 a.m. for Mass at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile in Livonia, and for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road west of Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Call Val at (734) 729-1974.

BLOCK PARTY

The Merriman Road Baptist Church will host a Block Party in the parking lot of the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. There will be food, games booths, face painting, live entertainment, clowns, puppets, and much more. The party is free of charge. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

FLEA MARKET

Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have its annual fall flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the church, 20601 Beech Daly, Redford. There will be more than 40 booths, some antiques, bake sale and lunch. For more information, call Kathi Burger at (810) 1674 or the church office at (313) 534-4907.

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Innocent Orthodox Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the church, 23300 W. Chicago in Redford. For more information, call (313) 538-1142.

Garden City Presbyterian Church will have its annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18, at the church 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. There will be selections of clothing, books, toys and household furnishings.

Lunch and refreshments will be served.

St. John Episcopal Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, in the parking lot of the church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Spaces are available and cost \$20. For more information, call the church office at (734) 721-5023 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Newburg United Methodist Church will have fall rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 2, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

BLOOD DRIVE

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a blood drive for the American Red Cross 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call Sandy at (734) 464-8286 or Larry at (734) 522-1977 for a blood drive appointment.

St. Edith Catholic Church will have an American Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, in the church hall, 15089 Newburgh Road in Livonia. Walk-ins welcome.

SAFETY CHECK

The First United Methodist Church of Garden City is teaming up with Oakwood Healthcare System to have a free car seat safety check lane, food and entertainment for children and adults 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, in the parking lot of the church, 6443 Merriman Road at Maplewood, Garden City. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-8628.

RALLY DAY

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold its annual Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 19, to kick off a new Sunday School

year.

Sunday School will be 9-10:15 a.m., with classes for kindergartners through high schoolers. Students will rotate through "stations" for crafts, music and drama, based on the weekly lesson. Snacks will be served. There also is a class for adults.

St. John's is at 13542 Mercedes, east of Inkster Road and south of I-96. For more information, call (313) 538-2660.

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Created by Gwen Shamblin, founder of the Weigh Down Workshop, this program is based on the same principles of love and obedience to God as taught in her Exodus Out of Egypt seminar.

For more information, call Mary Orwin at (734) 595-7654.

GRIEF SHARE

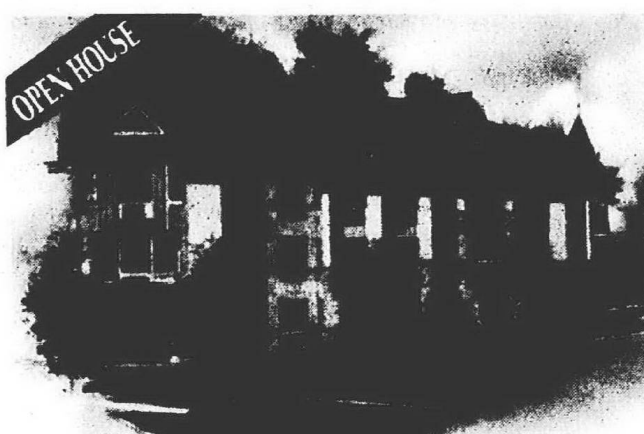
GriefShare a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them will run 5-7 p.m. Sundays, beginning Sept. 19, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton.

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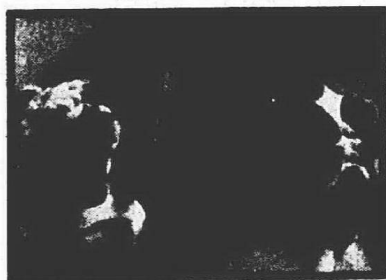
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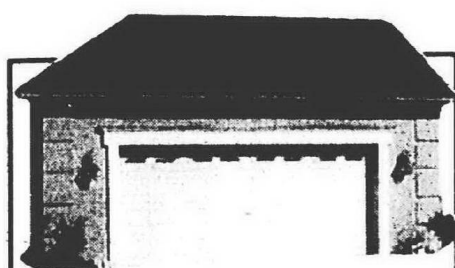


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TAI CHI CLASSES

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 Ruff Road, Livonia. Smith will teach a Yang form of Tai Chi. The class costs \$20 for six weeks and there is a limit of 20 people per session. Call Ida Reifsnnyder at (734) 421-5406.

BIBLE STUDY

Join other women of fellowship and a Precept inductive study of the Book of Hebrews 9-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 28, or 6:45-8:45 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Sept. 20, at Calvary Baptist Church on Joy Road between Lilley and Morton-Taylor roads in Canton. A workshop for beginners will be held at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, and 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23.

■ "Precept Upon Precept" Bible study, Spiritual Gifts, is being offered 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

The "Precept Upon Precept" study method includes homework, discussion and lecture time to unlock the message of God's word. For more information, call the church office at (734) 459-9550.

MOPS GROUP

Plymouth Baptist Church will resume its Mothers of Preschoolers meetings at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Mothers with their children, preschool age and younger, are invited to attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Child care will be provided. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-5534. Space is limited.

GUEST SPEAKER

Former Detroit Police Chief Isaiah McKinnon will be the guest speaker Friday, Sept. 24, at the First Congregational Church on Wayne Road between east- and westbound Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

A communal dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by McKinnon's talk. Dinner participants need to bring a dish to pass and their own place settings. Reservations for the meal should be made by calling the church at (734) 729-7550 by Tuesday, Sept. 21.

McKinnon joined the Detroit Police Department in 1965, rising to the rank of chief of police in 1994. As the city's top cop, he spearheaded community-based services for residents, business and visitors, including reassigning more than 380 patrol officers to active patrol. His personal philosophy of giving back to the community is a recurring theme when he speaks.

JOB WORKSHOP

Marcia Boehm of Person Ability Inc. of Oak Park will conduct a free job preparation workshop for people with disabilities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

The workshop is designed to reach out to any person with disability, entering the job market for the first time or re-entering the job market after a prolonged absence. The focus is on networking techniques, resumes and cover letters and pre- and post-interviewing preparations. The workshop is free of charge. To register, call (248) 828-3121.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Sept. 24-26 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Mom to Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Shop or rent a table. For information, call (734) 422-0149.

POLISH DINNER

St. Mel's Women's Club will host a Polish dinner 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, in the Activity Building, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. There will be entertainment and a Share the

Wealth raffle. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under age 12. They're available by calling Rose Hibsky at (734) 422-4461 or Rose Panetta at (313) 278-7589.

PARISH MISSION

St. Theodore Catholic Church will have a parish mission Saturday-Wednesday, Sept. 25-29, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The theme of "Year of Favor" will be presented by speaker and preacher of the word the Rev. Dennis Theroux. For more information, call the church at (734) 425-4421.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

The First United Methodist Church of Garden City will celebrate Homecoming Sunday on Sept. 26 with a worship service at 10:45 a.m. at the church, 6443 Merriman Road. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Robert C. Grigereit, pastor from 1976 to 1987. A pot luck meal will follow the service. Church school will be at 9:30 a.m.

Friends and former members are invited to come for worship and fellowship. Bring a dish to share at the pot luck. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-8628.

Trinity hosts 'Back to School Blowout'

The Student Ministries group of Trinity Church in Livonia is hosting a "Back to School Blowout" at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17.

In a coffee house style, students will be entertained with a concert by the musical group, "Harbinger's Mile," and a series of sketches by the comedy improvisation team, "Spontaneous Combustion."

Harbinger's Mile describes their music as "folk rock ... and soul," with a sound sometimes compared to the musical style of Jars of Clay, Wallflowers and Counting Crows. HM's recent CD, "Hallowed Boulevard," offers an "honest vision of human rela-

tionships, loneliness and the genuine search for faith in the bewildering post-modern world."

Unlike much current music, however, these Christian musicians offer an image of hope and optimism without resorting to "cheap, Hallmark cheeriness."

The songwriters, Darin Francis and Mike Rut, are described as "two rust-belt boys" who offer a "big-hearted brand of spirit-infused alternative country folk rock" and who are "becoming fixtures on the nascent Detroit music scene."

Spontaneous Combustion is an outrageously funny comedy improv team from Grand Rapids. Combustion is made up of eight

fully trained improvisational comedians. The troupe engages the audience in many "short-form" games which showcase their comedic talents in a variety of ways.

For instance, in "Get to the Point Theater," they ask the audience for a fairy tale, which the team then performs in one minute, and then again in 30 seconds, in 15 seconds, 7 seconds and finally in 3 seconds.

Another game, called "Hesitation," which depends on words or phrases shouted out from the audience which our members turn into outrageous scenes.

And in "Bucket of Water," one member holds their head in a

bucket of water while two other members create a scene racing against the time it takes for the submerged one to run out of air.

Spontaneous Combustion offers 40 such games from their repertoire - all done improvisationally, off the cuff, in the spur of the moment, nothing pre-prepared.

Advance tickets are \$3 in advance or \$5 at the door for the evening of good music and hilarious comedy. Bring a friend and get a free drink or snack.

For advance tickets, call (734) 425-2800. Trinity Church is at 14800 Middlebelt Road, south of Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Cherry Hill Presbyterian hosts Norwegian organist

Anyone may attend an organ concert of classical and contemporary music, presented by Norwegian organist Karstein Askeland at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, Telegraph and Cherry Hill roads in Dearborn.

Askeland, 36, will play classi-

cal music by Bach and Reger and contemporary music by fellow Norwegian Ketil Hvoslef.

The concert is partially sponsored by the American Guild of Organists which will have a dinner at the church prior to the performance.

Askeland studied church

music at the Bergen Conservatory in Norway and at the Academy of Music in Frankfurt, Germany.

He made his concert debut at the Concert Hall in Oslo in 1988 and has given recitals throughout Scandinavia, Germany, England, Russia, Italy, Holland,

Latvia and Hungary.

Currently, he is organist at the Birkeland Church in Bergen, Norway.

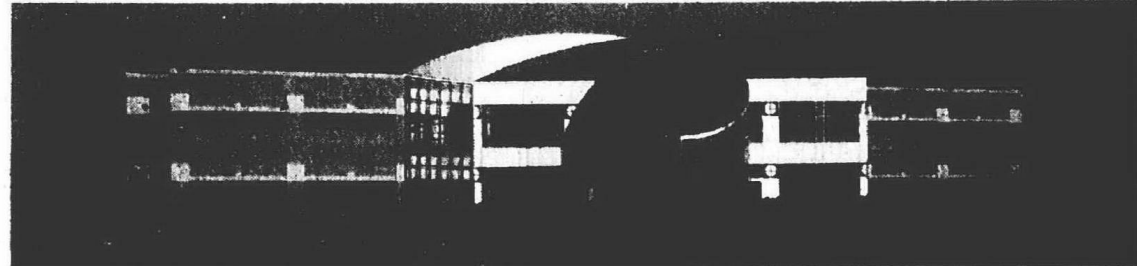
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All-Americans

Andrew Locke, who graduated in June from Plymouth Salem HS, was named a 1999 first team High School Swimming All American in the 50-yard freestyle by the National Inter-scholastic Swimming Coaches Association.

Plymouth Salem's 200-yard freestyle relay team, consisting of Locke, Matt Casillas, Mike Johnson and Aaron Shelton, received All-America honorable mention from NISCA. Both Locke and the relay team were 1999 first team All-Observer Swim Team selections.

Crossfire win

The Canton Crossfire, a boys u-14 premier soccer team, captured the Silver Division title at the annual Labor Day Soccer Tournament in Troy. This was the fourth consecutive tournament in which the Crossfire has reached the finals and their second tournament championship.

The Crossfire beat Grand Valley 3-2, United FC of Birmingham 4-0 and tied Ohio FC 3-3 to reach the semi-finals. They beat the Michigan Metro Stars 3-1 in the semi's and triumphed over the GPSA Salvo in the finals by a 2-1 margin to take the crown.

Team members are Brandon Dugan, Jacob deVries, Steve Gizicki, Kevin Justus, Kevin Kwiatkowski, Ross Maltby, Mike Nagy, Michael Newton and Matt Tomasso of Canton; Peter Bierzynski and Adam Warner of Plymouth; Brandon Noble of Westland; Phil Callega and Roger Sacks of Livonia; Mike Wilkerson of Ypsilanti; Jacob Skeans of Dearborn; and Quinn Branson of Chelsea.

The team is coached by Jim deVries and Rob Newton and managed by Jeff Maltby.

Ambassadors split

The Compuware Ambassadors, defending national and North American Hockey League champions, opened their 1999-2000 campaign by splitting a pair of games with the Danville Wings at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

Ambrose Tappe scored the only goal of the game late in the second period Friday as the Wings defeated the Ambassadors 1-0.

Compuware got its revenge Saturday, blasting Danville 8-2. Mike Smith scored twice for the Ambassadors, while Steve Jackson had a goal and three assists. Craig Kowalski made 29 saves in goal.

Compuware hosts the expansion Texas Tornado at 7 p.m. Friday and again at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Lions roar

Two touchdown runs by Drew Amble and a tough defense led the Canton Lions' varsity to a season-opening 15-0 junior football league victory over the Westland Comets Sunday.

Amble also had a point-after-touchdown conversion run, and David Thomas booted a two-point PAT. The defense was led by Eric Mitchell, who had an interception, Brandon Kilgore and Matt Sammut.

The Lions' junior varsity also shut out the Comets, 18-0, with Julian Smith scoring on an 83-yard run, Dominique Fischer adding a 34-yard TD jaunt and Nathan Rzeppa returning an interception 37 yards for a score. Kirk Sadek and Konrad Konitzke recovered fumbles and Michael Gore added an interception to lead the defense.

The Lion freshmen opened with a 20-6 victory over the Comets Sunday. John West scored on a 6-yard run, Christopher Fischer added a 25-yard TD run, and Michael Rubick raced 15 yards for a TD. Chris Hasse (two sacks and a fumble recovery), Rubick (one interception), Anthony Green and Jeremy Epley led the defense.

Baseball tryouts

•Tryouts for next summer's 14-year-old Plymouth-Canton Cannons travel baseball team will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 at Griffin Park.

For more information, call John Conner at (734) 451-0476.

•The Michigan Indians will have tryouts for next summer's 16-year-old travel team from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 26 and Sunday, Oct. 3 at Concordia College in Ann Arbor.

For more information, call Mark Minch at (734) 421-2388 or Jeff Vancamp at (734) 522-0184.

Canton jolts Regina

A fast finish got Plymouth Canton a nice slow win.

Harper Woods Regina held a six-point lead over Canton's girls basketball team with slightly more than four minutes to play Tuesday night.

But quicker than you can say, 'Steal, Steal, Steal,' the Chiefs rallied for a quick six off three turnovers and turned it into a 44-43 victory over the Saddelites.

Regina was in-bounding the ball when Angie Neu picked off a pass and went in for a layup. Margin down to four.

Then it was Anne Morrell's turn. She came up with the ball off the Saddelites' next attempt to in-bound the ball and went in to score. Margin down to two.

The Chiefs bottled up the ball again, and Amanda Lentz got the third basket for Canton in 15 seconds. Score tied.

The score went back and forth from that point until Morrell, who ended with 10 points, popped in a jumper to give the Chiefs a 44-43 lead with less than half a minute to play.

Regina called timeout and worked the clock to under five seconds before taking a 17-footer that missed. The ball went out of bounds in the ensuing scramble and the Chiefs were given the nod for possession.

Canton in-bounded the ball and ran out the clock to claim the victory. The Chiefs are now 3-1 while the Saddelites have split four decisions.

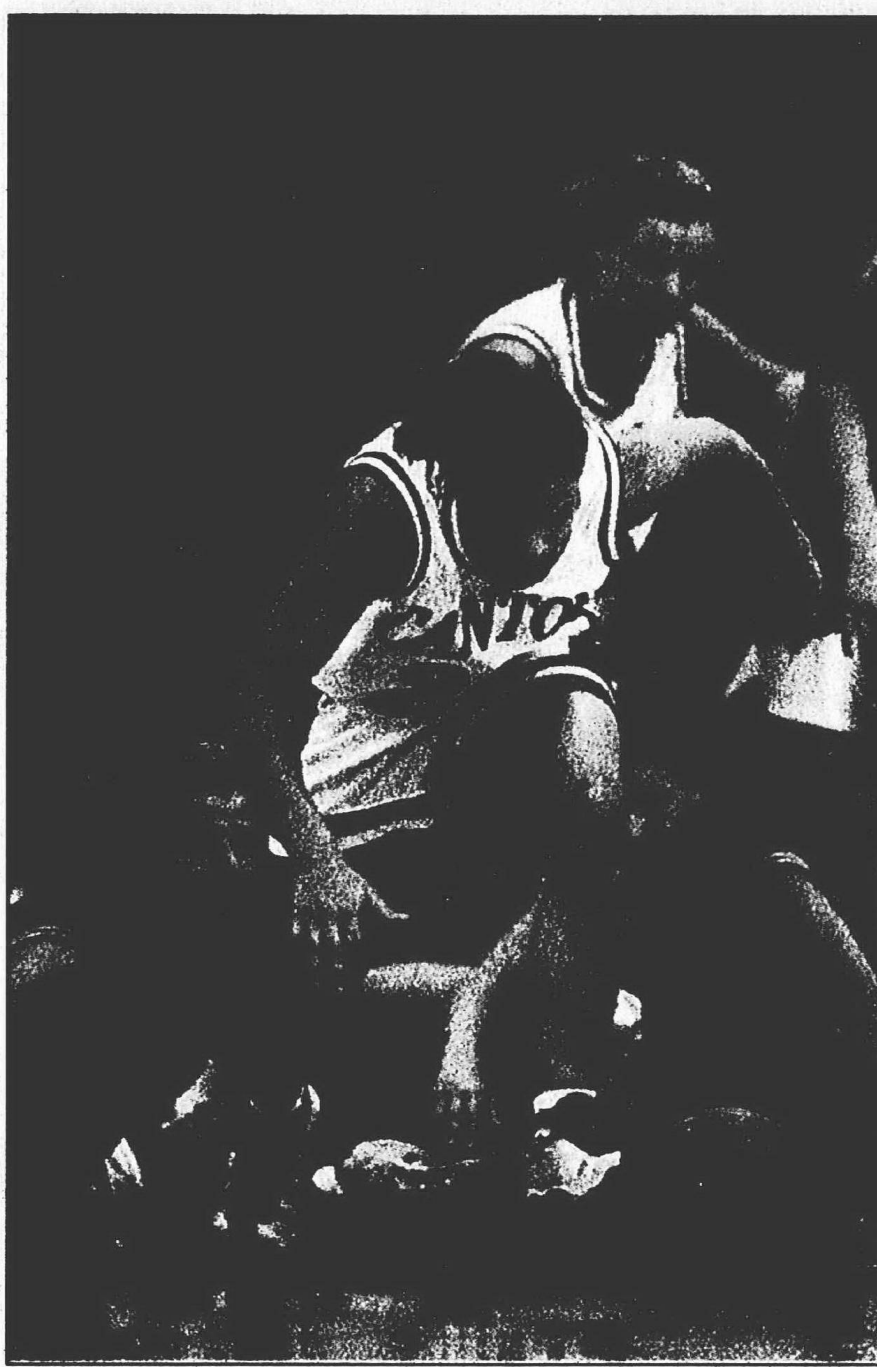
Katie Schwartz also scored 10 points for Canton, which was led by Janine Guastella's 13.

Rachel Cortis got 16 to lead Regina. She was the only Saddelite to reach double figures.

Canton held a 17-14 lead after the first quarter and ran it out to 30-22 at the half before hitting a cold third quarter in which it was held to just three points. Regina scored 11 in that period.

"We had a hard time attacking their zone," Coach Bob Blohm said. "We were taking good shots, we got

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Off and running: It became an unwelcome site for Regina — a Canton steal that resulted in a basket. Janine Guastella, chasing down this steal, led the Chiefs with 13 points.

Rocks reign over Dexter

BASKETBALL

Tiffany Grubaugh led the way for the Rocks with 20 points while Jenna VanWagoner and Kelly Jaskot scored eight apiece. Dawn Allen contributed seven and Mary Lou Liebau six.

"Obviously we played very, very well right from the beginning of the game," Coach Fred Thomann said. "Our defensive pressure was really outstanding. And we shot the ball really well."

The victory was the fourth straight in an unbeaten season for Salem. Dexter dropped to 3-2.

PCA 49, Huron Valley 43: Host Ply-

mouth Christian Academy built a five-point lead in the first half and held off stubborn Westland Huron Valley Lutheran in a non-league game Tuesday.

The win evened PCA's record at 2-2. Huron Valley is 1-3.

Laura Clark led the Eagles with 17 points and eight assists. Kallie Gross and Crystal Marti added eight points apiece, with Gross getting six steals and Marti seven rebounds.

Huron Valley got 16 points from Rachal Zahn and 15 from Stacie Graves.

Agape 43, Macomb Christian 32: Canton Agape Christian started and

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Season's off to a promising start for Chiefs, unbeaten after 3 duals

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Before Plymouth Canton's tennis team had played its first match, coach Barb Hanosh knew she might have problems in her singles play. That was the bad news.

The good news was all but two of her doubles players from 1998 were returning.

The result thus far this season has been promising for the Chiefs. Monday's 6-2 win at Walled Lake Western improved Canton's record to 2-0-1.

Last year, the Chiefs were 3-8 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, but they finished the season well by placing sixth at the WLAA Tournament.

That carried over to the off-season, according to Hanosh.

"What's impressed me the most is the way the girls committed themselves all year," she said. "I've never been one to say they have to play during the off-season, but 12 of them did — on their own."

"We're in a real good position right now, because of that."

Gone from last season's team are the No. 1 and No. 2 singles players, Liz Elsner — who's going to tryout for softball at University of Michigan — and Jennifer Leonard. Also graduated are Josephina Chang, who played No. 1 doubles, and Krista Slawski, who was at No. 4 doubles.

CANTON TENNIS

"It's hard when you lose the top singles spots," said Hanosh. "Our conference always has such good singles players."

Hanosh moved last season's No. 4 singles player, Christina Slupek, to No. 1 and her No. 3 from a year ago, Lizzie Brown, to No. 2. Slupek is a junior; Brown's a senior.

While not overpowering, Hanosh has gotten solid play from her singles players, which include sophomore Katie Maloni at No. 3 and junior Kelly Markiewicz at No. 4.

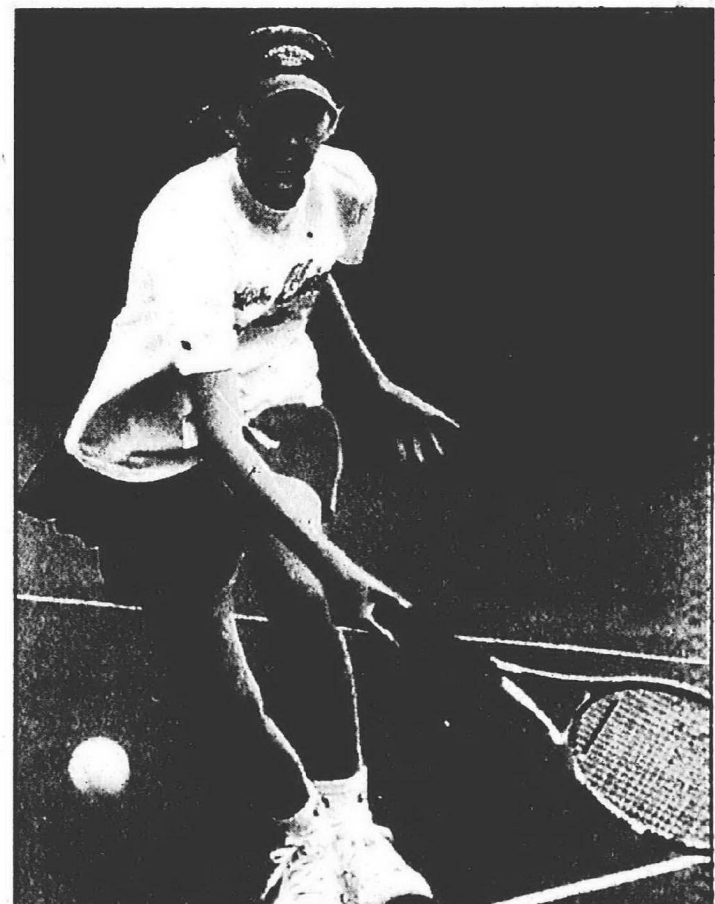
The doubles play has been nearly unbeatable. The Salem meet provided a good example: While the Rocks won three of the four singles matches, Canton swept all four doubles to take a 5-3 victory. Last season, Salem beat the Chiefs 8-0.

The teams of Lisa Niemiec and Niki Shah at No. 1; Tracy Robey and Susan Franck at No. 2; Puja Amin and Meera Desai at No. 3; and Chris Chan and Jennifer Wagner at No. 4 have excelled. Again against Western Monday, they each won in straight sets.

"Our lineup is fairly set," said Hanosh. "We could move our three and four doubles around a little bit. But by Friday, we should be close to having it set."

Which is something Hanosh wants, and — if

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Top singles: Canton's No. 1 singles player, Christina Slupek, lost her match to Western Monday but the Chiefs won the meet, beating the Warriors by a 6-2 margin.

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Salem stops Northville; Chiefs win

The score indicated a lopsided win for Plymouth Salem Monday at Northville. But Rocks' coach Ed McCarthy said it was anything but that.

"It was really an evenly-played match," said McCarthy after Salem blanked the Mustangs 4-0. "They're a good team. They could be in the final."

The "final" McCarthy was referring to was the Western Lakes Activities Association championship match, which over the past few years has involved Salem or Livonia Stevenson from the Lakes Division and Plymouth Canton or Livonia Churchill from the Western Division.

But Churchill has started the season 0-5 and Canton was able to beat league lightweights Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western by just one goal apiece. Which means Northville could crash that Western Division party.

In the Lakes, Salem is certainly near the top of its game. The Rocks ran their overall record to 5-1-1 with Monday's win (last Saturday, they won one, lost one and tied one at the East Lansing Tournament). They are 2-0 in the WLAA.

Scott Duhl continued his scoring spree with two goals against Northville, giving him nine in seven games. Duhl's unassisted goal in the first half gave Salem a 1-0 lead at the intermission; Mike Harkins assisted on his second goal to make it 2-0.

Jon McGlone's goal put the Rocks up by three, with Jeff Haar assisting, and Brett Stinar made it 4-0.

Tavio Palazzolo was in goal to earn his fifth shutout of the season.

Last weekend in East Lansing, Salem opened with a 2-0 blanking of Portage Central. Duhl scored both goals; Sean Loewe assisted on the first and Haar assisted on the second.

The Rocks followed that with a 2-2 draw against Midland Dow. Haar got the first goal, with Nick Tochman assisting, and Tochman got the second, with Haar assisting.

Salem's final match was against East Lansing, and the Rocks lost 1-0. All three games consisted of 30-minute halves.

Canton 1, W.L. Central 0: Plymouth Canton's soccer team is coming along. It has to.

Canton got over the .500 mark Monday by defeating visiting Walled Lake Central. The Chiefs are now 3-2.

"We're young," Coach Don Smith of Canton said. "We're coming. But we're going to have to keep going."

"We've got some good games coming up. We play Livonia Stevenson on Wednesday and Northville on Monday. We have to keep improving."

And in between is a non-conference match Saturday against Monroe.

Canton won Monday on a goal by Evan Malone with 22 minutes to play.

Jai Bihmoria fed him the ball and

COLLEGE SPORTS

Ocelots sort things out with a victory

The settling-in process is just about over, as now Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team is going to put its best foot forward to win some matches.

The Ocelots began the process Saturday when they defeated visiting Cuyahoga (Ohio) CC 3-1 in their first junior college regional game of the season. It squared Schoolcraft's record at 3-3.

"We were trying to find a starting lineup in most of our early games," Ocelots coach Van Dimitriou said. "So in essence, this was the first game."

"Now we're about 90 percent in terms of who is going to be playing where. Before, we lost some games to some pretty powerhouse teams."

Johnny Demergis (from Plymouth Canton HS) broke a 1-1 tie with his second goal of the game and Dan Wielechowski (Plymouth Salem) notched the insurance score with about 10 minutes to play.

Demergis was assisted on his first goal by Tony Maldonado (Livonia Stevenson), which gave SC a 1-0 halftime lead. Some 15 minutes into the second half, Jeremy Kephart beat his defender and scooted a shot past goalie Ben Davis (Canton) to tie the score.

Near the 20-minute mark, Demergis got his second goal, assisted by Sergio Meinella (Stevenson).

Davis faced six shots.

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The Ocelots lost to tough DuPage in the Valparaiso Tournament, then lost matches to Monroe CC (Bloomington, N.Y.) and Hartwick (N.Y.).

"We were just trying to get to where we knew we were going to play when," Dimitriou said.

"But Saturday we looked pretty good. That Cuyahoga team, I would say, is pretty indicative of the teams we're going to be playing in our regional with the exception of one team."

"Based on this performance, I'd say we'll be able to hold our own and maybe a little better than that."

"We're starting nine freshmen. We needed the preliminary games and we feel good about where we're at at this point."

COLLEGE NOTES: Adrian College's men's soccer team opened its record at 2-2 thanks to a pair of wins at the John Hopkins Alumni Classic last weekend in Baltimore, Md.

The Bulldogs beat Stevens Tech 1-0 Saturday, then defeated Southern (Md.) 2-1 Sunday. In Sunday's match, the game-winning goal was scored in the 86th minute by David Swatosh, a sophomore midfielder/forward from Plymouth Salem HS.

Among the four Bulldogs named to the all-tournament team was sophomore defender Steve Schell, a Livonia Stevenson HS graduate.

Tourney win gets SC rolling

A season going down the tubes has turned around for Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team.

Schoolcraft defeated visiting Wayne CCC, 15-2, 15-4, 15-4, Tuesday to make it four straight victories and five out of six.

The Lady Ocelots started the season with two victories, then lost six of seven before getting the train back on track again.

It was last Friday and Saturday at the Muskegon CC Tournament that things changed.

After losing two of their first three matches, the Lady Ocelots put together three consecutive strong outings — losing just one game in that stretch — and ended up with a tourney title.

"We made a lot of changes throughout the tournament and they paid off," said SC coach Tom Teeters. "We've got a real smart team. This was a nice big jump for us."

On Friday, the Ocelots lost their first match to the host team, 15-13, 11-15, 15-13, then defeated the College of Lake County 15-9, 15-5. On Saturday, SC was beaten by Henry Ford CC 15-9, 15-13 before catching fire.

The Ocelots began their string

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of four straight victories by beating Morton CC 15-9, 15-8. They then avenged their earlier tournament losses, posting a 15-2, 15-4 victory over Muskegon in the tournament semifinals and a 7-15, 15-12, 15-9 triumph over Henry Ford in the finals.

Nicole Boyd led SC with 57 kills in the tournament; she also had 19 digs. Lauren Ruprecht (Livonia Churchill) added 50 kills with a .286 kill percentage, six service aces and team highs in digs with 52 and blocks with 13.

Crissy Chavez contributed 21 kills (.250 percentage), six aces and 42 digs; Amanda Yaklin had a team-best seven aces and 41 digs; Cindy Maloof had six aces, 38 digs and five blocks; and Danielle Wensing totaled 111 assists to kills (7.92 per game average), five aces, five blocks and 39 digs.

Against Wayne County on Tuesday, Ruprecht had eight kills with a 70 percent efficiency. She also led Schoolcraft with six digs.

Maloof served three aces while Wensing had 45 percent of her

sets converted into winners. Rebekah Thornton was the leading service receiver for the Lady Ocelots.

Although the Ocelots showed some improvement, they're not quite there yet. As Teeters warned: "There's a lot more room."

Madonna WHAC winner

Madonna University's volleyball team knocked off Tri-State University, 15-10, 15-7, in its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener.

Brandy Malewski (Thurston) notched 10 kills, nine digs, eight solo blocks and nine block assists to lead the host Lady Crusaders (7-3).

Erin Cunningham had 11 kills and 17 digs while Stephanie Uballe knocked down nine kills. Kelly Artymovich had eight kills and seven blocks.

Tri-State (6-3) got nine kills and eight blocks from Michelle Martin.

It was a cold finish Saturday to an otherwise hot performance for Madonna University's volleyball team at its own Ice Mountain Invitational.

The Lady Crusaders won three consecutive matches to reach the

championship final in the Gold Pool, but they could go no further. They fell to Taylor University 15-10, 15-11, 7-15, 16-14.

Two Crusaders were chosen to the all-tournament team: outside hitter Stephanie Uballe and middle hitter Malewski.

Uballe, a senior who had 58 kills with a .500 kill percentage and 41 blocks in the four matches, was named the all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week.

The 3-1 tournament run gave Madonna a 6-3 record for the season. In pool play, the Crusaders thumped Rio Grande 15-4, 15-4, 15-8 and defeated Huntington College 15-3, 15-5, 13-15, 15-10, then beat Bethel College 15-9, 12-15, 15-10, 15-3 to place second.

Malewski added 43 kills (.398 kill percentage), three service aces, 62 blocks and 48 digs for Madonna. Kelly Artymovich contributed 39 kills, eight aces, 26 blocks and 71 digs; Erin Cunningham had 38 kills, 10 aces, 22 blocks and 63 digs; Donna Birkenhimer had 23 kills and 60 blocks; Jen Wing got 97 assists to kills (an average of eight per game); and Jennie Wind had 76 assists to kills (7.6 per game).

Madonna opens WHAC season with win

Madonna University's women's soccer team got its first Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Tuesday, knocking off host Cornerstone University, 3-1.

Madonna is now 4-1-1 overall, 1-0-1 in the WHAC. The Lady Crusaders have won more soccer

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games this season than last, their first year.

Jill Gibson got the first two Crusader goals, Jamie Scott assisting on both. Jessica Pidek scored the final goal, Lindsay

Crawford assisting.

Trinity tournament

An overtime goal disappointed Madonna's women's soccer team Friday in the opening round of the Trinity Christian College Tournament in Palos Heights, Ill.

That goal gave Grace College a 1-0 victory and a berth in the title game. It also relegated the Lady Crusaders to Saturday's consolation game opposite host Trinity Christian.

The results of that match were more satisfying, at least for Madonna. The Crusaders dominated play, outshooting Trinity 10-2 en route to a 3-1 victory.

The win allowed Madonna to equal the number of victories it had all of last season — three.

Melissa Jacobs, Megan Thiry and Shannon Wiley accounted for the Crusader goals. Lindsay Crawford had an assist.

Thiry's performance capped a strong week for the freshman forward from Waterford (Notre Dame Prep HS). Thiry had four goals and an assist in five games, including game-winning

scores against Seton Hill and Findlay — which were her first two collegiate games.

Her play earned her Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week honors.

Jenny Barker (Livonia Stevenson) was in goal for Madonna in the win over Trinity.

SC earns ranking

All in all, last week was a good week for Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team.

On Sept. 7, the NJCAA's pre-season polls were released and SC was ranked in both. The Lady Ocelots were 10th in the NJCAA coaches' poll and 14th in the National Soccer Coaches' Association of America ranking.

Last Thursday, SC put together a strong second half in bouncing St. Mary's College 5-1 at SC. The win pushed the Ocelots' record to 3-0.

For the first half of last Thursday's match with St. Mary's College, much of that intensity was lacking. Despite playing with a man advantage, the Ocelots were able to score just once in the first half — a goal by Shannon Konarski at the 10-minute mark. They could not hold that lead, however, allowing the tying goal just before halftime.

That late St. Mary's goal lit a fire under the host Ocelots. They did not allow a shot on goal in the second half; indeed, they rarely surrendered any forays into their end of the field.

On offense, SC got two goals from Kristina Seniuch (from Plymouth Salem) and single scores from Marina Vazquez (Farmington) and Kelly Connell (Plymouth Canton). Seniuch's goals gave her a team-best six for the season.



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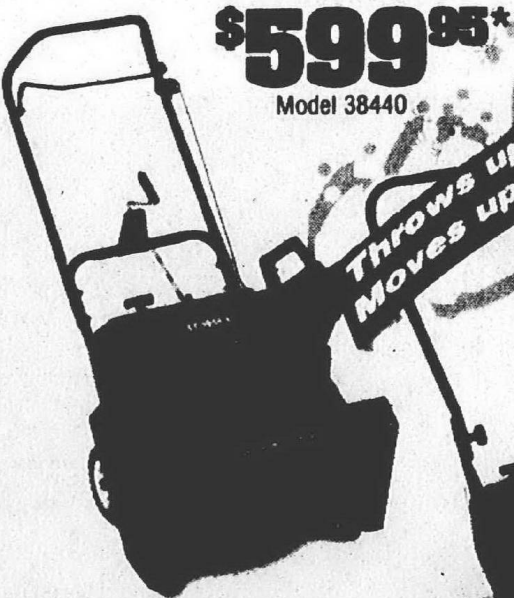
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28 points? 300 yards?

Rash prediction spices up Canton's game

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A little hype has made the Plymouth Canton-Livonia Churchill contest one of the more interesting prep football games this week.

Information that came to the Observer this week leads us to believe the Chiefs are preparing a major ambush for the Chargers.

My colleague, Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons, received an intriguing e-mail from a shadowy figure who offered only his (we assume) initials.

But, being enterprising reporters, we have good reason to believe our mystery writer is, you guessed it, a Canton player!

For his own protection, he shall remain anonymous, however. We wouldn't want the Chargers penalized for piling on should they discover his identity, and we wouldn't want the young man doing down-ups should Canton coach Tim Baechler do the same.

Our friend took a good-natured — and, yes, well-deserved — shot at the Observer duo for failing to predict a Canton victory last week.

The experts picked Livonia Franklin. The final score: Chiefs 41, Patriots 13. Ouch!

The eager e-mailer even offered some advice to help the prognosticators this week. He suggests another coin flip: "Heads we (Chiefs) win; tails they (Chargers) lose."

Ooooooh! That hurts!

The Web Writer might recall the Observer needed a coin toss to pick a Canton-Churchill winner last year, too.

So what was our pick? Canton! And who won? Churchill, 14-0!

This brings us to our point about this year's matchup. The Chiefs will not doubt be looking for a little revenge when they play host to the Chargers.

According to Confidential in Canton, there's absolutely no doubt the Chiefs will win and will do so in grand style. He writes Canton will have 300 yards rushing, and he has set the spread at 28 points.

Well, now, the Chargers might have something they'd like to say about that! But both sides will have to wait and let the talking (no trash, please!) be done on the field Friday night.

GRID PICKS

On the grid prediction scoreboard, yours truly was 13-1 and Emons 12-2. O'Meara is 38-8 overall, Emons 37-9. Here's a look at this week's games:

FRIDAY GAMES

(all times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

St. Agatha (3-0, 2-0) vs. Cardinal Mooney (2-1, 2-0) at RU, 7 p.m.: The Aggies put their perfect record to the test in this Catholic League D-Section showdown and will be looking for a little revenge. St. Agatha was 3-0 last year, too, but lost its next game to the Cardinals from Marine City, 26-7. Mooney knocked off preseason D-Section favorite Holy Redeemer, 28-0. **PICKS:** Who has more clout, a cardinal or saint? O'Meara goes with the cardinals, but Emons sides with the saint.

Redford Union (0-3, 0-1) at Garden City (3-0, 2-0), 7 p.m.: Three weeks ago most people would have assumed the records and roles for each team heading into this game would be reversed. Instead, it's the Cougars, who've had trouble winning in the past, who are undefeated and the Panthers, a playoff team a year ago, who are winless. The archivist is still researching to find out when the Cougars were last 3-0. RU is coming off a lopsided loss to Belleville, and Garden City edged Woodhaven following its huge win over Allen Park. **PICKS:** We erred and picked the Cougars to lose the last battle of the big cats. Not again! They win this time. O'Meara says, but Emons has a hunch it's RU.

Dearborn (0-3, 0-2) at Wayne (0-3, 0-2), 7 p.m.: This game looks like a toss-up. Both teams are winless but have played well against good competition. Dearborn was a Mega-Red co-champion and Class A playoff team last year, but the Panthers lost a lot to graduation. Wayne was close in losses to Romulus and Fordson before losing to Monroe last week, 27-11. Dearborn's losses are to Livonia Stevenson, Belleville and Fordson. **PICKS:** Flip a coin! Dearborn wins!

Liv. Churchill (1-2, 0-1) at Ply. Canton (2-1, 1-0): The Chiefs are feeling good about themselves after last week's convincing win over the Patriots, which did a lot to help Canton's long-range playoff hopes. Nick Stonerook rushed for 256 yards, which could be the reason for the aforementioned writer's optimism regarding the Canton running game this week. The Chargers, who've had to play John Glenn and Harrison since beating RU in the opener, have a better chance of being in the game. **PICKS:** We have

doubts about a 28-point differential, but we will make Canton the favorite this week.

W.L. Western (3-0, 1-0) at Liv. Franklin (1-2, 0-1): The state-ranked Warriors are undefeated as everyone expected they would be at this point, but they've had some close scores, especially when compared to last year's results. It gets tougher for the Patriots, who must try to rebound from a 41-13 loss to Canton. **PICKS:** Western stays unbeaten.

Ply. Salem (0-3, 0-1) at Liv. Stevenson (3-0, 1-0): Don't be fooled by the records. It looks like it should be an easy win for the Spartans, who must guard against the upset. This game always seems to be close. While these teams are at opposite ends of the spectrum as far as wins and losses, the Rocks could be trouble. Salem played well against Walled Lake Western and Farmington the last two weeks only to come up short in the end. **PICKS:** The Spartans squeak by for their fourth win.

John Glenn (3-0, 1-0) at W.L. Central (0-3, 0-1): This game offers a different scenario than the Salem-Stevenson matchup. Barring a big letdown by the Rockets, they should hold the Vikings in check and do as Farmington Harrison and Livonia Stevenson did by beating Central. **PICKS:** That loud boom you hear Friday will be the Rockets on the launch pad.

N. Farmington (1-2, 0-1) at Farmington (2-1, 1-0): Farmington had a scare at Plymouth Salem last week but managed to hold on and win, 20-14. The Falcons were up 20-7 and apparently headed for another score when the Rocks turned it around and nearly pulled out a win. North hopes to catch Farmington looking ahead to a showdown next week with Westland John Glenn. **PICKS:** Yours truly will try to get it right this year. Two years ago O'Meara picked Farmington and North won! Last year he picked North; Farmington won! OK, this year it's definitely Farmington!

Farm. Harrison (2-1, 1-0) at Northville (1-2, 0-1): The Hawks are back on track with two straight wins and headed for a showdown with Walled Lake Western in two weeks. Senior tailback Kevin Woods has laid the foundation for an all-star season with nearly 500 yards rushing and eight touchdowns. Speaking of Western, the Warriors beat the Mustangs last week, and the Hawks can compare scores after this one. **PICKS:** The Hawks do what they almost always do — win!

Thurston (1-2, 0-2) at Southgate (0-3, 0-2): Thurston's 10-0 win over Willow Run in the first week is the only win between these teams, but the Eagles were close last week in a 21-14 loss to Trenton. Thurston fell just short of forcing overtime. A 23-yard touchdown pass

in the final minute from Cedric Mann to Silvio Barile was disallowed due to an ineligible man down field. One last attempt was intercepted, and the Trojans were able to run out the clock. Southgate also lost to Trenton, as well as Romulus, both were playoff teams last year. **PICKS:** O'Meara says it's Thurston, but Emons takes Southgate.

Bishop Borgess (2-1) at Clarenceville (3-0): This one shapes up as a pretty good game. Two teams that haven't had a lot of success in the past have winning records now. The Trojans are as big a success story as the Garden City Cougars, enjoying a perfect season so far. The Spartans have beaten East Catholic and Shrine with a loss to Divine Child. **PICKS:** Clarenceville is clicking on all cylinders; the Trojans keep it going another week.

SATURDAY GAME

Luth. East (0-3, 0-2) at Luth. Westland (0-3, 0-2), 1 p.m.: Lutheran East was picked to finish eighth in the nine-team Metro Conference. Who was ninth? The Warriors, who lost 26-8 to Cranbrook but have their best chance for a victory this week. **PICKS:** The Eagles, who scored 47 points the last two weeks but lost to Detroit Benedictine (34-26) and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (27-21), rate the favorite's role.

SUNDAY GAME

Redford CC (3-0, 0-0) vs. DePorres (1-2, 0-0) at McCabe Field, 1 p.m.: DePorres doesn't look as formidable as past years with an uncharacteristic losing record. But the Eagles play a tough schedule and are always a quality opponent. After beating Highland Park 38-0, DePorres lost to Cincinnati Colerain, 17-7, and unbeaten Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 38-13. The Shamrocks passed their best test Saturday when they topped arch-rival Brother Rice, 14-10. **PICKS:** There's no letdown for CC; the Shamrocks are winners again.

Rocks edge Central

In 1998, Walled Lake Central stormed through the Western Lakes Activities Association golf season without losing a dual meet. With all of their top players returning, the Vikings seemed to be the team everyone else would be chasing.

That's not the case any more, however — and the WLA season is just three duals old.

Central went against Plymouth Salem Tuesday at St. John's, the Rocks new home course, and Salem came up with a tiebreaker win.

Both teams shot 201, leaving it to their sixth golfer. Two Rocks carded 42s: Brian Gullen and Jay Smith. The Vikings' sixth man was Tony Rishell with a 45.

"We were real pleased," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "You could tell it was going to be real close. It's kind of nice when you're sixth score is a 42."

Ryan Nimmerguth's 39 was best for the Rocks. Mark Doughty, Mike Thackaberry and Matt Leon followed with 40s.

Central was paced by Chris Pyzik and Dom Vitale, each with a 38. Cory Johnson followed with a 39, then came Lee Aho and Mark Hamilton with 43 apiece.

The win pushed Salem's record to 2-1 in the WLA. For Central, it's a reversal of fortunes — the loss was their second in three meets (the other was to Farmington Harrison).

On Monday, Salem played in the Adrian Invitational at Lenawee Country Club and finished tied for sixth with Ann Arbor Huron in the 20-team field.

Okemos was first with a 309, followed by Owosso at 309 and Ann Arbor Pioneer at 311.

Doughty earned a medal by finishing sixth with a 77. Nimmerguth tied for seventh with a 78. Gullen shot an 80 and both Leon and Thackaberry followed with 83s.

Salem girls finish 6th at Invite

It wasn't quite as good as they would have liked, but Plymouth Salem's girls cross country team still ran pretty well at last Saturday's Brother Rice (formerly West Bloomfield) Invitational, held at Kensington Metropark.

The Rocks finished sixth in the 22 field, scoring 183 points. Sterling Heights Stevenson was first with 62, followed by Livonia Stevenson with 102 and Troy with 113. Saline was fourth (115) and Rochester Adams was fifth (143).

"We would have liked to finish in the top five and get a trophy," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "Every team that beat us put three of their runners ahead of our No. 1 runner."

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"We just don't have that one dominant runner. And I think we were emotionally drained after that Walled Lake Central meet (last Thursday, a Salem win). We looked tired."

Salem did get a personal-best performance from Rachel Jones, who finished first among the Rocks and 27th overall in 21:16. Next best was Miranda White, who was 33rd (21:23), followed by Kim Wood, 38th (21:37); Rachael Moraitis, 42nd (21:56); Brynne DeNeen, 43rd (21:57); Lisa Jasnowski, 50th (22:10); and Aisha Chappell, 64th (22:35).

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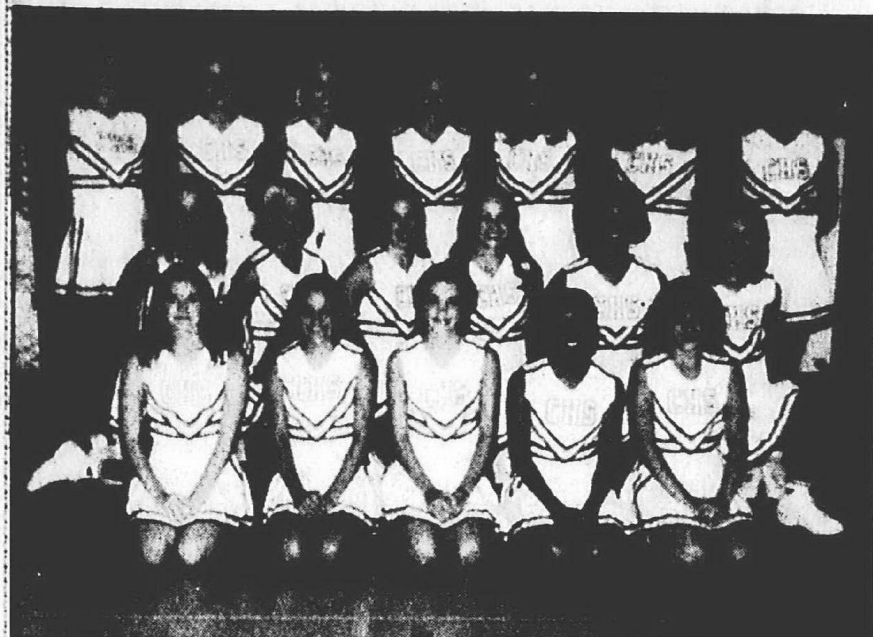
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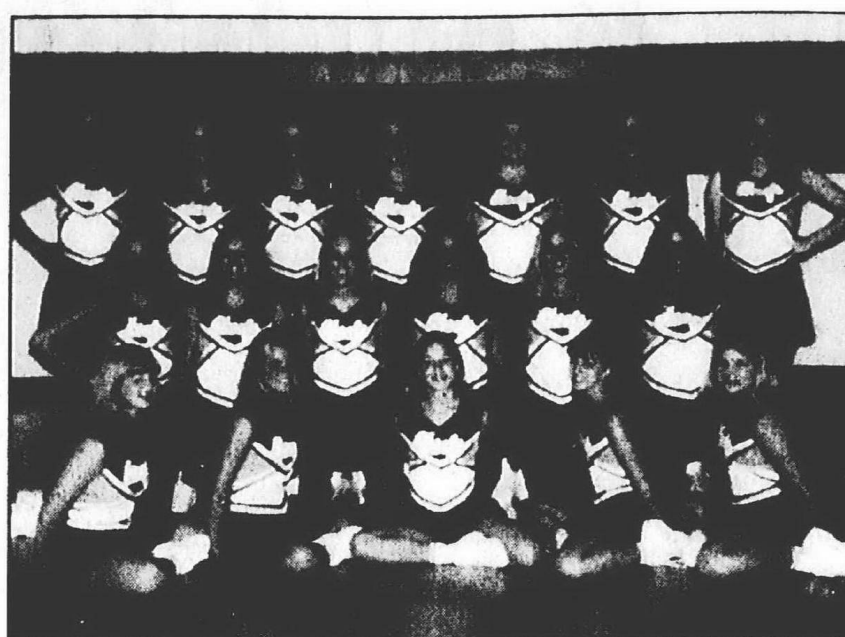
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Plymouth Canton's varsity (at right) and junior varsity (left) cheerleaders visited camps sponsored by the Universal Cheerleading Association, and both came home with awards. The varsity earned the most improved award; team members are Gina Ackley, Kelly Angell, Amanda Bostic, Meagan Dishman, Jackie Driscoll, Ann Gardener, Amber Hancock, Brianna Kingsbury, Becky Komsa, Meredith Lauter, Meaghan Mackin, Angela McKinney, Bridget McNicolas, Heidi Medeiros, Cheri Opaski, Ashley Paquin, Amy Schroeder, Tiffani Sisler, Julie Smith and Becca Tonti. The JV team won the Leadership Award; team members are Melissa Allen, Rachelle Brooks, Shannon Bruner, Renecia Daugherty, Erin Denski, Amy LaVallee, Alicia LePage, Laura McCue, Melissa McElhiney, Kendra McKinney, Angie Nieger, Melissa Reed, Chelsea Richter, Chelsea Samples, Ashleigh Sartor, Martina Sigg, Sarah Szydlowski and Amanda Van Buskirk.



SPORTS ROUNDUP

Hawks soar

The under-14 Michigan Hawks finished 5-0 to win the under-15 girls bracket Labor Day weekend at the Troy City Classic Soccer Tournament.

Members of the Hawks, who defeated Vardar III 4-3 in the championship final, include: Melissa Dobbins and Kyle LaPorte, both of Livonia; Jordan Falcusan, Plymouth; Marissa Sarkesian, Canton; Erica Rose, Farmington; Sabrina Must, Bloomfield Hills; Kathryn Cumming, Jamie Poole and Jennifer Szymanski, Troy; Wendy Guenther, Nicole Cauzillo, Northville; Erin Doan, Dearborn; Nikki Hermann, Deanne Kubas, Maureen Pawlak, Novi; Jill Kehler, Flint; Stephanie McIlroy, Grosse Pointe Park.

The Hawks are coached by John Buchanan.

Car wash

The Plymouth Salem boys soccer team is having a car wash on Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Precision Tune on Ann Arbor Road and Main.

Funds raised by this event, sponsored by the team's booster club, will help defray the start-up costs for the new freshmen team.

Softball tryouts

The Gold Girls Fastpitch Softball Club, formerly known as the Ann Arbor Gold, will have try-

outs for its 2000 summer season this weekend at the varsity softball field at Ann Arbor Pioneer HS.

Registration is 30 minutes prior to respective tryout times. Those trying out for the under-16 or under-18 teams will meet from noon-4 p.m. Saturday. Those trying out for the under-12 and under-14 teams will meet from 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

These are travel softball teams whose rosters are open to all areas. Pioneer HS is located at Stadium and Main in Ann Arbor.

For more information, call Dale Heim at (734) 741-9823 or John Wood at (734) 995-8316.

WSU golf outing

Wayne State University's baseball team is sponsoring its first-ever alumni golf outing on Monday, Sept. 27 at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon.

The Warriors invite any individual who played sports at WSU to come out and support the program. For further information, contact William Avery at (800) 331-5149.

Zoo run

Run Wild III is on the horizon. The third-annual walk/run to raise \$1 million for the Detroit Zoo hospital — in particular, to purchase and maintain veterinary equipment crucial for the care of animals at the zoo — will be this Sunday at the zoo.

The five-kilometer run will

start at 9 a.m. The non-competitive, untimed one-mile walk will start at 9:10 a.m.

Race day registration is \$15 for the walk and \$20 for the run. Trophies will be presented to overall male, female and wheelchair winners, and to those finishing second and third in the male and female divisions. Plaques will be given to those males and females finishing first in their age divisions.

There will also be door prizes, such as three free pet examinations, a one-year membership to the Zoo, two passes to Sunset at the Zoo 2000, a VIP golf cart tour of the Zoo, four tickets to Wild Lights, framed Run Wild posters and more.

Each participant will also receive a commemorative T-shirt.

For more information, call (248) 541-5717. The zoo is located at 10 Mile and Woodward.

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 this Thursday.

Registration will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday 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 under way 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.

CCJBASA elections

The Canton Community Junior Baseball Softball Association will hold its annual election meeting from 7-9 p.m., Wed., Oct. 13, at the Plymouth District Library.

Half the Executive Board posi-

tions are up for election, including President, Vice President-Equipment, Secretary, Vice President-Fields, and Vice President-Boys, Lower Division.

Call the league message line, 453-2040, with questions.

Volunteers who wish to assist in the running of leagues, umpires, field improvement and

other activities of the CCJBASA (a.k.a. the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League) should attend the meeting.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

2nd-place finish



The Plymouth Lightning '87 girls U-13 select soccer team finished second in their division at the Dearborn Soccer Tournament. The Lightning defeated Saline 5-0 and Brighton 3-1, and lost twice to the Livonia Meteors, 5-0 and 2-0. Team members are Jen David, Jennifer King, Clare Selden, Jeniece Waite, Katie Welch and Pam Wisniewski of Plymouth; Gina Buiochi, Erin Drepps, Jessica Hessel, Kristen Holden, Amy Lajoie, Staci Maltby, Sarah McCormick, Stephanie Price and Rebekah Sauers of Canton; Becca McNeilance of Novi; and Jane Kruszewski of Northville. The team is coached by Scott Boothroyd of Plymouth and Jeff Maltby of Canton.

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ARCHERY

BROADHEAD PRACTICE Detroit Archers will hold broad-head practice beginning at 5 p.m. every Thursday night through the month of October. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of Novem-

ber. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SHOOTING SPORTS

SPORTING CLAYS

Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Bald Mountain range

in Lake Orion. A similar shoot will be held Dec. 19. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BEAR

Bear season runs through Oct. 26 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

DEER

An early antlerless-only firearms season will be held Oct. 16-25 on private land in Deer Management Unit 452. A late antlerless-only season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 452. A late antlerless-only season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Archery season runs Oct. 1-Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 2 statewide. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 3-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

DUCK

Duck season runs Oct. 2-Nov. 30 in the North and Middle zones

and Oct. 9-Dec. 7 in the South Zone.

ELK

Elk season runs Sept. 18-26 and Dec. 7-14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

GOOSE

Regular goose season runs Sept. 19-Dec. 7 in the North and Middle Zones and Oct. 9-Dec. 7 in the South Zone with the exception of several Goose Management Units. Check the 1999-2000 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific dates in these southern Goose Management Units.

GROUSE

The regular grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT

Pheasant season runs Oct. 10-20 in the Upper Peninsula and Oct. 20-Nov. 14 in the Lower Peninsula. A special late season runs Dec. 1-15 in much of the south-

eastern part of the state.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

TURKEY

The fall wild turkey season runs Oct. 4-Nov. 9 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

WOODCOCK

Woodcock season runs Sept. 25-Nov. 8 statewide.

YOUTH WATERFOWL

Youth Waterfowl Day is Sept. 18, statewide.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

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

BOATING COURSE

The Birmingham Power Squadron, a division of the United States Power Squadrons, will offer safe boating courses at five area high schools in the upcoming weeks. Classes begin Monday, Sept. 27, at Farmington; Wednesday, Sept. 29, at Troy Athens; and Monday, Oct. 4, at West Bloomfield and Rochester. Registration begins at 7 p.m. at each location. Registration fee for the seven-week class is \$20. Call (248) 375-9449 for more information.

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 Shel'en Senior Citizen Center. Class fee is \$10 and advanced registration is required. Class size is limited. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. 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 tiers. 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

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.

OUT-OF-SIGHT OUTING

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club and explore the autumn sky with John Herrgott and the Warren Astrological Society during this program, which will be held Friday, Sept. 17. Participants are asked to meet at the SMART parking lot on the east side of Van Dyke, south of Metro Parkway at 7:30 p.m. (6 p.m. if you want to have supper at a nearby restaurant). Call (810) 643-4767 or (248) 932-5370 for more information.

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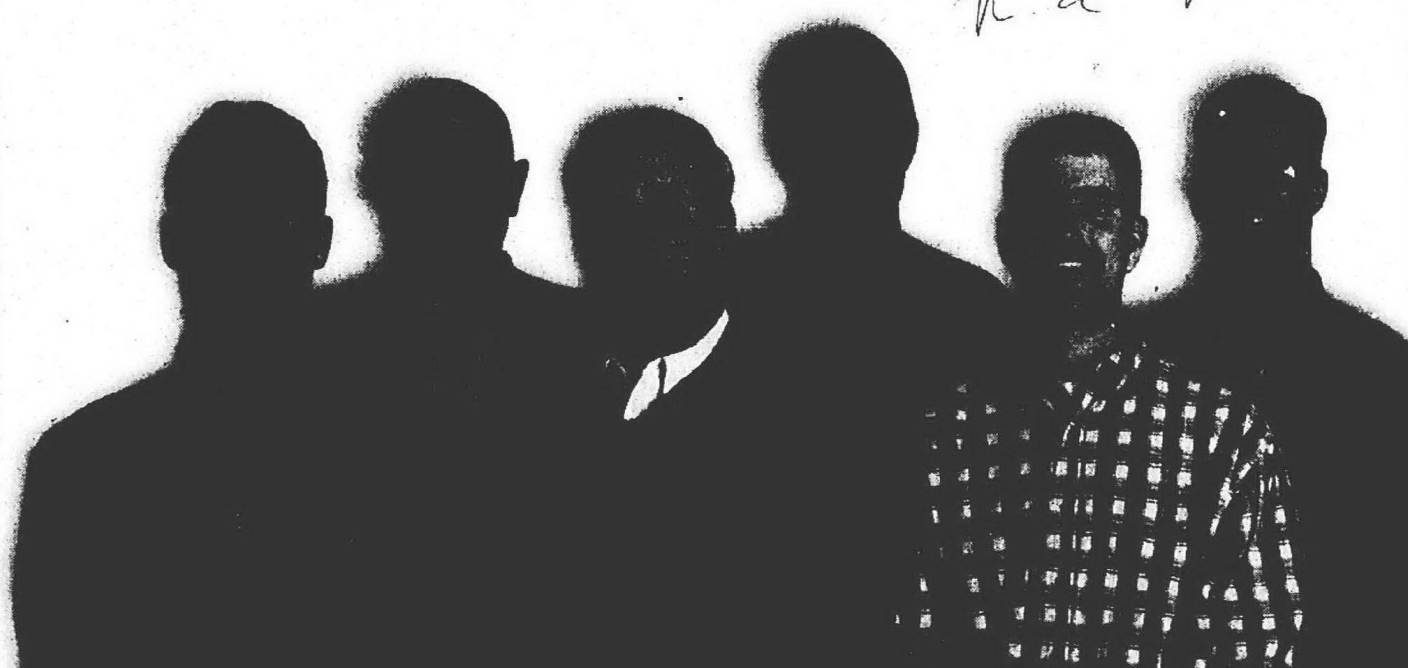
BOAT SHOW

Boat Show USA, featuring hundreds of boats ranging from luxury yachts to small dinghies, and all the related equipment runs Saturday, Sept. 18-Sunday, Sept. 19, at Metro Beach Metropark in Mt. Clemens. Show hours are noon-8 p.m. each day. Admission is \$7 adult and \$1 for children under 12. Call (313) 884-1776 for more information.

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Malone kicked it in from about 14 yards out into the upper right hand corner of the net.

"We gave a good effort," Smith said. "Central's coming along. Their boys played very hard."

"They had some good scoring chances in the beginning but we sort of dominated the second half. They played a very good first half."

T. J. Tomasso played goal for the Chiefs and made eight saves in earning his second shutout of the season.

PCA 4, Roeper 3: After a crazy first half, play calmed down a bit in the second — and Plymouth Christian got the better of it, beating Bloomfield Hills Roeper at Roeper Monday.

The win improved PCA's

record to 5-1-1 overall; the Eagles are 3-1-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Roeper slipped to 1-3 in the MIAC.

PCA trailed 1-0 and 2-1 in the opening half thanks to two goals scored on throw-ins by the Yellowjackets' Liam Judd.

But the Eagles battled back behind the offensive firepower supplied by Dave Carty, who scored the Eagles' first two goals. John Sink assisted on the first, Nick Conti on the second.

Jon Dale then gave PCA a lead it would never surrender before halftime on a header of a corner kick taken by Mark Erickson.

Carty got his third goal of the match, and the eventual game-winner, to put PCA up 4-2 in the second half. Dale assisted.

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the Chiefs are to move up the WLAA ladder — will need. "The win against Western was a really good win for us," the Canton coach said.

"But I don't think any team in our conference is one we shouldn't worry about."

Hanosh figures state-ranked Northville and North Farmington, the two teams that have

ruled the WLAA in recent years, will again be the squads to beat. Livonia Stevenson could be tough, too.

"Northville's a team we always want to beat," she said. "They're always tough."

How close is Canton to realizing that? Perhaps not this year, but the gap is narrowing.

TENNIS RESULTS

PLYMOUTH CANTON 6 WALLED LAKE WESTERN 2 Monday at Western

No. 1 singles: Brooke Kennedy (WLW) def. Christina Slupek 7-5, 6-0.

No. 2: Kelly Segal (WLW) def. Lizzie Brown 6-3, 6-3.

No. 3: Katie Maloni (PC) def. Luba Khakham 5-1, injury default.

No. 4: Kelly Markiewicz (PC) def. Holly Dalton 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Lisa Niemiec-Niki Shah (PC) def. Laura Young-Gina Acciaoli 6-3, 7-5.

No. 2: Tracy Robey-Susan Franck (PC) def. Christina Williams-Laura Bell 6-4, 6-4.

No. 3: Puja Amin-Meera Desai (PC) def. Lauren Alcocer-Yuriko Otsuki 6-2, 6-4.

No. 4: Chris Chan-Jennifer Wagner (PC) def. Sarah Neville-Amy Grabowski 6-1, 6-1.

Canton's dual-meet record: 20-1 **Next dual meet:** Canton at Livonia Stevenson, 3:30 p.m. Friday.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 6 PLYMOUTH SALEM 2 Monday at Salem

No. 1 singles: Kathie Decker (WLC) def. Jacqui Siebendick 7-6 (9-7), 7-5.

No. 2: Kelly Henzie (WLC) def. Niki Hlady 6-2, 2-6, 7-5.

No. 3: Lindsay Pyle (PS) def. Rachel Rathsburg 6-2, 6-2.

No. 4: Jessica G. (WLC) def. Megan Bohr 6-3, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Trina Lacey-Megan Caswell (WLC) def. Mandy Bradley-Kristen Thomas 6-2, 6-4.

No. 2: Kelly Riddell-Mary Wickham (WLC) def. Neha Patel-Devin Burnstein 6-0, 5-7, 6-2.

No. 3: Christie Edwards-Krystal Finney (PS) def. Ashley Haaseth-Catherine Newman 6-3, 6-2.

No. 4: Julie Gogowski-Leslie Gogowski (WLC) def. Diane Fazio-Karen Cieslak 6-3, 7-6 (8-6).

Dual-meet record: Salem, 6-2 overall.

Next Salem dual meet: Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m. Friday at Salem.

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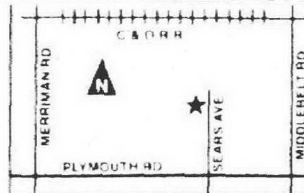
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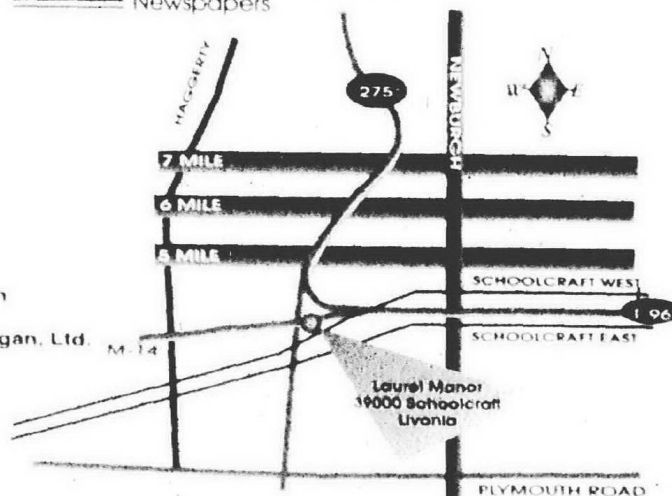
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Redford Union at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farm. at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Harrison at Northville, 7:30 p.m.
Thurston at Southgate, 7:30 p.m.
Borgess at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Luth. East at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 19

Redford CC vs. Det. DePorres
at McCabe Field, 1 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Sept. 16

Luth. West at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
Ladywood at Grosse Ile, 7 p.m.
Riv. Richard at Mercy, 7 p.m.
Borgess at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Franklin at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Canton at Flint Northern, 7 p.m.
Salem at Howell, 7 p.m.
Milford at Farmington, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at N. Farm., 7 p.m.
Monroe at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Southgate, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.
St. Agatha at Urban Luth., 7 p.m.
Airport at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Aquinas, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 17

Agape at Fairlane, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Sept. 16

Luth. East at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Birm. Seaholm, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 17

Huron Valley at Fairlane, 4 p.m.
Thurston at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Belleville, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Aquinas, 4:30 p.m.
Agape vs. Saline Christian
at Heritage Park, 4:30 p.m.

Stevenson at N. Farm., 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Roch. Adams at Churchill, 11 a.m.
Troy at Salem (CEP), 12:30 p.m.
Canton at Monroe, 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs. DeLaSalle, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Sept. 18

Madonna vs. Concordia
at Heritage Park, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Sept. 18

Madonna vs. Concordia
at Livonia Ladywood, noon.
Toledo at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 16

UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Madonna at Spring Arbor, 11 a.m.
Madonna vs. Huntington (Ind.)
at Spring Arbor, 1 p.m.

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finished strong Tuesday to polish off Macomb Christian.

Agape held a 14-7 lead after one quarter and put Macomb Christian away with a 13-8 final period.

Sarah Chrenko scored 16 points and had 11 rebounds to help Agape win its fifth game in five tries. Amy Henry scored 14 points and had eight steals.

Macomb, winless in three tries, got 11 points from Jessica Wegand.

Salem 48, Northville 31: In the final of the Northville Invitational, Plymouth Salem dominated from start to finish Saturday at Northville.

Indeed, Tiffany Grubaugh very nearly outscored the Mustangs by herself. Salem's senior forward finished with 30 points and four assists; in the first three games this year, she's averaging 22.3 points.

"We really played well," said Rocks' coach Fred Thomann. "Because of their size, we thought the ball would have to go inside and then kick it back out to score from the perimeter."

That relatively simple strategy couldn't have worked better. With Salem stationing Dawn Allen and Jenna VanWagoner down low, Northville's Hasse twins — 6-foot-3 Meredith and 6-

1 Janel — together with 5-11 Kate Hammond were forced to clog the middle.

Which left Grubaugh open. And that was a mistake.

"Tiffany, with 30 points, was huge," Thomann said. But getting the ball to her was just as pivotal; Allen didn't score, but she had eight rebounds and five assists, while VanWagoner scored six points and grabbed seven boards.

"Our guard play has been just outstanding, the pressure we've been able to apply," Thomann pointed out. "We've gone right out after people. They don't have much time to rest."

Salem led 13-7 after one quarter and 26-10 by halftime. The Rocks' lead reached 41-18 by the

end of three periods.

Salem's defense limited the Hasse twins to four points combined. Hammond led the Mustangs with eight points; Sara Cox scored seven.

The news wasn't all good for the Rocks, however. Bree Pastalaniec, a 5-10 senior forward who missed all of last season with a knee injury, suffered a severe ankle injury last Thursday against Novi. An x-ray was scheduled for this week; she could miss four-to-six weeks.

"It really is a shame," said Thomann. "She's a great team leader."

Thomann is hoping to get Pastalaniec back by mid-October.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1999
REQUEST FROM TNT-EDM, INC. TO EXTEND
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NO. 96-286

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 1999, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider TNT-EDM, Inc.'s request to extend for an additional eight (8) years, Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 96-286, P.A. 94 of 1996, allows an applicant who was granted less than the 12 year maximum period by the local municipality to request, during the last year of the abatement granted, additional abated years up to the maximum of 12 years. The facility is located at 47689 E. Anchor Court, lot 13, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Township Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board or Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Rooms at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, September 28, 1999, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number 453-3840 X 224.

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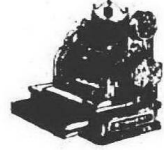
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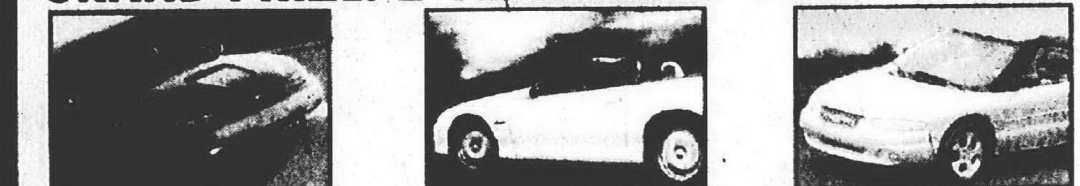
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Buddy Guy and KoKo Taylor perform 8 p.m. at the Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty, one-half block west of State Street, during the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival. Tickets \$75, \$40, \$25, call (734) 668-8397.

SATURDAY



Brad Ellison has the title role in the Stagecrafters production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," 8 p.m. at the Baldwin Theatre, 410 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$14-\$16, call (248) 541-6430.

SUNDAY



"Riverdance," a celebration of Irish music, song and dance continues at the Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. Curtain 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$35 to \$63, Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets or (313) 872-1000 for more information.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: Romp through a 4,000-square-foot animated playscape inhabited by an ensemble of soft-sculpture creatures at the Detroit Festival of the Arts, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 17-19 in the University Cultural Center. For more information, call (313) 577-5088.



STAFF PHOTO BY DONNA McLAUGHLIN

Opposites attract: Milicia Govich of Birmingham (left) portrays Olive, and Kate Willinger of Auburn Hills plays Florence in the female version of "The Odd Couple."

The Odd Couple

MEADOW BROOK OPENS WITH LADY LEADS

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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During rehearsals at Meadow Brook Theatre, there isn't a parking space to be found on the rolling Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. School is back in session, both in the classroom and for the professional regional theater looking to fill the seats for their new season of comfortably mainstream plays.

Compared to recent seasons, this year's opening play, "The Odd Couple," is selling tickets at nearly three times the rate — proof that commercial viability is necessary for any theater to survive.

And few other comedies in the American theater catalog engender the type of immediate recognition as Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple."

But Meadow Brook's production isn't the story of opposites featuring the obsessive Felix Unger and sloppy Oscar Madison.

In the mid 1980s, Simon rewrote the 1965 commercial classic to present a distinctively female perspective. In place of Felix, there is the equally anal-retentive Florence (Kate Willinger of Auburn Hills). And instead of the frothy mess of a sports-writer, Oscar, there is the disheveled

WHAT: "The Odd Couple," the female version, written by Neil Simon

WHAT: Through Sunday, Oct. 10
CURTAIN: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday; and, 6 p.m. Sunday.

WHERE: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus

TICKETS: \$19.50-\$35, available at Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 377-3300.

Olive (Milicia Govich of Birmingham), a news editor.

"It's a serious play about funny people — eccentric people placed in extreme situations," said Andrew Barnicle, artistic director of The Laguna Playhouse. Barnicle was brought to Meadow Brook to direct the play. Barnicle has also directed other Simon's plays, including "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" and "Rumors."

"Simon touches on issues but never strangles them," said Barnicle, who first appeared on the Meadow Brook stage in the early 1980s in productions of "Macbeth" and "A Man for All Seasons."

In the weeks before opening, Barni-

cle was careful to make sure that the actors didn't leave their best performances in the rehearsal room. Rehearsing a play filled with wisecracks and gags is like preparing for a game. Pacing is paramount.

"If you try to be funny, you won't be," he said. "You've got to play it for real, not for laughs."

Barnicle said he has cast actors who inherently understand the playwright's sense of irony.

"We've rehearsed it as a Chekov play," he said. "We pretended it wasn't funny and looked for the alienation and loneliness."

In Simon's original version of "The Odd Couple," he managed to show the vulnerability of men who hid behind their stereotypical roles. In the female version, there might be inevitable comparisons with women playing men's roles. But that would miss the point and strength of Simon's revised work.

To his credit, Simon has stripped away gender altogether. The female version demonstrates that rejection and loneliness are not unique to either gender but a painful human condition. That may sound trite, but it's a lesson delivered with plenty of laughs and sentimentality.

Please see **ODD**, E2

Actress lands role in thriller

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Just like the lead character in the movie "Stir of Echoes," now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters, Mary Kay Cook's life seems "a little eerie" right now. Wending her way through Chicago's cross-town traffic, Cook talked about the incredulous feelings occurring now that her first speaking role in a major film was hitting theaters.

"Stir of Echoes," a psychological thriller about the supernatural, features the 24-year-old Plymouth Canton High School graduate as Kevin Bacon's neighbor, Vanessa.

"It's been pretty crazy," said Cook, who just finished auditioning for the TV series "Early Edition." "I'm in the trailer for the film, and it's disconcerting to hear my own voice."

Filmed in Chicago, where Cook has lived since her student days at De Paul University's Theatre School, "Stir of Echoes" chronicles Bacon's dangerous journey through the paranormal after he is hypnotized at a party at Cook's house. Until this point, Bacon doesn't understand his son's gift to see and talk to dead people until he acquires the same gift after waking from a hypnotic trance.

"Vanessa is sort of the party girl of the neighbors," said Cook, who found it a "little strange" to be playing Elizabeth in "Six Degrees of Separation" at the Raven Theatre in Chicago while filming "Stir of Echoes."

Mary Kay Cook

because of the board and Internet games "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon." (The idea is to connect other actors and Bacon with films or television shows they've both worked on within six steps). "It's challenging because you have to make it believable. I believe in the supernatural, but the character doesn't believe in it."

For Cook, the most challenging part of being in "Stir of Echoes" was the waiting. Cook killed time during the three weeks she was filming by talking to Bacon about the karate tournaments in which his kids were taking part. She found him "very much approachable and a regular guy."

"Film work is very slow," said Cook. "The last ingredient is the actors. It's hurry up and wait — get your hair done, a quick rehearsal and then try to stay in your part until they're ready for you. It's a very collaborative effort that involves location scouting; the art department then decorates the location, and then they figure out the lighting."

Cook was thrilled about working with director David Kepp, who also wrote the script, and Bacon, an actor with "Apollo 13," "Footloose" and more than 30 other films to his credit.

"I was really impressed with Kevin's ability to focus and get the job done," said Cook. "Making movies is not glamorous. It's not what you fantasize about. It's a very difficult job."

Cook got the bug for acting at age 12 after playing one of the munchkins in the "Wizard of Oz" at

Please see **THRILLER**, E2

COMMUNITY THEATER

The Village Players present 'Back to Bacharach & David'

The Village Players of Birmingham will present "Back to Bacharach & David" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17-19; Sept. 24-26, and Oct. 1-2, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut (on the east side of Woodward, two blocks south of Maple). Tickets \$14, discount for students 18 and under. Season tickets available. Call (248) 644-2075.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
AND KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITERS

The tunes in the Village Players season opener, "Back to Bacharach & David," are so familiar no one will be able to "Walk on By," even if "Raindrops Keep Falling on Your Head."

The group hopes that "What the World Needs Now" is a musical revue full of recognizable pop tunes.

That's because composer Burt Bacharach and lyricist Hal David, the "Bacharach & David" in the title, were behind some of the best-known songs from the 1960s and 1970s, including "Alfie," "Walk on By," "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" and "What the World Needs Now is Love." These are just some of the songs audiences will hear in the Village Players production, which opens Friday and continues weekends until Oct. 2.

"There will be a lot of recognizable music," said director Bev Dickinson. "It will be a lot of fun for people to hear."

Unlike a typical musical, where action and plot are communicated through song and dialogue, "Back to Bacharach & David" has no dialogue, Dickinson said.

Please see **PLAYERS**, E2



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOJANSKI

Rehearsing: The cast of "Back to Bacharach & David" rehearses with musical director John Dickinson (seated at piano).

Performers shine, but this 'Titanic' is second class

"Titanic" continues at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit through Sunday, Sept. 26. Tickets \$32.50 to \$70, call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 872-1000 for more information.

By JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

There's a song in the satirical musical "Forbidden Broadway" that zings the downsizing of Broadway shows when they go on the road. It's called "Teeny Todd (the smaller version of Sweeney)."

Throughout the evening's voyage of "Titanic," one senses that we've been booked into second class passage for 1997's multi-Tony Award-winning musical.

To back off for a moment, the award-winning elements have all made the trip. "Titanic" boasts a monumental and moving score by Maury Yeston ("Nine," "Grand Hotel") and a book by Peter Stone ("1776," "The Will Rogers Follies") that sticks to the facts of that night to remember. "Titanic" also won for Scenic Design, Orchestrations

and Best Musical. How it did not win for its over-180 wondrous costumes is a "Titanic" mystery.

The show's title subject, hailed wide-eyed by passengers and crew as "the ship of dreams...a human metropolis...the largest moving object in the world," is, however, almost non-existent. Only two scenes in the first act (pre-iceberg) occur on the Upper Promenade Deck in front of an abstract ocean drop. The rest of the action takes place below, and by its succession of interior settings seems exactly the "floating 'Grand Hotel'" that the creators sought to avoid.

By intention, the show also downplays special effects in favor of factual and composite characters, who are often presented in threes. The stoker, lookout and radioman warn of the natural forces destined to destroy the ship: Too much speed, too little visibility and the icy immovable object lurking in the "flat calm" of a moonless April night. The ship's owner, builder and captain reveal fatal character flaws: Greed, compromise and compliance, respectively.

ly. Finally, three Irish emigrants down in steerage, all named Kate, sing of their dreams as they sail toward the new world: "In America you rise above your class."

Leaving hundred-million-dollar special effects to the film version, we're asked, in return, to contribute too much imagination in the name of Theatre. There is, as noted, little sense of location, and no feeling of the power of ship slashing through ocean. At the very least, a continuous low-level background of turbines and propellers in Act One would convey such presence. Watch any "Star Trek" episode and hear how much a "loop tape" of the Enterprise's engines adds to the perception.

Performances and voices in this starless cast are uniformly superb. J. Bruce Ismay of the White Star Line was a first-class weasel, and Adam Heller plays him with oily gusto, insisting on greater speed to "create a legend." Architect Thomas Andrews (Kevin Gray) goes quite mad at the end, frantically redesigning his blueprints on deck as bodies



Musical:
Dale Sandish,
Adam Heller,
Kevin Gray and William Parry in a scene from "Titanic."

slide past him to their deaths. Stoker Frederick Barrett (Marcus Chait) clings to his girl's photo while proposing marriage over the wireless telegraph; Chait's voice is a marvel of engineering in itself.

Other standouts included Liz McConahay as Alice Beane, a second-class passenger who fancies ways to rub elbows with the rich; Dick Beditz as her suffering husband Edgar; Dale Sandish as radioman Harold Bride, who

gamely taps out his S.O.S. to ships too far away by 1912 capabilities; and understudy Carl N. Wallnau III, who filled in admirably as Captain E.J. Smith.

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The show is about 90 minutes long.

"It's been just a very big challenge for people who are strong vocalists," she said.

The cast includes Carollee Castle and Patricia Ward of Birmingham, Holly Hellsten of Troy and Mark Maccagnone of Lathrup Village. Dickinson's husband, John, is the vocal/musical director.

Patty Ward is having fun with the show. "We do a preshow, it's kind of a club act that starts at 8 p.m.," she said. "We introduce ourselves to the audience and sing some of our favorite Bacharach songs," she said. "We

sing a balance of ballads and fast-moving rock songs. People tend to like things that keep moving."

"Bacharach & David" will be a pleasant surprise for people who have become accustomed to hearing Bacharach and David music in elevators, Dickinson said. Austin Powers made this music hip again. "My teenagers already know the songs," said Ward.

Joan Reddy of Bloomfield Township is chairwoman of the play-reading committee that picked "Back to Bacharach & David," and the other shows in the Village Players 1999-2000

season — "The Man Who Came to Dinner," Nov. 13-14, Nov. 19-20, and Nov. 26-27; "Oliver!", Jan. 21-23, Jan. 29-30, and Feb. 4-5; "Sherlock Holmes," March 17-19, March 24-26, March 31, and April 1; and "Forever Plaid," May 12-14, May 19-21, and May 26-27.

This year, audiences can choose from two subscription packages, a season-ticket five shows for \$55, or a mini-series package, any three plays for \$36. Subscribers also receive the Birmingham Best Card, which offers a 10-percent discount at participating Birmingham restaurants.

They chose three musicals for this year's season because they appeal to Village Players audiences. "I think it's going to be a good season," said Reddy.

Commenting about the opening show she said, "It's a fantastic cast, I think it's going to be wonderful."

Steve McEwen is president of the Village Players this year.

"I was attracted to the group because it provides some diversity in my life and exposure to the arts," said McEwen, a Village Players member since 1985 and an accountant. "I'm enamored by the volunteers, who give their all to the production. They get one

opportunity to get it right. I've been on stage several times and had a ball with it, and I've worked behind the scenes."

This year's goals include increasing ticket sales to help pay for theater improvements and increasing the group's membership and exposure in the community.

"The Village Players is an asset that's yet to be discovered," said McEwen. "I don't want to give the impression that we are exclusively Birmingham. We're an entertainment alternative. We offer good entertainment at a reasonable price. I really appreciate that everything that goes

on here is done by volunteers."

McEwen believes that belonging to a community theater group like the Village Players will enrich their lives.

"It's a great addition to anyone's life," he said. "It gives good diversity to one's life to be exposed to theater. I consider it an honor that they chose me to lead this organization. I feel a sense of duty to this organization."

Call the number listed above if you would like information on becoming a member of the Village Players.

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Perhaps the most obvious sign of Simon's lasting appeal is that despite the play's sit-com sensibility, "The Odd Couple" still rings true 35 years after it was first performed.

In many ways, Simon's canon of domestic comedies probe middle-class values in a manner that

today's audiences find comforting and familiar.

It's really no wonder. Simon, a writer for comedian Sid Caesar on his 1950s show, apparently realizes that television is the frame of reference for most audiences.

Even major theater critics are

beginning to realize that Simon's work should be placed alongside other major American playwrights such as Eugene O'Neill, Arthur Miller, Tennessee Williams, Edward Albee, David Mamet and Sam Shepherd.

Said Barnicle: "There's nothing wrong with a crowd pleaser."

Thriller from page E1

the Marquis Theatre in Northville. Before long, she was doing commercials and print ads for company's such as a Little Caesar's. She perfected her dance skills at Joanne's Dance Extension in Plymouth in between studying for classes at the high school, where she also played roles in productions.

Scholarships for choir and musical theater led her to four summers at Interlochen Arts Camp. Her training also includes studies with Arthur J. Beer and Mary Bremer at the University

of Detroit, and a tour of Greece with the theater department's "Congress of Women" production.

For one so young, Cook's had a variety of acting experiences, from playing Angela in "Nooner" at the Purple Rose Theatre to a working girl on ABC's "Cupid" series. Even though "Stir of Echoes" was Cook's first speaking role in a major film, she was an extra in Oliver Stone's "Zebrahead" a few years back. In June, "Love 101," a film involving a love triangle between two college roommates and Cook, pre-

miered at the Chicago Alt film Fest.

Cook plans to live in Chicago until she has enough experience to move on in the business. In the meantime, she'll continue to audition for roles in film and theater.

"Chicago's a very theater-based town with other opportunities as well — commercials, voice-over work. I've been able to make a living as an actor. It's a steppingstone so I can get some experience before moving to New York or LA."



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GEM THEATRE

"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, 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 theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"The Odd Couple (Female Version)," through Oct. 10, at the theater on Oakland University's campus, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

OPERA

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Puccini's "La Boheme," 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Belian Art Center, 5980 Rochester Road at Square Lake Road, Troy. (313) 582-0997

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS

"The Music Man," Sept. 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

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Nunsense," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Sept. 17-18 and 24-25 and Oct. 1-2, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3, at the theater, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. \$15. (313) 561-TKTS

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS

"Nunsense," Sept. 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 afterward. (248) 988-7049

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 Theater, 21728 Grand River, east of Lahser, Detroit. \$10. (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-4010

STAGECRAFTERS

Hosts one-day stage combat workshop "Sword Play II" with LA director Lars Ulberg Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Boys and Girls Club of South Oakland County, 1545 E. Lincoln, Royal Oak. \$20. (248) 541-8027

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

"Godspell," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18, 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. 17-18, at the State Wayne Stage IV Theatre, Wayne. \$10, \$5 seniors/students. (734) 721-7400

DINNER THEATER

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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. 18 and 25, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 19 and 26, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$6. (248) 349-8110

SPECIAL EVENTS

BLUE DOG DAY

Get your dog's picture taken with blue dog for a \$2 donation to a local rescue society, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Three Dog Bakery, Rochester. (248) 608-8877

EYE FOR ART

View and purchase museum-quality art works at retail prices, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. \$50. (313) 833-4020

"HAWKFEST"

Celebrates annual fall migrations of hawks, eagles, falcons, owls and vultures with guest speakers, live birds, educational games and exhibits, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 18-19, at the Marshlands Museum and Nature Center, Lake Erie Metropark, Brownstown Twp. A vehicle entry permit is required, annual \$15, \$8 seniors, or daily \$3 weekends and holidays, \$2 weekdays except Wednesdays, which are free. (800) 477-3189/(734) 379-5020

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Tibetan Bowls, medieval chants by 12th century abbess Hildegard von Bingen, and spontaneous healing chants intuited from the Hathors 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

MODEL RAILROAD/TOY TRAIN SHOW

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. \$4, \$1 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

NORTHVILLE VICTORIAN FESTIVAL

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 and until 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, parade 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, period costumes, free horse and carriage rides, storytellers, strolling musicians, medicine man show and elegant costumed ball, in Northville. (248) 349-7640

KENSINGTON FALL FESTIVAL

12:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Nature Center in Kensington Metropark, 2240 W. Bunro Rd., Milford. 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.

THEATER SEASON PREVIEW

Features readings and songs from the Ann Arbor Civic Theater, the Performance Network and Young People's Theater productions for the 1999-2000 season, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, in the Multi-Purpose Room, at the Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. (734) 327-4260

BENEFITS

ART WORKS FOR LIFE

An auction of original works 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, auction at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Shores. \$50, to benefit Midwest AIDS Prevention. (248) 545-1435, ext. 13

FALL GARDENER'S SALE

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 18-19, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. To raise funds for the U-M gardens. (734) 998-7061

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 Cobo Center for a family block party. \$22, children under 10 free. (248) 577-0800

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Light and classical music by the orchestra, tastings of foods from at least 25 area restaurants, bakeries and food establishments, silent auction, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth and Middlebelt roads, Livonia. \$25 advance, \$30 at door. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

RUN WILD III

The Detroit Zoo's third annual benefit race, run 5K or walk one mile inside the park beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday,

Sept. 19 (pre-race warm-ups 8:20 a.m. in the south parking lot, at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak. To raise money for the Zoo hospital. (248) 541-5717

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

AUTUMNFEST

West Bloomfield's Country Fair features air rides, puppet shows, a petting farm, kids games, art projects, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Marshbank Park, on Hiller Road, north of Commerce Road. \$5 per car admission, many activities free. (248) 738-2500

KINDERMUSIK STORY TIME

An interactive program of storytelling, music and movement with Karen Schanerberger, a licensed Kindermusik 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. 18-19, The Emerald Isle, 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

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Pianist Ivo Pogorelich performs Rachmaninoff 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, also with Diana Ross 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

A PARISIAN SOIREE

Instrumental solo and chamber works of French composers by accordionist Peter Soave, saxophonist Donald Sinta, pianist Michele Cooker, soprano Glenda Kirkland and violinist Megan Reiter, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

"UN ENCuentro"

Featuring the music of Mark Gottlieb and Benny Cruz, with the Greater Detroit Chamber Ensemble, soprano Patricia Willington, baritone Guilherme Rogano, cellist Nadine Deleury, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. \$15, \$10 seniors/children, call (248) 542-9426 or (800) 544-218

POPS/SWING

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AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

AUTUMNFEST

Volunteers needed for the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation festival, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Marshbank Park on Hiller Road, north of Commerce Road. Also needed volunteers for Oct. 23 Monster Mash Bash. (248) 738-2500

BALLET RENAISSANCE

The new classical ballet company is holding open auditions for "The Nutcracker," 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Wayne State University's Old Main Bldg., third floor, dance studio A. \$10. For performances Dec. 17-19. (313) 577-4273

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

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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 CIVIC CHORUS

Auditions 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 21 and 28, at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road, Livonia. (248) 926-1609

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Auditions for the 1999-2000 season will be held in the coming weeks. (734) 591-7649

NOVI THEATERS

Auditions for Performance Plus (ages 13 to college) and Children's Annex (ages 10-12) for "A Christmas Carol," 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 21 and 23, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile. For performances Dec. 10-12. All actors pay a \$125 fee once cast. (248) 347-0400

PARK PLAYERS OF NORTH ROSEDALE PARK

Open auditions for Rick Abbott's "Play on," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 and 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. For performances Nov. 12-14 and 19-20. (734) 459-2332

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Auditions by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 21 and 28, basses and tenors especially needed, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

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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 all ages for 1999/2000 season, 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

WIELICZKA DANCERS

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America dancers are taking registrations through 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

CANTILINE 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. 18, 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

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9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18 as part of the Ann Arbor Blues & Jazz Festival, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$20 advance. (734) 662-8310

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TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS STYLE JAZZ

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JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Lewis Black, Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 16-19, 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

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MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Etta May and Chris Speyer Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 16-19: women's night out with Etta Mae and Her Meat 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20 (\$15); Jackie Mason Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 22-Oct. 3 also Larry Tompkins, 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-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

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. (877) 462-7262

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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. Sunday Strolls program takes a tour of the Creekside Community 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19. \$5 DHS members, \$10 nonmembers. (313) 833-4727

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle. Detroit. Regular admission \$2. \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LANE

Estate tours include the restored riverside powerhouse, Henry Ford's personal 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 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

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8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, Grizzly Peak Brewing Company, 120 W. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 741-7325 (blues)

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9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, Lower Towne Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

ATOMIC BITCHWAX

With Nebula, Core, 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$8 in advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (acid rock)

BACKSTREET BOYS

7:30 p.m. Saturday-Monday, Nov. 6-8, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Sold Out!

THE BELLARAYS

With Lovemasters featuring Boosty X. 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$7 in advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (rock and soul)

BENNY AND THE JETS

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, live on the Web chatroom at www.bennyandthejets.com

BIS

With Outrageous Cherry, 9 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 21, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$7 in advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (indie)

BLUE CAT

7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 467-5056 (blues)

BLUE TANGO

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. No cover. (734) 668-1838 (folk)

BORDERLINE

With N2 Submission, Bullseye Virus, Blake Chen, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 996-8555 (Madonna cover band)

BRITTLER OXEN

With Radium, 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacobys, 624 Brush St., Detroit. 18 and over. \$5 cover. (313) 962-7067 (rock)

JAMES BROWN

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$35 and \$27.50 on sale now at Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at (248) 433-1515 (soul)

BURNING SPEAR

9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (roots/reggae)

R.L. BURNSIDE

With T-Model Ford and Paul Jones, 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$12.50 in advance. (313) 833-9700 (blues)

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18, Bachelor's One, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. (248) 682-2295; 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Sinbad's, 100 St. Clair Street, Detroit. (313) 822-8000. www.bugsbeddow.com

SUSAN CALLOWAY

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 in advance. (248) 544-3030 (local rock)

CHAIN REACTION

9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24-25, Fire and Ice, Cherry Hill Road, east of Inkster Road in Dearborn Heights. \$3 cover. 21 and over. (313) 730-9014 (alternative)

MARK CHESNUTT

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. Tickets on sale \$12.50 and \$25.50. (248) 370-0100 (country)

THE CHURCH

8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets \$20. All ages. (248) 335-3540 (alt. pop)

CREED

With Our Lady, Peace and Oleander, Friday, Oct. 15, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale \$24.50 reserved and general admission. (248) 370-0100 (rock)

DANCEHALL CRASHERS

With No Use For a Name and Limp, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, Clutch 4ngels, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets \$10. All ages. (248) 333-2362 (ska)

DEAD MOON

With Rocket 455 and Bantam Rooster, 9 p.m. Thursday, November 4, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$8 in advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (garage punk)

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7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Tickets on sale \$19.50. (734) 668-8397 (Christian Brit rock)

DEZINE INTENT

9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, Bamboozles, 8 Mile between Farmington and Merriman roads, Farmington Hills.

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8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, Majestic Theatre, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. Tickets \$11 advance. (313) 833-9700 (grateful dead covers)

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With The Dopes, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. Cover \$5. 21 and over. (734) 996-8555

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With Antiflag, Blood for Blood, and Beerzone, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, Majestic Theatre, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. Tickets \$10 on sale Sept. 28. All ages. (313) 833-9700 (hardcore punk)

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With The Neptunes, 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacobys, 624 Brush St., Detroit. 18 and over. \$5 cover. (313) 962-7067 (pop)

FULL DEVIL JACKET

7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets \$8. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (rock)

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Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18, Woody's Diner, Royal Oak. 21 and over. (248) 543-6911; Thursday, Sept. 23, Library Pub, Novi. (248) 349-9100; Friday-Saturday, Sept. 24-25, The Alibi, Farmington Hills. (248) 478-2010 (rock/blues)

GUSTER

With Jump Little Children, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, Michigan Theatre. Tickets on sale Sept. 27 for \$12.50. (734) 668-8397

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With The Immortal Wines of Soul and Blotup, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, Lili's 21, Detroit. \$5 cover. (313) 875-6555

HARRINGTON BROTHERS

7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages (248) 644-4800 (blues)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Borders Books and Music, 4307 Crescent Blvd., Novi. (248) 347-0708; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 24-25, Woody's, 208 W. Fifth St., Royal Oak. (248) 543-6941

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8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. No cover. (734) 668-1838 (pop)

LISA HUNTER

9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-3940

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8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, Fox Theatre 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets on sale \$100, \$50, \$35. Call (313) 983-6611

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With D.J. Villareal, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8555 (swing)

IMMUNITY

10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, Rochester Mills Brewery, 400 Water St., downtown Rochester. No cover. (248) 650-5080; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. No cover. (248) 453-4300 (reggae)

INCOGNITO

8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, Masonic Temple Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$55, \$37.50, \$27.50, \$17.50. For 20 or more call (313) 471-3099. Charge by phone (313) 433-1515. (funk/jazz)

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

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With The Eternals, Thursday, Sept. 23, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$8 in advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (funk/jazz)

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7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Tickets on sale \$21.50. (734) 668-8397 (blues)

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With 3 Second Kiss, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700

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With The Sky Pilots, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. Cover \$4. 21 and over. (734) 996-8555

KID ROCK

With Powerman 5000, DDT, and a special surprise guest, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale \$22.50 in advance, \$25 day of show. (248) 377-0100

MAGNETIC FIELDS

With Snakefarm, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$9 in advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700

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.

BRANFORD MARSALIS QUARTET

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, Macomb Center for Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. Tickets \$24, \$29, \$34. Call (810) 286-2222 or (800) 585-3737.

RICKY MARTIN

Nov. 1 show at The Palace is sold out.

MAXWELL

Third show added, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets on sale \$75, \$50, \$40. Call (313) 983-6611.

STONE MAAZAR AND THE WESTSIDERS

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 24-25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets \$13 advance. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

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8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, Trinity House Theatre Stage, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between Haggerty Road and I-75 in Livonia. Tickets \$10 general admission, \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

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MT. HOPE ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, Borders Book Store, Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, I-75 and Baldwin Road. (248) 989-6029

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8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets on sale \$12. (248) 544-3030

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9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 24-25, Oxford Tavern, 43317 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-5856

MURDER CITY WRECKS

9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$7 at door. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (70s punk)

MUSTARD PLUG

With The Exceptions, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$8 advance, \$10 at door. (724) 996-8555 (ska/punk)

ROBERT NOLL MISSION

Saturday, Sept. 18, Boathouse Billiards, 770 North Lapeer Road, Orion Township. (248) 693-4100; Friday, Sept. 24, Hamlin Pub, 741 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. (248) 814-8109. <http://www.topdrawermedia.com/robertnoll.htm> (blues)

NRBQ

9:30 Thursday, Sept. 16, Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$18 at door. (734) 996-8555

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Reviewers give 'A Dog of Flanders' two paws up

BY CHARLIE AND SANDY NAHRA
SPECIAL WRITERS

Sandy Nahra:
I am 9 years old and like going to the movies a lot. At first I thought I wouldn't like "A Dog of Flanders." But at the end I thought it was cool. I changed my mind because the movie was sad but had a happy ending. It had a lot of action like fires and people yelling. This movie does not have a lot of laughs though so if you are looking for a funny movie, this isn't it.

Charlie Nahra:
I am 11 years old. I did not want to go see this movie because I thought it looked dumb. But I was wrong. The movie was good. What I liked best was where it took place, in

another country (Flanders) a long time ago.

It showed how people lived back then and that was neat. Also, the story had a lot going on in it. The ending was kind of a surprise. I recommend you see this movie.

Film synopsis

"A Dog of Flanders" is about a boy named Nello whose mother dies. He doesn't know his dad and grows up very poor with his grandfather. Nello and his grandfather find a dog who is almost dead from being beaten. They save the dog and name him Patrash. Nello and his dog are always together and Patrash helps save Nello from bad men, bad weather, and bad luck.

Nello is an artist, like his mother. He meets a real artist in the city near where he lives. The artist, Michel LaGrand, helps Nello and tells him he can become a great artist like his hero, John Paul Reubens.

Nello's best friend is a girl named Eloise whose Dad doesn't want her to see him because he is poor.

Will Nello become a great artist? Will he be able to keep his best friend? Who will look out for him after his grandfather dies? See the movie. The answers may not be what you think. The ending of the movie will keep you guessing.

"A Dog of Flanders" is now



DANIELLE PIERRE

Special dog: Young Nello (Jesse James) and Michel (Jon Voight) star in "A Dog of Flanders."

playing at metro Detroit movie theaters. The movie is rated PG.

Charlie Nahra and his sister Sandy live in Plymouth Township. This is their first movie review for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

'Love Stinks' laughs at those romantic clichés

BY CARRIE COOPER
SPECIAL WRITER

Some say that "beauty is only skin deep," that "all is fair in love and war," and that there is such thing as "love at first sight." But are these are simply clichés or are they reality?

One thing's for sure, they are the right mix for the comedic fatal attraction, "Love Stinks," presented by Independent Artists. Directed by Jeff Franklin and produced by Craig Baumgarten, Adam J. Merims and Todd Hoffmann, the film gives you an inside look at "a relationship that's worse than yours."

"Love Stinks" starts out with TV comedy writer Seth Winnick, played by French Stewart ("3rd Rock From the Sun"), meeting Chelsea Turner, played by Bridgette Wilson ("I Know What You Did Last Summer"), at his best friend's (Bill Belamy) wedding. There is an immediate attraction which leads to a night of flirting, games and three full meals — a combination some might want to try on the next date. Within 24 hours Seth finds himself unknowingly committed to Chelsea. Everything seems to be moving along nicely. She's beautiful, sexy, lots of fun to be with, and she even goes so far as to do an Elvis Presley impersonation knowing that Seth is a big fan.

It looked as if the only problem Seth would have was with Chelsea's cat, "Gracie," of whom he is greatly allergic. Even Seth's television comedy appears to mirror his budding relationship. But for Chelsea, things are not moving fast enough. She has her sights set on marriage and on Seth. Along with help from her friend (played by Tyra Banks), Chelsea devises a plan to rope Seth into marriage.



INDEPENDENT ARTISTS

Comedy: Bridgette Wilson (left), Tyra Banks, Bill Belamy and French Stewart in a scene from "Love Stinks."

As Chelsea's plan unravels, Seth starts to realize how crazy she really is. She manipulates him into letting her move in, bringing along her cat. Things take a drastic turn for the worse when Seth presents Chelsea with a pair of diamond earrings for Valentine's Day, instead of an engagement ring she was expecting. Chelsea blows up. A lawsuit, cat-napping, and hair removal follow. It's all out war now until Seth finally starts to crack and proposes to her.

An underlying Elvis theme is woven throughout the film. Elvis songs are played in the background, a collection of Elvis plates is mentioned, and that Elvis impersonation scene proves unforgettable. The theme of "The King" fits within the film's climax, which evokes laughter and disbelief. Stewart's performance is very different from that of the goofy alien he portrays on "3rd Rock from the Sun." This film allows Stewart to break away from any preconceived notions the audience might have had about him, by acting as a funny-yet-normal guy.

Wilson portrays the abnormal — and a bit psychotic — character in the film. She is sexy and likable one minute and controlling and manipulative the next.

"Love Stinks" is more than just boy-meets-girl, boy-gets-girl, then boy and girl break up. You never know if Seth and Chelsea are going to reconcile or keep the war going, until the end of the film. Stewart provides plenty of laughter and unforgettable scenes that caution you to "be careful who you give your heart to." The film shows that there is more to a relationship than love at first sight. When love is good, it's really good, but when love goes bad, it can get mean and dirty.

SCREEN SCENE

Show takes multi-media approach

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

One of the things I like best about hosting Detroit Public TV's "Backstage Pass" is the access it gives every viewer to the visual and performing arts. Hey, doesn't everybody own a TV set? Still, for all the show offers in availability and affordability, it can't pretend to offer the comprehensive listings and features of this newspaper's entertainment section.

The arts are worthy of a prominent place in all media, including the World Wide Web. Although it doesn't possess the accessibility or affordability of TV and newspapers, it is unmatched as an archival resource.

One of the most appealing features of the "Backstage Pass" Web site, www.backstagepass.org, is a video vault, which puts on-line users just a few clicks away from dozens of performances by local and national recording artists.

While many bands have established Web sites to get information out to existing or curious fans, the video vault is a fresh approach that gives exposure to emerging groups that may not have the advantage of a huge promotion budget.

The "Backstage Pass" Web site breaks performances down by music genre. In the pop/rock category, you'll find established bands like Sponge and Dog's Eye View, along with growing favorites The Volebeats, Hoarse and Tiles. Jazz fans can sample music from Rodney Whitaker, Bess Bonier, James Carter and other standouts on the local and national scene. An unforgettable "Backstage Pass" performance by Maxim Vengerov is among the classical offerings. The R&B/Blues category features The Braxtons, Roomful of Blues, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, Mudpuppy and many others. There's a big selection of alternative artists, including Edwin McCain, Dar Williams, and the Articles. Fans of folk, country and world music may want to sample tunes by Patty Griffin, Jill Jack or BR5-49.

Each video vault artist also is given an introduction which

provides just the right amount of information. The point is the music, and the convenience of being able to see and hear a performance isn't as exciting as witnessing it on an edition of the "Backstage Pass" television program. To be honest, a live performance beats television any day. But the arts are about opportunities and choices, not limitations.

If you choose to watch "Backstage Pass" on Detroit Public TV 5:30 p.m., Thursday, or Friday at midnight, you'll learn more about the arts on the Web with cyber artist Lowell Boileau. The possibilities are limitless. Remember You saw it here first.

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STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

In the metro area, when you're talking reggae, you're talking about Immunity.

For the past six — almost seven years, Jonathan Pettus, Tom Varga, Bill Koggenhop, Tom Wall, and Tony Mitchell have been bringing crowds to their feet. Judging from the crowd that gathered at Shain Park in Birmingham on Sept. 2, Immunity has struck a nerve.

June Taylor McGregor, who organized the Birmingham concert, said Immunity was the perfect band to perform at the final concert of the "In the Park" summer series. She said the band's music serves as a kickoff of a new century, while maintaining the nostalgia of past years.

No patch of green grass could be seen as the audience arranged blankets and lawn chairs before the stage. From toe-tapping two-year-olds to senior citizens who spontaneously hopped from their seats to line-dance to tunes, Immunity got the crowd moving.

Connecting with their fans

"They're great," said 12-year-old Mike Sanders of Farmington Hills who liked the feeling of the music. "The singer walked around the grass. Sanders was impressed by the way Pettus walked among the crowd, singing and dancing with audience members. Sanders' friend, 14-year-old Joe Marks, also of Farmington Hills, said it was a great idea to come down and see the band. Both boys showed their appreciation by talking to some of the musicians between sets.

Playing tunes like "Red Red Wine," "Brown-eyed Girl," and "No Woman, No Cry," Immunity combined music that is widely appreciated with a style that is all their own. What other reggae band adds a harmonica or funky bass line to a song just because they can?

The "unexpected" might be the band's specialty. Just ask Wall. Immunity's lead guitarist who grew up in Birmingham, why he loves playing music? He'll tell you it's the quest to become teen idols! But seriously, he said the love of music keeps the band together. Besides, what other career would allow him to wear

leopard spotted pants, with a matching hat (complete with ears) and a pink tie-dyed shirt?

Reggae rock, Detroit style

Like its members, Immunity emits a style like no other. Varga, rhythm guitarist, said Immunity is not about traditional reggae. Mixing originals like the powerful "Rhythm of the Heart" and Bob Marley covers like "So Much Trouble in the World," the band has established its own niche — reggae rock, Detroit style.

Seth Chafetz, a sponsor of the "In the Park" series and Birmingham City Commission candidate, said he wouldn't miss the show. He's not only a fan of reggae, he's also a fan of Jonathan Pettus, he said.

Pettus was in good spirits as he wandered among the crowd and spoke to fans. "I love them all," he said, smiling "It's wonderful."

Bill Koggenhop, who called the day after the show, agreed. "Audiences have been really cool," he said. "People really enjoy our music."

For a band that completed 22 gigs in the month of July alone, he seems to be right on target. Immunity has recently opened

for such bands as The Beach Boys and Mark Farner, the first musical guests at the 1999 Michigan State Fair. Of the band's music Koggenhop said: "We just sort of jam along. We're relaxed ourselves. Reggae kind of fits."

stirring it up

The music suits all ages. Koggenhop said the band stirs up a reggae beat in a way that's appealing to kids and adults. He used their version of "Brown Eyed Girl" as an example of a song that appeals to many. They shoot from the Van Morrison hit to "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," made famous in Disney's "The Lion King," and back, appealing to a wide audience. The band has even started adding Latin rhythms to songs like "Freedom," in an effort to ride the wave made popular by artists like Ricky Martin. "We've got all these little weapons," said Koggenhop.

But Immunity is looking ahead. A new CD is in the works, said Varga, and should be available before Christmas. Their debut, "Immunity Live," has sold more than 1,000 copies and was a hot item among adults and youngsters at the Shain Park



Rockin' reggae: Tony Mitchell, (back row, left) Tom Varga, Bill Koggenhop, Tom Wall and (front row) Jonathan Pettus are Immunity, a local reggae sensation.

performance. Several copies were distributed to eager fans.

Immunity will be performing 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Sept. 17 at Rochester Mills Brewery, 400 Water Street in downtown Rochester. Call (248) 650-5080

for more information.

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Family Values return to town in a 'Crystal'ized form

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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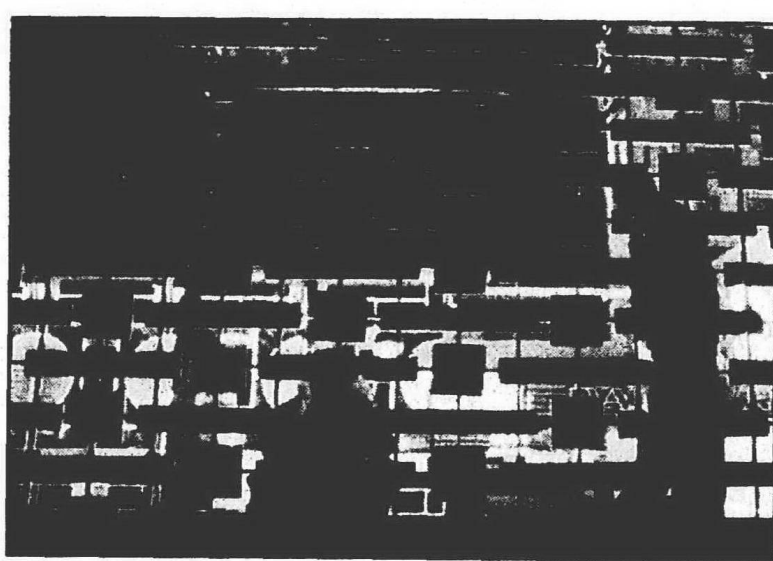
Ask Ken Jordan how he describes The Crystal Method sound and he'll tell you simply, "We sound like us."

In a telephone interview from his California home, Jordan — one half of The Crystal Method — was ready to join the 1999 Family Values Tour and bring audiences a taste of electronica

like they might never have seen before. The tour makes its second stop at The Palace of Auburn Hills on Wednesday Sept. 22.

"I think we'll be playing to an audience of people that might not have ever seen our show," said Jordan in a sleepy-sounding voice, "a lot of people we feel would be interested in us. I think they'll be surprised at how we're not that much different from a regular rock act."

But The Crystal Method is anything but a regular rock act.



KATRINA DICKSON

Method for success: The Crystal Method, also known as Scott Kirkland (left) and Ken Jordan, are spreading Family Values this year on tour with Limp Bizkit.

Together since 1993, the duo — which also features Scott Kirkland — arose from the atmospheric electronic underground of Los Angeles, made a name for themselves as deejays, and took that sound to the streets. In 1997 the band gained momentum by releasing its Outpost Recordings debut, "Vegas," which featured the duo's danceable electronica

peppered by funk, rock and hip-hop beats.

Two years later, Jordan said he hopes audiences will "learn to appreciate the music a little more" after having the Family Values exposure. The Crystal Method will join Filter on this tour, an industrial rock band they've successfully collaborated with in the past. Filter and Cryst-

tal Method worked on "Can't You Trip Like I Do," for the soundtrack to the film "Spawn."

"It was great actually," said Jordan. "It was the first big video we had done, which was kinda fun. But working on the song, I was surprised to see Filter working the same way we do in the studio."

Four days and one hit song later, the collaboration proved successful. Jordan, a fan of Filter's music, said touring with them will be "a lot of fun."

Filter missed a scheduled telephone interview with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers while on tour in Europe.

For a band credited for carrying American-made electronica into the mainstream of popular music, The Crystal Method hasn't looked back. Jordan commented on the current status of techno music.

"It's more accepted," he said. "It's not treated as something so weird or strange. Fatboy Slim and the Chemical Brothers have had a lot more success. People are into it."

So into it that a band like The

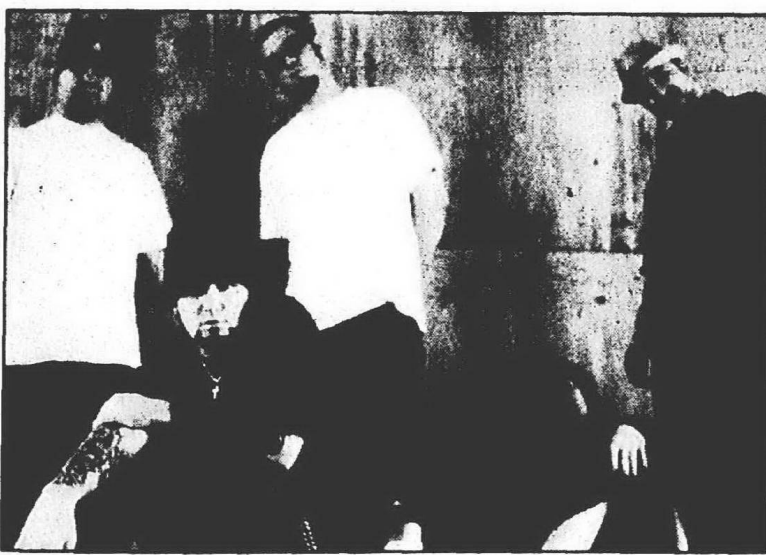
Crystal Method can accompany headliners like Limp Bizkit — whose single "Nookie" hit number three on Billboard's Modern Rock Charts for the week of Sept. 11 — on a tour that's sure to be talked about on high school and college campuses across the country this fall.

"The good music, that's done really good, people listen (to) with open ears," said Jordan.

What will those open ears hear from Jordan and Kirkland? If all goes as planned, a new album should be released early next year.

"I think our sound will continue to evolve. I think it will be better than 'Vegas,' but you'll still be able to recognize it," Jordan said. Listen for a couple new, still unnamed, tracks during The Crystal Method's set on the Family Values Tour.

The Family Values Tour, featuring Limp Bizkit, Filter, DMX and The Crystal Method heads into town 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$35. Call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666. Buy tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com.



Limp Bizkit

DANCE

'JazzTrain' moves beyond preconceptions

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Donald Byrd is more than an ambitious choreographer with a plan to fuse the respective heritages of jazz and dance. He's on a mission.

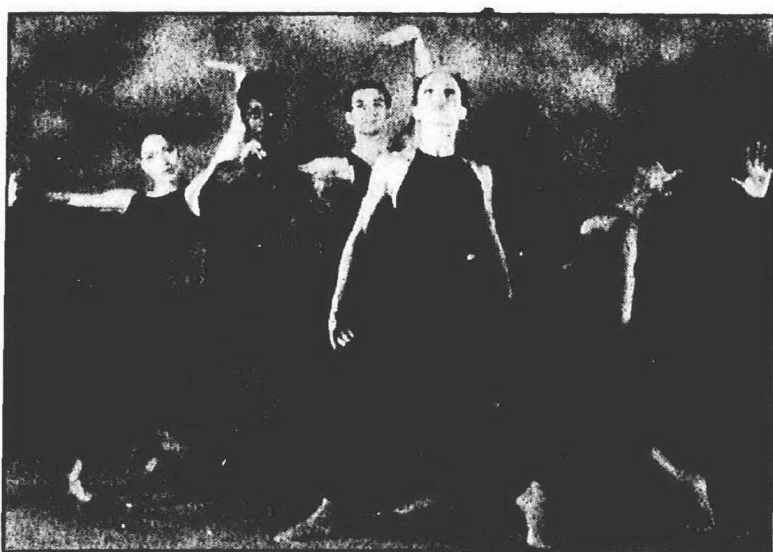
In "JazzTrain," his latest incantatory dance venture, Byrd combines several influences into a vibrantly acrobatic program inspired by the music of Max Roach, Vernon Reid and Geri Allen.

"JazzTrain," which will be performed through Sunday at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, is intended to compel audiences to "think about what is an American."

That means audiences should expect to reflect on what is arguably the most American of art forms — jazz. At least that's what Byrd has in mind.

Byrd contends that jazz represents a blend of European and African-American traditions, and a melting pot of sounds analogous to the assimilation of subcultures into a broader American culture.

"I want 'JazzTrain' to be like Balanchine's Stravinsky and the Ravel Festivals at City Ballet," he said. The work, which has received a long list of impressive reviews, was first performed as a work in progress in the fall of 1997.



Fusion of music and dance: Donald Byrd's "JazzTrain" features dance performed to compositions from acclaimed jazz musicians.

"This isn't a thorough explanation of jazz history," said Byrd. "It's a way to introduce audiences to two art forms working together."

And like his previous work, "JazzTrain" is high-energy performance that pushes the boundaries of dance and aesthetics. (Byrd is perhaps best known to local audiences as the creative force behind "The Harlem Nutcracker" and prolific choreographer for Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre.)

"People have expectations about what jazz is," said Byrd. "I've set out to create an image that's appropriate for the music, not the genre."

Each of the three acts in "JazzTrain" features the distinctive jazz of legendary drummer Roach, funk/punk/rock guitarist Reid and Allen, one of most sought-after piano players on the scene.

The first act is torn from the hot beats of the urban streets. Dancers emerge and fade from

the stage with frenetic precision. Sculptural configurations offer a pause between sensual gestures that remind audiences that the combination of jazz and dance is a poetically expressive act of foreplay.

In act two, Byrd wrings from Reid's haunting score a mythic reference to the Garden of Eden. Dancers wear African clothes in what unfolds as a dance of friendship and love.

The final section broadens into a more abstract, spontaneous expression that includes mating rituals and a reminder that jazz is the ultimate soundtrack when moving with a cool confidence.

"There's this notion that because I'm black I know what jazz is all about," said Byrd. "I realize that I didn't know as much as I thought about jazz."

"The music should not be alienating, but should be an eye-opener."

What: "Jazz Train," a theatrical fusion of music and dance, choreographed by Donald Byrd
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Buddy's works hard to be good, consistently

BY KEELY WYGNIK
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It's hard to believe you could make a good thing better, but they have at Buddy's, which is synonymous in metro Detroit with good pizza.

"We haven't changed things that much, we've added," said company president Robert Jacobs of West Bloomfield. "The dough formula is the same. What we've done more than anything is added taste."

Celebrating 63 years of service this year, Buddy's opened in 1936 on the corner of Six Mile and Conant in Detroit. In 1946, the owners decided to add a deep-dish, Sicilian-style pizza to the menu.

Over the years, Buddy's has introduced pizza fans to new varieties. Fifteen years ago the Hawaiian pizza — cheese, ham, pineapple, sweet and sour sauce — didn't sell well. Now, it's on the menu.

"Ten years ago no one would have ordered broccoli on a pizza," said Wes Pikula of Bloomfield Township, vice president of operations. Vegetarian pizza is much more in vogue now.

Sandwiches and pasta were added to the restaurant menu, along with ribs which are offered as a special. "We're very concerned about quality," said Pikula. "We try to be consistent, and test items before we add them to our menu."

"The customer makes the final decision," said Jacobs.

Hands down, everyone's favorite Buddy's pizza is topped with pepperoni, mushrooms, ham, onions and green pepper.

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Buddy's
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cauliflower florets, minestrone or cream of broccoli soup.

Fresh salads include Buddy's popular antipasto and Greek, garden and Caesar salads.

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ers, meatball, honey-dijon chicken, or a tuna, turkey or veggie pizza.

Buddy's award-winning pizza comes in two sizes — four squares or eight — with your choice of toppings.

For something different, try



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Pizza is their specialty: Matthew Heckert, kitchen manager (left), Wes Pikula, vice president operations, Robert Jacobs, president, and Patty Fox, manager, present two of the specialty pizzas you'll find on the menu at the Buddy's Restaurant Pizzeria in Livonia.

one of the specialty pizzas such as Gourmet Vegetarian topped with cheese, cauliflower, mushrooms, broccoli, carrots and tomatoes; BBQ Chicken Pizza, cheese, barbecue sauce, chicken, red onions and cilantro, or Hawaiian, cheese, pineapple, sweet and sour sauce.

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Besides serving good food, Buddy's makes it a priority to give back to the communities it serves.

For the past 22 years, Buddy's has also been a supporter of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. Jacobs has served on the board of the Hunger Action Coalition and Michigan Committee for World Food Day.

Buddy's secret to success is really no secret at all — they offer consistently good products, and stay in touch with customer tastes.

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Menu includes spring roll, lobster consommé with lobster wontons, hard-cooked quail egg and julienne of spinach, salt-baked soft-shell crab with fried leeks, ginger-sauternes sauce, Mandarin orange granite, The French Consul's Cantonese roast duck, beggar's noodles, sauté of snow peas, water chestnuts, asparagus with carrots with julienne ham, ginger creme brulee, Chinoise lemon tart, Oolong tea, almond cookies.

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