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Dial tones multiply

■ Residents north of Ford Road now have an alternative to Ameritech for local telephone service.

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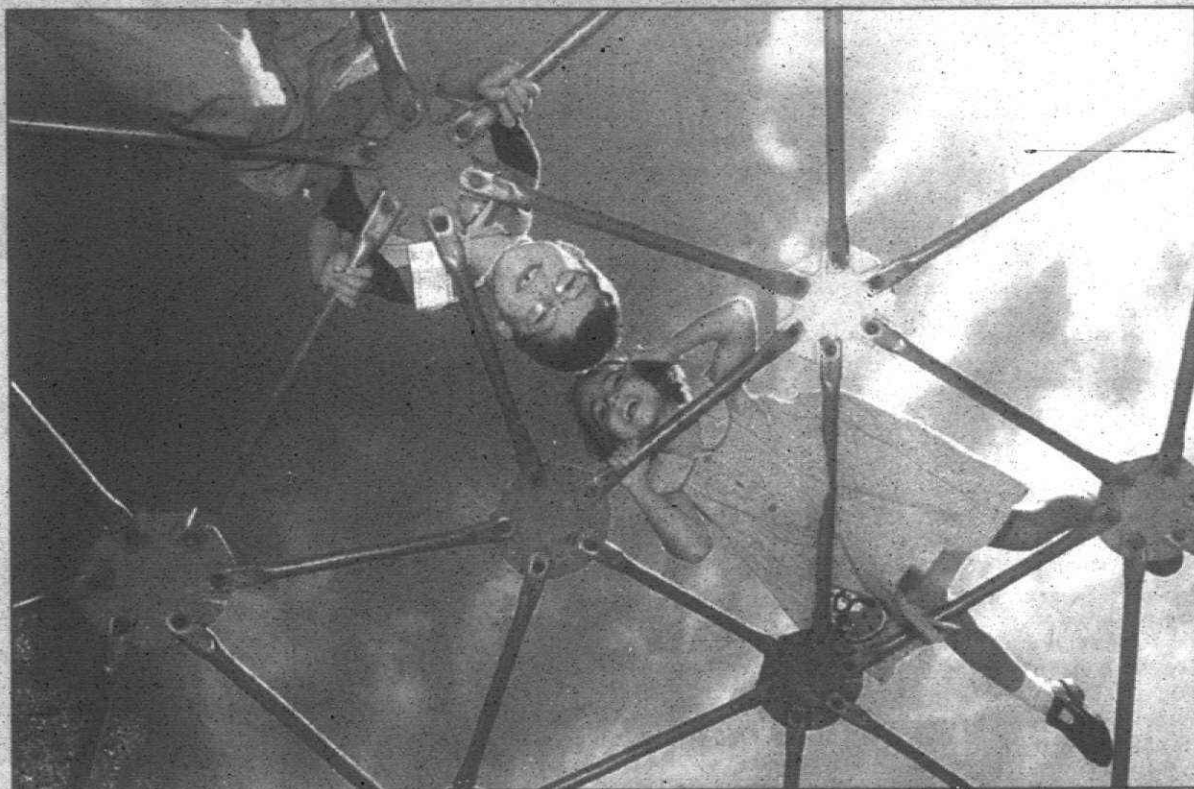
Which will you choose, Ameritech or MediaOne?

Thanks to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Canton residents living north of Ford Road now have something new to ponder: Which company they want as their local telephone service provider.

MediaOne, the longtime cable television service in Canton, has launched its Digital Telephone Services in the township's northern half, competing directly with long-standing local provider Ameritech and thus offering residents their first-ever choice in that

Please see **PHONE SERVICE**, A4

Monkeying around the school yard



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Gallimore goes to recess: Orlando Gonzalez, 5, and Marisa Liddane, 4½, both from Canton, play on the monkey bars during recess at Gallimore Elementary School last week.

Transportation director is fleet thinker

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"My stress level is down two levels," said Plymouth-Canton Schools bus driver Lois Caruso of Canton. "And I attribute that to Marv."

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

Bartial, 49, took over an aging bus fleet that was prone to breaking down,

forcing bus drivers to double up routes, and many times leaving children stranded at bus stops in below-zero temperatures.

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

"He's a super guy and is kicking butt around here. He puts his foot down, does what he says he'll do, and doesn't

back down," added Caruso. "I needed a map for bus trips, he got it and put it up. He listened to what I had to say and did it."

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

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

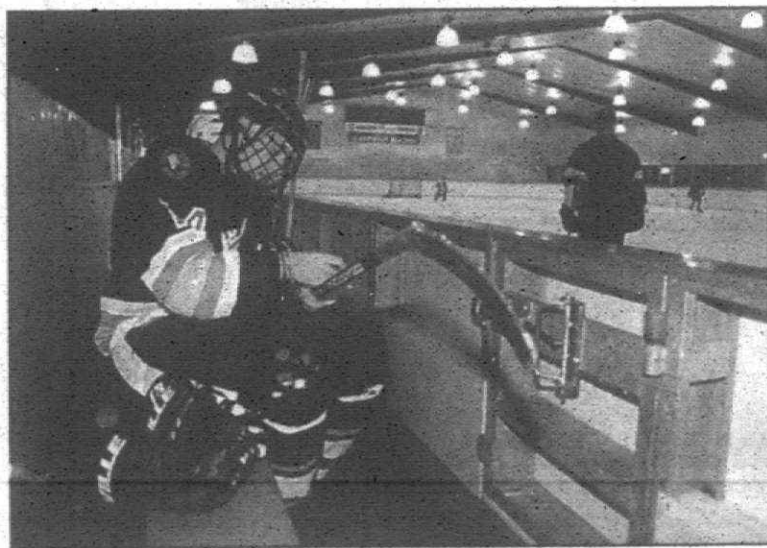
a former bus driver and mechanic himself, Bartial knows what new buses can do for morale. The 15 new buses on the road this year, combined with seven buses received by the district last year, are a big plus to the 85-bus fleet. Another 15 are on order to be delivered in December, with 15 more expected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

"I think I have a good working relationship with the employees. It's very

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

High schools ready to score



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Ice time: Plymouth Canton High School student Jeremy Majszak tapes his stick during conditioning drills at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For a story on how prospective players are gearing up for the first-ever varsity hockey teams at PCEP, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
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Michigan's Lt. Governor believes parents should be able to halt or prevent teacher strikes.

"The real people being affected are the parents and students," Dick Posthumus told Canton Chamber of Commerce members and guests Wednesday. "So it seems to me that a parent should have the option to file that complaint" to trigger state-mandated fines in striking districts.

Posthumus was referring to a loophole in the 1994 state law on teacher strikes that made it possible for Detroit teachers to strike last week without penalty. The law, signed by Gov. John Engler, requires school district officials to file a complaint with the Michigan Employment Relations Commission before action can be taken.

Detroit teachers on Wednesday voted to extend their previous contract and return to work today while they vote by mail on a proposed new contract. Teachers in the state's largest district struck Aug. 30 and students have

ECONOMIC CLUB

missed more than a week of classes.

The Detroit strike was seen as the first test of a law that had virtually eliminated teacher strikes in southeastern Michigan for the last five years.

Posthumus said the Engler administration would support legislation allowing parents to make such a complaint when the legislature reconvenes this month.

The former state Senate majority leader, a Republican from Alto near Grand Rapids, used the balance of his 20-minute address to a crowd of about 125 people at the Canton Economic Club luncheon to talk about education and the role it plays in maintaining Michigan's economy.

Posthumus, who was nominated for lieutenant governor by Engler in 1998, said the equation for prosperity includes lower taxes plus an adequate supply of skilled workers. He cited

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Model to display gown worth fighting over

CIVIL WAR FASHION SHOW

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To find out just how many petticoats your great-great-grandmother wore under her hoop skirt, come to the Canton Historical Society's "Civil War Fashion Show" at 7 p.m. today at the Canton Historical Museum.

Pam Yockey of Canton, a history teacher and vintage clothing collector, will present the free fashion show. She and another model will wear authentic Civil War-era reproductions. Original clothing samples, due to their fragility, will be displayed.

However, Yockey will model an original dressing gown, which a proper lady from the 1860s would have worn in the morning. The dress, a red-yellow-black

paisley, hangs from the shoulders over a 10-foot hoop and resembles a "giant teepee."

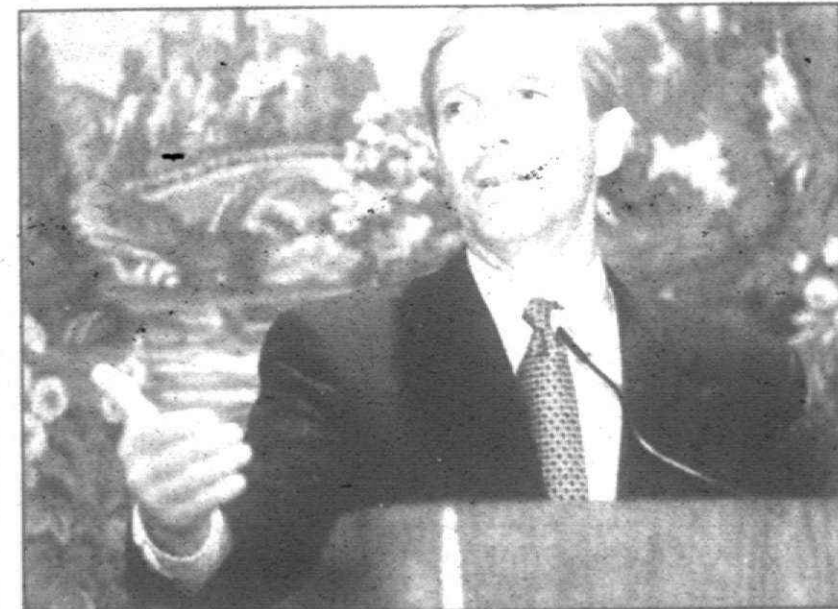
Interestingly, the lady who once wore this gown was no lady. "It came from a bordello," said Yockey.

It's a common perception that women from the Civil War era were smaller than today's counterparts. They may have been a bit smaller, said Yockey, but they had been corseted all their lives.

Also, the smaller size dresses have survived for a very explainable reason: Smaller women didn't wear out their dresses as quickly as larger women. In fact, Civil War-era women often suffered a "married and buried" fate, said Yockey. They married and nine

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Posthumus: Give parents power to halt strikes



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Keys to prosperity: Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus made education and job training issues the focus of his talk Wednesday.

Man out \$19,000 after bank fraud

A 23-year-old Wayne man told Canton police Aug. 31 he believes another Wayne man has used his identification to withdraw approximately \$19,450 from his account at a Canton bank.

The man said he left his ID in another friend's car in April and that, after the friend was arrested, the suspect had possession of the vehicle.

He said the withdrawals began in late April but that he only found out when he closed his account June 7 at the National City Bank, 41652 Ford Road. The alleged withdrawals were made on slips obtained inside the bank, police said.

Gun, computer

A Canton man told police his Browning 870 12-gauge shotgun worth \$220 and a \$2,400 IBM Thinkpad laptop computer were taken from the locked trunk of his 1994 Ford Probe sometime between Aug. 30-31.

However, he said, a cellular phone mounted inside the car, which was parked at his residence on Kingsway, was not taken.

Police said there was no evidence of forced entry.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET

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

ZOO NOTIC DISEASES

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

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Stereo stolen

A resident of the Holiday Estates mobile home park told police someone pried open the hatch on his 1991 Ford Probe the night of Aug. 29-30 and stole stereo equipment and other items totaling \$1,650.

Reported taken were a \$400 stereo amplifier, a CD player and changer, \$300 each, one speaker worth \$150 and a 10-inch bass-speaker worth \$200; and a \$300 radar detector.

Say no more

A Canton police officer pretty much learned all he needed early Friday morning when he stopped a man in a 1997 Honda who had been weaving eastbound on Michigan Avenue without headlights and asked him where he was going.

"Ypsilanti," said the man.

"Where are you coming from?" asked the officer.

"Ypsilanti," said the man.

The man registered a .211 on the breath test - more than double the legal limit in Michigan - and was charged with operating under the influence.



Brush time Striking teacher brightens store

Striking Detroit Schools Art Teacher Dennis Orlowski has returned to Maria's Bakery on Haggerty at Cherry Hill in Canton to paint a 16-foot mural of a submarine sandwich on one of the exterior walls. Bidding his time until the teachers return, the Thomas M. Cooley High School teacher spends up to 12 hours a day detailing, coloring and painting the mural.

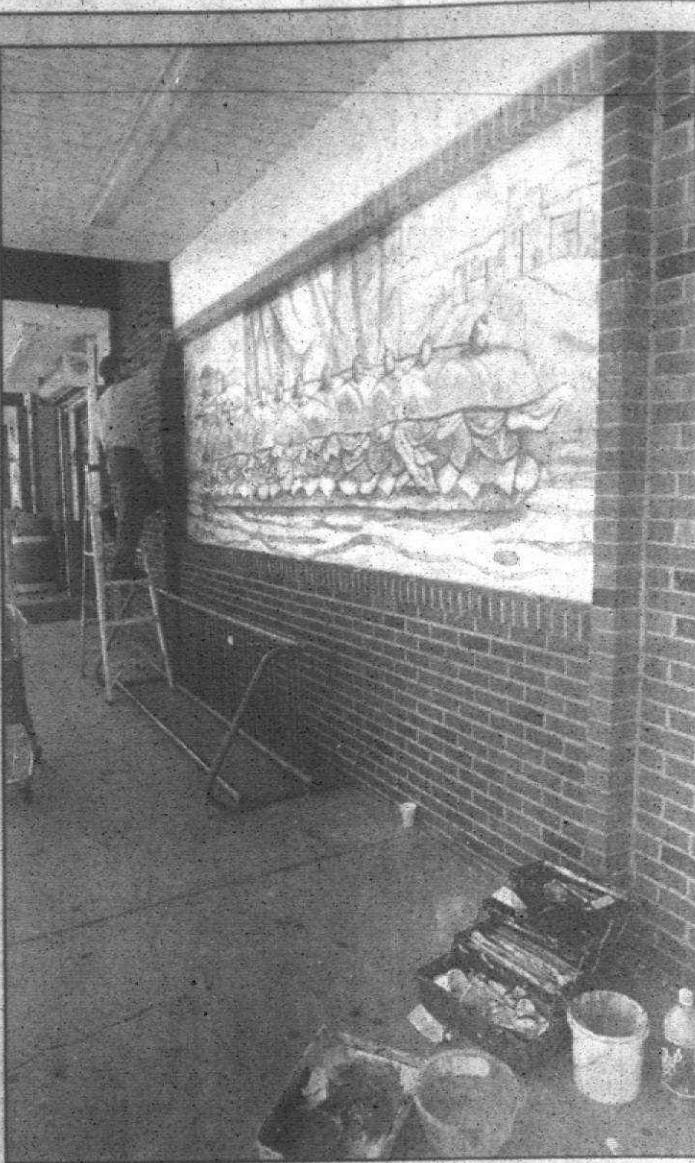
Orlowski also painted several other murals at the location, including several on the interior walls.

"It adds a lotta color and a little history," said Maria's owner Rick Cervi. It adds life to the building.

Orlowski has also painted several murals throughout the greater Detroit area and looks forward to being included in a new soon-to-be published book, "Art in Public Places," which features murals throughout South-eastern Michigan and will be published through Wayne State University and distributed by the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"He's a professional, does good work," said Cervi. "And, he teaches at my old high school."

-Paul Hurschmann



Artist at work: Dennis Orlowski at work on the bricks above the mural. (The bricks are painted on, as there is only plaster on the overhang at that point.) Above, left, Orlowski poses inside the store in front of another of his murals in the wine section, which features grape harvesting and winemaking in an Italian villa.

Face off Players dig in for spot on first high school hockey teams

BY SCOTT NEINAS
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Robin Beaudry isn't the only one hoping the first time is a charm.

The 17-year-old Canton senior is the only girl trying out for Plymouth-Canton High School's inaugural ice hockey team.

Her career began last year when she filled in for a goalie at a floor hockey class.

"I said 'I'll try it' and every one said I was crazy, that girls don't play hockey, but I liked it."

With encouragement from her parents, Robin made up for lost time, playing in pick-up games every day throughout the summer at Compware and Arctic Pond ice arenas.

She also attended a week-long goalie camp.

Her father, Bret, was a goaltender in high school and started playing again when he found out his daughter was interested in the sport.

Robin now uses a goalie stick her dad made in woodshop as a

teenager.

"I watch him play. He's really good," Robin said.

Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth-Salem will have hockey teams for the first time this year, largely as a result from the

pay its own way.

"When we went before board, we knew it was the only way it would pass," Lash said.

It will cost students \$1,000 to join either team.

Dan Abraham will coach the Plymouth-Canton squad. He coached at Allen Park last year.

He and Salem coach Fred Feiler are trying to get the word out about the program so potential players don't join private leagues which would conflict with the program.

"Our goal was to create excitement, to get people thinking about hockey. We've been successful in those efforts," Abraham said.

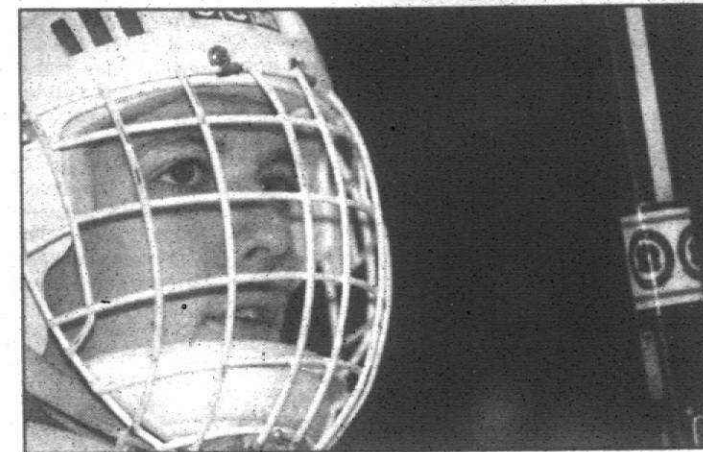
The program had 54 skaters show up for a July conditioning workout.

Tryouts for the teams aren't until Nov. 1.

"Both schools will have a good pool of talent to choose from," said Abraham.

Lash said the district might make enrollment gains as a result of the program.

"Students are coming to us from Catholic Central and other private schools. They want to go to Plymouth-Canton-Salem to play hockey," Lash said.



Eying the action: Eric Culps of Salem High School watches during a recent practice session.



Goal: James Dogonski of Plymouth Salem High School taps one in for a goal. Hockey players have been gearing up for two new teams at Salem and Canton High Schools even though tryouts aren't scheduled until November. More than 50 students have attended training and conditioning sessions at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

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CCJBBSA team finishes second

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Leddy, Tarik Khasawneh, Garrett Amorse, Trey Wolfe, Richard Denison, Andrew Kokoszka, Cory Mervyn, Andrew Standish, and Nathan Aubert. The team was managed by Chuck Wolfe. Assistant coaches were Tony Jablonski, Don Bidwell, and Jim Leddy.

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- A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds?
- The Friends of the Canton Public Library will hold the annual Used Paperback Book Sale on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18-19, during regular library hours?

For your listening pleasure

Here are some books on audio tape available from the library:

- "The Prophet" by Kahlil Gibran
- "The Secret Warriors" by W.E.B. Griffin
- "Shadow of Death" by William K. Keizle
- "A Ship of the Line" by C.S. Forester
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Here are some books of interest to young readers:

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Q & A

Q: Is the year 2000 a leap year?

A: A year is a leap year if it is divisible by four, but century years are not leap years unless they are divisible by 400 (with the result being a round number). The years 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not leap years, but the year 2000 is the first century leap year since 1600.

The source for this information is the Royal Observatory, Greenwich.

Antiques in fiction

These selections feature the old and valuable:

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Phone service from page A1

service arena.

It's the latest shot in the telecommunications war, which more than two years ago saw Ameritech bring its Ameritech cable TV service to Canton.

But MediaOne, which plans to reach the rest of Canton by the end of September, is coming in loaded for bear: It is offering multiple calling features — including caller ID, call-waiting and call-forwarding — in "deluxe" packages which start at \$34.95 per month, or about 15 to 35 percent less than Ameritech's, according to the company.

The service is available to any-

one, including non-MediaOne cable TV subscribers. At present, free installation, a free month's telephone service and two free months of voice-mail are included.

In addition, thanks to "portability" requirements in the '96 legislation, customers keep their original phone numbers.

However, Ameritech, while saying it "welcomes the competition," isn't too thrilled about one aspect: It still is prohibited from offering long-distance service — which MediaOne likely will do once it merges with AT&T next year.

Take note

"We think federal and state regulators should recognize" there is now local phone service competition in Michigan, said Ameritech spokeswoman Sara Snider, "and eliminate restrictive regulations" that prevent Ameritech's "adding long-distance service into the mix."

As for the new competition, Snider acknowledged "customers always benefit with more packages and services," but noted "there's more to a buying decision than rates," stressing Ameritech's "focus on quality

service."

"We offer a package of services and prices that...not only meet customers' requirements for quality and reliability but also value," she said.

"We're here to compete vigorously," Snider added.

MediaOne's move into northern Canton brings its local phone service area to about 40,000 homes in western Wayne County, including the cities and townships of Plymouth and Northville.

MediaOne's standard deluxe package, RightPak, offers call waiting, caller ID, last-call return, call forwarding, continuous redial, distinctive ring, speed dialing, three-way calling, anonymous-call rejection and selective call-blocking.

Also available are the RightPak Basic Plus — deluxe line plus a second, basic line — for \$43.95 and the RightPak II, two deluxe lines, for \$54.95 per month.

The RightPak Basic Plus package is for those wanting a no-frills children's phone line or need a separate computer modem or fax machine line, according to Bill Black, a MediaOne spokesman.

"Ameritech charges separate-

ly" for what MediaOne packages together, Black said, estimating Ameritech's charge with a couple of services at about \$42 per month.

However, Ameritech spokeswoman Snider said her company also offers packages combining caller ID and some other services.

MediaOne local phone service uses its hybrid fiber optic/coaxial cable (HFC) or Interactive Broadband Network, which the company said is compatible with any household's existing telephone lines and wiring.

David Svanda of the Michigan Public Service Commission, which regulates telephone and other utilities, said new state and federal laws, "great new technologies and the innovation of bold communications companies...combine to give consumers a real choice — an array of options."

MediaOne expects to offer its telephone service to more than 100,000 metro Detroit homes by year's end and eventually to all half-million Detroit-area households.

For more information, call MediaOne at (734) 459-7300. For Ameritech information, call 1-800-244-4444.

Black said the "initial response" to MediaOne's tele-

phone offering has been "greater than we expected" but declined to reveal figures "for competitive reasons."

A Plymouth resident, Mike Tavarozzi, one of the first in metro Detroit to test MediaOne's phone service, said he was "excited" about it "because we finally have a choice."

Besides offering more features in its basic package than does Ameritech, he said, "The sound quality is better."

Granolm issued a consumer alert Thursday urging residents to guard personal bank account and credit card information against theft.

"This is an extremely difficult area to get a handle on," Stanley Pruss, chief of the AG's Consumer Protection division, said.

"Nationally, it has become a \$40 billion a year problem. In Michigan, if you were to count all identity frauds in which someone, using fraudulent means, impersonated another to run up credit card debt or drain a bank account, there must be hundreds if not thousands of instances."

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

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

choosing not" to compete.

Furthermore, says Snider, the long-distance companies argue Ameritech is suffering "no residential losses" and therefore should remain a local phone service provider.

They tell state utility regulators that Ameritech and other locals "haven't lost enough competition yet, so clearly there isn't enough competition."

But, she says, lawmakers from the outset "expressly rejected quotas" as a way of measuring competition because they knew "no long-distance company would go after" the local-call market if they were thusly limited.

Ameritech: Level playing field needed for all service providers

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What's really making the so-called "big, fat, old local telephone company" so nervous and unhappy these days, as a certain clever radio commercial for a long-distance provider claims? It's not merely being prohibited from offering long distance service at very low rates, as the advertisement says.

It's also not being able to offer any such service while also watching as its profitable business-customer base is eroded.

At least, that's how Ameritech sees it.

Sara Snider, an Ameritech spokeswoman, says there have been roughly 80 companies

licensed to provide competitive local service by Michigan — one of the first states to do so.

Those firms are in the local business largely because the state ordered established local providers such as Ameritech "to open up local networks so competitors can ride them" and also ordered them to give the newcomers "discounted access" to those networks, says Snider.

Instead, she says, "most of them (local providers) are serving business customers because it is the most lucrative."

At the same time, she says, they are "turning to (state utility) regulators and saying 'Ameritech is locking up the local market, we can't compete.'"

Ameritech tells them "You're

Consumers urged to be protect personal information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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challenging and exciting," he said. "The drivers are also excited about the new buses. They are certainly good for morale. The drivers have a very stressful job."

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

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

Plymouth Fall Fest takes off

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

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

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

That means the old favorites

The 44th annual festival runs Friday-Sunday in downtown Plymouth. It includes traditional events like the Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast and the Rotary's chicken barbecue.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"If it rains, we lose quite a bit of money," admitted Lamar. "Three years ago we had a \$12,000 deficit. However, after working with the city, we finally paid off the bill and this year are starting from scratch."

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

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

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

Commission OKs rodent control program

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

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

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

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



Kathleen Husk

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

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need for it."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hearings set on deregulation

Residents who wish to discuss telephone deregulation or electric or natural gas restructuring can attend a consumer forum at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Westland City Hall's council chambers, 36801 Ford Road.

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

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

have a choice in selecting their natural gas and electric supplier. The telephone industry is also changing — introducing new services, features and changes.

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

By: /s/ Barry J. Eckhold
BARRY J. ECKHOLD, President
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The class will highlight basic map and compass skills, and participants will follow an actual orienteering course to test their skills. This program has been designed for a variety of skill levels and is suitable for ages 8 through adult.

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

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

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Michigan stronger against recession

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

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

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

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

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

"With the recessions of the 1960s and '70s, Michigan got hit hard, with up to a 4 percent loss in employment," Rothwell said. "This survey shows that if a recession hit today, our losses would be about 20 percent less

severe due to diversification."

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

The study noted several other improvements, including:

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

- Much of the manufacturing decline comes from the automotive industry, but accounts for only a few less workers in absolute numbers, since larger growth has occurred in other industry sectors;

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

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

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

County begins first Head Start training

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

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

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

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

from schools, social service agencies and other programs.

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

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

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

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

Madonna offers math for elementary teachers

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

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

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

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

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

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Teaching kids lessons of responsibility

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

The example described in the letter was this:

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

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

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

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

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

"If you aren't here in 20 minutes," he exclaimed, "I will assume that you

want to stay until the next bus comes around."

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

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

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

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

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

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

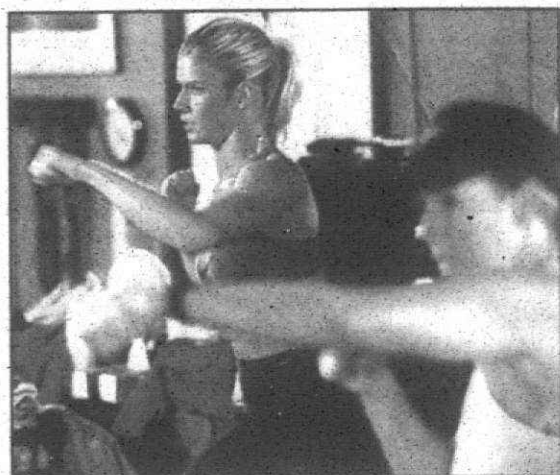
When teaching our children these lessons of responsibility, a great way to not feel guilty about the "mess-ups" is to think of them as gifts to your child. Rescuing them provides them with an out, and it's likely they may repeat it again.

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

Goof-ups are the gift of change.

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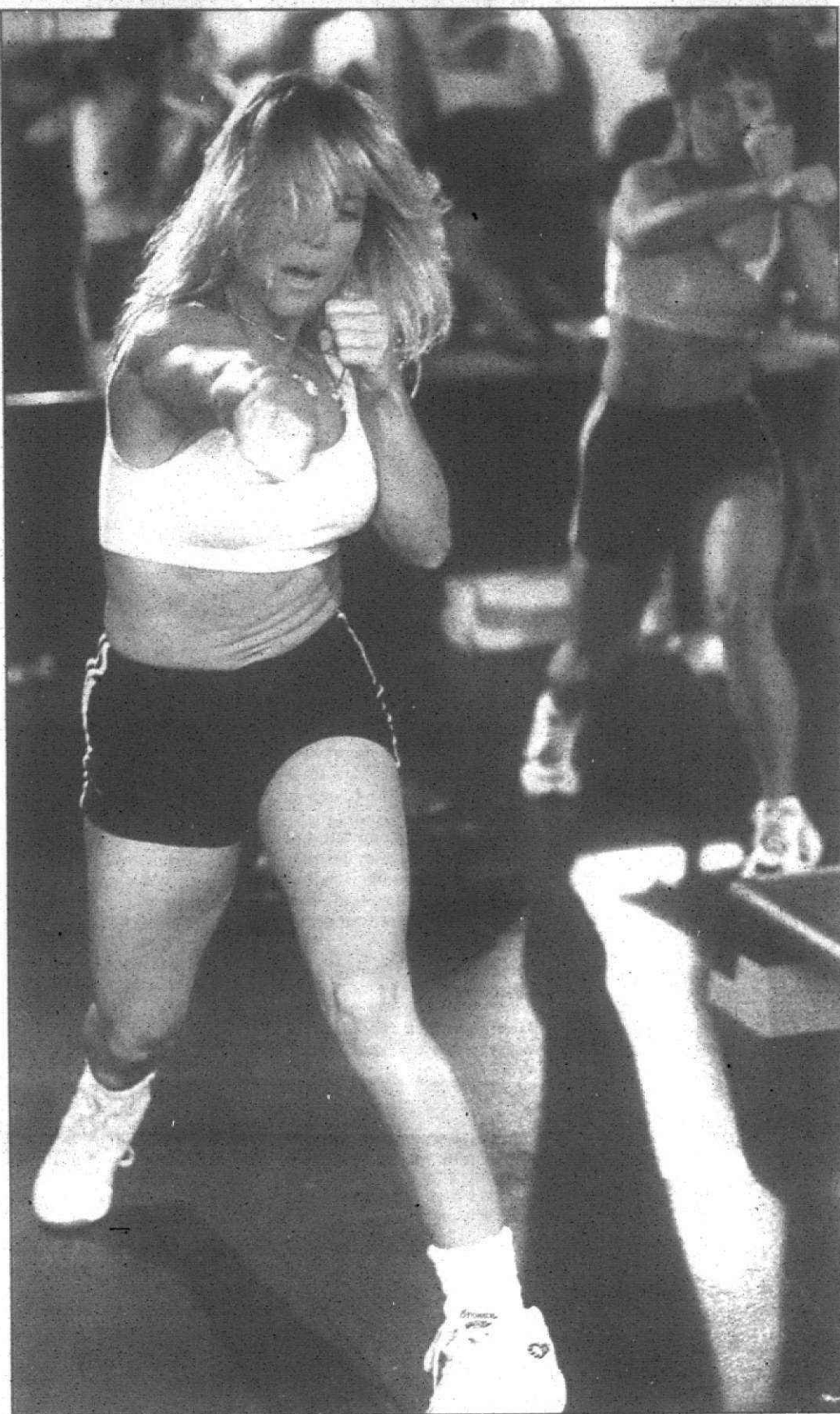
Tae-bo



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



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



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Fitness takes on a new kick

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Tracy Weber talks about tae-bo as if it were the most-addictive aerobic workout to hit health clubs in years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seeing a difference

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

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

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

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

Balteff said tae-bo's popularity is attributed to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part of the job

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

Please see TAE-BO, B2

Couple shares love, clowning

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

laundered or cleaned before performances.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

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

ART AND CRAFTS SHOW

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

PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

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

ANNUAL HONEY HARVEST

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

APPRAISAL CLINIC

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

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

■ The fall meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady, Northville. A beginner's class in genealogy will be held at 1:30 p.m. Kerrie King will talk about gathering information to replace the 1890 census as a residency census. For more information, call (248) 349-1276 or (810) 220-4542.

FUND-RAISING DINNER

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

BEANIE BABY SHOW

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

GOLF OUTING

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

Flea Market

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

ADOPTION EDUCATION

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

DEPLOYMENT

■ Sgt. Charles M. Dietzen, Jr., has been deployed for six months to Tula, Bosnia in support of Task Force Eagle with Operation Joint Force. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Grupa of Canton.

Chief Petty Officer William J. Simpson

is currently halfway through a six month deployment while assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 87, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt. Simpson's squadron recently departed the Adriatic Sea for the Arabian Gulf. There it is scheduled to participate in Operation Southern Watch, enforcing U.N. resolutions levied against Iraq after the 1990 Gulf War, patrolling the no-fly zone over southern Iraq, and prohibiting the flow of contraband to and from Iraq. He joined the Navy in 1981. Simpson is a 1980 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School of Plymouth and a 1994 graduate of St. Leo College, St. Leo, Fla. with an associate's degree.

Marine Sgt. Romeo G. Cairo recently completed a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan, with 1st Battalion, 8th Marines. Cairo's unit

departed its home base of Camp Lejeune, N.C., in January as part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP). He is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School of Plymouth. He joined the Marine Corps in Aug. 1995. He is the son of Anthony J. and Paula M. Cairo of Canton.

BASIC TRAINING

Navy Airman Apprentice Eric M. Fenske, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Fenske completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs,

first aid, fire fighting, water safety, an survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness. He is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is the son of Deborah A. Dergis of Canton.

Air Force Airman Jason J. Parkinson has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations. He is a 1996 graduate of Northville High School. He is the son of Van G. and Jacki M. Parkinson of Plymouth.

Refreshments will be served. The public is invited. Parking is at the rear of the museum.

MEETING

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

VIETNAM VETERANS

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

DINING WITH FRIENDS

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

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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

CAR WASH

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

CAMP BORDERS

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

CRAFTERS NEEDED

■ Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual "Holiday Arts & Crafts Showcase" 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, in the Activities Center on campus. Booth space measuring 9-by-6 feet with two chairs, and one 6- or 8-foot table is available for \$50 for either Saturday or Sunday or \$90 for both days. Booths with electricity are an extra \$5. Call (734) 432-5603.

GRIEF SUPPORT

■ The monthly NACW (National Association of Career Women) meeting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21 at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guest speaker will be Cathy Lefton, speaking on "Controlling Closet Clutter." Cost is \$18 for non-members, \$22 for members. For more information or for reservations, call Tracey Huff at (248) 347-3355.

Calendar Form

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

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Lessons from Louie

Safety class: Detroit Edison's electrical safety mascot Louie the Lightning Bug recently shared lessons about playing it safe around electricity with children attending the National Safety Town program at Plymouth-Salem High School. Instructor Haytham Bajouwa (far left) reviewed important safety messages about power lines and electrical outlets. Participants included (from left): Jenna McGowan, Daniel Remski, Chris Ensor, Adam Jones, Teri Scott, Kathleen Hail, Kelsey Johnson, Marisa Lid-dane, and Brendan LaVoie.

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

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

Village Music in Plymouth's Old Village offers professional instruction in Kindermusik, an early childhood music and movement program for newborns to age 7. Registration is now open for all levels and early sign up is encouraged. For more information and registration materials, call Norma Handbooks and other Girl Scout items are welcomed for the sale.

People with uniforms to sell or interested in making a donation can call Cathy at (248) 477-8996. Handbooks and other Girl Scout items are welcomed for the sale.

The Dodworth Saxhorn Band Friday, Sept. 10, 1999 • 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church of Plymouth 45201 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Family tickets, \$20 are available to adults with student-age children. Tickets may be picked up in advance at the church office or may be purchased 45 minutes prior to concert time. There is general seating at all concerts. Arrive early for best seats. For concert or ticket information, contact the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth at (734) 453-5280.

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90 DAYS SAME AS CASH

Better schools for kids - debate recycles old concepts



HOOKED ON HISTORY
VIRGINIA PARKER

September... It means three things are certain. The weather is mild - a perfect transition between hot summer and glorious autumn. Kids are back in school with their shiny new school supplies. And it's time to renew our debates about how to improve our educational system.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additionally, the school garden, a concept with its roots in antiquity, was revived and encouraged. Arbor Day became an annual celebration with speeches, songs, and tree planting.

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

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

rural schools should take where circumstances precluded flush toilets.

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

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

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

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

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

Zonta stages 'Fashion with a Flair!'

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

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

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

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

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

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County helps support



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HANLEY

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

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

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

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

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NEW VOICES

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

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

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

Latasha Boone of Canton

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

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

William and Kelly Tofilski of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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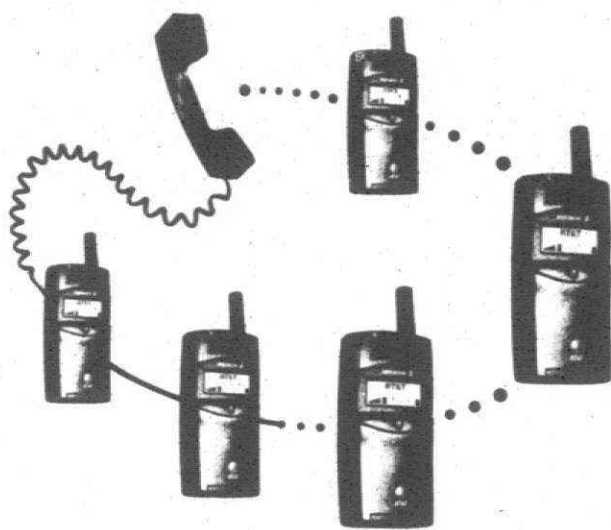
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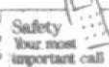
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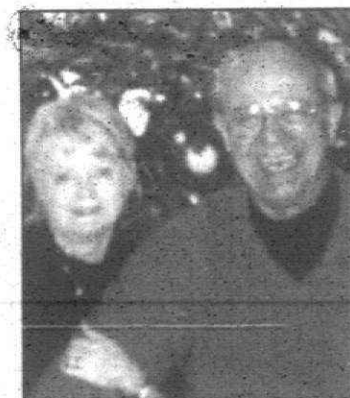
Frank and Edna Watts of Westland are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner at Montana's Restaurant in Westland.

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

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

He retired from Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. in 1988.

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



Toth

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

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

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

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

Their interests include travel and spoiling their grandchildren.

Blanchi

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

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

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

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

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

OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Ocelots chosen

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michigan United 2nd

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

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

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

Boosters car wash

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

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

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

CCJBSA tryouts

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have tryouts for its 2000 girls fast-pitch softball season Saturday at the Heritage Park softball diamonds.

The 12-and-under tryouts will be from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; the 14-and-under tryouts will be from 12:30-2 p.m.; and the 16-and-under and 18-and-under tryouts will be from 2-3:30 p.m.

Rain date will be Sept. 12. All ages are based upon age as of Jan. 1, 2000.

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Cost is \$250 per team. To register, call (248) 380-0800, ext. 112 (FAX is 248-380-8144), or send registration fees to the Sports Academy, 2215 Heslip, Novi, MI, 48375.

SWIM PREVIEW

Chiefs look to climb in WLAA

BY C.J. RISAK
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Last year was not a good one for Plymouth Canton's girls swim team. The Chiefs were widely perceived as underachievers and dissension was widespread.

Things have changed this year. Four seniors who did a lot of the scoring for Canton at the Western Lakes Activities Association finals — Teri Hanson, Meagan Dowd, Jaclyn Bernard and Leah Reeder — have graduated. Also gone is former coach Sarah Eubanks.

The new coach is Jeremy Kemeny. While some may not envy the task confronting him, Kemeny figures he has it pretty good. Whatever happens this season has to be better than last.

Canton finished a disappointing sixth at the WLAA meet, scoring just 258 points. "My goal, as far as that goes," said Kemeny, "is to finish higher than last year."

Even with the loss of those four seniors, his chances of accomplishing that are good. The reason: Improved depth.

"Mainly, I'm trying to build the depth in the team," said Kemeny, who wasn't hired as coach until mid-summer. "More girls have to contribute. Last year, they had four or five girls and they pretty much rode them all year."

Despite his late hiring, Kemeny has a lot to work with. Fifty-seven girls have joined, "the biggest team Canton has ever had."

At the top of the talent list is sophomore Danielle Drysdale, a state qualifier and varsity record-holder in the



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Conference scorer: One of the key returnees for Canton is sophomore Danielle Drysdale, who was third in the 100-yard backstroke and fourth in the 100-yard butterfly at the WLAA finals.

100-yard backstroke. Drysdale placed third in the 100 back (1:02.30) and was fourth in the 100 butterfly (1:03.22) at the WLAA meet.

Also returning are senior Michelle Nilson, who finished 12th in the 100 fly (1:08.99) and 14th in the 200 individual medley (2:27.05) at the

WLAA; junior Chelsea Opdyke, who was 13th in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.81) and 18th in the 200 IM (2:31.02) at league; and junior Erin Rogala, who placed eighth in the 100 breast (1:14.80).

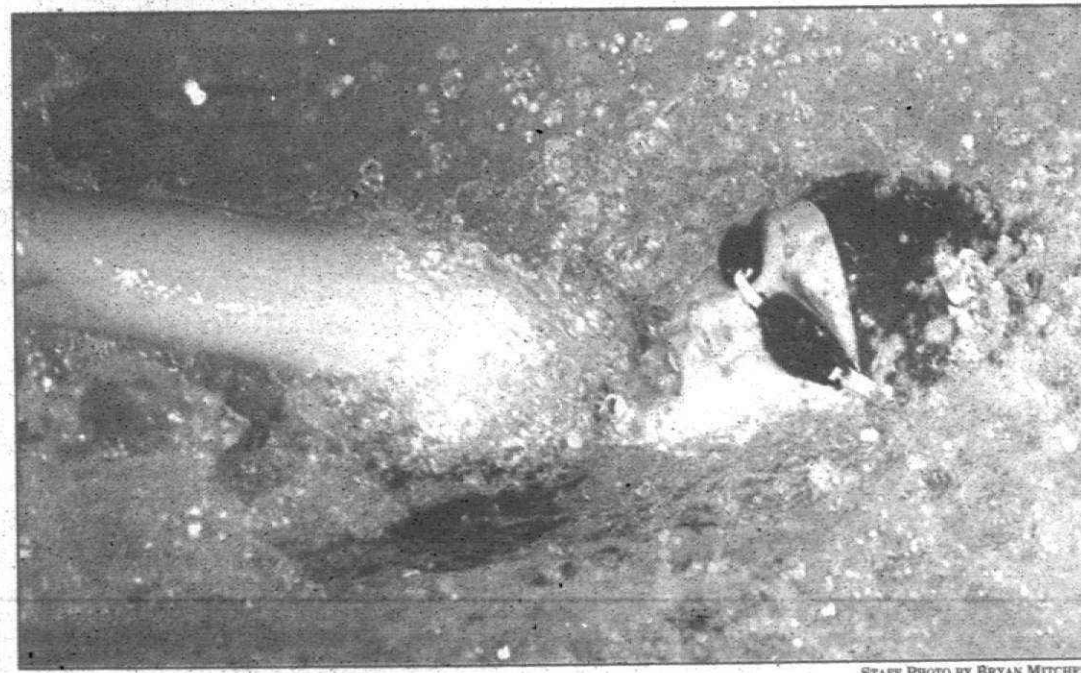
That provides Kemeny — who spent the last four years coaching the

girls team at Milan HS — with a framework to build around, but it's the rest of the construction that has him anxious.

"There's not a whole lot back as far as conference scorers, but we do have

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Big squad will boost Rocks' chances



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Top grade: Sarah Rogers, a senior, is counted on to be one of Plymouth Salem's better performers this season. At last season's WLAA finals, Rogers placed sixth in both the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyles.

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The numbers favor Plymouth Salem.

Girls swim coach Chuck Olson knows he has a lot to replace. He's lost Lori McKay, Kelly Holbel, Lindsay Hartz, Kathy Kelly and Stephanie Tyler to graduation; all scored at the Western Lakes Activities Association finals last year.

Tragically, Rachael Maurer is also gone. Maurer, who would have been a senior this year, was killed in an auto accident this summer.

Even with those losses, the Rocks could actually outdo last season's performance, when they finished second to Livonia Stevenson at the WLAA meet.

"A lot of teams swam well last year," said Olson. "We were fortunate that we swam a little bit better. Last year's team overcame a lot of difficulties that occurred throughout the year and had a very successful season."

What Salem has going for itself is one of its bigger teams. The Rocks' squad totals 74 members, with 50 of them in the sophomore/freshmen class. By comparison, last year's team numbered 66, "and that was a big team," said Olson.

The three senior co-captains are Jess Hala, who was ninth in the 500-yard freestyle (5:40.20) and 12th in the 200 free (2:06.66) at league meet; Jenny Taylor, who placed 12th in the 500 free (5:56.54) at

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Triumphant start

Rocks hold off Pioneer to win opener

A final burst late in the game carried Plymouth Salem's basketball team to a 52-46 victory in its season-opener at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The Pioneers fell to 1-2 with the loss.

Led by Tiffany Grubaugh's 19 points and six assists, the Rocks battled back throughout the contest. They trailed 12-10 after one quarter and 24-21 at the half, in part due to Pioneer's 12 first-half free throws.

Salem managed to pull ahead, 35-31, with a 14-7 surge in the third quarter. But Pioneer battled back, scoring six consecutive points to recapture the lead in the last quarter.

The Pioneers remained in front until the Rocks' final rally.

"It was a hard-fought game for so early in the season," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "It was a heckuva game for the first game we had to play. It was awesome."

No other Rock reached double figures in scoring. Kelly Jaskot scored nine points and Dawn Allen had eight. Bree Pastalaniec's seven rebounds was best

BASKETBALL

for Salem; Jenna VanWagoner had six.

Agape 32, Huron Valley 31: The Hawks had a slim chance to win at the end but didn't have enough time to pull it off.

A jump ball following a missed free throw under Huron Valley's basket gave the Hawks the ball with a second to play.

They in-bounded the ball but were unable to get off a shot before time expired.

"They played good defense," Coach Kris Springstroh of Huron Valley said. "We could not get into our offensive mode."

PCA 59, Clarenceville 16: In the consolation game of the Eagle Classic Saturday, Laura Clark poured in 20 points and Kallie Gross contributed 18 as host Plymouth Christian (2-2) cruised past

Livonia Clarenceville (0-2).

Ladywood 61, Woodhaven 24: Livonia Ladywood (2-1) came up with 18 offensive rebounds and 22 steals en route to an easy non-league victory Tuesday over visiting Woodhaven (0-3).

"We had a height advantage, we were quicker and more aggressive," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "A lot of those steals led to layups."

Ladywood jumped out to a 19-4 first-quarter lead.

The Blazers shot 46 percent from the floor.

Sophomore center Liz Obrecht scored eight of her team-high 14 points on putbacks. She also grabbed seven rebounds.

Junior forward Michelle Harakas added eight points and four rebounds. Sophomore point-guard Jana Beumeo had six steals, while junior guard Kristen Barnes scored seven points.

Woodhaven got nine points from Heather Lambert.

SOCCER

Salem grad gets winner

What a start to a collegiate career.

Rob Zdrodowski, a redshirt freshman at Western Michigan from Canton, scored his first goal as a Bronco in a situation hard to match for drama.

WMU had played host — and 16th ranked — Notre Dame evenly through regulation. With just over a minute elapsed in overtime, Evan Ponger's corner kick went to the far side of the net, where Trevor Garrison tracked it down and sent it back across the goal mouth.

Where Zdrodowski was waiting. He promptly knocked it in to give the Broncos a 1-0 victory, their first in four matches this season and only their third ever in 14 games with Notre Dame. The Irish are 2-1.

"I couldn't imagine a better scenario for my first goal," Zdrodowski, a Plymouth Salem graduate, said.

CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

Sunrise or sunset?
There's no doubting the way both Canton's first-year coach, Bill Boyd, and Salem's Geoff Baker see it. The runners that anchored Salem's league championship teams the last two years are gone, while Canton has an almost completely new lineup to go with its new coach. Still, both see the upcoming season with optimism—as a chance to build something positive.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUSCHMAN

Rocks face uphill race to retain title

BY C.J. RISAK
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The training was much the same as it was in the past. The Plymouth Salem cross country teams traveled north to a small town near Gaylord to get in some good mileage, in preparation for the upcoming season.

"The guys were running most of the summer," said Rocks coach Geoff Baker. "I think this team ran more this summer than our teams did before."

There's one difference between this team and its predecessors, however, and it's a big one. For the most part, these aren't the same guys.

Gone from the team that won the last two Western Lakes Activities Association championships and qualified for the Class A state team meet are five of Salem's top seven runners: Nick Allen, Jon Little, Bobby Cushman, Matt Anderson and Craig Little. All but Craig Little were seniors and graduated; the Littles moved out of the school district.

So while Allen takes his skills to Wayne State and Jon Little tries out at Rutgers, the current

SALEM OUTLOOK

Salem team will try to reconstruct this program.

Or, as Baker put it, "We've got some big shoes to fill."

Not that it is dark and dismal for the Rocks. As the Salem coach added, "I think we have some capable athletes to step in there."

The front-runners for the Rocks are junior Donnie Warner, who was Salem's fourth runner at the regional (25th overall) and their sixth man at the WLA meet, and Manvir Gill, who missed part of last season with a knee injury.

Warner, who had tried to juggle a position on the Salem soccer team while running cross country, has decided to concentrate solely on cross country.

"He's showing us some good things," said Baker.

Gill has his attention narrowed on the upcoming season, too. "He's ready to go," said Baker. "He's focused and looking forward to getting back."

However, building a team around two runners who were only occasionally among Salem's

top five scorers does not breed optimism. Baker knows mounting a challenge for the WLA crown will be a long shot.

"No, we don't have that kind of talent," he said in comparing his previous teams with this season. "But sometimes you'll take work ethic over talent."

Salem, Baker believes, does have the latter. Among the runners he plans to form a team from are juniors Rob Showalter, who also ran a few varsity meets last season, Greg Kubitski and Mike Bolger, all whom should be among the Rocks' top seven; senior Mike Carpenter, one of three seniors on the team; junior Kurt Sarsfield, a first-time runner; junior Brad Litwin; sophomore Ben Brockschmidt; and freshman Dave Anderson.

"Out of that 10 we'll put together a pretty good team," said Baker. "This year, we'll move in slowly, we won't taper too much for other meets before the regional, league and state. We'll aim for the big meets at the end of the season."

Those targets will be difficult ones. In the WLA, Livonia Churchill, Walled Lake Central and Livonia Stevenson could all

be formidable.

"It's going to be tough," admitted Baker. "Looking at the Churchill times from the other day's time trial, they're going to be good."

"We're going to have to work hard to get there."

Not that Baker is about to relinquish Salem's title as WLA champ without a struggle. "We have a shot at them," he said. "But what we have to do is continue to get better and believe in our ability. These guys have worked hard, they seem hungry."

"It's going to be interesting to see how this year unfolds. We'll ride with it and see where it takes us."

If the losses start mounting, Baker won't worry. His philosophy towards winning and losing is: "You've got to have one to appreciate the other."

Chiefs' new coach faces rebuilding job

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This season, as Bill Boyd—Plymouth Canton's new boys cross country coach—described it, will be "a fun learning process."

It will have to be. Because expectations can't go very high for a program that has dropped very low.

Last season, the Chiefs finished 13th out of 15 teams at their Class A regional and were ninth in the 12-team field at the Western Lakes Activities Association finals.

Hardly much for Boyd to build on. And he won't have to, because just about everyone from that team is gone.

"I'll be a building year," admitted Boyd, who ran cross country at Canton (he graduated in 1986) but has never coached it until now.

By the time Boyd was named as coach, taking over for Mike Spitz, the 1998-99 school year was about over, leaving no time to recruit a team and plan a summer workout.

"We have 17 on the team, which isn't bad considering there wasn't much of a summer program," said Boyd. "We ran just a little this summer."

"The kids are working hard, really hard. We just don't have the numbers right now."

It didn't help when Boyd learned junior Marty Kane, who would have been in competition for the No. 1 runner slot, would be lost most likely for the season due to a badly pulled abdominal muscle that he originally injured during winter workouts a year ago. Kane still ran track, despite the pain, last spring.

That leaves Boyd with just one other returnee from last season's varsity: junior Jon Mikosz. "That," said Boyd, referring to Kane's injury, "makes (Mikosz)

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our No. 1 guy."

Hardly the way someone wants to reach to top—by default. But the team has just one senior: Jim O'Brien, and he has no cross country experience. O'Brien was a hurdler on last season's track team.

Scott Gillen, another junior, did run a few varsity meets last season. Others Boyd will look to are junior Ryan Stanko, sophomore Ross O'Hara and Pat Pruitt, and newcomers Brandon McClellan, a sophomore, and Steve Kress, a freshman.

"The kids are reservedly confident," said Boyd. He, too, remains optimistic, hoping he can put together a team that can perhaps break into the top six at the WLA finals.

But that is not his main objective. "We're looking at individual times and seeing how the kids can build for future runs," he said. "We've given each of them their individual goals."

No doubt their resolve will be tested, considering the strength of the WLA. Walled Lake Central, with Todd Mobley—who finished first at the WLA Conference finals—returning, has to be considered a title challenger. Defending champ Plymouth Salem has lost five of its top seven runners, so the Rocks are rebuilding as well.

"I've heard Livonia Churchill is strong," said Boyd. As for his own team, "We don't have real high expectations. The kids are just trying to make a good showing."

Which would be something to build a future on.

Canton opens its season with a quad meet today against Livonia Churchill, Westland John Glenn and North Farmington at Cass-Benton.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Thursday, Sept. 9

Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10

Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Monroe, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Belleville, 7 p.m.

Clareville at Hamtramck, 7:30 p.m.

Churchill at Harrison, 7:30 p.m.

Farmington at Salem, 7:30 p.m.

Thurston at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Agatha at Taylor Light & Life, 1 p.m.

Bishop Borgess at R.O. Shrine, 2 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Birm. Brother Rice at Pontiac's Wineser Stadium, 2:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Thursday, Sept. 9

Thurston at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

East Catholic at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

Luth. Westland at Luth. East, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Reveries at Canton, 7 p.m.

Cranbrook at Clareville, 7:30 p.m.

S'field Christ at Huron Valley, 7:30 p.m.

(Mercy Hoops Classic)

Benedictine vs. Adams, 5:30 p.m.

South Lyon vs. Mercy, 7 p.m.

(Northville Tournament)

Ply. Salem vs. Novi, 5:30 p.m.

Bishop Borgess vs. Northville, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10

Mon. St. Mary's at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

(Schoolcraft CC Invitational)

Country Day vs. Oak Park, 6 p.m.

Marian vs. Detroit CMA, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Northville Tourney, 5:30 & 7 p.m.

Mercy Tourney, 5:30 & 7 p.m.

S'craft Invitational, 6 & 8 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Friday, Sept. 10

Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Wayne at Grosse Ile, 4 p.m.

Huron Valley Tournament, TBA

Saturday, Sept. 11

Salem at E. Lansing, 11:15 a.m.

Redford CC vs. Toledo, 3 p.m.

St. John's at Livonia's Whitman Field, 3 p.m.

Uv. Franklin at Lansing CC, 6 p.m.

Huron Valley Tournament, TBA

Men's College Soccer

Saturday, Sept. 11

Coyahoga CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

Women's College Soccer

Thursday, Sept. 9

Madonna at Aquinas, 4 p.m.

St. Mary's at Schoolcraft, 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10

Madonna vs. Grace (Ind.) at Trinity Tourney, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Madonna at Trinity Tourney, 12:30 p.m.

Women's College Volleyball

Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11

Madonna Ice Mountain Inv., TBA

TBA — times to be announced

Can Chiefs get on track?

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That's more like it!

Both of our Observerland grid prognosticators, who have yet to disagree on a pick after two weeks of the season, got in the groove last week, correctly choosing 14 of 15 winners.

The only glitch was Garden City's 19-14 victory over Mega Conference White Division favorite Allen Park.

So both now stand 25-7 on the year. (The first week we finished 11-6, but that's understandable considering it was the season opener.)

Without alluding to any conspiracy theories, it's a safe bet that yours truly and the smiling Irishman, Dan O'Meara, will have a few disagreements.

Former Observer sports editor Doug Funke promises to appoint an independent counsel and bring back Ken Starr to investigate Week No. 3 (if the picks remain the same).

Anyway, here is a capsule look at this week's games, featuring three Thursday night encounters due to Rosh Hashanah.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Luth. Westland (0-2, 0-1) at B.H. Cranbrook (1-1, 1-1), 5 p.m.: The Warriors, trying to squeak an 11 game losing streak dating back to the start of the 1998 season, have produced little offense so far in 1999. Cranbrook, an upset winner the opening week over Hamtramck, came back down to earth in last Friday's 20-0 loss to Harper Woods. PICKS: Cranbrook wins this Metro Conference twilighter.

W.L. Central (0-2, 0-0) at L.V. Stevenson (2-0, 0-0): It's the Lakes Division opener for both schools. Stevenson charged back from a 14-2 halftime deficit to beat city rival Franklin, 24-14, while Central was hampered by Farmington Hills Harrison, 35-12. PICKS: Central may be bigger, but Stevenson is too quick.

Westland Glenn (2-0, 0-0) at N. Farmington (1-1, 0-0): The Rockets proved they have more than one running back when Dan Smithman pounded out 102 yards in seven carries to support Eric Jones' 180 on 23 carries in a 30-6 win over Livonia Churchill. North, a 45-14 loser last week to Northville, will have a decided underdog. PICKS: Rockets' blast off in the Lakes opener.

Clareville (2-0, 0-0) at Hamtramck (1-1, 1-1), 7:30 p.m.: This is a key game in the Metro Conference. The Trojans, led by sophomore running back Tim Shaw, who has 336 yards in two games, will face an outstanding running back in Hamtramck's Aaron Brock, who rushed for 2,093 yards last season and had 101 last week in a 21-14 win over Macomb Lutheran North. Quarterback Stan Garbacz also tossed a couple of TD passes in that one for the Cosmos. PICKS: Keyworth Stadium's new carpet is to Clareville's liking.

Churchill (1-1, 0-0) at F.H. Harrison (1-1, 0-0), 7:30 p.m.: Don't forget Harrison is still the reigning Western Division and Western Lakes Association champ on. The Hawks, led by running backs Kevin Woods and Lou Hadley, racked up 300 yards on the ground last week against Central. Churchill, who got a blocked field goal and interception last week from Rob Wilson in a lopsided loss to Glenn, will have to contain the Hawks' speed to mount any kind of upset bid. PICKS: It's the Hawks off and running again.

Farmington (1-1, 0-0) at Salem (0-2, 0-0), 7:30 p.m.: The Falcons, who out-gained Canton 354-185 in total yards last week, return to the same field where they played on the previous week looking for more success. Salem's defense stood tall last week against explosive Western in a 17-3 defeat. But the Rocks will need a lot more than their meager 18 yards on the ground. PICKS: Farmington makes it two straight at Centennial Educational Park.

Red. Thurston (1-1, 0-1) at Trenton (1-1, 1-0), 7:30 p.m.: Trenton, coming off a 27-12 loss to Gibraltar Carlson, needs a victory to stay afloat in the Blue-Red race. The Eagles will have to contain Trenton running back Justin

GRID PICKS

Friday Games

(all at 7 p.m. unless noted)

Ply. Canton (1-1, 0-0) at Liv. Franklin (1-1, 0-0): It's the Western Division opener for both teams. Franklin played well for a half before succumbing to city rival Stevenson, while Canton was plagued by mistakes and penalties en route to a 27-0 loss to formidable Farmington. PICKS: Flip a coin; both will have the Patriots.

Wayne (0-2, 0-1) at Monroe (2-1, 0-1): Give coach Floyd Carter the Zebras credit; they have played both Romulus and Dearborn closure tough, before losing a pair of close ones. They also missed captain Mike Shaw, a three-year starting lineman who broke his leg in practice (Aug. 30), but still gave the Trojans fits before falling 13-6. Monroe, tracked by Saginaw in the season opener, bounced back last week to beat Lincoln Park, 26-6. PICKS: Monroe absorbs the shock, topples Wayne.

Garden City (2-0, 1-0) at Woodhaven (1-1, 0-1): The Cougars are the talk of the Metro Conference after stunning Mega-White favorite Allen Park last week. Running back Mike Sparks appears to be a good one. As for Woodhaven, they managed just 80 yards total offense in a 26-0 loss Friday to Ypsilanti. PICKS: Let's go with the Cougars again.

Redford Union (0-2) at Belleville (2, 0): This Mega crossover features two

outstanding offensive threats. RU's Mike Mack and Belleville's Kevin Harrison, RU, jumping up to the Mega White, is taking on a perennial Mega Red contender in the Tigers. Last week Belleville squeaked by Dearborn, 13-6, while RU fell to Dearborn Edsel Ford, 42-21.

St. Agatha (2-0, 1-0) at Taylor Light & Life (0-2, 0-1), 1 p.m.: This is a Catholic League Division game with the Aggies overwhelming favorites. In a 19-6 win last week over Hamtramck St. Florian, sophomore Dan Boulter ran for 147 yards and quarterback Jeff Smith was four of six for 134 yards. Taylor Light & Life is coming off a 41-14 loss to Dearborn St. Alphonsus. PICKS: The Aggies make it three straight.

Bishop Borgess (1-1) at R.O. Shrine (2-0, 2 p.m.): The Spartans may have bitten off more than they could chew in last week's 44-6 loss to Central West Division foe Dearborn Divine Child. Shrine, coached by former Agatha coach John Goddard, now in his seventh year, rolled to a 42-0 win over Allen Park Cabrini as Justin Henry rushed for 177 yards and five TDs. PICKS: We'd like to see Goddard take a victory dip in the Rouge River or even his own backyard pool, but the pick is Borgess.

Redford CC (2-0) vs. Birm. Brother Rice (2-0), 2:30 p.m. at Pontiac's Wineser Stadium: This is definitely the marquee matchup of the weekend. It's not the Boys Bowl anymore, but it's still big. But under the new playoff system, a loss by either team won't kill their chances at the postseason. Rice is coming off an impressive 27-7 win Saturday at Chicago Brother Rice as fullback Mark Goebel, who has committed to Michigan State, rushed for 205 yards in 37 carries. Rice quarterback Matt Baker also threw a pair of touchdown passes. CC, meanwhile, continued to roll with a 43-0 win over London (Ontario) Catholic Central as fullback John Kava and quarterback John Hill each scored a pair of touchdowns.

PICKS: Emmons goes out on a limb, takes Rice-Roni, the San Francisco test. O'Meara needs a good luck symbol. Hey, how 'bout a Shamrock? Go CC!

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FOOTBALL

CC shuts out London CC; Liggett stretches Warrior winless streak to 11, 46-0

School names are all these two had in common Saturday at Redford's Hilbert Junior High.

Redford Catholic Central turned its non-league football game against London Catholic Central into a lougher, winning 45-0 after enjoying a 31-0 halftime advantage.

The Shamrocks scored six touchdowns, most after long drives, and a 48-yard field goal just before the half by junior Mike Sgroi, who made four of six extra-point attempts.

Senior tailback John Kava had a pair of seven-yard TD runs and quarterback John Hill threw three touchdown passes of six and nine yards to Kevin Estimating and Matt Lorrain, respectively.

Hill, who didn't complete a pass in Week 1, was six for 12 for 49 yards.

Reserve runningback Chris Davis scored on his only carry, which covered 72 yards. Also scoring for the Shamrocks was Matt Markowicz, who carried 36 yards for a touchdown.

Markowicz finished with 69 yards in six carries and Kava 64 yards in seven attempts.

The Shamrocks had 15 first downs and 282 total yards, 233 on the ground. London CC finished with five first downs and 41 total yards.

Most of the second half was played with running time as soon as CC took a 35-point lead.

London CC's defense had two interceptions and senior Charlie Rosum 1 1/2 sacks to lead the defense. Rosum led with 4 1/2 tackles, Chris Gonzales had four.

University-Liggett 46, Lutheran Westland 0: Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett got three touchdowns Saturday from Charles Loeve to hand host Lutheran High Westland its 11th straight football defeat dating back to the 1998 season.

The Warriors, off to an 0-3 start in 1999, were outgained by Liggett in total yardage, 307-99.

The Knights, who improved to 2-0 overall and 2-0 in the Metro Conference, led 32-0 at intermission.

Loeve had scoring runs of 48 and 44 yards. He also returned an interception 65 yards for a score.

Liggett's Mark Brammer booted five extra points and had a 22-yard field goal in the second quarter.

Charles Hoeft (13 for 43) and Josh Moldenhauer (seven for 35) were Lutheran Westland's leading rushers on the day.

Moldenhauer and Kevin Packard were the Warriors' leading tacklers with seven apiece. Richard Wilson, Andrew McLaughlin and Brett Braun each registered six.

Matt Glenn had three kick returns for 68 yards (22

COLLEGE SOCCER

Madonna starts 2-0

The second season of women's soccer at Madonna University is already looking a lot better.

In the program's first season, the Lady Crusaders posted a 3-12-1 overall record. Over the Labor Day weekend, they played two games at the Tri-State University Tournament in Angola, Ind., and came home with two victories.

Madonna defeated the University of Findlay 2-1 on Sunday, then knocked off Seton Hill College 2-1 on Monday.

Megan Thiry was the offensive star in the two wins. Thiry got the game-winning goal against both teams, scoring against

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Seton Hill with just 5:37 left to play as the Crusaders overcame an early deficit.

Seton Hill scored first, getting a goal at the 25:16 mark from Jody Felczak. Madonna tied it with less than 14 minutes left on a goal by Lindsay Crawford, who knocked in a free kick taken by Kelly Delaney.

Thiry got another game-winner with only 1:22 remaining as Findlay keeper Missy Kreiling missed a save attempt and Thiry took advantage.

Jenny Barker (from Livonia Stevenson) was in goal for Madonna.

scored at the 18:16 mark for Findlay. Thiry tied it at the 39:34 mark by converting a great pass from Jill Gibson.

It remained tied at 1-1 until the final 17 minutes. Findlay recaptured the lead on a penalty kick by Jennifer Nickerson, but 5 1/2 minutes later the Crusaders re-tied it, this time Gibson putting in a pass from Thiry.

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Crusaders divide a pair

Even with the loss of a lot of offensive firepower from last season's 20-3 team, Madonna University's men's soccer team won't be hurting for goals.

Indeed, it wasn't the offense that was lacking when the Fighting Crusaders opened last weekend at Tri-State University. They put six goals on the board in their two games there.

Unfortunately, they surrendered five and ended up with a split, losing 3-2 to Tri-State Friday and winning 4-2 over Geneva College Saturday.

Sophomore Sam Piraine — switched from midfield to forward this season to help make up for the loss of Scott Emert, Madonna's career leader in goals — accounted for five of

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the Crusaders' six goals.

Piraine scored three times in the win over Geneva, giving Madonna a 2-0 lead with just 2:45 left in the first half and then adding two more in the second half before Geneva got two late scores.

Jim Misajlovich (from Livonia Stevenson) got Madonna's first goal just 10:08 into the match. Brian Murphy assisted. Other assists went to Charlie Bell, Joe Suchara (Stevenson) and Seamus Rustin.

Dave Hart was in goal for Madonna, making eight saves in evening his record at 1-1.

On Friday, Wolverine-

Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Tri-State came after the Crusaders after falling behind 2-0 in the first nine minutes of the match. The Thundering Hard scored three second-half goals, the tying and game-winning markers coming from Tomas Frennesson on assists from Chris Rosokos.

Again, it was Piraine who did the scoring for Madonna. Misajlovich assisted on the first at the 1:46 mark; the second, coming just 8:26 into the match, was unassisted.

Hart was in goal for the Crusaders, played without marking defender Ryan Thomason (Plymouth Christian Academy). Thomason has a leg injury.

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conference; and diver Kim Tamme, who was 18th at the WLAA's (192.00 points).

Another senior to watch is Sarah Rogers, who placed sixth in both the 200 (2:03.78) and 500 (5:33.93) freestyles at league.

"She had some great swims for us last year," said Olson.

What adds to the optimistic appraisal of the future is the strength of every other class. The juniors are led by Kari Foust, who finished fourth in the 100 backstroke (1:02.97) at league and qualified for state in the event, and was eighth in the 200 individual medley, too (2:24.05).

Other strong juniors are Christy Roy, who placed 14th in the 200 free (2:09.43) and 16th in the 500 free (5:52.99); Stephanie Morgan, who was 15th in the 50 free (27.23); and Emily Laskie, who is also a sprint freestyler.

Three members of the current sophomore class put points on the board in individual events at last year's WLAA finals. Monica Gloski, whom Olson said "might have been our best sprinter. She went faster every

time," was ninth in the 50 free (26.11) and placed 10th in the 100 free (57.88).

Trisha Dotson finished 15th in the 200 free (5:51.99) and 16th in the 500 free (2:10.09), and Alex Evans placed 11th in the 200 IM (2:25.09) and 12th in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.41).

"We have a lot of juniors who are ready to be more involved this year, and some sophomores who really contributed last year as freshmen," said Olson.

Now: Can the current freshmen class, which has 30 members, be as helpful?

"I'm excited about the numbers there," said Olson. "I think we have some pretty good talent, but until I see it in competition I can't be sure."

Among the more promising newcomers are Jenny Crable, Alicia Dotson and Sarah Bealfield. However, who will emerge from the first-year class can be difficult to predict. As Olson noted, "I don't think anyone could have forecasted what Monica Gloski would do last year."

Which leaves just one question: Are the Rocks ready to stop the run? Can they dethrone Livonia Stevenson, the team that has owned the '90s in WLAA girls swimming with eight consecutive championships?

That would be difficult to do. "He just antagonizes me," Olson jokingly said of longtime friend Greg Phil, who coaches Stevenson, "because he never realizes what talent he has."

Olson added: "Funny things happen. You never know. We're going to show up for the relays meet, we're going to show up for our dual meet, we're going to show up for the conference meet. If they're not ready to come in and swim well at conference, they know they can get hurt."

A warning? Perhaps. Salem and North Farmington (which was third last season) have an abundance of talent returning. But unless something drastic happens, that talent will only make the race for second place interesting.

Salem hosts the WLAA Relays, starting at 5 p.m. today.

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a lot of good swimmers," he insisted.

Joining the six returnees are a group of 10 swimmers. Kernen figures has the ability to put points on the board at the league meet: senior Brandy Shuler; juniors Charlene Dallos, Jessica Baker, Kim Weaver and Milne Matheny; sophomores Lindsey Mulio and Beth Provost; and freshmen Alex Derian-Toth and twin sisters Jamie and Katie Bielak.

Jamie Bielak, in particular, has caught Kernen's attention. A freestyler, his current plan is

to use her mostly in the 200 and 500.

"She can score at conference meet," he said. "Those are my expectations for her, to be honest."

Nelson and Shuler are two of just six seniors on the squad. The sophomore/freshmen group numbers 38.

Which bodes well for the future. But, while that is a definite interest to Kernen, he's also confident of what lies ahead this season — not that Canton can challenge Livonia Stevenson, the longtime WLAA kingpin.

The Spartans have won eight-straight league titles. It will take a minor miracle for that to change this season.

"Looking at the times from last year, Stevenson has to be the team to beat," Kernen said. "Salem has a lot of girls who will score (at conference), but they don't have as many in the upper level as Stevenson."

Salem finished second in the conference meet last season, and North Farmington was third. That's some company the Chiefs would like to join.

Hawks get 1st win; Raiders slip past Lakeland

Coach Pete Mantyla knew his Farmington Harrison girls basketball team would reap a reward one day for its hard work and solid performances.

Tuesday was that day.

BASKETBALL

The Hawks, who lost their first two games to quality teams (Waterford Kettering and Novi), earned an impressive road victory at Brighton, 57-48.

Junior Kelly Taylor equaled her career high with 19 points, and senior Gayle Ternes hit a career high with 13 to lead Harrison (1-2).

Becky Zak added nine points, Karolyn Knutson and Ayana Richmond seven apiece. Zak also had nine rebounds; Taylor had seven rebounds and eight steals.

"I'm happiest with the fact we strung together three solid efforts against very good teams," Mantyla said.

"We've played awfully hard. To come out of last week 0-2, I wasn't disappointed with the effort we put in. It's hard to leave the gym unhappy when you've

played well."

Junior Kari Murphy also scored 19 points for Brighton (1-1). Jackie Boss tossed in nine and Gretchen Hight in eight.

The Hawks outscored the Bulldogs 23-16 in the second quarter to lead by seven at halftime, 33-26. Brighton trimmed its deficit by a point after three quarters, 45-39.

Harrison made nine of 15 free throws, Brighton seven of 12.

N. Farmington 62, Lakeland 53: Junior Samantha McComb poured in 30 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to lead the visiting Raiders (2-1) to the non-league victory Tuesday.

McComb's effort was supported by junior Staci Russell's career-high 16 points. Junior Christina Colombo added nine points and 11 rebounds.

"(Russell) played great defen-

sively," North coach Linda Perkins said. "She and Jehan Hendo caused Lakeland to fumble the ball and make some errors in the second half. We had a great third quarter defensive."

McComb also had five assists, two steals and two blocks. Russell had three assists and two steals.

The Raiders rallied in the second quarter to outscore the Eagles, 22-16, and create a 33-33 halftime score.

North continued to control the momentum in the third period with a 13-6 points advantage and was two better in the final, 16-14.

Lindsey Innes scored 13 points, Martha Digby 11 and Jackie Evenson nine for Lakeland (1-2).

The Raiders made 18 of 30 free throws; the Eagles sank seven of 11.

Dondoro 39, Farmington 35: The Falcons took a 24-23 lead

into the last quarter Tuesday at Royal Oak Dondoro but were outscored over the final eight minutes, 16-11.

Farmington rallied from a 12-4 deficit after one period to get within a point at halftime, 16-15.

The Falcons outscored the Oaks in the third quarter, 9-7.

"The kids made a better effort," Farmington coach Scott Lowe said. "Dondoro is a better team than the one we played the first game. If we had played like this, we would have done a lot better. The kids are learning; we'll keep battling."

The Falcons (0-2) lost their season opener to Bloomfield Hills Andover, 48-35.

Farmington's Danielle Lewis scored 14 points, Rachel Brendy nine and Julie Kimmel five. Kimmel also had six rebounds

and Lindsey Abbott five.

Deanna Miller scored a game-high 26 points for Dondoro (3-0). The Falcons made nine of 24 free throws, the Oaks seven of 16.

Wyandotte 49, Stevenson 34: Wyandotte Roosevelt remained undefeated with its victory over the visiting Spartans.

Senior center Beth Fortuna paced Wyandotte with 13, but Livonia Stevenson (3-0) had the game's higher scorer in junior guard Lindsay Gussick, who had 16 points.

Flat Rock 54, Lutheran Westland 30: The Warriors are feeling a little like a person with a migraine headache that's about two-thirds gone — the pain's still there, but it's not as bad as it

was.

Lutheran High Westland dropped its second game in three outings Tuesday as the Warriors completed the difficult non-conference portion of their schedule against powerful teams.

The two losses were to Royal Oak Shrine and Flat Rock, both undefeated. Flat Rock is now 3-0.

Bethany Siefelt led Lutheran Westland with six points and six rebounds. Anna Rolf and Kelly Pruchnik each added six points.

Flat Rock led visiting Lutheran Westland, 25-16, at halftime and outscored the Warriors by an 18-9 margin in the third quarter.

Both teams were ordinary at the free throw line, Lutheran Westland making nine of 19 and Flat Rock nine of 15.

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STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

FARM STORIES
A story hour for children begins

at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Maybury.
BIRD HIKE
Observe and identify bird species seen throughout the park during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Maybury. A similar program will be offered Saturday, Oct. 9.

MONEY HARVEST
Continuous demonstrations of honey extraction will be offered 1-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12, in the Farm Demonstration Building at Maybury.

HORSEDRAWN HAYRIDES
Horsedrawn hayrides will be offered 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays beginning Sept. 11 and running through the end of October at Maybury.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

1999 PERMITS
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Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

KIDS STAR GAZERS
Children ages eight to 12, accompanied by a parent or guardian, can view the night sky and print fall constellations on a t-shirt during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at Indian Springs.

BROWNIE BADGES
Brownie scouts can earn their Space Try-It and their Animal Try-It badges during programs offered throughout the day on Saturday, Sept. 11, at Indian Springs.

FALL BIRD COUNT
Beginner and expert birders are needed to help count Kensington's birds during this program, which begins at 7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Kensington.

WILDLIFE WALK
Bring your binocular and search for migrating birds and animals in the park during this morning walk, which begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at Hudson Mills.

BUTTERFLY TAGGING
A short training session followed

by a walk to a field where you will catch and tag Monarch Butterflies, begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Hudson Mills.

FAMILY SCIENCE
Learn all about insects during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Hudson Mills.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 4:00 P.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1999

Regular meeting called to order at 4:12 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen A. Keen-McCarthy, Richard Henningsen
Agenda - adopted as amended.
Minutes of regular meeting of July 26, 1999 - approved.
Minutes of study session of July 27, 1999 - approved.
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$992,011.34 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for July, 1999 - received and filed.
Operations Manager's Report for August, 1999 - received and filed.
Y2K Mid-Year Update Report - received and filed.
Proposed WTUA Schedule of Meetings, Fiscal Year 1999/2000 - approved.
Proposed Budget (1999/2000 Fiscal Year) - approved.
Award of Contract; Local Area Network Server - Contract awarded to Friske & Friske of Livonia, Michigan.
Document Imaging System Update - approval to phase the project over the end of the current fiscal year and start of the next fiscal year with the selection of a preferred system to be presented at the September board meeting.
Middle Rouge Block Wall Painting - approved.
Change Order No. 1; Redirection Project - approved.
BFI Composting Contract Renegotiations - tabled for further discussion.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK,
Chairman

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.
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ROUNDUP

Baseball tryouts

The Michigan Indians baseball clubs are having tryouts in all age divisions for the 2000 season.

Tryouts for the 12-year-olds will be at 1 p.m. Sunday; the coach is Dave Sarkissian (248-486-6553). Tryouts for the 11-year-olds will be at 4 p.m. Sunday; the coach is Mark Glover (248-349-3392). Both will be at Massey Field in Plymouth.

Those interested in trying out for the 13-year-olds should call Bruce Price (734-453-9180); the 14-year-olds should call Gary Mancini (734-454-1104); and the 15-year-olds should call Don McNeish (248-348-2055) for times and dates.

Tryouts for 16-year-olds will be 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3 at Concordia College; call Mark Minch (734-421-2388) or Jeff Vancamp (734-522-0184) for details.

For information on tryouts for 17-year-olds, call Greg Lenhoff (734-455-0793).

PCJBA registration

Boys and girls in third-through-eighth grades going to school in the Plymouth-Canton school district, or living in Canton Township, can register to play basketball in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association the next two Thursdays.

Registration will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 26 and Sept. 16 at the East Middle School gymnasium. The league season lasts about 10 games plus the tournament. Players can keep their team jerseys. All players will play part of every game and not all of any game. Tryouts will be conducted before teams are organized to equalize rosters.

Note: High school students interested in a referee's job should register the same days. Any parents interested in coaching should register the same days.

Punt, pass, kick

The annual Punt, Pass and Kick football contest will get underway at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 at Griffin Park. The top finisher in each division advances to the next level of competition, and the top two finishers in each division receive awards.

Competition will be for both boys and girls, in the following age groups: 8-9 years old, 10-11; 12-13 and 14-15. There is no fee to compete and no residency requirements; however, a copy of the competitor's birth certificate is required.

Registration will begin at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 at Griffin Park (Sheldon Road side). For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7379.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



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SATURDAY



If you "Believe" in Cher, catch her rescheduled performance, along with special guests Cyndi Lauper and Julio Iglesias, Jr. 7:30 p.m. at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are still available for \$75.25 and \$45.25. Call (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



Delicious food, entertainment, a petting farm, cake walks and hayrides are just a few reasons to visit the 12th annual Autumnfest 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mary Thompson House and Farm, 25630 Evergreen Road, south of the Southfield Municipal Complex. Admission is free and parking is available at the Southfield Civic Center Library lot. Bring along the youngsters for face-painting, crafts, a Native American Jewelry Exhibition and more. Call (248) 354-9693.

TICKET



Hot Tix: Car lovers won't want to miss the 49th annual Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 11-12. Watch for the Grand Parade of vehicles at 10:30 a.m. each day. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

KOKO TAYLOR

TO REVISIT BLUES ROOTS

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As a headliner for this year's Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, Sept. 17-19, KoKo Taylor can't wait to return to a city she connects with the early days of her career as the "Queen of Blues."

"I am very much looking forward to coming to Ann Arbor to do that show," said Taylor. "It's one of the first places I worked years ago. There was a little, tiny club called the Blind Pig." Surprised to hear that the club is not only still standing, and remains a hot spot for live music in Ann Arbor, Taylor reflected back on her blues roots.

"I worked in the Blind Pig, wow, I can't count the times. It was one of the clubs (I worked at) before I started traveling all over the world: Europe, Canada, New Zealand. I'm looking forward to it."

The Blind Pig is not one of the three venues hosting this year's Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, but the Michigan Theater, Bird of Paradise jazz club, and Gallup Park are.

This time around, Taylor will be performing for a much larger crowd at the Michigan Theater.

In her signature slow, silky tone, Taylor, interviewed by phone from her home in Chicago, spoke about working with longtime friend Buddy Guy.

"He's one of my favorite guys, a good friend of mine," she said during the conversation on Sept. 1. "Buddy Guy played on my 'Wang Dang Doodle.'"

Though Taylor visits Detroit and Lansing at least once a year to perform, she hasn't been to the Ann Arbor area for quite some time. "I've been all over Michigan, I just

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1999 CONCERT SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 17 MICHIGAN THEATER

Buddy Guy and KoKo Taylor perform at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$75, \$40, \$25 in advance.

Saturday, Sept. 18 GALLUP PARK

Tickets \$20 at the gate, students \$15. Advance tickets \$17, students \$12.

- 11 a.m. Festival gates open
- 12 p.m. Uncle Jessie White
- 1:15 p.m. Thornetta Davis
- 2:30 p.m. Jimmy Dillon
- 3:45 p.m. Steve Turre Quartet
- 5 p.m. C.J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band
- 6:30 p.m. Pharoah Sanders

BIRD OF PARADISE

Charles Earland Quartet perform at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show, for each performance.

Sunday, Sept. 19 GALLUP PARK

Tickets \$20 at the gate, students \$15. Advance tickets \$17, students \$12.

- 11 a.m. Festival gates open
- 12 p.m. Madcat and Kane
- 1:15 p.m. Amigo Latin All-Stars with Eileen Orr and Francisco Mora
- 2:30 p.m. Bird of Paradise Orchestra
- 3:45 p.m. Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums
- 5 p.m. Big Bill Morganfield and The Bob Margolin Blues Band
- 6:30 p.m. Keb' Mo' Band

BIRD OF PARADISE

Charles Earland Quartet perform at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show, for each performance.

WHAT: The Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival
WHEN: Friday-Sunday, Sept. 17-19, see concert times below
WHERE: The Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, one-half block west of State Street, call (734) 668-8397; Gallup Park, US-23 to Geddes Road, exit and go west on Geddes until crossing Huron Parkway, the park is on the left and parking is provided at Huron High School on the right; Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St. in downtown Ann Arbor, call (734) 662-8310.
GETTING AROUND TOWN: A free shuttle bus will transport visitors from Huron High School parking lot to the event. The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority has buses running to and from Gallup Park, call (734) 996-0400 for route information. Parking structures are located near both the Michigan Theater and Bird of Paradise club.
COST: Children 12 and under admitted to Gallup Park for free

if accompanied by an adult. Ticket prices vary, see schedule. Tickets may be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets, including the Michigan Union Ticket Office. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS to charge by phone or try the Web at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets for Gallup Park are also available at stores around downtown Ann Arbor including SKR Blues and Jazz, Espresso Royale Cafes, P.J. Records and Borders Book Store. Groups of 20 or more may call (734) 747-9955 for discount information.

RULES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Check out Art in the Park in Gallup Park on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18-19. Storytellers, face-painting and the annual Kid's Parade are highlights. No alcohol cans, glass containers, coolers, pets, bicycles or inline skates will be allowed in the park.



DANCE

New set enhances the allure of 'Riverdance'

BY KEELY WYGONIK AND
HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITERS

"Riverdance — The Show" has a new set, and the "show's a lot more theatrical," said Felicity O'Brien, stage manager of the Lee Company, which is coming to Detroit, Sept. 16-19. "The band used to play on the side of the stage. Now they play at the back of the stage and your eyes are more focused on them."

Music plays an important

role in "Riverdance," which focuses on the evolution of Irish dance, its similarities and influences on other cultures. "Music drives the energy of the show," explained O'Brien in a telephone interview from her hotel room in Cincinnati where the show was playing on Aug. 17. "They're the cream of Irish musicians."

O'Brien has been touring

Please see RIVERDANCE, E2

"Riverdance — The Show"

WHEN: Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 16-19. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 7:30 p.m. Sunday; 1 p.m. Thursday; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

WHERE: Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit.

TICKETS: \$35 to \$63, available at the Masonic Temple and Fisher Theatre box offices, and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets or (313) 872-1000 for more information.

Web site: www.riverdance.com



Phenomenon: "Riverdance — The Show" is a celebration of Irish music, song and dance.

First and foremost she's out to

the early 70s. He attended and has performed at it before. "It's nice to play for a hometown crowd," he said. "It's well run and in a nice location. It tends to be

Mike Belvitch of Plymouth, a senior at Plymouth-Salem High School, just returned from a summer "Riverdance" tour. He

Whether it's fast-driving R&B or serious ballads, music has

with their revved-up harmonies and tightly wound ballads. And rock-and-roll has never been so pretty.

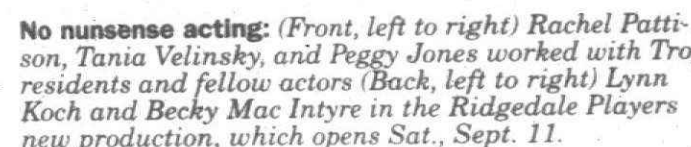
a 1970s-theme, said Nanci Florkowski, artistic director for Tinderbox Productions.

ly known as the Redford Youth Theatre, and was sponsored

and Music Theatre International's Broadway Junior "Annie."



Black and white photograph of a person's face, partially obscured by a dark, textured surface.



No nonsense acting: (Front, left to right) Rachel Patterson, Tania Velinsky, and Peggy Jones worked with *Tro* residents and fellow actors (Back, left to right) Lynn Koch and Becky Mac Intyre in the *Ridgedale Players* new production, which opens Sat., Sept. 11.

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The Clarkston Village Players will usher in its 39th season Friday, Sept. 10 with a murder mystery thriller — "Murder by the Book," a story about a London novelist and murders real and fake.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. for Thursday shows and 8 p.m. for all other shows throughout the season. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased by calling (248) 625-8811. The Clarkston Village Players' Depot Theatre is located at 4861 White Lake Road, between Dixie Highway and Andersonville Road in Independence Township.

Show dates and times for "Murder by the Book" are 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11, 17-18 and 24-25; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23.

Other shows in the season include:

- "Close Ties," a family drama aging matriarch, Nov. 5-6, 10-13 and 17-18.
- "Weekend Comedy" by Jean Bobrick, Jan. 7-8, 13-15 and 20-22.
- "A Case of Libel," by Henry DuMont, Feb. 10-11, 15-18 and 23-25.
- "A Bad Year for Tomatoes," May 25 and 25-27.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, at 8 p.m. the present "Fall Concert 1999" featuring Mosher, Bob Gerics and Dan Hall will be presented. Tickets are \$10. Compact discs will be available for purchase. For more information on the show, Call (248) 625-8811 for more information.



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BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Avon Players is opening its season Friday, Sept. 10 with the musical classic, "The Music Man."

Don Garringer, vice president at large for Avon Players, said musicals give the players a real chance to shine.

"I would say that we put on wonderful musicals," Garringer said. "I think it's our forte."

The Avon Players typically open their season with a musical.

"We try to pick a show that has children and teens involved," he said. "There are about 10 teens

Music Man').

Children and teens from Avon's youth theater group typically "graduate" to Avon's main stage productions, she said.

Avon's show, like the original, is set in the early 1900s. The plot involves the romance between a fast-talking con man and the librarian who cons him. The director is Debbie Schlutow of Auburn Hills.

Show dates for "The Music Man" are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11, 17-18 and 24-25, and Oct. 1-2, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, 19 and Sept. 26, 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, and Thursday, Sept. 30. Performances are at the theater 1815 Tenken Road 1 1/4 miles east of

Rochester Road in Rochester Hills. Tickets are \$15. Senior student discounts available Thursday and Sunday performances. Season tickets are \$1 and includes all five shows of the season. Call (248) 608-9077 for ticket information.

The upcoming Avon season:

- "Wait Until Dark," a suspense thriller — Oct. 29-31, 5-7 and 11-13.
- "Made in the U.S.A. Encore!" a musical billed as salute to American song and dance — Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 27-29.
- "Moon Over Buffalo," a historical farce — March 3-5, 10-12 and 16-18, 2000.

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— Ralph Waldo Emerson

A sampling of the newest of the new restaurants, old favorites, fine wines and tempting auction packages await diners at the eighth annual Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26.

The gourmet feast, which raises scholarship funds for Schoolcraft College students, will include a number of Schoolcraft Culinary Arts alumni among the almost 60 restaurants and food distributors attending.

Those with adventuresome souls might want to sample the fare at Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, La Bistecca Italian Grille, the Hilton Garden Inn and Buca Di Beppo, all restaurants new to the area.

Traditionalists will find old favorites such as Emily's, the Golden Mushroom, Station 885 Restaurant, the Water Club Seafood Grill, Zingerman's, Rocky's and La Shish ready and waiting with fine examples of their fare.

For a taste of something farther afield, diners can sample offerings from Broadstreet of Linden, TBQ Pastries of Windsor, Kerrytown Bistro of Ann Arbor and The Farm Restaurant of Port Austin.

The American Harvest, the restaurant operated by Schoolcraft Culinary Arts students, tops the list of participants with

Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza

When: 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26

Where: In the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275, in Livonia.

Cost: Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 for two. Call (734) 462-4417.

close ties to Schoolcraft.

Others include Chef and Schoolcraft instructor Brian Polcyn's Five Lakes Grill, alumni Jeff Zak's Catering in Plymouth, Chef and instructor Jeff Gabriel's The Farm Restaurant, alumna and Chef Kelli Lewton's Too Unique Caterers, Buca de Beppo, whose chef Matt Chuchman is a Schoolcraft grad, and Intermezzo, whose owner Nick Apone has a son in the Culinary Arts program.

Patrons of Culinary Extravaganza VIII will experience a wide variety of culinary delights. Begin with Nantucket Bay scallop bisque from Excalibur, oysters on half shell from Tom's Oyster Bar, Angus beef bits with horseradish sauce and tortilla chips from the Hilton Garden Inn, wild mushroom kiwi bisque from the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train or chicken Wellington enroute from Embassy Suites Hotel.

Perhaps the next stop might be Norwegian salmon from Costco, smoked chicken risotto with sun dried tomatoes and chevre from the Golden Mushroom, bowtie pasta from the Macaroni Grill, sea scallops with shitake salsa and taro hash from Broadstreet or char grilled breast of chicken from the University of Michigan Food and Nutrition Services.

Save room for ice cream sundaes from blue ribbon award-winning Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe or TBQ Pastries. Diners can compliment their food choices with wines from Michigan Grape and Wine Council, Pelee Island Winery or Fine Wine Source, Inc.; beverages from Central Distributors of Beer, Inc. and Craft Distribution; and flavored cappuccino and espresso from Cadillac Coffee Company.

During the event, Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon of Unique Restaurant Corp. will present a wine seminar, matching wines to the foods from selected restaurants and be available for individual commentary. Raffle winners will be announced and claim their prizes, which include two round-trip tickets on Northwest Airlines to anywhere in the continental U.S., a three-month auto lease from Saturn of Plymouth/Farmington Hills and an Orin Jewelers garnet and diamond ring.

Capping off the day, a live auction will feature packages



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Planning the event: Eriq Lukasik, (left to right) executive chef of La Bistecca Italian Grille, Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza co-chair Colleen Pobur, restaurant owner Jerry Costanza Jr., and co-chair Suzanne Thomas-Hughes, at the restaurant in Plymouth. La Bistecca Italian Grille, and other popular metro Detroit restaurants, will serve samples of their specialties at the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza on Sunday, Sept. 26.

designed to pamper and delight lucky bidders. They include: a gourmet dinner for eight in your home, prepared by a Schoolcraft chef; a weekend getaway to Pelee Island, complete with wine tour and tasting, and dinner and hotel for four; a private wine

tasting seminar for 20 people with Madeline Triffon, Master Sommelier, with appropriate foods; a Las Vegas trip, complete with fabulous dining; a RE/MAX balloon ride, with pick-up and return in a Hummer; a Wayne County Metro Airport Control

Tower tour with lunch and a six-week pilot's training class at Schoolcraft; hotel stays at Embassy Suites and Petoskey's Bay Harbor; and the chance to be a train engineer for a day on the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train.

WHAT'S COOKING

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

What's Cooking includes listings of new restaurants, special dinners, menu changes, restaurant anniversaries and renovations.

■ **Bernardus Winery at Big Rock Chop & Brew House**, 245 S. Eton, Birmingham (248) 647-7774, winemaker dinner 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14. Cost \$75 per person includes tax and gratuity. An hors d'oeuvres reception will be followed by a tantalizing five-course menu prepared by Executive Chef Scott Peterson and paired with the award-winning wines of Bernardus, in California's Carmel Valley. The entree highlight is Duck Three Ways — grilled, seared, and confit, served with the winery's signature red wine 1995 Bernardus Marinus. Winery Director of Operations Seri Sedlacek will be on hand to

provide personal introduction to Bernardus wines.

■ **Al's 13th Annual Chili Cookoff** noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at **Al's Copper Mug**, 1704 W. Maple, corner of Decker Road, in Walled Lake, donation \$1. More chili cooks are needed, call Al or Patti (248) 624-9659 for details. The event is a fundraiser for Michael Babel for a bone marrow transplant. The Commerce resident has a match, he just needs help raising money to pay for it.

The chili cook-off will feature Sax Appeal 4-9 p.m. and Dan Valine 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Beer, hot dogs, Italian sausage, buffalo burgers and hamburgers will be cooked outside on the grill. No children or anyone under age 21 will be admitted.

■ **Classical Flamenco Guitar Music and Latin Foods** 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at **Forté Restaurant**, 201 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 594-7300. The cost is \$40. The Troubadours, David Cocagne and Michael Blaskiewicz of Ferndale, both have a master's degree in music from Wayne State University and specialize in classical-flamenco guitar.

They will perform historical music from Brazil, Italy and Spain while you dine on a four-course international menu with foods from the same countries, prepared by Executive Chef Tim Voss. Admission for standing room only, without dinner, is \$10. Reservations strongly advised.

■ **Too Chez Restaurant**, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi, Executive Chef Greg Upshur will treat patrons to a five course macrobiotic culinary extravaganza featuring fresh, all-organic ingredients, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. The cost is \$32 per person (excluding beverage, tax and gratuity). Call (248) 348-5555. Featured menu items include five different flavors of rolled nori served with a wild grape sauce, wild mushroom, Adzuki bean and Hiziki soup, and an organic apple pie with a natural wheat crust and elderberry

sauce.

■ Two chefs from the **Golden Mushroom** restaurant in Southfield were chosen to compete on teams that will travel to the Culinary Olympics in Germany in August 2000.

Executive Chef Derin Moore was chosen as one of the five members of the United States National Culinary Team. Nigh chef Deni Smiljanovski will compete in Germany as a member of the Macomb Community College Culinary Team.

The U.S. Culinary Team was recently in Michigan, using the kitchens at Schoolcraft College in Livonia to test recipes and practice working together.

■ **Andiamo Osteria**, 129 S. Main Street (corner of Second Street), Royal Oak (248) 582-

9300 now has valet parking. Hours are lunch 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner 4-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until midnight, Friday-Saturday; and 4-10 p.m. Sunday. The menu is an eclectic array of authentic Italian dishes from antipasti through desserts.

■ **New menu at Zanzibar**, 216 S. State Street, Ann Arbor (734) 994-7777 created by the sister-brother team of chefs Misty and Todd Callies explores the sweetly aromatic and gently flavored vegetables and pastas of the Mediterranean, the bounty of North American waters and gardens, and the

grain-fed, corn-finished steaks and roasts of the Midwest along with the tropical theme loyal diners include as their favorites.

Chef Todd will also launch a series of Todd's Spicy Specials in the fall. And he's not talking spicy, he'll be dishing up fiery.

Zanzibar is open Monday-Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday until 10 p.m. Saturday 5-10 p.m. and Sunday 5-9:30

p.m. But don't bring your cigarettes. Zanzibar is completely non-smoking.

■ **The Capital Grille**, a classic steak house, recently celebrated its third anniversary at 2800 W. Big Beaver Road in Troy in the Somerset Collection North. The Capital Grille's diverse menu features steaks, seafood, fresh salads, hearty soups, and award-winning appetizers such as pan-fried calamari with hot cherry peppers.

■ **Bella Ciao** — 118 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor (across from the Ann Arbor Art Center) offers "intimate dining with a European flair." The restaurant is open 5:30-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Call (734) 995-2107 for information, or www.belaciao.com

■ **Olga's** the Troy based restaurant chain is now on the Web. Visit them online at www.olgaskitchen.com

"We're really excited about the site," said Steven Frank, director of marketing at Olga's Kitchen. "It gives us the opportunity to build a better relationship with our current guest base by giving them a new way to enjoy one of their favorite restaurants." A portion of the site is devoted to a coloring contest for kids.

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