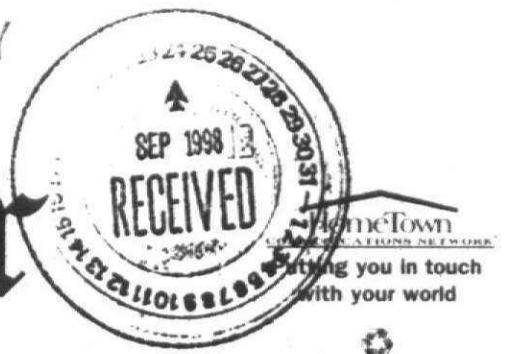


9-24-98

Father charged in sex assaults, A2

# Canton Observer

Serving the Canton Community for 24 years



Thursday  
September 24, 1998

VOLUME 24 NUMBER 22

CANTON, MICHIGAN • 76 PAGES • <http://observer-eccentric.com>

SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS

© 1998 HomeTown Communications Network, Inc.

IN THE PAPER  
**TODAY**

### AT HOME

**Take the plunge:** Get inspiration and motivation to beautify your bathroom at the Fall Remodeling Show this week-end. /D8

### ENTERTAINMENT

**Theater:** Chuck Forbes of Troy, who initially renovated and opened the Gem Theatre on New Year's Eve 1991, celebrates its reopening, and rescue from the wrecking ball. /E1

**Music:** The San Francisco Symphony brings a touring celebration of George Gershwin to the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium. /E1

### INDEX

■ Opinion	A12-13
■ Crossword	G2
■ Classified Index	F6
■ Autos	J3
■ Home & Service	J2
■ Jobs	G7
■ Rentals	G4
■ Community Life	B1
■ Sports	C1
■ Entertainment	E1

### HOW TO REACH US

Newsroom: 734-459-2700  
Newsroom Fax: 734-459-4224  
E-mail: [tschneider@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:tschneider@oe.homecomm.net)  
Nightline/Sports: 734-953-2104  
Reader Comment Line: 734-953-2042  
Classified Advertising: 734-591-0900  
Display Advertising: 734-591-2300  
Home Delivery: 734-591-0500

## Senate race attracts big money

■ State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, has raised more than \$316,000 – much of it from state Republican coffers – in a high-stakes campaign to retain his Eight District seat. Challenger Ken Warfield, D-Wayne, says money doesn't matter.

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

Loren Bennett is pulling out all the stops in his bid to retain his Eighth District Michigan Senate seat.

According to post-primary campaign finance reports, the Canton Republican has raised more than five times the money challenger Ken Warfield has.

The Democrat believes the race will come down to more than just dollars, however.

"I feel the people of this district won't be bought," said Warfield, who currently serves as Wayne's mayor. "This seat isn't up for the highest bidder."

As of the report filing deadline of Sept. 3, Bennett had received

\$316,221.99 from about 450 contributors. The state senator said it's a testament to the support his candidacy is receiving through out his 12-community district, which includes a portion of Canton and all of Westland.

"They've seen what I've done over the last four years," Bennett added. "It makes a big difference."

By comparison, Warfield has raised \$55,640.55 from about 120 contributors. He wasn't surprised by the gap between his campaign war chest and Bennett's. He noted that the Senate Republican Caucus has contributed more than half of Bennett's money.

"That's typical," Warfield said. "But the campaign is going well on our end. I expect to win this thing."

Voters will have their say on the Bennett-Warfield battle Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Besides the Senate Republican Caucus, Bennett has received contributions of at least \$1,000 from 72 sources. The biggest gifts come from political action committees.

The Detroit-based Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers PAC, for example, has contributed just under \$14,000

Please see SENATE RACE, A2

## TRIPLE PLAY



Seeing triple: Pictured (from left) are the Nayh family of Northville – 7 months – Gary holds Brittany, Fran holds Brianna and Beatrice; the Merlino family of Farmington Hills – 6 months – Ace holds Maxx, Lesley holds Morgan and Joey; the Kody family of Canton – 15 months – Jim holds Elizabeth, Carole holds Philip and John; the Gannon family of Livonia – 8 months – John holds Gregory, Susan holds Natalie and Madeline; and the Lindbloom family of Canton – 4 months – Brian holds Kyle, Lisa holds Abigail and Emily.

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

## Parents of triplets lean on each other

BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN  
STAFF WRITER

Three-of-a-kind adds up to a full house for several area families who have recently welcomed triplets into their households.

Canton residents Carole and Jim Kody hosted a party Sept. 12 for a group of new-found friends who all share the unusual responsibility of raising infant triplets.

The group of seven families, with triplets ranging in age from the 4-month-old Lindblooms to the 15-month-old Kodys, gathered to allow all the

fathers to get together with the moms and kids for the first time.

"We (the moms) all meet once a month for lunch," said Lisa Lindbloom. "And all of the dads have met one another, but this was an opportunity for all of them to get together with all of us for the first time."

Well, almost. Rene and Scott Baker didn't make it because their kids were a bit under the weather. Julie and Neil Fenzel decided to leave before the Lindblooms arrived because their 5 1/2-

Please see TRIPLETS, A9



Sleepy siblings: Abigail (from left), Emily and Kyle Lindbloom, 4 months, snooze during the party in their honor at the home of Jim and Carole Kody in Canton.

## Canton man shot in pizza store robbery

BY MATT JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Two men were charged with attempted murder Wednesday in the shooting Monday night of a pizza deliveryman on Livonia's west side.

Michael Burke, 35, of Canton Township, was shot through the abdomen at Dolly's Pizza on Newburgh. He underwent surgery at St. Mary Hospital Monday night and was in stable condition Wednesday.

The suspects, Winston Alexander Walton, 20, and Kemuel Omer Harrington, 18, were arrested after a brief chase and a massive search on the city's south side that went on for more than two hours, according to Livonia Police Department reports.

Walton, of Romulus, and Harrington, of Inkster, were arraigned Wednesday on charges of assault with attempt to commit murder and armed robbery. Walton is also charged with using a gun during a felony. They pleaded not guilty.

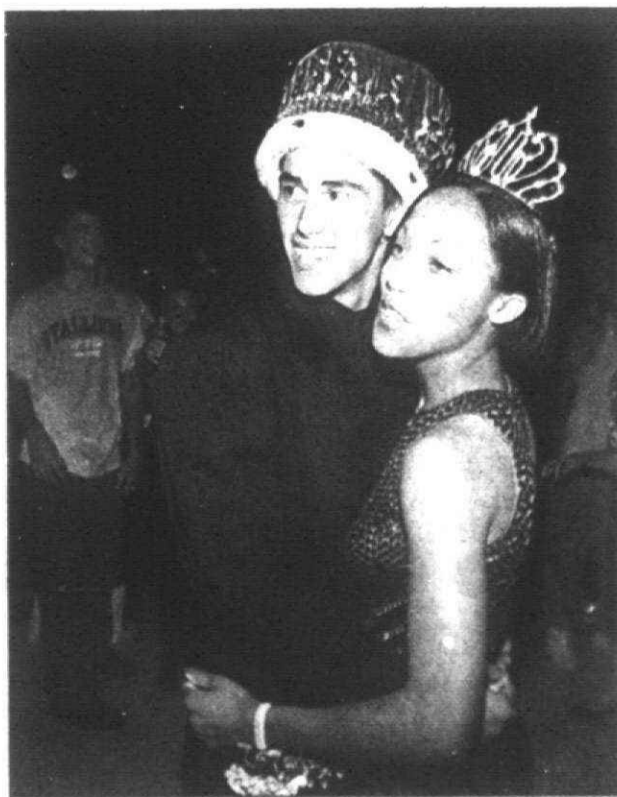
McCann set bond at \$400,000 cash for each man. They are due back in court Thursday, Oct. 1, for a preliminary hearing.

The holdup and shooting occurred about 9:30 p.m., police said. A 17-year-old Dolly's employee told police a man walked in, reached into his zippered sweat shirt, took

Please see SHOOTING, A2

## Homecoming for Salem

**Royal couple:** Homecoming King and Queen, Mike Spencer and Erika Healey dance to a slow one at the Salem High School Homecoming Dance Saturday. For more Homecoming photos, please turn to Page A6 in today's Observer.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

## Schools chief Little cuts Clinton testimony short

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Chuck Little pulled the plug Monday on the live broadcast of President Clinton's grand jury testimony about his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Related story, A4; editorial, A12

Students in many classrooms at Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools were watching the live broadcast on CNN for nearly two hours when the program was terminated.

"I had a call from a parent who knew their student was watching the testimony on TV at the high school, so I called the two principals and told them to end the broadcast," said Little. "We have a policy which deals with things that are explicit."

The school board policy states: "Controversial issues may not be initiated by a source outside the schools unless prior approval has been given by the appropriate building administrator."

The policy further states that "before

introducing a controversial issue, teachers should consider the chronological age and emotional maturity of the students, the appropriateness and timeliness of the issue as it relates to the course and the students, the extent to which they can successfully handle the issue from a personal standpoint and the amount of time needed and available to examine the issue fairly."

In referring to the live broadcast of the tapes on CNN, Little said "It strikes me as being unusual that something would be introduced into a lesson without previewing it."

However, Little did say that after previewing the tapes teachers would be free to show appropriate clips and weave them into the lesson plan.

"When you use any type of materials, you need to effectively tie them into the lesson," added Little.

Teachers who permitted their students to watch the testimony were disappointed the live broadcast was discontinued.

"I don't personally agree with the

Please see TESTIMONY, A4



6 53174 10009 2



# Men found dead; overdose suspected

## COP CALLS

Two men were found dead in a home at the Sherwood Mobile Home Park in the early morning hours of Tuesday. Canton police responded to 41275 Old Michigan Avenue at 3:15 a.m. after a call from a nearby resident. Police discovered two men, ages 58 and 37, dead in the home's rear bedroom. Both victims were badly decomposed and were taken to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office for autopsies. Canton Officer Leonard Schemanske said needles and syringes were found lying close by the victims. "We suspect a drug overdose," he added. Autopsy and toxicology reports will determine the cause of death within a few days, Schemanske said.

# Students divided over president

## 'We know he lied ... he should just resign.'

Sonya Kondor, Close Up student from Canton

The Tuesday morning water cooler talk across the country was the four-hour television broadcast of President Bill Clinton's testimony to a federal grand jury concerning his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. It was also the topic of discussion for the government classes at Plymouth Canton High School, including teacher Ben McMurray's second-hour Close Up class. Only a handful of hands went up when McMurray asked how many saw the entire four-hour broadcast. However, many more saw at least clips on the news, and all had opinions on the president and his affair. "We're all saying he was going to storm out of the room and get angry, but it didn't happen and it was a letdown," said Denise Dooley of Plymouth Township, one of the few students who watched all four hours. "He just danced around the subject and lied like he always does." Of the nearly 35 students in the combined class, nearly half raised their hands when McMurray asked if Clinton should resign or be impeached. "We know he lied ... he should just resign," said Sonya Kondor of Canton. "I don't know why they even showed it on TV. We just see the same things over and over. All they did was disrupt the afternoon shows." "We've known all along he lied and can't be trusted," added Jim Perkins of Plymouth. "He was looking out for himself, not the country," said Lindsey Clark of Canton. Mark Piletto of Canton said he trusted Clinton at first, but now feels otherwise. "When I first heard about his affair, I didn't think he would lie

about it," said Piletto. "But he did." Many in the class didn't like the way the president avoided answering questions. "He's trying to weasel his way out of it," said Steve Bernacki of Canton. "In our country's court system it doesn't matter if you are telling the truth, it matters how you word it so you don't get yourself in trouble," noted Kate Huff of Plymouth. McMurray then presented a lesson in law. "If you hired an attorney, he would tell you to only answer the questions that are asked," he told the class. "They would say, 'Don't volunteer any additional information.' The burden of proof rests with the prosecution. So, President Clinton is getting the same advice we'd all get if you were charged with a crime," added McMurray. "When you say he's splitting hairs when he testifies, he's saying 'I don't want to do the work for you.' He doesn't want to give additional information."

On Monday morning, students were watching the tape live on CNN. However, Superintendent Chuck Little called the principals at the high school and ordered the broadcasts be discontinued after receiving some calls from angry parents. When asked if they should have been permitted to watch the historic programming, every student in the class raised their hands. "It's important that we know what's going on and learn how government works," said Dooley. Some of the students felt that while the president may have done something immoral, it didn't mean he's not doing his job. "He didn't do anything to us personally. He did it to his wife," said Eric Moten of Canton. "I just think the Republicans released the tapes to show that Clinton's a bad guy," said Seleh Stambaugh of Canton. "It's really none of our business," added Amy Driscoll of Canton. "We already know more than we want to know."

# Testimony from page A1

decision because this was history in-the-making," said Close Up teacher Jim Salczynski, who allowed his government class to watch the proceedings. "Students were engaged in watching it. They'll see clips on the news, but it won't be as powerful. "The subject matter is sexually explicit, but these students have taken sex education," added Salczynski. "Parents should also be talking to their kids about the story and making sense out of it." Close Up instructor Ben McMurray was also disappointed in the decision. "It's a sad day when the schools can't be a place where students can talk about current events," said McMurray. "This subject isn't new, and we've known about the release of the tapes for a long time. If Congress thought the tapes should be released and CNN decided they were important to show, then it should be fair game for students in a school setting with adult supervision." Schools and parents need to work together when it comes to learning about and understanding controversial topics, McMurray said. "Parents should prepare their students to talk about the issues. The schools are interested in working with parents."

# First for Michigan State parties nominate women for No. 3 post in government

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

They have different attitudes toward mail voting, cutting the number of elections and reducing branch offices. Incumbent Republican Candice Miller favors moving toward mail voting, endorses the concept of fewer special elections and already has reduced the number of Secretary of State branch offices from 181 to 178. Democratic challenger Mary Lou Parks says people like to go to polling places, wouldn't reduce the number of elections and favors more programs and services. Miller said her office has fined Parks "several thousands of dollars" for failing to submit campaign finance statements on time. Parks said the forms should be made easier to understand.

For the first time in history, Michigan's two political parties have nominated women for the No. 3 post running the oldest department in state government. Secretary of State **CANDICE MILLER, 44, incumbent.** Experience: Harrison Township supervisor, 1980-92; Macomb County treasurer, 1993-4; elected secretary of state, 1994. Education: Lake Shore High, attended Macomb Community College and Northwood Institute. Personal: Married; one daughter.



Secretary of State **MARY LOU PARKS, 62, Detroit.** Experience: state representative since 1993; executive assistant to U.S. Rep. George Crockett Jr.; special assistant to Gov. James Blanchard. Sponsored six bills this session, none enacted into law. Education: Carver High, S.C.; attended Wayne State University. Personal: four sons, one daughter.



Miller said her office has fined Parks "several thousands of dollars" for failing to submit campaign finance statements on time. Parks said the forms should be made easier to understand. "We should take off some of the restrictions on absentee voting - that is such an easy way to vote. Seniors, of course, use it extensively," Miller said. Under current law, a person may vote by absentee (including mail) if he or she is working, intends to be out of town, is 60 or older or incapacitated. Parks said "not really" when asked whether she supported mail voting. "I like the process of voting. I think people enjoy get-

ting out to vote." Parks added, "I'm not certain we should have fewer, more elections. That's something we could look at." They were asked whether Michigan, with 51 elected state officials, inflicts too long a ballot on voters. Miller was satisfied but would consider making all university boards appointive, as Gov. John Engler has proposed. That would eliminate 24 posts from the ballot. "I won't say we should have fewer," said Parks.

Please see WOMEN, A14

# Read Observer Sports

## Fall Lighting Sale

MURRAY FEISS

Murry Feiss offers the widest selection of original designs and styling to suit your every taste. We truly think you will find it to your advantage to make Murray Feiss the lighting of choice in your home.

**10% off**  
Our Already **40%-50%** Discounted Prices  
**SALE LASTS 10 DAYS ONLY!**

Lighting Fixtures, Lamps, Ceiling Fans, Mirrors, Art Work, Clocks for Every Decor

**BROSE ELECTRICAL**  
Mon., Tues., Wed., Sat. 9:30-6:00  
Thurs., Fri. 9:30-8:00

37400 W. Seven Mile Road • Livonia, MI 48152 • (734) 464-2211

## Our Customers Know They can trust the Rheem Team

It's why they recommend us. We're different because we're Customer Care trained. We arrive on time. Display photo IDs. And, use quality products and the latest technology. We do the job right at a fair price because your comfort and satisfaction is our future. We Will Impress You. I Promise.

**United Temperature**  
734-525-1930  
West Side / Southern Oakland County

Michael Kelly

HONEY CALL THE RHEEM TEAM 1 888 RHEEM TEAM www.rheemac.com

## Get 1/2% Below prime forever

**8.00% APR\***  
Current Rate

**Advantage Home Equity Line of Credit**

Your home is a major asset, and its equity is a cash reserve that you can tap with a Community Federal Advantage Home Equity Line of Credit. Use your line of credit to pay off your credit cards, buy or refinance a car, remodel your house, or pay college tuition.

- Rates as low as 1/2% below Wall Street Journal prime with automatic payments.
- Borrow up to \$150,000 or 90% of your home's equity.
- Interest is often tax deductible, consult your tax advisor.
- Free WebPB Internet Banking and Direct Dial 24 telephone banking to check balances, get advances or make payments, anytime.
- Refinance a current loan and save.
- Quick approvals.
- Apply by phone at 1-800-976-5194.
- No application or annual fees.
- All Below Prime - forever!

Establish your advantage Home Equity Line of Credit today. Call **734 453-1200** for an office near you.

**Community Federal CREDIT UNION**  
Plymouth • Canton • Northville • Novi

\*Rate is based on the monthly payments being automatically deducted from a Community Federal Credit Union checking account. Rate as of 9/21/98 with automatic payments is 8.00% APR. Without automatic deduction, the interest rate will be 1/4 of 1% below the Wall Street Journal Prime rate. As of 9/21/98 the Wall Street Journal Prime rate is 8.50%. The rate is variable, subject to change monthly. Minimum loan amount \$3,000, maximum \$150,000. Minimum rate 6% APR, maximum rate 18% APR. There are no other costs to establish or maintain your loan but there is a \$200 prepayment penalty for loans closed within 24 months. Please consult your tax advisor regarding tax deductibility. Property insurance is required. \*Noted processing time 2-3 weeks. © Equal Housing Lender.

*"Gifts... Unique As The Name"*

**CHEEKY MONKEY BEARS AND GIFTS**

- Art Glass
- Collectible Teddy Bears

Located in Ypsilanti's Historic Depot Town  
33 E. Cross Street, Ypsilanti  
www.cyber-saver.com  
(734) 483-4060

Choices, Choices, Choices. **Ask About Our \$2,000 August Move-In Special**

**The GRAND COURT**  
Rental Retirement Communities

**WESTLAND**  
37501 Joy Road, Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 451-1155

Please Send In This Ad for a FREE Brochure or Call Today for a Complimentary Lunch and Tour. **THE GRAND COURT WESTLAND—37501 JOY ROAD, WESTLAND, MICHIGAN 48185**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Also featuring communities in Novi, Farmington Hills, and Adrian

## Celebrate a Healthy Lifestyle!

MEDHEALTH Wellness Center is celebrating the 6th anniversary of our Plymouth location! As our way of saying "Thank You," we are extending a very special offer to the community.

MEDHEALTH offers a unique opportunity to use a full-service medical facility to meet all your health and fitness needs. As a member you will have access to:

- State-of-the-Art Equipment
- Aquatic Center
- Fitness Classes (including aerobics, water aerobics, and yoga)

Our team of medical and fitness professionals will help you create a personal program, so you can achieve your individual goals. Call **(734) 459-1800** today for a tour, additional information, or a complimentary pass to try us out, FREE!

**CELEBRATE OUR SIXTH ANNIVERSARY!**  
Join now and save **\$60 off** a single membership or **Get two memberships for the price of one!**

**MEDHEALTH WELLNESS CENTERS**  
47659 Halyard Drive, Plymouth, 2 miles west of I-275  
(734) 459-1800

\*Offer valid for individuals joining as fitness or wellness members from 9/22/98 through 9/30/98 with ad only. Individuals joining with two for one membership must both be present at time of application. Discount applies to initiation fee only. Minimum membership length eight months. Promotion does not apply to current, corporate, spouse/dependent, cardiac rehab or senior memberships. Regular monthly fees apply.

# FALL price break

Change seasons with style!

## Save 30% off

on select wear-now women's apparel!

- Save 25% off select home merchandise!
- Save 50% off select women's transitional sportswear and dresses!
- Save 70% and more off\* bridal and bridesmaid sample gowns!

\*Available in Birmingham and Livonia stores only. All bridal gowns subject to fit.

**Jacobson's**  
Birmingham • (248) 644-6900 Livonia • (734) 591-7696 Rochester • (248) 651-6000

SHOPPING HOURS • MON-SAT 10-9 • OPEN SUN AT NOON  
Gift Certificates Complimentary Silver Gift Box Jacobson's Charge

You wait for weeks to get an appointment.

You wait for hours in the waiting room.

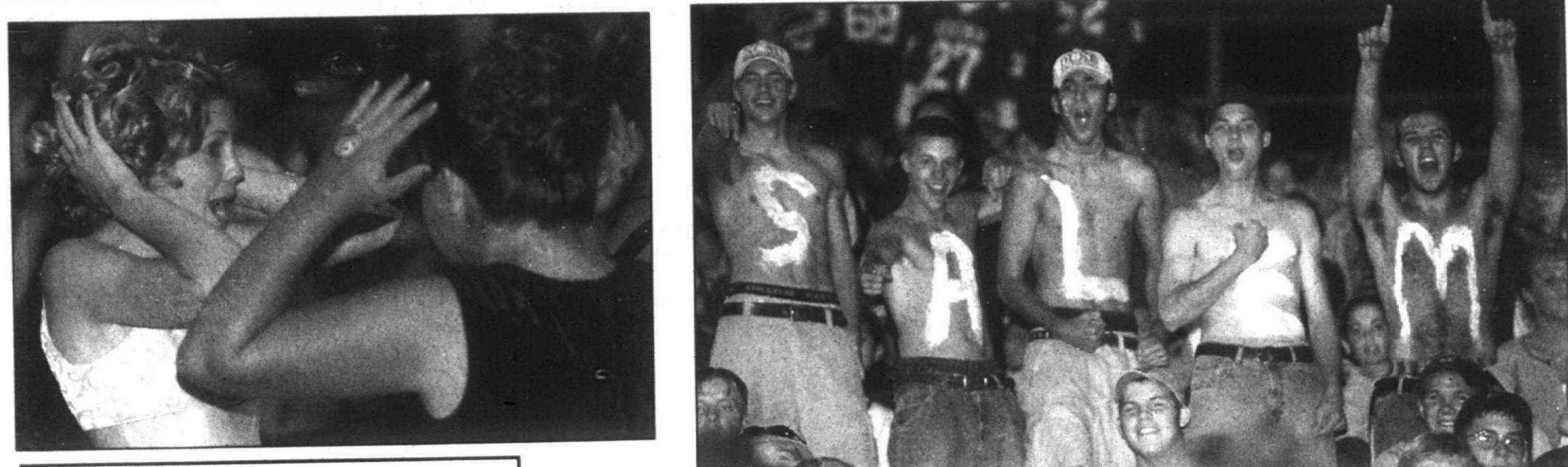
When the doctor finally sees you, he's suddenly in a hurry.

No wonder they call you: **patient.**

When you call the **Oakwood Health Line**, a doctor will see you in 24 hours. Or less. Guaranteed.

Call: **800.543.WELL.**

**Oakwood**



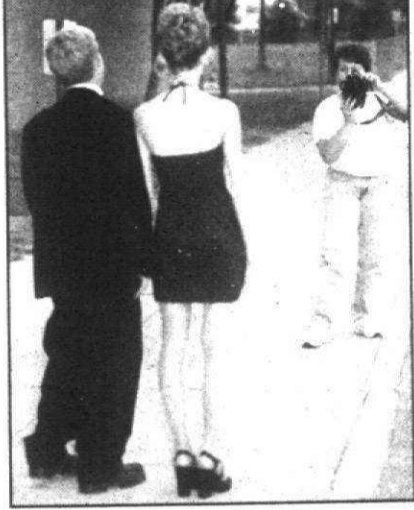
STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Homecoming snapshots: Celebrating homecoming at Plymouth Salem High School last weekend are: (clockwise, from top left) Franchi, left, and one of her friends reacting to one another's hair at Saturday's Homecoming Dance...

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON. Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1150 Canton Center St., Canton, MI 48188 until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 15, 1998...

FALL HARVEST. Fall is for Planting... Warm days and cool nights make the perfect conditions for new plantings to get established. Plant now for a beautiful spring.

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 15, 1998. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 15, 1998 at 1150 South Canton Center Road.

Specialist assigned to MSD. Building & Inspection Services: The Communications line item will be increased for the addition of 12 Nextel phones and their air time charges.

Come hear candidates for state, county office

LOCAL ELECTION FORUMS

Do you have a question for a candidate or just want to learn more about them? You'll have a chance to listen to them discuss their campaign platforms and ideas at a candidates forum at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1 at Livonia City Hall...

STATE LEGISLATIVE BRIEFS

Lawsuits down. The Michigan Association of Insurance Agents is pleased with the effect of laws that went into effect in March of 1996 - fewer "frivolous" lawsuits over auto negligence in state courts.

Insurance bills. Two area Democrats have introduced bills to control auto insurance premiums charged by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association.

BARGAIN DAYS GOING ON NOW! SALE ENDS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. An advertisement for a clothing sale with large, bold text.

PARISIAN SIGNATURE FLANNEL CAREER SEPARATES. 30% OFF. SALE 59.99-89.99. Women's Timberland shoes and boots. An advertisement for clothing and shoes with images of garments.

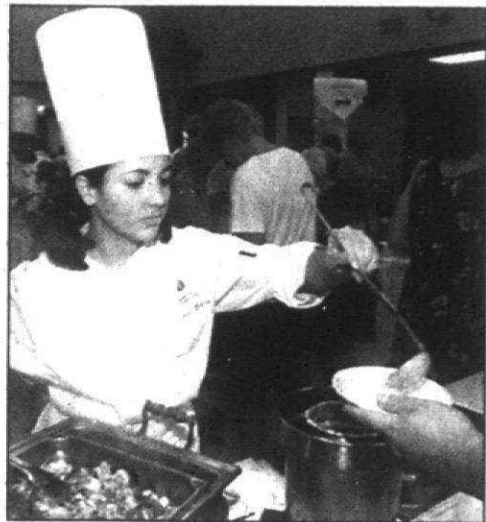
SALE 29.99 Cotton long-sleeve cable turtleneck in oatmeal, gray, brown, paprika, butterscotch or periwinkle. SAVE 25% On Preswick & Moore accessories.

PARISIAN. CALL 1-800-424-8185 TO ORDER ANYTIME. STORE HOURS: Laurel Park Place open Sun. 12-6 Mon-Sat 10-9. An advertisement for a clothing store with large text and contact information.

THINKING ABOUT A NEW FURNACE LENNOX. FREE ESTIMATES (734) 525-1930. UNITED TEMPERATURE 8919 MIDDLEBLET • LIVONIA

COMPUTERIZE Inc. SINCE 1984. INTEL PENTIUM III & MMX SYSTEMS. INCLUDES: 32MB RAM, 100MB HD, CD-ROM, MONITOR, KEYBOARD, MOUSE, CABLE, AND SOFTWARE.

# Culinary fest raises funds, friends for S'craft students



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

**Serving:** Diana Riley of Canton, a student at Schoolcraft College, works for Cafe Bon Homme in Plymouth, which served a scallops entree at Sunday's culinary fund-raiser.

**C**ulinary delicacies offered up by metro area restaurants, along with a live auction proved to be a recipe for success at Schoolcraft College. Nearly 1,000 patrons sampled culinary delights from area eateries and bid on golf, vacation and dining packages all the while raising more than \$100,000 for student scholarships at the Livonia-based college. "It was a very successful fund-raiser and friend-raiser," said Noreen Thomas, director of special projects at Schoolcraft College. Last Sunday's seventh annual Culinary Extravaganza featured food seminars, a culinary demonstration kitchen and some 50 restaurants, beverage companies, caterers and pastry shops offering up samples in the Waterman Campus Center. Co-chairing this year's event were Charlotte Mahoney, a Livonia resident and regional manager for Detroit Edison, and Alberta Muzzin, a former Livonia business owner now executive director of the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce. "It was a magnificent event," said Muzzin, adding "I'm glad we went back to Waterman." Mahoney thanked area restaurants, businesses and event-goers who attended, spent money and helped make Sunday's fund-raiser a success. "The restaurants did a superb job," she said. Highlight of the afternoon was the live auction, which brought \$16,350 into scholarship coffers.

Please see CULINARY, A11



**Musicians:** Maurizio Emanuele (right) with the mandolin and his father Natale Emanuele on the accordion entertained guests at the Culinary Extravaganza. The musicians were playing for the Macaroni Grill in Livonia.

# The best always rise to the top.



Visit Your Metro Detroit Mercury Dealer.

ANN ARBOR  
**Apollo**  
2633 W. Stadium Blvd.  
734-989-3333

DETROIT  
**Krug**  
2531 Michigan Ave.  
313-274-8800

DETROIT  
**Bob Maxey**  
3901 Mack Ave.  
313-885-8887

DETROIT  
**Park Motor**  
1833 Woodward Ave.  
313-869-8888

FARMINGTON  
**Bob Dusseau**  
1025 Grand River Ave.  
810-974-1177

GARDEN CITY  
**Stu Evans**  
2244 Ford Rd.  
419-434-4100

NOVI  
**Varsity**  
42311 Grand River Ave.  
248-853-9100

PLYMOUTH  
**Hines Park**  
4500 Auto Center Dr.  
734-833-3333

ROCHESTER HILLS  
**Crissman**  
1815 South Blvd., Suite 100  
248-733-4422

ROSELAND  
**Arnold**  
2400 E. Grand Ave.  
248-999-1100

ROYAL OAK  
**Diamond**  
24750 W. 13 Mile Rd.  
248-393-8888

SOUTHFIELD  
**Star**  
4000 Woodward Ave.  
248-351-1100

SOUTHGATE  
**Stu Evans**  
10000 E. Warren Ave.  
313-274-8800

STERLING HEIGHTS  
**Crest**  
14000 E. Warren Ave.  
588-8888

TROY  
**Bob Borst**  
2400 E. Grand Ave.  
248-999-1100

WATERFORD  
**Mel Farr**  
10000 E. Warren Ave.  
963-8888

YPSILANTI  
**Sesi**  
2400 E. Grand Ave.  
248-999-1100

# \$329

PER MONTH FOR 33 MONTHS\* PLUS OR

# 0.9% APR FINANCING FOR 48 MOS.\*\*

33-Month/33,000-Mile Lease

Capitalized Cost	-----\$27,625
Down Payment	-----\$2,610
Refundable Security Deposit	-----\$350
First Month's Payment	-----\$0
Cash Due at Signing (Net of Incentives)	\$2,960
\$0.15/mile over 33,000 miles	

WE'LL PAY YOUR FIRST MONTH'S LEASE PAYMENT\*\*



## 1998 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER

FEATURES INCLUDE: 5.0-liter V-8 engine with All-Wheel Drive • Power windows & door locks • Second Generation dual air bags • 4-wheel disc Anti-lock Brake System (ABS) • Fingertip speed control with tap-up/tap-down feature

**Hurry while supply lasts. Offer ends Oct. 2nd.**



Imagine yourself in a Mercury

www.lincolnmercury.com

NOT ALL BUYERS WILL QUALIFY FOR THE LOWEST APR. SEE DEALER TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY. LEASE PAYMENT SUBJECT TO DEALER PARTICIPATION. PAYMENT WILL VARY BASED ON ACTUAL DEALER CONTRIBUTION. \*\*1998 Mercury Mountaineer MSRP \$31,590 with F.P.T. 6.0 V-8 engine. All-Wheel Drive and Appearance Package. Excludes title tax and license fees. Lease payment based on average capitalized cost of 90-30% of MSRP for leases purchased in the Detroit region through 10/2/98 and assumes \$9,500 for 10% down payment. Lessee responsible for excess wear and tear. For special lease terms take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 10/2/98. Residency restrictions apply. See dealer for details. \*\*If a customer will pay the first month's payment up to \$500 on a Red Carpet Lease for qualified 24-month and 33-month RCL contracts. Residency restrictions apply. See dealer for details. \*\*\*Ford Credit APR for qualified buyers varies by creditworthiness of buyer as determined by Ford credit. Residency restrictions apply. \*\*All cars wear your safety belt and so do all children in the rear seat. Dealer participation may affect savings. Residency restrictions apply. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 10/2/98. \*\*Always wear your safety belt and so do all children in the rear seat.

Triplets from page A1

month-olds, Brandon, Tyler and Devon, were getting a little uneasy, according to Carole Kody.

Those who did make it, joining the Kody's 15-month-olds Elizabeth, Philip and John, were: the Lindbloss and their 4-month-old trio of Kyle, Abigail and Emily; Fran and Gary Nayh of Northville and their 7-month-old daughters, Brittany, Brianna and Beatrice, (though they left their older son, Bobby, 5, with a sitter); Lesley and Ace Merlino of Farmington Hills and their 6-month-olds Maxx, Morgan and Joey; and Susan and John Gannon of Livonia and their 8-month-olds Gregory, Natalie and Madeline.

The moms and dads enjoyed pizza, cookies, spinach dip and other edibles, while the kids, er, well, the kids mostly slept. Although the three Kody kids did enjoy some of the pizza and other treats before retiring for their afternoon naps.

A shared experience

"We all met through Oakwood Hospital and a group of doctors who suggested we contact one another since we shared similar circumstances," explained Carole Kody, describing how the group formed. "I was asked if I would mind helping Lisa and Lesley through their pregnancies, since I had already gone through what they were going through. I was happy to offer whatever assistance I could."

Most of the moms were hospi-

talized at some point during their pregnancies, which led them to meet one another, and that led to their current informal group.

"Most people don't realize that a woman who is pregnant with triplets does not experience a pregnancy in the same way as a woman who is having a single baby, or even twins," said Kody.

None of the women completed their full terms. The Gannon triplets, who arrived in just 29 weeks, were the earliest and spent two months in the hospital before coming home. The Lindbloss triplets were nearly full-term at 35 weeks and were the only children among this group who did not remain in the hospital post-partum, coming home with Lisa a couple of days after birth.

Losing sleep

So, how have three new babies affected these young families?

"We don't need an alarm clock anymore," said Jim Kody. "We used to sleep in until 10 a.m. on weekends. Now, we're up at 6:30 a.m. every day."

"I love going to work on Monday morning," joked Ace Merlino. "I seem to be the only one smiling at work on Monday mornings. I don't get it."

"Most of us were dual-income families," added Susan Gannon. "Now, most of us have given up one income and our expenses have increased."

And, how is having three new babies different from having just



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

A little help: Gary Nayh(left), and his wife Fran get some help from Brian Lindbloss packing up their 7-month-old triplets, Brittany, Brianna and Beatrice as they get ready to leave the party.

one new bundle of joy?

"You can't play 'man-to-man,' it's got to be 'zone coverage' parenting," joked Gary Nayh.

"Parents with one child, or even those with twins, don't understand what it's like for us," added Carole Kody. "There is always one more child than you have hands for."

Striving for identity

The parents say they think of their children as individuals, not trios.

"They're not identical and they are so different," said Carole Kody. "Even since birth. They each have their own personality, so we don't dress them the same. Except, perhaps, when we go to an amusement park - so we can keep an eye on them more easi-

ly." "I don't like people calling them triplets," said Lesley Merlino. "They're individuals. My sister-in-law is always calling them 'the triplets.' Like, she'll call and ask, 'How are the triplets?' 'What are the triplets up to?' They are three individuals, not a single unit."

"It's hard to go out in public," said Lisa Lindbloss. "We get swarmed all the time."

"People ask a lot of stupid questions," said Fran Nayh, a parent with which all of the other parents quickly agreed.

For example: "Are they triplets?" "Are they all yours?" "Were they all born on the same day?"

"Or, sometimes you'll get some

really stupid ones," added Susan Gannon, "like, we've got two girls and a boy and people will ask, 'Are they identical?' or, 'Are they twins?'"

"My favorite," added Lisa Lindbloss, "was this little lady who asked, 'Did you have to do it three times in the same night?'"

Handling curiosity

Of course, there some rude and invasive questions, too.

"One of the most frustrating things is people's comments," said Carole Kody. "I can't believe all of the people who ask if we used fertility drugs. Like it's any of their business if we did or didn't. People can be so rude!"

"People will say, 'Ooh, I feel so sorry for you,'" she added. "It's ridiculous. Or, they'll say, 'You must not get any sleep,' or, 'I'm glad it's you, not me.'"

"Yeah, I'm glad it's not you, too," sneered Ace Merlino, in reference to those who make such comments. "If they have that kind of attitude, yeah, thank God it is us and not them!"

"But, then you get some nice

comments, too," said Carole Kody. "One lady said, 'God must have known you could handle them.'"

Coping with three new babies at the same time isn't easy, the parents said.

"It takes a really good partner to do this," said Lisa Lindbloss. "All of the husbands are really, really involved."

"It takes teamwork between the parents," said Lesley Merlino. "I've got the best husband in the world. He is so good with the kids."

All of the parents agreed that having three babies brought major changes to their lives. But, they all agreed that they would do it over again.

"Even if I knew beforehand that I was going to have triplets, I would definitely do it over again," said Susan Gannon. "I wouldn't trade the experience for the world."

If you have triplets, or are pregnant with triplets, and would be interested in meeting these families call Carole Kody, (734) 416-0914. Group members are also seeking anyone with hand-me-downs.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

**NEED A NEW FURNACE?**

Carrier **6 Months No Interest No Payments**

CUSTOM MADE INDOOR WEATHER CARRIER FURNACE MODEL #357FR7 INSTALLED FROM **\$1395** VISA/MC/AE INCORPORATED

**7 453-2230**  
4 8205 RONDA CANTON

INDOOR WEATHER SPECIAL! CALL NOW

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 1998 GENERAL ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that October 5, 1998, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 1998. Registrations will be accepted at the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or at any Secretary of State Office. Other designated State Agencies are also accepting voter registrations. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 397-5367 and special arrangements can be made. Mail-in registration will be accepted postmarked by October 5, 1998.

TERRY B. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: September 17 and 24, 1998

**CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley  
ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton  
1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 397-5435

Publish: September 10 and 24, 1998

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE**

**CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION**

PLEASE NOTE that Monday, October 5, 1998, is the last date to register for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 1998. Registration for Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, or at any Secretary of State Office. The phone number of the Township Clerk is 453-3840 X 224. The office of the Clerk is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during those hours, a call to the Clerk's Office can set up a convenient time for the resident.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: September 20, & 24, 1998

**Good's NURSERY INC.**  
Specializing in Excellent Quality

**Potted Hostas & Perennials**  
Large variety to choose from

**Hardy Mums & Fall Holland Bulbs are Here!**  
Large variety to choose from

**30% OFF**  
All Potted Evergreens, Flowering Shrubs and Flowering Trees

51225 Ann Arbor Road at Napier (M-14)  
3 Miles W. of Sheldon • 734-453-2126  
"The Hosta Garden Specialists"

**In my family, learning is everything.**

Books don't just enlighten. They empower. Our children are growing up knowing this. A good education is one of the most important things we can give them. And we will, with the help of U.S. Savings Bonds.

Ask your employer or banker about saving with U.S. Savings Bonds. For all the right reasons.

Take Stock in America **U.S. SAVINGS BONDS**

A public service of this newspaper

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH Notice to Bidders**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 P.M. On Thursday, October 8, 1998. For the following:

- One (1) 1500 Lb. Loading Capacity Skid - Steer Loader
- One (1) Backhoe Attachment for above
- One (1) Hydraulic Breaker Attachment for above

Specifications and proposal forms are available at the office of the City Clerk during regular office hours. Vendors must meet or exceed the attached bid specifications with a comparable unit and provide a demonstration of their loader.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or part, and to waive any irregularities.

LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE  
City Clerk

Publish: September 24, 1998

**CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, October 5, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road to consider a request for the following special land use as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

**OMNIPONT TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY SPECIAL LAND USE** - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B 14 FOR PART OF PARCEL NO 002-99-0001-702. Property is located east of Haggerty Road, south of Joy Road.

Written comments to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: September 24, 1998

**CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 5, 1998, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance:

**CHERRY HILL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PUD) AMENDMENT** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CHERRY HILL PUD AGREEMENT TO MODIFY THE SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS (CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING CODE, AS AMENDED DECEMBER 9, 1969), TO INCREASE BUILDING HEIGHT FROM 30 FEET TO 35 FEET FOR MULTIPLE UNIT BUILDINGS AND BUILDING SEPARATION OF NOT LESS THAN 20 FEET FOR 2-UNIT BUILDINGS ON PARCEL NO 085 99 0002 000 DESIGNATED FOR MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT IN THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT, AND PROPOSED FOR DEVELOPMENT AS **THE ORCHARDS CONDOMINIUMS**. Property is located on the south side of Cherry Hill Road between Sheldon Road and the Morton Taylor Road Right-of-Way.

Written comments to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

Site

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: September 10 and 24, 1998

**AS A SALUTE TO ALL VETERANS**

- WASHTENONG MEMORIAL PARK** offers you this valuable gift FREE of charge. Simply fill in the attached postpaid reply card and mail TODAY, or call 665-6187.
- BETWEEN THE YEAR 1987 AND 2000**, the Veterans Administration projects that 21 percent of our 65 National Cemeteries will close. This will leave a critical shortage of space for our 27.8 million veteran population who are technically eligible for final resting places. Because of this projected lack of burial space a NEW VETERAN SECTION is now being developed for VETERANS and their families in Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor, MI.
- AS AN HONORABLE DISCHARGED VETERAN, OR STILL ON ACTIVE DUTY**, you can be assigned burial property in our NEW VETERAN SECTION. However, you must register for this. THE ONLY COST TO YOU is the amount required by the state law for maintenance and care.
- VETERAN DISCHARGE OF YOUR SERIAL NUMBER AND DISCHARGE IS REQUIRED**. As part of our presentation, we will explain fully the requirements for vaults and other options for memorialization, as well as special protective benefits that are available for spouses and minor children.

**FAMILY SERVICE VETERANS PROGRAM!**

Please deliver my FREE family record book and full information about your special offer to Veterans. (HT)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
BRANCH OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DISCHARGE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To: **The Field of Honor Washtenong Memorial Park and Mausoleum**  
3771 Whitmore Lake Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105  
(734)665-6187







# Women from page A5

## High rents

After taking office in 1995, Miller made a speech in which she complained that her predecessor, Democrat Richard Austin, had set up five Secretary of State branch offices in Democratic-leaning Flint, with a shrinking population, but zero in growing Republican areas like Wixom and Novi. What has she changed?

"We've done a study demographically to see where people want to do business," Miller said. "We did a canvass of the Wixom-Novi area, one of the explosive growth areas in the state. The real estate is a little expensive right now."

"In lieu of that, we'd like to offer customers options where they don't have to go to branch offices all the time. Now you can renew (vehicle plate licenses) by mail, by phone, by fax, by Internet. We have a mobile branch office taking service to you."

"Already the touch-tone option has taken several hundred thousand transactions annually. We're the first state agency to be interactive on the Internet."

"We do 17 million transactions annually. We'd like to move about 40 percent to one of these other modes instead of face-to-face contact. It's better for you

and less expensive for the state." Miller would like to see two-year vehicle late registrations. She believes drivers of leased vehicles — 40 percent of the market — would like that.

"We're looking to install kiosks, similar to banking ATMs, in shopping malls."

Parks took the opposite view, saying "we should bring the office back to the people." She criticized the state's ending of giving driver's tests at the Secretary of State office.

Parks supports the 1993 Democratic federal "motor-voter" law which requires states to accept voter registrations not only in Secretary of State offices (which Michigan has had since the mid-1980s) but also welfare, unemployment and public health offices.

Engler's administration fought implementation of that law but lost in court.

## Parks fined

Republicans and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce have made an issue of Parks' being fined repeatedly for failing to file campaign finance statements on time. Miller said her office has fined Parks "several thousands of dollars," including \$170 for the state Senate primary that Parks lost Aug. 3.

"I honestly have never met Mary Lou Parks," Miller said. "The only interaction I've had with her is campaign finance enforcement. She is a blatant violator."

Miller added, "Disclosure is the operative phrase. It's important for people to understand who's trying to influence these elections" through disclosure of contributions.

Parks replied: "Isn't that very nice to say? I serve as a legislator, and yet she doesn't know me, and yet she can charge me. That speaks to what I've been talking about. She should have been able to work out the mechanics and make sure that the campaign finance law is ready to be workable."

"I'd like to change the complexity of the campaign finance law," Parks said. "It is very complicated. It's not being administered very well by our present Secretary of State, so that makes it more complicated."

## Cut list access

In her acceptance speech at the Democratic State Convention, Parks said she wants to end the sale of "confidential lists to criminals." What criminals has the state sold lists to?

"Well, as a legislator," Parks said, "I get complaints that

information has been given out by the Secretary of State office. Consumers should be protected. Many times people harass you, and for fraudulent things. I call them criminals. I don't think anyone should have any information about you that's provided to an agency such as the Secretary of State."

Parks was asked about newspaper exposures, using state drunken driving records, of school bus drivers, airline pilots and a gubernatorial candidate. Should that be stopped?

"I feel we have law enforcement ... they should do the things they should do," Parks replied. "The Secretary of State should not be allowing other people to get personal and private information."

Interviews with Miller and Parks will be broadcast at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, on WXYZ-TV Channel 7.

## Parks host Pioneer Day

Wayne County Parks and Recreation celebrates America's rugged past 1-3 p.m. Saturday with its first Pioneer Day at the historic Nankin Mills in Westland.

For \$2, visitors will get to see what life involved during the late 17th and 18th centuries. Parks staff will demonstrate how to make candles and show off the art of tinsmithing. Fresh cider will be pressed on the premises. Children can join in old-fashioned games.

The Just Friends Trio will play a variety of acoustical instruments.

People interested in making their own cider to take home must bring a bushel of apples and three clean plastic jugs. Hint: Mixed varieties of apples make the best-tasting cider.

From the hunting grounds of Chief Tonquish to Henry Ford's first village industry plant, Nankin Mills is a special site along the banks of the Rouge River. In 1842, a grist mill was built on this site. It burned down in 1863 and was rebuilt to grind cornmeal, rye, graham and buckwheat. The property changed ownership several times until it was purchased by Henry Ford in 1918.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is on Hines Drive east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Advance registration is required.

For information, contact Wayne County parks at (734) 261-1850.

**ATTENTION OWNERS OF LIVING TRUSTS!!**

**NEW! "ADVANCED" LIVING TRUST SEMINAR**

Now that you have a Living Trust, learn how to make it work for you.

Including:

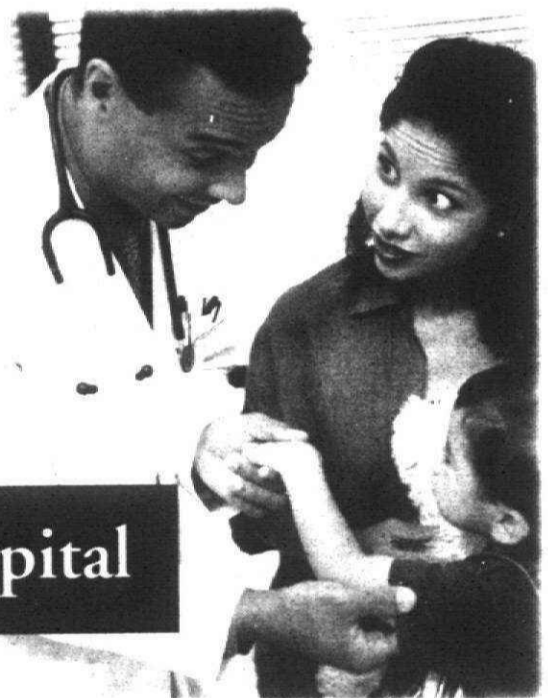
- Tax Planning with Living Trusts
- Trust Asset Management

Presented by **Paul Leduc**, Financial Consultant

<b>LIVONIA</b> Wednesday, October 7th 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY 32777 Five Mile Rd. (E. of Farmington Rd.)	<b>PLYMOUTH</b> Thursday, October 8th 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER 525 Farmer Rd. (Between N. Territorial & 5 Mile off Sheldon)	<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> Tuesday, October 13th 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. LONGACRE HOUSE 24705 Farmington Rd. (Between 10 & 11 Mile Rd.)
<b>NOVI</b> Wednesday, October 14th 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Novi Senior Citizens NOVI CIVIC CENTER COMPLEX 45175 E. 10 Mile Rd. (Between Novi Rd. & Taft Rd.)	<b>WATERFORD</b> Tuesday, October 27th 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. WATERFORD SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER 6455 Harper	<b>ALL SEMINARS FREE OF CHARGE</b> No Reservations Necessary For Information CALL (248) 594-1020

Paul Leduc is a Registered Representative with Linsco/Private Ledger, WSB • 555 S. Old Woodward #777, Birmingham, MI 48009. Securities offered through Linsco/Private Ledger, Member NASD/SIPC.

For Emergency Care  
That is  
State-of-the-Heart



**St. Mary Hospital**

State-of-the-heart is St. Mary Hospital's unique combination of modern medical technology and the attentive personal care you've come to expect from us.

Our St. Mary Hospital Emergency Center doctors are residency-trained and board-certified in emergency medicine. They go out of their way to explain procedures and diagnoses to patients and families.

Our Urgent Care Center, for minor injuries and illness, has a dedicated casting room and x-ray equipment to help take care of life's little emergencies quickly. And, if your condition turns out to be more serious, you're already at a full-service hospital.

In fact, the St. Mary Hospital Emergency Center can check the state of your heart. Our new Chest Pain Evaluation Unit quickly evaluates, tests and monitors your heart — without admitting you to the hospital.

St. Mary Hospital Emergency Center. Emergency medicine that's state-of-the-art and state-of-the-heart.

**St. Mary Hospital**  
36475 Five Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48154  
Affiliated with  
William Beaumont Hospital

Physician Referral Service  
1-888-464-WELL  
Visit St. Mary via Internet  
<http://www.stmaryhospital.org>

Emergency Center  
24 hours, 365 days  
Urgent Care  
11am - 11pm, 365 days

**CLOSING**  
**PRICES SLASHED AGAIN**  
**EVERYTHING**  
**IS**  
**30% to 60% OFF**

hey-check it out!!! ALL DISCOUNTS ARE OFF THE LOWEST TICKETED PRICE

We've got liquidation savings of  
**50% OFF** all our  
**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

**40% OFF** ALL EXTERIOR SHUTTERS, SKY LIGHTS, MEDICINE CABINETS & LIGHT BARS, TUB & SHOWER DOORS, MIRRORS, EXTERIOR PAINT, STAIN & WATERPROOFING, STORAGE BUILDINGS, PORTABLE HEATERS, WATER HEATERS & PUMPS

**50% OFF** ALL FENCING, PANELING, SIDING, FANS & AIR CONDITIONERS, ATTIC VENTILATION, WEATHER STRIPPING, CIRCUIT BOXES & BREAKERS, GARDEN CHEMICALS, FERTILIZER, GRASS SEED, MULCH, DIRT, MANURE & MUCH MORE

**60% OFF** ALL MOLDING, NAILS, NUTS, BOLTS, WALL ANCHORS, STANLEY HARDWARE, MOWER & CHAINSAW REPAIR, SHADES, MINI-BLINDS, INTERIOR SHUTTERS, GUTTERING, WROUGHT IRON, FAUCET & TOILET REPAIR, UNDERGROUND SPRINKLERS, PIPE FITTINGS & TUBING

**BELOW COST SPECIALS**  
REG. \$29.<sup>99</sup>  
now  
**\$16.99**

**SKILL DRILL**  
#4037404  
**JIG SAW**  
#4486817  
**SANDER**  
#4457024

**BUILDERS SQUARE**

THIS LOCATION ONLY  
**29659 7 MILE RD**  
**LIVONIA**  
**810-422-8580**

WE ACCEPT VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, AMEX & BUILDERS SQ. CHARGE & CHECKS. ALL SALES FINAL

# Community Life

The Observer

INSIDE:

Bridal Registry  
Page B3

CP Page 1, Section B

Thursday, September 24, 1998

Sue Mason, Editor 734-953-2131

on the web: <http://observer-eccentric.com>

JACK GLADDEN

## No downtowns give the 'burbs' an identity crisis

"You can forget all your troubles, forget all your cares

"So go downtown, things'll be great when you're

"Downtown - no finer place, for sure

"Downtown - everything's waiting for you."

-Tony Hatch  
recorded by Petula Clark

In Canton Township, some of the elected officials have been trying for years to figure out exactly where "downtown" is located. The best guess is the area of Ford Road and Sheldon, home to - among other things - a small shopping mall east of Sheldon anchored by Kroger, another mall to the west now anchored by Kohl's, a gas station, a party store, a bank and a Mexican restaurant.

A few years ago the township installed streetlights along Ford Road from Sheldon east to Morton Taylor, where you'll find a Target store, Frank's Nursery, a Boston Market and a small office/professional building. Presumably the street lights were placed to identify "downtown Canton."

Then there's the Ford Road/Canton Center area (where Julien's store once used to exist) now dominated by the Meijer megastore and a new super Kroger across the street. Farther south on Canton Center is the "official" complex: the administration building (including the police department), the new fire station, the old historical museum, the library, Heritage Park and Canton's own Parthenon, the Summit on the Park.

Canton does have a "Downtown Development Authority" which covers a designated section along Ford Road and is seeking to expand its authority farther east as more and bigger development occurs.

So where, exactly, is "downtown Canton"? And does anyone really care?

### Could it be envy?

I don't know what it is with suburban officials, but many of them seem to suffer from "downtown envy." They don't want to accept the fact that most of the suburbs around here are amorphous collections of subdivisions and strip malls. That's just the way they grew up. And that's life in the big city. Or, in this case, the suburbs.

A few communities that are now considered "suburbs" started out as small towns in their own right. Suburban expansion engulfed them, but they managed to retain much of their original identity and structure. Thus Plymouth has a genuine downtown; Canton doesn't. Northville has a downtown; Novi doesn't. Farmington still has pretty much of a downtown; Farmington Hills doesn't. Rochester does; Troy doesn't.

If Westland has a downtown, it's Westland Center - a shopping mall. Garden City has vestiges of a downtown at Ford Road and Middlebelt - the old Orin Jewelers building - but that's about it.

Even a city the size of Livonia just doesn't have it. A downtown, that is. There's the Civic Center area around Five Mile and Farmington roads, but that's all government buildings and facilities. There's no town square with a steepled courthouse, surrounded by local shops and restaurants.

Around San Francisco back in the '60s, such suburbs were called "Bedroom Communities." And that was a pretty good description. If you wanted to go "downtown," you went to the city. And what a downtown it was.

A few years ago, when Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack was on one of his perennial campaigns to stake out a "downtown," I wrote facetiously that if he really wanted a downtown Canton he should just buy Plymouth and rename it.

### There's an answer

But now I think I've found the answer to the downtown problem in, of all places, Redford Township. Redford, a suburb that actually abuts Detroit, was one of the early victims

Please see GLADDEN, B2



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNegie

### Getting ready:

Rachel Rose, cantorial soloist (from left), Rabbi Peter Gluck, Jay Miller, president of the congregation, and Robin Liberatore, cantorial soloist, rehearse a song prior to last Sunday's Rosh Hashanah service at Congregation Bet Chaverim.

## 'House of Friends'

### Jewish congregation focuses on being 'at home'



Members of Congregation Bet Chaverim like being in Wayne County because it has afforded them the opportunity to focus on quality not quantity with Jewish families in western Wayne area.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Jay and Sue Miller were a bit disenchanted with large, impersonal Jewish congregations in Oakland County. Sometimes it took them 45 minutes to exit the parking lots. Other times, when they arrived late to a service, they were forced to sit so far back that they could only see the rabbi on closed-circuit televisions.

In response to that, the couple moved from Commerce Township to Novi and started its own congregation, Bet Chaverim.

"After reading about it in the paper, we attended a potluck dinner and we decided to band together to form a congregation," Jay Miller explained.

Soon thereafter, Miller was named president of the congregation and his wife, Sue, the social activities director.

"We picked Wayne County because there's not one out here for Jewish people to go to. I get a very rewarding feeling being able to spearhead this drive," Miller explained.

"It's a more family-like atmosphere; everyone knows each other," Sue added. "Bet Chaverim is Hebrew for 'House of Friends.'"

Services were held at members' homes initially. But, now in its fifth year, the congregation includes 25 families who meet at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road at Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Services are held at 7:30 p.m. Fridays followed by a social oneg the third Friday of every month. The staff includes a full-time rabbi and cantorial soloist.

"The room was designed for community use, and they were kind enough to allow us time once a month. We convert the sanctuary from a church sanctuary to a Judaic sanctuary," Miller explained. "We're purposely growing slowly because we want quality not quantity. If you walk into the building, I'll walk right up to you and introduce myself to you. I want to learn about you."

"We want you to know about us and see what we're like. We want you to feel like you're at home."

### Expanded services

Services have been expanded next week in celebration of Yom Kippur, the day of atonement. They will be held at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church. A service and break-fast (breaking the fast) follows at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at Gainsborough, a clubhouse in the Sunflower subdivision in Canton.

Activities in October include Sukkot at noon Sunday, Oct. 4, at Northville Montessori School, 15709 Haggerty Road, Northville Township; Purgatory at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at a location to be announced; and Simchat Torah at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church.

"Until the congregation gets larger and we can afford our own building, we're using the kindness of the local community," Miller said. "That's what we like about Wayne County. It's afforded us the opportunity to do that."

According to Miller, Congregation Bet Chaverim is Wayne County's fastest-growing reformed Jewish congregation and offers religious services for a diversified group of people, including single parents, interfaith couples, interfaith families, couples and families. The only other Jewish congregation in this area is the con-

servative Congregation Beit Kodesh in Livonia.

"The reformed is open to all Jewish people seeking a Jewish identity, either interfaith or both Jewish," Miller said. "With the conservative, both the husband and the wife have to be Jewish to be considered Jewish in a conservative temple."

Since its creation five years ago, Congregation Bet Chaverim has added a religious school that meets at 10:30 a.m. Sundays at the Northville Montessori School.

"We started with the school by holding classes in somebody's kitchen, then we moved into a clubhouse and now the Montessori," Sue Miller said.

The goal of the CBC Religious School, which has grown to include 24 children, is to provide a positive environment in which families wishing to raise their children as Jews may do so in a way which is affirming and positive.

### Respecting traditions

While respecting traditions, the CBC curriculum encourages a creative response from both teachers and students so that the ritual, ethics, history and theology of Judaism may be interpreted to fit the modern times.

Students at the school are taught

Please see CONGREGATION, B2

Taking a stand: Sixteen-year-old Jenni Judycki carried the sign telling passers-by that members of St. Thomas A'Becket Church in Canton were participating in the walk.



## CROP Walk takes bite out of world hunger

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Linda Besh and Tim Gossett are expecting big things for this year's Plymouth Canton Community CROP Walk 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, thanks to a renewed sense of faith within the area.

"We're putting the word out there and people are getting excited," said Besh, one of the many organizers of the event. "The faith community is growing and more and more people are studying and going to church."

She said that believers are now seeing that dedication to faith and religion takes more than studying and going to church every Sunday. They have to take action.

The Plymouth Canton Community CROP Walk is one opportunity to take action. The walk begins and ends at what Gossett calls "CROP walk central," First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon Road.

Walkers have their choice of a 3- or

6-mile trail that passes numerous participating churches, including First Baptist, Our Lady of Good Counsel, First Presbyterian and New Life Lutheran churches in Plymouth and St. Kenneth, St. John Neumann, St. Thomas A'Becket, Geneva Presbyterian, Resurrection Catholic and Cherry Hill United Methodist churches in Canton.

"Any other church is welcome to participate," Gossett said.

This year's honorary walk chairman is City Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury who will be accompanied by Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter and Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano.

A design by All Saints Catholic School fourth-grader Timothy Harmon of Canton was chosen for this year's promotional poster. His award-winning design shows a globe held up by two hands with the words "Feed the hungry! We need your help!" hand-printed above it. He received \$50 for his

Please see CROP WALK, B2







**CRAFTS CALENDAR**

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

**ST. MEL'S**  
Crafters are needed for St. Mel's fifth annual fall arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 26 at the church, Inkster Road north of Warren Road, Dearborn Heights. There will be food and beverages, a special crafters' raffle and 50/50 raffle. For more information, call Debbie Mathais at (734) 261-6881 or the church at (734) 274-0684.

**WESTLAND CENTER**  
Raab Enterprises will have an arts and crafts show during regular mall hours Oct. 1-4 at Westland Mall, Warren and Wayne roads, Westland. There will be paintings, jewelry, needle crafts, toys floral designs, stained glass, wood crafts, decorative painting, country crafts, ceramics and more.

**OLD VILLAGE**  
Plymouth's Old Village will host its third annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 3-4 in the city's Liberty Street area. There will be demonstrations, musical entertainment, food, hand quilting, photography, hand-blown glass, garden statuary, painted furniture hand-spun knitwear and scrimshaw.

**HANDCRAFTERS**  
Handcrafters will sponsor its 17th annual fall arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 10 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville. There will be more than 70 juried artisans displaying children's clothing, whimsical jewel-

ry, quilts, original acrylic paintings, doll clothes and cross-stitched items. Admission will be \$2. No strollers will be permitted. For more information, call (734) 459-0050.

**MARSHALL PTA**  
Space is available for the Marshall Elementary School PTA's 13th annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 10 at the school, 33901 Curtis, Livonia. There will be a bake sale and lunch counter; admission will be \$1. For more information, call (248) 442-2367.

**SACRED HEART**  
Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Admission will be free and there will be a bake sale and light lunch. For more information, call (248) 426-6227.

**ST. THEODORE**  
St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will have its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. More than 70 crafters will display their work, and there will be hourly door prizes, raffle, refreshments and baked goods.

**AT. AIDAN'S**  
St. Aidan's Women's Guild is looking for crafters for its craft show 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Space with no electricity costs \$30. For more information, call (248) 477-8942 or (734) 427-1457.

**REDFORD SUBURBAN**  
Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's 25th annual "Festival of Fashion '98" 10 a.m. Oct. 21 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. For an application or more infor-

mation, call Peggy at (248) 477-8902 or Margaret at (734) 261-3737.

**ST. ELIZABETH**  
St. Elizabeth Spiritual Church will have its holiday bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the church, 26431 West Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, Redford. Arts and crafts, bake sale, luncheon and raffles will be featured. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

**RAMALLAH CLUB**  
Space is available for a craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 23-25 at the Ramallah Club, 27484 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Table rental is \$30 for one day or \$60 for three days. For more information, call Nona at (734) 462-2936 or Nadia at (734) 522-4208 after 5:30 p.m.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA will have its seventh annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. There will be door prizes, food and drinks. Admission will be \$1. For more information, crafters can call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or Garrett at (734) 464-7425.

**ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE**  
Crafters are wanted for a craft show Oct. 24 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford, sponsored by the St. Jude Circle. For more information, call Joann at (313) 937-0226 or (313) 522-2963.

**MT. HOPE CONGREGATIONAL**  
Vendors are wanted for craft country bazaar 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 24 at Mount Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tables are \$20 plus \$5 for electricity. There will be crafts, country collectibles, a bake sale and more. For more information, call (734) 425-3782.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
Crafters are needed for Livonia Stevenson High School's Holiday Happening craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. 10-by-10-foot or 6-by-16-foot spaces cost \$50. Chairs are available on request and limited electricity at no additional charge. Admission will be \$1, children under age 12 free with an adult. For more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (734) 478-2395.

*Sale helps emergency fund*

The Farmington Area Community Women will hold the second-hand fall sale 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 3, at the William Costick Activities Center, 11 Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Farmington Hills. Admission will be \$1. Refreshments will be available and strollers permitted. Tables are available for \$30 each and can be ordered by call-

ing (248) 476-9074 or (248) 489-0803.  
Farmington Area Community Women is a non-profit community group which raises money for local charities. Proceeds from the fall sale will go to the Farmington Emergency Fund which helps pay electric, gas, doctor bills and the like of local families in time of need.

**3 Days Only - Starts Today!**

**THE SPORTS AUTHORITY**

Take an additional

**25% Off**

**all Footwear, Apparel & '97 Outerwear Clearance!**

**Limited Quantities - Hurry in!**

**Example of Savings**

Original Price	<b>49<sup>99</sup></b>
Currently Reduced 40% to	<b>29<sup>97</sup></b>
<b>25% off NOW</b>	<b>22<sup>50</sup></b>

**Save up to 70%**

**Our LOWEST PRICES OF THE YEAR!**

- 8 GREAT LOCATIONS!**
- FLINT • (810) 230-8160
  - CLINTON TOWNSHIP • (810) 791-8400
  - LIVONIA • (734) 522-2750
  - MADISON HEIGHTS • (248) 589-0133
  - WATERFORD • (248) 738-5020
  - UTICA • (810) 254-8650
  - DEARBORN • (313) 336-6626
  - TAYLOR • (734) 374-0505

Reductions will be taken at the register. Limited to clearance merchandise in each store. Not good on prior purchases. Offer ends Sunday, 9/27/98.

**DETROIT'S PREMIERE ENTERTAINMENT EXPERIENCE!**

**amc LIVONIA 20 THEATRES**

*Featuring*

**THURSDAY OCT. 8th**  
**A Gala VIP Party Benefiting**  
**The Rainbow Connection**  
Call 810-783-9777 for tickets & details

**20 Days Of Winning Trip Giveaways Daily**

**The AMC MEGAPLEX EXPERIENCE**  
STADIUM SEATING WITH LOVESEATS

EVERY AUDITORIUM EQUIPPED WITH **WALL TO WALL SCREENS** **SDDS SOUND** **LOVE SEATS**

**GRAND OPENING OCT. 9th**  
**DAILY Twin-Life SHOWS \$3.75** (Between 4-6pm)  
**Student Discounts Daily at \$4.75**

**MovieWatcher Instant Sign-up**

7 Mile Rd. & Haggerty Livonia, Michigan

For Theatre Information & Showtimes Call (734) 953-0636









# Whalers from page C1

year by St. Louis; right wing Adam Colagiaco, acquired in a trade with Oshawa and selected in the fourth round by San Jose last year; center Kris Vernarsky, the Whalers' top draft choice this year; left wing Kyle Chapman, the team's second-round choice; and defenseman Jared Newman, Plymouth's third-round selection.

All things considered, it makes for a promising outlook. But not everything looks rosy for the Whalers.

They open their season today on the road at North Bay, followed by road games at Sudbury Friday, at Sault Ste. Marie Sun-

day and at defending division champ London Oct. 2. It seems all four will be played without Legwand or Mara in the lineup.

"It's going to make it real difficult," admitted DeBoer. "But it will also give our younger players a chance to show what they can do."

They may have to do a lot, if the West Division is as tough as DeBoer expects it to be. London and Sarnia will be solid again, and Windsor and Sault Ste. Marie are improved. "There are no easy games in our division," the Whalers' coach said.

Not that he isn't looking forward to it — so here we go again.

# Soccer from page C1

we played. Stevenson is certainly one of the best teams in the state and we played a great game."

The Rocks either missed the net with their opportunities or were stopped by Stevenson goalkeeper Joe Suchara. The senior made his final stop with three minutes remaining on a 15-yard blast by Brett Stinar.

Suchara made his best save of the game a minute into the contest when he robbed Aaron Rypkowski with a diving stop.

Salem found the net at the 14 minute mark, however, when sophomore Jeff Haar tipped in a shot by Scott Duhl.

The game appeared one-sided when the Spartans received a break with 1:34 remaining in the first half. Junior forward Tom Eller was taken down in front of the Salem goal and awarded a penalty kick. Eller made no mistake, firing a shot past the left side of Salem goalkeeper Brian Wozniak.

The goal knotted the game at 1-1 at halftime.

"I felt good with it 1-1 because I think we may have come in to the game a bit fearful of Salem and maybe giving them too much respect," Richters said. "The goal we scored late in the half was

huge for us mentally."

The Spartans played without speedy senior forward Tony Maldonado due to disciplinary problems. His loss could have made the Spartans vulnerable to Salem's speed advantage.

"Tony could have helped with our plan which was to play defense better than we have been lately and to pick our spots to counter attack," Richters said. "But it wasn't the game plan that won tonight. It was the effort of 11 individuals who deserve the credit."

Last Saturday, the Rocks turned in a strong defensive performance in upending host Troy 1-0. The only goal of the match was scored by Scott Duhl, with an assist from Brett Stinar.

Jeremy Finlay was in goal for the shutout. "He played terrific back there," said McCarthy, who also singled out the play of defender Nick Szczechowski.

**PCA 5, A.A. Greenhills 2:** Plymouth Christian Academy got two goals apiece from Dave Carty and Chad Boruta to beat Ann Arbor Greenhills Monday.

Ryan Copeland added one goal for the Eagles. Travis Yonkman was in the net for PCA.

# Basketball from page C1

score all but one of Salem's points — and Jenna Van Wagener had that one.

Junior guard Tiffany Grubaugh scored 18 points and passed off for five baskets by her teammates.

Senior Andrea Pruett netted 13 points plus nine rebounds while Christine Philips had nine points and nine rebounds.

Freshman Kelly Jaskot sank two triples in an eight-point effort. Sophomore Dawn Allen contributed six points.

"Grubaugh had eight and Pruett six in the first quarter," Thomann said. "We really got it going early. Our break was going, our defense was solid. We didn't give them any space to play."

The Rock broke out on top 16-6 after the first quarter and expanded it to 30-17 at the half. In case there was any suspense, Salem squashed it with a 16-5 third period.

Salem plays Livonia Franklin

on Thursday to open its Western Lakes Activities Association season then has one final non-conference encounter, Tuesday against Flint Northern.

**Canton 42, A.A. Pioneer 38:** It's not all quite right just yet, but Plymouth Canton coach Bob Blohm can see the progress in his youthful (two seniors) team.

And it couldn't come at a better time, considering Tuesday's victory over visiting Ann Arbor Pioneer marked the end of the non-league season for the Chiefs. "From here on out, it's nothing but league games," said Blohm.

Against Pioneer, Canton did just what it needs to do to win: dictate the tempo. And the best way to do that is to get in front and stay there.

Which the Chiefs did. They led 13-11 after one quarter and 23-19 at the half; by the end of three quarters, their lead had grown to 35-25.

"The key was we made key baskets and we hit the free throws

when we needed to," said Blohm.

Hitting free throws has been a problem for Canton all season, and it wasn't much better in this game. The Chiefs converted just 7-of-15 (47 percent); the difference was, in the fourth quarter, when the Pioneers made their run behind the scoring of Jamillah Bowman (eight of her 13 points in the last period), Janell Tweitmeyer nailed four-straight from the line.

Which was just enough. Indeed, it was the difference in the final score. Tweitmeyer finished with 17 points and seven rebounds before fouling out; Janine Guastella had 12 points and six boards.

Both teams are now 4-3.

**PCA 44, B.H. Roeper 27:** Although the final score indicated a blowout, Tuesday's game at Bloomfield Hills Roeper was anything but.

But a strong fourth quarter allowed Plymouth Christian Academy to maintain its unbeaten status; the Eagles are 6-0 overall, 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic

Conference. Roeper is 1-4 overall, 0-1 in the MIAC.

"We just played tight for the first three quarters, then started scoring," said PCA coach Rod Windle.

Jenny Sutherland's performance helped overcome a slow start that had the Eagles trailing 16-14 at the half. It was only a two-point game — 22-20 — favoring PCA after three quarters, but that turned around in the fourth. The Eagles doubled their point total, outscoring the Roughriders 22-7 in the period.

Sutherland finished with 12 points, 13 rebounds and eight blocked shots. Carrie McCoy added 10 points, and Crystal Marti had six points in a strong performance off the bench.

Roeper was paced by Lilya Haynes with 12 points.

Last Friday, PCA made its road trip to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist a successful one, posting a 42-28 triumph. Sutherland totaled 18 points and 16 boards, and Laura Clark collected 13 points and four assists.

# Sears Outlet Store Warehouse Sale!

## 20%-60% OFF

Original Retail Prices

### New Shipments arriving EVERYDAY!



One-of-a-kind, out of carton, discontinued, floor samples, dented, used, scratched and reconditioned merchandise. Items pictured are just a few examples of the hundreds of great values. Merchandise shown is representation only. Actual merchandise varies by store.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL

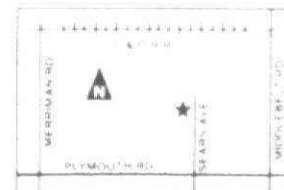
# 50% OFF

Original retail prices on top mount refrigerators 21 cu. ft. or larger Side-by-side refrigerators 23 cu. ft. or larger

# SEARS

Furniture & Appliance Outlet

**SEARS WAREHOUSE OUTLET**  
12001 SEARS AVE.  
LIVONIA  
1 MILE WEST OF MIDDLEBELT  
OFF PLYMOUTH RD  
PHONE: 422-5700  
Now more ways to buy at Sears



Open 7 Days

Map & Hours: 422-5700  
The Area: 422-5700  
Sears: 422-5700



PREVIOUSLY SELECTED MERCHANDISE NOT INCLUDED

## No Bones About It.

Totally Free



The Home Loan with no up-front costs, from the bank that brought you Totally Free checking.



- No points
- No application fees
- No title costs
- No closing costs
- No appraisal costs
- No up-front costs at all

And with only 15% down [vs. 20% from other lenders], you avoid paying private mortgage insurance. Available up to \$500,000. Lower down payments at great rates. Available in fixed or adjustable terms.

Telephone Loan Center 1-800-DIAL-FFM (1-800-342-5336)

**FIRST FEDERAL OF MICHIGAN**

Ask Us We Can Do It™

FDIC Insured

www.ffom.com



Loan offices throughout metropolitan Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing, Kalamazoo, Owosso and Grand Rapids

Loans for owner-occupied homes only with \$500,000 maximum loan amount. Annual Percentage Rate (APR) example based on \$50,000 loan at stated contract rate and a 30-year fixed amortization. Monthly payments of interest and principal of \$341.09. Three-year pre-payment charge. Final loan approval subject to our appraisal and underwriting standards which are available on request. Property insurance required. APR effective September 9, 1998.

# Entertainment

Page 1, Section E

Keely Wygonik, Editor 734-953-2105

on the web: <http://observer-eccentric.com>

Thursday, September 24, 1998

## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Alan Thicke and Stephanie Pope star in "Chicago - The Musical," 8 p.m. at the Fisher Theatre, in the Fisher Building, Detroit. Tickets \$35-\$62, call (313) 871-1132 or (248) 645-6666.

### SATURDAY



"Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$22.50-\$39.50, call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 872-1000.

### SUNDAY



The Renaissance Festival ends today with the third annual Tournament of Temptations, and other "Sweet Endings," 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The festival is located off I-75 on Dixie Highway (between Pontiac and Flint). Call (800) 601-4848 for information.

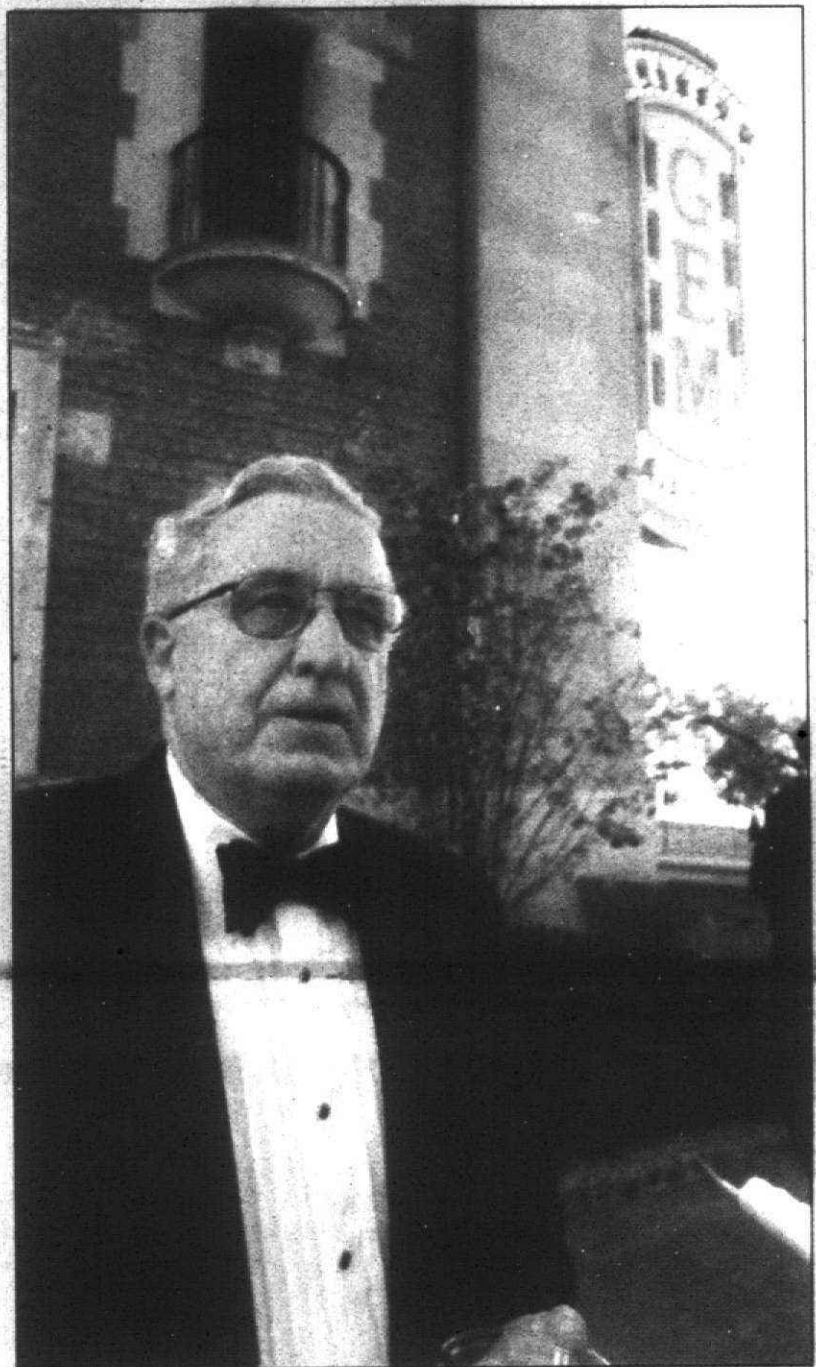
## HOT TICKET



**Hot Tix:** All aboard for Railroad Days, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27 at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Experience what life was like working and traveling on the railroad. Visitors will see special train demonstrations and vintage steam, diesel and electric trains in action. Call (313) 271-1620 for details.

# Resetting the jewel

Spirited new show reopens the Gem Theatre



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGFIELD

**Preservationist:** Gem Theatre owner Chuck Forbes of Troy outside the newly moved theater on Madison Avenue in downtown Detroit.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

Two weeks ago, the lone bag-piper stationed at the entrance to the newly moved Gem Theatre bellowed the arrival of guests at the grand reopening celebration of the historic venue saved from the wrecking ball.

Over the last year, the 5.5-million-pound Gem Theatre was moved, literally, five blocks southeasterly from its former location across from the Fox Theatre to Madison Avenue, a short jaunt to Music Hall and Detroit Opera House, and the future neighborhood of two multi-million sports stadiums.

In short order, the endemic pipe sounds of Scotland accompanied the entrances of about 450 of Gem owner Chuck Forbes' closest friends. Forbes of Troy initially renovated and opened the Gem Theatre on New Year's Eve 1991.

Apparently, the crowd of Who's Who in the arts, corporate world and philanthropic community

knew that the real star wasn't the 71-year-old theater but the man who stood on the stage before a preview performance of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," and thanked everyone for supporting the \$1.5-million move, which is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the heaviest structure moved on rubber tires.

Other than perhaps the Ilitch family, few others have shown the commitment and vision for the renewal of Detroit than Forbes.

If his decision in the early 1980s to buy, refurbish and rent

Please see GEM, E2



Michael Tilson Thomas  
Music director, San Francisco Symphony

## Gershwin's birthday tour comes to town

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Strike up the band! "Swonderful," smarmelous, "George Gershwin's 100th birthday Saturday and the band is coming to Ann Arbor.

On Sunday, the San Francisco Symphony under the direction of Michael Tilson Thomas will bring a touring celebration of the composer to the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium.

Born Jacob Gershowitz on Sept. 26, 1898, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Gershwin created music that has become a part of the American fabric. His songs, often with brilliant and witty lyrics by his older brother, Ira; his larger, jazz-inspired orchestral works; and the folk opera "Porgy and Bess" have been accorded the highest stature, with many hailing Gershwin as the quintessential American composer.

For Michael Tilson Thomas, it's personal.

"His family knew the Gershwins in New York," said John Engelkes, bass trombonist with the symphony. "Michael's dad knew him very well and he talks about that at rehearsals. He mentions how his grandfather knew the Gershwins, and he passes that on."

Tilson Thomas' grandparents, Boris and Bessie Thomashelsky, were founders of the Yiddish Theater in America and knew Gershwin's parents, who were Russian emigres. George Gershwin gave Tilson Thomas' father his first piano lesson.

But Gershwin belongs to everyone, and the San Francisco Symphony, as part of a national celebration of the great composer and his music, will audit him at the Hill Auditorium in a series of six major events that began in San Francisco, Sept. 23 and includes a performance at New York's Carnegie Hall, at 11:30 p.m. Kennedy Center, at 8 p.m. and at the Kennedy Center, at 8 p.m. and at the Kennedy Center, at 8 p.m.

The concert will feature a program of Gershwin's music, including "Rhapsody in Blue," "An American in Paris," and "Symphony in E-flat Major." Tickets range from \$15 to \$50. Call (313) 764-2555 for more information.

And as a special event, the Hill Auditorium will host a "Gershwin Gala" on Sept. 27. The event will feature a performance of Gershwin's music, including "Rhapsody in Blue," "An American in Paris," and "Symphony in E-flat Major." Tickets range from \$15 to \$50. Call (313) 764-2555 for more information.

Please see TOUR, E2

## POPULAR MUSIC

# Label head sees Kid Rock as a 'major star'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Kid Rock is sitting in the Industry nightclub's Saroki Room looking through the pouring rain coming down on the "Warped Tour" concert across the street.

The long-haired braided rapper is preparing to debut songs off his upcoming album "Devil Without a Cause" (Lava/Atlantic), but the rain posed a threat to his performance.

Just as Kid Rock takes the stage, the sun appears and thousands of baggy pants-wearing skaters and midriff-bearing teen girls begin jumping in the flooded Pontiac parking lot.

His amalgamation of rap and rock goes over well with the soaking wet crowd but unfortunately it blends in with other acts doing the same sort of music.

But long before the Deftones, Rage Against the Machine, and the "Judgment Night" soundtrack which paired up the likes of Cypress Hill and Pearl Jam, Biohazard and Onyx, and Helmet and House of Pain, Kid Rock was messing with the formula.

"I took it to rock radio, and they said there was too much rap in it," Kid Rock said about his previous albums. "Now

### WHO:

Kid Rock and Twisted Brown Trucker, with special guests Buddha Fulla Rymez and BTK

### WHEN:

7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25

### WHERE:

State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

### HOW:

Tickets are \$15 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 961-5451 or (248) 645-6666. Kid Rock's web-site is <http://www.kidrock.com>.

people are getting it. I think they saw everybody starting to fuse it and it opened the market."

The first single, "I Am the Bullgod," is proving that point. It's gotten across-the-board play on each end of the dial from CIMX-FM (88.7) to WXDG-FM (105.1).

"Kid Rock is going to be a major star," said Jason Flom, president of Lava Records.

"I love Kid Rock. I love his music. I love him personally. I love everything about him. The band is tight, and to me his record is going to be an extremely important rock record. I consider it a hard rock record even though he raps on it."

"It's important in that, in terms of a one to 10, I give it a 10. I don't think there's that many records that come out that you can listen to start to finish and every song blows you away. I think he's fused rap and rock in a way that only he can."

Kid Rock, a Royal Oak resident, began his career as a high school student DJing parties in Mount Clemens. In 1988 his demo tapes earned him a spot opening for Boogie Down Productions.

Please see KID ROCK, E2



**Coming home:** Kid Rock, known to his mother as Bob Ritchie, plays the State Theatre Friday, Sept. 25, in support of his latest album, "Devil Without a Cause" (Lava/Atlantic).





MOVIES

STREET SCENE

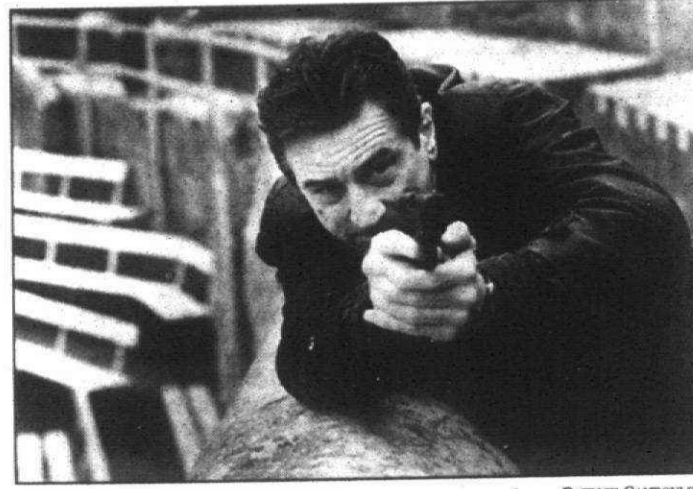
Atmospheric 'Ronin' is good looking, uninvolving

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

In a smoky, late night Paris street a man walks cautiously down ancient stairs watching other men gather at a hole-in-the-wall wine bar. He hides a gun in a crevice of the old stone street and walks into the bar where everyone eyes him suspiciously. He asks for a drink. This is the richly atmospheric opening to John Frankenheimer's 'Ronin,' a thriller that unpeels layer upon layer of mystery and never becomes fully clear until the last ironic moment. Frankenheimer mastered the political-espionage thriller

decades ago when he made 'The Manchurian Candidate.' 'Ronin' is similar to that film in its basically bitter view of political moves and in its slowly unwinding revelations. But 'Ronin,' from a script and story by J.D. Zeik (with David Mamet), is a considerably cooler movie with an emotional center for an audience to care about. The man who walks into the bar is Sam, played by Robert DeNiro. He's a world-weary, highly competent, non-nonsense mercenary. The others in the bar are also mercenaries from several countries, strangers to each other and brought together to do a "job" for a client whose identity is also a mystery to them.

The job is to steal a metal briefcase. The brief case is a classic Hitchcock Maguffin, the object of pursuit that really isn't that important. Frankenheimer handles action sequences with a refined precision that has become something of a trademark in films like 'The Train' and 'Grand Prix,' but here things are allowed to go over the top a few too many times. As two competing forces, rogue IRA and rogue Russians, compete for the box, there are countless shootouts and chases, including one 'French Connection' type chase through narrow Nice streets. What are we to make of all this?



Thriller: Robert DeNiro stars as Sam, an American who joins a team hired to recover a mysterious briefcase.

and, in a cameo, Katharina Witt play key roles. 'Ronin' is a stunning travelogue of France. From Paris in the north to Nice, Cannes and Arles in the south, the settings are beautiful. Robert Fraisse's photography with its muted tones and active movement perfectly captures the feel of the story. The action sequences are expertly handled if overdone and the story's slow unraveling is intriguing. But without characters to involve our interest, 'Ronin' ends up being unsatisfying as well as disquieting for such a great director-actor combination.

Stellan Skarsgard, a very busy actor lately, is a former KGB agent and the group's technical expert with a volatile personality. 'There's more electric guitar on this album. It's a little more rocky at the end of the play, just with just my guitar and my voice,' she explained. 'I also brought in keyboards and more percussion. It just felt right for the songs. I came up

Lisa Hunter knows how to work a room. Her shy smile and girl-next-door demeanor softens even the most critical music listener. Her lyrics are heart-wrenching and hypnotic. Anybody shopping at Borders Books stores this weekend will get a glimpse of that as she plays all eight metro-Detroit stores as part of her 'Borders Blitz.'

'This kind of connection is more than a fair weather fling/like I've known you forever, you're part of the song that I sing/but then the danger of losing myself and drowning in it/I'm afraid I'll be unable to spell out my boundaries and limits/just wanna lose this disguise, but I paralyze,' she sings. Recorded at Big Sky Recording in Ann Arbor and Studio A in Dearborn, she called upon a handful of Detroit musicians to help her out. Drummer Danny Cox, Hammond organ player Tim Diaz of Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, guitarist Michael King, and keyboardist Luis Resto lent their support. Her previous album, 'Solid Ground,' was more acoustic in nature.

with a vision of what I felt was right. Songs are like little kids. You have to try to figure them out and how to dress them.' Recording, she explained, stirs a variety of emotions in her. 'It's this horrible mix of excitement and fear and stress yet you get to just be creative. That's what it's all about—creating this art.' Hunter has been involved in the arts since long before she was a student at Cranbrook Schools in Bloomfield Hills, from which she graduated in 1988. At the school, she studied weaving and vocal music and gathered a sense for her creativity, she explained. 'The creativity was appreciated and honored there. I came away from that feeling special,' said Hunter who studied engineering at the University of Michigan. Hunter, who grew up in Ferndale and Auburn Hills, comes from a long line of musicians. Her sister teaches music and plays the flute. One nephew studies at Interlochen while another plays the drums. Her brother is a jazz musician who plays in blues bands. Four of her male cousins play music.

'I found myself on these little stages in places I had never been to, like Flagstaff (Ariz.) or Seattle.'

'She briefly lived in Colorado which spawned the song 'This Road,' off her debut 'Solid Ground.'

'I had to drive this mountain road that was really scary. It was a 45-minute drive but I had to do it every day. It started feeling like a metaphor for my life. I was shifting gears and going around curves and sometimes going the wrong way,' she said.

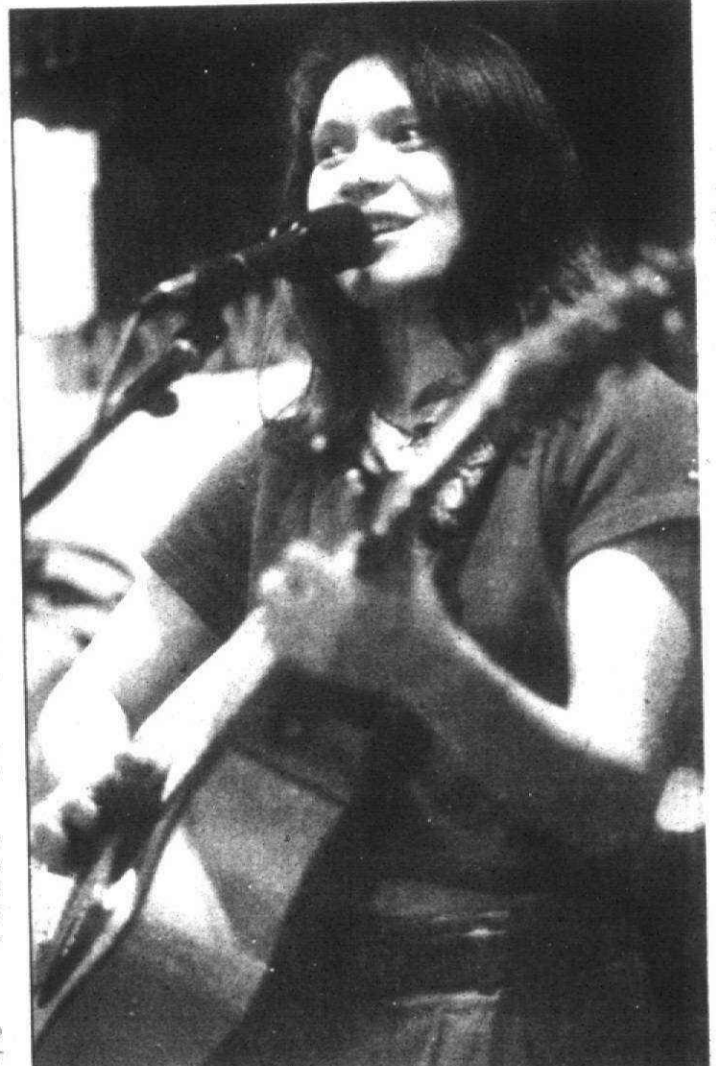
'I had this little tune in my head and the lyrics just came. I was thinking a whole lot about what I was writing. It was a hard time and a cathartic time. There were a lot of lessons learned.'

Sometimes the songs come as quickly as that one. 'Those are the neat songs. They're little gems. Other songs are a little more epic. 'This Road' wasn't hard. It evolved over time.'

Hunter admitted that other times the songs are hard to write.

'I'm the kind of songwriter that is brutally honest with myself. If it's not right I can't sit with it. I generally learn a lot along the way. That's what's really taught me a lot.'

Christina Fusco is the pop music reporter for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have a question or comment for her, you can leave her a message at (734) 953-2047, mailbox No. 2130, or write to her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150, or cfusco@oe-homecom.net

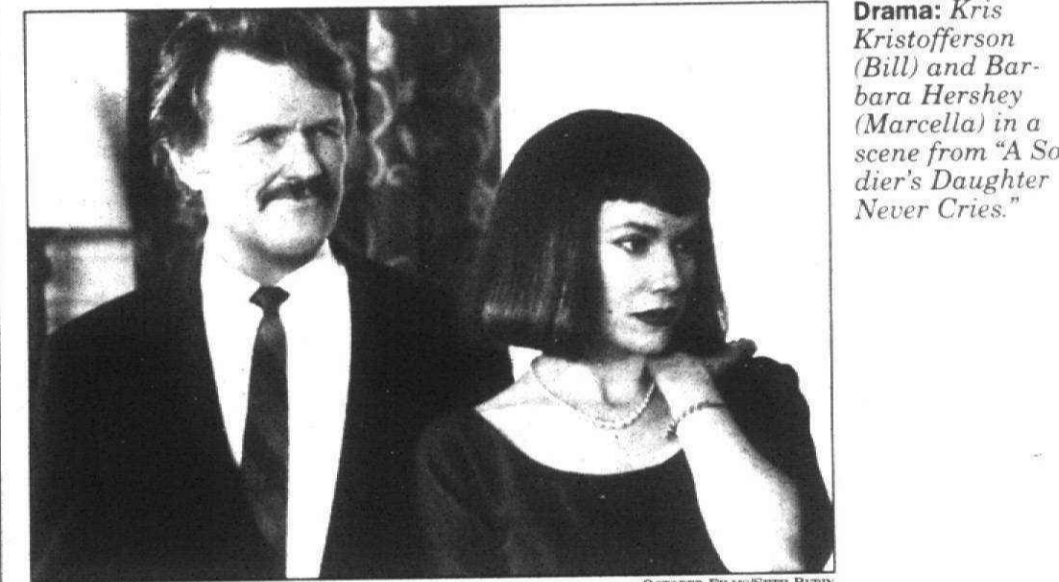


Making the rounds: Singer/songwriter Lisa Hunter will perform songs from her new album 'Flying' at all eight Borders Books stores this weekend.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Grid of movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements, Showcase, Star, and United Artists.

and, in a cameo, Katharina Witt play key roles. 'Ronin' is a stunning travelogue of France. From Paris in the north to Nice, Cannes and Arles in the south, the settings are beautiful. Robert Fraisse's photography with its muted tones and active movement perfectly captures the feel of the story. The action sequences are expertly handled if overdone and the story's slow unraveling is intriguing. But without characters to involve our interest, 'Ronin' ends up being unsatisfying as well as disquieting for such a great director-actor combination.



Drama: Kris Kristofferson (Bill) and Barbara Hershey (Marcella) in a scene from 'A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries.'

COMING ATTRACTIONS section listing movies like 'Urban Legends', 'Clay Pigeons', 'The Chambermaid', 'The Merry Wives of Windsor', etc.

Theater: Meadow Brook reaches for the mythic in Shakespeare's comedy

'The Merry Wives of Windsor,' a comedy written by William Shakespeare 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, through Oct. 11 at Meadow Brook Theatre, located inside Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Tickets: \$19.50-\$35. (248) 377-3300 or group sales (248) 370-3316. BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

THE #1 MOVIE IN AMERICA 'RUSH HOUR' IS A NICE SURPRISE, LIKE A FORTUNE COOKIE WITH GOOD NEWS INSIDE. Jackie Chan • Chris Tucker

24 kt. Club SWING Free SWING DANCE LESSONS TUESDAYS - Intermediate / Advanced WEDNESDAYS - Beginner Lessons. Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition. VIAGRA FALLS The Second City LIVE COMEDY THEATRE

Film festival to honor Elmore Leonard

Plans for the inaugural Detroit & Windsor International Festival of Film were announced recently. The festival is an expanded successor to the Metropolitan Film Festival, held in Detroit for the past six years. 'There is a wealth of talented filmmakers in the world today, and our purpose is to showcase the best of their work for Detroit and Windsor audiences,' said Tom McPhee, the festival's co-chairman. The festival will run Nov. 5-8, opening with a tribute to Bloomfield writer Elmore ('Dutch') Windsor, in cooperation with Windsor Film Theatre and ArtCityWindsor. Plans for the new film festival were announced at a news conference at the Westin Hotel in Mr. McPhee, who heads Michigan-based First Light Contemporary Releasing, an alternative film distribution company, and the festival's co-chairman, Wayne Indyk. Mr. Indyk, an officer of the Detroit Filmmakers Coalition, estimates that some 60 films will be shown. Half will be entered in the competitive phase of the festival.

DINING

# Johnny Rockets has fun serving malt shop fare

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

The wait is over, now you can enjoy dinner and a movie at the Star Southfield Theatre. Johnny Rockets - home of the Original Hamburger is ready to serve you.

"We say hi and bye to customers, and give you nickels with the menu so you can play the jukebox," said Kim Facione, general manger. "It's a happy place. We sing and dance too."

Simple and fun, Johnny Rockets was founded by Ronn Teitelbaum 12 years ago on Melrose Avenue in Los Angeles. "I'm a product of the 1940s," he said. "I dreamed of bringing back the authentic malt shop that I remember as a kid."

The red padded booths and bar stools, and chrome fixtures will take you back to a simpler time. The juke boxes from the 1940s work, and the staff wears vintage fountain caps and long white aprons.

Johnny Rockets offers a limited menu of American Classics, based on hamburgers.

"I always wanted the best hamburgers in the world," said Teitelbaum. "There's nothing fancy on our menu, just basic American fare: hamburgers, Cokes, fries, malts, sandwiches and apple pie. At Johnny Rockets, there are no surprises. You get a juicy hamburger cooked to order, just the way they used to taste."

Order "The Original" hamburger with lettuce, tomato, mustard, pickle, mayonnaise, relish and chopped onion, or a "12," served with Cheddar cheese and Johnny Rockets "red red sauce," a "St. Louis," topped with bacon

**Johnny Rockets**  
**Where:** Inside the Star Southfield Theatre, 25333 12 Mile Road, (west of Telegraph Road, and north of Northwestern Highway), Southfield, (248) 358-2863.  
**Hours:** Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday.  
**Menu:** Great American malt shop classics including hamburgers, grilled cheese, tuna salad, egg salad, grilled ham and cheese, and club sandwiches, chili fries, shakes, malts, and floats.  
**Cost:** Reasonable  
**Credit Cards:** All majors accepted  
**Reservations:** Not accepted  
**Seats:** 110  
**Smoking:** Smoke-free environment.  
**Vegetarian:** Some vegetarian items available, including a Vegetarian burger.

and Swiss cheese, grilled onions, and "special sauce," or the "Streamliner" (Vegetarian burger).

If you're not in the mood for a burger, choose from BLT, Chili Dog, Tuna or Egg Salad Sandwich, Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Grilled Breast of Chicken, Club Sandwich, or just plain Grilled Cheese. You can get American Fries, Onion Rings, Chili Rings and a bowl of chili too.

Johnny Rockets offers a variety of soft drinks, and fountain specialties such as made to order malts, shakes, and floats. When was the last time you had a cherry, chocolate, vanilla or lemon flavored Coke? You can get one



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGFIELD

At your service: Server Nikki Lewis and general manager Kim Facione with two of Johnny Rockets finest menu items, cheeseburgers.

at Johnny Rockets. For dessert, choose from hot fudge sundae, or apple pie.

Johnny Rockets isn't just for the movie going crowd, the restaurant is hoping to build a lunch business too with people who work in offices near the Star Southfield Theatre.

More restaurants are on the way. "We've signed an agreement with Ark Restaurants," said Kryss Bylund, vice president of advertising and promotions for the Grand Rapids-based Star Theatre. "It's a New York-based company. They have a lot of upscale, theme restaurants

throughout the country. We know we want a microbrewery, an Italian restaurant and a Spanish style restaurant that serves tapas. They're developing, and designing these restaurants, and we're anticipating to start construction on the first restaurant by the end of the year."

Although not an Ark Restaurant, Bylund said Johnny Rockets fits the description Star Theatre was looking for in a restaurant. "They're fun," said Bylund. "The waiters and waitresses will break into song and dance every now and then. It's with the movie palace destination theme."

## Special events offer lots of laughs

Known as the "Fabio Man of Comedy" Kirk Noland will present "Stogies & Standup" Thursday, Oct. 1 at Genitti's, 108 E. Main St., in downtown Northville with local comedians Norm Stulz and J.R. Remick.

The evening begins with a buffet dinner 6-8 p.m., followed by the three comedians on stage at 8 p.m. Three premium cigars, Single Malt Scotch and Caribbean Rum Tasting, are also included with the \$40 per person ticket price. Call (248) 349-0522 for reservations.

Armed with a quick wit and an arsenal of sound effects, Kirk brings to the stage a snappy and stylish look at family life, childhood, adulthood, and everything in between. A captivating storyteller, he ricochets across the stage, recounting the intricacies of his peculiarly intricate life, be it as simple as a moment in his life as a father or as bizarre as a trip to the emergency room as a kid.

Also of note:

The comedy team of D.C. Malone and Hampton Nootcheez will perform in a cabaret atmosphere at Schoolcraft College 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 in the Waterman Campus Center on Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile Road) in Livonia, for the 13th Annual Comedy Night.

Tickets are \$8 for students or staff, and \$12 for the general public. Call (734) 462-4422, seating will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Beer and wine, and made-to-order pizzas will be available

at additional cost. You must be 18, or older to attend this event.

Touted as the masters of verbal choreography, Malone and Nootcheez offer a tightly-paced, rapid-fire comedy act alternating straightman/funnyman roles with nonstop ad-libs with the audience, and a routine that plays off each other's strengths.

Along with one-liners, these two comedians incorporate music into their act. Malone plays guitar, and Nootcheez phone a six-foot tall bass saxophone.

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail, kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

**Vassel's of Plymouth**—Judy Burns bakes homemade goodies everyday at Vassel's of Plymouth, 9468 S. Main St., Plymouth (734) 459-2066. Simple, eye-catching desserts are Judy's specialty. Turn to Dining in next Thursday's Observer to find out what else is cooking at Vassel's, our featured restaurant on Oct. 1.

**The Ritz-Carlton**—Celebrates the foods and wines of Australia and New Zealand

through Sept. 29. Special selections from Australia and New Zealand will be featured in The Grill, the hotel restaurant, at lunch and dinner. The Ritz is at 300 Town Center Dr. in Dearborn. Call (313) 441-2100 for information.

**Zoup!**—a new restaurant featuring a food concept parodied in the now-famous Seinfeld "Soup" episode, opens Monday, Sept. 28. The restaurant located at 29177 Northwestern Highway

at 12 Mile Road in the Franklin Plaza Shopping Center, will be open 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily, call (248) 799-2800 for information.

Eric Ersher, Zoup!'s spokesman said Zoup! is in direct response to what "people told us again and again - really good soup is hard to find." Zoup!'s creators spent more than a year developing its 200 recipes. Zoup offers a comfortable, relaxing atmosphere.

**Expert Bathtub Liners**  
 Serving S.E. Mich. Since 1974  
**Call about Home show Sale!**  
 Toll 1-8-TubLiners  
 Free 1-888-254-6377

**Mr. Z's STEAK HOUSE** 537-5600  
 27331 Five Mile Rd. (Corner of Inkster) Dancing Fri. & Sat.  
 OPEN SUNDAY! Join Us Every Sunday For Our LIONS RAFFLE. Watch the NFL Games Here and Win A LIONS JERSEY (Must be 21 years old and present to win)  
**DANCING TO LARRY FRANK & THE BLUE NOTES** Fri. & Sat.  
**BUY ONE DINNER GET 2nd DINNER 1/2 OFF** (of equal or lesser value) Dine-In Only - Expires 10-1-98

**DON PEDRO'S**  
 AUTHENTIC MEXICAN CUISINE  
 24366 Grand River (3 blocks W of Telegraph)  
 CARRY OUT (313) 537-1450  
**MARGARITA MADNESS** Wednesdays \$1.25  
 Check Out Our Summer Food & Drink Specials!  
**BANQUET FACILITIES** Home Of The Best \$7.95  
 American / Mexican Banquet Buffet  
**\$3.79 LUNCH SPECIALS**  
**1/2 OFF DINNER**  
 Buy 1 dinner, 2nd meal of equal or lesser value 1/2 price.  
 Also excludes Alcoholic Beverages  
 Dine-In Only With Coupon  
 Not Valid With Any Other Offer  
 Expires 10/8/98

**PRIME RIB DINNER** includes Salad, Potatoes, Vegetable and Hot Bread. \$12.95  
**EARLY BIRD DINNERS - \$5.95** MON-FRI 3-6PM ONLY!  
 Country Fried Steak Baked Scrod  
 Liver & Onions Chopped Sirloin  
 Veal Parmesan/Pasta Chicken Strips/French Fries  
 Spaghetti & Meatballs Turkey Burger/French Fries  
 Includes: Soup or Salad, veggie or potato. (Except for pasta items)  
 OPEN SUNDAY 11-4PM COCKTAIL DINNER MON-FRI 4-7 PM DAILY  
 FASHION SHOW Thursdays Starting at Noon  
**BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCHES from \$5.95**  
**DINNERS from \$6.95**  
**MITCH HOUSEY'S** EVERY THURSDAY OLDIES MUSIC Now Appearing...Live THE SHOWCASEMEN  
 28500 Schoolcraft Opposite Ludbrook DR4 LIVONIA 125-5520  
 AMPLE LIGHTED PARKING

**DePalma's** **Early Bird Specials!**  
 Your Choice of:  
 • Baked Swiss Steak with Pasta  
 • Veal Parmesan with Pasta  
 • Veal Spazzatini over Fettucine  
 • Chicken Scallopioli with Pasta  
 • Broiled Boston Scrod & Fresh Vegetables  
 • Broiled White Fish & Fresh Vegetables  
 • Baked Lasagne with Meat Sauce  
 • Fettucine Alfredo  
 • Spaghetti with Meat Ball & Meat Sauce  
 • Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast  
 Includes choice of soup or salad (except Caesar Salad) and choice of Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink!  
**\$5.95** (Tax and gratuity not included) Valid Monday-Friday 3-5:00 p.m.  
 31735 Plymouth Rd. Livonia • (734) 261-2430

**LOBSTERRIFIC!**  
**WEDNESDAY, 9/16 - MONDAY, 9/28**  
 The season's lowest price on the freshest live Maine Lobster, corn on the cob, redskins and coleslaw  
**\$15.95**  
**REAL SEAFOOD GRILL**  
 FORMERLY D.DENNISON'S  
 LAUREL PARK PLACE • LIVONIA • 734.464.9030

**NOVI EXPO CENTER**  
**THUR. SEPT. 24, 2-10pm**  
**FRI. SEPT. 25, 2-10pm**  
**SAT. SEPT. 26, 10 am-10pm**  
**SUN. SEPT. 27, 10 am-7pm**  
 Hundreds of exhibitors bringing you thousands of products, services and ideas to improve your home!  
**WJR'S JOE GABNON, "THE APPLIANCE DOCTOR"** Answers your questions.  
**THE 1998 FALL REMODELING SHOW**  
 BRITISH HOME IMPROVEMENT EXPERT Michael Colthole demonstrates the art of wall taping and faux finishes. As seen on Lifetime and HGTV PLUS... National Kitchen and Bath Association members sale of cabinets and counters. Proceeds to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Daily demonstrations on home improvement. Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.  
**SHOWCASE OF DISTINCTIVE HOMES** Display of new homes, sponsored by Standard Federal Bank.  
**ADMISSION: ADULTS \$6.00 SENIORS \$4.00 CHILDREN 6-12 \$3.00 CHILDREN UNDER 6 FREE** Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children available at Farmer Jack \$9.00  
**NOVI EXPO CENTER • 1-96 & NOVI RD. SEPTEMBER 24-27**  
**www.builders.org**