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THE WEEK AHEAD

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MONDAY

Attention, Vietnam vets: Vietnam Veterans of America will hold a general meeting 7:30 p.m. at 9318 Newburgh Road (Between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail). Call Don Dignan, (313) 446-3492 or (313) 525-0157, for information.

TUESDAY

Local government: The Canton Township Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the administration building. The Plymouth-Canton school board also holds its regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the E.J. McClen-don Educational Center in Plymouth.

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Temporary court gets new home



35th District Court officials will put up a modular building across from the former court site, instead of moving to an office building on Sheldon Road as originally planned. The former court was destroyed in a July 2 fire.

By KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The former Highland Appliance building will not be the temporary home of the 35th District Court, as officials now are opting for portable buildings.

Called modular prefab units, they will be used to create a 120-by-140 square-foot building in a parking area just across Plymouth Road from the

former court.

The Plymouth-based court serves five area communities, including Canton. Target date for the temporary court to open is Nov. 1.

Court officials had settled on using space in the former Highland building on Sheldon Road at the railroad tracks. But the building's management "had some concerns about security," said

Court Administrator Kerry Erdman. The temporary building will house two district judges and a magistrate.

Erdman said that within hours of the call from the former Highland building management, "GE (General Electric) Modular Facilities called us up and had some new ideas on what we may be able to do," he said.

"It was right in line with what we were looking at anyway for cost, the dollars were substantially less than previously," Erdman said.

Cost to rent the prefab units, clean and stripe the parking lot and run water, sewer and electric lines will be around \$400,000, Erdman said - about

the cost of renting and renovating the Highland building.

That's the cost projected over two years - the estimated time it will take to build a permanent courthouse.

The modular building to be used by the Plymouth court recently passed inspection by Charles McIlhargey, Plymouth Township chief building official. It's currently being used at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

Erdman said the modular units "have wheels on them, and skirting. They look very nice, they'll do us just fine for a couple of years."

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Going back to their roots

Traditional wedding: When one area couple decided to incorporate their families' Irish and Scottish heritages into their wedding this month, the result was a ceremony that looked more like 1797 than 1997. John Stillman of Canton (from left), Dan Pilariski of Westland and Warren Shopp of South Lyon were part of the honor guard. For a story on the unusual ceremony, please turn to page A4 in today's Observer.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Agape center completes Canton move

By RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and church dedication service this afternoon will highlight the open house of Agape Ministries, the church, school and outreach facility which has relocated to Canton Township from Plymouth.

Among those expected to join the Rev. Mark Moore and church officials for the 3 p.m. ribbon-cutting at Agape Christian Academy and Family Worship Center, 45081 Geddes Road, are Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and other township officials.

Also participating will be Moore's parents, the Rev. Earl Moore and Bobbi Moore, who co-founded the non-denominational charismatic Christian center 19 years ago after moving to Michigan from Chicago.

The church dedication in the former Sheldon School on Geddes between Sheldon and Canton Center is set for 4 p.m. Participating will be guest minister the Rev. Bob Lemon of Cadillac, Mich., and the Higher Ground choir of Nashville, Tenn., as well as Agape's own praise and worship team.

Agape Ministries, formerly the Agape Christian Center of Plymouth,

decided to move to Canton to be closer to the bulk of its families after outgrowing its three former Plymouth locations, according to Mark Moore.

"We were landlocked" at Agape's last Plymouth site, the Nazarene building on Ann Arbor Trail, he said. "We had only 2-1/2 acres in Plymouth and we couldn't expand."

So Agape, a congregation of about 500 members, including 250 Academy K-12 students, purchased the 10-acre Sheldon School site in August, 1995, through donations and bank financing.

The \$3.5-million project, which added 21,000 square feet to the school building for a total of 15 classrooms in 32,000 square feet, was completed the Friday before classes began Aug. 26.

A \$1.6-million project to add 30,000 square feet for six more classrooms and a 1,000-seat sanctuary "is about a year and a half down the road," said Moore. The sanctuary now is in the gymnasium.

"We want to be an extension of the Christian home," said the pastor. "What we say is, the Bible talks of a 'three-fold cord not easily broken' and

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STAFF PHOTO BY GUY WARREN

Now open: The Rev. Mark Moore shows off the Agape Christian Academy and Family Worship Center, which celebrates its opening today.

Longtime school official Ray Hoedel dies at 65

By RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Raymond K. Hoedel, 65, former assistant superintendent for business and operations with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, died late Thursday at St. Joseph Hospital.

Hoedel was hired as assistant superintendent in July of 1973 and retired in August of 1995. He formerly was with the Clintondale Community Schools in Macomb County.

During his tenure with the dis-

trict, Hoedel was responsible for the financial aspects of building Erikson, Hulsing, Field, Hoben, Bentley and Tonda elementary schools. District administrators credit Hoedel with saving the district thousands of dollars by negotiating the lease for Lowell Middle School from the Livonia School District.

Among his professional colleagues, Hoedel was known as the quiet voice of reason.

"Ray never spoke very loudly, but

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Native American charter school seeking students

By JEFF COUNTS
STAFF WRITER

A charter school based on Native American learning ideas is looking for western Wayne County students, even though it doesn't have an address.

"We're still working on Wilson School in Westland," said Adrienne Brant James, a Mohawk who is a spokesperson for Turtle Island Learning Circle.

"There are also other schools that we're looking into in the Wayne-Westland School District," she said.

Despite the lack of a place, the school will accept about 200 students from the sixth to the 10th grades for the fall term, she said.

For information about the school, call (313) 535-7810. Applications can be picked up at the school's business office, 17321 Telegraph Road, Suite 207.

Those grades were selected because school backers say that middle school is the point at which students start to display their most serious problems.

Also, Native American children have the additional burdens placed upon them by the inherited differences in their mental, spiritual and physical make up, she said.

Pride in their identity and culture is

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when he did you listened. You knew it was important and right," said school board member Jack Farrow, who worked closely with Hoedel during a 1989 millage campaign.

"The most important thing he brought to the job was integrity. If he didn't understand something, he would go back and question it. In financial matters, he was very cautious. I think because of that he kept us out of trouble many times. He was our financial conscience."

Diane Barnes, director of finance, worked with Hoedel during his 22-year career with the district. "Ray's business acumen saw Plymouth-Canton through some very difficult financial times. He built schools, negotiated with Livonia for Lowell, and organized and implemented the financial aspects for both phasing in and out year-round school in the late 1970s."

Barnes recalled Hoedel as a "warm, caring, kind man to work with."

Superintendent Chuck Little said in addition to being a "dignified man," Hoedel was a mas-

ter of school finance. "Some of the systems he put in place and challenges he overcame were masterfully done. If you needed someone to write a book on how to do Michigan school finance, Ray could have written it."

"He was able to guide us from the time of local property tax into the state-foundation system we have under Proposition A. Some of the things he put into place will be instructive for everybody."

Patrick O'Donnell, assistant superintendent of instruction, worked with Hoedel for almost 20 years. He said Hoedel left behind a legacy of professional behavior.

"The one thing that really characterized Ray for me was that he was a gentleman's gentleman. He was always responsive to the requests made of him, no matter how big or small. And you never heard Ray being disparaging of another human being."

The district received a national award for an energy savings program Hoedel implemented in 1991. He went to Washington D.C. to receive the award on

Court from page A1

The court advisory subcommittee looking at a new courthouse is looking at population growth projections, Erdman said, which could help suggest where a new courthouse should be built.

"We're looking at what we can project for a caseload, how many courtrooms we'll need to serve

the public, how much space for clerical and so on," he said.

The foundation of the courthouse destroyed by fire July 2 is salvageable, which suggests the court administration could save money by rebuilding on the old site.

"Of course the big concern will

be adequate parking," Erdman said.

Court cashier's office operations are moving this week to the former assessor's office at Canton Township Hall, and remain there until the temporary courthouse is open.

Agape center from page A1

We look at the cord as number one being the home, number two being the church and number three being the school."

He said 60 percent of the students come from the congregation, the rest from other denominations. Classes are limited to 25 students, with a usual ratio of one teacher to 17 students. The school has 14 full-time teachers plus part-time instructors and support staff.

Pastor Earl and wife Bobbi lead Agape's Joy of Living Min-

istries, an outreach program offering family and marriage seminars at churches and church conventions. He had a radio ministry on WMUZ-FM for a number of years.

A Southern Baptist minister when he came to Plymouth from Chicago, Earl Moore had 61 worshippers at Agape's first service Feb. 12, 1978, in Plymouth's downtown Masonic Hall.

Agape moved to the Penn Theater for about 1-1/2 years before moving to the former Allison

Chevrolet Building, now Plymouth Manor, for six years. The Nazarene building on Ann Arbor Trail, which it sold last year to the Michigan Theological Seminary, was its final Plymouth home.

Agape Ministries is part of the Texas-based Full Gospel Fellowship of Churches and Ministries International. It is not affiliated with Agape Booksellers on Ford Road.

Jewish congregation hosts ice cream social

Congregation Bet Chaverim, serving Jewish families in western Wayne County, will host its second annual Back To School Ice Cream Social at 7 p.m. today.

The new religious school year, which begins on Sunday, Sept. 21.

Returning students as well as prospective students, along with their families, can meet teachers, preview classroom materials and socialize over ice cream sun-

dae. The congregation especially welcomes non-members to come meet members and learn about the congregation. For further information about Congregation Bet Chaverim and its religious school program, call (313) 490-8880.

Lively discussion at Damon's



Town Talk: State Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, chats on the air with WXYT Radio host Jimmy Barrett at Thursday's Canton Town Meeting. At right, Anna Uzdevinis (left) and Gordon Thiel, both of Canton attended the live broadcast at Damon's restaurant co-sponsored by the radio station and the Canton Observer. Other panelists were Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and Chuck Little, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

School from A1

gradually undermined by the Euro-American perspective of history and science textbooks as well as the prevalent set of values taught in the public school setting, according to school material.

The charter school is open to non-Native Americans and Native Americans alike. There is no tuition cost. Money to support the school will come from the state.

The school has a charter from Oakland University and will follow the state Department of Education core and model curricula.

Turtle Island will have certified teachers, teaching assistants and a race of support staff, including volunteers.

Redford Union school board member Geo Fuhat, who has helped start the learning circle, said its vision and purpose "is to provide an educational environment which is nurturing and unlimited. Whole brain and hands-on approaches, which have been used throughout North American Indian history and are being used today in the country's best schools."

The school is open to non-Native Americans and Native Americans alike. There is no tuition cost. Money to support the school will come from the state.

of Indian World, a non-profit organization that is helping the school get started.

Even the name of the school reflects a Native American perspective. Turtle Island is the Indian name for North America. The use of the term learning circle represents the Native American view that life is a sacred circle in which all learning takes place. In that circle, all things are related.

The school will also look at American history in terms of a long time line. According to school material, most schools start teaching history as though it started in 1492.

"If we look at the entire scope of our people's time on this continent as a circle, the last 500 years is a very small segment of an arc," according to the material.

Fuhat, an Ojibwe, is president

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Township will design eco-friendly golf course

Canton Township recently received a \$27,000 grant from the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project to develop a golf course design that demonstrates comprehensive management of stormwater runoff, a major source of pollution in the Rouge River.

The design for Canton's "environmentally-friendly" golf course will incorporate plans for turf management, sediment load reduction, runoff attenuation, equipment maintenance, native

prairie and wildflower buffer strips, natural habitat preservation and more; according to a prepared statement from the township.

The Lower Rouge River will run directly through the nine-hole course, which will be located west of Beck Road and south of Proctor Road.

A preliminary layout for the course is currently being developed. Arthur Hills and Associates, the architect firm, will design the golfing aspects of the course.

OBITUARIES

FLORENCE M. (A.K.A. E.) EIX
 Mrs. Eix, 91, of Plymouth died Aug. 27.

Born on Nov. 13, 1905 in Ojden Center, Mich., Mrs. Eix was a schoolteacher for Dearborn Public Schools for 30 years. She was preceded in death by her late husband Oscar Eix.

Survivors include her two sons, Lawrence E. (Maybelle) Eix, Robert E. (Susan) Eix; one sister, Eldred Evans; and four grandchildren.

Services were held at the Ford Memorial United Church with the Rev. Lawrence A. Wik officiating.

Memorials may be made to Ford Memorial United Methodist Church, 16400 West Warren, Detroit.

FRANKLIN J. KOONTZ, SR.
 Mr. Koontz, Sr., 90, of Farmington (formerly of Detroit) died Aug. 30.

Born on April 13, 1906 in Fort Wayne, Ind., Mr. Koontz was a Construction Supervisor for the Detroit Board of Education. He was a member of the Elks Club in Farmington, and also a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. He was a veteran of WWII for the Army Air Corps.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine Koontz.

Survivors include his two sons, Frank J. Koontz, Jr., John Koontz; one daughter, Catherine (Robert) Shollack; one sister, Alice Schoppman; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with the Rev. John Meyer from St. Paul Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was at Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Home, 25911 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

LOUIS S. WYNIEMKO
 Mr. Wyniemko, 77, of Canton died Sept. 3.

Born on Aug. 26, 1920 in Detroit, Mr. Wyniemko was a tool and die worker for the automotive industry. He was also a member of Canton VFW Post 6967.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Helen Gralewski, Emily Yaroch and his brother, Walter Wyniemko.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Wyniemko; three daughters, Mary (John) Milbourne, Catherine (Dennis) Lazarowicz, Barbara (Leo) Aquilina; two sons, Mark (Sienna), Richard (Sue); one sister, Dolores Zurek; eight grandchildren, Sienna, Stephen, Monica, Richard, Jen-

nifer, Michelle, Matthew, and Chelsea.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

MARY M. DAGUE
 Mrs. Dague, 92, of Northville died Sept. 4.

Born on Nov. 13, 1904 in Barberton, Ohio, Mrs. Dague was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard A. Dague.

Survivors include her daughter, Evelyn (Donald) Gill; one son, Robert A. (Joan) Dague; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 8 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton with the Rev. Edward C. Coley from Newburg United Methodist Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

HAZEL ANNA BARTON
 Mrs. Barton, 95, of Plymouth died Sept. 5.

Born on Feb. 4, 1902 in Canton, Mrs. Barton was born and raised in Canton and attended school in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Grose Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her late husband, Paul Barton and her brothers, Harvey, Laurence, and Kenneth, and sister, Phyllis Kohnitz.

Survivors include her sister-in-law, Edith Kohnitz; brother-in-law, Charles Barton; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Services will be held 2 p.m., Monday, Sept. 8 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating. Burial will be held at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Charity of your choice.

MILLA GILBERT LIVINGSTON
 Mrs. Livingston, 91, of Canton died Sept. 7.

Born on Sept. 26, 1905 in St. John's Bury, Vt., Mrs. Livingston was a teacher.

She was preceded in death by her late husband, Wang J. Livingston.

Survivors include her two sons, Larry (Bonnie) Livingston, Lyn (Jeanette) Livingston; one daughter, Marcia Shibata; and four grandchildren.

Services were held at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell from St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial was private.

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and cholesterol screening on Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Pavilion Conference Room A. The cost of the cholesterol screening is \$15 and it includes both the total and HDL cholesterol. Blood pressure measurement is free. Fasting is not necessary for the cholesterol screening.

MON, SEPT. 15

Herbs have been a source of healing for thousands of years. They also contain vitamins and minerals providing a great source of nutrition. To learn more about herbs, attend SANTI's lecture when Dr. Eugene Watkins will be speaking about the medicinal use of herbs. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Holistic Health Center in Livonia located at 29200 Vassar in Livonia Pavilion, Suite 140. (Across the street from the Livonia Mall). Admission is \$5, for more information, call (313) 837-

2647 or (313) 247-4971. SANTI is the Society for the Advancement of Natural Teachings, an organization of people seeking natural alternatives to healing through a balance of body, mind and spirit.

TUES, SEPT. 16

STROKE AND ANEURYSM A support group for those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke will meet at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. Family members and friends are welcome. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 458-4396.

WED, SEPT. 17

ADULT CPR A class will be offered 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. One-person rescues will be taught through film, lecture and demonstrations. Registration is required. To register, call (313) 458-4330.

PROSTATE SCREENING University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center is offering a free prostate cancer screen, including universally recognized PSA blood test, in the evening in Livonia. Screening recommended for all men over 50, and all African-American men over 40, or men with a family history. Exams take 10 minutes or less. Must schedule with Cancer Answer Line nurses 9-4:30 Monday through Friday at (800) 865-1125. Livonia screening at U-M Center for Specialty Care, 19900 Haggerty.

SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO STUTTER Henry Ford Hospital's Division of Speech-Language Science and Disorders will host a support group for people who stutter from 6:30-8 p.m., at the hospital's Center for Rehabilitation Services, located at 2799 W. Grand Blvd. The support group was formed to offer participants speaking practice, social activities and mutual support. At the meeting, Alex Johnson, Ph.D., director of the division will discuss "Getting Started in Conversation." For more information call, 876-4605.

COMPULSIVE OVEREATERS Botsford General Hospital starts a weekly discussion group, Compulsive Overeaters Help Group, every Wednesday beginning Sept. 17. Individuals will explore

how they use food to cope with life, and how to start taking steps toward changing their relationship with food permanently in a comfortable, supportive atmosphere. The group's inaugural meeting is Sept. 17 and begins at 7 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital's 2 West Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. The fee is \$10/session and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

BREAST CANCER SPEECH St. Mary Hospital will host a speaker, Nancy G. Brinker, on "Breast Cancer Awareness" 7-9 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Author and founder of the Susan G. Brinker Breast Cancer Foundation (in honor of her sister, who died of the disease at age 36), Nancy Brinker will speak and give away free copies of her book "The Race Is Run One Step at a Time." Seating limited; register at (313) 655-1100. Brinker Foundation is largest private funder of research dedicated solely to breast cancer with \$65 million awarded already.

LARYNGECTOMY A group for people who have had or will have surgical removal of their vocal cords will meet 2 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. Family members and friends are welcome. For information, call (313) 458-3381.

BREATHERS The Breathers' Club will meet

7:30 p.m. in Classroom No. 2 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. The group is for those with respiratory problems and their families. For information, call (313) 458-3481.

SEPT. 17-18

BLOOD DRIVE A Red Cross blood drive will be held 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17-18 at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. To make an appointment, call (313) 458-4330. Walk-ins are welcome in the afternoon.

SAT, SEPT. 20

KIDS' DAY Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton and its emergency room and Oakwood Healthcare System's Community-Focused Health Promotion Network will offer "Kids' Day" 1-4 p.m. at the center, 7300 Canton Center in Canton. The Canton Fire Safety House will be there and police representatives will participate. There is no charge. The event is for children ages 3-10 and their parents. For information, call Lex Wantuck at (313) 454-8011.

NEWBORN CARE A two-session class will begin 6 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. It is designed to help expectant parents learn about a baby's needs. The second session will include CPR instruction by American Heart Association instructors. Registration is required. To register or for information, call (313) 458-4330.

SEPT. 23, 30 CHOLESTEROL EDUCATION St. Mary Hospital is offering a cholesterol education class, "Eater's Choices" from 7-9 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion Conference Room A, near the south entrance. Learn to plan meals, read food labels, and find the fat budget for your calorie needs. The result is lower blood cholesterol levels and a healthy heart. A \$25 class fee covers course materials (taught by a trained nurse, the course includes food samples and

recipes). Call 655-2922 for more information and to register.

WED, SEPT. 24

ADULT HEARTSAVER St. Mary Hospital is offering the American Heart Association Basic Life Support Course - Adult Heartsaver from 7-10 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium, near the Five Mile Road entrance. This class will describe the risk factors for heart disease, signs and actions for survival for the person having a heart attack, and what to do in a breathing or heart emergency. Also covered is the one-person rescue technique and the Heimlich maneuver. A \$20 class fee covers course materials. A course participation director for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Palombo spoke at a meeting Wednesday of SEMCOG's Transportation Advisory Council, chaired by Brighton Township Supervisor Andrew Wardach. The group's consensus was that the state slapped too many conditions on use of the money.

THUR, SEPT. 25 EVENING WITH THE STARS Oakwood Healthcare System, Ritzy Rags of Grosse Ile, Manno Clothing of Dearborn, and Dittich Furs of Detroit are teaming up for "An Evening with the Stars," a fund-raising event to support Oakwood's Keep on Trac program. Keep on Trac is an adolescent cancer prevention and education program developed within Oakwood's Cancer Center of Excellence. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m., with cocktails and appetizer-reception followed by a preview of fall and holiday fashions to the live music of celebrity impersonator, Mike Shelton. An afterglow party and dessert bar will immediately follow the fashion show. Tickets are \$75 per person and \$650 for a table of ten. For more information regarding an Evening with the Stars call Oakwood at (313) 791-1234.

State's conditions MDOT director James DeSana, a former Wyandotte mayor, sent local officials a letter last week saying:

"My shares of some new state aid must be expended by Sept. 30, 1997." That date is specified in Public Act 110.

"The work must be under contract by Sept. 15, 1997, must be completed by Dec. 31, 1997." Those dates aren't in PA 110.

MDOT would reimburse local units for their expenditures rather than pay out the sums in advance.

That sum is \$69 million and comes from the Legislature's dipping into the billion-dollar "rainy-day fund." It is a one-time appropriation and doesn't tap the new 4-cents-a-gallon gasoline tax.

DeSana, quoting PA 110, said that money "can only be used for resurfacing and repair of existing roads and cannot be used:

"1) for new construction. "2) as a replacement funds for projects currently under way or "3) for administrative costs of the road agency."

Whatever isn't spent by the end of this month, DeSana said, "can be used only for work on federal aid eligible roads as approved by MDOT." Those would tend to be more major roads.

Impossible! "It's absolutely impossible to follow the state contract," said C. Neill Schroeder, Troy city engineer. He told the group he had called MDOT, "but we never reached a secretary."

Some unidentified SEMCOG panel members suggested MDOT doesn't really want to distribute the money.

Senate minority leader John Cherry, D-Clio, blamed the Engler administration for "putting unnecessarily stringent conditions on the use of special road funds."

THUR, OCT. 9 HFCC NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS "The Pleasure Prescription: To Love, To Work, To Play - Life on the Balance," a lecture/concert benefit for nursing scholarships at Henry Ford Community College, featuring renowned psychologist Dr. Paul Pearsall, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on HFCC's main campus. Pearsall explains that contentment, wellness and long life can be found by devoting time to family, helping others and slowing down to savor life's pleasures. Tickets for the benefit are \$25 and can be purchased calling (313) 845-9635 or 845-6305.

TUE, OCT. 14 BREAST CANCER SUPPORT Joseph Weiss, M.D., rheumatologist, will be the guest speaker at the Marian Women's Center - Breast Cancer Support Group meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B. Dr. Weiss will be discussing "Cancer and Arthritis." The support group meets the second Tuesday of each month. Registration is required. For more information or to register, please call the Marian Women's Center at 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

Locals protest road money deadlines

Local officials are protesting the short deadlines for spending new road money coming from Lansing.

"It's not do-able within the two weeks that are allowed," said Carmine Palombo, summing up the calls he has had from counties and cities in the region. "We'll send a letter to MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) that it needs to move the date to a more reasonable time," said Palombo, transportation programs director for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Palombo spoke at a meeting Wednesday of SEMCOG's Transportation Advisory Council, chaired by Brighton Township Supervisor Andrew Wardach. The group's consensus was that the state slapped too many conditions on use of the money.

He noted the Legislature started dipping on roads early in spring; that Gov. John Engler offered his program in May; that the Legislature didn't pass a package until mid-July, the second week into its normal summer break; and that Engler didn't sign the bills until about two weeks ago.

SEMCOG, whose members come from seven counties (including Wayne and Oakland), is generally unhappy with the meager size of the state's new road package - \$275 million a year. They had asked for \$575 million in a June resolution.

Congress on hold Palombo reported the U.S. House and Senate are working on vastly different versions of a new ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Act). "This is not going to get done by Oct. 1 (beginning of federal and state fiscal years). If it's done by Christmas, we'll be lucky," he said.

In other business, SEMCOG's transportation advisory council recommended the executive committee and General Assembly adopt a \$1.2 billion transportation improvement program (TIP) for the years 1998-2000.

It's a marked reduction from the current \$2.1 billion, in part because regional planners don't know how much will be coming from the federal ISTEA program. Said a staff memo:

"Total programming for the TIP is \$1.2 billion. Federal fund contributions are \$797.9 million with non-federal matching funds totaling \$435.2 million. This is significantly lower than the current TIP which has over 700 projects and totals \$2.1 billion."

Palombo cautioned local officials against pinning too much hope on getting demonstration project grants. "Demonstration projects that end up in the legislation, we'll put 'em back in the (TIP) program. But at this point, we can't put in demonstration projects for which there is no money."

Partnering with Walsh S'craft students can earn BBA in 3 years

Students who want to obtain a bachelor's degree in business administration from Walsh College in three years can enroll in a new accelerated program at Schoolcraft College.

The program, known as Add Plus Vantage, was approved by Schoolcraft trustees on Aug. 27 in an agreement with Walsh College to ease the move of Schoolcraft general business students into Walsh's business management or marketing programs.

"I think it's another attractive option for people on this side of town," said Richard Tomalty, academic counselor at Schoolcraft College.

Students generally transfer to another university or college for a four-year program after they've attained 60 to 65 credits at Schoolcraft. The new program allows students to transfer 82 Schoolcraft credits.

With the Troy-based Walsh College constructing a new Novi campus near I-275 and I-96, Walsh and Schoolcraft officials

looked to develop convenience, yet what officials also call a "rigorous" program, for Schoolcraft students. That campus is expected to open in the fall of 1998. Walsh has leased building space in Novi since 1993 next to the construction site.

Marycay Slesman, director of admissions and extension campus operations for Walsh's Novi campus, expects the program will help enrollment.

"We deal with transfer students day in and day out," Slesman said. "The accelerated program allows them to plan and see their entire curriculum. They can see the courses that are offered and the outcome of the program."

Students will take courses totaling 82 credits at Schoolcraft for an associate's degree, then 45 hours at Walsh to obtain the business degree.

"This is really a first go-around, in teaching 10-week programs versus the 14-week programs," Tomalty said. "It remains to be seen how comfortable it is for students and teachers. It will be very rigorous, but their program has always been rigorous."

The program is obviously still too new to gauge its success, but Tomalty anticipates students will take notice of it by January enrollment. Munday believes the convenience and cost savings will get students to at least look at the program.

"Students like the close location of going to Novi," Munday

credit hour for district residents and \$75 a credit hour for residents outside of the Schoolcraft district. Walsh charges \$192 a credit hour.

"That's a significant difference," Munday said.

The program is called rigorous because students can attend school year-round and take seven required "core" courses in a 10-week semester. While Schoolcraft students have transferred to Walsh College before, this program allows more credits to transfer.

The Schoolcraft College Counseling Center presents "What You Need to Know to Transfer to a Four-Year Institution" for its students on Thursday, Oct. 23.

Students can visit representatives from 25 colleges and universities at the Waterman Campus Center between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and 5-7:30 p.m. Students are asked to make a reservation by contacting Jan Munday in the counseling center at 462-4400, ext. 5213.

Financial aid and transfer scholarship information will be available from noon-1 p.m., and from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Also, Walsh College's Novi campus, 41700 Gardenbrook, just north of 11 Mile off of Meadowbrook, will be holding an open house on Oct. 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. Call (248) 349-7449 for more information.

Schoolcraft plans auditions for community choir

Auditions for new members of the Schoolcraft College Community Choir are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

The 55-voice choir includes both Schoolcraft College students and experienced singers of all ages from communities throughout the metro area. Participants may elect the choir for academic credit.

Experienced singers of all voice parts are invited to audition. Performances this semester include December concerts at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in

Livonia. For further information, contact choir president Shari Clason at (810) 349-8175 or Schoolcraft's Liberal Arts Office at (313) 462-4435.

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County commission

Job training resolution marked by partisan debate

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

County commissioners approved a resolution Thursday that promotes job opportunities in Wayne County for skilled trades, crafts and vocational training.

But the action wasn't without the usual partisan differences with the commission's traditional argument whether the county should publicize these opportunities in the Detroit Free Press or Detroit News.

Eventually the resolution — originally introduced in March by Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton — was approved after the two Detroit daily newspapers, the Michigan Chronicle and Crain's Business Weekly were removed as publications at locations where the resolution would be circulated.

The resolution encourages both private and public institutions to develop curricula to meet training needs in sheet metal working, carpentry, masonry, roofing, air handling, electrical contracting and plumbing. Patterson advocated the commission's interaction

between the private sector in need of skilled personnel and Wayne County Community College and Schoolcraft College, and state agencies.

Patterson said he proposed the resolution because "with all the work in Wayne County, we need a workforce to respond to that need."

"There will be skilled, high-paying jobs, and we should give the opportunity to everyone," Patterson said.

While Patterson believes the county should not involve itself with education, the commission will inform other lawmakers, who approve state funds for community colleges, about the need for skilled trades in Wayne County.

"We should tell the legislators that we encourage these kinds of activities," Patterson said.

At first some Democratic commissioners — namely Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Vice Chair Pro Tem Edna Bell, D-Detroit — wanted the two Detroit daily newspapers removed from the resolution. Patterson responded he would remove his support from the resolution unless it could be circu-

lated broadly.

Commissioner William O'Neil suggested a "friendly amendment," and remove all the publications' references, including the Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, Michigan Chronicle and Crain's Business Weekly and various trade and society journals circulated in Wayne County.

The 15 commissioners approved the resolution, with Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, the sole opponent. McCotter believed the resolution would not reach the desired audience by eliminating the newspapers.

Roadwork OK'd

Residents in Canton Township and Westland will see some new construction on Hannan Road from Glenwood to Palmer, possibly as early as next spring.

County commissioners approved a cost sharing agreement Thursday between Wayne County, Canton Township and Westland.

The \$460,000 cost will be split with the county picking up \$230,000, and Canton and Westland each picking up \$115,000.

Madonna, Tyndale will offer new teacher prep program

Madonna University has entered a joint agreement to offer a teacher preparation program with William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills. The program will provide students from William Tyndale College with the opportunity to earn state teacher certification through course work at both institutions.

This agreement will enable students to complete up to 13 semester hours of professional education courses on William Tyndale College's campus and enroll for the remainder of the teacher education course work at Madonna University. Because this agreement allows students to work toward their bachelor of arts and their certification simultaneously, Tyndale students can now earn their teacher certification in four years.

"This collaboration is the result of two student-oriented institutions working to expand educational opportunities for their students while conserving precious resources," said Dr. Robert Kimball, chair of the education department at Madonna University.

William Tyndale College department faculty and Madonna University faculty will review courses at both institutions to establish course equivalence.

"William Tyndale College is delighted to have an articulation agreement with a sister Christian college," said Dr. James McHann, president of William Tyndale. "We see this as the beginning of a great partnership between two institutions that have a tradition of academic excellence."

Students who successfully

complete the required program course work, the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification, and major and minor requirements will be recommended for state teacher certification by Madonna University.

Madonna University's elementary and secondary teacher preparation programs are approved by the Michigan Department of Education. The undergraduate and graduate programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Madonna is located at I-96 and Levan. William Tyndale College is located at West 12 Mile Road and Drake in Farmington Hills.

Rotary clubs seek applicants for youth exchange program

Local Rotary Clubs are currently accepting applications from students in the community who are interested in spending a year overseas with Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program during the 1998-1999 school year.

Participants must be between the ages of 16 and 18 when they leave and at that time may be current students or recent high school graduates.

Rotary's Youth Exchange Program is 25 years old. It affords students the opportunity to live overseas and attend school in one of 40

countries while living with a Rotary or Rotary-approved host family.

The students become immersed in the local language by the time they return home a year later.

As with all Rotary charitable programs, the Youth Exchange Program is staffed entirely of volunteers and the underlying goal of the program is to further world peace and understanding through personal and informal contacts.

Rotary District 6400 of Southeast Michigan and Southwest Ontario is hosting an informa-

tion session for interested students and their families at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 in Mountain Jack's Restaurant, 26207 W. Warren, Dearborn Heights.

The informal meeting will offer potential candidates and their families the opportunity to learn more about the program, and to talk one on one with current and former exchange students as well as Rotarians from local clubs.

For more information, call Dawn Rossi at (313) 4200-4171.

STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

Law's delay

Tax fighters must wait until Monday, Sept. 8, to get their Ingham Circuit Court hearing on Michigan's 4-cents-per-gallon gasoline tax hike. Judge Lawrence Glazer delayed the show-cause hearing from Sept. 3 that was sought by Michigan Taxpayers United.

MTU president Bill McMaster, a Birmingham public relations man, wants tax collections blocked because:

■ The House of Representatives failed to take a two-thirds vote on July 10 on whether to give the law effect on Aug. 1. The Michigan Constitution says a law can't take effect until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, or about April 1, 1998, unless there is a two-thirds vote for "I.E." (immediate effect).

■ The tax hike requires a vote of the people under the 1978 Headlee amendment to the constitution, which caps taxation at 9.4 percent of personal income unless voters approve.

Utility hearing

Area residents will have two chances to sound off on telephone, electric and natural gas costs when the Michigan Public Service Commission holds public hearings next month.

Area hearings are scheduled for 6 p.m.:

■ Pontiac City Hall, 450 E. Wide Track Drive.

■ Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Ann Arbor Municipal Building, 100 N. Fifth.

MPSC chair John Strand said consumers at other hearings

have raised the issues of electric rate deregulation, telephone and electric outages, costs of electric and gas serve in new developments, and switching of telephone service without customer permission.

Appointments

Gov. John Engler has appointed:

■ Susy Heintz to her old job (199-95) as director of the governor's Detroit office.

A former Northville Township supervisor and Wayne County commissioner, Heintz had been working for the Michigan Jobs Commission since losing a 1996 congressional election Macomb County, where she now lives.

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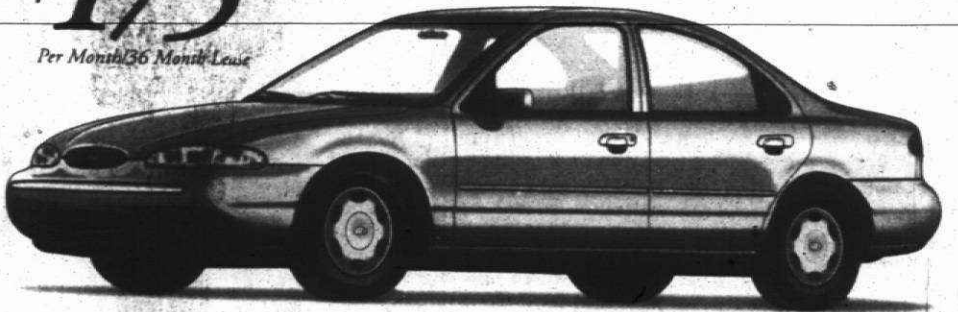
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RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Foods enhance Bordeaux-style red wines

On upscale restaurant wine lists, and in wine shops, you now find a Meritage category. Some people think it's a French word and pronounce it snootily as "merry-tahj." Meritage rhymes with heritage and it's as American as apple pie!

In the 1980s, Bordeaux red varietals saw unprecedented plantings in California and Washington state. In the time-honored tradition of Bordeaux, blends of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, malbec, and/or petit verdot began to be made. Now, wineries choose proprietary names for

Prize-winning Michigan wines

Of the 131 wines entered in the 1997 Michigan State Fair Commercial Wine Competition, 28 earned gold medals. St. Julian Wine Co. captured seven, while Fern Valley Vineyards and Chateau Grand Traverse earned four each. Four gold medals were awarded to chardonnay, a variety that continues to improve in Michigan's cool climate.

Three Best of Show Awards included The Chateau Grand Traverse Dry Riesling, voted best white wine; Fern Valley Vineyard Rouge River Chambourcin was best red; and the Chateau Chapital Riesling Ice Wine was best specialty wine.

Top wines of the competition indicate that Riesling is still one of the best white varieties for Michigan's climate. The 1995 Fern Valley Chambourcin shows that Michigan can produce a quality red wine with the depth and complexity of reds from more famous wine regions of the world.

Other gold medal wines standing above the crowd include the Good Harbor Vineyards Chardonnay. True chardonnay fruit with just a touch of oak makes this a superb match with fresh seafood. The non-vintage Riesling from St. Julian shows the apple fruit that only quality riesling can deliver. Good Harbor Vineyard's Coastal Red Lot 93 is a full red wine with soft tannins that invites another taste. Make an effort to get a few bottles of Michigan's best and reap the taste reward.

Bordeaux blends, but others have taken a fancy to Meritage labeling.

What foods go best with Bordeaux-style red wines? To answer that, we asked Jim Barnett, corporate chef, and Madeline Trifon, master sommelier and wine director of the Unique Restaurant Corp. in Bingham Farms and presented them with some of our favorite Bordeaux-style blends.

Barnett commented that as a group the wines were more complex than varietal cabernet sauvignon bottlings. He found a common flavor thread in the wild mushroom family, a character he also identifies in high-quality French Bordeaux reds. Several of his food suggestions include fish because the URC's Northern Lakes Seafood Co. in Bloomfield Hills makes a conscious effort to pair red wines with fish.

Hedges Cellars Red Mountain Reserve, Columbia Valley, WA was considered fragrant, delicious and served as an excellent ambassador for Washington State's premium reds.

Barnett found it immediately delicious and was attracted to the vanilla taste in the wine. He suggested sweet-fleshed fish, such as braised monkfish with a buerre rouge made with cream and a touch of vanilla.

Geysers Peak Reserve Alexandre, Alexander Valley with its Merlot-esque fragrance introduced a soft, simple and mildly herbaceous wine, medium-bodied and smooth. Trifon said "perfectly balanced." With a pinot noir-like character, Barnett considered the wine soft and light in comparison to others. He suggested Mediterranean flavors as a match much as he would to complement medium-bodied Italian red wines from Tuscany.

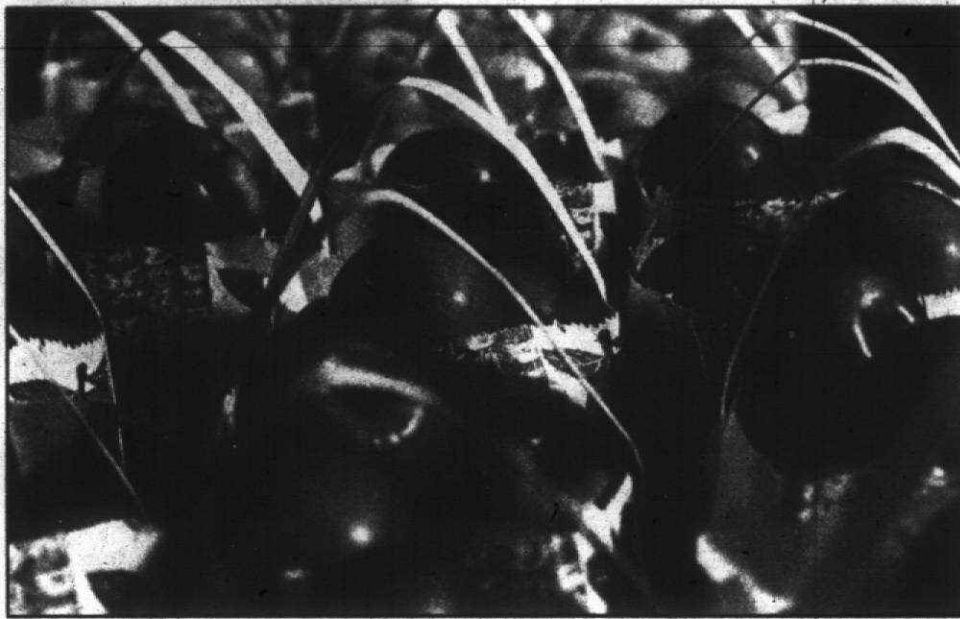
Beringer Vineyards Knights Valley Meritage Red Wine with medium-bodied palate vibrates with fruit of exceptional quality. Trifon mentioned a

Please see FOCUS ON WINE, B3

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Walking sticks for lunch boxes
- Main Dish Miracle



STAFF PHOTOS BY JEFF KESSEL

Apple Cider time

MILLS GEAR UP FOR SAFE SEASON



At work: Eric Miller of Farmington Hills tightens caps on jugs of freshly squeezed apple cider at the Franklin Cider Mill.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Fall is starting to show slips of red and yellow on trees across metro Detroit, making us thirsty for cider, hungry for crisp, red Michigan apples and hot cinnamon doughnuts.

This year is special for Bill and Linda Erwin who operate the 200-acre Erwin Orchards, and Cider Mill near Kensington Metropark.

"We took the plunge," said Linda Erwin. "We have sold cider for years, and talked about pressing our own. We've got a good business and want to grow. We've been known for our quality apples."

Bill and Linda are third generation farmers, and will be opening their new mill on Friday. But they and other local cider mill operators have something besides bad weather to worry about this year — concern over the safety of unpasteurized cider for the elderly, children, pregnant women and people with weak immune systems.

"Everyone's stinging a little bit," said Mary Emmett who runs Plymouth Orchards and Cider Mill reminding me about the "Alar" scare a few years ago, which devastated apple growers across the country. "We've always been a clean operation. We've never had any problems here."

Spending the day picking apples, and visiting cider mills is a fall tradition in Michigan, which is known for its spectacular color show.

Local cider mill operators I talked to said they are aware of customer concerns following news of an E. coli outbreak in unpasteurized apple juice a year ago in three Western states and Canada, which made 66 people sick.

Please see APPLES, B2

Cider Mills & Apple Orchards

Always call ahead to check availability of fruit. The Michigan Department of Agriculture publishes a directory of most of Michigan's farm markets. To get your copy, call (517) 373-1058 or send your request to the department, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909. U-pick farms and cider mills are listed on the Michigan Apple Committee's World Wide Web home page, <http://MichiganApples.com>

Nearby apple orchards and cider mills

Livingston County

■ **Spicer Orchards Farm Market and Cider Mill**, (810) 632-7692 — U.S. 23, (three miles north of M-59 to Clyde Road, exit east 1/4 mile). Open: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, u-pick apples, raspberries and blueberries, cider, children's farm animal barn and hay fort, pony rides and hayrides on weekends.

Macomb County

■ **Blake's Big Apple Orchard**, (810) 784-9710 — One mile south of downtown Armada at North Ave. and 33 Mile Road. Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. U-pick apples, pears, raspberries and plums, cider, animal farm, haunted barn. Pony rides on weekends.

■ **Blake's Orchard and Cider Mill**, (810) 784-5343 — Run by same family as Blake's Big Apple Orchard, 17985 Armada Center Road. Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. U-pick apples, cider, pears, raspberries and plums, animal petting farm, and haunted barn.

Oakland County

■ **Erwin Orchards & Cider Mill**, (248) 437-4701 — Between Milford and South Lyon, 61475 Silver Lake Road. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., weather permitting, beginning Friday, Sept. 12. U-pick apples and raspberries, cider, Erwin's Country Store nearby.

■ **Franklin Cider Mill**, (248) 626-2968 — Corner of 14 Mile and Franklin Road, (one mile west of Telegraph). Open: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Cider, hot doughnuts, home baked apple pies, candy and caramel apples.

■ **Goodison Cider Mill**, (248) 652-8450 — 4295 Orion Road, Oakland Township, north of Rochester. Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Cider, picked apples, baked goods, honey, picnic and playground area, gourmet shop. Craft area and pony rides on weekends.

■ **Long Family Orchard & Farm**, (248) 360-3774 — On Commerce Road (west of Bogie Lake Road) Commerce Township. Cider, U-pick apples on weekends; weekdays starting Monday, Sept. 22. Free hayrides on weekends.

■ **Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant**, (248) 651-8361 — Three miles northwest of Rochester on Orion Road (between Adams and Rochester Roads). Cider mill open daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Restaurant closed Monday, dinner served 5-10 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sundays. Also open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for lunch on Saturdays; and for brunch 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and lunch noon to 3 p.m. Sundays — Historic old grist mill, cider, and picked apples.

■ **Rochester Cider Mill**, (248) 651-4224 — 5125 Rochester Road, Rochester. Open: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Cider, fresh picked apples, jams, jellies, syrups.

■ **Yates Cider Mill**, (248) 651-8300 — 1990 E. Avon Road, (near 23 Mile Road at Dequindre). Open daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cider, picked apples.

Wayne County
■ **Apple Charlie's**, (313) 753-9380 — Six miles south of Detroit Metro Airport, 38035 South Haven Road. Open daily 8 a.m. until dark. Cider, U-pick apples available in approximately two weeks, call for information.

■ **Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill & Winery**, (248) 349-3181, 714 Baseline, Northville. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cider, doughnuts.

■ **Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill**, (313) 455-2290 — 10685 Warren Road, Plymouth. Open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. through October; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in November. Cider, u-pick apples start Friday, Sept. 12, doughnuts, country store.

Washtenaw County
■ **Dexter Cider Mill**, (313) 426-8531 — 3685 Central, Dexter. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, closed Mondays. Cider, fresh picked apples, caramel apples, apple pies, unique apple items, such as jellies, jams and teas.

■ **Obstbaum Orchard & Cider Mill**, (248) 349-5569 — Four miles west of Beck Road, Salem Township, between Seven and Eight Mile Roads. Opening Saturday, Sept. 13, hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. U-pick apples, cider.

■ **Wasen Fruit Farm**, (313) 482-2342 — Eight Miles south of Ypsilanti, call for directions. Open 9-6 p.m. daily. U-pick apples.

■ **Ward's Orchard and Cider Mill**, (313) 482-7744 — South of Ypsilanti, take I-94 to Huron St., go south 4 miles. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. U-pick apples, cider. Country Fair Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. beginning Sept. 13-14, continuing through the last weekend of October. Features live entertainment, children's activities. Different event each weekend call for details.

Sandwich veggies for nutritious back-to-school lunches

REGISTERED DIETITIAN



BEVERLY PRICE

I, nor my parents, thought twice about the nutritional value of these lunches, or the lack thereof. As I counsel young children in my private practice, I've learned that many school lunch menus have not changed a bit.

Making nutritious lunches when you have limited time is always a challenge. Roll up sandwiches, which include veggies, topped with low-fat mayonnaise, barbecue sauce, honey mustard, or tamari, served on whole wheat lavash, are easy. Top with avocado, sprouts or tomatoes.

Make a veggie pepperoni sandwich on a whole grain bun, veggie cheese on whole wheat lavash, almond butter and preserves on whole grain bread, bean

burritos with vegetarian refried beans, and hummus with alfalfa sprouts on whole wheat pita, are other tasty options.

Don't forget to include snacks. Fruit kebabs, dried fruits and nuts, or raw vegetables with healthy dip are kid-pleasing choices.

As you can see, there are lots of lunch box options for children on a vegetarian diet. Unfortunately, the safety and adequacy of a vegetarian diet for children is often unnecessarily questioned by concerned parents and even health professionals.

We now know that children on a vegetarian diet can be just as healthy, if not healthier, than their meat-eating counterparts. A vegetarian diet can include sufficient calories for growth, and is often more nutritious than diets high in meat and dairy products.

At The Farm, an intentional community of vegans (those that consume no meat, dairy products or eggs) in Tennessee, a study performed on children who grew up in the community showed that children can safely follow a vegan diet. Growth patterns of these children, aged four months to 10 years old, were compared with U.S. growth patterns for other children of the same age. There were no significant differences in the

average height and weight of these children as compared with the general population. This is proof that a vegan diet, if well-balanced for the types of children, is perfectly safe.

Protein needs can be met by including legumes, whole grains, soy products (soy milk, tofu, soy burger), meat analogues (soy bacon, soy sausage, soy chicken) nuts, nut butters and dairy products for lacto-ovo vegetarians (those who consume dairy products including eggs). As long as your child consumes adequate calories, and not excessive junk foods, their protein needs will be easily met.

Calcium is another key nutrient in your child's diet and readily available from plant sources such as kale, fortified soy and rice milks, orange juice, calcium-precipitated tofu, and dark green leafy vegetables such as kale, collard, mustard and turnip greens.

Iron deficiency anemia is still widespread in children, but is no more likely to occur in children on a vegetarian diet than those on a non-vegetarian diet. Good iron sources include whole grains, iron-fortified cereals, legumes, green leafy vegetables and dried fruits. Consuming foods rich in vitamin C such as citrus fruits, broccoli, and strawberries,

at the same meal as these foods, can enhance iron absorption.

Getting enough vitamin B-12 is mainly a concern for children who do not consume meat, or dairy products. However, a variety of vitamin B-12 fortified foods are available including certain brands of fortified soy milk, some meat analogues and some breakfast cereals.

As a parent, the responsibility of educating children about proper food choices is just as important as educating them about the hazards of drug and alcohol abuse. If you follow a vegetarian diet, an explanation of why your family has chosen this way of eating will help your child better understand the benefits of being a vegetarian.

Children who are raised at a healthy dinner table will usually emulate these ways. If you are a vegetarian, your child will grow up believing this type of diet is an obvious choice.

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Mall adds the "element of fun"

Wonderland Mall prepares for the turn of the century with what owner/developer Robert Schostak calls "Shoppertainment" — the key to remaining vital to a community if you're an aging regional retail center.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

They're putting the wonder back into Wonderland Mall as a \$10 million renovation begins at the 30-year-old Livonia shopping center.

A 25,000-square foot indoor amusement park JEEPERS! plus a 20,000-square foot FYE (For Your Entertainment) retail media store, will open by fall's end, headlining a marquee full of changes that will transform the dim, aging center into a bright new place to shop and play.

"It seems to be a consensus in this industry that to bring back the mall shopper you need to add venues for entertainment and many thoughtful customer services," said new mall manager Kim Geary. Geary has made her career in unique retail projects, and was part of the team that opened Mall of America. She was hired by mall owner/mangers Schostak Bros. & Co. three months ago to head the Wonderland Mall renovation as general manager and marketing director.

"I've got a lot of new ideas for family promotions," she said. "There will be new reasons to come to Wonderland and you will be wowed."

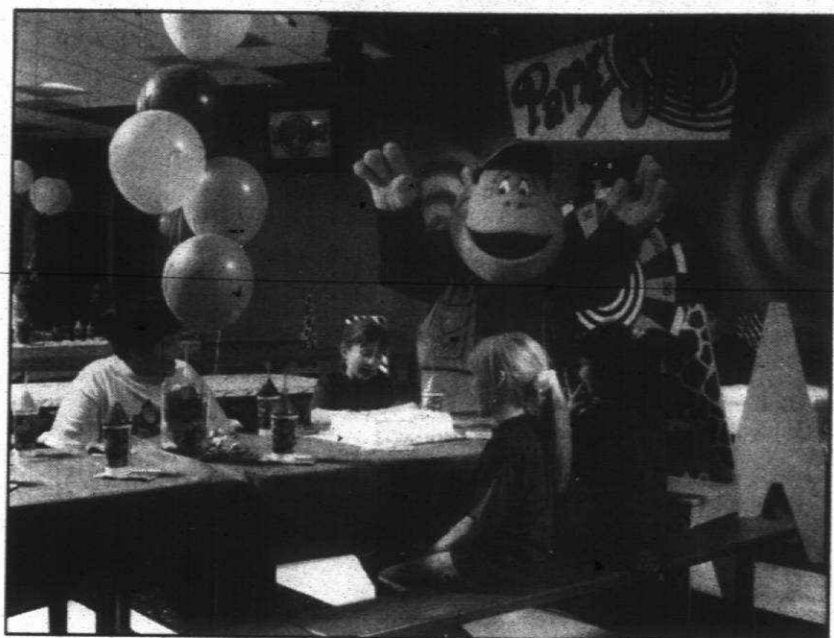
Geary pulled out a mall floor plan and quickly pointed to the many tenant switches that need to take place to make room for:

- A 50,000-square foot food court expansion designed for fun and convenience by Wah Yee Associates and Cook Hilscher Associates.
- A new multi-million dollar, multi-screen theater.
- The addition of several new "big box" retailers like Babies 'R Us, GNC and Foot Action USA.
- A community room with a kitchen.
- Restrooms double the size of those at present.
- New management/security offices.
- Better lighting.
- Improved lines of vision.

"It's a two-year program with most of the major work beginning in February," Geary said. "Then it's up to us to fill in the retail holes and enhance the mix we have. We need a men's shoe store, more children's clothing stores and a store for the home."

Schostak acquired Wonderland in 1983, and set about enclosing the mall for a 1986 expansion. A second expansion took place in 1989, with the addition of Target.

"I'm glad to hear about the mall's plans because I've noticed so many closed shops on my morning walks," said Ernestine Holmes of Livonia. "I'm excited about the bigger food court and all the movie choices on the way."



Party time: At JEEPERS! in the Wonderland Mall, kids can host birthday parties or spend an afternoon enjoying rides and games. There's a pizza hut on the premises.

Schostak spokesman Michael Buescher said the company did "exhaustive research" and held "dozens of neighborhood meetings" to win local support for the project. "We believe we're responding to the community's concerns with new concepts and a vision for strengthening the south Livonia retail corridor."

Editor's note: Although Montgomery Wards announced it will close many of its stores, the Wonderland Mall store (one of the company's top 5 in sales, according to Geary) will remain at Wonderland because they own the building. Other major players at Wonderland include: Office Max, Service Merchandise, Dunham's, a Cantos Boutique and an American Eagle Outlet. The mall is at the corner of Plymouth and Middlebelt Roads.

Card artist struggles to make the big time

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

You know the old saying, "If life hands you lemons, make lemonade."

It's corny. It's simplistic. But it's true, according to a down-but-not-out, tavern singer who turned the blues into boogie. In 1989, while recuperating from a grave illness that forced an end to her singing career, Lori Rodgers, then-35, designed greeting cards from her bed in Kincaid Park Bush, Alaska. Today her Tomato Target Cards Company, now produced locally in Birmingham, are sold in



more than 1,500 stores across the country, winning six industry Louie Awards in 1993 and 1994.

She has recently expanded her company to include a new inventory of greetings, and a subsidiary, Rodgers & Art, producing custom print gifts and graphic designs.

"You know, you win a few, lose a few," she grinned, broadly. "Borders Books just told me I'm out of their 80 stores. They were my biggest account. But, Jacobson's has my cards, so do the Andy Sharkey stores. I've picked up custom orders from several college bookstores and hundreds of gift shops. Because I'm a one-woman show, I feel the pinches."

Rodgers, 44, grew up in Seattle, the third of seven children. After a divorce, her mother, a journalist, met and married a bachelor printer who adopted all the children.

"I was the rebel," she said. "I moved to Alaska before the pipeline was announced looking for fame and fortune. I played my electric guitar and sang Dinah Washington, Billie Holiday and Ella songs six nights a week for 12 years until I was diagnosed with "pleurisy with effusion" from breathing second-

hand smoke. "They had to stick needles in my back and drain the fluid from my lungs. It was so bad. I was scared. I was single. I was my sole support," she recalled. "I had to have complete rest to heal. But I need to be moving all the time, so I passed the hours drawing and doodling. My creations inspired me."

Lacking a college-degree, but forever the entrepreneur, Rodgers went to work as a graphic artist, creating catalogs and pamphlets for Carr's grocery chain, The Alaska Visitors and Convention Bureau, The Anchorage Times — and drawing her very punny cards part-time. Friends introduced her to a project manager visiting from Rochester Hills. When she decided to relocate her business to Michigan, she believed they would be partners for life.

But the end of the year also brought an end to the relationship. In 1996, Rodgers once again found herself salting her livelihood and her sense of humor.

"I'm very grounded in my business and my art," she explained. "And this sustains me. I've always loved comedy and music, and both are the basis for my art. Most of the phrases in my cards are word plays on famous lyrics, and the memories I have of the comedy of Jonathan Winters, Steve Allen, and Jack Parr, comes across in my sketches. "I truly believe that can't get to where



Designing woman: Lori Rodgers in her Birmingham studio.



Product sampler: Rodgers' art appears on many keepsakes.

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o The Observer & Eccentric 805 East Maple, 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 GRANDPARENTS DAY!

Antique/Collectibles Show
Mall-wide exhibition and sale. Browse through art and pattern glass, movie posters, comic books, toy trains, pocket watches, military items, furniture, coins, stamps and plates. Crystal and glass repair service by Charles Laurent.
Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt.
(248) 476-1160.

Monday, Sept. 8

Senior Citizens dance
The fun begins at 11 a.m. in the lower level community room with coffee and refreshments at 12:30 p.m. The dance ends at 2 p.m. Newcomers are welcome for friendship and fitness.
Westland Center, Wayne/Warren.
(313) 425-5001.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

Petites seminar
Hudson's hosts a Liz Claiborne fashion show for fall in petite sizes, 12-30 p.m. Repeated Sept. 20 at 1 p.m. at the Oakland Mall in Troy store in the Liz Claiborne Shop.
Twelve Oaks, Novi/12 Mile, Novi.
(248) 344-6800.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

Paws for Celebration
Neiman Marcus hosts benefit/fashion show for the Michigan Humane Society beginning at 6 p.m. throughout the store and tents in the parking lot. Starring Ed McMahon, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, and more surprises. Food, beverages, dancing. Neiman's presents its seasonal Art of Fashion runway show. Tickets through the Humane Society.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

\$75, \$175 and \$300 per person.
Somerset Collection South.
Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy.
(313) 872-3400.

Designer visits
Tapper's hosts a visit by jewelry designer Michael Dawkins 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. He will show his fall collection in sterling silver and 14 karat gold with pearls and precious gems. He is a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies and The Cranbrook Institute. Celebrities who wear his designs include Diana Ross, Jaclyn Smith and Angelica Huston.
Orchard Mall, Maple/Orchard Lake.
West Bloomfield.
(248) 932-7700.

Farmer's Market last weeks

Both downtown Plymouth and Farmington offer fresh produce, bakery goods, flowers and herbs, plus much more through Oct. 25. Hot coffee and cold lemonade in Plymouth's gathering across from Kellogg Park. Ann Arbor Trail/Main. (313) 453-1540.
Farmington, Grand River/east of Farmington.

Special shoe sizes show

Nordstrom hosts a trunk show for men and women who wear under size 5 or over size 10 through Sept. 14. Today's event begins at 8 a.m. (Sept. 14 at 10 a.m.) with a chance to enter a drawing for a \$300 shoe wardrobe. Buyers will be on hand to take special orders and assist with fittings. Reservations suggested.
Somerset Collection North.
Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy.
(248) 816-5100, ext. 1690.

Luggage seminar

Hudson's shoppers can meet Barbara Yakima of Tumi Luggage and enjoy a presentation with pack-

ing tips. Noon to 2 p.m. Repeated at the Oakland Mall store in Troy from 3-5 p.m.
Somerset Collection North.
Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy.
(248) 816-4000.

Model search
Jacobson's hosts a Search For Ms. J, noon to 4 p.m. in the Ms. J department of local Jacobson stores. Applicants must be 18 years or older, with photo ID. 13 finalists and one grand prize winner will be selected to model in area Jacobson stores, receive \$150 gift certificate, complimentary makeover and professional portfolio. Grand prize winner receives a trip to New York with Ms. J buyers and \$500 gift certificate with chance to model professionally.
1-888-MS J FACE.

Beauty Expo
This year's salon and beauty trade show doubles as benefit for St. Vincent Sarah Fisher Center throughout Sept. 14. Product and information exhibits throughout the weekend, visits by soap stars, prize drawings and much more. See area's top stylists at work. Tickets are \$7. Call the hotline for complete schedule of events.
Novi Expo Center, 696-Novi Road.
1-800-942-9450.

MONDAY, SEPT. 15

Monday night football
Detroit Lion Luther Elliss (in #94 defensive tackle) signs autographs, 6-8 p.m. in Court H. Tickets available at Pitch, Hit & Run. Watch for other players signing autographs on Mondays — Sept. 29, Oct. 13 and 27, Nov. 10 and 24.
Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt.
(313) 476-1160.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find items in the marketplace. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement!) please call Malls & Mainstreets at (248) 901-2567. Just leave a message and your phone number (slowly and clearly, please!) and each Sunday we'll print caller solutions and new quests.

What we found:

- A source for Mary Proctor ironing board covers and accessories was suggested by several readers: Write to: Gustin-Kramer Company, P.O. Box 528, Boston, MA 02136. They were also spotted at Adray's in Dearborn.
- A caller said the F & M pharmacy will special order Lowilla soap for customers.
- A reader had the plaque with six hooks that reads "Look who's in the doghouse now," for Mary of Farmington.
- The Music Stand catalog company has the Grease cassette tape for \$10.95, call 1-800-717-7010.
- Dare perfume by Revlon was spotted at Big Lots and Odd Lots stores, and Jungle Gardenia was recently purchased at Arbor Drugs, Birmingham Drugs and Meijer's.
- Men's garters for Mrs. Smith were spotted at Harry's Department Store on West Warren.
- Meijer's has the Swiss Ives formula body washes in chocolate and vanilla according to one reader.
- A caller saw the train telephone at The Train Store at Somerset Collection North, and in Scraeder's catalog 1-517-848-2222.
- One reader pointed out that The A-Team television shows are being aired on the FX cable channel and can be easily taped.
- A great substitute guide for the nutrition book once published by the Dept. of Agriculture is *Bones and Churches Food Values of Portions Commonly Used* by J. B. Lippincott available at Borders, according to one reader.
- Two callers reported that the book *Behind The Green Door* and also a movie of the same title, are available and were put in touch with the searcher. Another caller found a source for a Johnny Appleseed biography on the Internet and her bookstore was passed on to the searcher.

Still searching for:

- A retailer who sells Clove gum for Linda.
- A Daily Aed Journal once carried by Woolworth's. "It was my secretary for 20 years," said a caller.
- Someone who'll assemble wooden dollhouses from a kit for Susan.
- Who still sells record players for an elderly woman who wants to play her old 33 1/3 albums?
- An Address-O-Graph machine that types on metal or dog tags for Sue and Nancy of Troy.
- Vinyl reinforcements to repair the holes in shower curtains for Lorraine of Livonia.
- A group of moms of college kids want to send them: an 8-inch hammer that handle contains a variety of screwdriver tips that can be placed on the handle to transform it into a screwdriver, plus, a Helmac fabri-comb to de-ball sweaters.
- A place to buy the original Gucci perfume in the brown box which is no longer manufactured for Patti Frabotta.
- A retailer who sells replacement lids for the corningware browning dishes.
- Where to buy Mennen shave talc.
- A copy of the film *King Creole* starring Elvis for Kevin.
- A copy of the children's book *Brave Little Indian*, for Nancy Torosian of Plymouth. Published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston.
- A Marilyn Monroe watch for Debbie.
- Little glass wind chimes, very inexpensive, in geometric shapes, with a small little tinkle sound, for Toni of Livonia.
- Napkin rings with a Christmas Tree by Spode for Lori Rose of Canton.



SCREENING FOR STROKE

As it turns out, the dentist may play an important role in preventing strokes. That is because a routine dental x-ray has been found to be able to detect calcium deposits in the large arteries of the neck, a sign of advanced atherosclerosis (a major cause of stroke). The x-ray taken with the panoramic radiograph, a wide-angle, frontal x-ray taken to survey the condition of the patient's teeth and bones. When the panoramic radiograph x-rays of 2,372 patients were recently reviewed, calcium deposits (appearing as small white spots) were found in the carotid arteries of 143 patients, most of whom were over the age of 50. Carotid arteries are the large vessels on both sides of the neck that supply the brain with blood.

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P.S. A number of the patients whose panoramic radiographs revealed they had blockages of the carotid arteries went on to have ultrasound to further confirm the diagnosis, after which surgery was deemed appropriate. (LVA 97)

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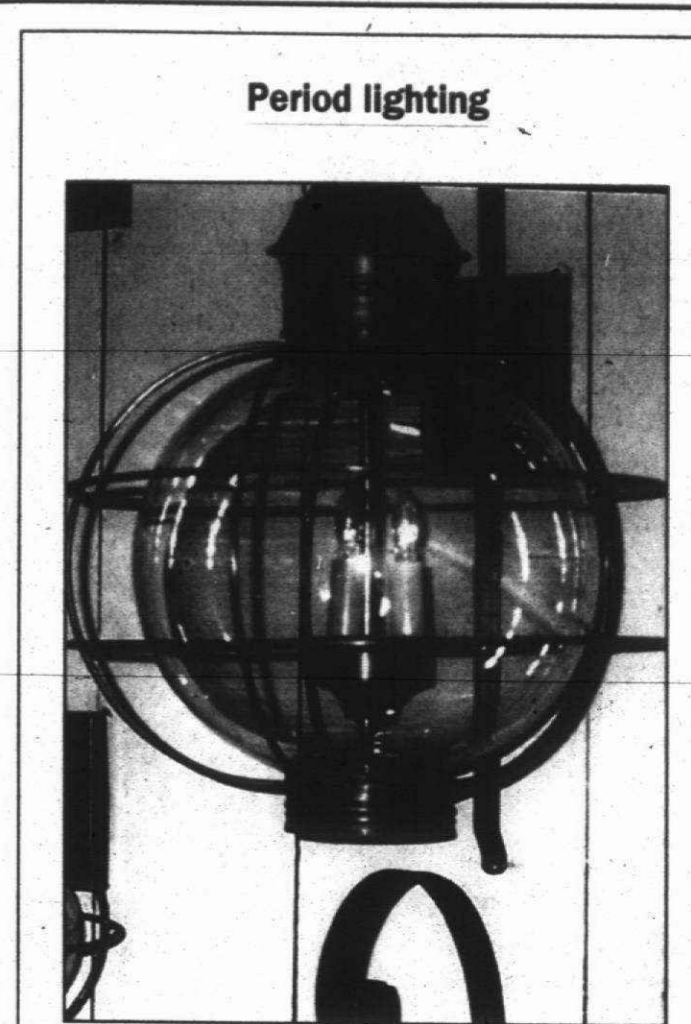
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Period lighting

Onion Lights: Available at MT Hunter in Northville and Birmingham, these exterior colonial-style luminaries, are made of brass and copper and are not lacquered, making them maintenance free. Originally, used as scones on homes near the sea, they were designed for candle or oil-burning, and now, of course, light bulbs, \$165-\$450. For more details call (248) 344-6668.

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Target stores offer college scholarships

Target Stores announced that applications are now available for its \$1.6 million All-Around Scholarship program which will provide more than 1,500 high school students with money to help finance their post-secondary education. Now in its third year, the program will provide funding to students who demonstrate leadership and all-around citizenship in community, family and school activities.

1. Description of the length of time and number of hours of community volunteer service;
2. The applicant's list of volunteer leadership awards and honors;
3. Appraisal form to be submitted by a supervisor or volunteer leader;
4. The applicant's short essay on why you are just what the future strength of communities across the country.

Purchase guidelines proposed

- Here are some tips to help you smart shop for a fall wardrobe. They come from Bev Martin, manager of the Women's Expos for J.C. Penney.
- Think twice about a purchase that:**
- Can only be worn for one occasion.
 - Is so trendy that the same look could be achieved in a less expensive way (i.e., adding an animal print scarf instead of an entire animal print suit).
 - Wearing it requires the purchase of additional pieces.
 - Requires dry cleaning or hand washing, special care not in your regular routine.
 - Does not quite fit.
 - Consider this a wise buy:
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RETAIL DETAILS

Retail Details features news briefs from the Malls & Mainstreets beat compiled by Susan DeMaggio. For inclusion, send information to: Retail Details, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax to (248) 644-1314.

Now at Laurel Park Place

Three new retailers will open in time for holiday shopping at Laurel Park Place in Livonia according to Timothy Grimske, property manager. They are **New England Home**, (coming Oct. 1) **Powerful Stuff** (opening Nov. 1) and **Franklin Covey (Quest)** (opening Dec. 1).

It's Baby Time at Farmer Jack

More than 1,000 items for the baby are included in Farmer Jack stores' new **Baby Bonus Savings Club**. The same personalized Bonus Savings Club card with a bar code on the back will now also automatically include the BBSC incentives. The card will record and tally the amount spent during each shopping visit. Every time a customer reaches \$200 in baby item purchases, they instantly receive \$20 in cash at the register. Customers with a current savings card are automatically enrolled. New members can sign up at any Farmer Jack store and receive a card instantly.

Northland Center will host national walk for Osteoporosis

Hundreds of mall walkers at Northland Center in Southfield, turned out Friday, Sept. 5 to register shoppers for the first annual **America Walks For Strong Women**, event. The walk is set for Saturday, Oct. 18 along a defined route inside the shopping center. Registration begins at 8 a.m. followed by an opening ceremony, warm-up and the walk at 9 a.m. In Michigan alone, more than 800,000 women suffer from the effects of the disease. The event will be sponsored by Eli Lilly and Co. pharmaceuticals, and ERE Yarmouth shopping malls in Detroit, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

Fairlane hosts motivational seminar

A brownbag lunch, tips on putting together a career wardrobe, plus the inspirational success stories of two sisters is all part of a program hosted by Fairlane Town Center for women, Saturday, Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Seating is limited to 150 women in tenant space near the upper level Hudson's. For more information call the MIX 92.3 Information Line (313) 438-1129.

Start-up sewing seminars celebrate Sewing Month

The American Home Sewing and Craft Association is promoting September as **National Sewing Month**. Doing its part is **Haberman Fabrics**, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak, with a series of sewing classes for both apparel and home decorating. Classes run through fall. To register or receive a schedule, call (248) 541-0010.

Accent on health, happiness

Makeup and beauty consultant Jeffrey Bruce will hold a Kelly & Co.-style makeover presentation at a benefit for The Jewish Home for the Aged, Sept. 18 at Temple Israel, West Bloomfield. Program director Julie Ritten said tickets are \$20-\$40 for the event which will include consultations with plastic surgeons, hair stylists and dermatologists. A brunch will be served by The Unique Co. For more details, including the time and other special activities of the day, call Ritten at (248) 932-1818.

Manager promoted to corporate

Parisian Department store manager Sandy Woodring was recently promoted to regional vice president of the specialty store chain, now under the Proffitt's banner which includes 176 stores in 24 states including Proffitt's, McRae's, Younkers, Parisian and Herberger's. The company generates annual revenues in excess of \$2.3 billion. We Weigel was named as new manager of the Laurel Park Place store in Livonia.

Kmart introduces catalog for Martha Stewart lines

A new **Martha Stewart Everyday** 42-page, full-color instore catalog is now at Kmart. The catalog is featured on an end-of-the-aisle display in the Martha Stewart Everyday store-within-a-store. Bedding and bath products are listed on special

order reference charts by pattern name, SKU number and size.

All product lines are available for home delivery by calling 800-231-5454 and placing a credit card order.

Catalog orders will be delivered within five to 10 working days from the ordering date. The APAC Corporation of Cedar Rapids, Iowa was contracted to oversee processing and delivery functions.

Designed in collaboration with Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia's creative team, the catalog provides instruction as well an

alternate shopping process. Bedding ensembles are described and pictured with decorating tips and paint choices from the Martha Stewart Everyday Colors paint line. Bath basics follow suit, with photos and informative copy that demonstrate a proper balance of patterns and colors.

Steakhouse opens for lunch

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse at 755 West Big Beaver, marked its first anniversary with the announcement it will open for lunch beginning Sept. 8. The

lunch menu contains a "lighter fare" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For reservations call (248) 269-8424.

Landmark Arbor Drugs opens

Eugene Applebaum will open his 200th Arbor Drugs store Sept. 15 on Jefferson at Walker in downtown Detroit.

Redford welcomes new family salon

Beyond The Cutting Edge Family Hair Salon opens at 25113 W. Six Mile, east of Beech Daly in Redford, Sept. 8-9. Owner Rosanne Promo (for-

merly of Duke's) said patrons can help celebrate the grand opening by entering to win free haircuts for one year. During the opening weekend, kids haircuts are \$6, and adults \$8. There will be complimentary refreshments and snacks. For more details call (313) 532-5325.

Retailer hosts seminars for women with cancer

Annette's Unique Boutique announces its **Look Good... Feel Better** program, Thursday evenings, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 from 7-9 p.m.

The evenings, co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the National Cosmetology Association, feature a consultation that includes a personalized makeup session with complimentary and skincare products, plus tips on how to disguise hair loss with wigs, turbans, scarves and accessories.

The boutique is at 3646 Rochester Road in the Century Plaza, Troy. Space is limited for the free programs. For reservations call (248) 680-1600.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Free prostate screenings

Approximately 41,400 men will die from prostate cancer this year. Early detection and annual testing are the best weapons in the fight against prostate cancer. Providence-Mission Health Medical Center Livonia (37595 Seven Mile Road) will provide screening at no cost Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information call 1-800-341-0801.

New TB clinic

In collaboration with the Wayne County Health Department, Oakwood Healthcare System has opened a new Tuberculosis clinic to provide TB screening and/or treatment. The clinic has a special ventilation system and on-site X-ray, pharmacy, and lab. It is staffed by four board-certified Infectious Disease physicians who provide a wide range of clinical services. The clinic is located at 2345 Merriman Road and is open Monday and Wednesday from 8-4 p.m. and Friday from 8-12 p.m. For more information call, (313) 467-2412.

Immunization clinic

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers (37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia) is sponsoring a series of community immunization clinics. The clinics will offer DPT, DT, HB, Hepatitis B (19 yrs. and under) and MMR vaccinations. Sorry, the varicella vaccine will not be available. There will be a \$5 facility fee charged per child, but all immunizations will be free of charge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Walk-in).

Migraine support group

This month, the Livonia Migraine Support Group meeting will be held in Ann Arbor on Monday, Sept. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. Dr. David Biondi, a board certified neurologist specializing in headaches and pain, will discuss "The Coexistence of Migraine, Depression, and Anxiety: Pure Coincidence or Common Biology?" For more information call, (248) 486-1764 (Nancy) or (313) 662-4278 (Bonnie).

Compulsive overeating

Everyone overeats sometimes, but why do some people overindulge compulsively? Botsford General Hospital starts a weekly discussion group, Compulsive Overeaters Help Group, beginning with an inaugural meeting Wednesday, Sept. 17, for individuals to explore how they use food to cope with life, and how to start taking steps toward changing their relationship with food permanently in a comfortable, supportive situation.

The group will meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital's 2 West Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. The fee is \$10/session and preregistration is required. For more information or to register call, (248) 477-6100.

Free Kids Day

MedMax in Westland has put together a three-hour program for kids scheduled Saturday, Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in their store's parking lot.

Kids Day will feature a wide variety of activities and surprises for children of all ages and their families including presentations by the Westland D.A.R.E. officers, Westland Police and Fire Department, Pokey-Dottie the clown face painting, the Wayne County Sheriff Department Mounted Division and more.

DARE officers will be fingerprinting children and the Wayne County Sheriff Department will be taking photographs for identification emergencies in the event a child is missing - free of charge.

Magician Randy Shaw will be on-hand performing unique and trivial feats of magic as well as making balloon animals. Fire safety literature will be distributed by fire officials and tours of both a fire truck, rescue vehicle and police car will be given. Gifts will be provided for all children who participate in the event.

MedMax is located at 35600 Central City Parkway, across from Westland Shopping Center. For more information call MaryAnn at MedMax, (313) 458-7100.

THE GENETIC COCKTAIL

Doctors search for family legacy of alcoholism

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Mysteries still cloud the problem about why alcoholics destroy themselves and their families for one more drink. But scientists, locally and on the national front, are closing in on answering key questions. Even though research indicates that there is a genetic component to alcoholism, the age old debate on whether drinking to excess is a disease or a choice continues. Researchers say both sides may be right.

"Nobody believes that if you have a gene it will make you an alcoholic," according to Dr. Elizabeth Hill, associate professor at the University of Detroit Mercy. "Even if you inherit a susceptibility, which you probably do, there are a lot of environmental factors that come into play," she said.

"You're not predestined." Hill heads a study, collaboratively by the University of Michigan Alcohol Research Center, the Mental Health Research Institute and the University of Detroit Mercy, looking at specific genetic markers that might be involved in impulsive behavior and the possibility of developing alcoholism.

"We've picked out several (genetic) markers that have to do with one particular brain chemical that might make it harder to resist taking the next drink," Hill said.

In fact, researchers involved in the study are looking for people who have alcohol problems and still have both parents alive. The alcoholic and both parents give blood samples and answer questions about family history.

"We'll look and see if there's any patterns in what the person with alcoholism got and what they didn't get to see if people who are alcoholic got a certain form of a gene," she said. "Knowing the biological basis should help us develop better medications."

Studies like Hill's are key to finding answers and fine tuning treatment for the number one health problem in the United States. More than 18 million Americans are alcoholic. Scientists have found evidence that at least some alcoholics are genetically predisposed to drinking too much.

But, just like heart patients who inherit weak organs, their lifestyles play important roles, too. Researchers say that predispositions are only part of what makes us who we are. The whole person is influenced by a mixture of genes, environment, peers, parenting and our own self-control. One study, for instance, concluded that a high percentage of male alcoholics displayed anti-social personalities, a disorder that includes a characteristic of impulsive behavior. Experts also say that something changes in the brain after prolonged drug and alcohol use, and after awhile taking the drug or having a drink becomes involuntary.

"There are different types of alcoholics, one who has the impulse control problem and gets into a lot of trouble and the other type is the person who has a lot of problems with depression and anxiety and that person is using alcohol for self-medication," Hill said.

One of the most conclusive studies on alcoholism was conducted by the Minnesota Center for Twin and Adoption Research. Scientists studied dozens of sets of identical twins separated at birth and raised in adoptive homes. The results pointed to a genetic link to behavior, personality and possibly a predisposition to alcoholism.

The identical twins raised in different homes were found to be more alike than fraternal twins raised together. Similarly identical twins raised apart were just as alike in personality as identical twins who grew up in the same home.

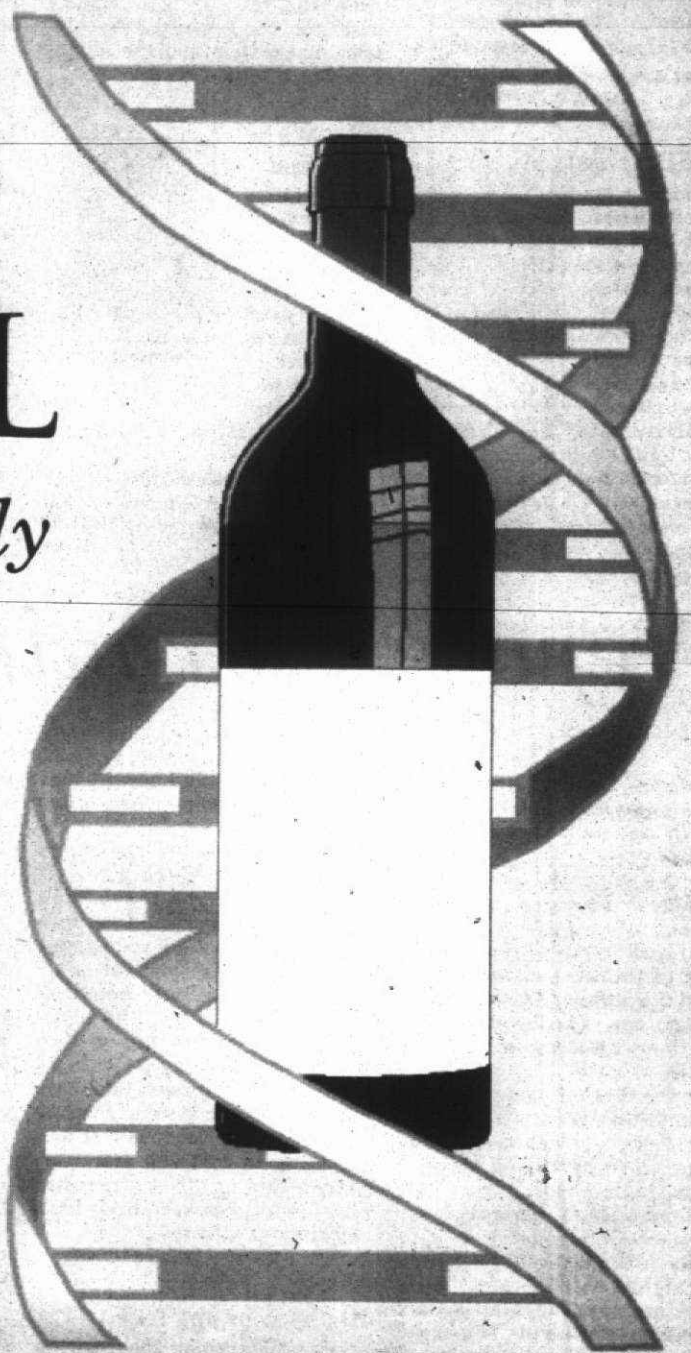
Another study showed that children of alcoholic parents are more likely than other people to become problem drinkers. In fact, children of alcoholics have similar brain wave patterns and sense the effects of alcohol slower than people whose parents aren't alcoholics.

"A lot of people who are children of alcoholics realize that they can develop a problem and they don't drink at all," Hill said. "And it's probably not a bad idea."

Gender doesn't seem to make a difference, either. In fact, women have as strong an inherited susceptibility to alcoholism as men, according to *The Journal of the American Medical Association*. Considering this, counselors often refer to alcoholism as a disease, because it addresses the power of the addiction and redefines it as a medical problem, rather than as a legal or moral problem that needs to be censured.

Currently, there are two landmark studies underway that researchers around the country are watching. Supported by the National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse, they involve families with multiple members who are alcoholic. Scientists are looking at inheritance patterns and genetic markers through several generations.

Research began five years ago and results are expected soon. "Both studies have a lot of participants so that if there is a genetic marker correlated with alcoholism they will find it," Hill said. "There's not going to be just one gene, because it's a complex problem. If there is only one gene it



would have been found already."

Studies like these help scientists look at how drugs affect the brain and how medications can help. Naltrexone is a new drug that has only recently become available. It's the first drug to be used since Antabuse, which was approved in the 1950s. The intent is to make the cravings less intense so that alcoholics can respond to therapy, which might include improving social skills and retraining their thought processes and reactions to situations.

Another drug, Acamprostate, has been used in clinical trials and in Europe, but hasn't been approved in the United States.

Meanwhile, Hill is looking for participants for the local study.

"It's hard to find these people, because both parents have to be alive and willing to give blood and be in a study," she said adding that Margit Burmeister, is the geneticist working on the research and they are assisted by Scott Stoltenberg. Robert Zucker, director of the University of Michigan Alcohol Research Center, has also done long-term studies on sons of alcoholics starting when they were three years old. This study is too new for conclusions.

For more information about becoming involved in Hill's study call (313) 998-7952. The entire process takes between two and three hours and participants are paid \$50 each, which is \$150 for the two parents and the alcoholic.

Children may bring home unwanted guests

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Parents expect their children to come home from school with new friends, homework and stories about the day's events. What parents fear most is they may also come home with the dreaded head lice.

The first sign of head lice is incessant scratching. Looking a little closer you may see white dots in the hair or on the neck at the hairline. Experts warn that it's easy to confuse the lice with dandruff, which generates large flakes.

The lice move quickly and shy away from light. Try using two pencils and under bright light part the hair. Look closely at the scalp, especially at the nape of the neck and behind the ears. To differentiate between nits and dandruff, try to dislodge them from the hair shaft. If they aren't easily removed, they are probably nits.

After the initial shock, keep in mind that it's a common problem and not a statement of poor hygiene or cleanliness. Children in kindergarten and in the early elementary grades are at highest risk.

If your child does get head lice, you're not alone. It's estimated that there are at least 6 million cases a year. The easiest way to contract head lice is through direct contact usually from sharing something that touches the scalp, like helmets, brushes, combs, headphones, barrettes, hair ribbons, headbands and hats.

Don't stack coats or hats with others. Onset occurs three to four weeks after infestation and because of this lag period, unrecognized transmission is likely to continue. While it's usually considered an easy problem to treat, doctors say some strains are becoming resistant to medications.

"This is rather alarming because the more persistent the lice gets, the more

harsh the treatment must become," according to Laraine Yakowich Moody, nurse practitioner at the Detroit Medical Center's school based clinic at Campbell Elementary School.

Head lice are small grayish-white, wingless bugs, about the size of a pencil tip, which live only on human blood. They lay oval, hard eggs (nits) on the hair shaft, usually less than one-half-inch from the scalp.

"Lice can be difficult to detect," she said. "You have to know what you're looking for. The bites can cause some pain." If you confirm your suspicions, you can treat the affected areas with an anti-lice medicated shampoo kit.

After the lice have been killed, you remove them from the child's scalp. Wash anything that's been exposed to the child, like bedding and clothing, in hot water. Vacuum sofas, chairs and wash car seats. Soak combs, brushes and anything else that touches the head in hot water for at least 15 minutes.

If your child has stuffed animals, seal them in a plastic bag for at least two weeks. Parents should periodically recheck their child's head for new outbreaks. September, October and November are the most common times for lice to show up, but they can occur at any time of the year.

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Wally's Walk-Fun Run set for Saturday, Sept. 13

Lace up your sneakers and join Wally's Walk & Fun Run to help the American Brain Tumor Association raise funds for research and patient education and services, Saturday, Sept. 13, in Merriman Hollow at Edward Hines Park, Westland.

The walk/run includes a 5k walk and fun run and a one-mile children's run. Sponsors include Detroit Edison, the Detroit Edison Foundation, the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Little Caesars, Pine State Enterprises and W4 Coun-

try FM 106.7.

Entrants pay \$10 in advance or \$15 to register beginning at 8 a.m. on race day, Sept. 13. The 5k run starts at 9:15 a.m./ the 5k walk at 9:20 a.m. and the one-mile children's run at 10 a.m. Pizza, refreshments and trophies will be provided. For further information, or to obtain a registration form, call (313) 235-3730. Mail-in registrations and patron lists may be sent to: ABTA Wally's Walk & Fun Run, 18687 Bainbridge, Livonia, MI 48152.

HEALTH News

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Medical Newsmakers are welcome from throughout the Observer area.

New Psychiatrist William Cardasia, M.D. of Ann Arbor, has joined the medical staff of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.



Cardasia

St. Mary internist Sanjeev Vaishampayan, M.D. of Novi, has joined the medical staff of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.



Vaishampayan

Internist named Niofar Khan, M.D. of Bloomfield Hills, has joined the medical staff of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

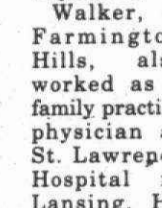


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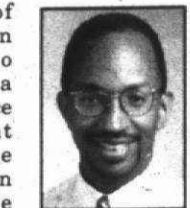
New physicians Oakwood Healthcare System-North Westland Center proudly welcomes two new family physicians, Jo Ann Riggins-Woodhouse, DO, and Roderick D. Walker, MD.



Woodhouse



Walker



Velick

Executive appointed Stephen H. Velick, group vice president for Henry Ford Health System and chief executive officer of Henry Ford Hospital, has been named chairman-elect of the Southeast Michigan Health & Hospital Council.

Prepare your mind, body for the fall cold season

Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills provides these health tips as a service to our readers. Ready or not, here comes cold season.

advice, you should know by now that mothers know best, notes MacMartin. "Because one of the ways you're likely to catch a cold is from surfaces you touch.

By proper care and a few preventative steps, if you'll excuse the pun, in the first place. Dr. Young suggests shopping for shoes late in the day.

it's more difficult to physically get around," says Sandy Plumer, M.S.W., director of Botsford General Hospital's Geropsychiatric unit.

Battening down hatches Along with putting away the barbecue, autumn is also the time of year you should be thinking about winterizing your home for safety by replacing smoke detector batteries and having your furnace inspected.

Carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless, and extremely dangerous gas, can injure or kill in homes too. Carbon monoxide can be produced by malfunctioning oil or gas heating systems that fail to ventilate homes properly.

Our bodies are more susceptible to viruses when we're cooped up indoors, and we're exposed to them more often, at shorter range, in dryer air, says Botsford physician Melody MacMartin, D.O.

Healthy, happy feet Ouch! Hammer toes, fallen arches, heel spurs, bunions, corns, ingrown nails - we're talking feet that need help.

Fending off the blues For many older adults, the ending of warmer weather means the ending of a more social season of visiting with friends and enjoying outdoor activities.

It's absolutely critical to get medical help, fast. He also suggests installing carbon monoxide detectors, which will sound an alarm if harmful levels of carbon monoxide are present.

And, although we're concerned about keeping warm once the temperature takes a nose dive, sometimes homeowners neglect to take care of the basics.

There are a few warning signs that your home may have a carbon monoxide leakage problem, according to the National Safety Council, including low-hot water supply; the furnace is on, but the house isn't as warm as it should be, and an unfamiliar or burning odor.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK. SEPT. 8, 15, 22 MEMORY ElderMed at Botsford will present "Enhancing Your Memory" 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Botsford General Hospital's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. WED, SEPT. 10 WEIGHT MANAGEMENT "LifeSteps," a weight management class, can help you achieve your weight loss goal. THURS, SEPT. 11 PREP-NATL EXERCISE Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital offers a six-week class for 90 minutes once a week. SUN, SEPT. 7 HEALTH ROUND TABLE U.S. Representative Lynn N. Rivers will host an informal Round Table discussion on "Children's Health Care: First Step to Universal Health Care?" TUES, SEPT 9 CANCER EDUCATION "I Can Cope," a six week program begins today at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. MON, SEPT. 8 OHOHO GOLF BENEFIT Oakwood Healthcare System is sponsoring its 10th annual Oakwood Healthcare Open Heart Open (OHOHO) at the Dearborn Country Club. SEPT. 9, 23 GRIEF WORKSHOPS Angela Hospice offers grief support workshops held at the Angela Hospice Care Center on Newburgh Road in Livonia. SEPT. 8, 15, 22 WED, SEPT. 10 THURS, SEPT. 11 SAT, SEPT. 13 THE PLYMOUTH ANTIQUE MALL 975 West Ann Arbor Trail • Downtown Plymouth • 430-0000 2 Floors with Over 70 Fully Stocked Dealers... A Bridal Faire Wednesday, September 17, 1997. \$1.00 OFF WITH THIS AD Fashion Show • Exhibits • Prizes. Call for Ticket Information 453-8872 416-5100

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and cholesterol screening on Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Pavilion Conference Room A. The cost of the cholesterol screening is \$15 and it includes both the total and HDL cholesterol. Blood pressure measurement is free. Fasting is not necessary for the cholesterol screening.

2647 or (313) 247-4971. SANT is the Society for the Advancement of Natural Teachings, an organization of people seeking natural alternatives to healing through a balance of body, mind and spirit.

TUES, SEPT. 16

STROKE AND ANEURYSM
A support group for those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke will meet at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. Family members and friends are welcome. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 458-4396.

ADULT CPR
A class will be offered 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. One-person rescues will be taught through film, lecture and demonstrations. Registration is required. To register, call (313) 458-4330.

WED, SEPT. 17

PROSTATE SCREENING
University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center is offering a free prostate cancer screen, including universally recognized PSA blood test, in the evening in Livonia. Screening recommended for all men over 50, and all African-American men over 40, or men with a family history. Exams take 10 minutes or less. Schedule with Cancer Answer Line nurses 9-4:30 Monday through Friday at (800) 865-1125. Livonia screening at U-M Center for Specialty Care, 19900 Haggerty.

SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO STUTTER
Henry Ford Hospital's Division of Speech-Language Science and Disorders will host a support group for people who stutter from 6:30-8 p.m. at the hospital's Center for Rehabilitation Services, located at 2799 W. Grand Blvd. The support group was formed to offer participants speaking practice, social activities and mutual support. At the meeting, Alex Johnson, Ph.D., director of the division will discuss "Getting Started in Conversation." For more information call, 876-4605.

COMPULSIVE OVEREATERS
Botsford General Hospital starts a weekly discussion group, Compulsive Overeaters Help Group, every Wednesday beginning Sept. 17. Individuals will explore

how they use food to cope with life, and how to start taking steps toward changing their relationship with food permanently in a comfortable, supportive atmosphere. The group's inaugural meeting is Sept. 17 and begins at 7 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital's 2 West Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. The fee is \$10/session and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

BREAST CANCER SPEECH
St. Mary Hospital will host a speaker, Nancy G. Brinker, on "Breast Cancer Awareness" 7-9 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Author and founder of the Susan G. Brinker Breast Cancer Foundation (in honor of her sister, who died of the disease at age 36). Nancy Brinker will speak and give away free copies of her book "The Race Is Run One Step at a Time." Seating limited; register at (313) 655-1100. Brinker Foundation is largest private funder of research dedicated solely to breast cancer with \$65 million awarded already.

LARYNGECTOMY
A group for people who had or will have surgical removal of their vocal cords will meet 2 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. Family members and friends are welcome. For information, call (313) 458-3381.

BREATHERS
The Breatheers' Club will meet

7:30 p.m. in Classroom No. 2 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. The group is for those with respiratory problems and their families. For information, call (313) 458-3481.

WED, SEPT. 24

ADULT HEARTSAVER
St. Mary Hospital is offering the American Heart Association Basic Life Support Course—Adult Heartsaver from 7:10 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium, near the Five Mile Road entrance. This class will describe the risk factors for heart disease, signs and actions for survival for the person having a heart attack, and what to do in a breathing or heart emergency. Also covered is the one-person rescue technique and the Heimlich maneuver. A \$20 class fee covers course materials. A course participation card is issued. Call 655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650 to register.

THUR, SEPT. 25

EVENING WITH THE STARS
Oakwood Healthcare System, Ritzy Rags of Grosse Ile, Manno Clothing of Dearborn, and Dittich Furs of Detroit are teaming up for "An Evening with the Stars," a fund-raising event to support Oakwood's Keep on Trac program. Keep on Trac is an adolescent cancer prevention and education program developed within Oakwood's Cancer Center of Excellence. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m., with cocktails and appetizer reception followed by a preview of fall and holiday fashions to the live music of celebrity impersonator, Mike Shelton. An afterglow party and dessert bar will immediately follow the fashion show. Tickets are \$75 per person and \$650 for a table of ten. For more information regarding An Evening with the Stars call Oakwood at (313) 791-1234.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

NEWBORN CARE
A two-session class will begin 6 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. It is designed to help expectant parents learn about a baby's needs. The second session will include CPR instruction by American Heart Association instructors. Registration is required. To register or for information, call (313) 458-4330.

MON, SEPT. 29

MIGRAINE SUPPORT GROUP
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SAT, SEPT. 27

FREE COMMUNITY IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is sponsoring a series of community immunization clinics. The clinics will offer DPT, DT, HB, Hepatitis B (19 yrs. and under) and MMR vaccinations. Sorry, the varicella vaccine will not be available. There will be a \$5 facility fee charged per child, but all immunizations will be free of charge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Walk-in).

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THUR, OCT. 9

HFCC NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS
"The Pleasure Prescription: To Love, To Work, To Play - Life in the Balance," a lecture/concert benefit for nursing scholarships at Henry Ford Community College, featuring renowned psychologist Dr. Paul Pearsall, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on HFCC's main campus. Pearsall explains that contentment, wellness and long life can be found by devoting time to family, helping others and slowing down to savor life's pleasures. Tickets for the benefit are \$25 and can be purchased calling (313) 845-9635 or 845-6305.

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WAYNE BUSINESS Finance

Holman dealership, brothers celebrate 40 year milestone

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Things have changed in the 40 years since Albert Holman, aided by brother Paul, established a car dealership in suburban Detroit. But good service and good products remain the key to their success.

"It's a long time. Forty years, that's very good," said Paul Holman, who's known as Mac. The 68-year-old Plymouth Township resident and his brother, known as Red, started out in Wayne. They moved to their current site at Ford and Wayne roads in Westland in 1964.

Both Mac and Red, a 79-year-old Farmington Hills resident, put in busy days taking an active role at Red Holman Pontiac-GMC-Toyota. The dealership's actual anniversary was in August, but the celebration is slated for Sept. 15.

Red Holman started the dealership. "I came into the business with him," his brother said. Mac's son, John Holman, is now the general manager, so the family encouraged the business will remain in good hands for many years to come. "Hopefully, the business will still be here."

The brothers and their colleagues have seen competitors fall by the wayside over

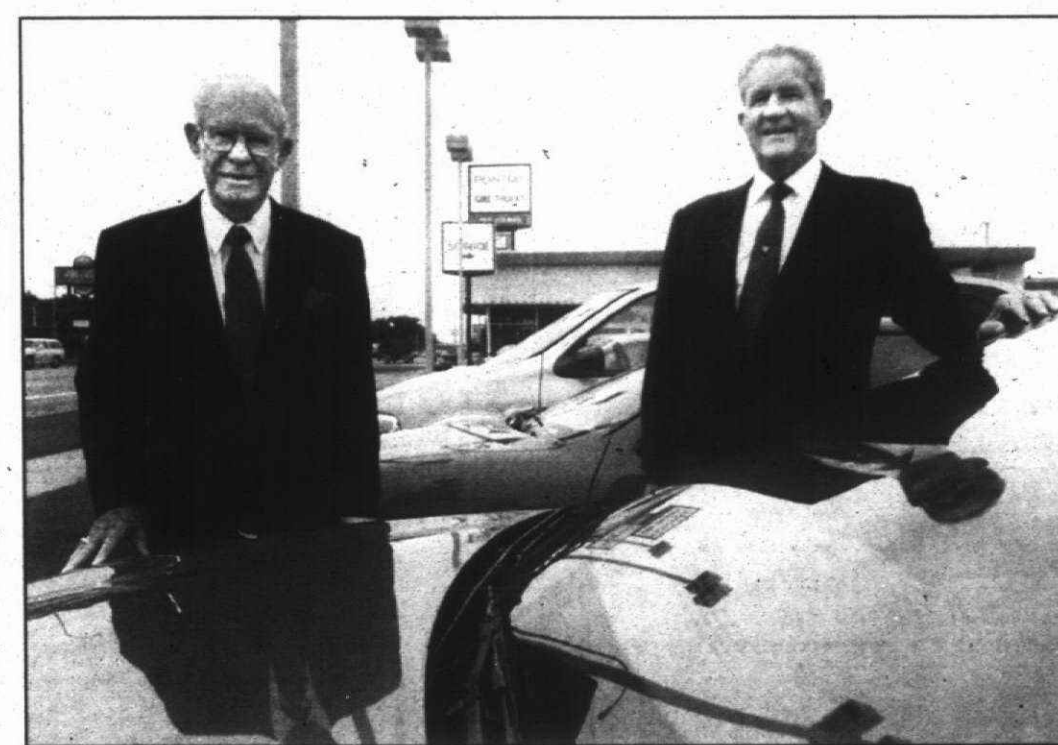
the past 40 years. "Just doing good business" is the key to their success, Mac said. Being in a good, growing community has helped as well.

The dealership is actually two dealerships, one for Toyota and one for Pontiac-GMC. It sits on 11 acres. There's a service department for each dealership.

Red Holman Pontiac-GMC-Toyota has some 140 employees, many with 25 to 30 years of experience with the business. One employee, Richard Dawkins, started with the business in the beginning and has been there the entire time. He's a salesman and the used car manager.

The dealership has extensive community involvement, including the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program and sponsorship of local Girl Scout and Boy Scout programs. It donates vehicles to local schools to be used in teaching auto repair.

Mac Holman agrees that the image of the car salesman has improved over the years. In years gone by, car dealers weren't always seen as being honest. "Oh, definitely improved over the years. In fact, I don't think it could be any better now."



Milestone: Brothers Albert (L-r) "Red" Holman and Paul "Mac" Holman are proud of their dealership in Westland. The business is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

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PR director appointed

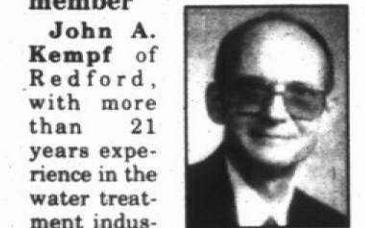
Mary Roehr has been named Ameritech public relations director for Western Wayne County and the Ann Arbor area. She succeeds Robert Lacinaki who has accepted an assignment for Jackson, Ingham and Livingston counties and Marcia Sayles who retired after a 37-year career.

Roehr had been Ameritech's public relations director for the Southern Wayne County and Monroe County area. She was also a strategic planning consultant at Wayne State University's Center for Urban Studies in Detroit; executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce; and communications specialist for the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

As public relations director, Roehr will serve as Ameritech's liaison with residence and business customers, responsible for local media relations, corporate contributions coordination, issues management, and local government relations.

Roehr lives in Dearborn with her husband, Stephen, and sons, John and Cullen.

New staff member



John A. Kempf has joined Plymouth Technology Inc. as technical director. Kempf, a graduate of University of Missouri in mathematics and chemistry (1971), will be stationed at the company's recently-expanded headquarters office and laboratory in Livonia, said Geary G. Parke, CEO of Plymouth Technology. Kempf will be in charge of advanced technology including the expanded laboratory for analyzing and formulating treatment for boiler water, cooling water and waste water.

"John Kempf has a tremendous depth of knowledge and experience in the industry. Recruiting him exemplifies our credo of growing as well as size," said Parke.

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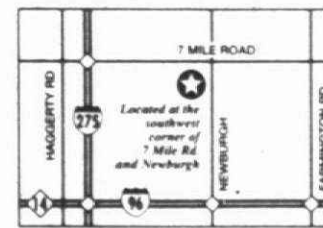
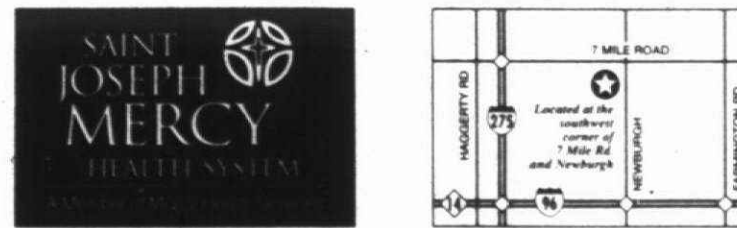
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You're handsome, live life to the fullest, passionate, sense of humor, man of distinction, I should have stayed longer, ask for a ride 8/24, 13 and crooks mobile. #5731

COULD CONNECT...

with tall, H/W proportionate, secure, ethical, nice-looking guy with hair. Pretty, dark-haired SWFF, 40ish, 5'4", 115lbs, with varied interests, great legs and good heart, would like to talk with you. #5732

A TOUCH OF CLASS

Easy on the eyes, N/S, social drinker, enjoys the better things in life such as theater, dancing, dining, travel, long walks, good conversation. Seeking tall man, 55-65, 6', with similar interests. #5733

LOOKING FOR MR. WONDERFUL

DWF, 45, blonde/blue, single, mom of 11 year-old, responsible, but with a great sense of humor. Seeking that wonderful guy, with similar qualities, N/S, N/D, for a great relationship. #5819

I'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES

Attractive, slender, intelligent, refined, affectionate, humorous JF, 54, blonde/green, 5'5", seeks classy gent, who is sweet, intelligent, honest, polite, for a real relationship. #5421

ANTIQUE HUNTER

Cute, outgoing, fun lady, 5'3", long red hair, slim, wants to meet great guy, 55-62, to share love of flea markets, antique shows, travel, etc. Oakland County area only. #5846

WITHIN 10 WEEKS

Psychic says I will meet Taurus, teacher/counselor, with nice hair. Don't make me wait 10 weeks. Me: 5', blonde/green, 125lbs, health-conscious, N/S, social drinker, likes to laugh, cute, sexy. S/DWM, 45-50 only. #5864

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

SWF, 41, petite, blonde, single parent of one, seeks marriage-minded male, 42-46, that knows how to treat a lady. Must be honest and loyal. Give me a call. #5633

THAT CERTAIN CHEMISTRY

Attractive, slim SWF, 5'8", blond/blue, seeks attractive, muscular SWM, 37-44, 5'10", N/S. Emotionally and financially secure a plus. If you're fun, you might be the one. #5642

LOOK NO FURTHER

DWF, late 30s, attractive, the ultimate "braf", with the devil in her eye. Would like to meet DWM, athletic type, who likes music, boating, and movies. Royal Oak area. #5611

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Tall, slim, (young) 50, N/S, social drinker, professional likes golf, cross-country skiing, dining out, travel, would like to meet male with similar interests. Children ok. #5557

SLEEPLESS IN LIVONIA

DWF, 41, 5'5", blonde/hazel, full-figured, mom of two, N/D, N/S, enjoys dancing, playing cards, movies, easy listening music. Seeking tall, romantic, caring, trusting SWM, 40-45. #5455

LOOKING 4 SOMEONE SPECIAL

Down-to-earth, caring, giving, affectionate, sense of humor, easygoing, enjoys bingo, going for rides, dancing, shows, open to new things DWF, 5'1", blonde, nice-looking. Seeking man 45-55. #5475

LOOKS IMPORTANT; BUT

intelligence, spirituality and healing naturally are, and George (my) look-a-like are welcome. SW pretty, petite, youthful, non-smoking, politically left, seeks non-prejudiced, activist, 47, WM, 35-57, for fun, art, lectures, friendship/relationship. #5726

SOULMATE WHERE ARE YOU?

SWF, mid-40s, dark hair/eyes, seeks outgoing, fun-loving SWM, mid-30s-mid-40s. My interests: bowling, bingo, auto races, spectator sports, gambling trips, walking, funny movies. #5727

LOOKING FOR A KEEPER?

Attractive, intelligent, loyal, full-figured SWF, 36, brown/blue, nursing back injury, seeks gentleman to share time with, children welcome, wives aren't. Let's not be lonely. #5738

CUDDLER

DWF, young 62, full-figured, shy, cuddler, seeks romantic, caring, honest guy for friendship which could lead into something more serious. #5697

UNCHAINED MELODY

Slender, attractive DWF, 50, N/S, seeks SW/DPWM, 45-55, 5'8", H/W proportionate, for C&W dancing, rollerblading, and companionship. #5636

SINCERITY A MUST

Looking for a friend. I have a variety of interests, from Rachmaninov to Tony Bennett, from Lake Michigan to Las Vegas. DF, 56, N/S. Seeking man 56-65. #5641

SEXY, SASSY AND CLASSY...

30-something, is seeking Prince Charming, will settle for frog with sense of humor. #5652

DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL PH.D.

Cultured, mean apple pie. Golf, tennis, and skiing enthusiast. Theater aficionado, dance lover. Seeking male counterpart, 34-47. #5656

FUN FRIENDSHIP ROMANCE

Affectionate, caring, down-to-earth DWF, 42, 5'5", medium build, brown/green, with sense of humor. Seeking S/DWM, 40-45, 5'10", N/S, social drinker, to enjoy our shared/new interests. Make me laugh! #5665

UNCONVENTIONAL

Attractive SWF, 20, 5'4", brown/brown, college student, into music and shows, hardcore, ska, punk art, movies, and going out. Seeking SWM, 18-25, with similar interests and an open mind. #5520

SLENDER

DWF, 50, 5'7", 120lbs, advanced degree, N/S, social drinker, home-owner, with a positive outlook enjoys cultural events, dancing, and sports. Seeking companionship, for starters. #5606

HOLD MY HAND

SF, 42, 5'8", short reddish-brown hair, medium build, enjoys quiet dinners, movies, evenings at home. Seeking tall gentleman, 45-55, who is romantic, caring, financially secure, and enjoys doing things together. Smoker, social drinker. #5608

GARDEN CITY GAL

DW mom, 43, 5'8", plus-sized, witty, shy and romantic, enjoys gardening, comedy clubs, quiet times. Let's talk! N/S, N/D, N/Drugs. #5814

CUTE & CLASSIC

SBF, 49, love jogging, sporting events, movies and quiet evenings. Seeking attractive, single gentleman, over 48, with similar interests. #5540

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?

So am I. Attractive, sexy DWF, 40ish, enjoy walking in my Nikes, or-going to the theater in my heels. Seeking financially/emotionally secure, family-oriented DWM, 40-50ish, for serious LTR. #5543

ATTRACTIVE FUN-LOVING

Fit, active, professional SWF, 40, 5'7", enjoys golf, tennis, travel, etc. In search of active professional, relationship-minded individual, SWM, 35-45, N/S. #5547

ETHNICITY UNIMPORTANT

You're on my mind, but so very hard to find. Pretty DWF, 54, enjoys laughter and good conversation, fine dining, occasional casinos. Seeking SM, 45-65, for friendship and dating. #5549

LADY

SPF, biracial, 46, full-figured, attractive, pleasant, enjoys traveling, jazz, concerts and movies. Seeking SM, 40-50, 6', financially secure, race unimportant, for dating, possible relationship. #5550

SMART MOUTH FEMALE

40s, petite, attractive, looks calm, scares easy. Nice truck, no property. Seeking 35+, tall, attractive, patient working guy. Friends first. No professionals, smokers, drinkers, overweight or Momma's boys. Salesmen ok. #5552

ARE YOU FOR ME?

SWF 37, 5'3", 135lbs, fairly attractive, seeks WM, 35-55, to be honest, caring, loving, sincere, and marriage-minded, for happiness together. Must be financially secure. #5511

FUN, PROFESSIONAL

DWF, 48, 5'3", 135lbs, enjoys most sports, golf, skiing, hockey, football, nature, travel. Seeking fun-loving, affectionate, kind, N/S WPM, 43-55, for LTR. #5514

KEEPER OF MY STARS

Well-rounded, humorous SWF, 43, 5'7", brown/hazel, N/S, enjoys sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking honest, romantic, humorous, mature S/DWM, 38-52, 5'7", N/S, who can appreciate me, for possible marriage. #5567

CURVY CONTOURS

DWF, 40-something, copper-colored hair, N/S, social drinker, seeks gentleman, 6+, for romantic dinners, weekend travel. Friendship first, possible LTR. #5568

KIND-HEARTED

DWF, 40, Auburn/green, 5'5", 120lbs, N/S, no dependents, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, old cars, nature, antiques, art fairs. Seeking tall, fit WPM, 36-43, N/S, N/Drugs. #5454

IS IT YOU?

Attractive French-Canadian, American-born female, speaks French, good sense of humor, enjoys outdoor activities, gardening, good food, travel. Seeking companion to relax and chat, and speak French with. #5420

VERY ATTRACTIVE

SWF, 40, 5'7", 115lbs. I'm selective, successful, and honest. I don't smoke or drink, and have no dependents. Seeking the same qualities in a trim, tall, 38-48 year-old SWM. #5360

LOOKING FOR YOU

Attractive, full-figured SWF, brown/green, enjoys Lindberghs, up North, being together. Seeking attractive S/DWM, 40-52, who is loving, kind and needs a good woman. #5362

TALL SLENDER BLONDE

Catch my attention? Really! I'm more like Rose with red hair. DWF, 39, good sense of humor, like to do just about everything, but tired of doing it alone. Looking for a LTR, possible marriage. #5370

HAPPILY EVER AFTER?

SWF, 40, attractive, intelligent, has spent enough lonely weekends to last two lifetimes. If you are SWM, 50+, N/S, who is extremely generous with time, attention and affection, let's talk. #5233

MOTORCYCLE?

Love Harley men. It must be something in the jeans! Romantic, passionate brunette, early 40s. Business owner, works out regularly, looking for strong, silent type. North Oakland. #5234

Meet Some Women

SLOW HAND, EASY TOUCH

Handsome DWPMM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, financially secure. Enjoys travel, outdoor/indoor sports, theater, and movies. Seeking SWFF, 38-48, 5'5", financially secure, outgoing, looks good in jeans/formal attire, for LTR. #5824

WIN THIS TAURUS!

(astrologically appealing). Handsome 1955 model, low maintenance, high appreciation, seeks caring, careful, WK driver, age unimportant. #5820

BY PASSING THIS AD?

Think again? Mellow SWM, 42, wise, witty, loves a challenge, broad interest, seeks special connection with delightful lady, for fun and romance. #5831

GENTLEMAN, YOUNG 60S

Handwriting seeks companion of good woman to enjoy the beauties of what life has to offer. Diring out, quiet evenings at home, outdoors, having fun. #5700

EMILIO ESTEVEZ...

look-alike. Turned over age 35, low miles, runs great, one horse-power, no luggage rack, will take best lady. Westside. #5638

CALL MY DAD

Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWPMM, 38, 5'9", Catholic, brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys movies, cooking, candlelight dinners, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF with kids, for companionship, monogamous relationship. #5651

HONEST, ROMANTIC

SWPM, 33, 6'2", medium build, black/brown, enjoys working out, camping, music, travel. Seeking SWF, 21-38, for dating, possible LTR. #5653

FINANCIAL SECURITY

Retired SBCM, 38, 6', enjoys sports, movies, quiet evenings, travel. Seeking SF, with similar interests, for LTR, possible marriage. #5658

LOOKING FOR THE ONE

Caring, passionate, fun, lovely Caucasian gentleman, 35, N/S, enjoys outdoor activities, the lake, dancing, music, weekend car trips. Seeking SWF, N/S, medium/full-figured, who is loving and good-hearted. Age open. #5667

A YOUNG ROBERT REDFORD

SM, 5'10", 165lbs, blond hair, homeowner, self-employed, loves the outdoors, boating, skiing, hiking, picnics, working out, traveling. Seeking tall female. Must workout, have a sense of humor and be employed. #5604

TOP NOTCH

Dynatic, bright, humorous, caring, athletic, well-educated, engineering manager, mid-40s, empty nester, slim, athletic build, seeks healthy, slim, attractive, mid-40s. #5696

BEASTIE BOYS

Zapping Pumpkins, Led Zepplin(my three favorites), good-looking, tall, athletic, outgoing SWM, 22, great personality, enjoys concerts, the outdoors, music(all types), biking. Seeking slender SWF, 18-28, with similar interests. Friendship first. #5750

E-MAIL ME

SM, 5'9", brown/brown, enjoys sports, golfing, fishing, outdoors, skiing, hanging out with friends, quiet evenings at home, C&W music, and having fun. #5736

MOONGazing OPTIMIST

SWM, 43, dashing, affluent, achiever, positive outlook on life, seeks adventure and romance with pleasurable, spirited WF, age open. #5739

ACCEPT MY CHALLENGE

Maybe it's me you're searching for. Jovial, dynamic, great-looking, SWM, 40, enjoys adventure, spontaneity, mystery. Seeking carefree, outgoing SWF, age unimportant. #5741

LIVONIA N/D

SBM, 30, 6'2", 210lbs, N/D, N/D, has all accessories for LTR. Seeking SWF, 21-28, enjoys music, sports, dancing. Let's talk. #5743

NO SECRETS

Slender, trim, financially secure DWM, mid-30s, homeowner, with very mild herpes, enjoys Harleys, camping, movies, dining, etc. Seeking honest, caring, active, playful, young lady, under 40, for LTR. North Oakland. #5744

FRIENDLY, HARD-WORKING

Fit SM, 53, 5'9", 160lbs, seeks physically fit, SF, under 45, under 57, enjoys outdoors, books, movies. Let's meet. Smoker ok. Kids a plus. #5746

READ THIS, THEN CALL IT

Are you tired of third wheel syndrome? Do you like the outdoors, social gatherings, movies or cards? SWM, 27, 6', average, attractive and hard-working. #5694

SEEKING FOOTBALL FAN

SWPM, 35, 5'11", brown/blue, 195lbs, employed, no dependents, good sense of humor, seeks SWF, 30-40, who enjoys attending Michigan State football games and more. #5695

GARTH BROOKS LOOK-ALIKE

Attractive male, seeks SWF, song-bird/guitarist (25-35); to country karaoke, and play music with. Also enjoys 99.5 concerts, and dancing. Visit Nashville with me, possible LTR? #5748

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OLD-FASHIONED GUY

Romantic, handsome, honest, sincere, athletic, intelligent SWM, 23, N/S, good morals/values, seeks slender, pretty SWF, 18-26, with similar qualities/interests, enjoys music, good conversation, outdoors, mountain biking, working out. #5742

LOVES ROLLERBLADING

Fun, handsome, outgoing, athletic SWM, 21, 5'11", enjoys summertime, cycling, movies, working but, rollerblading at Kensington/Metro Beach, seeks sincere, fit, attractive SWF, 18-25, for friendship, summer fun, maybe more. #5670

MY MOTHER SAYS...

"Somebody you'll meet a special woman and make her very happy. You're handsome, intelligent and sincere." SWM, 24, enjoys outdoors, music, romance, seeks slender, energetic SWF, age unimportant. #5829

SEEKS MODEL/DANCER

Athletic, assertive, very attractive, romantic, sincere SWM, 24, 5'11", seeks athletic, caring, affectionate, slim WF, 18-32, with good personality, for friendship, maybe more. Your call could bring us together. #5740

SEEKING TRUE LOVE

Handsome, mature, honest, romantic, sincere, athletic SWM, 24, 5'11". Enjoys sunsets, moonlit walks, outdoors, music, biking. Seeking pretty, slender, affectionate SWF, 18-28, to talk, walk, and enjoy journey through life with. #5639

LOOKING FOR LOVE?

Romantic SWM, 27, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, enjoys sports, music, romantic times, seeks sincere, SWF, 21-29, for possible LTR. #5822

IVORY

Attractive, slim, affectionate WM, late 40s, intelligent, outgoing, humorous, sincere, seeks similar black female for occasional LTR. #5634

PICTURE PERFECT

Is a romantic comedy type relationship possible? SWM, 40, handsome, humorous, playful, hip, enjoys the interplay of romance, hilarity. Seeks to tickle the fancy of WF equivalent. #5654

CREATIVE MUSICIAN

Good-looking SWM, 23, dark/green, unique, romantic, open, communicative, athletic, clean-cut, deep-thinking, song writer/drummer. Seeking pretty, slender, creative, spontaneous, sweet SWF, 18-32, who also loves music. #5660

ON THE GO

Young WPM, 48, 5'10", handsome, large frame, dances often, has handicap of 6 golfing. Seeking attractive WF, 35-55, comfortable in jeans or formal gown at private country club. #5602

VERY LOVING MAN

Very handsome,

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Signs of the times

Dennis Gerathy knew from the time he won an award for his art in second grade that someday he would make a living doing what he loves.

Today, Gerathy combines 31 years experience as a commercial sign painter with his love for art to hand craft vintage-looking signs that *hail back to an earlier era*. His Colonial Sign Co. in Redford serves double duty as a gallery and a studio. You can't miss the white building, just look for the Detroit Red Wings logo and the words Stanley Cup Champions painted on the side.

"I'm living proof that if you live in America and have a dream and work hard, it will come true," said Gerathy.

Why are the decorative signs such popular sellers at 11 craft shows a year including the Farmington Founders Festival and the Old Village Craft Fair Oct. 4-5 in Plymouth.

"Americans have a love affair with the past," said Gerathy. "Anything retro is popular, trains, planes, also the cottage stuff—hunting, fishing, canoes, the lodge look."

Gerathy scours the neighborhood streets in search of old plywood, pine, storm doors and windows to make the signs. An old bed frame becomes an advertisement to ride the Carousel at Riverside Amusements for 15 cents.



Sign of the times: Dennis Gerathy hand crafts signs hailing back to an earlier era.

"I don't mind being called an avid trash picker," said Gerathy. "It's a great way to find things. I can take any piece of wood and make it look old. It's all done with different techniques with sandpaper, dirt and coffee grounds."

Gerathy gets his thrills from the process of creating. He came up with idea for the signs after a customer asked, can you make one that's real old looking? Gerathy began brain storming. At night he keeps pencil and paper at bedside to record his ideas.

Antique shops and flea markets are great sources for the battered golf clubs and vintage photographs that Gerathy incorporates in the signs. A black and white photograph of Lou Gehrig attracts the eye to the words, "Yankee fans meet Lou Gehrig at 5 p.m. in the main lobby." Old pigskins become the center piece for University of Michigan and Michigan State signs. A well-worn toy airplane takes center stage in Barnstormers Stunts and Thrills. A rusty pair of scissors become the focal point for a sewing and mending sign.

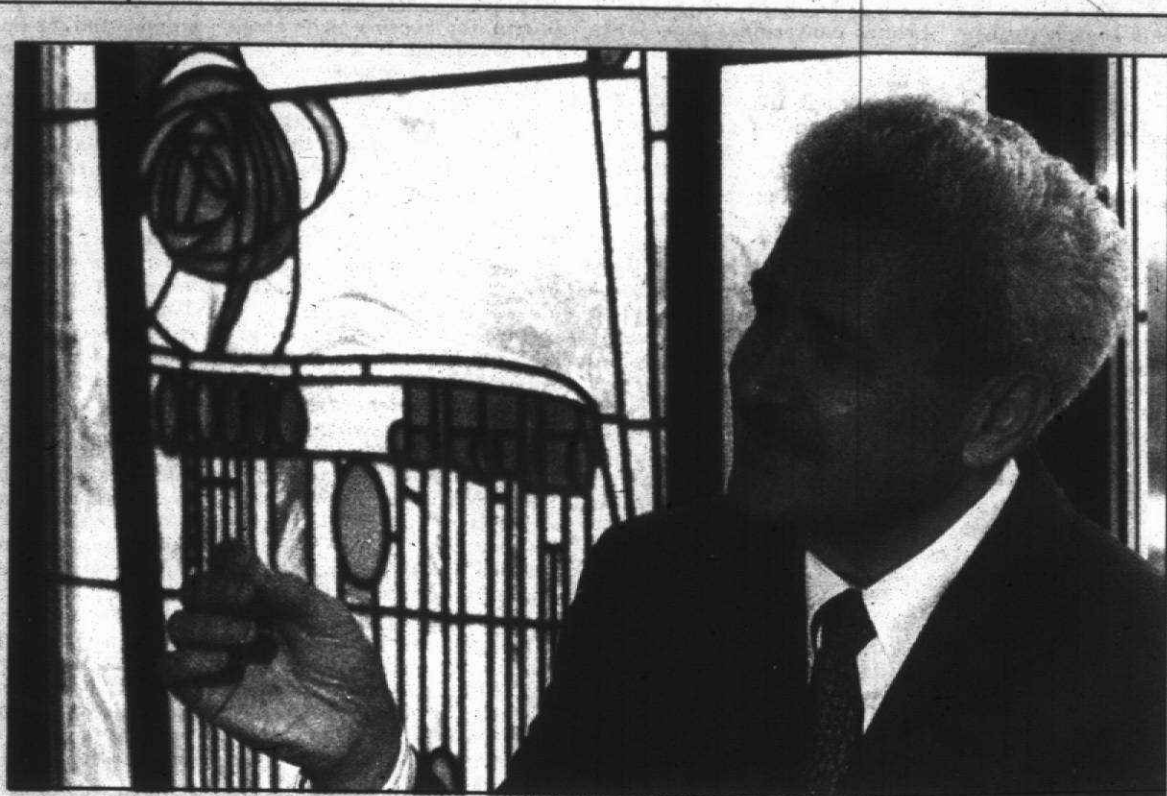
Like many decorative painters, Gerathy uses acrylic paints and Kolinsky brushes to create the landscapes, horses and cows sometimes featured in the signs. A sharing man, Gerathy will reveal the secrets to creating the signs at a workshop in Niagara Falls on Oct. 18.

"What's so much fun in this day and age of automation is, these are all hand done," said Gerathy. "No, I don't have a computer. I love lettering with a brush. I don't want to become a keyboard junkie."

In addition to Colonial Sign Shop in Redford, Gerathy's signs are also on exhibit at the Cowboy Trader Gallery in Birmingham.

"Dennis is very, very creative," said Bob Ray, Cowboy Trader Gallery owner. "It's all spontaneous, all the different styles he uses. People like nostalgia and he represents that in his signs. Whether it's a cowboy, Indian or sports, he brings that kid out in you again."

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STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JACOWFIELD

Cultural ambassador: David DiChiera, general director of the Michigan Opera Theatre, has provided vision, fortitude and a deep faith in the renaissance of downtown Detroit.

IN TUNE WITH THE TIMES

New MOT season builds on success

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

David DiChiera stands against the wall-sized glass windows on the second-floor lounge at the Detroit Opera House in Motown's original theater district, Grand Circus Park. His gentle demeanor and soft raspy voice are a stark contrast to the melodramatic opulence of the art form he has nearly single-handedly sustained in Michigan for the last quarter century.

After last year's unprecedented popular and critical success, DiChiera, founder and general director of the Michigan Opera Theatre, is hardly sitting back admiring the company's recent accomplishments with the opening of the 1997-98 season less than two weeks away.

"Every season the challenge is to come up with something new, exciting and different," he said.

Perhaps that's a truism for most production companies, but remember, this is opera where "change" happens about as regularly as Luciano Pavarotti staying on a diet. Today's opera companies do not play the pop music game of "race up the charts," nor sprint like Broadway producers to take the pulse of the attergoers before planning another revival.

Yet for DiChiera, the appeal of

Michigan Opera Theatre's 1997-98 Season

■ "Aida" - 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28; 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5.

■ "The Magic Flute" - 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26.

■ "Manon" - 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19; 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26.

■ "The Elixir of Love" - 8 p.m. Saturday, May 9; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 10; 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 13; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17.

■ "Porgy and Bess" - 8 p.m. Saturday, May 30; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 31; 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, June 3-6; 2 & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7; 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, June 10-13; 2 & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 14.

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.

Tickets: (313) 874-SING (7464) or (810) 645-6666

opera is strangely in tune with the times.

"Opera is in sync with the multimedia phenomenon of our time; it's what you see on MTV—action, imagery and music," said DiChiera,

who noted that MOT's fastest-growing audience segment is 25-40-year-olds.

Ironically, the growing popular appeal of the MOT occurs as attendance at symphony concerts across the country is declining. Further, MOT's success confounds the findings of the 1996 President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities study which indicated a "decline in the notion of stewardship and civic culture."

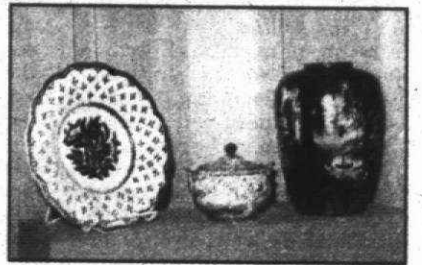
Last year's success, according to DiChiera, isn't so much a benchmark for MOT as a springboard to wider international recognition and broader appeal to 1990s audiences looking for the ultimate dramatic, multimedia entertainment.

"Probably no other art form combines scenery, dance, music, choruses, singers and orchestra," he said. "When you come to opera, you're constantly engaged. Other art forms are more one-dimensional."

In the retro 1990s where even disco has "suffered" a comeback, it seems that one of the most high-brow art forms has been reborn in a metro area known more for automobiles than arias.

While not exactly avant garde—as last year's conventionally staged "The Flying Dutchman" proved—

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DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

A Woman's Touch: This earthenware plate and sugar bowl, and bone china vase were designed and/or decorated by women in Wedgwood, England in the early 1920s.

History needs volunteers, supporters

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The newest exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum is one good reason to volunteer a few hours of your time. "The Feminine Touch: Women in Ceramics" features more than 100 pieces of ceramic pottery designed, decorated and/or manufactured by women during the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

This is the first time an exhibit of this size (by female ceramic artisans) has been exhibited in the U.S. American, Southwest Indian, Mexican, and English examples including an earthenware Pewabic pottery perfume bottle, hand-decorated story vase by Sandra R. Garcia from Laguna Pueblo, New Mexico, and a 1785 Wedgwood vase designed by Lady Templeton, reveal women's contributions to the medium.

Volunteers are necessary for the operation of not only the ceramic display but exhibits telling the nearly 300 year history of Detroit from the early days as a fur trapping settlement to the rise of industries that made Detroit the Motor City. The museum needs docents/tour guides, clerical help, artifact and research assistants, information desk staff, public relations specialists, and extra volunteers for events such as the Detroit Festival of the Arts (Sept. 19-21). An orientation session to introduce the opportunities available is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 13, at the museum. A free 10-week docent training program will begin this fall. For more information, call Bonnie Cohn at (313) 833-0481.

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The Feminine Touch: Women in Ceramics

■ **What:** An exhibition featuring more than 100 pieces of ceramic pottery made during the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries by women potters, designers and decorators.
 ■ **When:** Through Thursday, April 30. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
 ■ **Where:** Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward at Kirby, (313) 833-1805.
 ■ **Admission:** \$3 adults, \$1.50 seniors, free for children age 11 and under. Admission free on Wednesday.

EXHIBITION

Paws for a cause: Art goes to the dogs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

If you're an animal lover, better start counting your bucks. Students at Center for Creative Studies spent the summer concocting canine creations for an auction to benefit the Michigan Humane Society. The auction takes place during a gala event at Neiman Marcus to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the non-profit organization, which operates shelters in Westland, Rochester and Detroit.

Ed McMahon is master of ceremonies for the Saturday, Sept. 13, extravaganza.

The evening includes a strolling dinner featuring 20 Metro Detroit restaurants, entertainment by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, the art auction and a fashion show spotlighting the country's top designers including Pam McMahon, Ed's wife.

Over the summer, CCS students participated in a course designed exclusively for the development and fabrication of the art works by Tom Molyneux, an associate professor and director of the foundation program at CCS. An animal welfare advocate, Molyneux brings his cat, Moon Dog-

Paws for Celebration

■ **What:** A gala event to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Michigan Humane Society. Evening includes strolling dinner, featuring 20 Metro Detroit restaurants, entertainment by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, art auction, and fashion show.

■ **When:** Saturday, Sept. 13. Festivities begin 6 p.m. for Benefactors and Patrons, 8:30 p.m. for Friends.

■ **Where:** Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection South, Troy.

■ **Admission:** \$75 for Friends, \$175 Patrons, \$300 Benefactors (includes cocktail reception with Ed McMahon). For tickets or more information, call (313) 872-3400, ext. 317.

gie, to class daily. In his spare time, he sculpts animals for the garden. So it seems only natural that he was chosen to head up the project, plus the fact Molyneux was director of the Belle Isle Nature Center for seven years before coming to CCS.

"This is the most gratifying project, I've ever taught in my 27 years here," said Molyneux, who donated his teaching time and art work.

After Molyneux came up with a basic concept for the project, the students' mission was to create a work of

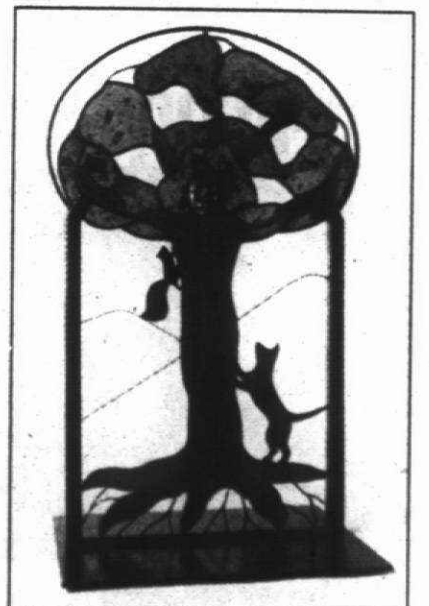
art based on the theme: "man shepherding animals." Then Molyneux went looking for students with an empathy toward animals. To entice students, CCS offered them credit for the project.

"I wanted students to create works of art that expressed the nurturing of a caring connection between our planet's animals and all humans," said Molyneux, who grew up in Redford, "a caring connection that expresses the natural beauty, inherent morality, awe-some wonder, simple serenity, fragile delicacy, and the need for humans to work at learning to live in harmony with animals as caretakers of our planet's life forms."

After selecting the students and touring the MHS shelter in Detroit, the work began. In June, students submitted maquettes for approval by MHS representatives. The completed works are on display at Neiman Marcus through Sept. 13. All proceeds from the auction go to the Michigan Humane Society.

While students were creating so was Molyneux. "We are Part of the Earth," a steel and bronze garden screen is

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Delicate balance: Patte Vandenberg created a colorful garden gate for the auction. The bronze and stained glass work depicts a human tree with a cat about to scamper up one side of the trunk as a squirrel clings desperately to the opposite side.

MOT from page D1

The MOT has made significant strides into becoming an undisputed world-class company. That transformation, said DiChiera, began with creating an opera house with the acoustics and stage dimensions that accommodate both large-scale and intimate productions.

When asked if the MOT was a "one of the world's great opera companies" at the April 1996 opening of the extensively renovated Detroit Opera House, which he helped christen, Luciano Pavarotti responded that MOT wasn't among the best, yet Pavarotti noted he might return when the MOT became a "great" opera company.

Paws from page D1

largely based upon Chief Seattle's words underscoring our connection with the environment. The work honors his daughter Colette, who was murdered at the age of 13 in 1981. Dog cherub angels stand guard on each side of the sculpture. A bronze centerpiece represents Molyneaux's daughter. Two wolves howl at her sides.

Patte Vandenberg, a junior from East Pointe, created "A Garden Gate." The bronze and stained glass work depicts a human tree with a cat about to scamper up one side of the trunk as a squirrel eludes desperately to the opposite side.

History from page D1

"Like other non-profits, if we didn't have volunteers we wouldn't be able to exist," said Bonnie Cohn, Detroit Historical Society director of volunteers.

In 1996, Ruth Kozak of Canton was one of the 400 volunteers who contributed more than 17,000 hours to the museum. For the last three years she has served as a docent relating the story of the 1805 fire which burned Detroit to the ground.

Expressions from page D1

Leaning against an old chest, Gerathy himself reminds one of an old village sign painter as he continues to spout his positive thinking. Behind him a black and white sign reads: Universal Pictures presents "Phantom of the Opera" starring Lon Chaney.

"I was a history major and there's nothing like the Detroit Historical Museum," said Schiffman who retired in 1993 after teaching in Southfield Schools for 28 years. "It is the gem of the state and the best kept secret. Come rain or shine, I'm here every Wednesday. I like people and it keeps me young."

Classical from page D1

WETSMAN COLLECTION Wednesday, Sept. 10, Sept. 27. "European Jewels Revisited," 132 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 645-6212.

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ENTRIES Positions: section violin, section viola, section bass, third flute/piccolo, principal clarinet and principal trumpets.

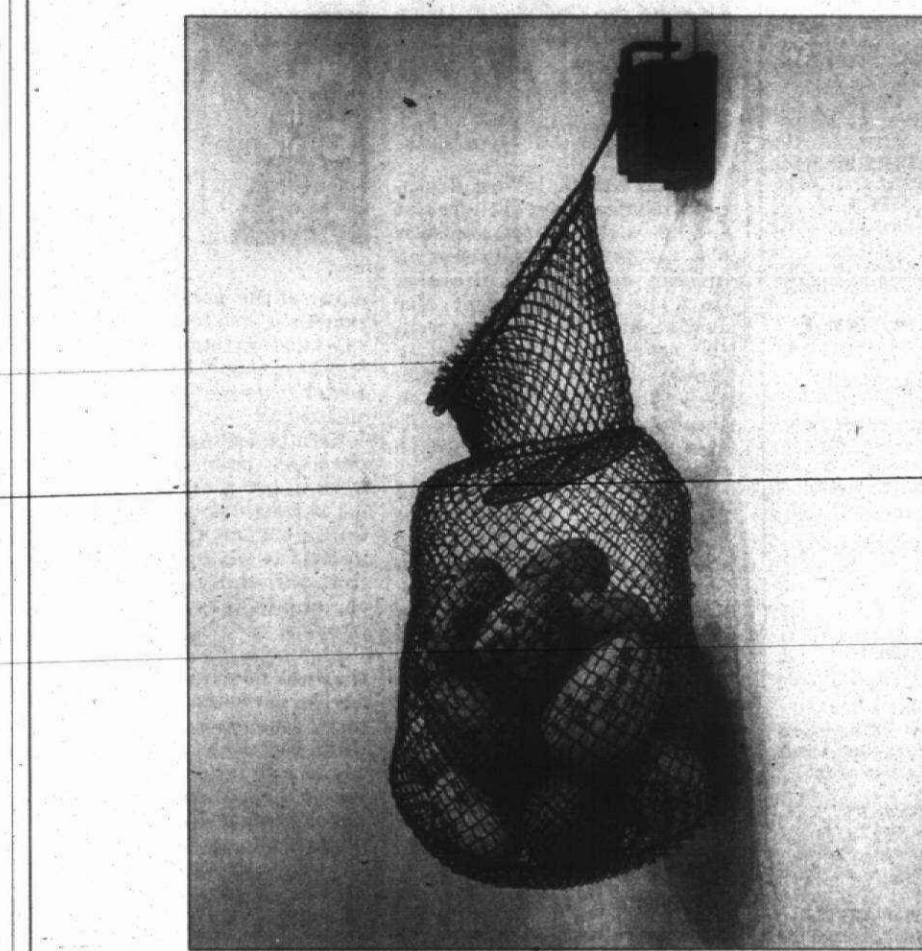
Worthy from page D1

Through Sept. 26 - 11th annual exhibit organized by the Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

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Worthy Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

MAKING CONTACT: Please submit items for publication two weeks in advance to Frank Provenzano, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or fax (248) 644-1314.



Musical eggs: "Lullaby" by Carole Zak of Rochester is the first-place winner of the annual Celebrate Michigan Artists Competition sponsored by the Paint Creek Center for the Arts.

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SAX & VIOLINS advertisement featuring a saxophone and a violin.

Dave Koz Off the Beaten Path and Andre Rieu From Holland With Love advertisements.

HEALTHY WEALTHY WISE advertisement for Dr. Andrew Weil.

WXYT's Fall Home Improvement Expo advertisement for Saturday, September 13 and Sunday, September 14.

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BOOKS

'Meeting the Challenge' provides positive help

Meeting the Challenge: Living With Chronic Illness
By Audrey Kron
(Self published, \$16)

By HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Audrey Kron is a West Bloomfield medical psychotherapist and licensed marriage counselor who has had Crohn's disease, an inflammatory bowel disease, since she was a teenager. Her own problems in dealing with this chronic illness led her to pursue a degree in psychotherapy with a special emphasis on helping those with chronic illness cope and lead productive and satisfying lives.

In 1992, she self-published "Ask Audrey," a collection of question and answer columns she wrote for the Michigan Chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America newsletter. That book centered on IBD and its special problems. Her newest book, "Meeting the Challenge," (now in its second printing) addresses chronic illness in general.

Kron presents her advice with a combination of her personal experience and professional acumen. Her advice is not radical but common sense, practical and sympathetic.

Her style is down to earth, easy to follow and avoids the simplistic pieties of most "positive" medical books. Her book is also well designed and easy to navigate with sections clearly marked so that a person can go directly to questions of most interest to them.

Kron answers such essential questions as how to choose a doctor, what to do to prepare for frequent hospital visits and how to deal with hospital bed tape, how to handle potentially embarrassing aspects of your illness, how to travel with an illness, how to deal with sexual and personal relationships.

It is Kron's warm tone and confident approach that make her books valuable for anyone in this position.



Kron's books are available by mail by writing her, Audrey Kron, M.A., Center for Coping with Chronic Illness, 7466 Pebble Lane, West Bloomfield, MI 48392-3521, calling (248) 626-6980, fax at (248) 626-1378. Her website is <http://www.chronicillness.com>

'Suspicious River' shows writer with poet's touch

Suspicious River
Laura Kasische
(Mariner Books, \$12, 271 pp.)

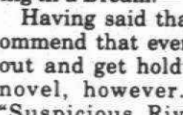
This is a highly intriguing story, written by a young Michigan author who definitely possesses a way with words. Not surprisingly, she has already published two collections of well-received poetry, "Wild Brides" and "Housekeeping in a Dream."

Having said that, I won't recommend that every reader rush out and get hold of this debut novel, however. Sometimes, "Suspicious River" makes a Joyce Carol Oates novel seem light and airy by comparison. If rough and bleak and dreary bothers you much, "Suspicious River" is probably a novel you'll want to avoid.

On the other hand, if poetry and indelible characterization gleamed, this book would glow in the dark.

A promiscuous young woman named Leila works as the front desk girl at a musty little place called the Swan Motel, located on the banks of the Suspicious River "in the western ridge of the Michigan mitten." This plain-but-respectable sanctuary is aptly named: Each year, "swans ... congregated on the motel lawn like a tea party of rich women and movie stars."

Early on in the story, we perceive that something about Leila



or about her life has gone terribly wrong. We don't really know what it is, only that it has made this pretty, red-haired woman into a kind of broken "object," with a spirit as fragile as dust. To say that she is looking for something that will make her feel alive it putting it mildly. To say that she is vulnerable the day a nightmare named Gary Jensen signs in as a guest at the Swan is vast understatement.

Soon, the leathery, cowboyish Gary appears to become sexually fixated on Leila, and even declares his "love." She seems obsessed, too, and her job falls by the wayside, along with her ineffectual husband, and just about everything else in her miserable life. Everything that is, except the crucial childhood event that has made her the ghostly, hollow shell she is, oddly removed even from her own physical reality.

Arresting as Kasische's use of the language and turns of phrase may be, the individual portraits she draws on these pages of desolate souls in a desolate milieu (Michigan has never felt so desolate) clearly reveal that this is a poet who knows a great deal about writing fiction.

Even relatively minor characters leave indelible impressions, their vivid reality established quickly in just a few short words. Leila's fellow hotel clerk is "wicky as fatigue itself" — a scarf of air and smoke, frayed. Emma's young husband, subsisting on carrots and bits of apple, has grown so thin, he's become "like — nothing." A shiftless young minister's breath smells "musty and yellow."

Just as fleshed out as its

BOOK HAPPENINGS

- Book Happenings features various happenings at suburban bookstores. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.**
- BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM)**
Make Grandparents Day Cards, 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7; Esther Cooper, a longtime associate of the Detroit Institute of Arts will discuss the DIA's current: "Splendors of Egypt" exhibit 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11; Animals and Their Joy, presented by Independent Oak Nature Center 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 at the store, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham, (810) 644-1515.
- BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS)**
Karen Elizabeth Bush signs her children's book "The Cornerstone," 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15 at the store, 1122 South Rochester Road, at Winchester Mall, 248-650-1719.
- BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK-SELLERS (WEST BLOOMFIELD)**
Story time features "Where the Wild Things Are," 10 a.m.
- Lighthouses and Lighthouse Keepers** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9; Mitch Albom signs his new book "Tuesdays with Morrie," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the store, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (810) 626-6804.
- SHAMAN DRUM**
Rudolf Arnheim, dean of film criticism and professor emeritus at the University of Michigan, reads from his collection "Film Essays and Criticism," 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11; Ira Königberg, professor of film and English at UM signs the new edition of his book "The Complete Film Dictionary" 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18; Michael Moore hosts a showing of his new film "The Big One" about his book tour for "Downsize This," 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 hosted by Shaman Drum at the Michigan Theatre on Liberty in Ann Arbor, other events at the store, 313 South State Street, Ann Arbor, (313) 662-7407 or (800) 490-7023.
- WALDENBOOKS**
Stephanie Mellen will sign and discuss her book "The Golden," 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 at the store at Summit Place Mall, Waterford.

The Observer/SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1997

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send news leads to Linda Ann Chovin, Arts & Leisure reporter, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

MICHIGAN SILK PAINTERS
If you're interested in silk painting, a new support group has formed. Newcomers can attend the Sept. 10 meeting of the Michigan Silk Painters Guild for a fee of \$5.

Members will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, 15401 Farmington Road, north of Five Mile. The highlight of the session is the viewing and discussion of Janet Pray's video, "Bleach or Dye."

For more information, call Celia Block at (248) 477-2766.

THE ART OF EMBELLISHMENT
"Clothing Embellishment & All That's Beautiful," a creative seminar sponsored by the Southfield Centre for the Arts, is scheduled 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Participants will have the opportunity to attend any of 20 separate hands-on workshops covering a variety of important skills connected with embellishing. Embellishing can not only enhance clothing but any other item from home accessories to gift items.

Among the presenters is Dian Bernard of Plymouth; Barbara Altwerger, Farmington Hills; Carolyn Hall, Bloomfield Hills; Rosemary Gratch, Birmingham; Irene Szekely, Southfield, and Leslie Masters, Ypsilanti. Keynote speaker will be Shay Pendray, an award winning needle artist and hostess of the series "The Embroidery Studio," showing on PBS.

Cost for seminar is \$65 per person. Call (248) 424-9022.

The Southfield Centre for the Arts is at 24350 Southfield between 9 1/2 and 10 Mile Roads.

VICTORIAN FESTIVAL
Jennifer Riopelle of Plymouth will bring her contemporary Ukrainian Pysanky (decorated Easter Eggs), and hand painted furniture, boxes and candlesticks to the Victorian Festival in Northville Sept. 13-14.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Riopelle's father, Jim of Northville, will also exhibit at

MOVIES

'Company' takes grim view of men

By JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

By now you've heard the premise: two Midwestern junior executives plot to woo a desirable woman and then summarily dump her.

The underlying question surrounding "In the Company of Men," isn't necessarily, "how could they do such a thing?" It's more along the lines of, "are you really that surprised?"

Men have been behaving badly in the movies since the silents. What makes Neil LaBute's independent feature different is the ferocity with which main character Chad (Aaron Eckhart) approaches not just women, but life in general.

A corporate player, Chad despises most of the guys he works with and says so behind their backs. Yet he seems to genuinely like Howard (Matt Malloy), his bespectacled former classmate and boss on a current project, at least enough to take him in his plan.

Why are they doing it? Chad has just gotten out of a relationship with a live-in girlfriend. Howard's fiancée gave him the kiss off when she said they should see other people. Humiliating Christine (Stacy Edwards), who is not only attractive but



Malloy isn't always strong enough to carry their lengthy exchanges, which take place with few cuts in the sterile offices, bathrooms, and airport waiting areas that define corporate America.

Writer/director LaBute's clever dialogue, meanwhile, is perhaps too clever. (Do guys like Chad really make allusions to "The Magnificent Ambersons"?)

Edwards fares better as Christine, especially when she feels guilty for falling for one of the men. Her genteel letdown of the other is so touching because it contains the sole tender human gesture in a movie that is cynical to the core.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

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Autumn 1997
-EILEEN MORLINO-

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association is now accepting students for the Autumn 1997 session.

Adults, Youth and Teens are welcome.

Please visit us at 1516 South Cranbrook Rd. in Birmingham and pick up your copy of the Class Schedule.

Call (248) 644-0866 for more information.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Joint meeting: Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

All Hearings will be held in: Commission Hearing Room, 402 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226. (313) 224-0800.

SUNDAY, SONGS & SYMPHONY

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will perform at its annual benefit 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 at Laurel Park Place at Six Mile and Newburgh Road in Livonia.

"Sunday, Songs & Symphony" will feature guest performer Stephen King of Livonia who will join the orchestra for a program of light, classical and popular tunes.

Guests will have the opportunity to taste samples from 30 area restaurants, bakeries, caterers, and markets. There will also be a silent auction.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. For information or tickets, call the LSO's 24-hour phone line at (313) 421-1111 or Lee Alanakas at (313) 464-2741.

PANTY POTPOURRI
The Village Painters will hold their second annual Panty Potpourri Art Show and Craft Sale Sept. 12-13 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Admission is \$1. For more information, call (313) 425-8713.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On August 15, 1997, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission for consent to the assignment of license of WCAR (AM), Livonia, Michigan, from WCAR-AM, Inc. to Global Broadcasting Company, Inc.

The officers, directors and shareholders of WCAR-AM, Inc. are: Christopher T. Dahlin, chairman, president, CEO and shareholder; Richard W. Perkins, director and shareholder; Rodney P. Burrows, director and shareholder; Mark A. Cohen, director and shareholder; Russell Cowles, II, director-elect and shareholder; James G. Gilbertson, CEO and CFO; Lanes W. Riley, secretary and general counsel; Gary W. Landis, executive vice president of programming; Melvin E. Paradis, executive vice president of operations; Barbara A. McMahon, executive vice president of affiliate relations; Rick E. Smith, executive vice president of national sales; Denny J. Manrique, executive vice president of product development.

The officers, directors and shareholders of Global Broadcasting Company, Inc. are: Gregory D. Deieso, director, CEO and shareholder; Gregg Baldinger, director and president.

Copies of the application, any amendments, and related materials are on file and available for inspection by members of the public during regular business hours at WCAR (FM), whose business address is 32500 Parklane Street, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

Filed: Aug. 20 & 21, 1997, Sept. 4 & 7, 1997

Experience IT ALL!

1997-98 DSO Season Highlights

OPENING WEEKEND
September 11-13
Jennifer Semkow, conductor, Helen Huang, piano

CLASSICAL CONCERTS
September 19-21
Neceme Jarvi, conductor, Murray Perahia, piano

October 9-12
Neceme Jarvi, conductor, Cristina Ortiz, piano

November 6-8
Neceme Jarvi, conductor, Isaac Stern, violin

November 20-21
James Galway, conductor & soloist

December 4-6
Jaime Laredo, conductor & soloist

POPS CONCERTS
November 16-19
Dave Brubeck

November 11-16
Rosemary Clooney

American JAZZ CONCERTS
October 23
Cleo Laine & John Dankworth

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To order tickets or to request a catalog of events call **313-833-3700**

Season tickets are still available for as little as \$74 call 248-569-5555 for details!

DETROIT SYMPHONY Orchestra
HALL
20% OFF

This coupon is good for 20% off the single ticket price of two tickets any concert listed in this advertisement. Coupon must be redeemed in person or by mail at the 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202. ©8

Wayne County Commission
600 Randolph, Detroit

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services will hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Wayne County Informational Sign Ordinance to require informational signs along roadways owned or maintained by Wayne County to advise the public of the name of the County Department or Contractor which maintains the paving or grass cutting along that section of roadway at its meeting to be held **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1997, 2:00 p.m.**

Wayne County Building, Room 402
600 Randolph, Detroit

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TRAVEL

Travelers discover autumn in colorful Michigan

Autumn in Michigan is a special season that has become for many the most popular time to travel.

After all the air is fresh and crisp, the trees are ablaze in color, the highways and fairways are a little less crowded. From the middle of September to the end of October, Michigan puts on a spectacular show.

AAA Michigan says that the mid-September to late-October color period accounts for about 30 percent of the state's annual \$8.5 billion tourism industry revenue. That ranks second to summer's 38 percent. Michigan residents traditionally make up the majority of fall color trippers.

AAA answers some fall questions:

What is the best time to view Michigan's fall color?

The color show peaks in stages, beginning at the top of

the state, where cooler temperatures arrive first; subsequently moving downward. Peak color is generally found in the Upper Peninsula between mid-September and early October; in the Northern Lower Peninsula between late September and mid-October; in mid-Michigan from early to mid-October and in southern Lower Michigan from mid-to-late October.

What makes the leaves change color?

Weather conditions in early September largely determine the success of the fall color display. If there are bright sunny days and cool nights, a good show can be expected. Daylight length is also significant. Shorter days cause leaves to stop producing chlorophyll and lose their green color. Also, rain helps growing conditions. An adequate amount of summer rainfall means tree

leaves will be bigger and healthier when they turn to autumn shades. Although rain is desirable, continuous cloudy weather is not since that would stop the sugar production that creates the brilliant red leaves.

How many species of trees are there and what colors do they turn?

In Michigan's 18 million acres of forests, there are close to 150 different species of trees. Michigan's autumn foliage boasts a mixture of red, yellow, gold and orange hues. Some of the prettiest trees for color viewing are aspen, oak, maple, birch and sumac.

AAA Michigan also offers some favorite fall color locations. Here is a sampling:

■ **Lake of the Clouds Scenic Overlook in the Upper Peninsula.** This escarpment high above the lake at the western terminus of SR 107 offers an excellent view of the surrounding Porcupine Mountains in the western UP.

■ **Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.** Southwest of Glen Arbor, the seven-mile Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive provides access to the high dunes and views from the Lake Michigan bluffs.

■ **Pere Jacques Marquette Monument.** Looming over Ludington, this huge illuminated cross overlooks the harbor and marks the spot where Pere Jacques Marquette is thought to have died in 1675.

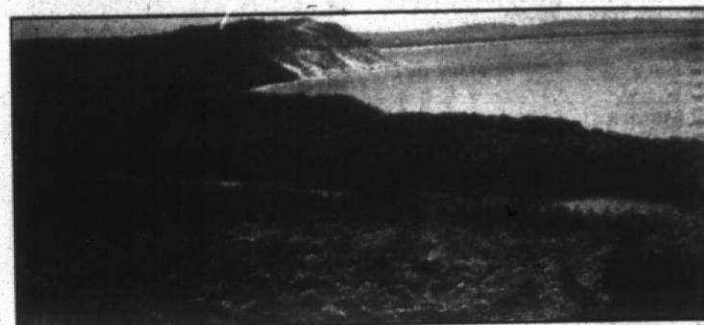
■ **Lumberman's Monument.** About 20 minutes west of downtown Oscoda on River Road, Lumberman's Monument is an elevating experience, overlooking the Au Sable River near the eastern shore of the Lower Peninsula.

Many north Michigan golf resorts offer special fall packages at reduced rates. Thunder Bay

Golf Resort in Hillman on the state's eastern side is offering a "Romantic Fall Getaway for Golfers." The package includes elk viewing, hayrides, a gourmet dinner and unlimited golf. A 2-day, 2-night package includes two breakfasts and a choice of accommodations. Prices range from \$144 to \$215 per person, quad occupancy or \$174 to \$239 per person, double occupancy. During the first two weeks of October, golf and cart are optional at a reduced rate of \$22 for 18 holes including cart. Thereafter in October, golf is free with the package. For information, call 1-800-729-9375.

On the western side of the state, The Grand Traverse Resort is offering several fall golf packages, the Niblick, the Mashie and Bed, Breakfast & The Bear. The Niblick, the resort's most popular golf vacation package, includes two nights deluxe accommodations, 36 holes of golf with cart of Spruce Run, choice of breakfast or lunch on two days, a half-hour golf lesson, golf amenity, unlimited range balls and more. The Niblick is priced at \$285 per person, double occupancy.

The Mashie includes the same amenities as the Niblick with 72 holes of golf on either the Spruce Run or the Bear and two dinners instead of breakfast of lunch.



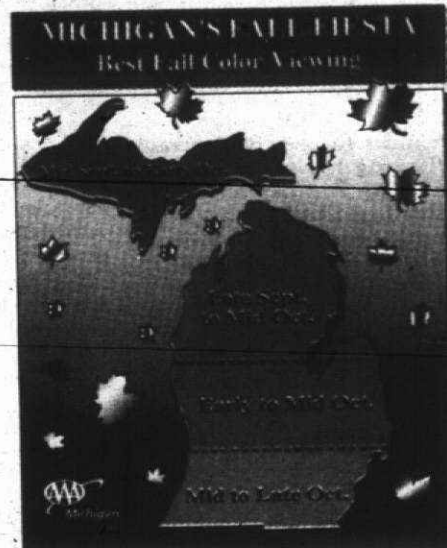
ROBERT BRODRICK

Sleeping Bear: Fall color splashes the trees gold, red and copper on Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula near Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore.

The Mashie starts at \$430 per person, double occupancy.

Bed, Breakfast & the Bear offers two nights accommodations, breakfast two days and 18 holes of golf on the Bear. Rates start at \$179 per person, double occupancy. For information, call 1-800-748-0303.

Autumn is also a time for fairs and festivals, cider mills, football games and bicycle tours. Autumn in Michigan is a special time.



Elk viewing: The Thunder Bay Resort offers hayrides through autumn-colored forests to view elks. Autumn is the mating season for elk and viewers sometimes catch views of head-butting bucks competing for a cow.

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The University of Michigan's women's soccer team is still a young bunch, but the Wolverines are proving they shouldn't be taken lightly.

U-M opened its season last weekend at the Kentucky Invitational against Missouri and the 24th-ranked host Wildcats, and came away with victories in both matches.

Last Friday against Missouri, the Wolverines dominated in a 5-1 triumph. Among the goal-scorers was sophomore Mari Hoff, a midfielder from Plymouth Salem. Hoff also collected an assist during the tournament, giving her three points in U-M's first two games.

The Wolverines upset host Kentucky 2-0 in the final Sunday. Amber Berendowsky and Jessica Limauro lead U-M with two goals apiece.

Academic standout

Jill Mellis, a junior at Oakland University from Plymouth Canton, has been named to the Academic All-American team for the 1997 winter semester by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America.

Mellis posted a 3.55 grade-point average with a major in engineering chemistry, which tied teammate Heather Bockman for 22nd best among all NCAA Division II women swimmers.

Their efforts enabled OU to claim Academic All-American team award for the '97 winter semester. All active members of the team must have at least a 2.80 grade point for the team to qualify; the Pioneers met that requirement, posting a 3.065 GPA as a team.

Mellis and Bockman were two of five Pioneers to earn individual All-American accolades.

Punt, Pass, Kick

It's that time again — the annual Punt, Pass and Kick Football Contest is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at Griffin Community Park.

There are no residency requirements, and there is no fee to enter.

The competition, sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation, will be in four age divisions for both boys and girls: 8-9 year-olds, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15. The top finisher in each age division advances to the next level of competition; the top two in each division receive awards.

No cleats are allowed; only gym shoes. A copy of the competitor's birth certificate is required.

For more information, call (313) 397-5110.

PCJBA registration

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association will have registration for its third-through-eighth grade boys and girls teams Sept. 4 and Sept. 9, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at East Middle School.

All students within the Plymouth-Canton School District are eligible.

Rules include tryouts, to equalize teams, and a guarantee that all players will play in part of every game with no player playing in all of it. The season will consist of 10 games plus the tournament, with players keeping their jerseys.

Any parents interested in coaching, and any high school students interested in being referees, should register at the same time.

Registration dates for PCJBA teams in ninth-through-12th grades will be announced later.

Soccerdome starting

The Canton Soccerdome begins registration for its fall indoor soccer season Sept. 15.

Session No. 1, starting Nov. 1, is a nine-game season. Registration fee is \$895 per team plus the cost of referees. Session No. 2 begins Jan. 3, 1998, and is an eight-game season; cost is \$650 plus referees, per team.

Session No. 3 will get underway in March and feature eight games; cost is \$650 plus referees.

Leagues are offered for males and females, from six-years-old to over-30. Team practice time is also available.

For more information, call (313) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3. The Canton Soccerdome is located on Michigan, west of I-275.

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Salem bumbles away victory hopes

The first thing one learns about a season's first game — it's full of surprises. The kind of surprises that greeted Plymouth Salem, however, were not pleasant ones. The Rocks have much to improve upon.

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Last year, Plymouth Salem opened its season with a 20-7 victory at Belleville which many considered a shocker.

The Rocks went on to finish 6-3 and miss the Class AA playoffs by mere percentage points. And for the Tigers, the loss was the beginning of an uncharacteristic 4-5 season.

Turnabout was fair play Friday.

Salem couldn't overcome its mistakes and handed visiting Belleville a 20-7 non-league victory in the season-opener for both squads.

Belleville now holds a 3-2 advantage in the series between the two schools.

Salem lost the ball on fumbles three times — one resulting in a 55-yard return for a touchdown — and turned the ball over three other times on an interception and two failed fourth-down attempts.

"You can't put the ball on the ground

as many times as we did and expect to win," Salem coach Tom Moshimer said. "We had a number of players who were playing their first varsity game ever tonight. There were mistakes made that are, typically made by younger players."

The first mistake of the game might have been the most costly for the Rocks. With Salem driving, Belleville's Cullen Jenkins scooped up the first Rock fumble and returned it 55 yards for the game's first score. Ryan Szyndlar's extra point made it 7-0 just 6:12 into the game.

"Turnovers proved to be the difference," Belleville coach Bob LaPointe said. "The first fumble return let us get the lead early. That meant we didn't

have to get fancy and allowed us to control the ball."

On Salem's very next play from scrimmage, Tony Bernhardt fumbled a hand-off attempt and Belleville's Steve Wolf pounced on the loose ball.

It was Bernhardt's first game as the Salem quarterback and the nerves may have been there early. However, the 6-foot-3 senior recovered to play a strong game. He completed six-of-13 passes for 94 yards and gained 67 yards on 11 carries.

The Tigers failed to take advantage of Bernhardt's fumble as senior Jeff McKian intercepted a C.J. Grantham pass in the end zone.

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Canton advances with win

East vs. West.

The two teams may come from high schools located at opposite sides of the state, but there are similarities between them.

Both St. Joseph's and Plymouth Canton's girls basketball teams are noted for their disciplined coaching, their patterned style of play — and their success.

So getting a win against the Bears is never an easy task. But in the first round of the Mercy Hoops Classic Thursday at Farmington Hills Mercy, Canton came on strong in the second half to beat St. Joseph's 47-38.

The win put the Chiefs into Saturday's championship game opposite Ann Arbor Pioneer, which defeated host Mercy 58-46 (results of the final will be in Thursday's Observer).

"They have a solid team," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "And we played a solid game."

"We had great intensity throughout the game."

The win didn't come easily for the Chiefs. They trailed 20-18 at the half after Nkechi Okwumabua and Melissa Marzolf got into foul trouble in the second quarter.

But Canton rallied with a strong second half, outscoring the Bears 15-8 in the third quarter and 14-10 in the fourth.

The difference for the Chiefs: free-throw shooting. They connected on 12-of-15 from the line (80 percent), including 8-of-9 in the fourth period. Kristen Mayer, Marzolf and Okwumabua each scored four points in the last quarter, Mayer hitting four-straight from the line.

"The size of our team, we have to get to the free throw line," said Blohm. "They're real hard to play against. They play a real tight 2-3 zone defense. It's always a challenge to play against them."

Okwumabua's 19 points paced Canton. Marzolf contributed 10 points and a team-high five rebounds.

Lilly Massa's 12 points was best for St. Joseph's. Jamie Stoffer added 10.

The win evened Canton's record at 1-1.

Unbeaten Ann Arbor Pioneer (3-0) handed host Farmington Hills Mercy a first-round defeat in the annual Mercy Hoops Classic Thursday.

The Pioneers jumped in front in the first quarter, 17-9, and led 32-16 at halftime.

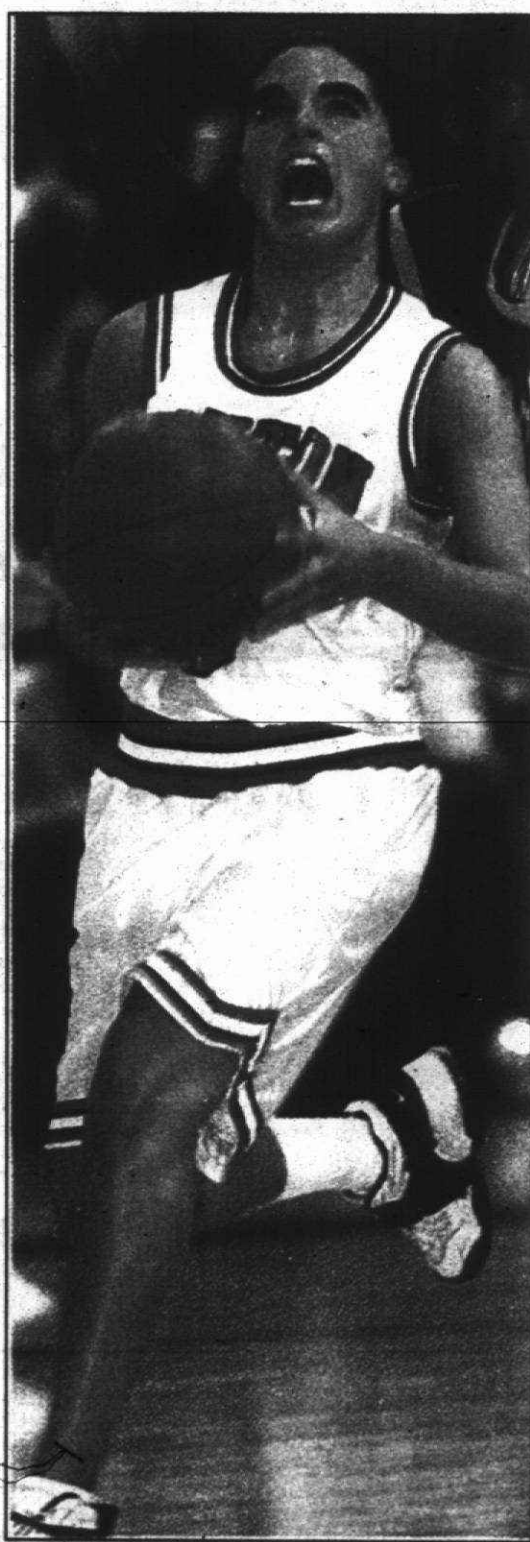
The Marlins were able to close the gap to 42-29 after three quarters and got as close as eight at one point.

Junior Jessie Brennan scored a game-high 20 points for Mercy (1-1), and Julie Epton paced the Pioneers with 17 points.

"Pioneer has an outstanding team," Mercy coach Dave Collins said. "We outplayed them in the second half, but we have to play well early in the game."

"They doubled us on the boards. If there was one thing that hurt us, it was the fact they had a lot of second shots."

PCA 56, Aca. of Detroit 38: A strong first quarter, led by the junior-tandem of Jenny Sutherland and Liz Pugno, pushed Plymouth Christian Academy to its third victory in four games Friday at the Academy of Detroit.



Hitting the target: Canton's Melissa Marzolf scored 10 points and grabbed a team-high five rebounds against St. Joseph's.

The Eagles built a 15-6 lead after one quarter and increased it to 27-16 by halftime. Academy of Detroit (0-2) never seriously threatened after that.

Sutherland, a junior center, accumulated 18 points and 11 rebounds; Pugno, a junior forward, had 10 points and seven boards.

Churchill 45, RU 34: Kersten Conklin scored nine of her 13 points in the fourth quarter Thursday to lead host Livonia Churchill over Redford Union in non-league girls basketball encounter.

The Chargers, now 1-1 on the season, took a 18-point lead after one quarter. But Redford Union chipped away in the second and third frames to cut the margin to six at the start of the fourth.

An aggressive Livonia defense, led by Conklin, a junior guard, took the lead back out to double digits two minutes into the fourth.

"Our kids started playing harder defensively," coach Dave Balog said. "We pressed, got some steals and easy baskets."

Conklin made several steals early in the fourth and scored helping the Chargers take control. Guard Terri Owens helped out defensively by holding Redford Union standout Cassie Mathoney to six points.

Stacey Supanich led Churchill with 16 points and added eight rebounds.

Laura Hillson led Redford Union with 13 points.

Trenton 42, Franklin 32: A one-point deficit turned into seven after three quarters Thursday night for host Livonia Franklin, and the Patriots never recovered.

According to Franklin coach Gary Warner, solid Trenton defense led to his team's downfall.

"They have good team defense," he said of the Trojans. "We couldn't get the shots we wanted."

Trenton led 33-26 after three quarters and were never challenged in the fourth. Dani Landolt and Jana Babyak each scored 14 points for the Trojans, which improved to 3-0 on the season.

Sophomore center Tera Morrill led Franklin with 11 points while senior guard Julie Warner added 10.

The Patriots are now 1-2 for the year.

Stevenson 42, Thurston 36: Playing at home Thursday night, Livonia Stevenson used a strong second half performance to edge Redford Thurston 42-36.

The Spartans trailed by one going into third quarter, but outscored Thurston by seven in the final two frames to improve to 3-1 for the year. Coach Wayne Henry said his team was proud of his team.

"To their credit," he said, "the kids were able to hang in there with all inexperience out there. It was neat the way they're able to make adjustments."

Katie King led Stevenson with 13 points and seven rebounds. Stephanie Dulz added 11 points, nine rebounds and seven steals while Lindsay Gusick had nine points and six steals.

Redford Thurston was led by Christie Koester with 10 points. Kelly Green added nine for Thurston, which fell to 1-3.

Rocks jolt WLAA rivals in quad meet, win 3

Change is a good thing — just ask Plymouth Salem's boys' cross country team.

The Rocks easily swept a Western Lakes Activities Association quad meet Thursday at Nankin Mills by whipping Livonia Stevenson, Northville and Livonia Franklin. It was Salem's first experience under the new league format.

"We went into the meet with a few question marks," Rocks' coach Geoff Baker said. "But the kids answered them real well."

The meet counted as three WLAA dual-meet wins for the Rocks, including one in the Lakes Division. Scored as dual meets, Salem beat all three league rivals by at least 18 points.

The win over Stevenson was by a 20-41 margin; the score against Franklin was 19-44; and the victory over Northville was by a 17-35 margin.

Ian Searcy finished second overall

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and led the Rocks with a time of 16 minutes, 41 seconds. Jon Little was fourth at 17:03, Nick Allen fifth in 17:43, Bobby Cushman seventh at 17:51 and Matt Anderson eighth at 17:55. Dave Rowe and Donnie Warner didn't figure in the scoring, but ran well with times of 18:22 and 18:32, respectively.

Rob Block of Livonia Stevenson was the overall winner and set a course record at Nankin Mills in 16:28.

The Spartans went 2-1 in their three duals, with Northville going 1-2 and Franklin 0-3.

The new format, with one quad meet scored as three duals instead of three separate dual meets, is intended to trim the number of races each runner competes in and allow them more time

to train.

Salem girls 2-1

When your first real race of the season is against the team expected to challenge for the state championship, looking for bright spots in an otherwise dismal picture is a necessity.

Dave Gerlach, coach of Plymouth Salem's girls cross country team, found a few last Thursday at Nankin Mills.

True, Livonia Stevenson — state runners-up the last two years, with everyone from those teams back again — dominated with six finishers in the top seven positions. The four-team race between Western Lakes Activities Association rivals was scored as dual meets between each; the Spartans beat Salem 18-44.

But the Rocks did win their other two meets, defeating Northville 22-33 and Livonia Franklin 15-50.

Overall, Salem's best finisher was

Evelyn Rahhal, a senior co-captain, who was third in 20:31. Next among the Rocks was senior co-captain Ellen Stemmer, who was eighth (20:58), followed by junior Erin Kelly, 12th (21:45); sophomore Rachael Moraitis, 13th (21:53); senior Erin Lange, 16th (22:05); and senior Jill Danek, 21st (22:48).

Salem runs North Farmington at 4 p.m. Thursday at Cass Benton.

Churchill stops Canton

Perhaps it might have hurt more if it had been a closer score, with just a few points separating the teams.

Plymouth Canton's girls cross country team saw its undisputed reign over the WLAA's Western Division come to a close in its first league quad meet of the season Thursday at Cass Benton.

Livonia Churchill ended the Chiefs'

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Madonna's returns winless Chiefs ripped

A game of inches? That's what Madonna University's men's soccer team has been playing thus far — and coming out on the short side.

Friday's 3-1 loss to University of Michigan's club team at Livonia Ladywood was gutting, but it was, after all, just a scrimmage.

The three losses prior to that, on the Fighting Crusaders' trip to the west coast, were more aggravating. Madonna lost each by a single goal, and each could have gone in the Crusaders' favor.

"We performed pretty well, but that was disappointing," said Madonna coach Pete Alexander of the three one-goal losses. "I knew the beginning of our schedule would be the hardest part. We just have to be ready for our league games."

Those starts quickly. Madonna hosts Tri-State University in its first-ever Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Ladywood. The Crusaders

match against Point Loma Nazarene, another 2-1 Madonna loss. Then in the UC-SD match, keeper Dave Hart (Livonia Churchill) was given a red card, which means he will miss the opener against Tri-State.

The Crusaders' defense didn't much change with the change of their location. In the scrimmage against U-M Friday at Ladywood, things went away from the start.

U-M had a 3-0 lead in the first half before Madonna could turn things around. Scott Emert netted a goal for the Crusaders (assisted by Brock Becker) to trim the deficit to 3-1 by halftime, but they also banged a penalty kick off the goal post while the Wolverines cashed one in.

Madonna outshot U-M in the second half, unleashing 18 shots. "We just couldn't finish them," noted Alexander. "We just absolutely dominated them."

As noted, the U-M scrimmage didn't count; Wednesday's game against Tri-State will, and Hart won't be able to play.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Harrison at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Lathrup at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
Tuesdays, Sept. 8
Redford CC at DeLaSalle, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Taylor Bxpt., 4:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian vs. Oak, Christian at Haggerty Field (Hines), 4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, Sept. 9
Flint Valley at St. Agatha, 5 p.m.
Luth. W. at St. Agatha, 5:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Fairlane, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.
Mary at Flint Western, 7 p.m.
A.A. Pioneer at Borgess, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.
Canton at Flint Powers, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Millford, 7 p.m.
Garding City at Tay. Kennedy, 7 p.m.
Fridays, Sept. 12
Agee at Ypsi Calvary, 5:15 p.m.
Immac. Concept, at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
Sundays, Sept. 14
Glc. Carlton at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Glc. Carlton at Fordon, 4 p.m.

FOOTBALL

There wasn't much Plymouth Canton football coach Bob Kheoelne could say — except maybe the trip all the way down to Monroe for Friday's season opener allowed a lot of time for reflection.

The Chiefs are going to need it, and perhaps quite a bit more.

The Trojans got out of the gate fast against Canton and never really let up, rolling to a 41-7 victory.

It was 21-0 at halftime and 41-0 in the fourth quarter before the Chiefs got on the scoreboard, with Emmanuel Etim winding his way into the end zone on a 10-yard touchdown run.

"They're very physical, very big," said Kheoelne in describing Monroe. "And they're stronger than we are."

"They controlled the line of scrimmage, and there wasn't

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 12
Garden City at Edsel Ford, 3:30 p.m.
Fordon vs. Wayne, 7 p.m.
Woodhaven at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13
Crestwood at Thurston, noon.
W.L. Central at Harrison, 1 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. Norm., 1 p.m.
Liggett at Luth. Westland, 2 p.m.
Borgess at A. Adams-Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Pickard, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, Sept. 8
Greater Life at Agee, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 9
St. Agatha at Taylor Bxpt., 6 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. East, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Liggett, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 12
Salem at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Novi, 7 p.m.

PREP ROUNDUP

Salem steaming
With Brett Konley on the offense, what more does a team need?
Konley poured in three goals and assisted on another to lead Plymouth Salem to a 6-0 trouncing of Walled Lake Central in a Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division game Wednesday at Salem.

The Rocks, who improved to 4-0, dominated throughout. Indeed, the score should have been even more lopsided, according to Salem coach Ed McCarthy: "Our goal total should have been twice that, at least. Their keeper (Doug Campbell) was absolutely terrific."

Leo Masterson, Richey Sinha and Giuseppe Ianni also scored goals for the Rocks. Jeremy Finlay and Jean Peltier shared goal-keeping duties.

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Rocks tip Western
Plymouth Salem evened its WLAAs dual match golf record with a 222-235 triumph over Walled Lake Western Wednesday.

Western's Kris King earned medalist honors, firing a 38. But Salem's balance was the difference — Adam Wilson, Ryan Nimmerguth and Erik Krueger each carded 43s, and Mark Doughty was next with a 44. The Rocks' final scorer was Mark Runchey with a 49.

Salem competes at the 20-team Maple Invitational Monday at Lenawee CC, hosted by Adrian HS.

MEETINGS
NRC
The state Natural Resource Commission will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 17-18, at the Lansing Center. Call (517) 373-2352 for more information.

CHURCHILL'S 28-GAME LOSING STREAK IS ENDED WITH A WIN AGAINST REDFORD UNION

Senior fullback David Derigotti rambled for 143 yards on 22 carries and scored on runs of 9 and 10 yards. Junior tailback Aaron Geddes scored on a 5-yard run and the other Churchill score came on a 47-yard pass from quarterback Dale Smith to Ryan Kearney.

The Churchill defense led by gutsy nose guard Nick DePerro, smothered the RU offense. Churchill outgained RU 277-166 in total offense.

"Those are the guys who did it," Filiatrault said, pointing to the players. "They've worked their butts off every day in practice. Our goal is to have fun and the challenge is to refocus on North Farmington and try to get to 2-0. We set about seven or eight goals each game and the fifth is to outwit the opponents. Tonight I think we did that."

RU quarterback Matt Rigley completed seven of 11 passes for 67 yards but was rushed into the fourth quarter. Rigley capped the streak, beating them 17-38. Canton won the other two ends of the dual meet, topping North Farmington 25-36 and Walled Lake Central 15-45, giving the Chiefs a 2-1 dual record.

X-country

Ashley Fillion led the Chargers, winning the meet in 20:16.

Two more sophomores followed

Salem

The Rocks put together a 10-play drive, but Belleville's Wolf ended that possession when he recovered a Charlie Schmidt fumble.

The Rocks dominated the third quarter but could only muster a 1-yard touchdown run by Teono Wilson. The run capped a 10-play, 71-yard drive, which was sparked by a 29-yard pass by Bernhard. Rob Zdrodowski's point after closed the gap to 14-7.

The Rocks received the break they needed when McKian recovered a Jenkins fumble at the Belleville 39. But Salem failed to capitalize and was forced to punt after Bernhard was sacked by Owen Meaton.

The Rocks quickly got the ball back, but turned the ball over on downs at the Belleville 41 when Schmidt was tackled behind the line by Greg Terrell on fourth-down and -2.

"We were down 14-7, were

SALEM

preparing his team and I give him a lot of credit," said RU coach Glenn Scala, whose varsity team was 1-8 last year. "I think the quarterback is good but the most dangerous guy is their fullback. We've got a lot of work to do. I told the young guys at half-time last year is 'Yesterday's news.' That was the opening day for a good coach. He got me this time but next year it'll be my time. I expect it to be."

Churchill opened the scoring with 6:09 left in the first quarter when Derigotti bulled into the end zone from the 9 the first play after John Pokrzywnicki recovered an RU fumble caused by Corey Cook. Kearney's extra point made it 7-0.

Derigotti capped a 62-yard, five-play drive with a 10-yard run to put the Chargers up 14-0 early in the second quarter. Tight end Brett Wells caught an 18-yard pass on the first play of the drive and the passing attack stung the Panthers again their next possession when Smith found Kearney all alone in the end zone for a 53-yard TD and a 20-0 lead.

"Smith played with a lot of poise and until they take it away, we'll keep running it," Filiatrault said.

Smith completed five of nine passes for 114 yards, including four to Wells for 65 yards. He credits the new coaching staff for the team's attitude change.

"We're not coming down in the dumps, not caring if we won or lost, to wanting to earn respect and work hard as a team," Smith said.

Rucinski: Erin O'Rourke was 11th (22:34) and Darcy Crain was 12th (22:37).

Canton hosts Farmington Harrison in a WLAAs dual meet at 4 p.m. Thursday at Cass Benton.

Driving and had a couple of chances to get right back in, but then we had some let downs," Moshimer said.

"The turning point was in the third quarter when they controlled the ball and only got the one touchdown and not much else happened," LaPointe said. "They had the ball for nine of the 12 minutes, but we survived."

The Tigers put the game away when Grantham broke loose for a 33-yard touchdown carry.

The Rocks had the explosive Grantham bottled up for most of the game before the long run. He finished with 52 yards on five rushes.

The Tigers gained all their offense on the ground, led by Jenkins who had 82 yards on 11 carries.

The win was important for the Tigers, who are considered to be a threat to win the Mega Conference's Red Division.

"Both teams are young and I figured the winner of this game would be an upspring board," LaPointe said. "We're young at key positions and have to get

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

CLASSES
HUNTER SAFETY
The Livonia Parks and Recreation Sportsman's Club will hold a two-day hunter's safety class on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12-13, at the Sheldon Sportsman Club. Cost is \$10, participants must attend both sessions and pre-registration is required. Call (313) 466-2410 for more information.

ARCHERY
SHOOT FOR YOUTH
Ted Nugent United Sportsman of America and the Timberwolf Tavern are hosting the Shoot for Youth 3D archery charity shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Capital Park in Redford. The shoot is being held in conjunction with the Redford Family Expo. Proceeds from the event will benefit Ted Nugent's Kamp for Kids and the D.A.R.E. America program. Call (313) 937-1218, (313) 538-1966 or (810) 231-3843 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 (810) 623-0444 for more information.

BROADHEAD SHOOT
Royal Oak Archers will hold a broadhead shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (810) 693-1369 for more information.

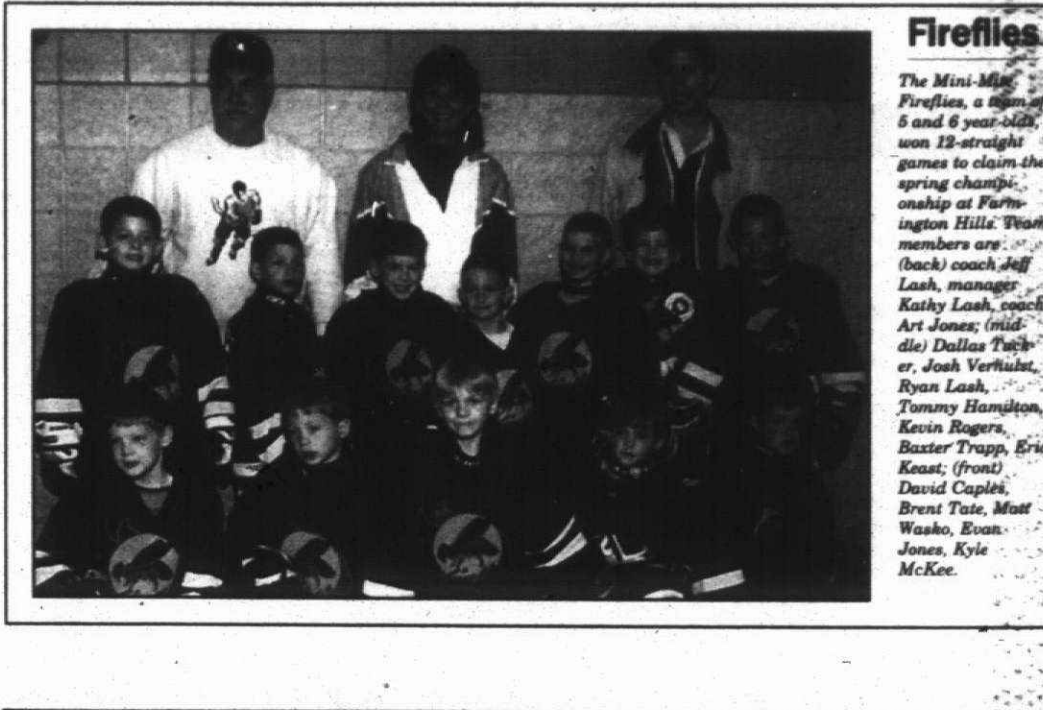
3D JAMBOREE
Detroit Archers will hold its annual 3D Jamboree beginning at 9 a.m. each day on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6-7, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

BOWHUNTER JAMBOREE
The Oakland County Sportsman Club will hold its annual Bowhunter jamboree beginning at 9 a.m. each day on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13-14, in Clarkston. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

INDOOR LEAGUES
Indoor leagues are forming at Red Oaks Archery in Metamora. Red Oaks features a Dart Tunnel, an indoor 3D range with a moving back, and a standard target range. Call (810) 628-1661 for more information.

TOURNAMENTS
OAKLAND BASS MASTERS
Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 60-boat open tournament on Sunday, Sept. 7, on Lake Orion and another on Sunday, Oct. 12, on Pontiac Lake. Call Roy Randolph at (810) 542-5254 for more information.

OPERATION BASS
The final Michigan Division events on the Operation Bass Tournament Trail is Sept. 7 on the Detroit River. The entry deadline was Aug. 27 but late entries will be accepted with a late fee. Call (502) 362-8110 for more information.



Fireflies
The Mini-Me Fireflies, a group of 6 and 8 year-olds, won 12 straight games to clinch the spring championship at Farmington Hills Youth members are: (back) coach Jeff Laah, manager Kathy Laah, (middle) Dallas Taylor, Josh Verhulst, Ryan Laah, Tommy Hamilton, Kevin Rogers, Buster Trapp, Eric Keast, (front) David Caplan, Brent Tate, Matt Wayne, Evan Jones, Kyle McKee.

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Vipers

The Canton Vipers under-13 boys soccer team swept their four opponents to capture the Northwest Ohio Soccer Festival in Maumee, Ohio. The Vipers outscored their foes 26-2 on the way to the title. Team members are: (front row) Ryan Lenahan, Steve Shall, Jason Lewis, Pat Zemanaki, Kevin Kreimes; (middle row) Jason Lenahan, Jeremy Schemanake, Joe Pomorski, Scott Foss; (back row) coach Mark Zemanaki, Mike McDonald, David Herman, Greg Musser, Anthony Tolomo, Ryan Busse, head coach Dave Foss. (Not pictured — Andy Boyer, Nick Brown).

Strikers

The Canton Strikers under-11 boys soccer team rumbled to a title at the Northwest Ohio Soccer Festival in Maumee, Ohio Aug. 15-17, outscoring their four opponents 16-0. Team members are: (front row) James Branahale, Jason Houdek, Michael Jones, Manny Palazzolo, Alex Duca, Cody Newcomb, Corey Bugajo; (middle row) Ryan Lenahan, Steve Thomas, Jeff Moroney, Steve Muchak, Gary Klump, Kyle Gismond, Chris Row, Chris French, Rusty Bruner; (back row) coaches Gaetano Vivenzio and Paul Palazzolo (Shivan Patel not pictured).

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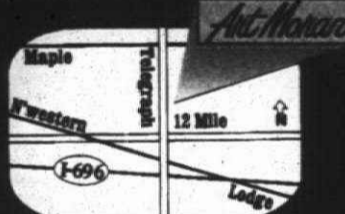
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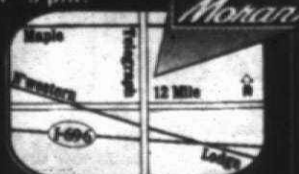
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