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Observer names new managing editor

Hugh Gallagher is the new managing editor for the Observer Newspapers. He replaces Susan Rosiek, who was appointed publisher of the Observer Newspapers in June.



Hugh Gallagher

As managing editor, Gallagher will coordinate newsroom operations in three offices (Livonia, Farmington and Plymouth) and supervise the seven community editors in Canton, Farmington, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland.

A graduate of Wayne State University, Gallagher has more than 25 years of newspaper experience. At the Observer, he has been an assistant

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Split school board goes west



By a 4-3 vote, Plymouth-Canton trustees Tuesday decided to put some distance between a new high school and the existing PCEP campus. District administrators say the decision will be a costly one.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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In a decision which has divided the school board and split the community, Plymouth-Canton trustees voted 4-3 Tuesday night to build a new high school at Joy and Beck, away from the present two high schools, despite an administration recommendation to

build the new facility closer to the current high schools.

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And as if that weren't enough to sever relations among board members, about an hour after the vote, long after most of the 80 people who crowded the meeting room at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center left disappointed

and angry, administration officials flatly stated the school district doesn't have enough money to operate the new facility.

After listening quietly to 37 people address the board, two-thirds of whom pleaded for a vote in favor of the East site, Susan Davis, Judy Mardigian, Mark Slavens and Darwin Watts voted to keep a promise to voters in March 1997, that the new school be constructed away from the current complex, signaling changes to the way curriculum is delivered at the high school level.

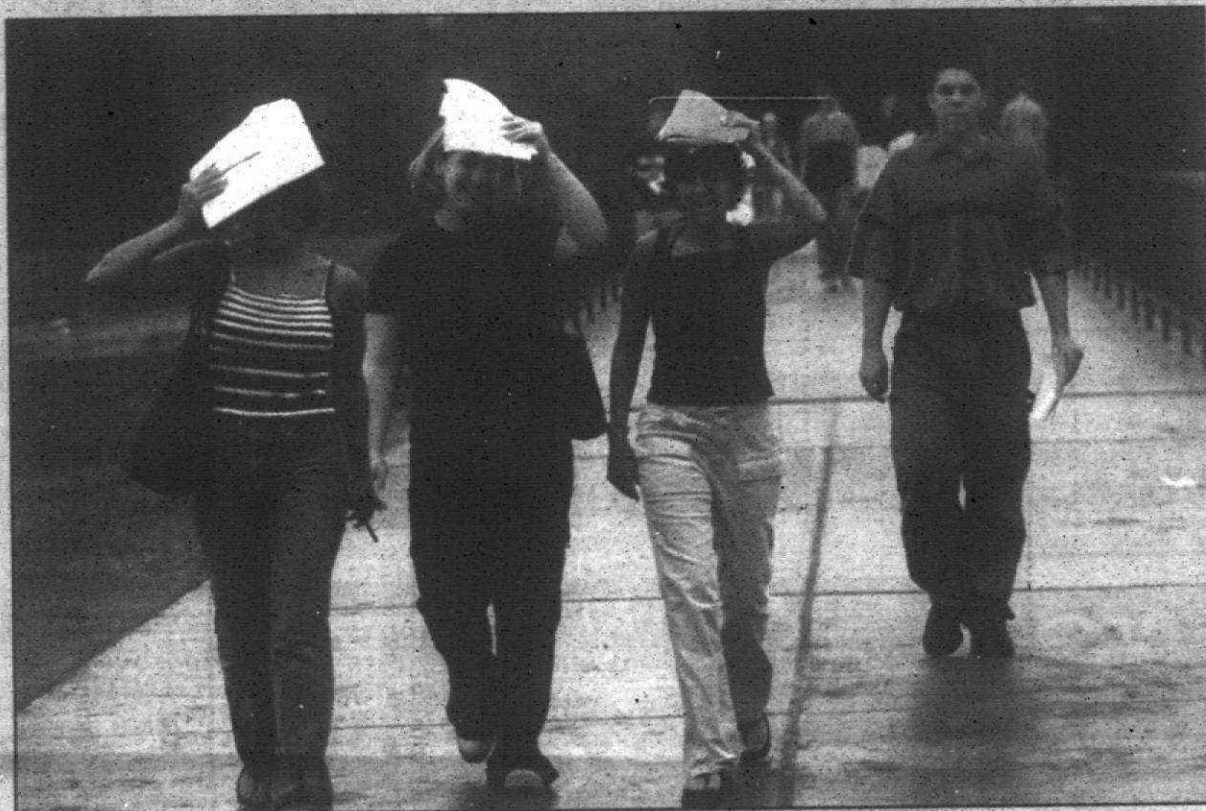
"I believe we need to consider this high school as an alternative high school," said Davis to the gathering. "I

believe the park, as we know it today, has been successful for many students. But I also know there are many students who aren't successful in this environment. My vision is that we help a group of young people become successful in a different way than at the park."

"I feel I have a moral obligation to what I told the voters," said Mardigian. "I want to be in a position in the future to go back to the voters again. I also believe there's a trend toward smaller high schools ... to offer a smaller learning environment for our students."

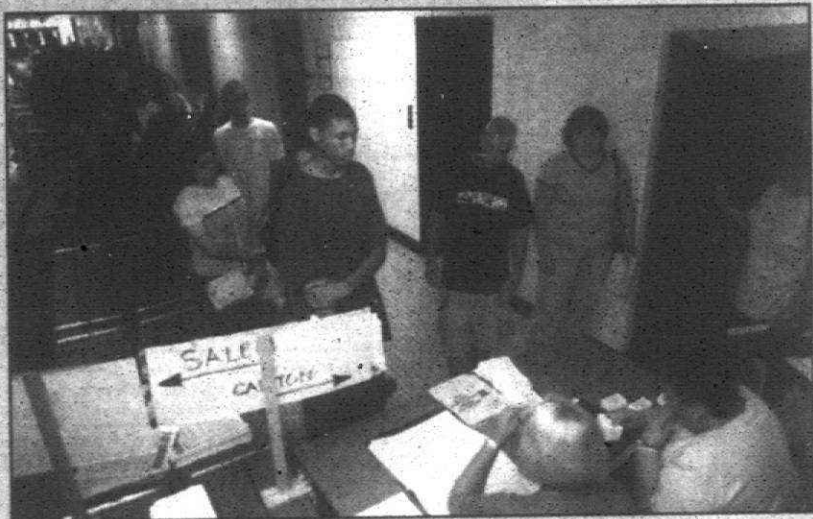
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Signing up and signing on for a new school year



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At registration: Leah Inman (from left) Katie Dysaczuk and Andrea Garibaldi, all 17 and from Canton, hold registration packets over their heads Tuesday to protect themselves from the rain as they move between buildings at Plymouth Canton High School during registration. Darren Kossick of Canton, 18, follows. At right, students line one of the hallways at Plymouth Canton High School to register for classes, which start Tuesday.



Township sues over back rent

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Canton is suing the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory and its president, Jeffrey Myers, to collect the \$42,000 in back rent he owes the township for sub-leasing the former Arnoldt

CONSERVATORY

Williams Music Store as the SMAC site.

Also named in the suit is Michigan Music Studios Inc., of which Myers also is president. Both SMAC and the studios are located in the facility at 5701

Please see **LAWSUIT, A10**

Third heist no charm for bank

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A robber made off with \$3,200 Friday afternoon from the Ford Road branch of the First Federal of Michigan Bank in what Canton police say is the third such incident there this year.

Officer Leonard Schemanske, police spokesman, said the bank was robbed earlier this year and that another holdup was attempted in late June, but

Please see **BANK ROBBERY, A6**

Planners give preliminary OK for project

BY SCOTT NEINAS
STAFF WRITER

Canton planning commissioners approved a preliminary plan on Monday for Cherry Hill Village, a \$284 million development that would be the first of its kind in the state.

At the first of two required public

CHERRY HILL VILLAGE

hearings, representatives from Troy-based Biltmore Properties presented a conceptual plan to the commission complete with 2-inch-thick packets and a slide show.

"The presentation we've seen tonight is as well done and professional as I've seen," said Commissioner Ron Lieberman.

The plan will go to the township

board for final approval. A second public hearing should be scheduled before the end of the year, Township Planner Jeff Goulet said.

Goulet's staff recommended approval of the plan but wants a primary entrance to the village from Ridge road

Please see **CHERRY HILL, A6**

Ford Road center puts zap into indoor recreation

BY SCOTT NEINAS
STAFF WRITER

Zap-zap, you're dead. Laser tag has quietly become a staple of family entertainment in Canton.

Zap Zone, located at Ford and Lilley, opened five years ago as one of the first laser tag facilities in the country, according to its owner, Gaz Ismail.

"Back then, there wasn't anything like it around here. People would literally come from miles around to check us out," Ismail said.

Word of mouth has enabled the small company to spawn three other centers in Ann Arbor, Farmington and Taylor.

"It's a great indoor activity, kids really want to hang out here," Ismail said. Store manager Keith Figurski said the Canton branch has sold 900 memberships.

"A good percentage of our business comes from repeat customers and birthday parties, kids who are too old for Chuck E. Cheese's but still want a

party," Figurski said.

The high-tech game of seek and destroy has gained market share in the family entertainment industry, especially in Michigan.

According to Figurski, Michigan has 43 laser tag centers, more than any other state.

Ismail, originally from Canada, started a laser tag company in Windsor in the early '90s. He sold his stock in the business to move stateside with a dream of starting a laser tag empire.

Canton and its favorable demographics was Ismail's first choice.

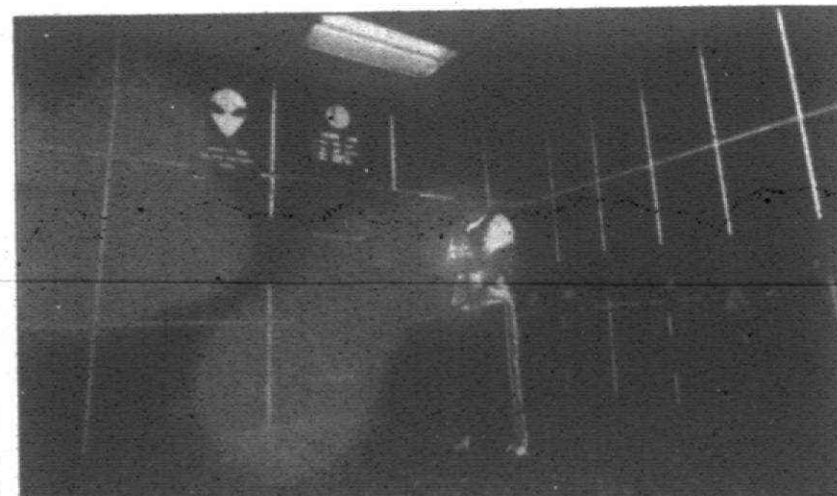
"It's an excellent area. It's been growing a long time and has a very young population," Ismail said.

No two Zap Zones are alike. Maze layouts and even the lasers themselves differ from store to store.

What remains the same is the game's draw.

Val Sams, who commutes to Canton

Please see **ZAP ZONE, A3**



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Got you! Erica Stengle of Plymouth, 17, an employee at the Zap Zone on Ford Road, demonstrates the laser gun used in the laser tag game that is the main attraction at the arcade.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

Patrick J. Sautural, 12, has been named Carrier of the Month in Canton. He delivers the Canton Observer in the Brookside Village subdivision. He has been delivering the Observer since August, 1998.

The Lowell Middle School seventh grader's favorite subject is science. His hobbies are collecting Legos and airplanes. He has received recognition in art and a certificate in the 1997-98 Michigan Education Assessment Program.

Patrick wants to become an airplane pilot.

Customer involvement and satisfaction are some of the things he enjoys about his route.

Responsibility, saving money and job experience are some of the skills he has developed.

Patrick is the son of Daniel and Helen Sautural. He has a brother, Danny 25, and a sister, Marquel, 21.

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Patrick Sautural

Optometry group names Canton man president

Dr. Gregory B. Ferman, who practices optometry in Plymouth and resides in Canton, has been installed as president of the Michigan Optometric Association. The installation came during the association's 103rd Annual Convention & Summer Educational Seminar at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Mt. Pleasant.

Dr. Ferman, a 1977 graduate of the Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, was installed by his father, Dr. William C. Ferman, now retired, who served as president of the association in 1983-84. Previously, the new president served as association president elect, vice president, secretary-treasurer and trustee of the 950 member association.

2 sought in abduction attempt

Canton police were looking for two white males in a dark-colored four-door sedan Sunday night after one allegedly tried to get three young sisters into it.

The three, ages 5 to 9, were playing in the front yard of their home on Larchmont, off Hanford Road near Beck Road, around 8:10 p.m. when the car pulled up.

According to police, a blond-haired man in the back seat, who appeared younger than the driver, opened a back door and

invited them in. But when the girls instead went to the house and called for their father, the car drove off.

No one got a license plate number. "We're not sure if it was a prank or what," said Canton Officer Leonard Schemanske.

Money stolen
The home care manager of a

group home on south Canton Center Road told police Aug. 19 that \$155 was missing from the residents' fund.

The woman said the money, which had been kept inside a locked file cabinet in a locked basement room, was there Aug. 6 but gone by Aug. 18.

Police said the door to the room possibly had been pried open with a screwdriver.

COP CALLS

Numbers

Canton police responded to 248 calls for service the weekend of Aug. 20-22, including 30 false alarms, 20 civil/family disputes and 20 traffic accidents.

Two of the crashes caused injuries. Also reported were 13 larcenies, two thefts of vehicles, two breaking-and-entering incidents and one destruction of property.

Preliminary hearing set for shooting

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A preliminary examination has been set for 8:30 a.m. Monday in 35th District Court for two Canton men charged with felonious assault in the motel shooting of a third after an argument over a cellular telephone. The two — Gerald Daniel Hahn, 33, and Alonzo Kendricks, 51, were arraigned Monday before 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe, who set cash bonds at \$30,000 for Hahn and \$20,000 for Kendricks.

Both men were remanded to the Wayne County Jail when neither could make bond.

Gerald Daniel Hahn and Alonzo Kendricks, both of Canton, are charged with felony intent to do great bodily harm, which carries a 10-year prison sentence and/or a \$5,000 fine.

Donald Ervin, 47, who suffered a gunshot wound to both feet in the 1:30 p.m. Aug. 17 incident at the DeSwan Motel on Michigan Avenue near Belleville Road, has been released from Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, police said.

Hahn and Kendricks are charged with felony intent to do great bodily harm, which carries a 10-year prison sentence and/or

a \$5,000 fine. Both also are charged with felony firearms possession, a two-year sentence.

In addition, Kendricks faces a charge of felony assault with a dangerous weapon, four years and/or \$2,000 fine, while Hahn has been charged with both felony malicious destruction of police property and being an habitual offender.

Police said the property charge resulted from Hahn's breaking a patrol car window and carries four years and/or \$2,000 fine. The habitual offender penalty is 1-1/2 times the maximum sentence on the primary offense or the lesser term.

All three men were residents of the DeSwan at the time of the incident.

According to police, Hahn and Kendricks appeared to have been drinking heavily and began arguing with Ervin over the phone. Ervin was shot once in both feet with a .22 caliber rifle that was recovered at the scene.

Theatre Guild sets 'Wonderful Life' auditions

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will be holding auditions for "It's A Wonderful Life," at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 and Tuesday, Sept. 14 at Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, the theater is located on 7 Mile, 1/2 mile

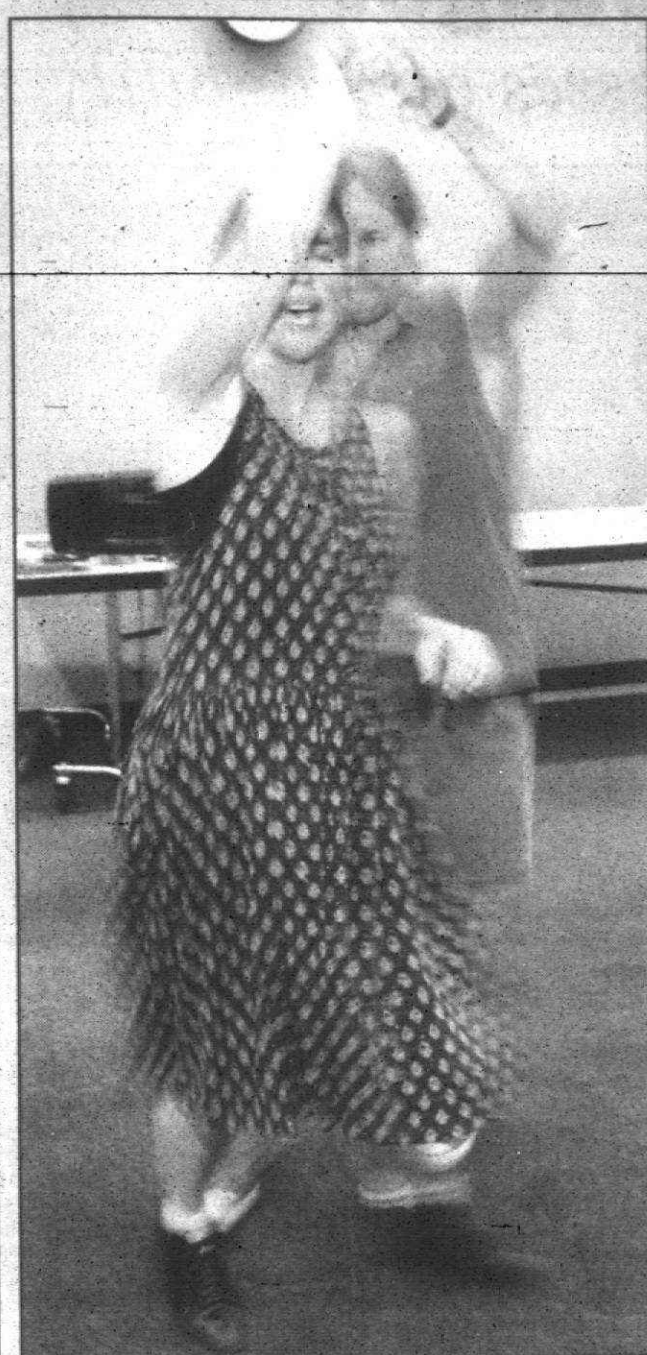
west of I-275, between Haggerty and Northville Roads.

Auditions will be held readings and script cuts will be available at that time. There are roles for 12 men, 10 women and six children. Some roles may be combined. There will also be casting

for an a cappella chorus who will sing Christmas carols. This is not a requirement to be cast. To audition for the singing chorus, please prepare a short Christmas carol. There will be no accompaniment. Show dates are Nov. 19, 20,

26, 27, 28 and Dec. 3 and 4. For more information, call Kristin Curle, director at (248) 344-1723 or the PTG phone line at (248) 349-7110 or visit PTG's web site at www.causeway.com/ptg/.

Jumpin' and jivin' at the library



Swing time: Instructors Gail Wolkoff and Steve Wilcoxon of Ypsilanti demonstrate an outside turn during a Swing Dancing program for teens at the Canton Library this month. For information on future classes, call the library at 397-0999.

the Canton Public Library

Did you know?

■ Candle sales in the U.S. are projected to reach \$2.3 billion this year?

■ Surveys show that 96 percent of all candles are brought by women?

■ Candles are used in seven out of 10 households?

■ Chickens are members of the pheasant family?

■ The symbol on the pound key (#) is called an octothorpe?

■ The word "dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt"?

For your listening pleasure Here are some books on audiotape available from the library:

■ "Ironweed" by William Kennedy

■ "Lonesome Dove" by Larry McMurtry

■ "Maigret and the Wine Merchant" by George Simenon

■ "Man of the Hour" by Peter Blauner

For young readers Here are some magazines that will interest children:

■ Cricket

■ Disney Adventures

■ Jack and Jill

Kid City

Spider

Q & A:

Q: Why are they called the "dog days" of summer?

A: The "dog days" run from the middle of July to the end of August. They are hot, sluggish, pestilential and you feel like laziness around the yard like a hound dog. This ancient term is derived from the brightest star in the sky, Sirius, "the Dog Star." During this part of the summer in ancient times, Sirius rose in the morning just before the sun in the Northern Hemisphere. The ancients figured the bothersome heat had something to do with the combined radiation of Sirius and the sun.

The source for this information is "Why Things Are"

Reading to make an extra point

Here are some fiction selections that will interest football fans:

■ "And This Too Shall Pass" by E. Lynn Harris

■ "Outlaws" by Tim Green

■ "Tuesday Night Football" by Alex Karras

■ "Balls: A Novel" by Nanci Kincaid

■ "The Red Zone" by Tim Green

Web Watch

Check out these new Web sites:

■ www.biztoolsplus.com

■ <http://www.gonline.co.uk>

■ www.pheast.com

■ www.eschokey.com/history

Story program for school shoppers

Parents and children are invited to experience an interactive 20-30 minute program of storytelling, music and movement while shopping for back-to-school clothing at local resale shops.

Favorite children's books, simple instruments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the story time.

Teddy Bears are highlighted in "Story Time with Miss Karen" at Beary Worn, located at 249 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, August 28. Call (734) 416-9417 to register.

"On the Farm Story Time with Miss Karen" will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at Tiggyswinkles. Tiggyswinkles is located at 30993 Five Mile Road (east of Merriman) in the Livonia Plaza Shopping Center in Livonia. Call (734) 458-5313 to register.

Karen Schanerberger, a licensed Kindermusik educator at Evola Music, has over 20 years teaching and conducting experience with students of all ages.

Evola offers Kindermusik VillageTM for newborns to 18 months. Kindermusik "Our Time" for children 18 months to 3 years of age and Growing With Kindermusik for 3 1/2 to 5 year olds.

Registration for fall classes are now being taken at Evola Music, located at 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. Call (734) 455-4677 to register for classes or for a free brochure. Classes are available mornings and evenings.

Lindquist attends Our Lady of Good Counsel Elementary School.

division of the Metropolitan Detroit Science Fair recently held at Cobo Center in Detroit.

Tom Lindquist of Plymouth was among 10 students who won first place awards in the junior

Area student is Metro Detroit Science Fair winner

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for work, makes a pit stop three to four times a week before going home.

"I play five or six games a day," Sams beamed.

The '90s version of cowboys and Indians directly competes with other, more traditional family activities like pizza parlors and miniature golf.

Laser tag is more expensive than miniature golf. The 20-minute games cost \$6 per person, although additional games are discounted. Specials are also available for members, parents and groups.

Laser tag has evolved into a number of different type games but most of them go like this:

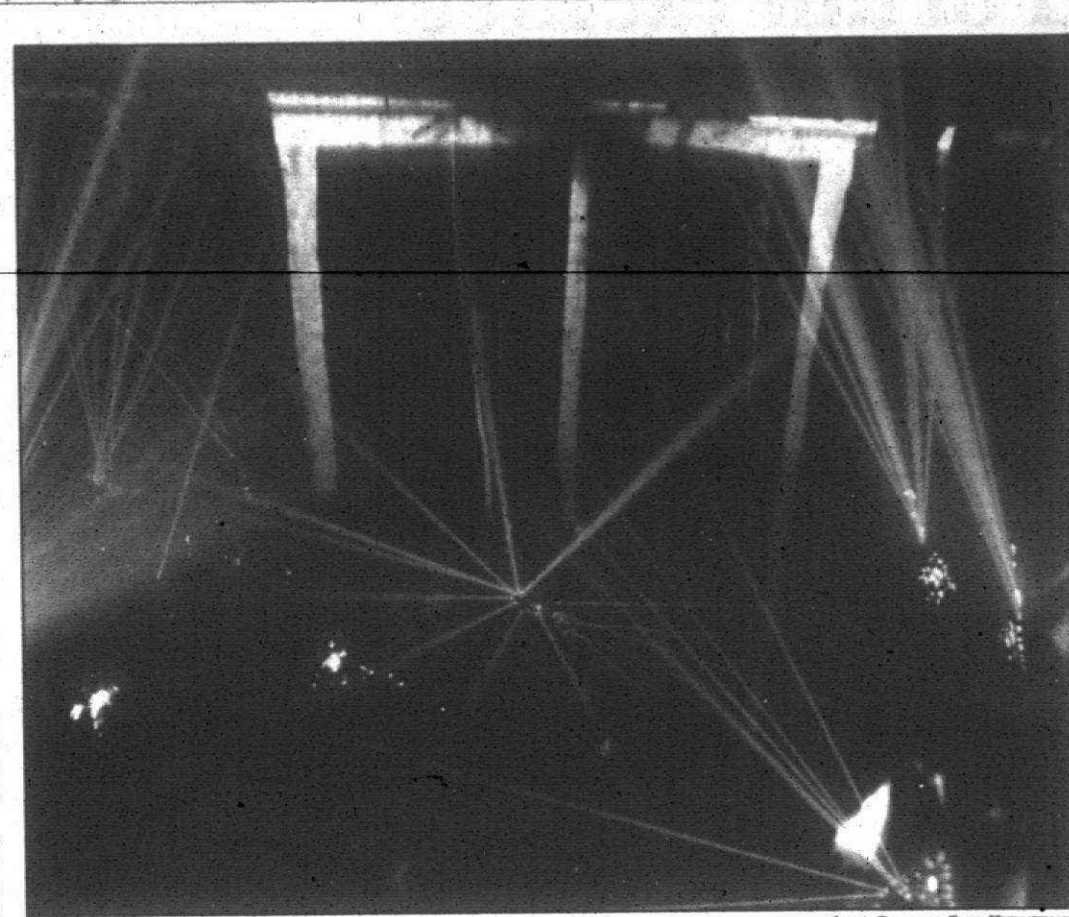
A group of 6-20 people is divided into two teams. Each player is armed with a laser gun attached to a vest with blinking receptor targets.

The players are released into a multi-level, 5,000 square-foot maze, complete with strategically placed mirrors and windows.

Players get points for shooting their enemies and their opponent's "base," a box hanging from the ceiling with a blinking sensor unit.

After the game each vest is zapped by an information collection device. The gadget feeds the results into a computer which, in turn, spits out detailed tally sheets for each player.

A winner is announced and the often sweaty combatants line up for the next game.



Light show: Nearly a dozen campers from the Plymouth Community YMCA shoot their laser guns toward the photographer while demonstrating the laser tag experience at Zap Zone.

Managing editor from page A1

managing editor for 13 years, supervising copy desk activities for nine years and the feature sections for the last four years. Those feature sections include Taste, Arts & Leisure, Entertainment, At Home and Real Estate.

Rosiek said Gallagher's "passion for community journalism, his keen intellect along with his many years of newspaper experience and strong work ethic will serve him well in the months and years to come."

"Hugh has been part of the Observer Group management

team for several years as an assistant managing editor. His promotion to managing editor — the top spot in the editorial department — is well-deserved.

"Be sure to read Hugh's personal column in today's Canton Observer on page A15. His deep respect for readers and community journalism is told in his own words."

Gallagher has been with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for 17 years.

"I'm happy to be moving into such a challenging and exciting position," Gallagher said. "I

believe The Observer Newspapers are among the best community papers in the country and I look forward to working with a talented staff in continuing and expanding on that rich tradition."

Gallagher joins an Observer Group management team comprised of Peg Knoespel, retail advertising manager; Mark Warren, circulation director and Larry Geiger, circulation manager.

He previously was employed at the Lorain Journal in Lorain, Ohio, The Albuquerque Journal

in Albuquerque, N.M., and Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

Gallagher, 51, and his wife, Debbie, a librarian with the Ann Arbor District Library and the Michigan Electronic Library, live in Ann Arbor. They have two adult sons, Sean and James.

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Forum tackles cruising issue

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The Plymouth Community Foundation has decided to take the bull by the horns to put an end to the problems caused by teens cruising Plymouth streets and congregating around the central business district.

The foundation is hosting a Plymouth Youth Forum Wednesday, Sept. 8, for all city and township residents, young and old, who want to put an end to conflicts arising from nighttime activities by teens in downtown Plymouth.

"We hope to start a process of opening lines of communication in our town about ways we can pool resources to resolve some of the differences between segments of our community, and to take a long term look at the formation of a Plymouth Youth Commission to address the issues and problems relating to youth," said Bill Steiner, president of the Plymouth Community Foundation.

The need to find a common ground among teens who like to converge downtown with business owners and residents who would rather see the clusters of young people disappear became apparent after four youths were ticketed last month for obstructing a Penniman street sidewalk.

"We need to pull people together to deal with an issue like the youth in our area," said Bill Joyner, founder of the Plymouth Volunteer Center, who will co-facilitate a public forum next month with Jennifer Tobin, executive director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council. "We need to know how people feel about each other ... how the adults feel about the youth of our community and how the youth feel about the adults."

Tobin said people in the community have discussed the issues among themselves and in the media, but "It's time to talk face-to-face. Let's pose questions and let's get answers. All the different sides are important and have viable issues."

The forum, which will be held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council from 7-9 p.m., is designed to be the first of a series to develop solutions of the decades-old problems.

"It's our hope to create a task force that will meet throughout the fall and winter to come up with options, alternatives and outlets," said Joyner. "When we come back next summer we'll at least have an understanding of each side's position."

Two of the four teens who were ticketed last month for obstructing a downtown sidewalk like the idea.

"I think it would be better than the adults just criticizing us," said Jamie Wand, 16, of Canton. "Kids should have a bigger say of what goes on in the community. We're a part of the area's future."

"I think it's ridiculous to just hand out tickets," added Robbi Woelfel, 17, also of Canton. "We should be talking about how to solve the problems."

Michele Potter of Plymouth recently presented a similar idea to the Plymouth city commission in hopes city officials would begin the process of dealing with the problems.

"I'm glad to see someone doing something about the problem," said Potter. "Everyone has to have input into the process, because if some groups are left out they won't buy into it."

Anyone who would like to become involved in the Plymouth Youth Forum can contact Bill Joyner at the Plymouth Volunteer Center, (734) 453-2920.

Making budget Condo developer stresses affordability

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With Canton housing prices rising every day, David Jacobson is offering potential buyers a new concept — affordability.

For \$86,000 to \$106,000 and up, Hidden Glen Condominiums provides spacious living at a reasonable price, according to the Birmingham-based developer.

"I think it's an excellent value," said Jacobson, who runs Home Corp. along with brother Howard. "We think we're producing a great product for people."

The 146-unit complex sits on Ford Road between Sheldon and Canton Center. Jacobson bought the units, formerly known as Fellows Creek Apartments, from a Farmington family last September.

"This purchase was our first major purchase," he said. "It certainly commands 90 percent of our time. We're spending a lot of time making sure this project goes smoothly."

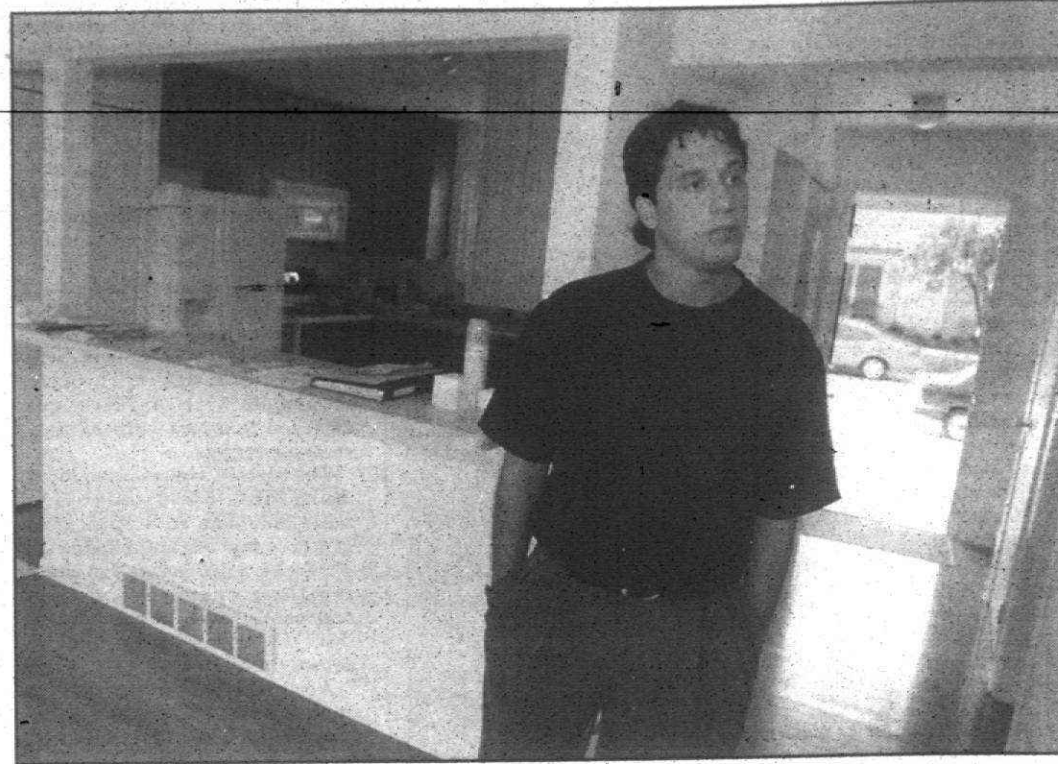
Until the sale, the complex was subsidized by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Under HUD section 236, moderate and low income families could live in the two-bedroom apartments and three-bedroom townhouses at a reduced rate.

Since last winter, many of the complex's residents have had to find different living arrangements. Property Manager Lisa Boughton helped many find apartments in Canton and Westland.

Others took advantage of Hidden Glen's "transfer program." Residents were given \$300 by Jacobson to help with moving costs.

The deal allows residents to stay in the complex temporarily, until remodeling work is complete.

"I think we were as fair as we could be," said Jacobson. "We didn't intend to clean (apartment residents) out. We gave people notification of what we were doing as soon as we bought the units."



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Conversion: Developer David Jacobson shows off one of the recently renovated condos in the Hidden Glen neighborhood south of Ford Road in Canton.

could be," said Jacobson. "We didn't intend to clean (apartment residents) out. We gave people notification of what we were doing as soon as we bought the units."

"I think it was somewhat of a shock to them at first," Boughton said of the sale. "But I think most people have accepted it now."

Several residents purchased condominiums, she noted. Boughton is one, for example. "I like it here," she said. "I love the area."

Work at Hidden Glen is proceeding in phases. The first of those phases is nearly complete. It includes 38 three-bedroom units. "It's going great," Jacobson

said in terms of sales.

All first phase units are sold with buyers lining up for phase two units. Jacobson expects all of the condominiums to be sold by next summer and renovation work to be completed by the end of 2000.

The developer has left no stone unturned in renovating the units. Many have been taken down to the drywall and bare floor for repairs.

"If there's a squeak in the floor," said Jacobson, "we're getting rid of it."

Two bedroom condominiums are 1,000 square feet. Each has a common hallway and private balcony. The three bedroom units are townhouse style and feature

1,200 square feet with a full basements and private entrances.

Large kitchens with new appliances, washer and dryer connections and private car ports come with each unit. Extensive exterior remodeling, including landscaping, is being done to the units.

Jacobson said renovations will cost more than \$2 million.

Prices for two bedroom units start at \$86,900 while three bedrooms start at \$106,900. Upgrades such as special cabinets, wood flooring, windows and security systems add to those price tags.

"For \$110,000 most condominiums have used everything," said Jacobson. "Here for that price you get everything new."

Parks officials seek memories of Ford Village workers

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About 60 years ago, six small factories lined the middle branch of the Rouge River in western Wayne County, making everything from valves to drill bits.

One of those Ford Motor Co. Village Industries developed at Nankin Mills, in what is now Westland, and employed anywhere from 12 to 50 employees, growing to 70 to 90 employees during wartime production. It housed a screw machine shop, then after 1937, a stencil and engraving facility.

Wayne County parks officials are looking for people who once worked for Henry Ford at Nankin Mills and five other small factories along the Rouge River in the 1930s.

The workers would now be in their 80s.

"We want them to share their memories about what it was like to work there," said Carol Clements, the county manager heading up the project, headquartered at Nankin Mills, Westland.

They would be videotaped, and the completed tape would be available to visitors at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland in early 2000.

"We want people who can fill in some of the gaps of knowledge," said Denise Johnson, president of Friends of Nankin Mills. That also would include those who knew Ford or who lived in the nearby area at that time.

Lifestyles blended

Raised on a farm, Henry Ford believed city life, which included his own factories, was destroying the rural lifestyle of the times.

Ford's Village Industries concept was his way of blending rural and factory life. Ford bought six mills along the Rouge and turned them into parts shops for his company, six of 20 shops known as the Village Industries.

Ford even relocated machinery from his Highland Park and Rouge plants. Employees at these factories were able to work for Ford and then return to their

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farms during farming periods. In 1918, he bought the Nankin Mills flour mill and it opened as a parts shop in 1921. The workers at Nankin Mills made stencils of the famous Ford-signature logo. Other shops made such items as engine valves and generator parts.

The plants switched production to make parts for bombers and other aircraft. Never a profit-making project, most of the Village Industries were eliminated by 1947 when Ford's grandson, Henry Ford II, took over the auto company after his grandfather's death.

"When Henry Ford died, it all died," Clements said. By 1947, most of the shops were closed due to the auto company's economic cutbacks.

Artifacts sought

Wayne County Parks are especially interested in locating any artifacts from Ford's Nankin Plant through donation or loan to display in the museum. "We have a photo showing the kind of

stencil work that was done here," says Clements. "It was very precise work."

Village Industries workers are invited to attend a wine-and-cheese reception, sponsored by Friends of Nankin Mills, 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Nankin Mills to share their stories and experiences. Others interested in attending the reception can obtain tickets after Sept. 6 at the Wayne County Parks office, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Tickets are \$20 and proceeds will be donated by Friends of Nankin Mills toward

new exhibits at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

The shops, numbers of employees and parts created at the Village Industries included:

■ Northville — 380 peacetime, 700 wartime, made valves, car tractors and cars.

■ Nankin Mills — 12-50 peacetime, 70-90 wartime, screw machine shop, then stencil and engraving after 1937.

■ Phoenix — 150 peacetime, 200 wartime, all-female crew making generator parts.

■ Plymouth — 35 peacetime, 60 wartime, taps for threads.

■ Waterford — 20 peacetime, 130 wartime, Johansson precision gauge blocks.

■ Newburgh — 30 peacetime, 64 wartime, drill bits, twist drills.

To contact Wayne County about the search for Village Industries workers, contact Carol Clements at (734) 261-1990.

For information or tickets for on the wine-and-cheese reception, contact Clements or Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay-Beard's office at (313) 224-0902.

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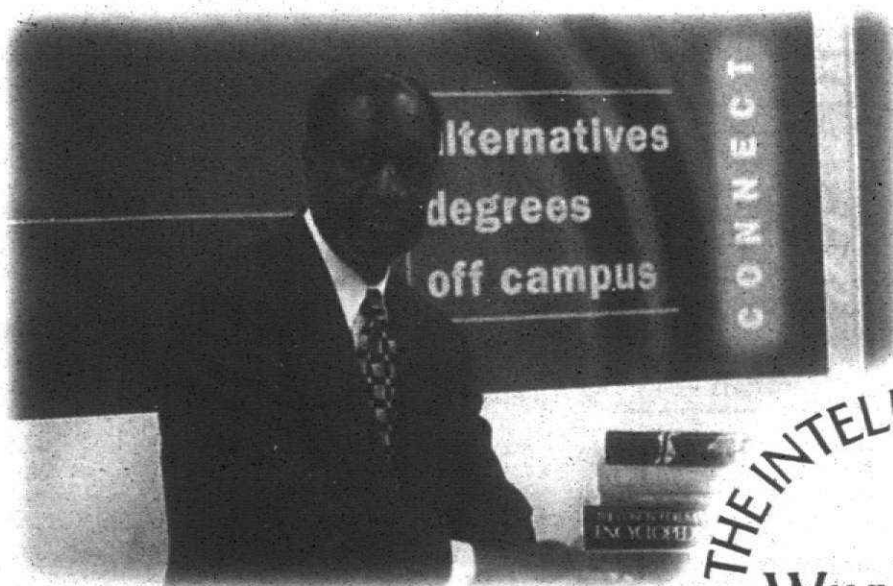
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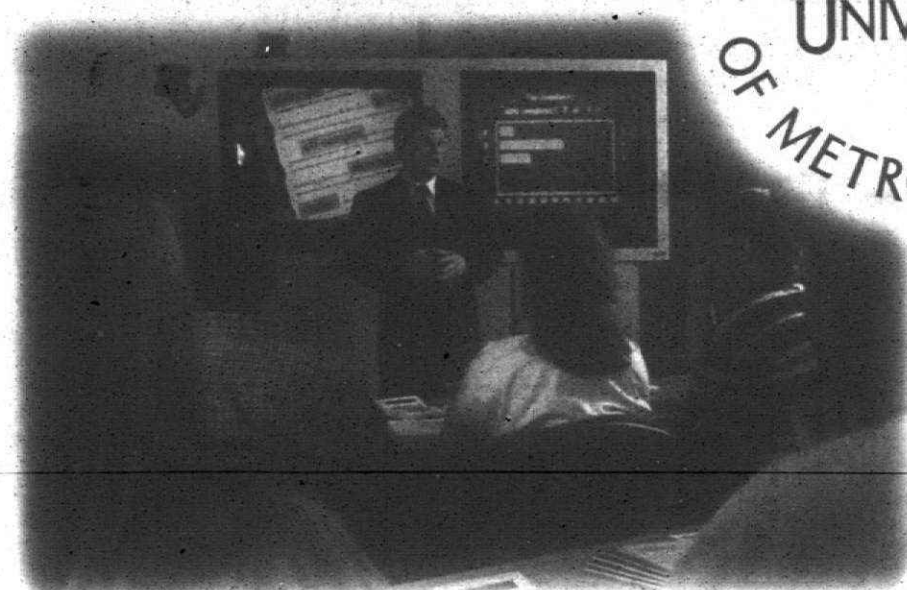
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NAHL expands

The North American Hockey League, in which the Compuware Ambassadors proved dominant last season, will be restructured this season with the addition of an 11th team.

The newest member of the league are the Rochester (N.Y.) Junior Americans. They will join Compuware and the Cleveland Barons, Grand Rapids BearCats, Soo Kewadin Casino Indians and the U.S. National Under-18 team to form the East Division.

The West Division of the NAHL will consist of the Chicago Freeze, Danville Wings, St. Louis Sting, Springfield Junior Blues and Texas Tornados.

The league opens its 24th season on Sept. 10. Each team will play a 56-game schedule. This marks a return to the divisional format of play, which was abandoned after the 1993-94 season.

Also, the NAHL will host several in-season junior tournaments, with two of them at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. On Oct. 8-11, the Compuware Fall Classic will feature several NAHL squads in its 20-team field. Last year, the St. Louis Sting emerged as tournament champs.

The USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament — formerly known as the King of the Hill Tournament — will be at Compuware Arena Nov. 29-Dec. 1. The all-star team format will feature the best of the NAHL going against top players from other American junior circuits.

Buckeyes optimistic

Ohio State's volleyball team is preparing to open its 1999 season, and the outlook is promising. And why not? The Buckeyes finished last season with a 17-14 record and were ranked 24th in the USA Today/AVCA Coaches' Poll.

Returning from that team are all six starters and 10 of 11 letterwinners. Included in that group is senior Shellye Sills, a 6-foot middle blocker from Plymouth Salem. Entering her third year at OSU — Sills began collegiate career at the University of Toledo — she ranks as the school's career leader in blocks per game with a 1.26 average.

OSU opens its season Wednesday at Dayton. The Buckeyes begin their Big Ten schedule at Michigan Sept. 24, followed by a trip to Michigan State Sept. 25.

Indians sparkle

Adversity pounded at the Michigan Indians 11-year-old baseball squad at the AAU National Championships for Baseball, held earlier this month in Orlando. And they survived it.

The Indians made the trip with just 10 players after three of their team members resigned three weeks prior to nationals. After winning their first tournament game 13-1 behind the no-hit pitching of Shawn Little of Canton, the Indians found themselves engaged in a dogfight in their second game, against the Orlando Diamond Dawgs.

Leading 5-2 in the top of the fifth with Dawgs on first and third and two out, a short fly was lifted into right-center field. Outfielders Nick Sarkissian and Brian Kirkendall converged on the ball, with Sarkissian making a shoestring catch just before the two collided.

Both players were injured and unable to continue in the tournament, leaving the Indians with eight players. They lost to the Dawgs 6-5, then — playing with just two outfielders — dropped consecutive games to Southern California, North Virginia and Georgia.

But the Indians didn't quit. They bounced back with wins over North Carolina, by a 5-1 score, and Minnesota, by a 16-0 margin, to finish the tournament with a 3-4 record.

Other team members are Sean Baker from Canton; Kyle Gendron and Greg Marrone from Plymouth; Eddie Duggan and Steve Merlo from Livonia; Nathan Sarkissian from South Lyon; and Shawn Dunford from Westland. The team's coaches are Jim Gendron, Nick Marrone and Dave Sarkissian.

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Defensive captain: Adam Davis, a starter for Canton last season, returns for his senior season as a marking back and as a team captain.

Rocks reload for another rough season

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Two years ago, the Plymouth Salem soccer team was king.

The Rocks were on their way, as the state's best team, to the Division I state finals for the second time in three years. They were unbeaten through the season and the state tournament, and stayed that way until they reached the final. That's where Troy Athens upset them, 2-1.

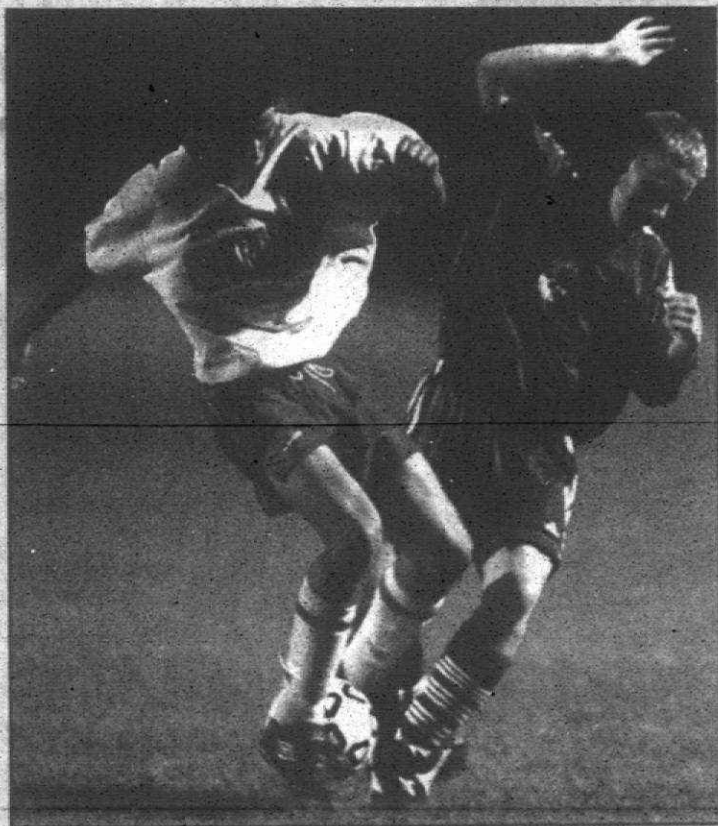
Although not quite as strong last season, Salem was still very tough. But an equally tough Plymouth Canton squad eliminated the Rocks from state title contention in the district final by another 2-1 count.

Combine all this history with the state championship Salem did win in 1995 — and the four trips the Rocks have made to the state final in the last decade — and there's no reason not to be optimistic about their chances when the conversation turns toward the upcoming season.

Hey, Ed McCarthy is.

"I'm still optimistic," the Salem coach pro-

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New sweeper: Keith Schenkel, a talented junior who saw some varsity playing time last year, will start at sweeper this season for Salem.

SOCCER PREVIEW

Young Chiefs must step up for a title run

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Any team that loses 12 seniors to graduation, including one of the state's best players, should have a lot to worry about. It's only natural, and — in the realm of high school sports — it seems fair.

Plymouth Canton has never been one to play by those standards.

Yes, the Chiefs have lost a lot from last season's Division I semifinalist, a team that finished 16-6-1. But no, they won't be in a rebuilding stage.

In fact, even with the loss of 27 goal-scorer Scott Wright, it's quite possible that Canton could surpass last season's totals.

"I think we'll be very strong defensively," said Canton coach Don Smith. "And as the season goes on, we'll get better offensively."

If there are weak links on this season's squad, it's a bit of inexperience and a lack of proven scoring punch. The leading returning goal-scorer is junior Evan Malone, who had four goals last season. Malone and senior co-captain Jon Johnson, a three-goal scorer who started in the midfield in '98, will be counted on to supply the offense this season.

Indeed, Wright was relied upon almost too much for goals last year. The second-leading scorer for the Chiefs was Pete Andreolli, who came off the bench to net nine goals.

But this year will be a more typical Canton team in offensive terms, according to Smith. "I never had a single player do the scoring until last year," he said.

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SC seeking a reversal

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Six players from Schoolcraft College's 1998 volleyball team, including three of the best, are gone. But when you're talking about a team that posted a 12-27 overall record, that news isn't exactly all bad.

Still, replacing Megan McGinty (from Livonia Churchill), who is now playing at Lincoln Memorial University (Harrington, Tenn.); Donna Logsdon, who's at University of Michigan-Dearborn; and Melissa Plave won't be easy. But SC coach Tom Teeters believes he has all the proper pieces; putting them in their proper places will be the key in turning that record around.

"We don't have an easy schedule," Teeters explained, "and I don't plan on changing it. What we want to do is improve our record and our standing in the league."

Simple enough goals. Realizing them may not be so simple.

Teeters does have the tools for this

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reconstruction job, starting with an expanded coaching staff. Alisha Love, who played for Teeters and coached at Livonia Clarenceville, joins longtime assistant Dale Hartzell. Also on the staff is Jim Maloof.

Three players who filled key positions on last season's team return: Danielle Wensing, Jennifer Laidlaw and Cindy Maloof. Wensing, who was the Lady Ocelots' primary setter, will move to outside hitter and back-row setter.

Laidlaw, who shared the setting duties with Wensing last season, will do more of it this year. Maloof remains a middle blocker and primary passer.

The seven recruits signed by Teeters make this team promising. It starts with Amanda Yaklin (Walled Lake Central), a 5-foot-5 setter/defensive specialist who is a "great hustler, and she has a great serve." Her play for the Vikings last winter was a major factor in their two victories over Plymouth Salem, a team Teeters also coaches.

Rebekah Thornton (Livonia Ladywood) is a 5-8 left-hander who is capable of "doing a bit of everything — setting, passing, hitting and middle block." Teeters plans on using her as a primary passer and right-side hitter.

Lauren Ruprecht (Livonia Churchill), who stands 6-foot, adds size up front, something the Ocelots lacked last season. A middle blocker, Teeters said Ruprecht "always played hard" and she "runs good quicks in the middle."

Kristina Chavez (Farmington Harrison) didn't play her final year in high school, but did play for Teeters' SOVA squad. A left-side attacker, primary passer and setter, the 5-4 Chavez has great arm speed which should help make her an effective back-row hitter.

The 5-10 Nicole Boyd (Livonia Franklin) joins Ruprecht and Maloof in strengthening SC's blocking. "She could start for us on the left side, but she could also play in the middle and on the right, too," Teeters said. "She can play anywhere on the front row."

Toni Forynski (Dearborn Heights Crestwood) is in her second year at SC but her first playing volleyball. She serves as the junior varsity coach at Crestwood, where she played under varsity coach John Groves. A 5-9 middle blocker/right-side hitter, Forynski has great athletic ability.

Allison Luczak (Southfield Franklin Road Christian) lacks overall playing experience but has shown considerable improvement. At 5-9, she'll be utilized as a right-side hitter and in blocking.

Defense at the net isn't the only concern for Teeters. "We have to improve our ball control, particularly passing and setting," he said. "Those first two touches are keys for us."

"I think our attack has a lot of potential, but you have to get them the ball. If you can pass, you can pound."

Better serving is also on the agenda. "That will be a major factor for us," said Teeters.

The defense "will be better than last year," he predicted. "We have more speed and can cover more ground."

But will SC be better? Teeters tagged St. Clair County CC as the favorite to win the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference; the Lady Skippers were second last year and have several top-drawer recruits. Henry Ford CC and Oakland CC also figure to be impressive.

But don't count SC out of the hunt. A Teeters-coached team has never posted two poor records in consecutive seasons.

Rebuilt and ready

Outlook is optimistic for Lady Ocelots

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Seven players return for Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team, giving the Lady Ocelots a foundation to build upon.

And coach Bill Tolstedt has been busy filling any cracks that might appear in his current structure.

Early returns seem to indicate he's done his job well. SC finished 13-4-1 last season, ranked 12th in the NJCAA. Gone from that team are most of the goal-scorers: Annie Hagenah, Julie Majewski (from Plymouth Canton), Lisa Tolstedt and Dawn Koontz (Plymouth Canton), to name a few.

That shortage of proven scorers, and a lack of depth in goal, were immediate concerns for the SC coach — at least when he started his recruiting. They aren't any longer.

"I no longer have a concern at that position," Tolstedt said when asked about his keepers. The reason: Joining returnee Shannon Brooks (Ann Arbor

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Huron) are Kerrie LaPorte, a Livonia Churchill graduate, and Wendy Jacobs (South Lyon).

That depth is bolstered by what Tolstedt called "a veteran returning defensive unit." Back from last season's squad are marking backs Alyson Botke and Nikki Vradenburg, both from Walled Lake Western, and Tracy McIntyre (Woodhaven), who started at stopper last year but will move to sweeper this season.

Emily Alford (Clarenceville/Redford Blue Stars) is expected to replace McIntyre at stopper. Regina Bander (Farmington Harrison), returnee Shannon Konarski (Milford) and Mary Moore (Taylor Truman) provide solid depth on defense.

Indeed, Konarski's and Bander's true value is their versatility. They can fill in just about anywhere on the field.

The other positions don't have as many experienced players, but they

lack nothing in talent.

"We have young players at midfield and forward," Tolstedt said. "If they mature quickly enough . . . They need some time together in order to make this work."

The only returning starter at midfield is Meghan Jannuzzi (Royal Oak Shrine). She'll be joined there by Kelly Connell (Plymouth Canton), Sandy Burdziak (Dearborn Divine Child), Sarah Gregory (Divine Child/Plymouth) and Karina Lundquist (Farmington Harrison).

"We're three weeks ahead of where we were last year," said Tolstedt. "If we can get our team chemistry to come around like last year, we'll be very strong."

He added that he was "expecting Jannuzzi and Connell to really pick us up at the midfield position."

The forward line features even less experience, but Tolstedt isn't too concerned — not with players like Kristina Seniuch (Plymouth Salem),

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It's football time!

Salem hosts Northern, Canton visits Ypsi

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Wait a minute. Don't tell me it's football season already, a week before Labor Day weekend?

In case you're counting, the expanded playoffs now make it a 14-week season, so if you're Redford Catholic Central and Farmington Hills Harrison, the two-time defending state champions in their respective classes (AA and A), you make plans for five rounds of playoffs instead of four.

Say what? Now all the six-win teams get into the big dance, or is it a mad scramble?

I say play an eight-game regular season and let everybody in for one last shot.

Good thing the weather has been cooperating so far with the reduced training camp schedule. But what if temperatures soar back into the 90s?

You could see a lot of yellow hankies flying Friday night with teams only given three weeks to prepare.

But one thing remains constant, the prediction race will not change.

Yours truly finished strong last year, correctly picking 27 of the final 28 games to beat the downtrodden Irishman, better known as Dan O'Meara (no relation to the golfer Mark; that's for sure).

The final totals for 1998, if you had forgotten—Emons, 103-27; O'Meara, 100-30.

Let's give it a go and roll the dice (not at the new MGM, please).

FRIDAY'S GAMES
(all start at 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

E. Catholic (2-7) at Bishop Borgess (5-4), 4 p.m.: Football returns to Appleton Street (in the shadows of Detroit Diesel) as the speedy Spartans look to improve on last year's mark. Borgess drilled Detroit East Catholic

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40-12 a year ago. PICKS: Borgess wins the opener.

Liv. Churchill (2-7) vs. Redford Union (9-4), 7 p.m. at Kraft Field: The Panthers were bigger, faster and stronger than nine of their 10 opponents a year ago, reaching the playoffs for the first time ever. Several key players were lost, but senior Mike Macek (6-1, 214), who rushed for 1,389 yards, and new quarterback Dave Brown could give Churchill more headaches. The Chargers will put 31 seniors on the field, led by lineman Mike Gaura (6-3, 326) and QB John Bennett. PICKS: Macek gives Liv the edge.

Lincoln Park (4-5) at Liv. Franklin (2-8), 7 p.m.: The Railsplitters opened the Patriots 19-0 in last year's opener, but this could be a more even matchup. Franklin quarterback Joe Ruggiero can put zip on the ball, the key question is whether he'll get enough protection. PICKS: Lincoln Park squeezes out a win.

Det. Cooley (4-5) at Westland Glenn (6-2), 7 p.m.: Cooley coach Tom Moss is touting running back Joseph Temple (700 yards) and quarterback-defense back Leslie Davis. Playtested Glenn returns a strong nucleus despite the loss of all-time leading rusher Reggie Spearman with the likes of new tailback Eric Jones, along with Ben Harris, Jake Tharp and Dave Lewandowski. Glenn beat the Cardinals a year ago, 24-6. PICKS: Glenn roars out of the gate.

Wayne (4-5) at Romulus (10-1), 7 p.m.: The Zebras started out hot in 1998, winning four of their first five before dropping their final four. It will be a young Wayne team for sure. So it's good that Romulus, a Class A regional finalist a year ago, graduated All-State running back Freddie Russell. PICKS: Romulus grounds the Zebras.

D.H. Crestwood (0-9) at Garden City (2-7), 7 p.m.: The Cougars clobbered winless Crestwood in last year's season opener, 38-8. This year's Cougar squad will rely heavily on quarterback Rob Hudson, who will give GC a more diversified attack. The primary runner is tailback Josh Fee. PICKS: The Cougars start out 1999 feeling good.

Red. Thurston (5-4) at Willow Run (2-7), 7 p.m. at Kraft Field

The Raiders will also go under the home lights for the first time. Their only victory was a forfeit win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's (actually a 42-0 loss at the Pontiac Silverdome). Roseville is led by 6-1, 175-pound quarterback/free safety Kevin McClelland, along with linebackers Eric Fox and Steve Gatto. They will also install a new 4-3 defense against the Raiders, who will use a variation of the Wing-T. PICKS: Roseville is slightly better.

Oxford (9-3) at F.H. Harrison (13-0): The Hawks were the superior team last year, beating Oxford twice—48-0 in the season opener and 48-7 in the state semifinals. Oxford is led by one of the top linemen in the state, 6-4, 261-pound two-way tackle Eric Ghicci, who is high on the lists of Michigan and Michigan State. He was also a runner-up in the Division II state wrestling tournament as a heavy-weight. Brian Nelson is the only returning starter for the Hawks, but watch out for speedy running back Kevin Woods who gained half of his 907 yards in the state playoffs. PICKS: Harrison still has Oxford's number.

Harper Woods (5-2) at Clarenceville (7-3): This is a big game in the Metro Conference. Both made the playoffs a year ago. Harper Woods has gone four straight times, but lost to Unionville-Sewabawing in the first round last year, 50-0. In Class C, Clarenceville will miss all-time leading rusher Walter Ragland, but new coach Greg Hudkins has a pair of gems in Scotts West and Tim Shaw. Harper Woods beat Clarenceville in last year's matchup, 35-6. PICKS: Harper Woods establishes itself.

Pl. Huron Northern (5-4) at Piy, Salem (4-5): No more Belleville on the season card for Rocks coach Tom Mozhimer, who was a big proponent of the newly expanded playoff system. Port Huron Northern won its last five games of 1998 after losing its first four. Defensive end Duke Campbell came to dominate. Northern's offense appears ready to catch up with the defense. PICKS: Despite heavy conference duress, the tip is well worth it for Northern.

Novi (5-4) at Farmington (6-3): New lights, high expectations and a quality opponent are staring in the face of the host Falcons, who are expected to challenge for the Lakes Division title in the WLLA. Novi, won't be a pushover. The Wildcats have a talented split end in 6-2, 195-pound Pat Muston, who averaged 23 yards per catch, along with offensive punch. PICKS: Mount Carmel spoils the Warriors' opener.

St. Agatha (7-3) vs. Carsonville-Port Sanilac (0-7): The Aggies reached the playoffs a year ago only to lose to Peck, 28-14. Dan Boulter, a 6-3, 180-pound sophomore, will be the key whether he's at quarterback or running back. Port Sanilac, trying to revamp its program, scored only three touchdowns all of 1998. PICKS: The Aggies are off and running.

Redford CC (12-0) vs. A.A. Pioneer (6-3), 7 p.m. at Pontiac Silverdome: No more Rogowski, Lusky, Brezinski, so what's a coach like Tom Mach to do? Don't worry, the Shamrocks have 69 varsity players and some veterans to build another strong nucleus around including Mike Morris, John Kava, Matt Loidas, Steve Dominguez and Jeremiah Hicks. Pioneer, which returns 15 starters, won its last six games of 1998 and should be a playoff contender. Running back Steve Shipman (6-1, 195) could be one of Washtenaw County's best. PICKS: CC shows the Lions how to perform at the Silverdome.

Roseville (1-8) at N. Farmington (2-8)

The Shamrocks' top returnee, a midfielder who has started on the CC varsity since his freshman year.

Griffin scored seven goals a year ago and with the graduation of first-team All-Observer choice Kevin Graff and Andrew Kogut in the midfield, his leadership will be key. The Shamrocks also lost defender Garin Walsh to graduation.

"Pat's just got talent, vision, speed, quickness, and he's really upped his game," said CC fourth-year coach Dana Orsucci, awed by the size of Griffin's heart. "I'm only 5-foot-7 and he doesn't come anywhere near (as tall) as me. He's going to be kind of the quarterback of the team."

The Shamrocks finished the 1998 season at 7-9-1 overall, the first losing campaign under Orsucci. The season ended with a double overtime loss to Livonia Churchill in the Division I district.

Orsucci said the leadership on this year's team stands out as much as the talent. "A lot of good players are willing to fill in roles, step up and play positions they might not play on their club team," Orsucci said. "We have a lot of seniors and juniors on the team and we approach it with a very business like attitude. So far, they're working hard and the attitudes are good."

Orsucci expects the Catholic League Central Division, which features perennial state power Warren DeLaSalle, along with formidable teams Birmingham Brother Rice and U-D Jesuit, to be strong again. "We're just looking to bounce back from a pretty mediocre season we had last year," Orsucci said. "We learned a lot from last year and hopefully we can correct the mistakes. DeLaSalle, every year, is a top five team and Rice flirts with

the top 10 every year, and then there's U-D. You play all three teams twice, they're just wars with them every time. We'll take it day-by-day, game-by-game, and hope we stay healthy."

Griffin should have a big target to push the ball to this year in senior Ken Toporek, who has moved to forward from marking back. "He's about 6-1 and built like a rock," Orsucci said. "He has unbelievable speed and can cause some damage to the opposing defense."

Junior Chris Azanger is another candidate to play forward. Azanger played as a freshman in the CC program before moving with his family to Europe last year and then returning.

Senior Josh Brooks will split time at midfield and forward and senior midfielder Sean Lanigan will be an asset on 50-50 balls. "He's in charge of winning all the balls in the air and on the ground," Orsucci said. Senior Chris Podolak has good speed on the outside as a midfielder, Orsucci said.

The defense will be anchored by returning starters Nick Show and Jason Waterstradt, both seniors. Waterstradt doesn't mind the non-gladiator duties. "You give him a job and he does it," Orsucci said. Junior Pat Hayes played most of last year on the junior varsity before being called up to the varsity late in the year. Junior Brian Hagan also will push for time as a defender.

Junior Eric Sullivan returns as the Shamrocks' starting goalkeeper. He's backed up by sophomore Ryan Koel. "Eric trained extremely hard in the off-season, he's as fit as a cat and feeling confident," Orsucci said.

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Holmes, Volpe help Daly to a strong finish

Daly Restaurant of Livonia, a perennial area powerhouse in women's fastpitch softball, recently returned from Springfield, Mo., where they finished fourth in the ASA Class A Nationals with a 6-2 record.

Four Daly players earned ASA Women's All-America honors.

Third baseman Dawn Thompson, a four-year player at Central Michigan University, earned first-team honors, while former University of Michigan pitcher Kelly Holmes (Plymouth Canton) and U-M freshman and All-Big Ten catcher Stephanie Volpe

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(Plymouth Salem) were named to the second team along with first baseman Julie Liljeborg (Western Michigan).

Daly lost its first game in the double-elimination tournament to Minnesota in a rain-delayed game, 4-2, but battled back to win six straight before losing to state nemesis K.A.M. of Portage, 2-0.

Facing elimination in the second round, Daly fell behind 3-0

to the Vipers of Wyncote, Pa. (Bucknell University) before rallying for a 4-3 triumph in the bottom of the seventh.

Kelly Thayer led off the inning with a bunt single. Chrissy Garza (Southgate Anderson) then laid down a sacrifice bunt. When Thayer made a large turn at second, she drew a wild throw and scored the winning run with a close play at the plate.

After an early innings scare, Holmes pitched a one-hit shutout the rest of the way as Daly averted going 0-2 for the first time ever in its 33-year history of going to the nationals. (Daly's lowest finish ever at the Nationals was 24th at Phoenix,

Ariz. in 1990.)

Daly made it two straight with a 13-2 win over the New Jersey Divas as Tracy Carr, former Michigan third baseman, and Liljeborg each collected three hits.

Thompson also connected for an inside-the-park homer on a diamond that was using 250-foot fences.

Concordia College pitcher Carrie Knight (Lincoln Park) tossed a three-hitter as Daly downed Capitol Credit Union of Wisconsin.

Holmes followed with a four-hit, 3-0 shutout of Great Lakes Regional powerhouse Green and Gold Concrete of Green Bay,

Wis. (last year's fourth-place finisher).

With Tina Kinney (CMU) on the mound, Daly outcame the hard-hitting Patriot Yuengling A's of Pottsville, Pa., 6-4. Karman Lappo (Michigan) unleashed a key two-run double to give Daly a 6-4 advantage, but the A's cut it to two on Lorie Erie's sixth-inning two-run homer.

Florida Sun Sox of Winter Haven became Daly's next victim as Holmes, an All-Big hurler who led Michigan to the 1997 College World Series, tossed another shutout, 4-0.

Daly scored two runs in the third on consecutive hits by

Monday Lebron (Yale University), Thayer (Walled Lake Central) and Garza (Michigan). Thompson contributed a two-run triple.

The Southern California Legacy, led tournament MVP Tarrah Beyster, a first baseman, and shortstop Christina Saindon, the batting champion with a .525 average, won the tournament for the second straight year with a 6-0 record.

Daly, coached by Bob Thompson, played a limited summer schedule this year, going 15-6 in three tournaments (including the nationals).

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Aug. 27

East Catholic at Bogota, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Det. Cooley at Westland Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Romulus, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Willow Run, 7 p.m.
Canton at Ypsilanti, 7:30 p.m.
P.H. Northern at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Now at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Roseville at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Oxford at Hamtramck, 7:30 p.m.
Harper Wds. at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28

St. Agatha vs. Port Seneca at RU's Kraft Field, 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs. A.A. Pioneer at Pontiac Silverdome, 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Friday, Aug. 27
Thurston vs. John Glenn at Bell Creek Park, 5:30 p.m.
(Country Day Invitational)
Country Day vs. Edsel Ford, 10 a.m.
Farmington vs. Groves, noon
Seaholm vs. Franklin, 2 p.m.
Northville vs. Mt. Clemens, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28

Stevens at Troy, 11 a.m.
N. Farmington at Milford, 12:30 p.m.
W. Bloomfield at Harrison, 12:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Riv. Richard, 1 p.m.
(Balsani Tournament at CEP)
Portage Central vs. Canton, 10 a.m.
Troy Athens vs. Salem, 10 a.m.
Consolation game, 1 p.m.
Championship final, 2:30 p.m.
(Country Day Invitational)
Losers bracket, 9 & 10:30 a.m.
Winners bracket, noon & 1:30 p.m.
7th & 5th place, 3 & 4:30 p.m.
Consolation final, 4 p.m.
Championship final, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Aug. 28

Schoolcraft vs. DuPage (Ill.) at Valparaiso (Ind.), 11 a.m.
Sunday, Aug. 29
Schoolcraft at Valparaiso (Ind.), TBA
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 28
Schoolcraft at Alma College, 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28
Schoolcraft at Kellogg Tower, TBA
Madonna at Mesa St. (Colo.), TBA
TBA — live to be announced

Twisters' streak ends with loss to the Steelmen

The Wayne County Twisters fell Saturday to the host Lorain (Ohio) Steelmen, 10-0, in a Northern Division matchup in the Lake Shore Football League.

The loss drops to the Twisters to 4-1 on the season.

Through three quarters it was a scoreless deadlock as the

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Twisters' defense held the Steelmen in check with three quarterback sacks, two interceptions and forcing five punts. The Steelmen ran just 33 plays during the

first 52 minutes, but scored with eight minutes remaining on a 56-yard TD pass as defensive back Ron Andrews (Ypsilanti) lost his footing during his coverage.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Twisters' Billy Starr fumbled at his own 27 on a play that the

Wayne County coaching staff protested. The Steelmen then tied it with a 47-yard field goal.

The Twisters, who lead the Northern Division, host the Lima (Ohio) Thunder at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Academy of Detroit (old Inkster Cherry Hill High School).

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feared, even after examining a roster that included just two returning starters and precious few players with varsity experience.

The Rocks, who finished 17-3-2 in 1998, will have their work cut out for them this season. No matter how good their incoming talent is, they still must contend with the other powerhouses in the Western Lakes Activities Association — namely Canton and Livonia Stevenson.

Not an easy task. Even though the WLAA was shut out of the state finals for the first time since 1987, and only the second time since the initial state tournament in 1982, it still remains the premier soccer league in Michigan.

Which can be fortunate and unfortunate. While Salem is hardly devoid of talent, the Rocks will be hard-pressed to match Stevenson, a strong state championship contender. And Canton is in the same mix.

"We don't have a lot of players with varsity experience," said McCarthy. "But we definitely have the caliber of players to allow us to win our share of games."

Gone from last season's squad are four who received all-state mention: Giuseppe Ianni (now playing at Siena Heights), Aaron MacDonald (Schoolcraft College), Nick Szczepkowski (DePaul University) and Dan Wielechowski. Other graduates include Brian Wozniak (University of Buffalo), Jeremy Finley, Aaron Rypkowski, Tim Zdrodowski, Chris Longpre, Mike Shull and Jean Peltier.

Wozniak, Finley and Peltier were Salem's first, second and third keepers last season.

"We lost everything," admitted McCarthy. "We lost all of our key players."

All is not for naught, however. The Salem junior varsity did post a 14-4-1 record. And there are two senior starters returning, both serving as team co-captains: offensive midfielder Brett Stinar and forward Scott Duhl.

"They're the keys to our success, that's for sure," said McCarthy. "How Duhl and Stinar perform will make a big difference for us. They have a lot of experience."

Both will collect their third varsity letters at the conclusion of this season.

That leaves much work to be done, however — plenty of holes to fill. Four other seniors, two with varsity experience, should help considerably: midfielders Dan Amos and Chris LaMasse, who played varsity last season, and forward Rob Ash and midfielder/defender Fabian Justavson, an exchange student from Sweden.

But if the Rocks are to contend in the WLAA, the junior class will have to make a major impact.

There are 11 of them: defenders Dustin Drabek, Mike Harkins, John McGlone, Ben Wielechowski and Keith Schenkel; midfielders Jeff Flora, Sean Lowe, Daniel Longpre and Nick Tochman; forward Jeff Haar; and keeper Justin Griffin.

Haar played a bit of varsity last season and will be counted on to aid Duhl up front. Longpre, according to McCarthy, "is fantastic. I think he's going to be something special for us." And Schenkel, who will play sweeper, is "one of the most talented kids on the team."

But all must do what their predecessors did if Salem is to succeed: Contribute — somehow.

At present, McCarthy has sophomore Tavo Palazzolo listed as the starter in goal.

"I think our midfield will be pretty strong, and with Scott Duhl up front we should score our share of goals," said the Salem coach. "Defensively, we have to be strong. We have to average a goal-a-game allowed. If we do that, we can have some success."

But will it be enough to catch Stevenson and beat Canton? Time will tell.

Salem opens Saturday by hosting the Gary Balconi Tournament. The Rocks open with Troy Athens at 10 a.m. on the soccer field, while Canton meets Portage Central in front of Phase III at 10 a.m. The consolation game is at 1 p.m., with the tournament final at 2:30 p.m., both on the main soccer field.

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returnee Marina Vasquez (Farmington) and Daniel Shaffer (Livonia). Together with Bander, Konarski, Jannuzzi and Alford, whom Tolsted plans to rotate in at forward, there are plenty of possibilities.

Still, as Tolsted acknowledged, "We outsourced opponents three-to-one last year. I'm not expecting that kind of output this season, but this group can definitely score goals. I'm really excited."

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So is there a Wright clone waiting in the wings? "Maybe we've got one kicking around somewhere," Smith answered. "But I think we'll have to depend on more balanced scoring this season. It'll be a more typical Canton team."

Which can only help. Teams that could blanket Wright last season gave the Chiefs problems, like Brighton in the state semifinal. The Bulldogs were good but not great; however, on a small field — like the one where the semifinal was played — they could swarm all over Wright and then counterattack quickly.

That's why they won that match by a 6-0 margin, leaving a bitter taste in many a Chiefs' mouth. Smith doesn't believe that sad ending to an otherwise strong season will affect the current squad.

"I don't think this group was connected too much to it," he said. "Most of them

kind of excited about it." The Chiefs' roster remains unchanged: Making a run in the NJCAA Tournament, the district format has changed somewhat, which could benefit SC.

Last year the Chiefs were in a district in St. Louis with three other nationally-ranked teams. Only one could qualify for the NJCAA Tournament, and it wasn't SC.

Three other seniors who did not play last season — forwards Justin Augustine and Mike Rech, and midfielder Brendan Welsh — also join the team.

The players Smith is counting on most

The lineup for this season's district was as imposing: Teams from Iowa, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota, northern Illinois and Ohio will compete in it.

"We're really pointing toward winning the districts," said Tolsted. "Even if we do have difficulties early in the season, I won't be so concerned."

The early-season concerns include home dates against the

University of Michigan (Sept. 14), the University of Toledo (Sept. 18) and College of DuPage (Sept. 26), followed by a trip to St. Louis to play Florissant Valley CC (Oct. 2) and Lewis and Clark CC (Oct. 3).

"These are terribly good schools," said Tolsted. "We need to show our wares."

The NJCAA Tournament is scheduled for Nov. 18-21 in Baltimore.

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Semi-retired, spontaneous DWF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and being in search of an honest SCM, 60-69, race unimportant. Ad# 4444

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Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWF, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad# 2525

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Very outgoing, family-oriented SWCF, 26, 5'7", who enjoys sports, the beach, and movies, would like to meet a sincere, confident SWM, 26-33, for friendship first and possible relationship. Ad# 2232

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This vibrant DWF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who plays a praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62. Ad# 5144

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Do parents really matter?

Stuart and Emily thought they were good parents. They taught their two children the Golden Rule along with values of generosity, kindness, compassion, forgiveness, responsibility and more. There was good news and bad news at the end of their parenting years as they looked at their two "products."

Son Peter became a lawyer and a fine altruistic citizen, but their daughter turned out to be a rather delinquent adult who stole from others to get drug money, lied regularly and had a mean-spirited attitude.

Crestfallen, Stuart and Emily couldn't understand what they had done wrong.

In her new book, "The Nurture Assumption," Judith Harris poses the question, "If you encourage good habits in your child, will that ensure that your child will grow up with the same good habits you have?"

Harris thinks not. She theorizes that children are more influenced by their peers than by their parents.

Harris would suggest that these parents were not responsible for the way their daughter turned out because the girl's peers had more power over her than they did.

Well, as you would guess, this columnist has an opinion about Harris's theory, based on the counseling I have done with hundreds of pre-adolescents and teens. Parents often

bring in their kids because they are worried about their behavior.

I have noticed that there is one determining factor as to why some kids don't get into serious trouble. The difference between the ones who come out the other side of counseling with a stronger relationship with their parents versus the ones who take the low road (drugs, alcohol, smoking, sex, violence, insubordination), is that the first group doesn't want to disappoint their parents.

Peers may influence their dress, hair, slang, makeup and the like, but I believe that parents influence the children's morals and character. When the children in my practice feel as though their parents respect them and will provide consistent boundaries and limits for them, they are much more likely to also respect their parents' values and not step so far out on a limb to do what they want.

My neighbors have exquisite flowers. Their impatiens bubble over the edge of their gardens, gently curving around the bushes. My flowers, on the other hand, look as though they were planted yesterday. You don't have to be brilliant to know that mine lacked water and fertilizer.

I admit it. I didn't take care of them consistently week after week and I am now paying the price. As I stood there looking at this pathetic flower garden this morning, I realized that the "parenting gig" is very much like the flowers.

Yes, Judith Harris, your theory is thought provoking, but I believe that parents cannot be let off the hook that easily. There may be an occasional child who seems to be a "bad seed," but for the most part, nurturing those little creatures will pay off in spades. My small informal survey of clients has made me a believer.

Jacquie Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or at her e-mail address: downaj@mail.resa.net.

A place to drop in and hang out



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Sharing the Word: Pastor Josh Paletta, director of Impact Student Union in downtown Plymouth, preaches to the teens gathered during an evening service last week.

Student union has Impact



Paletta performs with the church band, "Rescue Squad."

About Impact

What: Impact Student Union
Where: 273 S. Union St., Plymouth.

When: While Josh Paletta, director of Impact Student Union, hopes to open Impact to the public on a few weekend nights each month, the scheduled hours are currently set for youth group meetings.

Junior High Only (JHO) will meet at Impact 6:30 p.m. Sundays evenings beginning in October.

The Loft, a ministry for 18- to 25-year-olds, will begin meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Impact.

High Schoolers involved in Impact Youth Group - the youth group for which the organization is named - will move back into the United Assembly of God Church, at 46500 North Territorial Road, and meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning Aug. 31.

Cost: Free, but donations - used furniture, including couches, coffee tables and lamps, additional pool tables, games or even food - will be accepted. Items may be sent to the church, 46500 North Territorial Road, Plymouth Township.

Information: (734) 453-0300.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Joshua Paletta thought of his youth group as a second home when he was growing up.

As director of Impact Student Union in downtown Plymouth, he wants others to experience that sense of comfort and support.

"My youth group was very important to me," he said. "It was my home."

Paletta said he wants to provide that same, safe environment for young people in the Plymouth area that meant so much to him when he was growing up.

"We're not trying to replace their family," he said. "We're trying to assist them."

Impact Student Union opened its doors on Union Street last May to reach out to the community. It also serves as an expansion for the youth ministries associated with United Assembly of God in Plymouth Township.

The church supports the organization financially; however, Impact also receives funding from donations made by the youth leaders and members of youth groups who meet there.

"I like the idea of being out in the community," he said. "It's very visual to be here, to be available."

Trip sparks idea

A trip Paletta took to Tulsa, Okla., sparked an idea for a type of community center, one that would attract the attention of young people from their early teens to mid 20s. He visited a similar place, Clarkston Christian Association in Independence Township.

Paletta, who has lived in Plymouth for four years, said there was a need

for such an organization in the area. While youth groups within the church have high attendance, Paletta decided to go "where the kids hang out." Downtown Plymouth was just that place.

Earlier this month, four teens were ticketed for allegedly obstructing a Penniman Street sidewalk in downtown Plymouth. By operating a youth center in the downtown area, Paletta hopes to provide a place for teens to go, an option other than hanging out along the city's streets.

While Impact has a religious affiliation, all programs and events are open to the public.

"I want to bring a service to the community that doesn't already

exist," said Paletta. "One of the great needs is that there is nothing for kids to do, nowhere to hang out."

With space in the upstairs meeting hall for bands to perform, and couches downstairs for lounging and meeting with friends, Impact offers an informal setting and comfortable atmosphere.

Fills community need

Amanda Trent, 18, said it does fill a need within the community. She keeps coming because of the relationships she's built with others.

"It's just sort of comforting to be with a bunch of teenagers who love

Please see IMPACT, B2



Dropping by: Joshua Paletta (from left) laughs with youth group members Jennifer Schwan and Lori Cairo, both 15 and from Canton, outside the center on Union Street prior to the service.

Service has answer to no time for errands



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

No problem: Judy Basile thinks the secret to the success of her business, "I Can Do That!", a service of services, may well be her maturity. She's more like a Mom than the teenager across the street.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER
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Kay Dubois wanted to throw a party for her son Adam and 86 classmates who were graduating from fifth grade.

She had done all of the shopping and had all of the prep work done, when it dawned her that there was no time between the graduation ceremony and the 1 p.m. start of the party to do the set up at the park.

"I didn't realize what was involved with the graduation," said the Farmington Hills resident. "I'm one of those people who, I can do that and I can do that, but then I thought, how can I do that?"

Judi Johnson had a kitchen in need of specialized cleaning. The cabinets needed to be cleaned inside and out. The walls, the countertop, even the floor needed a deep cleaning.

But arthritis prevented the Livonia resident from doing it herself. She needed help. "With my arthritis, I'm limited in what I can do," said Johnson. "I needed specialized cleaning and it was something that I couldn't do or Merry

Maids really doesn't do."

Four simple words provided an answer to Dubois' dilemma and Johnson's need ... "I Can Do That!"

It's an expression that rolls effortlessly off Judy Basile's tongue and it's the phrase she chose to describe her service of services, "I Can Do That!"

"Over the last several months, when I think about things, I say, 'I can do that,'" said Basile. "I didn't realize how many times I say that."

Specializes in time

In a letter Basile is sending to western Wayne County communities - Plymouth, Livonia and Farmington Hills have already been introduced to "I Can Do That!" - she says she specializes in time by doing all of those time-consuming jobs people don't have the time to do themselves.

Need to be reminded of special occasions? Have gifts purchased, wrapped and delivered? Want someone to do your shopping, reorganize your closets, drop off and pick up your dry cleaning, plan a party or wedding or arrange day

Please see DO THAT, B2

WRC sponsors divorce support group

The Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College is sponsoring a divorce support group that meets Tuesdays in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus.

The group provides a forum for discussion and the receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce.

The discussion group meets the second Tuesday of the month and is run by Cynthia Koppin, a professional counselor.

The speaker's session takes place the fourth Tuesday. The sessions address the legal, financial and emotional concerns that arise during the divorce process.

On Sept. 14, Ellen Craine-Rosker, board member and chairwoman of the Michigan Council of Family and Divorce Mediators, will discuss the mediation process in assisting couples in negotiating their settlements in divorce or post-divorce matters.

On Oct. 26, a lawyer from the law firm of Woll and Woll will present an overview of the process of filing for divorce and what to expect. The firm specializes in women's and children's cases.

On Nov. 9, Stacey Block will discuss the intense emotions triggered by the holidays and special occasions and offer skills for coping with and resolving them.

Beginning Oct. 18 and running through May 15, the center will offer "Ask an Attorney" 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the resource center. A lawyer from Woll and Woll will be available to answer questions about divorce and family law.

The center also will sponsor "Money Matters in Divorce," an opportunity to ask certified financial planner and consultant Jacqueline B. Gold about the financial concerns relative to divorce, 5-7 p.m. the first Monday of the month, Oct. 4-May 1.

The three programs are free. Clients for "Ask an Attorney" and "Money Matters in Divorce" will be served on a first come-first served basis, with sign-in beginning at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at (734) 463-4443. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, north of Six Mile, Livonia.

Do That from page B1

trips for out-of-town guests? "I Can Do That" can do it.

The idea has been "rolling around" in Basile's head for two years. Encouraged by friends and her boyfriend, she set up the framework for her business before quitting her sales job at Mobile Ed Productions in Redford.

"A lot of people are single, divorced or two-career families and run out of time to do things," she said. "Some people try to do things during their lunch hour, others hate doing things on Saturday. That's their rest time and they hate having to do those nasty chores then."

"It's like I have 30 minutes for a haircut, period."

Since starting her business, Basile has handled Dubois's party, cleaned Johnson's kitchen, did specialized grocery shopping for a single man whose parents were visiting from England and took them on some day trips.

She's helping a bride plan wedding and just got a call from someone needing transportation to and from the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"I really, really like it," she said. "In every job I've had, I've dealt with people and meeting different people."

Calls are trickling in and Basile thinks it's "neat" because people ask her if she "can do this or do that." She generally responds with her pat "I can do that" reply. Her literature points out that "if it's not illegal, immoral or unethical, I Can Do That!" can do that."

Basile first job

Basile laughs about her first "I Can Do That" job. The call came the day after she quit working. It was her cousin.

"I feel funny about asking family to do favors, but I was in panic," said Dubois. "I called Judy close to midnight and I told her I wanted to be her first customer. I put her to work and I didn't feel guilty. I had a wonderful time and a wonderful party."

"My cousin couldn't be in two places at one time, so I ran the pool party for 80 some fifth graders," Basile said. "It was one of those days where it was close to 100 degrees. That night I went to be at 8 o'clock."

Like Dubois, Basile was no stranger to Johnson. Friends who had kept in touch over the years, she asked Basile for a brochure after hearing about her new business. And when she heard that she did specialized cleaning, she asked for a price for cleaning her kitchen.

"She did a great job; she found things I hadn't seen for years," said Johnson. "I had some Ann Page tins from the old A&P. You know, spices aren't that good after 20 years."

"I scrubbed the floor with a Brill-O pad to get off the old wax and then waxed my way out her back door," said Basile who quoted Johnson a flat rate for the work instead of her \$20 per hour fee. "I cleaned out her cupboard and reorganized her Tupperware cupboard. It was a challenge."

Both Dubois and Johnson agree that "I Can Do That" is a great idea and a service they'll use again.

"There's so many people who want things done and who can't do it or don't have the time to do it," said Johnson. "It's mighty nice to come home to a really nice, clean kitchen."

"This experience makes me want to do more entertaining," said Dubois. "I'd spent a lot of time in prep work for that party. Next time, I tell her what the theme is and let her go do it."

"I'd recommend her to anybody."

Impact from page B1

God as much as I do," said Trent, one of about 75 young people who attended a recent youth service at Impact. "And it's cool to socialize with people."

Transforming a house which once held the YMCA, Paletta is making his dream a reality. With free video games (violence-free, of course), billiards and live music, Impact Student Union is beginning to establish its roots.

Impact Youth Group, the ministry for high school students - for which the center is named - focuses on giving youth a deeper understanding of their relationship with God, Paletta said.

Beginning in October, the Junior High Only (JHO) youth ministry will meet Sunday evenings at Impact for more activity-oriented sessions.

The Loft, a college ministry for ages 18 to 25, will meet Wednesday evenings. The format is a coffeehouse setting and includes poetry readings and a forum for religious discussion.

But activities are not confined to the Impact house. Paletta schedules canoe trips, games of laser tag and paint ball, and visits to Cedar Point for interested youth. Anyone can join.

"One of the main goals is to reach out into the community," he said.

Paletta hopes to have extended hours for Impact Student Union in the future. He said it will be open with special activities planned on a few weekend nights each month.

Bree March, 19, is one of the youth leaders involved with Impact who has high hopes for the organization's success.

"It's very cool," said March. "There are so many kids who walk by ... I want to see it open on the weekends. I want to hear kids say 'I'm going to the Student Union.'"

"Parents will know it's a safe place for students to come."

Aaron Morgan, an 18-year-old Plymouth resident, said he would like to see more sports-related events organized through Impact in the future.

"I think one way really to connect to teenagers is through sports," he said, suggesting a community-wide softball or flag-football league.

March said by being in a separate location from the church, Impact is bound to draw more attention.

"I think coming up to the church for teenagers is kind of intimidating," she said. "Here there are things they like."

Jill Manos, 15, of Garden City, said she hangs out at Impact because her friends are there.

"It's our own place," she said.

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Applications are being accepted for Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher's Club's eighth annual holiday Crafts Shoppe Nov. 20 at the school, 25800 Dow, Redford. Call (313) 255-0654 or (313) 255-6825.

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CRAFTS CALENDAR

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ST. ELIZABETH
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church is looking for crafters for its autumn arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads. To register, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

SACRED HEART
Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. There will be free admission and bake sale. For more information or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

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

ST. AIDAN
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Soave-Armstrong

Christopher Daniel Soave and Linda Lee Armstrong were married July 10 at Shepard of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lansing by the Rev. Norman F. Burger Jr.

The bride is the daughter of Mary V. Armstrong of Niles. The groom is the son of Margaret A. Soave of Plymouth.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Clark's School of Education. The groom is a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University.

The couple received guests at a reception at Station 885 in Plymouth. They are planning a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas in June. They are making their home in Canton.



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Nixon-Attwood

Warren and Virginia Nixon of Canton announce the forthcoming marriage of their son, Scott of Austin, Texas, to Linda Nixon of Austin, Texas, formerly of Walpole, Mass.

He is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and Western Michigan University.

A late August wedding is planned in Austin.



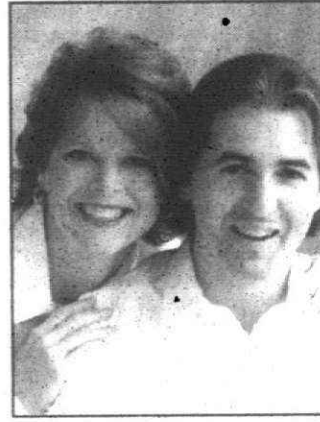
Rozek-Smith

John and Joyce Rozek of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to Christopher Smith, the son of Dale and Kathy Smith of Howell.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Madonna University. She works as a publications coordinator at Home Building Workshops in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Fowlerville High School and attended Washtenaw Community College. He works as a collection agent at CMCS of Brighton.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Schilk-Miloser

Tim and Linda Schilk of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Anne, to Marc Alan Miloser, the son of Judy Jolliffe of Port Huron and Daniel Miloser of Holly.

The bride-to-be is attending Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Meadowbrook Insurance Group.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is a social studies teacher at Belleville High School.

A September wedding is planned at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.



Olszewski-Scanlon

Barbara Olszewski of Livonia and Donald Olszewski announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn, to Charles J. Scanlon, the son of Jim and Maureen Scanlon of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is pursuing a bachelor's degree in communications at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as an administrative assistant for Ford Motor Credit Co.

Her fiancé is a 1999 graduate of Henry Ford Community College with an associate's degree in business management. He is employed as a material flow analyst at Corrigan Air & Sea Cargo Lines.

A February wedding is planned at Dearborn Evangelical Covenant Church.



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Stanko-Abraham

Paul and Barbara Stanko of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Lyn, to Jeff Alan Abraham, the son of Beverly Abraham and Jim Abraham of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Trenton High School. She is employed by AAA in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is employed at the Capital Grille in Troy.

An October wedding is planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.



Nunley-Bertovick

Jimmy and Edith Nunley of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Fay, to Justin Lee Bertovick, the son of Daniel and Sandra Bertovick of Livonia and Dave and Rose Rouse of Redford.

The bride-to-be is majoring in education at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed at Marjo Plastic Inc. in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is majoring in mechanical engineering at Lawrence Technological University. He is employed at Osco Inc. in Rochester Hills.

An October wedding is planned at the Redford Baptist Church.



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Donabedian-Pelegrino

George and Lydia Donabedian of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Joe Pelegrino, the son of Wayne and Mary Jo Pelegrino of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is attending St. Agatha High School in Redford and Michigan State University.

Her fiancé attended Wayne State University. He is employed at Century 21 Realty.

A July wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.



Loschiavo-Lyon

James and Barbara Loschiavo of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amy, to Noel Lyon, the son of Thomas Lyon of Houston, Texas, and Linda Lyon of Kennebunk, Maine.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, a 1994 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree and a 1996 graduate of Cleveland State University with a master's degree in speech-language pathology. She is employed as a speech-language pathologist at St. John Macomb Hospital.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Midland High School and a 1992 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree. He is employed as a marketing representative by the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

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CPR SEMINAR
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SKATIN STATION II
■ Skatin Station II is holding a "Girls Skate Free" night 7:30-11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 28 at 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton. All ages are welcome.

STORY TIMES
■ Parents and their children are invited to experience an interactive 20-30 minute program of storytelling, music and movement. Favorite children's books, simple instruments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the story times. Teddy Bears are highlighted in Story Time with Miss Karen at Beary Worn at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at 249 South Main in downtown Plymouth and On the Farm Story Time with Miss Karen at Tigglywinkles at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at Tigglywinkles at 30990 Five Mile Road (east of Merriman) in the Livonia Plaza Shopping Center, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 416-9417.

ART AND CRAFTS SHOW
■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring its 28th Annual Artists and Crafts Show from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11 at Fox Hills, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. The show will feature over 100 artists and craftspeople. Admission is \$2 per adult, \$1 for seniors and students and children under 12 are free.

FARMER'S MARKET
■ The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Plymouth's Farmers Market, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 23, with the exception of Sept. 11. The market features fresh produce, dairy and cheese products, baked goods, flowers and plants, fresh herbs, dried flowers, crafts and seasonal items. Coffee and lemonade will be available. The outdoor market is held under the Gathering, across from Kellogg Park next to the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 453-1540.

ANNUAL HONEY HARVEST
■ Maybury Farm will host its annual "Honey Harvest" 1-4 p.m., Sept. 11-12, each day at the Farm Demonstration Building. There will be continuous demonstrations of honey extraction as the beekeeper harvests the bee's golden crop. Ask the beekeeper about his work, and view the beekeeping tools and equipment on display. Honey will be available for purchase. Maybury Farm is located within Maybury State Park on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township. A state park

motor/vehicle permit is required for entry to the park, but there is no additional charge for Garden Day activities. For more information, call the park office at (248) 349-8390.

ADoption MEETING
■ There will be an Adoption Education Meeting from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 at Hands Across the Water located 2900 Washtenaw, Suite 100B. The topic is "Medical Concerns with International Adoption." Dr. Jerri Jenista, a nationally known author, lecturer, and adoptive parent, will discuss medical issues families should be aware of when adopting internationally. Cost is \$5 per person. Call to register for more information at (734) 913-0831.

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Summer winding down in Heritage Park



Just ducky: A Canton family enjoys the movie, "The Mighty Ducks," following the Great Canton Duck Derby in Heritage Park earlier this month.

APRIL KICKOFF
■ Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County with Adoptive Parents Together (APT) is sponsoring its first annual picnic from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at Ford Lake. There will be games, art, storytelling and more. Main dish and drinks are provided. Bring a dish to share. Cost is \$5 per family. RSVP with Diane Ratkovich at Catholic Social Services, (734) 971-9781 ext. 320.

PATIENT DAY
■ Plymouth Dental Associates, P.C. is pleased to announce "Patient Appreciation Day" from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 19. There will be games and prizes, clown for the children, face painting, barbecue and Steve and the Ditties Band.

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

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
■ The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce offers a 24-hour hotline of upcoming events. Call (734) 453-1540.

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

YOUTH COMPETITION
■ The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra proudly announces a partnership with Evola Music of Canton as the host location of this season's "Youth Artist Competition." In addition to the orchestral instruments, piano contestants will also be permitted. Auditions will be held in December and the winners will perform in the youth concert in February of 2000. For an application and information, call the symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

FOSTER CARE
■ Judson Center Foster Care Adoption Division of Wayne County is seeking candidates interested in obtaining their foster care license. Interested candidates will provide temporary, yet daily care to children that have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. Judson Center Foster Care provides foster care placements for children between the ages of newborn and 18 years old. Donations of clothing, bikes, and beds are always welcome and extremely helpful to our children and their foster parents. Foster parents can be married or single and receive financial assistance from the State of Michigan. A foster parent orientation will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 2. For more information, or to reserve your space, call (313) 794-5653 ext. 244.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB
■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club has a new meeting place at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth-Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

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In step: Dancers collect regional, national honors

Dancers at Susie's Dance Pointe in Westland have plenty to celebrate after successfully competing in recent regional and national events.

They attended the Showstopper national dance competition in Myrtle Beach, S.C., in July, which attracted 6,000 dancers from across the United States and Canada.

The studio has 34 entries which received gold medals and top 10 awards at the nationals. Among them was an all boys group which won Best Male Group in tap dance.

A team of boy and girl dancers from the studio also was one of the highest ranked groups among the seniors group and line competition in tap dance.

The largest contingent was the 41-member swing dance group that earned best production honors.

The dancers, from Westland, Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Novi, Northville, Romulus, Taylor, Dearborn Heights and



Belleville, study, tap, jazz and ballet at the studio at 902 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For information or to register for fall classes, call the studio at (734) 721-3400.



Good show: Performing "Jumpin' Jack" at nationals were Courtney Stone (photo at left, back row, from left), Stacey Harrison, Lisa Hay, Teresa Soleau, David Reeves, Sydney North (front row, from left), Nicole Burling, Sarah Roeder and Trista Phenix. Ranked as Best Male Group for their performance of "As Long as We're Dancin'" were David Reeves (top photo, from left), Justin Steckle, Jordan Steckle and Lance Formolo.

NEW VOICES

Steven and Sherry Glazier of Belleville announce the birth of Alexandra Joy Oct. 12 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Rex and Linda Combs of Van Buren Township and Barb Hailer of Dickson, Tenn. Great-grandparents are James and Virginia Saylor of Westland, and great-great-grandmother is Josephine Sowa of Jonesville.

Bob and Diane Rousseau of Westland announce the birth of Jennifer Devon Dec. 17. She joins sister Amanda, 4 1/2. Grandparents are John and Kathleen Moriarty and Fred and Jeannette Rousseau, all of Redford. Great-grandparents are Evelyn Rousseau and Grace and Charles Clemons of Clare.

Charles and Therese Nagi of Livonia announce the arrival of William Ivan, born Feb. 8 in Moscow, Russia. He joins a sister Katie, 5. Grandparents are

Charles and Frances Nagi of Garden City and Jeannette Donohue of Birmingham. Peter and Michelle van Well of Redford announce the birth of Dimitri Enny Dec. 31 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He joins brother Tyler, 5, and sister Gabrielle, 2. Grandparents are Sandy and Gerald Smith of Fowler.

George Smith and Amanda Myers of Westland announce the birth of Autumn Marie Smith April 1 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Carla J. Fry, Howard Fry and Beverly Kirkpatrick. Great-grandparents are Yvonne Myers and James R. Smith.

Tim and Heather Parker of Novi announce the birth of Harrison Tyler and Keegan Rose March 20 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Larry and Barbara Gardner of

Redford and Sam and Connie Parker of Westland. Great-grandparents are Marion and Pauline Gardner of Redford, Floyd and Helen Parker of Wayne and John and Josephine Munger of Westland.

Joseph and Andrea Craigie of Garden City announce the birth of Olivia Anne April 3 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Nancy Craigie of California and Richard and Cathy Prince of Garden City.

Christopher and Charlotte Teslak of Plymouth Township announce the birth of Paul Christopher April 7 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Edward C. Ingles of Saginaw and the late Joyce Ingles, John F. Teslak Jr. of Livonia and Eunice Teslak of Lincoln Park.

Nelson and Michelle Cosgrove of Canton announce the

birth of their son, Owen Robert Feb. 5 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He joins a brother, Adam, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Robert and Joanne Richter and Nelson and Bonnie Cosgrove, all of West Seneca, N.Y. Great-grandparents are Marie Cosgrove of Hamburg, N.Y., and Beryl MacDonald of Buffalo, N.Y.

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Gilda's Club to hold annual Block Party

A good way to celebrate the spirit of Detroit is to bring a friend, bring the office or bring your family to the Gilda's Club Metro Detroit sixth annual Family Walk and Block Party Sunday, Sept. 26.

The event will begin at Cobo Center in Detroit. There will be a 5K walking tour of downtown Detroit will start at 10 a.m., and the 1-mile indoor fun walk at 10:10 a.m. The block party will start at 10:30 a.m. Registration for the noncompetitive walk will be 8:30-9:45 a.m. in Macomb Hall of Cobo Center.

Last year, more than 3,000 participants of all ages raised more than \$200,000 for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit while taking a scenic stroll through the city. They were escorted by marching bands, the Detroit Mounted Police and Detroit Fire Department clowns.

Registration is \$18, if postmarked before Sept. 1, and \$22 thereafter. Children under age are free. Entry forms are available at D.O.C. Harmony House or by calling Gilda's Club at (248) 577-0800. Families and individuals can also register at the Cobo Center on Sept. 26.

Gilda's Club is a free, non-profit social and emotional support community for men, women and children with all types of cancer, their families and friends. It is named in honor of comedian and former Detroit Gilda Radner.

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

and Sue Auten and is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

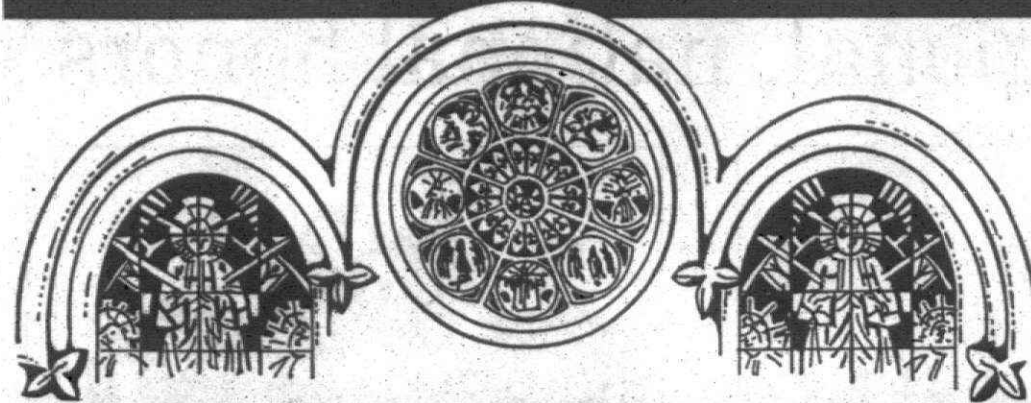
Adam Covington of Midland is studying a wide range of topics during his Michigan State University summer study abroad experience. He is studying such topics as music, history, English and the arts. He is doing his academic work in London, England, and Glasgow, Scotland. Covington is the son of William and Debra Covington and is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. At MSU he is majoring in hospitality business and plans to graduate in May 2002.

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

WINGSPREAD SCHOLARS PROGRAM
Nicole Hrycyk, a Plymouth-Canton High School graduate, was selected to participate in the Wingspread Scholars Program sponsored by the Johnson Foundation, Inc. of Racine, Wis. During the academic year, Wingspread Scholars spend several days in Racine, Wis., observing proceedings of select Wingspread conferences, chosen to

complement their own educational objectives. Wingspread Scholars are selected on the basis of academic performance, motivation and social concern. Hrycyk is the daughter of Nicholas and Andrea Hrycyk of Canton.

GRADUATE
Peter A. Anderson, a Plymouth resident graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind. He was among 377 students to earn his bachelor's degree. He is the son of Craig and Mary Anderson of Plymouth.



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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Family Hour 7:15 p.m.

AUGUST 29th
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6:00 p.m. Dr. Richard Freeman

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Wednesday Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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Sunday Worship Celebration 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Thursday 7-9 p.m.
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School
28602 Middlebelt, corner of I-96 & Middlebelt
Farmington Hills, Mich.

WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday Evening 8:15 p.m.
Sunday Morning 9:15 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Pastor John W. Meyer • 474-0675

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Rev. Lawrence Wiro

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

LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD

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9118 Bertram • Livonia
Sunday Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: James Hoff
School Grades Pre-School - 8
Church & School office: (734) 422-6830

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Rev. John J. Sullivan

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451-0444
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Tuesday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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Worship Services 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.
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Grade K thru 8
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10:00 a.m. Family Worship

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Traditional Services 8 & 11 a.m.
Contemporary Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (Children & Adults) 9:00 & 11 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Schmitta Rev. Marie Welches

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3001 Hansen Rd., Wayne (corner of Greenwood & Hansen)
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Sunday Morning Worship Services
Traditional Services 8 & 11 a.m.
Contemporary Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (Children & Adults) 9:00 & 11 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Schmitta Rev. Marie Welches

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

Divine Worship 8:15 & 11:00 A.M.
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Sunday Evening Service 7:00 P.M.
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Chubb Square, Pastor

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(734) 453-5280

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422-0149

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Contemporary Worship Service
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Topic/Faith

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Rev. Marlene Lee Carey
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Chorale for All Ages
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Faith Lutheran welcomes Rev. Carr

The members of Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia are looking forward to the installation of the Rev. Robert D. Carr as pastor.

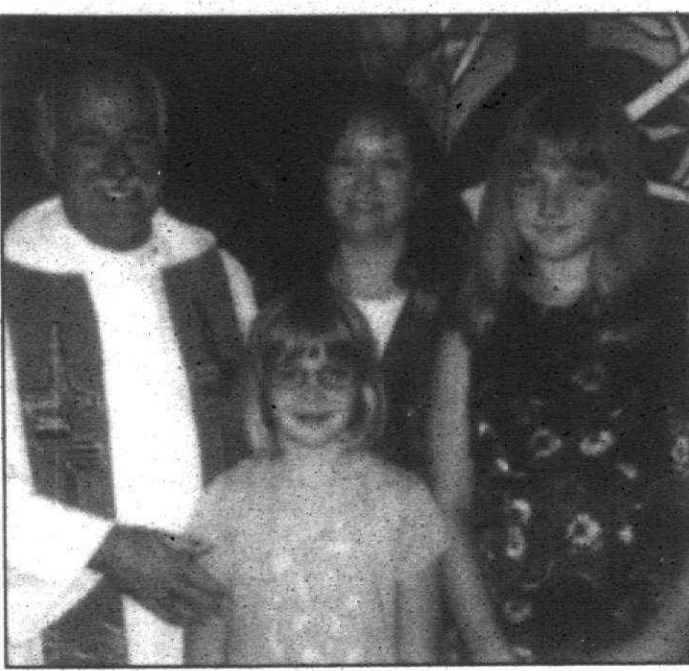
The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be presiding at the 10:45 a.m. worship service and at a rite of installation Sunday, Sept. 19, at the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Carr, who served as associate pastor and cantor (pastoral musician) at the University Lutheran Church and Campus Center in Gainesville, Fla., began his work at Faith Lutheran on July 12.

A minister for 21 years, he is a graduate of Concordia Senior College in Ft. Wayne, Ind., and has a master of divinity degree from Christ Seminary-Seminex in St. Louis, Mo.

A gifted preacher who is not afraid of "tackling the thorny issues" in his preaching, he brings an extensive experience and knowledge in the area of church music. He is an accomplished organist, choral director and composer.

Carr also brings an extensive background in ecumenical work to Faith Lutheran, a parish of the ELCA. He was a participant in the Lutheran-Anglican-



New minister: Joining the Rev. Robert Carr (from left) at Faith Lutheran Church are his wife Alexis and daughters Aimee and Amanda.

Roman Catholic Dialogue, sponsored jointly by the Florida-Bahamas Synod (Lutheran), the Diocese of Florida (Anglican) and the Diocese of St. Augustine (Roman Catholic).

He also was involved in the planning for the LARC Dialogue's annual Pre-Lenten Ecumenical Day of Prayer.

Of the challenges before him as pastor of Faith Lutheran, Carr said he "is aware that Faith Church has an identity born of its rich history under the leadership" of his predecessors.

Two significant traits of that identity are that members, as an outgrowth of their gathering around the Word and Sacrament, have lived a credible witness in Christian service to their respective communities.

"Together, as pastor and people of the parish, we can fashion vital ministries for the 21st century built on the firm foundations which have been placed," he said.

Married, Carr and his wife Alexis have two children, Aimee, 10, and Amanda, 8.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

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

COUPON BOOKS
The youth of Westland Free Methodist Church are selling Gold C, Entertainment and Westland Business Owners Association coupon books now through Oct. 15. For more information, or to place an order, call (734) 729-2368.

SPECIAL MEETING
Area Byzantine Catholics are invited to attend a 7 p.m. meeting Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Plymouth Public Library, 705 S. Main St., to continue efforts to establish a new parish in the area of M-14 and Napier Road as part of the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Diocese. For more information, call (734) 458-7655.

FINE HONORED
Congregation Beit Kodesh will honor Nate Fine at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Fine has retired after 32 years of service as a Sunday School teacher. There will be a special kiddish following services.

TANZANIA BOUND
Bishop Robert Rimbo of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and 12 representatives of Lutherans in southeast Michigan will stop at Transfiguration Church on Pardee in Taylor at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, for a Service of Goodspeed before leaving for an official visit to the Mbulu Diocese of the Evangelical

Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Representatives will tour the Mbulu diocese and meet with leaders, church members and community representatives, sharing in worship and the work of partners there. Among the partnered congregations are Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia with Daudi Lutheran Church.

The Women of ELCA has raised \$40,000 to give to the women of Mbulu for the purchase of a Land Rover to assist in their ministries among the people. The bishop will also present Bishop Yoram Girma of Mbulu with \$25,000 to assist with the extreme plight of people in the area caused by years of extended drought.

A banner of neckties will be presented, featuring the names of the congregations in southeast

Michigan linked to congregations in Mbulu.

BIBLE CONFERENCE
Fair Haven Baptist Church continues its fifth annual Summer Bible Conference 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland. The Rev. Wilbur Hurt, evangelist from Indianapolis, Ind., will preach. Child care will be provided for children age 3 and under. For more information, call the church office at (734) 728-4549.

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beverages. Information about the congregation, the religious school, youth group and 5 and under play group will be available. For further information, call the CBC Hotline at (734) 480-8880.

NEW BEGINNINGS

The Rev. Phil Seymour will discuss "Dreams, Visions and Images" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

BIBLE CLASS

Currently representing 16 denominations and 61 congregations, the community Bible class will resume weekly classes at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Pre-class study groups will meet at 9:30 a.m. The class takes participants through the Bible, chapter by chapter, in eight years. Pam Dodge will begin her fourth year, leading the study. She has been on staff at Ward for 14

years and currently is director of single young adults.

Dodge is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and is a doctoral degree candidate in biblical studies at the University of Michigan.

To arrange for child care or for more information, call Bonny Romberg at (248) 349-7258.

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

YOUTH RALLY

The Rev. Jimmy Lawson of Community Free Will Baptist Church in Westland will hold a youth rally at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the church, 33031 Cheery Hill Road, between Wayne and Venoy roads. Jimmy Mitchell will be the featured guest speaker. Mitchell is youth pastor at the Sophia Baptist Church in Beckley, W. Va.,

where he is a police officer.

ADULT DANCE

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

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

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

SPECIAL EVENING

Evangelist David Ring of Franklin, Tenn., will speak at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton.

Born with cerebral palsy, Ring provides a powerful testimony of how the love of Jesus Christ transformed him from a victim to a visitor. Empowered by Jesus Christ, he has overcome extreme physical and emotional obstacles to become a messenger of the Gospel.

For more information, call Calvary Baptist at (734) 455-0022.

TAI CHI CLASSES

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

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

Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for people of all ages and conditions of health.

For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

Jeff Smith will teach Tai Chi classes 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays, beginning Sept. 20, in the Fellowship Hall of Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff Road, Livonia.

Smith, who has been practicing Tai Chi since age 15, will teach a Yang form of Tai Chi. The class costs \$20 for six weeks and there is a limit of 20 people per session.

For more information or to sign up, call parish nurse Ida Reifsnnyder at (734) 421-5406.

LITURGY ON TAPE

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is available on videotape for \$18 from Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia 48152.

St. Paul's concert stars Ken Medema

Blind since birth, Ken Medema has been writing songs and performing them for more than 30 years.

One of the most talented Christian singers/songwriters, the Michigan native will perform Saturday, Oct. 2, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. at the church, 27475 Five Mile. Tickets - \$10 for adults and \$3 for children age 5-12 - are available in the church office.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-1470.

Medema began composing material for his work as a music therapist in a psychiatric hospital. He now has a full-time performance schedule that takes him throughout North America, Australia, Africa and Europe.

His songs are like stories, some humorous and others touching, and he uses musical styles ranging from classical to blues to sacred. Improvisation is one of the many talents Medema shares with his audiences. Using just a few randomly picked notes and words, he is able to create a new song and sing it on stage.

Many of his songs are about disenfranchised segments of American society, people who are outcasts or alienated. Other songs deal with injustice.



Ken Medema

Medema's disability has given him a sensitivity to people who have, in one way or another, been oppressed. His songs have led his audiences into the streets of San Francisco to address the needs of the homeless and to Tennessee to discuss mining.

Medema said he feels a pressing need to tell the truth. "If the time comes to write a song about (those things), I don't want to not write that song just because I'll lose concert gigs," said Medema.

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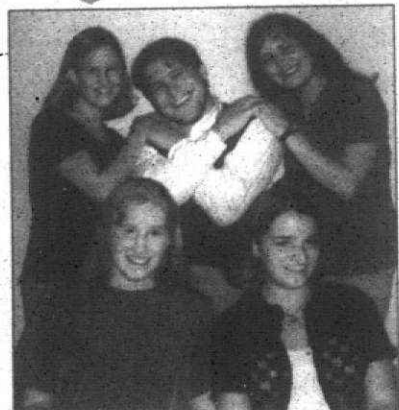
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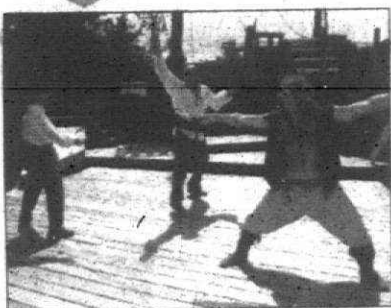
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SATURDAY



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SUNDAY



Swashbucklers invade Hollygrove in a "High Seas Adventure," 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, during the 20th Annual Michigan Renaissance Festival, 12600 Dixie Highway, Holly Township. Tickets \$13.95 adults, \$11.75 seniors age 60 and older, \$5.95 children (5-12), children age 4 and younger, free. Advance tickets \$12.50 adult, \$5 children (5-12). For information, call (800) 601-4848, or (248) 634-5552.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: Little Eva brings her "loco-motion" to the St. Mary's Preparatory campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce roads in Orchard Lake for a "Fabulous '50s and '60s Festival," Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 26-29. Festival opens 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, noon Saturday-Sunday. Little Eva and Dickey Lee begin performing 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (248) 683-0530.

Montreux celebrates two decades of musical diversity

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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At the inaugural Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival in 1979 — a transitory time from disco to punk and new wave — the concern among organizers wasn't just whether there was widespread appeal for jazz, but if people would cross Eight Mile Road, and find their way to the Detroit riverfront.

The millions who have attended Montreux over the years and listened to legendary jazz artists such as Miles Davis, Ella Fitzgerald, Count Basie and Dizzy Gillespie among others probably realized that boundaries are self-imposed.

Now in its 20th year, Montreux has contributed to rehabilitating the image of downtown Detroit as much as any other annual cultural event.

This year's festival, Friday-Monday, Sept. 3-6 at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit features an 8 p.m. performance on Sept. 6 by Dave Brubeck, and an impressive line-up of Detroit jazz alumni in what promoters are calling a "Motor City Jazz Reunion."

Drawing on international and local talent has been a hallmark of the festival. More than 40 groups are from the immediate area.

"We always have a strong, local component. No other festival books as many home-grown acts," said Jim Dulzo, who became director of the festival in 1994 when Musical Hall Center for the Performing Arts took over from Detroit Renaissance as organizer of Montreux.

Local acts include the fusion music of Original Moon from West Bloomfield, singer Sheila Landis of Rochester Hills, guitarist Larry Nozero of Novi, and Ed Nuccilli and his Big Band of Southfield.

Sense of place

"Our mission was to create a great cultural event for the city," said Dulzo.

"We've been around for a generation," he said. "That means there are now people who are bringing their kids, and we're increasing the number of people being reached by the music and the message."

The message, according to Dulzo, is not only about coming together across racial, ethnic and class boundaries. It's about celebrating the uniqueness of what he refers to as the "Detroit attitude."

Among the notable performers with Detroit roots and "attitude" are:

- Yusef Lateef & Eternal Wind
- The Elvin Jones (who played drums for John Coltrane) Jazz Machine
- The Charles McPherson Quartet
- The Tommy Flanagan Trio
- The Bob James Quartet with Alexander Zonjic
- The Kenny Garrett Quartet.

A special tribute to Marcus Belgrave will also feature Garret, Geri Allen and Bob Hurst.

Perhaps more than any other musical style, jazz creates a sense of place and mood. In a town whereby home-grown music is usually associated with either the legendary Motown sound or rock, a question begs to be asked: "Is there a particular Detroit sound?"

"It's not necessarily a sound, but an attitude," said Dulzo.

"Detroit musicians play hard, that's their reputation."

Perhaps the greatest legacy of Montreux, said Dulzo, is that people no longer think twice about crossing Eight Mile Road and heading to the riverfront.

"We've found a way to bring the community together and celebrate our musical legacy."

See festival entertainment schedule highlights inside.

FESTIVAL

Arts, Beats, Eats draws new local talent

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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For Skeeto Valdez, playing the Arts, Beats and Eats festival in downtown Pontiac will be a special sort of homecoming.

While his band, King Konga, is based in southern Mississippi, Valdez was born and raised in Detroit. He has been living in Redford for about four years and commutes to King Konga shows across the country.

"This is my stomping grounds," he said. "I'd like to play this area a little more."

Valdez joined King Konga just over one year ago. Band members found him through an Internet search after he won a drum contest in the Detroit area. For those who will get their first taste of King Konga at the festival, Valdez describes its sound as world music. A musician who has

WHAT: Arts, Beats & Eats — A celebration of art, music and humanity
WHEN: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday-Sunday, Sept. 3-5;
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6
WHERE: Downtown Pontiac
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been playing drums for nearly 20 years, he joined the band because it offered him an opportunity to cover broad musical ground. The band has been compared to a variety of musical acts, from Dave Matthews Band to Hootie and the Blowfish.

Arts, Beats and Eats may be the first festival King Konga will play in the metro area, but it certainly isn't the largest. The band was recently asked to perform at Woodstock. Still recuperating from the energy and overall experience, Valdez said he's

ready to hit the stage again 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 on the Pepsi Stage.

Playing festivals differs from regular shows, he said, because the sense of intimacy at a club gig is lost. "At a festival you have a lot more space," he said. "You have to try to project the musical vibe out to reach people. We try to touch them with what we do."

Another band likely to reach out through their music at Arts, Beats and Eats — Knee Deep Shag — will perform 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 on the Pepsi Stage. Drummer Jeff Moehle, whose family lives in Troy, said the band's presence was personally requested at this year's festival. Taking time between recording another CD — which is due in November — and performing regularly, Knee Deep Shag agreed.



Rick Matle and Sheila Landis

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"We got involved with the festival through our association with the Detroit Music Awards," he said. "After winning 'Outstanding Urban Artist' this year we've received more attention from the Detroit area, which we're very happy about. I think that got the attention of the festival organizer who then set it up with our booking agent."

Moehle said the band does make considerations when performing in a festival environment.

"Generally, playing a festival means playing a shorter set," he said. "When we do this we tend to add more up-tempo tunes to help get the crowd into what we're doing...We might even throw a cover song into the set so that new people will have something they recognize."

Chances are Detroit-area club-hoppers will recognize more than just a cover song. Kneecap's Shag performs regularly at the Magic Bag in Ferndale and The Alley in Rochester. This is the band's first experience with Arts, Beats and Eats.

"We were not involved last year although I heard a lot about it," said Moehle. "We were very glad when we were asked to do it this year."

"I used to work at Church's Lumber right downtown when I was in high school and that area was not nearly as nice as it is now," he said. "When I came back to play shows in Pontiac after moving to Kalamazoo I was floored by the drastic 180 (degree change). Now they have art museums, coffee houses, nice

restaurants, even Nick's looks great. I think this festival is a great opportunity to keep the city moving in a positive direction."

Sheila Landis has also noticed the boom in downtown Pontiac. A jazz vocalist and Rochester Hills resident, she's performed at several spots in the area, including Bo's Brewery, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, and Gargoyles Coffeehouse. At 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, Landis will be performing on the Heineken Stage as part of a trio at Arts, Beats and Eats. She couldn't be more excited.

"I love festivals," she said. "They're really exciting. All eyes are on you. You can really do your best. There's a wonderful vibe in the air."

Contributing to that vibe Landis, along with her guitarist Rick Matle and drummer Jason "Bo" Gittinger, will appeal to a festival crowd filled with people of all ages. She described the music as a combination of genres; from samba to swing, from blues to improvisational jazz set to poetry.

"There's more variety in one set," said Landis. "We'll turn amazing corners. It keeps us all interested. It keeps the audience on their toes...We really like keeping a wide repertoire."

Like the other entertainers on the extensive line-up this year, Landis is hoping for favorable weather and crowds of people. She said she'd like to see similar festivals in other cities.

"It brings people together and it's good for the arts," said Landis. "I'm hoping a lot of people come out and support the festival. We're certainly glad to be part of it."

Entertainers enjoy interacting with kids

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Marc Thomas has released three children's albums, but when kids see him around town, they instantly remember him as "that moose guy."

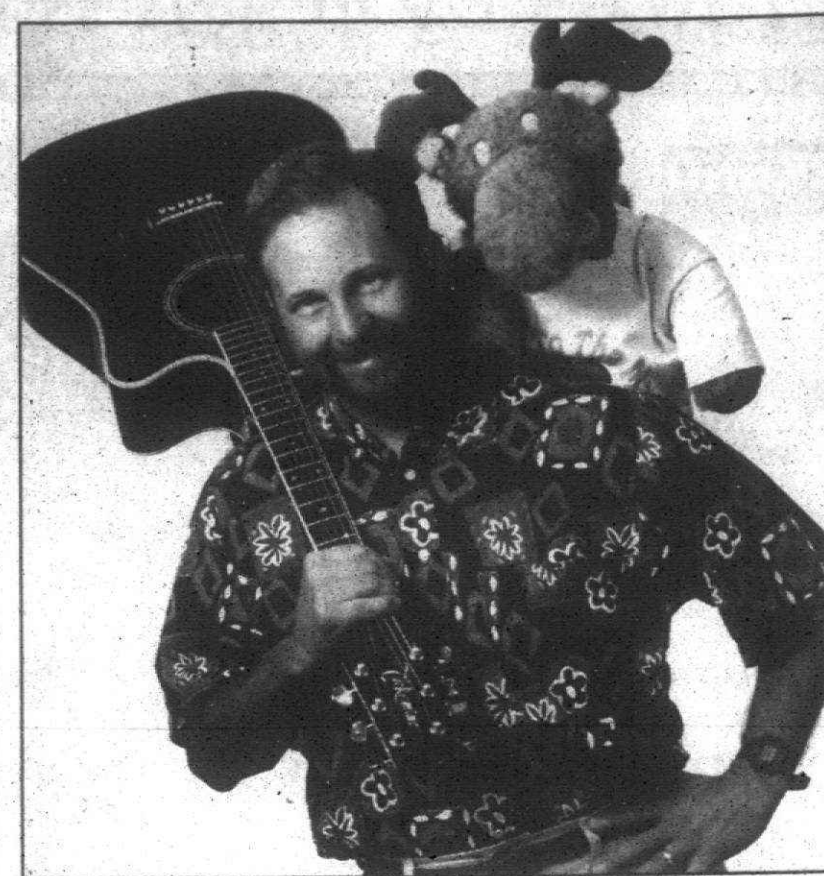
Known best for his live ventriloquist performances starring "Max the Moose," Thomas is one of the performers who will provide family-style entertainment on the Kids' Stage at Arts, Beats and Eats in Pontiac.

"The key thing is the puppet, Max the Moose," said Thomas, a Farmington resident. "That's how people know me. I play guitar and sing. It's a really interactive kids show."

Thomas will have little ones joining him on stage, playing instruments and participating from their seats during the festival. He welcomes everyone to sing along, and laugh along, with Max. Thomas, who performed last summer at the first-ever Arts, Beats and Eats festival, said he was amazed at how organized it was. He's ready for more fun this year.

Another performer returning to the festival stage, Donna Novack, said she hopes the event is as good this year as it was last year.

Novack, a Ypsilanti resident and member of the duo Harpbeat, promised an interactive experience for youngsters. Harpbeat, which also features Maria Flurry, uses percussion and a harp to create music from around the world to teach audiences about foreign cultures. The show in Pontiac will differ from programs Harpbeat does in area



You know the Moose: Marc Thomas, who's known for his act which includes Max the Moose, will be performing Friday—Monday, Sept. 3—6 on the Kids' Stage for Arts, Beats and Eats. Check www.arts-beatsand-eats.com or call (248) 975-8850 for specific times.

schools. "In a festival environment, you need to do more of a concert," said Novack. "Sometimes you don't have the same audience for the entire show."

Paula Kreuter, owner of Performing Artists Management in Troy, is responsible for organizing entertainers like Novack and Thomas and all of the acts at Arts, Beats and Eats. She

describes the performers as "gentle spirits," who are all dedicated to children.

"What we're doing are we're making the time shorter but the options greater," she said. "Last year, shows were 45 minutes...We made the shows 30 minutes so (families) can catch music, magic and juggling." All the performers are from Michigan, said Kreuter. She said

children and parents will recognize these acts from last year, as well as from programs held within elementary schools around Oakland County.

Kreuter is hoping to surpass last year's phenomenal turnout. The children's tent, located at the Saginaw Street parking lot, will hold 200 people at a time. She describes the shows as "family entertainment for all ages."

Homegrown jazz legends return to play at festival

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

As you pluck the best from the late summer harvest of festivals, don't forget about the first and best of the jazz crop.

It has been twenty years since The Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival began its Labor Day week-

end tradition of featuring accomplished artists from the full spectrum of the genre.

While there are now five or six noteworthy jazz festivals to look forward to each season, the Montreux Festival was unique two decades ago. Festival Director Jim Dulzo believes there were several factors that contributed to its early success.

"The sheer size of the event was sure to attract attention. From the beginning, there were so many quality artists in the program that appealed to the core jazz listener. The public radio broadcasts of the performances also helped to raise the profile of the event."

This year's festival at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit, Thursday-Monday, Sept. 2-6, features an unprecedented gathering of some of Detroit's greatest "jazz alumni," who have become international stars.

"There's an incredible buzz among local jazz fans about the return of Yusuf Lateef, the extraordinary reed player who has not performed in his hometown Detroit in over twenty years," says Dulzo.

With over one hundred performances planned over the festival's five stages, you'll want to do some planning to catch your favorites. It sounds like Ron Pangborn, music producer for

Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series, is planning to go on a five-day jazz bender.

"I'm especially eager to see Elvin Jones, the original drummer for the John Coltrane Quartet. Not only is he a phenomenal performer, but he remains one of the most innovative drummers ever," says Pangborn.

"A couple of months ago, BACKSTAGE PASS did a segment on the legendary musicians of the Cass Corridor, which included the band CJQ. A reunion of the group is one of the highlights, and I'm also looking forward to the tribute to Marcus Belgrave on Sunday, Sept. 5."

Detroit's homegrown jazz legends get the salute during a special Montreux Festival edition of BACKSTAGE PASS, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 on Detroit Public TV. The program visits with Harold McKinney at his weekly SereNeti Ballroom workshop for aspiring jazz artists, and offers the reflections of Alberta Adams, whose Montreux appearance is another highlight of her more than 50 years as Detroit's "Queen of the Blues."

The innovative Jeff Haas Trio performs with guest trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, and a rare local spot by the legendary Donald Byrd includes a Detroit trib-

ute piece. Byrd's homecoming concert at last weekend's African World Festival was his first local public performance in about twenty years.

During its long run, it's clear that the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival has been more than just a good time with great music. It has become a chapter of the city's music lore.

I have an opportunity to be a part of it by introducing the jazz band Liquid Soul on closing night, Monday, Sept. 6. The way I look at it, why should guys like Pangborn have all the fun? See you there.

COMMUNITY THEATER

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Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served outdoors (weather permitting) around the reflecting pool behind the Greek stage where St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook members will be available to answer your questions and share information on the history of the theater, and plans for the upcoming season.

St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook is an independent, non-profit community theater.

Their season kicks off Friday, Oct. 29 with "The Heidi Chronicles" by Wendy Wasserstein. The show continues Oct. 30-31, Nov. 3-6.

A to-be-announced children's theater production will be presented Nov. 19-21.

Larry Shue's "The Foreigner" will be presented Jan. 21-22 and Jan. 27-29 followed by "Foxfire" by Susan Cooper and Hume Cronyn, March 17-19, March 23-25.

The season wraps up with the musical "Damn Yankees" to be presented June 2-3, June 8-10 in the outdoor Greek theater.

Call (248) 644-0527 for information about season tickets or the open house.

"Deathtrap" by Ira Levin — Jan. 14-15, 21-23, and 28-30.

"Oklahoma!" by Rogers and Hammerstein — March 10-11, 17-19, 24-26.

"Moon over the Brewery" by Bruce Graham — May 5-7, May 12-13, and May 19-21.

Ridgedale is holding auditions for "Just a Second" 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 at the playhouse. Call (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5270.

Village Players of Birmingham

The Village Players of Birmingham kick off their season with "Back to Back" and "David," a collection of hits by composer Bacharach and lyricist Hal David. Sept. 17-19, 24-26, Oct. 1 & 2 at the theater, 752 Chestnut, on the east side of Woodward Avenue, two blocks south of Maple. Tickets are \$14/play; season — 5 shows for \$55, 3 shows for \$36.

Call (248) 644-2075 for more information.

The season continues with:

"Nonsense" by Dan Goggin — Sept. 10 (sold-out), Sept. 11, 17-19 and 24-26.

"Just a Second" comedy by James Shurman — Nov. 5-6, 12-14 and 19-21.

Is holding open auditions for its fall theater production of Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," 7 p.m. Tuesday and

Wednesday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia. There are 30 roles for males and females. Auditions open to the public, no experience necessary. Call (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5270.

Farmington Players

The Farmington Players 1999-2000 season begins Nov 5 with "The Women" by Clare Booth. The show continues Nov. 6-7, 12-14, 18-21, and 26-27.

Here's the rest of the schedule: "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck, Feb. 4-6, Feb. 11-13, 18-20, and 24-26.

"Kiss Me Kate." Music by Cole Porter, May 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, and 25-27.

"The Man Who Came to Dinner" — A classic comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, Nov. 12-14, 19-21, 26 & 27.

"Oliver" — The classic musical adapted from Dickens' novel set in 19th-century London, Jan. 21-23, 28-30, Feb. 4 & 5.

"Sherlock Holmes" — March 17-19, 24-26, March 31 & April 1.

"Forever Plaid" — May 12-14, 19-21, 26 & 27.

The theater is at 32332 W 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road on the north side of 12 mile Road. Shows start 8 p.m. except 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. For ticket information, call (248) 553-2955 or online at www.html.net/~ecarlson/players.txt.

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ARTS, EATS & BEATS ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Arts, Eats & Beats Entertainment Schedule
On the Kmart Stage
Friday, Sept. 3
6 p.m. Twisting Tarantulas
6:30 p.m. Hemigod
7 p.m. Citizen King
8 p.m. To Be Announced
9:45 p.m. The Verve Pipe
Saturday, Sept. 4
6 p.m. The Average White

Band Rhythm & Blues/Jazz
8 p.m. Atlantic Starr
9:45 p.m. Jeffrey Osborne
Sunday, Sept. 5
5 p.m. Stewart Francke
6 p.m. Eddie Money
8 p.m. SpRng
9 p.m. Beth Hart
9:45 p.m. Edwan McCain
Monday, Sept. 6
3 p.m. LeeAnn Womack

4:45 p.m. Steve Earl
6 p.m. Deanna Carter
On the Pepsi Stage
Friday, Sept. 3
12 p.m. Allison Lewis Band
1 p.m. Ruby Moon
2 p.m. Quasar Wut-Wut
3 p.m. Rooster
4 p.m. Woodward Players
5 p.m. Eliza
6 p.m. Kneecap

7 p.m. Teddy Richards
8 p.m. Robb Roy
Saturday, Sept. 4
12 p.m. Wally Pleasant
1 p.m. Ghetto Billies
2 p.m. Roxanne
3 p.m. Park
4 p.m. Austin
5 p.m. Kung Fu Diesel
6 p.m. Reserferman
7 p.m. King Konga
8 p.m. Howling Diablos
Sunday, Sept. 5
12 p.m. Jan Krist
1 p.m. Danny Cox
2 p.m. Civilians
3 p.m. Give
4 p.m. Dung Beatles
5 p.m. Surfin' Pluto
6 p.m. Vudu Hippies
7 p.m. Psyfunk
8 p.m. Rev. Right Time & the
1st Cousins of Funk
Monday, Sept. 6
12 p.m. 60 Second Crush
1 p.m. Nailin' Betty
2 p.m. Callin' Marvin
3 p.m. Michael King Band
4 p.m. Jill Jack
5 p.m. Broken Toys
6 p.m. ORR
On the Heineken Stage
Friday, Sept. 3
1 p.m. Robert Jones
2 p.m. Warren Commission
3 p.m. Groove With It
4 p.m. Last Call
5 p.m. Sean Blackman and John Arnold
6 p.m. David Myles

7 p.m. Jazzhead
8 p.m. Mudpuppy featuring Paul Randolph
Saturday, Sept. 4
12 p.m. The G.A.N.G. Choir
1 p.m. Charles Anthony & Friends
2 p.m. Ricky Lentz
3 p.m. Quincy Stewart Quartet
4 p.m. Sheila Landis Trio
5 p.m. Bluecat featuring Nikki James
6 p.m. Lisa Cunningham & 7th Heaven
8 p.m. Kimmie Horne
Sunday, Sept. 5
12 p.m. Daniel Carthage
1 p.m. Rev. Marc Falconberry
2 p.m. Buster's Blues Band
3 p.m. Bonnie Temps Roule
4 p.m. Johnnie Bassist & The Blues Insurgents
5 p.m. Thornetta Davis
6 p.m. Alberta Adams
7 p.m. The Edge
8 p.m. Alexander Jonick
Monday, Sept. 6
12 p.m. Jo Serrapere & Her Hot Tail Section
1 p.m. Kogs Kats
2 p.m. Woody Washington
3 p.m. Janice Keegin
4 p.m. Kristen Sayer Band
5 p.m. Charles & Gwen Scales
6 p.m. Straight Ahead
On the Dodge Americana Stage
Friday, Sept. 3
12 p.m. Tangerine Trousers
1 p.m. MacAoidh

2 p.m. International Dance
3 p.m. 47 Uma
4 p.m. Krystyn Smyth & Blackstone
5 p.m. Teen Angels
6 p.m. The Articles
7 p.m. Blue Moon Boys
8 p.m. Orchestra Fuago
Saturday, Sept. 4
12 p.m. VisionEar
2 p.m. Diamond Back
2 p.m. Dance
3 p.m. Just for Kicks Dancers
4 p.m. Wild Woody's
5 p.m. Stephen Grant Wood
6 p.m. Superdot
7 p.m. Felix and the Buzzcats
8 p.m. O.C. Roberts
Sunday, Sept. 5
12 p.m. Dame Maria Del Carmen
1 p.m. Jeff and the Atlantics
2 p.m. Dan Washington
3 p.m. Michael Carluccio
4 p.m. Tony Phillips
5 p.m. Johnny Rodriguez
6 p.m. Forbes Brothers
7 p.m. Immunity
8 p.m. Young Country
Monday, Sept. 6
12 p.m. Jellys Pierced Tattoo
1 p.m. Ridge Runners
2 p.m. Dance Group
3 p.m. Pete "Big Dog" Fettes
4 p.m. Tree Town Singers and Dancers
5 p.m. Kelly Richey
6 p.m. Company of Strangers
7 p.m. Johnny Powers

MONTREUX DETROIT JAZZ FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, Sept. 3
Dixie & Swing Derby: Farmer Jack presents Latin Night
Ford/AirTouch Cellular Stage
Noon — The David McMurray Show
5 p.m. — Randy Scott
6:45 p.m. — Bob James Quartet w/g Alexander Jonick
9 p.m. — CBS/62 Celebrates Detroit: Bob James, Alexander Jonick, Johnny Trudell, Robert Penn, Vanessa Johnson and Deborah Chenault
DTE Energy Stage
Noon — Tom Saunders' Detroit Jazz All Stars
2:45 p.m. — Hudson's/Telgent Staged
4:45 p.m. — West Bloomfield High School Jazz Ensemble
8 p.m. — Jeff Haas Trio & Friends w/g Marcus Belgrave
Saturday, Sept. 4
Damon's presents Hart Boppin' Blues Day
Ford/AirTouch Cellular Stage
1 p.m. — Johnny Trudell & Friends
2:45 p.m. — Charles McPherson Quartet
4:30 p.m. — Bird of Paradise Orchestra Salutes Duke Ellington
8 p.m. — Kenny Garrett Quartet
9:45 p.m. — Roomful of Blues
DTE Energy Stage

Noon — Al Hill & The Love Butlers
1:45 p.m. — Thornetta Davis & Black Beauty
3:30 p.m. — Roomful of Blues
7:15 p.m. — Alberta Adams, Johnny Bassett & The Blues Insurgents
9:15 p.m. — Tommy Flanagan Trio
Hudson's/Telgent Stage
8 p.m. — Original Moon
Pepsi Jam Academy
2:45 p.m. — Focus: Hope presents Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation
3:45 p.m. — Meet the Artist: Tommy Flanagan
Sunday, Sept. 5
Ford/AirTouch Cellular Stage
2:45 p.m. — Marcus Belgrave Tribute w/ Geri Allen, Kenny Garrett & Bob Hurst
6:15 p.m. — Straight Ahead
8 p.m. — Larry Nozoro
DTE Energy Stage
Noon — Paul VornHagen Quintet
5:15 p.m. — A C/J Revival
7:15 p.m. — Los Angeles' Eternal Wind
9:15 p.m. — Roscoe Mitchell & The Sound Ensemble
Hudson's/Telgent Stage
2:45 p.m. — Lake Orion Henry Ford II Jazz Ensemble
Pepsi Jam Academy
1 p.m. — SEMJA Jazz Clinic: Jack Pierson

8:45 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. — Imperial Swing Orchestra
Ford/AirTouch Cellular Stage
4:15 p.m. — Ed Nuccilli & Plural Circle
8 p.m. — An Evening with Dave Brubeck
9:45 p.m. — Yusuf Lateef & Eternal Wind
DTE Energy Stage
Noon — Sheila Landis & Brazilian Love Affair
1:45 p.m. — Bill Heid Trio
3:30 p.m. — Joey DeFrancesco Trio & Houston Person
5:15 p.m. — Robert Tye Trio Plus
7:15 p.m. — Lyman Woodard Organization Reunion
8:15 p.m. — Joey DeFrancesco Trio & Houston Person
Hudson's/Telgent Stage
Noon — Farmington Harrison High School Jazz Band
8:15 p.m. — Liquid Soul
Pepsi Jam Academy
1 p.m. — SEMJA Jazz Clinic: Ernie Rodgers
2:45 p.m. — Focus: HOPE presents Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation
3:45 p.m. — Meet the Artist: Yusuf Lateef
7:15 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. — Sun Messengers
Kowalski Riverfront Café
8:30 and 10:30 p.m. — Steve Wood Quartet

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Friday, August 27	Saturday, August 28	Sunday, August 29
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GEM AND CENTURY THEATRES
"Forbidden Hollywood," through Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit, \$24.50/\$34.50, (313) 963-9800

PERFORMANCE NETWORK
"Office Hours" by Mercury Theatre Co., 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, through Aug. 29, at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, west of Main St., Ann Arbor, \$12, 9p students/seniors, (734) 663-0681

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Puccini's "La Bohème," Fridays, Aug. 27 and Sept. 10, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16501 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$15, includes advance receipt, (313) 582-0997

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"Dutchman," a powerful civil rights-era one-act play by Amiri Baraka, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 26-28, please be advised of strong content, in the Varner Studio Theatre, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, \$5 donation, (248) 370-2030

COMMUNITY THEATRE

THE ACTORS' COMPANY
Presents the Prince Street Players LTD Production of "The Emperor's New Clothes," 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (west of I-75, east of Haggerty Road), Livonia, \$10, \$7 children/seniors, (248) 988-7032 for reservations, seating is limited.

ELLIPSIS THEATRE ENSEMBLE
"The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by Bertolt Brecht, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor, \$12, 9p, (734) 975-0417

JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS
Neil Simon's "Jake's Women," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington, \$10, \$7 seniors/students, (734) 797-JACK.

OLUS MINE
"Shadow Play," through Aug. 29, 11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 7 p.m. Sundays, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor, \$9, (734) 975-0417

YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Rumpelstiltskin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 28 and Sept. 11, 18 and 25, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 29 and Sept. 12, 19 and 26, at the theatre, 135 E. Main, Northville, \$6, (248) 349-8110

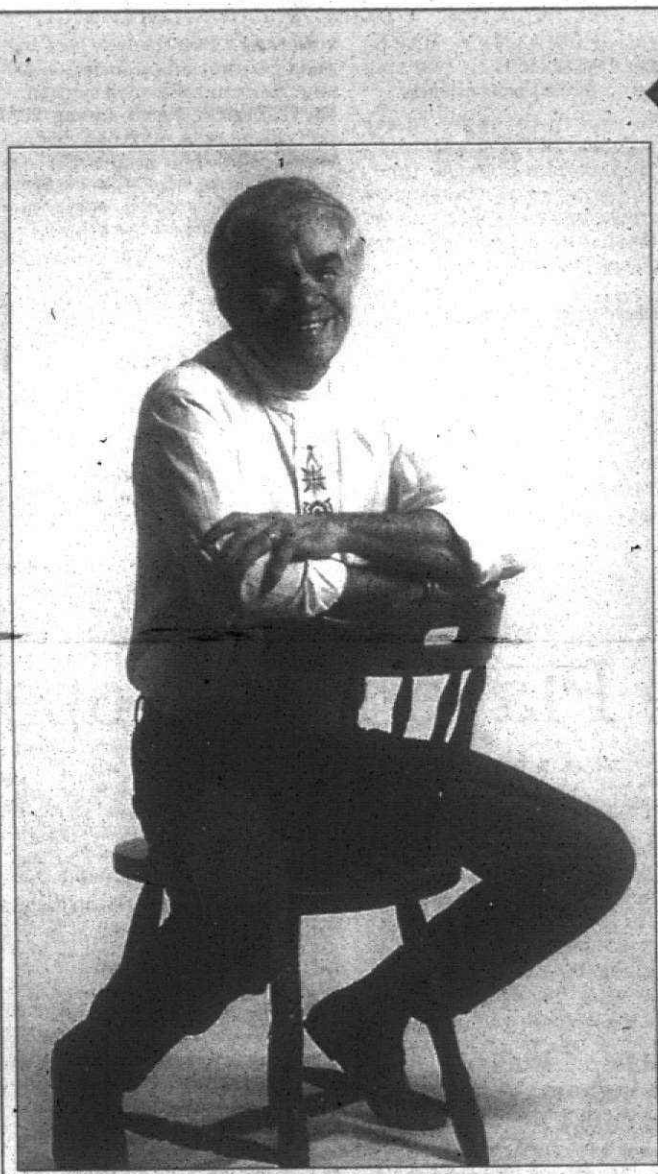
SPECIAL EVENTS

BIRD HIKE
8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, Maybury State Park, meet at the Concession Building in the main parking area on Eight Mile, one mile west of Beck Road, Northville. Free with state park motor vehicle permit, (248) 349-8390

BOOK SIGNING/DISCUSSION
Author Jeanne Carr discusses her book, "One Degree Beyond: A Reiki Journey into Energy Medicine: Your 21-Day Step by Step Guide to Relax, Open and Celebrate," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Barnes & Noble Bookstores, West Bloomfield, (248) 626-6804

DEPOT TOWN CIRCLE NIGHTS
Hundreds of street rods rumble into Depot Town 6 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 9, Cross Street in Ypsilanti, (734) 483-4444 or www.ypsilanti.org

KENSINGTON METROPARK
"Creature Comforts," 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, join an interpreter for a 1 1/2 hour walk to seek out the haunts of local residents, "Deer" through the Seasons," 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, explore the life history of these animals then join in a short hike and "Sensory Safari," 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 6, indulge your senses as you travel the trails (wear old clothes), in the Nature Center at Kensington Metropark, Milford. Pre-registration required, (248) 685-0603/900 477-3178. Metropark vehicle entry permit is required: annual \$16, \$6 seniors, or daily \$3 weekends and holidays, \$2 weekdays except Wednesdays



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"A Marx Brothers Festival" with "At the Circus" and "Go West" starring Groucho, Chico and Harpo, with guest organists Scott Foppiano and Gil Francis, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, Aug. 27, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, Aug. 27, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit, \$3.50, (313) 537-2560 or http://theatre.org/gans.com/m/redford

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

CLOCK CONCERTS
Family Fun Night, 7:30 Friday, Aug. 27, at the bandshell, Northville, (248) 349-7640

CONCERTS ON THE COURT
Music series featuring Tony Russo and his orchestra, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at the Wynwood and Hamilton House, Troy. Proceeds from refreshments will go to the Alzheimer's Association.

DEARBORN RECREATION
Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Dearborn, (313) 943-2360

"IN THE PARK"
Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Shain Park, Birmingham.

"MUSIC UNDER THE STARS"
Livonia Symphony Orchestra 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Civic Center Park, Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 466-2540

"SUMMER IN THE CITY"
Marc Thomas & Mar the Moose, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Birmingham City Hall, Pierce and Martin, west of S. Old Woodward. Free. www.imaginationtheatre.com

BENEFITS

FANCLUB FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS
Presents Caliente Uno: A Big Night in Little Havana Latin Dance Party, 8 p.m. (7 p.m. Latin dance lessons) Friday, Aug. 27, music by La Sensacional, at 300 N. Saginaw, Detroit. Tickets: \$35, \$24-44-150

"GOLF FOR THE ARTS"
Golf outing 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at Pontiac Municipal Golf Course, 800 Golf Drive, \$75, (248) 858-9990

Vietnam
Gala evening of food, culture and entertainment, featuring a preview of "Today's Vietnam" hosted by Keith Farnie, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Opening VIP reception, food tasting and display of Vietnamese cultural exhibits, 6-7:45 a.m. Tickets \$75 VIP reception on mezzanine level, call (248) 681-0248; \$25 general admission, call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Event also features special performances by Stewart Farnie, La Detroit Concert Choir, The Burton International School, and Fleming Elementary School. Event proceeds to benefit the Stewart Farnie Leukemia Foundation, the Vietnam Veteran's Association, Chapter 9 of Detroit, and the International-Children's Alliance Network.

FAMILY EVENTS

KINDERMUSIC STORY TIMES
An interactive program of storytelling, music and movement with Karen Schenberger, a licensed Kindermusic educator at Evia Music in Canton, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28 at Beary Worn, 249 S. Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-9417; 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Tiggyswinkles, 30993 Five Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia, (734) 458-5313

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOR
Auditions for all voice parts 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 7 and 14, in the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, (248) 349-8175

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE JAZZ ENSEMBLE
Schoolcraft College is reviving its jazz ensemble and is looking for musicians, rehearsals will be held 7-10 p.m. Mondays beginning Sept. 13 in the music department of the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia, (734) 420-8884

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE THEATRE
Open auditions for 30 roles for males and females for Shakespeare's comedy "The Merchant of Venice," 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, no children's roles available, in the Liberal Arts Theatre at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, (734) 462-4400, ext. 5270

SOUTHCRAFT COMMUNITY PLAYERS
Auditions for males and females youth and adults, and male quartet for "Music Man," 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 and 7:10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, at the Corner Playhouse, 12871 Dix, at Edison, Southgate. For performances Nov. 12-13 and 19-20, (313) 277-1982

THIRD COAST REGGAE
9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, \$21 and older, (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

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NEW AGE

JOHN TESH
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township, \$36 and \$26 pavilion, \$13.50 lawn, \$1 from each ticket purchased will be donated to charity. Children ages 17 and younger get \$5 off \$26 tickets. All ages, (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS
Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 27, (313) 11 and a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reservation. \$12.50 lawn, \$10, gardens open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (\$5), guided garden tour at extra cost by reservation, at Cranbrook, 380 Lino Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 365-3147

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM
"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum, (248) 645-3361; "Screen Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Laser program at the science center, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, 1-877-462-7262

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MOVIES

'The Sixth Sense': A horror movie with a heart

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"The Sixth Sense" defies labeling. If you don't like horror movies, if you don't like thrillers, if you don't like the supernatural — don't worry, but do go. It's none of the above and all of the above. This is a horror movie with a heart, a film so sensitive and smart you'll want to stand by the box office and stop people from seeing anything else.

You'll also want to go right back in and see it a second time yourself, for reasons we can only hint at.

Bruce Willis is prominent Philadelphia child psychologist Malcolm Crowe. He and his wife

(Olivia Williams) are surprised one evening by an intruder, Vincent Grey (Donnie Wahlberg in a brief but loud appearance). Vincent had been treated unsuccessfully by Crowe years earlier. Now an adult, he is still terrified by "something" and has returned to exact revenge by putting one bullet in the doctor's belly and another in his own ear. As this sets up events to come, we're not spilling any beans here.

Fading out and in to the following fall, we find that Dr. Crowe is weighted down with guilt to the point of professional incompetence. His salvation may come in the form of eight-year-old Cole Sear who, like Vincent,

also lives with an unspoken dread. Cole is a pitiful youngster. His peers ostracize him, his teacher calls him a "freak" and his hardworking divorced mother is running out of patience.

Cole can't or won't communicate his "secret" to anyone. The secret: He sees dead people. Not ghosts, but corporeal beings who died violently and wander South Philly trapped between here and beyond, unaware, in fact, that they are dead.

"I don't wanna be scared anymore," Cole tells his doctor. "Please make them leave." Crowe can't make them leave, but perhaps he can make Cole understand and use his gift. The time

he spends in this quest will jeopardize Crowe's marriage and more.

"The Sixth Sense" sounds like a lot of movies you've either seen or avoided, depending on your taste, like "The Exorcist," "Poltergeist," and "Carrie." Again, we emphasize that while things do go bump in the night, this film is not about monsters. It's about friendship. The friendship between the boy and his doctor, between the boy and his mom, between the boy and — yes — the ghosts.

We should add out of fairness that this isn't cutesy "Beetlejuice" or smart-alecky "Ghostbusters" either. You will jump out of your seat more than once. And you will bite your lip to avoid spilling the wonderfully logical but totally startling ending...as we are doing now.

We can, though, talk freely and gleefully about 11-year-old Haley Joel Osmunt. You may have seen him as the dying boy on "Ally McBeal" or as Forrest Gump, Jr. He is a wondrous revelation as Cole. It's been written that his audition reduced writer-director M. Night Shyamalan to tears, and having seen the final product, we can't just write that off as studio hype.

As his mom, Australian Toni Collette is every mom who has tried to knock down the wall between herself and her child



Drama: Bruce Willis (right) stars as child psychologist Dr. Malcolm Crowe, an emotionally shattered man haunted by his past and the misdiagnosis of a child suffering from visual hallucinations. When he meets Cole (Haley Joel Osmunt, left) a young man with similar symptoms, client and therapist are awakened to something astonishing in "The Sixth Sense."

while straining to understand why it exists at all. And what about Bruce? Well, he whispers a lot. But at the same time, he conveys the kind of genuine empathy and warmth not seen since the dad in "Leave

It to Beaver." Despite his rep as an asteroid-bashing superhero, we're hard-pressed to imagine anyone else in this tender role.

Jon Katz is a free-lance writer who lives in Rochester.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 27

"A DOG OF FLANDERS"
A powerful and touching family film about a young boy's passionate pursuit of a dream. Based on the timeless children's book. Stars Jack Warden, Jon Voight and Cheryl Ladd.

"AUTUMN TALE"
Exclusively at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Romantic comedy about a middle-aged woman whose best friend and son's girlfriend are determined to find her a companion.

"ASTRONAUT'S WIFE"
Thriller centers on a woman whose husband retires after a freak accident in space that has left him altered. These changes spark a spiraling chain of chilling events leading up to the birth of their twins. Stars Jon Depp.

"CHILL FACTORY"
Two men accidentally come into possession of a volatile and highly explosive substance that will cause widespread havoc if it is allowed to become warmer than 50 degrees. They are also being chased by several groups who would like to have the substance for their own purposes. Stars Cuba Gooding Jr., Skeet Ulrich.

"DUDLEY DO-RIGHT"
Family comedy based on the classic cartoon character about a dedicated young Mookie who must save the local citizens, reunite with his ladylove and restore peace in the valley without messing it up. Stars Brendan Fraser, Sarah Jessica Parker.

"THE MUSE"
Comedy about a screenwriter willing to

gamble his career, his relationship with his wife, and his sanity on the Muse's ability to give him inspiration for his comeback script. Stars Albert Brooks, Sharon Stone, Jeff Bridges, Andie MacDowell.

"TOP HAT"
Showcase Cinema's Silver Screen Classics Program will present the 1935 classic film 1 p.m. at Showcase Cinema's Westland, 5800 N. Wayne Road, Westland. (734) 729-1060. Enjoy this classic film, popcorn and a soft drink for \$1.

"OUTSIDE PROVIDENCE"
Story about a young man's coming of age when he's packed off to prep school crashing into a parked police car. Stars Alec Baldwin.

"THE 13TH WARRIOR"
Thrilling adventure about an important emissary who is abducted by a band of warriors and forced to join their quest to battle mysterious creatures legendary for consuming every living thing in their path. Stars Antonio Banderas and Omar Sharif.

"BETTER THAN CHOCOLATE"
Lively romp of love and lust with some very surprising results. Stars Wendy Crewson.

"WHITE BOYS"
A funny, honest and searing look at

white wannabe gangsters in the heartland, and at America's youth struggling to find their place in a multi-cultural society. Stars Danny Hoch who also wrote the screenplay with director Marc Levin, Richard Stratton and Garth Berman.

"LOVE STINKS"
An unromantic comedy in which boy meets girl, boy gets girl, and then can't get rid of her no matter how hard he tries. Stars French Stewart, Bridgette Wilson.

"BEST LAID PLANS"
Thriller about life's missed opportunities and regaining one's path.

"DOO PATH"
Romantic comedy that follows the relationships of a group of young people in search of love and commitment. Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 1.

"DRIVE ME CRAZY"
A teenage girl and boy who have grown up next door to one another have never made a love connection. But when long time friends and neighbors gather for their high school's centennial celebration, they realize they were meant for each other all along. Stars Melissa Joan Hurt and Stephen Collins.

"RIGHT CLUB"
Tale of a man who sets up a fight in which young men are paired off in bloody, no-holds barred bouts that continue until one drops. Stars Brad Pitt.

"THE MUSE"
Comedy about a screenwriter willing to

Rolling right along with Detroit's Dream Cruise CD



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA
I couldn't wait to hop into the driver's seat, pile my closest friends inside and just take off to places unknown — Freedom at its purest.

But times have changed since my parents and even my older sisters started to drive. The stories I heard about my sister Michelle cruising around town in her jet black classic '66 Ford Mustang convertible sounded so far from my own reality. The tame suburbs of Rochester Hills weren't much of a place for cruising during my teenage years, but for so many other metro Detroiters cruising defined a time in their lives.

Songs for the road

In Detroit — where the automobile is something sacred — what would cruising be without Highway One, without classic convertibles, and without the radio cranked to 10?

A group of local musicians recognized that connection and created "Cruisin' Songs From the Motor City," a compilation of 14 classics that may induce the

"It's unbelievable and it all sounds like Detroit," said Brian Pastorita. He considers Detroit to be a melting pot of a lot of different music: R & B, blues, gospel, rock and pop all with a blue collar energy and a constant groove. Most of the artists were people he knew who not only showed interest in the project, but those who would 'deliver great songs.'

Despite the virtual blizzard brewing outside, I couldn't wait to hop into the driver's seat, pile my closest friends inside and just take off to places unknown — Freedom at its purest.

temptation to speed. The compact disc, available at all Harmony House locations, was produced by Mark and Brian Pastorita of Harmonie Park Creative Group in Detroit. It was released last week during the Woodward Dream Cruise.

"I didn't believe they didn't have a sort of soundtrack for the Dream Cruise," said Brian Pastorita. So he and his brother created one. Choosing from an A-list of tunes, which all relate to cars, local artists recorded their own versions of hits like The Beatles' "Drive My Car," and Alice Cooper's "Under My Wheels." The songs cover diverse musical ground, from rock to blues to swing, and even hip-hop.

The Detroit Vibe

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"Brian suggested I do 'Mercedes Benz,'" McCall explained. "I love 'Mercedes Benz' and I love Janis Joplin but I didn't want to do it. It's a signature song. It's usually a good idea to avoid them."

After who was talked into it, McCall brought family members into the studio to sing the song's chorus. She admits that now, she's quite happy with the result.

"It was great to have this excuse to work with all these talented people," she said. Like Larin, McCall agreed that "it's a nice time to be hanging out in Detroit."

More to come

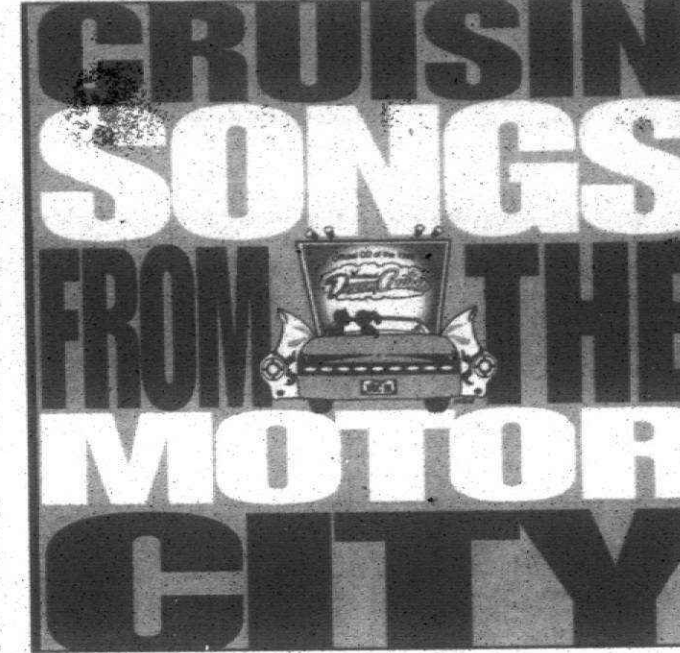
The project began in May and it took about six weeks to complete the CD. Larin called it "genuine" work by some of the best local artists.

Leonard Moon, of Bon Temps Roule, said the CD is something you could have in your car all year that will let you "drift back to summer" every time you play it. He envisions several versions of "Cruisin' Songs" in years to come.

Pastorita sees this project as expanding. He said "Cruisin' Songs II" is a possibility in the future.

"It's really indicative of the kind of talent we have here," he said.

Pop "Cruisin' Songs" into your CD player, drop the rag top down, rev the engine and hit the streets. Experience freedom at

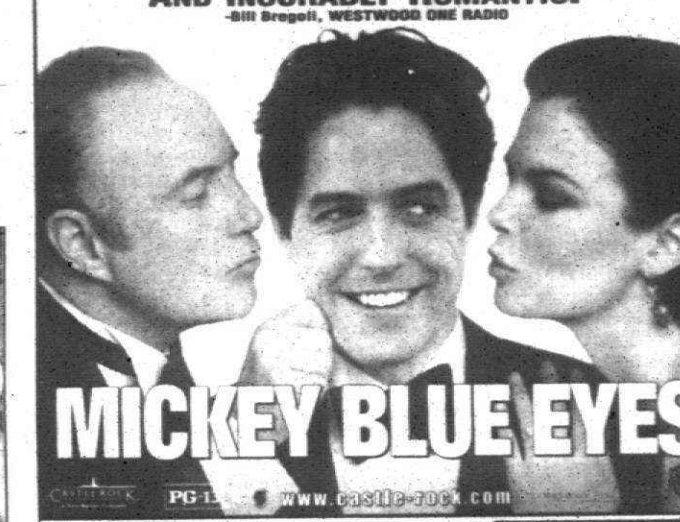


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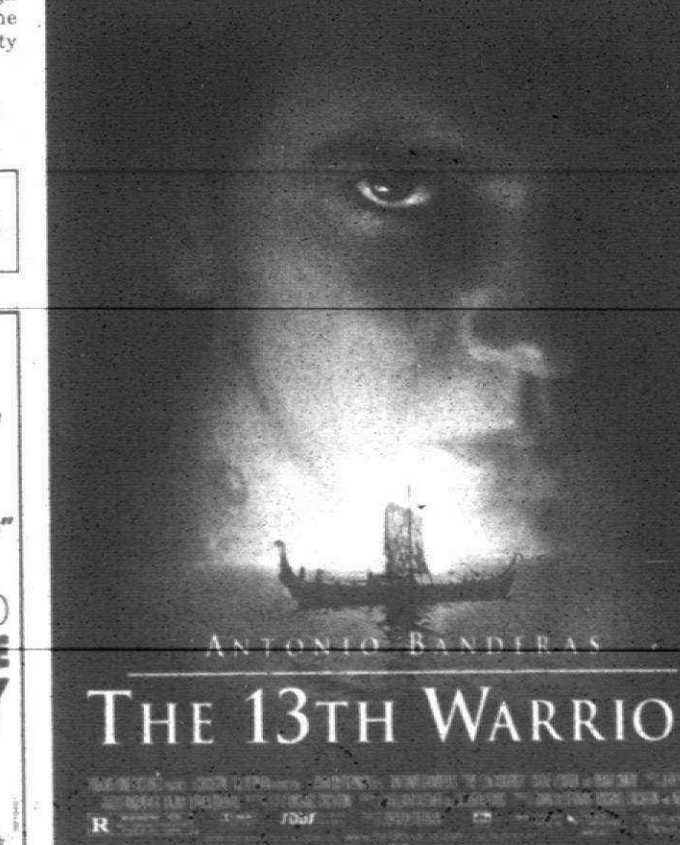
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CD REVIEW

Fall 'Under' the spell of Marilyn Mack

"Under" — Marilyn Mack Group
Dirty Cow Records

Give it a chance, relax, and let yourself fall. "Under," the dreamy spell of Marilyn Mack Group's debut album. Marilyn Mack's chiming voice reveals undertones reaching the caliber of Sarah MacLachlan and Paula Cole, while the band meshes seamlessly to produce an honest songwriting style that probes the curiosities and questions we all face in life and love.

Marilyn Mack Group is Livonia native Marilyn Mack on lead vocals and percussion, Scott Peterson on acoustic and electric guitars, Philip Daher on electric guitars, Michael Fredericks on bass, Mark Konwinski on drums.

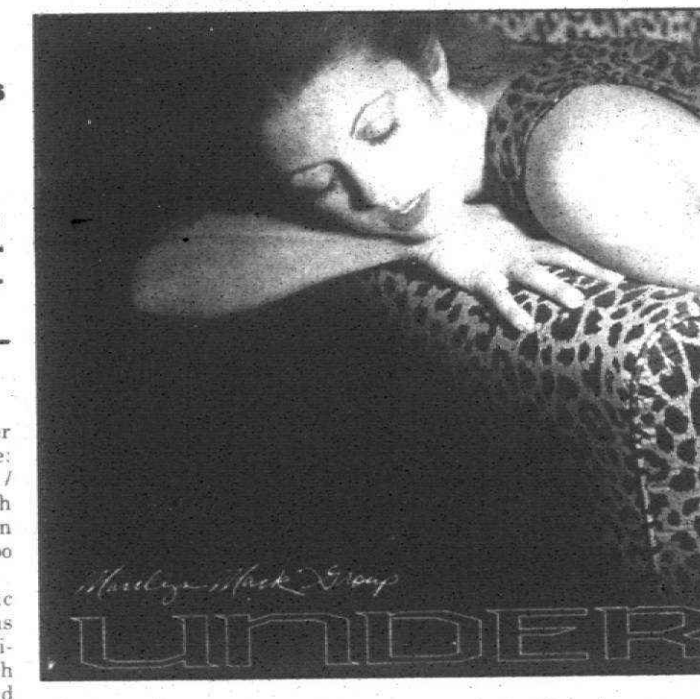
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Crunching guitar riffs fade into muted tones while Mack adds her pleading vocals in songs like "Tell Me Why" and "Wishful Thinking." Catchier tunes like "Simpler Times," allow



"Ease My Mind" is as soft, bitter-sweet and beautiful as an unexpected summer storm.

Naming influences as diverse as XTC, Tragically Hip and Van Morrison, Marilyn Mack Group developed its own sultry style of

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DINING

Ultimate Lebanese flavors inspire Phoenicia

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Since 1982, Phoenicia's owner Sameer Eid has delighted diners with his Lebanese cuisine, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean dishes. Such success does not come without daily dedication.

Eid is up at 5 a.m. six days each week. Like the best European chefs he's off to personally select cuts of lamb and other meat at Wolverine Packing Company in Detroit's Eastern Market. Frequently aided by his brother Walid, Sameer is not only head to the line in his own kitchen, but Maitre d' greeting diners like they were members of his private club.

How did Sameer begin his restaurateur career? "In 1970 by mistake," he explained. "I was in the custom drapery business, but liked to eat at a Lebanese restaurant in Highland Park. The owner was from my mother's hometown in Lebanon. She wanted to close the restaurant and move out of the area. She suggested that I buy it. I did for \$5,700."

Since 1982 and relocation to Birmingham, Sameer has created a number of new dishes to blend Lebanese-style with American tastes. Salmon in Grape Leaves is one example. For this dish, fresh salmon fillet is topped with slices of fresh lime, fresh coriander and a slice of beefsteak tomato, then wrapped in grape leaves and broiled. Others

examples are Sautéed Shrimp, Swordfish Kabob, Frog Legs, Scallops, a Mixed Grill (swordfish, scallops and shrimp marinated and char-broiled) and Whitefish Fillet, baked over a bed of fresh peppers, onions, beefsteak tomatoes and spinach, then seasoned with herbs and olive oil.

At lunch, the non-traditional Pasta with Pesto Sauce is very popular.

"And believe it or not, we're known for our baby back ribs," Sameer noted. "They are the Monday night special." Phoenicia's version marinates the whole slab, seasons it then takes it to the broiler. Twice during the broiling, slabs are removed and re-introduced to the marinade and returned to the broiler. They are moist, but served "dry," the best way to enjoy them. A sauce is offered on the side.

Phoenicia's extensive dinner appetizer list appeals as a superb grazing menu, ideal for a large group to order several selections and share. Number one, most popular is homemade Sausages. Veal, lamb and ground Spanish pine nuts are stuffed in natural casing, seasoned and sautéed then served with pomegranate sauce. Finger-size, these sausages are not only unique, but bursting with flavor.

Other popular appetizer selections are Hommus, Baba Ganouge, Artichoke Hearts, and

Phoenicia
Where: 588 South Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 644-3122.
Hours: 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Menu: Lebanese cuisine and Mediterranean specialties with particular emphasis on fresh seafood. Limited menu items with moderate prices at lunch. Many vegetarian choices at both lunch and dinner.

Full liquor license
Cost: Lunch \$8-11. Dinner and broiler specialties average \$22.
Reservations: Accepted.
Credit cards: All majors accepted.
Carry-out: All items available as carry-out. Lunch time delivery to office buildings within four mile radius.

Phoenicia Uncorked
Sameer Eid recommends the following wines with specialty dishes:

Lamb Chops: 1991 Chateau Musar, Lebanon (a Bordeaux varietal blend).

Sausages: 1995 Clos du Val Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley or 1996 Trefethen Eschol, Napa Valley.

Vegetarian dishes such as Grape Leaves or Mjadara: 1997 Rosemount Chardonnay from Australia.

homemade Lebanese Cheese. Also a big favorite and one of Sameer's "suited to American taste" creations is Portobello Mushrooms, sautéed with fresh basil, garlic and olive oil served over a bed of fresh spinach.

Among char-broiled offerings are the traditional Lebanese prime Lamb Chops, trimmed of fat; Shish Kabob, very lean, tender lamb served with vegetables; and Shish Kafta, ground lamb with onions, parsley and seasonings.

Because prime lamb is king at Phoenicia, you have Sameer's

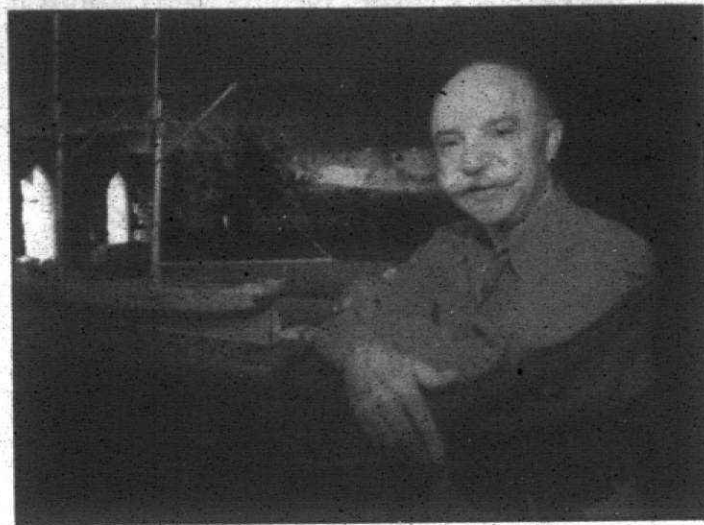
assurance that Kibby Neyee, is freshly ground and very safe to eat as an uncooked delicacy.

But if you always eat meat cooked, Baked Kibby is an alternative.

The menu lists seven items under "For the Vegetarian." Grape Leaves stuffed with rice, vegetables and herbs, cooked in olive oil and lemon sauce, are as delicious as the ground lamb version.

A selection of desserts are available, but the rice pudding is quite special.

Plans are being drawn up by



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Delighting diners: Sameer Eid in the dining room of Phoenicia. Sameer is not only head to the line in his own kitchen, but Maitre d'. He greets diners like they were members of his private club.

Birmingham architect Joe Savin to give Phoenicia an interior facelift. Near the end of this year, the restaurant will close for two weeks and open before the holiday season with a fresh look.

Keep reading the DINING page and we'll keep you informed.

But if you've never tried Phoenicia, don't wait until its remodeled to taste ultimate

Lebanese flavors. Not only is Phoenicia the first Lebanese restaurant in Oakland County, it has become a Birmingham dining destination.

To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Panini Cafe and Grill, 42087 Ford Road (between Haggerty and Lilley roads in the Sears Shopping Plaza), Canton, (734) 981-7000 is open on Friday.

Restaurant hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Panini Cafe and Grill serves Middle Eastern cuisine with some American dishes, sandwiches, salads, fresh juice, cappuccino and espresso. Vegetarian friendly. Kid's menu for children age 10 and under. The cost is lunch \$4.95 to \$9.95; dinner entrees \$7.95 to \$13.95. Combination platter for two, \$16.95. All major credit cards accepted. The

restaurant seats 50, all non-smoking, reservations are accepted, and carryout is available.

Panini Cafe and Grill has a catering menu. Twenty-four hours advance notice for catered items, minimum eight people per order. Gift certificates are available.

Schoolcraft College — Sample dishes from more than 60 metro Detroit restaurants and food distributors 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 during Culinary Extravaganza, in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, (between Six and Seven Mile roads, west of I-

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and hotel for four. Stay tuned to the Dining page for more information.

Bella Ciao — 118 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor (across from the Ann Arbor Art Center) offers "intimate dining with a European flair." The restaurant is open 5:30-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Call (734) 995-2107 for information.

New menu at Zanzibar, 216 S. State Street, Ann Arbor (734) 994-7777 created by the sister-brother team of chefs Misty and Todd Callies explores the sweetly aromatic and gently-flavored vegetables and pastas of the

Mediterranean, the bounty of North American waters and gardens, and the grain-fed, corn-finished steaks and roasts of the Midwest along with the tropical theme loyal diners include as their favorites. Chef Todd will also launch a series of Todd's

Spicy Specials in the fall. And he's not talking spicy, he'll be dishing up fiery. Zanzibar is open Monday-Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday until 10 p.m. Saturday 5-10 p.m. and Sunday 5-9:30 p.m.

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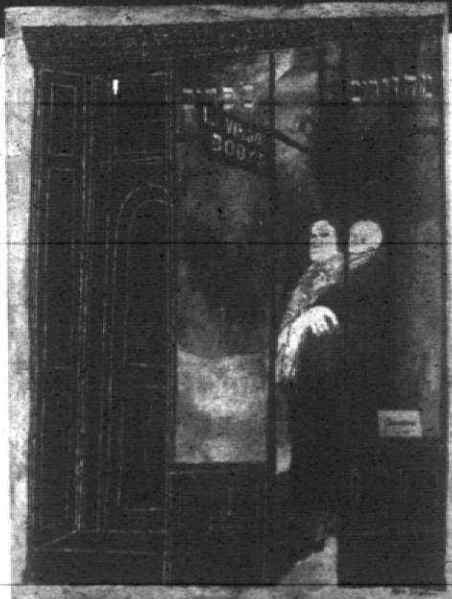
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