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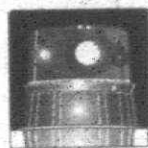
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Canton teen killed in rollover



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A Canton Township high school student was killed and three of her friends injured Monday evening when the car they were in left eastbound I-96, climbed an embankment and slammed into a tree on the service drive.

Alisha Roberson, 17, died about two hours after her car, in which she was a front-seat passenger, hit the tree broadside, landing on its roof. The driv-

er and two other passengers, all Canton women, remained hospitalized Tuesday.

"I didn't know pain like this existed," said Stan Roberson, Alisha's father, on Tuesday.

His daughter, a high school senior who had attended Plymouth Canton High School, wanted to become a physical therapist and enjoyed being with friends more than anything, Roberson said.

"She had more friends than anybody

I've ever known," he said.

"She was very deep," Roberson said later. "She cared very much about her friends, their needs and concerns."

Two years ago, Roberson said, Alisha had an experimental operation on her vena cava, a major vein in the body. It had been out of place from birth, and the surgery corrected that, he said.

"We almost lost her twice that day," Roberson said. "Two years later, almost to the day, this happened, so we enjoyed our daughter for a couple more years."

Alisha is also survived by her mother, Denise, and a sister, Amber.

Police have released few details of the accident, which remains under

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Alisha Roberson

Cherry Hill Village begins to take shape

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One of the largest residential developments in Canton's history is moving forward.

Cherry Hill Village, which will include more than 1,400 homes on 380 acres on the township's far west end, recently received preliminary approval from the Canton Board of Trustees.

Troy-based Biltmore Properties plans to break ground on the massive project late next spring or early summer.

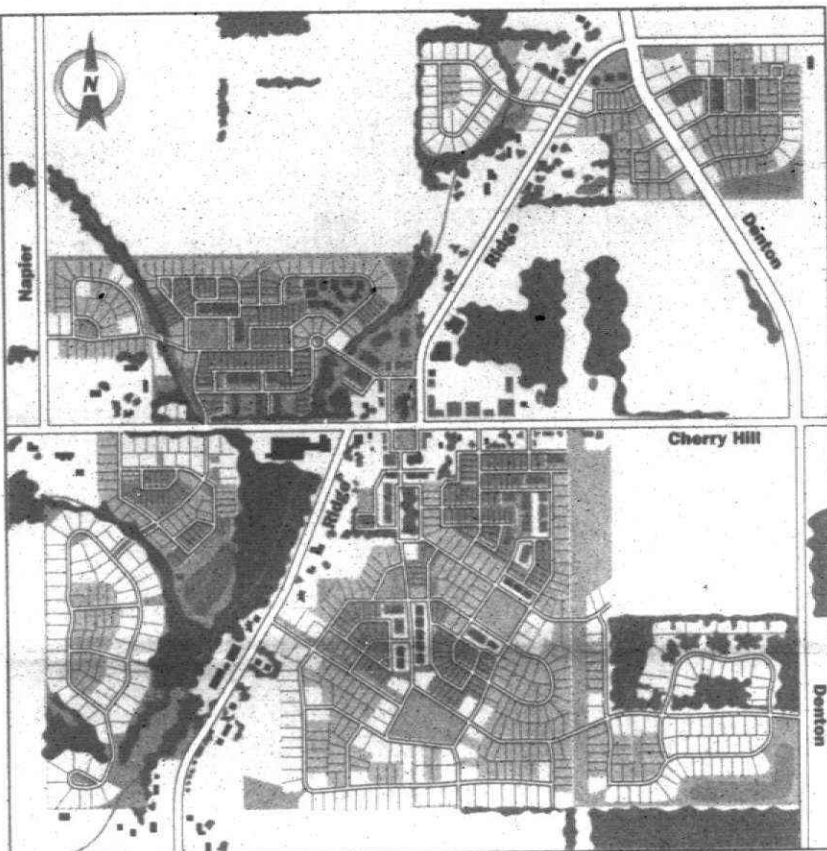
"We're hoping to have final plans to the township by late October," said Biltmore Vice President David Stollman.

The company is currently working with Canton officials to fine-tune the planned development district, which is bordered by Saltz Road in the north, Proctor in the south, Napier in the west and Denton in the east.

Biltmore is incorporating the village's rich history, in terms of existing buildings and architectural styles, into the project.

Cherry Hill School, for example, will be at the new village's center. The village church and cemetery will be important ele-

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Cherry Hill Village Concept Plan

KEY:

Total tract area	338.03 acres
■ Civic	0.14 acres
■ Commercial/Mixed use	5.03 acres
Total net area	322.81 acres
■ Existing woodland	
■ Parks, greens and other open space	
Total open space	80.70 acres 25%
Estate lots	313 d.u. 24.24%
■ Village lots	367 d.u. 28.43%
■ Cottage lots	249 d.u. 19.29%
■ Townhouses	250 d.u. 19.36%
■ Manor houses	112 d.u. 8.68%
Total dwelling units	1,291 d.u. 4 d.u. per acre

Source: 1999 Looney Ricks Kiss, Inc.

Firepower: Officers to get new handguns

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Canton police officers will soon be brandishing new side arms.

The department will replace its current stock of Sig Sauer 9mm pistols with Glock .40-caliber guns. Public Safety Director John Santomauro said Glock offered an excellent deal to replace the department's aging weapon system.

"It's good business to make the change based on the offer they made," he said. "We're driven by sheer economics on this."

Canton's Board of Trustees approved the move Tuesday.

A bid of \$46,525 from C.M.P. Distributors of Detroit was accepted by the township to replace the guns and leather holsters.

With the police department receiving just more than \$30,000 in trade-ins, the final cost is just \$16,061. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack supported the deal.

"It really does make a lot of sense," he said.

It's unclear what will happen to the 97 guns traded-in to C.M.P. by the department. Owners of the Detroit company failed to return Observer phone calls by press time Friday.

Most of the department's current weapons were purchased in the mid 1980s. In a report to trustees, Santomauro said the guns would soon need repair and/or replacement.

But, he added, Sig Sauer is more than a year behind in providing replacement parts for its guns. That makes maintenance of the weapons impractical, said Santomauro.

The director also noted that Glock is the weapon of choice among township officers. Extensive field testing by officers revealed better performance with the weapon, Santomauro wrote.

About a third of the department already uses Glock guns. Making the purchase, Santomauro wrote, would give the department uniformity in its weapons system.

Library expansion wins preliminary OK

PLANNING COMMISSION

BY SCOTT NEINAS
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A \$6-million expansion of Canton's public library received a recommendation for approval from the township's planning commission Monday.

Other approvals Monday were for the Electropoliten entertainment complex on Haggerty and a new Home Depot store on Michigan Avenue.

Approximately 22,500 square feet will be added to the library's south, east and west sides, making room for a computer training room, a bigger youth room, three group study rooms and more seating throughout.

The project will nearly double the library's size, to 52,000 square feet.

The facility will eventually carry 30 percent more material as a result of the project, which will start in November, said Library director Jean Tabor.

"We're excited and ready to get

going," Tabor said. "It's a challenge. We're going to stay in the building and stay open (during the construction) as much as possible. We hope not to close more than a couple days at a time."

In a year's time, the library's hours could increase as a result of the expansion, Tabor said.

Final approval has to come from township trustees.

The new training room will have 20 computers for teaching residents Internet skills, a program already in place. Four word-processing computers will be available to patrons.

The project calls for 247 parking spaces, 35 more than would normally be allowed under township guidelines. The extra spaces were approved by commissioners. Tabor said library parking often overflows to the adjacent township parking lot.

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Dishmon named newspapers' GM

Banks Dishmon has been named vice president and general manager of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He replaces Steve Pope who resigned in August.

Dishmon was publisher of the Observer Newspapers from April 1995 until January of this year when he left to become president and publisher of the Central Michigan Newspapers in Mount Pleasant.

"We're just delighted that Banks Dishmon is coming home," said Philip Power, chairman of HomeTown Communications Network, the parent company of The Observer & Eccentric. "In the years he worked as publisher of The Observer Newspapers he showed enormous skill, management compe-

tence, and consideration for readers, customers and company employees alike."

Richard Agninan, president of HomeTown Communications Network, said, "I welcome Banks back with the confidence that he will bring his leadership and other broad skills to this very important position. The challenges that the O&E must address are significant. Banks is just the right person."

Dick Brady, corporate vice president for sales and marketing, has been serving as interim general manager.

Dishmon came to The Observer & Eccentric in 1995 from the Dallas-Fort Worth Suburban Newspapers where he served as vice president of newspaper operations. Dishmon worked as

city circulation manager for the Dallas Morning News and Shreveport Times. He was circulation director at the Texarkana Gazette.

He will rejoin the O&E on Oct. 18. Dishmon and his wife, LouAnn, live in Livonia. They have six children and one grandchild.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers publishes the Birmingham-Bloomfield, West Bloomfield, Troy, Rochester, Lake Orion, Oxford, Clarkston, Southfield and Waterford Eccentrics in Oakland County and the Farmington Observer in Oakland County along with the Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Westland and Garden City editions in western Wayne County.



Banks Dishmon

Thief flees Meijer after raiding cash register

An unspecified amount of money was stolen from a Meijer cash register early Monday morning.

According to township police reports, a man described as African-American, 5-feet 6-inches to 6-feet tall, thin build and a mustache took the money from an open cash register shortly before 2 a.m.

A store clerk noticed the man standing in a check-out aisle adjacent to hers. The clerk rang up a customer and was preparing to make change when the man began taking cash out of the register, reports said.

The clerk told him, "You can't do that." The man replied, "be quiet or else," reports said.

He then ran toward the store's west door and left. Reports said he then got on a bike and headed northbound on Canton Center Road.

The case is currently under

COP CALLS

Investigation.

Embezzlement
A store employee is suspected of taking cash and almost 300 cartons of cigarettes from the Speedway Gas Station at 5596 Lilley Road late Friday night.

Reports said a store patron had been waiting for about 30 minutes to pay for gas and finally started to search for the store clerk. After not being able to find one, the Canton man called police.

Officers later called several Speedway employees to the station. A check of cash and cigarettes revealed a substantial amount of both missing.

Reports said that more than \$9,000 worth of cigarettes had been stolen. Police declined to

say how much cash had been removed.

Police are currently investigating the case.

Retail fraud

A 14-year-old Canton boy is being charged with retail fraud and obstructing justice after attempting to steal several items from Meijer Friday morning.

Police reports said the boy attempted to leave the store without paying for earrings, a bike chain, a music CD and hat. The teen had concealed each of the items, which totaled about \$40, when Meijer loss prevention officers stopped him.

Police added the charge of obstruction after the teen lied in regards to the whereabouts of his mother, reports said.

CDs stolen

Two Canton residents reported music CDs stolen from their cars either late Friday night or early Saturday morning.

A 28-year-old Singh Street resident told police that 15 CDs were taken from his car. An 18-year-old Deepwood resident reported 20 discs removed from her vehicle.

The CDs were valued at \$200 and \$300, respectively. Police have no suspects.

MDOP

About \$500 damage was done to a Fair Oaks resident's driveway Friday.

An unknown person used a hammer or sledge hammer to create numerous chips in the driveway, according to reports. It's the second report of vandalism at the home in two weeks. Reports said a bedroom window was damaged.

Police have no suspects.

DDA honors businesses for beautification efforts

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Some 16 businesses and property owners along Canton's Ford Road corridor have been honored for their beautification efforts by the township's Downtown Development Authority, which hopes to soon broaden the awards program.

"Our intent next year is to expand the beautification awards for the entire community," said Kathleen Salla, DDA coordinator.

Representatives from a cross-section of community volunteer organizations and businesses will be asked to participate in the program, she said, with honorees chosen from both the commercial and residential sectors.

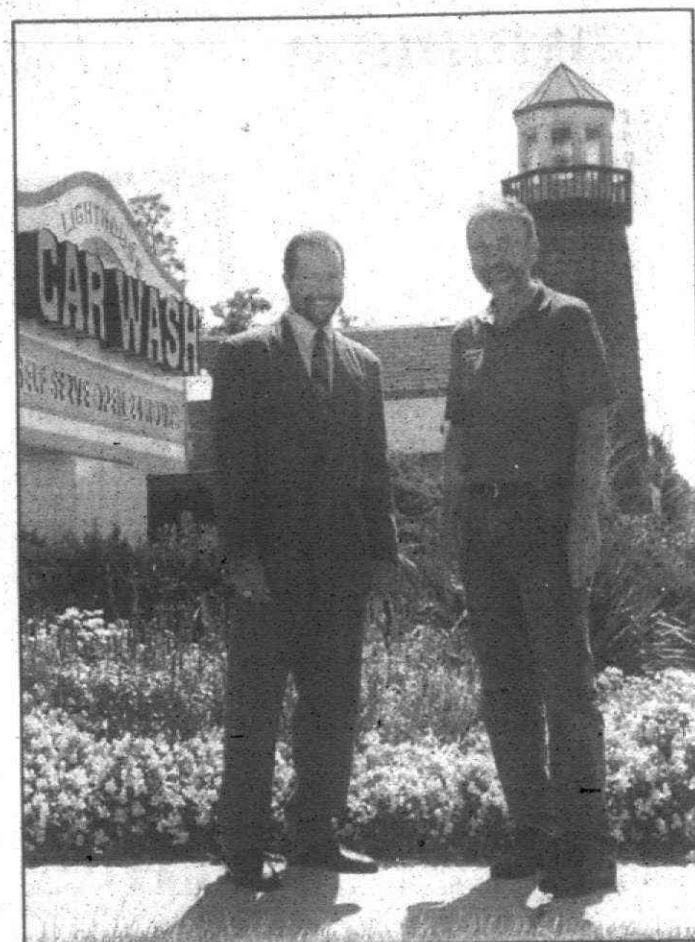
As for this year, Salla said, the DDA "wanted to recognize those who make a special effort...to keep things looking nice."

She said the DDA took over an awards program, which the Canton Chamber of Commerce had offered intermittently, hoping to make it more regular and thereby "influence others" in the Lotz-Canton Center downtown area to show more community pride.

DDA member Melissa McLaughlin endorses that idea. Business owners "can't sit back and take our citizens' money and say, 'I pay my taxes, that's enough,'" she said.

"We all have a responsibility to make our community a nice place to live in and keeping property picked up and looking nice is an integral part."

"I know if I go to a business



Award winner: Canton DDA committee member Greg Greene (left) poses with Lighthouse Car Wash owner Mike Neubauer. The Ford Road car wash is a recipient of a DDA beautification award.

and the trash cans are dirty and overflowing and the place looks drab, I'm not inclined to visit the place again," she said.

"We want businesses to be successful and we want them to be a positive partner in Canton Township."

She said the authority's special merit recognition awards are the township's way of acknowledging the effort by downtown businesses "to keep places clean and tidy and to make a positive presentation."

"We acknowledge you've made an effort and we've noted it and we thank you for it," McLaughlin said.

Taking the awards to the residential areas is only natural, she said.

"We want to acknowledge folks who keep up their property. It all translates into a more stable and more successful community and helps maintain property value," McLaughlin

said.

"Keeping the grass cut, the property picked up and planting a few geraniums goes a long way," she added.

Salla, the DDA coordinator, said the 16 honorees' efforts "complement the streetscape design" of the downtown and "help present an inviting welcome" to the district, which is "one of the central identity areas of the community."

Beautification awards went to Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, AutoNation USA, Burger King, Canton Corners Center, Chili's Grill and Bar, Damon's - The Place for Ribs, Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen, F&M/Seas Center, Fordham Green Apartments, Griffin Funeral Home, Lighthouse Car Wash, Master Lighting, New Towne Plaza Center, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, Village Squire Apartments and Wendy's Restaurant.

WSDP, 88.1FM continues its tradition of broadcasting high school sports for the Fall 1999 season.

This Fall WSDP will broadcast football, basketball, soccer,

and hockey. Announcers will be students at both Plymouth Salem and Canton High Schools.

The broadcast team is led by Robert T. Miller, sports director and John Fournier, assistant sports director.

Here are a few upcoming games:

Thursday, Sept. 23-Plymouth Canton Basketball vs. North Farmington-7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 24-Plymouth Canton Football vs. Walled Lake Western-7:30 p.m.

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Chopper for hire

Metettal-based company flies anything if the price is right

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If you're GM or Ford Motor Co. and need to quickly deliver some parts within a 250 mile radius, McMahon Helicopters, based at Metettal Airport, can do it faster than a Lear jet.

It's a matter of logistics, says owner Brian McMahon. Helicopters fly low and in a straight line, avoiding airport and traffic congestion. "It can take longer to get freight from an airport to a plant than it would take us to go plant to plant."

McMahon Helicopters, which has eight pilots among its 14 employees, has been delivering cargo, primarily small packages, for the Big Three for 20 years. No order is too small as long as the companies are willing to pay the stiff hourly rate - anywhere from \$750 to \$3,000.

"One time I had a box that would fit in my pocket and they said send me the fastest helicopter," McMahon delivered the box of vehicle identification tags via the sleek Bell 222, a twin-engine beauty that clips along at 175 miles per hour. The cost: \$2,000 an hour.

An extrajurisdictional way to do business? Not if you consider shutting down an assembly line can cost Ford \$50,000 a minute, says McMahon. "Helicopter service is pretty cash in comparison."

In addition to the Bell 222, McMahon stables four other helicopters: the mammoth Sikorsky S58T, which weighs 12,500 pounds and costs customers \$3,000 an hour; the Long Ranger, which

delivers cargo at \$1,100 an hour; and the compact Jet Ranger, which goes for a mere \$750.

The Jet Ranger is a familiar sight in the skies. Channel 7 chatters the chopper, equipped with multi cameras, to cover breaking news stories and monitor traffic.

Besides boxes of car parts, the helicopters fly auto executives from plant to plant. And come NASCAR and Indy 500 racing season, the helicopters are in the air all the time, flying VIPs and race drivers in and out of the track at Brooklyn, Mich.

Henry Ford Hospital also uses the helicopters to transport human organs. Often, organs from one donor go to several recipients in different locations. "Over the last 15 years, we've done thousands of flights," says McMahon. "Sometimes we send all the helicopters if they're harvesting multiple organs."

McMahon's helicopters were hired by WNBC Channel 4 in New York to search for John Kennedy's plane after it went down over Martha's Vineyard July 16. "If Kennedy could have flown the coastline," he says, shaking his head.

Many people call McMahon asking about rides. Outside of real estate observation flights, he doesn't usually fly the general public. "If a guy wants to take his wife out for their anniversary and he finds out it's \$750 an hour, he says forget it," Love has its limits.

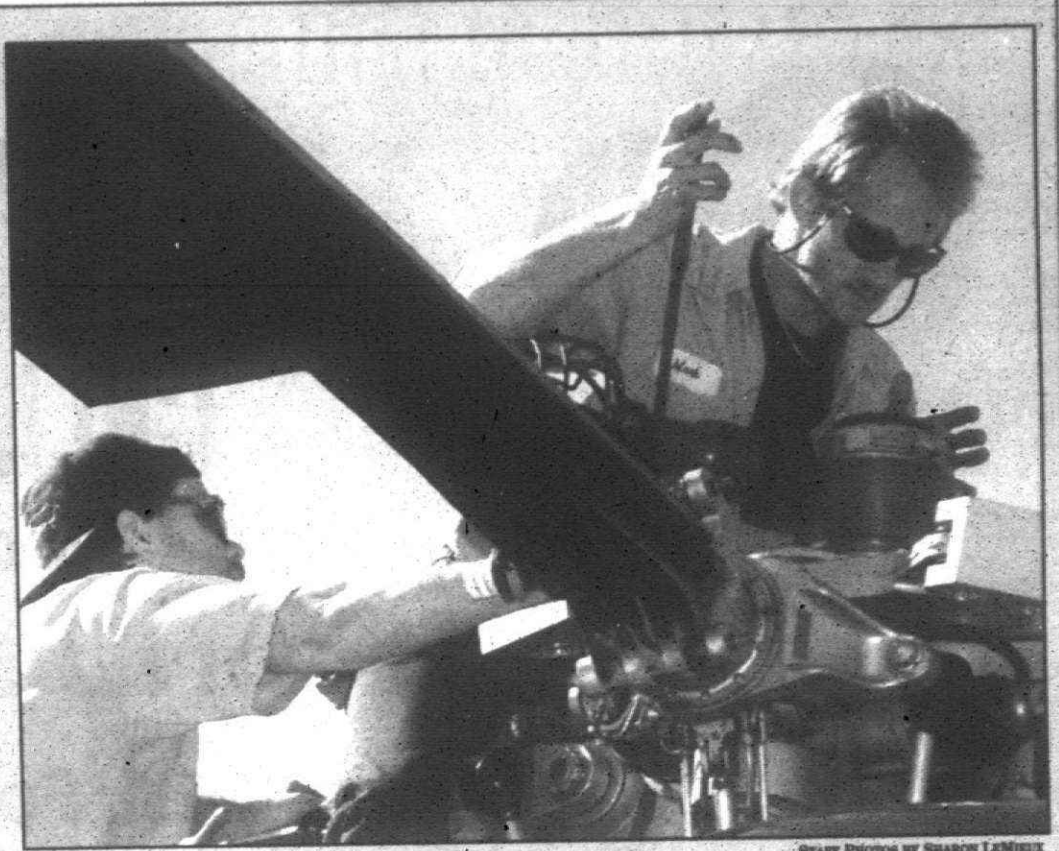
McMahon's favorite chopper is the red and blue Sikorsky, which looks like a double-decker bus with blades. He named it "Clyde" after the two Clydesdale horses, Jack and George, he keeps on his 21-acre home property in Salem Township.

"It's Art Deco, but I call it a man's helicopter. As big as that monster is, it's fast." It also costs about \$1.5 million.

It was Clyde that recently plopped down on a traffic median in the middle of U.S. 23 in Ann Arbor. The pilot was feeding gas from one tank to another when he lost power in both engines, says McMahon in a simplified explanation.

"It just shows you how safe helicopters are. We can lose both engines and still make a safe landing."

Clyde was hauled back to Metettal on the back of a trailer. "We had a little parade on the way back to Plymouth," said McMahon's son, Nick, 18. The ability to land just about anywhere - in fields, on street corners or on top of buildings -



On the job: Mechanics Mark Lobdell and Rich Liddy (wearing hat) retorch the main rotor head.

makes flying helicopters very safe, McMahon stresses. If the engines lose power, momentum keeps the blades spinning in auto rotation. The helicopter descends with blades still spinning.

Also, potential problems are quickly detected. "We don't have to fly 100 to 120 miles per hour to find out we have engine problems. We just pick it up and do a hover check."

McMahon comes from an aviation family. His father, now deceased, was a B-17 bomber pilot during World War II, and his 13-year-old son, Nate, aims to become an astronaut.

Nick McMahon plans a career at McMahon Helicopters. He's working on his pilot's license and currently flies with other pilots.

"You get to see things the average person doesn't get to see," Nick says of his time in the skies. Sometimes Brian and Nick take time out for a joy ride around town. There's nothing like it, they say. Nothing but the wide blue horizon and lots of nice places to land.

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Mercury level in metro rainfall called health threat

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Mercury levels in rain falling from the skies in metro Detroit are 65 times the Environmental Protection Agency's "safe" level, according to a report issued Sept. 14 by the National Wildlife Federation.

The NWF report, "Clean the Rain, Clean the Lakes," said such high levels present serious health implications for humans and wildlife.

The report said the leading sources of mercury are emissions from coal-fired power plants, incinerators and manufacturers of chlorine and caustic soda. It calls on those industries to cut mercury emissions and, eventually, eliminate them altogether.

"What we'd like to see is the coal-fired power plants step up to the plate and reduce their emissions," said Andy Buchsbaum, water quality projects

manager for the NWF's Great Lakes regional office in Ann Arbor.

Samples taken in more remote areas of Michigan at South Haven and Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes also far exceeded EPA standards, the NWF said.

The NWF also called on hospitals and other medical facilities to practice "mercury-free medicine" by eliminating mercury from their waste streams and incinerators.

"The impacts are enormous," the report states. "Mercury is a potent neurotoxin in people and in wildlife. It can cause subtle but permanent neurological and brain damage at very low doses; at higher doses, it can cripple and kill."

The state of Michigan issues annual fish consumption advisories because of mercury contamination levels in fish. Mercury concentrates in plankton, then organisms, then the tissue

of fish or other wildlife, bioaccumulating with each succeeding species in the food chain.

Larger fish, such as walleye and lake trout, can have mercury concentrations over a million times higher than the surrounding water.

The report also dispels the long-held belief that nature can clean up pollution.

"Rain contamination by mercury completely reverses what we believe to be true about the pollution of our lakes and streams. Before, we assumed that nature had mechanisms to clean up contamination, to dilute pollution. Before, we assumed that rain was nature's way of cleaning our waterways."

"Now we know the opposite is true: Rain itself is so contaminated by mercury that it adds pollution to our lakes and streams."

The NWF has initiated a new effort, the Clean the Rain Campaign. "We're looking for assistance by industry or state government to control or eliminate mercury emissions," Buchsbaum said.

Regional groups joining the NWF in the campaign were Michigan United Conservation Clubs; Clean Water Action, Michigan; Lake Michigan Federation; and the Michigan Environmental Council.

Buchsbaum would like to see mercury levels lowered through more "clean fuels" or solar and wind energy or shift to natural gas. Consumers should conserve energy when they can. "If you use less energy, you will burn less coal," Buchsbaum said.

Energy plants aren't the only ones that emit mercury. Furnaces and boilers also add to emissions, Buchsbaum said.

Detroit Edison spokesman Scott Simons said Edison was working with the EPA and looking at ways to reduce mercury emissions from its coal-firing plants. "While there is some mercury in the emissions, we don't believe it's as high a contributor as they have indicated,"

Simons said. "We have reduced our levels by 30 percent in the last several years."

The NWF wants Congress to enact legislation requiring a 95 percent reduction of mercury emissions from all major sources in 10 years.

Other NWF recommendations include:

■ On the state level, the six Midwestern Great Lakes states should require all major sources to use state-of-the-art controls on mercury sources. States should set and enforce pollution caps of mercury emissions to protect state waterways under the Clean Water Act. If the states fail to

set and enforce the caps, the EPA must take over.

■ State energy commissions should determine the true costs of coal-burning power plants, including their pollution costs. Determining the pollution costs will make energy conservation and fuel conversion more cost effective.

■ Customers can conserve energy by purchasing energy-efficient appliances and weatherizing their homes. Avoid purchasing consumer products containing mercury.

The National Wildlife Federation report on mercury levels in rainfall can be viewed at www.nwf.org/water/news/ctrexec.html.

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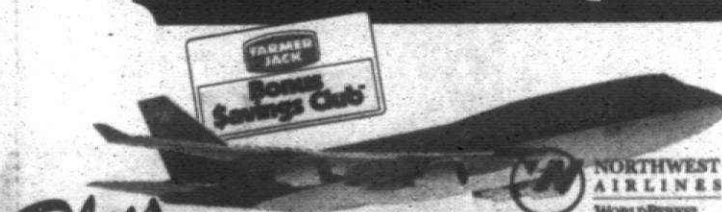
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Kicks win one

The Plymouth Kicks '89, an under-11 boys select soccer team, captured top honors in their division at the Oakland University Global Soccer Classic held last weekend in Rochester.

Sixteen teams competed in the tournament. The Kicks won all of their pool-play matches, beating the Birmingham Burners 6-0, the Pace-setters (from Toledo) 8-0 and USL Team United (Frazier) 4-1. In the playoff semifinals, they defeated the Michigan Metrostars 5-0.

That put them up against the Birmingham Blazers in the final. The Kicks trailed until the final minute of regulation, when they scored the equalizer to force a shootout for the title.

The Kicks won, making two-of-three penalty kicks while the Blazers missed theirs.

Kicks' team members are Grant Blakey, Paul Carhini, Kevin Costa, Josh Hammond, Gabe Hicks, Andrew Koet, Matt Kulczycki, Ryan Langdon, Alex Lumley, Mike Marek, Blaine Paden, Jeff Selasky, Nick Vella, Brian Walsh, Brett Windecker and Alex Wozniak. The team is coached by Rich Kulczycki and Paul Lumley.

Chip power

Central Michigan University's volleyball team has discovered its own fountain of youth in Jenny Young, a freshman outside hitter from Plymouth (Livonia Ladywood).

In three matches last weekend at the Kentucky Conference Challenge, Young was in double-figures in kills — the only Chippewa to do so. Young collected kill totals of 11, 14 and 13 in losses to Hofstra, Kentucky and Southeast Missouri, an average of 3.36 kills per game.

For the season, Young is third on the team in kills per game (2.94) and blocks per game (0.42). Her .279 kill percentage is best among the Chippewas, whose record through the week-end was 3-7.

Ambassadors get a win

Steve Swistak notched two goals for the Compuware Ambassadors, including the game-winner, leading them to a 6-5 triumph over the visiting Texas Tornado Friday. The Ambassadors had to fend off a late Texas rally, as the Tornado poured in four third-period goals.

The Ambassadors-vs.-Torando game scheduled for last Saturday had to be postponed due to problems at Compuware Arena. It will be made up in early December when the Ambassadors visit Texas for what will now be a three-game set.

Lions sweep

Drew Amble gained 175 yards rushing and scored a touchdown to lead the Canton Lions varsity to a 24-8 victory over the Livonia Blue Jays Sunday. David Thomas tossed one TD to Amble, and Eric Mitchell ran for another.

The Lions defense surrendered a touchdown on a flea-flicker play to start the second half, momentarily tying the game at 8-all, but the rushing game and the defensive play of Matt Sammut and Chris Whipple put the Lions in control.

The Lions junior varsity blanked their Blue Jay counterparts, 26-0, on Sunday thanks to Dominique Fischer's opening kickoff return of 75 yards for a TD and two short scoring runs by Josh Leduc. Chris Drabicki also had a touchdown run, and Tommy Freemar and Eric Fishwick intercepted passes, while Jonathan Wood blocked a punt.

The Lions freshmen were also winners over the Blue Jays, by a 21-7 count. Brad Way caught a 9-yard pass from Darren DeFranceschi for one score; Jon Wilson stripped the ball from the Livonia quarterback and raced 43 yards for another; and Michael Rubick scored on a 2-yard run. Christopher Fischer had an interception to pace the defense.

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Canton closes on a division title



So the soccer season hasn't quite reached the halfway point. The WLAA Tournament matchups are taking shape, and those in the running are no surprise. The Salem-vs.-Stevenson winner will be one, and Canton should be the other.

While Plymouth Salem keeps rolling towards that inevitable showdown with Livonia Stevenson for the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division title (next Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Salem), Plymouth Canton may have already wrapped up the other end of that soccer matchup.

Last Monday at Northville, the Chiefs used a goal by Mike Zemanski scored three minutes into the second half to post a 1-0 victory.

Canton improved to 5-2 overall, 2-0 in the Western Division.

Jimmy Steinert assisted on Zemanski's goal.

On Saturday at Monroe, the Chiefs again got the biggest return on their one goal, beating the Trojans 1-0.

This time it was Steinert scoring the goal and Zemanski assisting, with nine minutes left in the opening half.

Canton has three division matches left: at Farmington Harrison at 7 p.m. next Wednesday, at Livonia Franklin at 7 p.m. Oct. 6 and at home against Livonia Churchill at 7 p.m. Oct. 11.

Salem 6, Farmington 2: The Falcons came into Monday's match at Plymouth Salem unbeaten. They didn't leave that way.

The Rocks got two goals apiece from Jeff Haar and Scott Duhl, and got a goal and two assists from Brett Stinar, in subduing Farmington. The Salem win pushed its record to 8-1-1 overall, 3-0 in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

The loss left Farmington at 7-1 overall.

Nick Tochman also scored a goal for the Rocks, while Sean Loewe and Rob Ash collected two assists each.

Tavio Palazzolo was in goal for Salem.

Last Saturday at Salem, the state's seventh-ranked Rocks blanked Troy 3-0.

A Stinar goal put them ahead 1-0 at the half. Duhl also scored a goal (he had an assist as well), and so did Tochman.

For Palazzolo, the shutout was his fifth of the season.

The Rocks have Lakes Division matches remaining with Stevenson and at North Farmington Oct. 4.

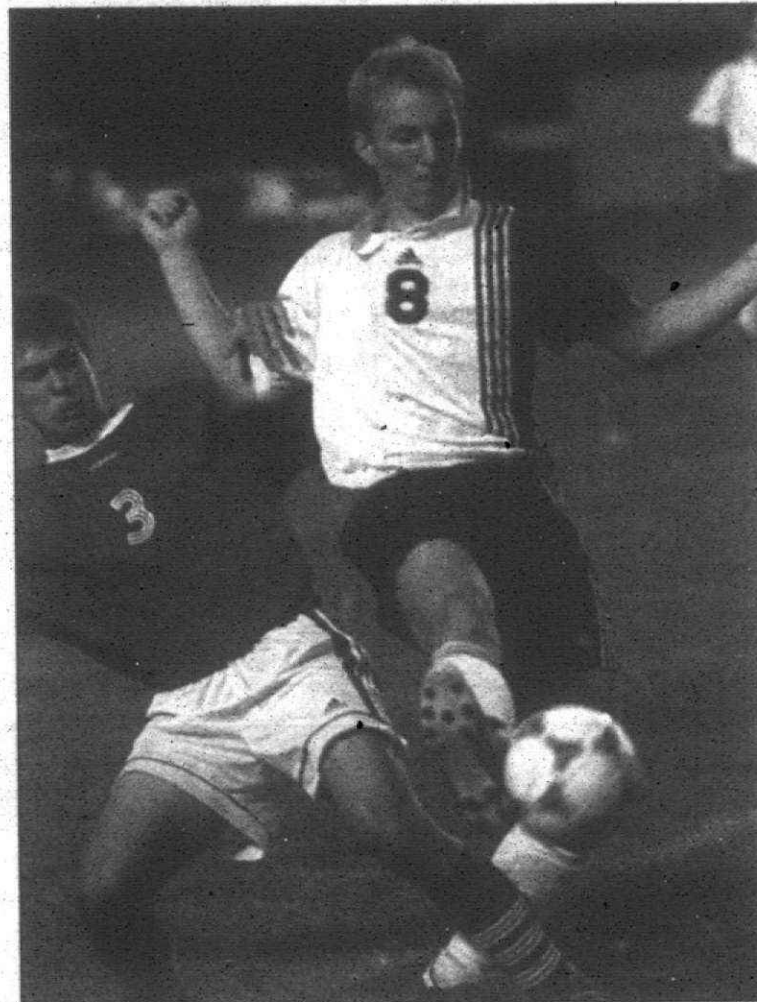
S'field Christian 2, PCA 1: Southfield Christian scored goals first and last, and combined with the opportunities missed by Plymouth Christian Academy that was enough to give it the win Tuesday at PCA.

PCA fell to 6-2-1 overall, 5-2-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Southfield Christian got on the board first when Ndumi Mafu scored at the 25-minute mark of the first half. That's the way it stayed until, with 15 gone in the second half, Chad Boruta knotted it for PCA with an assist from Nick Conti.

But Southfield Christian got the game-winner 10 minutes later, with Casey O'Neill netting it.

"We had a lot of scoring opportunities," said PCA coach Rick Erickson. "We just didn't convert. And their first goal was a weak one, which is the second time we've done that. It's something we're going to have to work on."



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Checked out: Salem's Brett Stinar (left) and Farmington's Stephen Wayne battle for possession of the ball, something the Rocks got the upper hand in during Monday's match.

Whalers: Many holes to fill

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It's over.

For all those who remember Druken and Legwand and Tselios and Mara and Colagiacomo and Holsinger, well, that's what they'll have to remain — memories of one of the great Whaler teams, the one that finished first in the final Canadian Hockey League poll and were regular season champs in the Ontario Hockey League.

Of course, the Whalers then lost in the OHL's Western Conference semifinals to the London Knights, well, never mind that.

It's a new season and a new cast. Pete DeBoer is back for his fifth season as head coach, but few of his top players are.

Indeed, five of his top six scorers from the 1998-99 season have gone on to bigger and better things — mainly tryouts with NHL teams. Also gone is his first-string goalie, Robert Holsinger.

"We've had to replace a lot," admitted DeBoer. "Twelve of our current players played last year, but most of them in limited roles."

The leading returnees are Randy Fitzgerald, Eric Gooldy, Julian Smith, Shaun Fisher, Jamie LaLonde, Damian Surma and Rob Zepp.

Gooldy, the leading returning scorer with 23 goals and 38 assists (61 points), is currently rehabilitating an injured knee and won't be ready to play for a while. When he does come back, DeBoer will have some decisions to make; with Gooldy and goalie Scott Holsinger (who is cur-



Looking for help: Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer needs it.

What: Plymouth Whalers season-opener.

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Where: At Plymouth's Compuware Arena, located on Beck north of M-14.

Who: The Whalers, defending regular-season champs in the OHL, open their 1999-2000 campaign by hosting the Oshawa Generals. The Generals were third in the East Division last season with a 39-24-5 record. The Whalers were first in the West Division with a 51-13-4 mark, best in the OHL.

rently trying out with the Detroit Vipers), the Whalers have five over-age players on their roster. The OHL only allows three.

Which is a shame — DeBoer could use the experience. Gone are forwards Adam Colagiacomo (108 points), Harold Druken (58 goals and 103 points) and David Legwand (80 points), defensemen Nikos Tselios (21 goals, 60 points) and Paul Mara (64 points), and goalie Robert Holsinger (28-10 record, 2.08 goals-against average, five shutouts).

And that's to name just a few. But enough of the bad stuff, let's get to the good news.

"I think we'll be strong in net," said DeBoer in evaluating his squad. "And

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Chiefs can't top Pioneer

Whoever thought playing North Farmington and Plymouth Salem would be a relief?

That thought must have crossed the minds of some Plymouth Canton girls basketball fans Tuesday night after their Chiefs journeyed to Ann Arbor Pioneer and came home on the short end of a 67-44 score.

"Pioneer is a good team," Coach Bob Blohm of Canton said. "We had a tough time containing them inside."

"They are real athletic. They run the court real well. They're a solid team, as good as anybody we play."

Janine Guastella scored 13 points to pace Canton (3-3) with Paula McKernan chipping in with 10.

Chigo Ozor scored 21 for Pioneer (6-2), which also got 14 from Sarah Blacksher and 11 from Angela Fileccia 11.

Pioneer held an 18-12 lead after the first quarter and extended it to 33-19 at the half. The Pioneers then put a 15-6 third quarter on the Chiefs to snuff out any comeback thoughts Canton might have had.

"The second quarter was a particularly tough quarter for us," Blohm said. "We actually closed the first quarter

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Madonna suffers 1st WHAC loss

Tri-State University took the lead in Tuesday's women's soccer match against Madonna University and kept it, posting a 3-1 triumph at Livonia Ladywood.

The win was only the second of the season for the Thunder against six losses and a tie. They are 1-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Madonna lost for the first time in WHAC play, dropping to 5-2-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the conference.

Tri-State broke on top when Johanna Ehrenborg scored at the 18:44 mark of the opening half. That's the way it stayed until, 15 minutes into the second half, Teresa Grashorn made it 2-0 in favor of the Thunder with a free kick boomed from 30 yards out that eluded Madonna's keeper.

Jill Gibson narrowed the gap to 2-1 with a goal for Madonna nine minutes later, off a pass from Megan Thiry. But Tri-State sealed the verdict with a score by Christine Vargo with just under five minutes left.

Jenny Siersma was in goal for the Thunder.



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Shielding: Madonna's Jamie Scott (8) keeps the ball away from Tri-State's Kristie Bearman.

Jennifer Dumm started in the net for Madonna, Jenny Barker (from Livonia Stevenson) replaced her with 18:36 to play.

Madonna women roll

A three-goal first half was more than enough to lift Madonna University's women's team to a 4-1 triumph over Concordia College Saturday at Livonia Ladywood HS.

Jill Gibson, Jennifer Dumm and Lindsay Crawford each scored in the game's first 40 minutes to put the Lady Crusaders in control. Gibson scored hers on an assist from Jamie Scott, following a shot that banged off the crossbar. Dumm's was the result of a rebound off the Concordia keeper. Crawford made it 3-0 on a penalty kick with 5 1/2 minutes left in the half.

The Cardinals' Laura Starnes narrowed the gap to 3-1 12 minutes into the second half, but Crawford's second goal of the match — unassisted, on a free kick — put the Crusaders ahead to stay with just under 19 minutes to play.

Ocelots collect 4th in a row

For the fourth time in as many tries, Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team was a winner.

After starting the season at 1-3, the Ocelots have rebounded to win four in a row — the last two by shutout. On Monday at SC, the Ocelots blanked Kellogg CC 4-0.

"We had 'em going pretty well in the first half," said SC coach Van Dimitriou. "We just couldn't put it in the goal."

The Ocelots led 1-0 at the half, on a penalty kick goal scored by Johnny Demergis (from Plymouth Canton) after he was taken down in the box.

But Dimitriou wanted more finishing power. "So I looked down my bench and saw Mike Jones," a Lake Fenton graduate who had scored 24 goals as a senior. "I told him, 'Get in there now.'"

Jones followed instructions perfectly, scoring two second-half goals to spark the Ocelots. Demergis assisted on both, and on another goal scored by Gary Bell.

"He really had it rolling," said Dimitriou of Demergis' performance. "He's actually been solid for us all year. All (the goal-scorers)

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had to do was tap it in.

"He was clearly the star of the game."

There were others, of course. Sergio Mainella (Livonia Stevenson) played well in the midfield, and defenders Tony Stark, Paul Ansara, Aaron MacDonald (Plymouth Salem) and Andy Meyers made the job of keeper Doug Kooz (Plymouth Canton) easier.

Last Wednesday at Delta College, SC came away with a 3-0 victory. This time, Eric Anderson was in goal for the shutout. Dan Wielechowski (Plymouth Salem), playing with a cast covering his broken wrist, got the first goal on an assist from Tony Maldonado (Stevenson). Robert Barnes (Canton) got the next two goals, on assists from Dave Lotarski and Nick Skotanis.

Piraine boosts Madonna

A five-goal, two-assist performance by Sam Piraine carried Madonna University's men's

soccer team to a 9-1 rout of Concordia College last Saturday at Madonna.

The win boosted the Fighting Crusaders' record to 3-2 overall, 2-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Concordia is 0-5.

Madonna wasted little time. Keith Barber scored a goal just 4:28 into the contest, with Piraine assisting. Charlie Bell made it 2-0 a little more than two minutes later, with Piraine again assisting.

The sophomore midfielder/forward then took complete command, scoring four straight goals. Brian Murphy added two assists, then scored a goal just before the half expired. Matt Buzewski also had a goal in the opening half as Madonna took a 6-0 lead into halftime. Buzewski added one assist and Jim Misajovich had another.

Piraine's fifth goal came five minutes into the second half.

David Crissman scored an unassisted goal for the Cardinals' only marker.

Dave Hart was in goal for the win for Madonna. Paul Schneider was in the net for Concordia.

Madonna is still perfect in WHAC

Madonna is getting things together at the right time.

The Lady Crusaders volleyball team went to 3-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference by defeating Concordia College, 15-4, 15-9, Tuesday night.

Madonna started and ended the first game with 6-0 runs, jumped out to an 8-3 lead in the second and scored seven in a row to wipe out a 4-1 Concordia lead in the third.

Stephanie Ubalde led the Lady Crusaders with 13 kills, junior Brandy Malewski had 12 kills plus seven digs and three blocks and sophomore Jennie Wind added 18 assists.

Erin Cunningham had 13 serve receivers plus nine digs and Jen Wing had 14 assists.

Madonna is now 11-3 overall and unbeaten in three WHAC matches.

Madonna takes two

The trip Madonna's volleyball team embarked on last Saturday to Spring Arbor proved worthwhile — especially since the Lady Crusaders came home with a pair of match victories, defeating Huntington College 15-4, 16-10, 15-9 and host Spring Arbor College 15-2, 15-1, 16-14.

Two of Madonna's stars earned Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week honors. Brandy Malewski, a junior middle hitter from Redford (Thurston), was named player of the week after collecting 45 kills with a .652 kill percentage, 58 blocks, 47 digs and five service aces in four matches.

Jep Wing, Madonna's freshman setter, totaled 102 assists to kills, 28 digs and 10 blocks in four matches. She averaged 9.3 assists per game as the Crusaders won all four matches.

In the win over Huntington, Brandy Malewski (from Redford-Thurston) paced the offense with 16 kills in 17 attacks, a phenomenal .882 kill percentage. She also had two service aces, six solo blocks, 12

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block assists and 13 digs.

Stephanie Ubalde added 12 kills (a .400 kill percentage) and seven total blocks, while Erin Cunningham had 10 kills (.300 percentage), three aces, four blocks and 14 digs. Jen Wing added 18 assists to kills and 10 digs.

In the win over Spring Arbor, Malewski's 16 kills and .762 kill percentage was tops. She also had nine blocks and 11 digs.

Kelly Artyemovich added four kills and 17 digs, Marylly Hermine (Livonia Ladywood) had four service aces, Cunningham had eight kills, five aces and 16 digs, and Ubalde contributed eight kills and eight blocks.

Schoolcraft sweeps

Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team ran its unbeaten string to 11 games, beating Oakland Community College on Tuesday in three, 15-10, 15-4, 15-7.

Rebekah Thornton (Livonia Ladywood) had a strong all-around match with four kills in 14 attempts, two digs, one block and a .354 serve receiving accuracy.

Lauren Ruprecht (Livonia Churchill) had four blocks and Amanda Yalchin led in serving aces with four to go with 11 digs.

Danielle Wensing (Livonia Franklin) had a 3.14 setting efficiency while serving at a 3.20 clip. Cindy Maloof was the Ocelots' top receiver at .400 while Nicole Boyd (Franklin) had 14 kills with a .423 kill efficiency.

Toni Forynski had two kills in five attempts. Jenni Laidlaw (Churchill) had three digs and six serve receiving passes with one ace.

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Salem seeks 1st win; Canton hosts Western

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I need some counseling. I need some help. How am I going to make up a four-game difference now against my vaunted opponent, the lucky Irishman (Dan O'Meara)?

The guy takes Thursday and Friday nights off and goes 13-0 on his picks. He's now 51-8 on the season.

I slipped to 10-3 last week and now I'm 47-12.

This weekend is the Ryder Cup and Mark O'Meara (no relation to Dan; that's for sure), will be defending our country's honor.

Not to sound unpatriotic, but maybe it's time for a dual O'Meara slippage. You know, this Mark O'Meara has been known to choke in the Ryder, so maybe his cousin Dan will follow suit on his pick.

I know, I'll consult my Canton e-mail buddy, better known as the "Shadow." He congratulated both of us on last week's picks and said he eats down-ups for breakfast. He's always smelling victory for the Chiefs.

So what's up for this week's Canton-Walled Lake Western battle, Shadow?

Give me your best insight (remember, don't set any point spreads or yardage figures).

GRID PICKS

Will the world wide web of intrigue continue this week? Here is a look at this week-end's action:

FRIDAY GAMES

(all at 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Farmington (3-1, 2-0) at John Glenn (4-0, 2-0), 7 p.m.: Farmington struggled last week to beat North Farmington, 12-13, while Glenn subdued winless Walled Lake Central, 27-0. Glenn is used to playing in big games, but now it's Farmington's turn as well. The game pits two fine backs — quarterback Grant Weber of the Falcons and tailback Eric Jones of Glenn. Neither team has demonstrated a passing game this season. Will that be the trump card? PICKS: Glenn stays unbeaten.

Wayne (0-4, 0-3) at Belleville (4-0, 3-0), 7 p.m.: The banged up Zebras have lost four games by a total of 36 points against some pretty formidable competition. They are also playing without two top linemen, Mike Shaw and Jerard James. Belleville, coming off a 20-0 victory over Lincoln Park, leads the Mega Red Conference with quarterback Kevin Harrison leading the way. PICKS: The Tigers keep punting.

Garden City (4-0, 3-0) at Taylor Truman (2-2, 2-1), 7 p.m.: The Cougars, led by tailback Mike Sparks, passed another test last week by beating Redford Union, 20-3. This week will be another test as Truman is coming off a 52-13

demolishing of Woodhaven as Erick Hicks rushed for 169 yards and three TDs. Linebacker Lee Willmuth also intercepted 19 tackles and returned two interceptions for touchdowns. The Cougars beat Woodhaven the week before, 12-8.

PICKS: Truman throws a slight wrench into GC's season.

Wyandotte (2-2, 1-2) at Redford Union (0-4, 0-3), 7 p.m.: At this time last year RU was on top of its game with a 4-0 record, but with a gimpy Mike Macek and a jump up to the Mega White, life has not been kind to the Panthers in 1999. Wyandotte, which dropped to the Mega White from the Red Division this year, is coming off the 21-14 loss to Dearborn Edsel Ford.

PICKS: Wyandotte stops RU.

Luth. Westland (0-4, 0-3) at Liv. Clarencville (4-0, 3-0): The Trojans defeated Borgess last week in a penalty-filled game, 22-8, with sophomore Tim Shaw breaking the 100-yard mark for the fourth straight game.

Clarencville is smelling a playoff berth, while Lutheran Westland, a 38-12 loser last week to winless Harper Woods Lutheran East, trying to break a 13-game losing skid. PICKS: Clarencville is the way in the Metro Conference game.

Northville (1-3, 0-2) at Liv. Churchill (2-2, 1-1): Something has to give in this WIAA Western Division encounter. Northville, playing a brutal opening four games, was no match for Farmington Hills Harrison last week, falling 38-7, while Churchill ran into its formidable Canton club, losing 34-13. PICKS: It's the Mustangs who gallop to victory.

W.L. Western (4-0, 2-0) at Ply. Canton (3-1, 2-0): This is a really good test for Canton, which is making strides under coach Tim Baechler. Speedy Western probably has two of the better defensive backs in the WIAA in Lorenzo Parker, who has committed to Vanderbilt, and 6-1, 190-pound James King, another Division I prospect. Canton has to eliminate the big play, especially on special teams and work the clock.

PICKS: The Shadow smells an upset, but Emons likes what he goes with Western.

Ply. Salem (0-4, 0-2) at W.L. Central (3-3, 0-2): No playoffs this year for either side it appears. Salem was no match last week for unbeaten Livonia Stevenson, falling 31-7. Central's spread offense couldn't muster 100 yards against undefeated Westland John Glenn. PICKS: Get out the coin, it's Salem in overtime.

Bishop Gallagher (3-1, 1-0) at H.W. Bishop Gallagher (3-1, 1-0): It's the Tri-Sectional opener for Borgess, which couldn't overcome a slew of penalties in a 22-8 non-league loss to Livonia Clarencville. Gallagher, led by wide receiver and defensive back Markus Curry (committed to Michigan), routed Allen Park Cabrini last week, 43-0 as Danielle Hood had 92 yards rushing and two TDs. Curry, who helped the Lancers

reach the Class DD title game last year, also returned an interception 43 yards for a score. PICKS: Gallagher remains on top of the Tri-Sectional.

Redford CC (4-0, 1-0) at Postle Notte Dame Prep (0-4, 0-3): The top-ranked Sharps' ran, ran and ran the ball last week despite a 23-0 win over Detroit St. Martin DesPeres on Sunday, while the defense held the Eagles to 106 total yards. Winless Notre Dame Prep is simply no match. The Irish fell last week to Dearborn Divine Child, 31-0. Where's Bob Davis when you need him for a close game? PICKS: CC in a walk.

SATURDAY GAMES (all 1 p.m. unless noted)

Liv. Stevenson (4-0, 2-0) at N. Farmington (5-0, 2-2): With a victory, Stevenson can pull to within one game of that magic six-win figure and a playoff berth. The Spartans' have some dangerous offensive weapons, led by junior Dan Wilson, but their defense has also been sparkling. North, meanwhile, showed some fight and heart in losing by only eight to rival Farmington, 21-13. PICKS: Stevenson goes to 5-0.

Liv. Franklin (1-3, 0-2) at Farm. Hills Harrison (1-3, 1-1): Harrison must forfeit two games because it used an ineligible player. The Hawks must now win their final five games to get into the playoffs.

Note: Churchill and Walled Lake Central each gained a victory as a result of Harrison using an academically ineligible player.

Franklin, which has not played well the second half the past two weeks in losses to Canton and Western, must face a team that is still considered the best in the WIAA. PICKS: Harrison has a happy homecoming.

Red. Thurston (2-2, 1-2) at D.H. Annapolis (2-3, 0-3): This is a Mega crossover matchup featuring Thurston (Blue Division) against coach Scott Wiener (formerly of Lutheran Westland) and the Cougars (Gold Division). Annapolis was blanked last week by River Rouge, 28-0. Thurston won ugly last week 12-7 over Southgate, but it was still a win and coach Bob Snell will take it. This week shouldn't be so ugly, at least on the Eagles' side. PICKS: Thurston moves over 500.

St. Agatha (3-1, 2-1) at Det. Holy Redeemer (2-2, 1-2): 7:30 p.m. Ouch! The Aggies came down to earth during a 28-7 loss to Marine City Moore, giving up over 300 yards rushing. If Agatha is going to make the playoffs, this is a key game. Redeemer, a 30-26 victor over Wyandotte Mount Carmel, could play spoiler. PICKS: The Aggies get back on track.

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Ladywood wrecks defending state champs

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Maybe we haven't seen the last of Hurricane Floyd. Defending state Class A girls

BASKETBALL

basketball champion Birmingham Marian should have evacuated the Livonia Ladywood gym

early Tuesday night because the host Blazers did some huge damage, storming out to a 15-1 lead en route to a 62-32 victory in the Catholic League Central Division opener for both teams.

It also ended years of frustration for Ladywood (6-1 overall), which notched its first win over Marian since 1992.

"We were pretty fired up to start league schedule," Ladywood fourth-year coach Andrea Goski said. "We wanted to get our full-court defense going early because we feed off it. Usually we get a couple of steals and once we make some baskets, we're that much more confident."

Ladywood, led by the Harakas sisters, Melissa (No. 35) and Michelle (No. 45), hit its first six shots to open a 14-point lead.

Marian closed the gap to five, 23-18, midway through the second quarter on a basket by Amber Mazza, but the Mustangs never got closer.

Jen Hunley's three-point hoop with 13 seconds left gave Ladywood a 34-22 halftime advantage.

By the time the third quarter had finished, Ladywood guard Kristen Barnes hit consecutive triples and the Blazers were in

total command, leading 47-26.

The Blazers, switching defenses throughout the night, held Marian to 10 second-half points.

Marian, which dropped to 4-3 overall, it took much like the losses the Mustangs suffered earlier this season against Flint Northern and Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day.

"We're not as bad as we looked," Mary Lillie-Cicerone said. "But it sure looked bad. The last time I remember them beating us is when they had Tara Overatis (now at Toledo). I guess they had it all bottled up tonight."

Ladywood, which has won six straight since a season-opening loss to Flint Powers, the top-ranked team in Class B, shot a blistering 15 of 24 from the floor in the opening half (62 percent) and 26 of 53 for the game (49 percent).

Marian, which had trouble finishing shots off inside, made 13 of 46 from the field for 28 percent. The Mustangs also committed 23 turnovers.

"Ladywood was very, very ready to play because they hadn't beaten us in a long time," Cicerone said. "They executed

well and shot the ball well. They were intense offensively and defensively."

"We'd break the press, but then we didn't make any puppies (layups). And that gets frustrating for your defense. We made a great play and blow a layup, and then you'd see the defense let down."

Melissa Harakas, a 5-foot-9 junior, had 17 points and four assists. Michelle, a 6-1 junior who brought the ball up court against Marian's press, contributed 13 points, 12 rebounds and four assists.

"We feel Michelle can beat any post player down the court one-on-one situation," Goski said. "And she developed a good left-handed shot midway through last year. She's very confident going up with both hands."

"Melissa is just more offensive minded this year. She's always been a great defensive player, but she's developed a mid-range jump shot and can take a few dribbles and go up with her shot."

All told, nine different players scored. The Blazers also nailed six three-pointers with Barnes and Brianna Watson getting two apiece.

"We had different players step it up off the bench, it was a good team effort," Goski said. "We also did a real good job getting rebounds and giving them only once chance at the basket."

Marian's only scorer in double figures was 5-10 senior Crystal Andrews, one of the few holdovers from last year's state championship team.

"Our goal was to make her take outside shots and not beat us to the basket because she (Andrews) is so quick," Goski said. "We didn't want her to take it into the paint and let her pass off because she's so good at doing it."

The schedule doesn't get any easier for Ladywood, which travels Friday to state-ranked Dearborn Divine Child.

"There are no easy games in our division, so we have to play it one game at a time," Goski said. "Last year we thought we'd be better, but right now we're much more confident."

For Marian, it's "back to the drawing board," according to Cicerone.

"We need a leader to step up and keep us in it mentally," she said. "We don't have that right now."

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pretty well, but they got a hoop right at the end. So instead of 16-12, it's 18-12.

"Then in the second quarter we had a difficult time attacking their zone. We couldn't get any good shots, or any second shots off it. They did good job."

"They rebound the ball well. They're solid at all five positions. They have a big kid inside who's tough to guard."

"It was a hard game for us."

Next up is North Farmington, a game which will be difficult for Canton because it's sandwiched in between the crushing at Pioneer and an upcoming game against Plymouth Salem.

In addition, Samantha McComb always gives the Chiefs fits.

"We're giving up way too many points," Blohm said. "We're not playing offensively. We're not

doing a good job of rebounding right now."

"Those are going to continue to be our main points of emphasis."

Agape 39, Greater Life 17: Canton Agape Christian blanked Pontiac Greater Life Academy in the opening quarter, 7-0, and never let up in posting a lopsided win Monday.

The Wolverines remained unbeaten at 6-0 overall, 2-0 in

the Metro Christian Conference. Their lead grew from 7-0 after one period to 20-9 at the half. It was 29-15 at the end of three quarters.

Amy Henry's 11 points led Agape. Allie Major and Amber Cross added nine points apiece, and Sara Chrenko got six points and nine rebounds.

Stephanie Mitchell scored nine points for Greater Life.

N'ville stops Canton; Salem falls

Times have been kind of hard recently for Plymouth Canton's golf team. On Monday against Northville at Hilltop, the Chiefs failed to do what they did in losing two earlier Western Lakes Activities Association meets — keep it close.

The Mustangs didn't shoot that well, scoring a 209. But Canton was well behind with a 216.

"It was disappointing, that's for sure," said Canton coach Tom Alles after his team had dropped to 2-5.

Earlier this season, Canton lost to Walled Lake Western by a single stroke and to Walled Lake Central in a sixth-golfer tiebreaker.

No such thing was needed against Northville. The Chiefs' best score came from

GOLF

Derek Vermeulen, who shot 41. Jon Johnson and Matt Rosol followed with 42s, Michael Baracy had a 45 and John Merrick shot 46.

Northville was led by Tom Borda, who earned medalist honors with a 37. Dave Olajee and Dean Conway followed with 42s, Kris Betker had a 43 and Bill Montgomery shot a 45.

Canton hosts Westland John Glenn on 3 p.m. Friday at Hilltop.

Salem tumbles
Plymouth Salem had the lowest score. But Farmington had the better balance.

And balance won this battle as the Falcons defeated Salem 201-204 Tuesday at San Marino.

The win evened the Rocks' record at 3-3. Farmington is 14-4 overall.

Mark Doughty captured medalist honors for Salem, firing a 38. Next best for the Rocks was Ryan Nimmerguth at 40, followed by Jay Smith at 41, Mike Thackberry at 42, James McCaffrey at 43 and Brian Gullen at 45.

The Falcons were led by Bryan Proven's 39. Joe Kremer, Ian Pardonnet and Brad Barone each shot 40s, Sam Kremer shot 42 and Keith Hay had a 43.

The Rocks travel to the Walled Lake Western course for a 3 p.m. meet Friday.

Twisters sink Black Swamp Patriots, 20-0

The Wayne County Twisters got two touchdowns throwing and one rushing from Rob Elswick, and their defense did the rest as they blanked the Black Swamp Patriots 20-0 Saturday at Academy of Detroit HS.

The win pushed the Twisters' record to 6-2, guaranteeing them a spot in the Lakeshore Football League playoffs next month.

Two first-half touchdowns gave the Twisters a 14-0 lead at the half. A 4-yard Elswick to Jerome Drake, and the first of two extra-point placements by Chuck Pettipas (from Livonia), resulted in the Twisters' first points.

Then with two minutes left in the half, Deon Perry intercepted a pass near midfield and returned it to the Patriots' 38-yard line. Two plays later, Elswick tossed a 35-yard scoring pass to Derrick Jordan to make it 14-0.

Elswick got the final score, capping a nine-play drive with a 1-yard sneak in the fourth quarter.

Perry was one of several defensive standouts, collecting four tackles, two sacks and an interception. Mark Wetmore (Garden City) made his first start at free safety and had six tackles to lead the Twisters. Mark Bennetts (Westland) had five and Bob Pensari (Canton), Ron Andrews, Nick Bellovary (Garden City) and James Chapman (Plymouth) added four tackles apiece.

Defensively, the Twisters limited the Pats to 145 total yards. Phil Graca (Westland), Damien Howard, Bob Hagelthorn (Westland), Ken Szmanski (Wayne) and Chuck Sikora opened up holes for a

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bevy of Twister running backs.

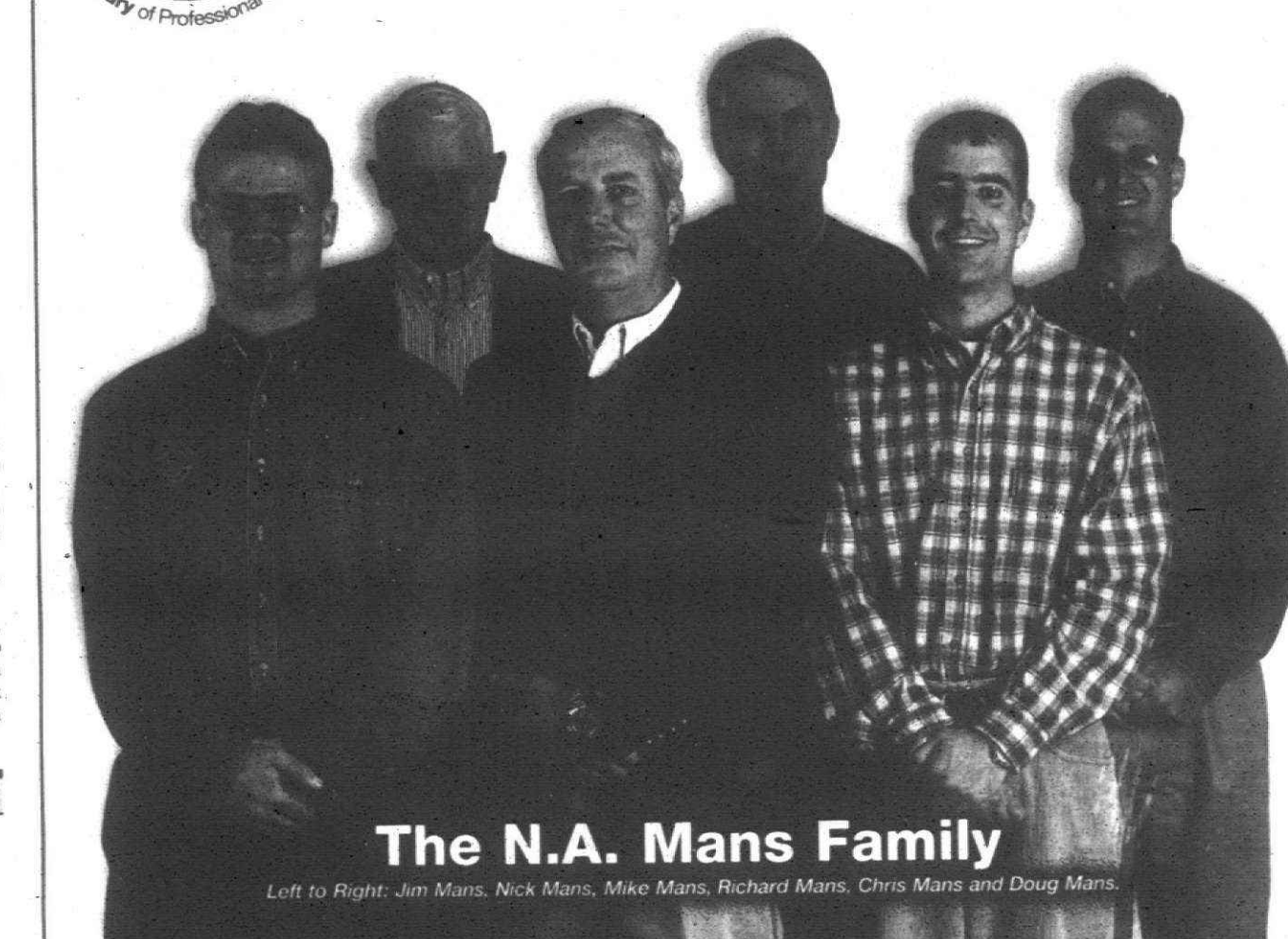
Randy Manigault led the way with 52 yards rushing; Lamar Spaulding (Westland) had 40 and Elswick had 39.

The Twisters travel to play the

Fremont Stallions Saturday. They return to the Academy of Detroit (formerly Inkster Cherry Hill HS) to take on the Motor City Cougars at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 2.



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An educated SWPF, 50, who likes cultural events, listening to music, and reading, is seeking an intelligent, mature SWPM for a possible relationship. Ad# 1998

MEET YOU HALFWAY
She's an outgoing, attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", medium build, blonde hair, brown eyes, who enjoys music, dancing, long walks, and the theater. Her heart is open to share happiness and camaraderie with a thoughtful, considerate SWM. Ad# 5614

IST FATE?
This friendly SWF, 52, 5'3", who enjoys dining out, concerts and quiet nights at home, is seeking a SWM, 46-57, who has a good sense of humor. Ad# 2345

REBUILDING HER LIFE
Catholic DWF, 45, 5'2", 118lbs., with dark brown curly hair, a N/S, is looking for the right person, a considerate, respectful Catholic SWM, 40-50, who enjoys his faith and family. She enjoys bowling, movies and a lot of friends. Ad# 5642

CIRCLE THIS AD
Employed, family-oriented SWF, 26, who likes long walks, outdoor activities, movies and is seeking a SWM for a long-term relationship. Ad# 2218

CIRCLE THIS
Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", is seeking an honest, marriage-minded SWM, 30-38, who enjoys golf, fishing and dining out. Ad# 4528

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS
Pretty DWF mom, 44, 5'4", 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, is seeking happiness with an easy-going, family-oriented DWM, under 54. She enjoys swimming, movies, bowling, and reading. Ad# 4108

BORN-AGAIN
This vibrant DWF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM. Ad# 5612

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
Attractive, personable Catholic SWF, 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM, 33-44, who enjoys tennis, sporting events, reading and horseback riding. Ad# 6684

A RARE FIND
Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad# 8317

VIVACIOUS
Active, energetic DBCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBCM, 56-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad# 1103

TO THE POINT
SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad# 2220

LOVES THE LORD
Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad# 1956

A RARE FIND
Sincere, compassionate SWF, 58, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, Bible studies, traveling, movies, long walks, and more, is looking for a caring, compassionate SWM, 54-62. Ad# 7141

LIFE GOES ON
This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2652

HERE SHE IS...
This caring DWF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62. Ad# 1665

DEDICATED
She's a never-married SWF, 33, 5'9", N/S, non-drinker, who is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 34. Ad# 1980

IS IT YOU?
This friendly SWF, 39, 5'8", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SWM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. Ad# 4581

WORKS & PLAYS HARD
Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SWM, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad# 8888

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SOUND LIKE YOU?
Catholic DWF, 59, 5'6", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, would love to meet an honest, humorous SWCM, 58-67, a N/S, who's interested in friendship and companionship. She enjoys traveling, movies, dancing, reading and more. Ad# 3131

LET'S TALK
Settle down with this SWPCF, 47, 5'2", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys cooking, travel and church activities. She's seeking a nice, Born-Again SWCM, 45-55, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3333

HONESTY COUNTS
SWC mom of one, 25, 5'9", enjoys the outdoors, drama movies and quiet times at home. She seeks an honest, compassionate SWCM, 27-34, without children at home. Ad# 8498

POSITIVE VIBES HERE
Leave a message for this personable DWF, 50, 5'4", who enjoys rollerblading, bicycling and keeping active. She wants to meet an outgoing SWCM, over 47, for friendship first. Ad# 1199

SHARE MY FAITH
This churchoing SWCF, 57, 5'7", wants to meet a tall, caring, sincere SWCM, 57-69, who enjoys hiking and the outdoors. Ad# 7575

THE BEST THERE IS
Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad# 6354

FAMILY & FRIENDS
Catholic DWF, 34, 5'2", with brown hair and blue eyes, loves nature, water activities, biking, sports, concerts and more. She's ISO a Catholic SWM, 30-45, N/S, without children at home. Ad# 6440

STILL SEARCHING
Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SWCM, 60-69, race unimportant. Ad# 4444

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

SIMPLY PUT
Romantic SWF, 60, 5'2", 118lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a trustworthy SWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Ad# 5555

IS IT FATE?
Say hello to this personable SWCF, 38, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, jazz, movies and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible, handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad# 9455

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
Versatile, active and outgoing, she's an attractive SWP mom, 34, 5'8", a blue-eyed blonde, interested in meeting a handsome SWPM, 28-42, with a strong sense of home and family. Ad# 1212

SO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD
This SWF, 21, 5'7", would like to spend time with a fun-loving SWM, 21-30, who likes children and sports. Ad# 1098

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE
Fun-loving DWF, 47, 5'5", who enjoys sports, the outdoors and gardening, is seeking a sincere, dependable SWCM, 43-51, for companionship. Ad# 4488

LET'S CUDDELE
Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2", 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic, Italian SWM, 51-61. Ad# 1992

COMPANIONSHIP
Outgoing, honest and fun-loving, describes this Catholic DWF, 50, 5'9", looking for friendship with a Catholic SWM, 45-55. Ad# 4536

FRESH START
Hardworking, Catholic DWF, 48, 5'3", who enjoys walking, movies and going to church, is looking for a compatible, caring, Catholic WWWW, 48-52, without children at home, for friendship first. Ad# 3907

NEW TO THE AREA
Sweet DWCF, 27, 5'9", is seeking an honest, caring SWCM, 48 or under, who is interested in a long-term relationship. Ad# 1531

LOVE'S IN THE AIR
Sensitive, caring DWF, 52, 5'5", with auburn hair and green eyes, whose interests include travel, cooking, movies, nature walks and dining out, is hoping to meet a SWM, 51-58. Ad# 1203

IRRESISTIBLE
Kind DWF, 45, 5'6", who enjoys music, movies, reading and going to the theater, is looking for a DBM, 35-45. Ad# 2468

UNTIL NOW
Friendly, down-to-earth SWF, 47, 5'2", who enjoys the outdoors, reading, bowling, baseball, long walks, dining out and romantic evenings, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 30-50. Ad# 2828

CHILD OF GOD
Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 49, 5'4", who resides in the Redford area, enjoys sewing, antiques and movies. She's seeking a secure, independent DWCM, under 56, for friendship first. Ad# 5321

VALUES HUMOR
Catholic DWF, 57, 5'3", 125lbs., with long blonde hair, who enjoys crafts, dining out and reading, is ISO a humorous, Catholic SWM, 50-60. Ad# 2041

WALKS WITH THE LORD
Get to know this vibrant, classy DWCF, 47, 5'8", who enjoys sports, hiking and more, is seeking a sincere, Catholic SWF, 39-49. Ad# 2251

MAKE THE CONNECTION
Looking for a long-term relationship? Make it happen with this DWF, 33, 5'5", because she is searching for a Born-Again SWCM, 51-61. Ad# 8565

GOD IS FIRST
Devoted SBC mom, 25, 5'9", who enjoys romantic dinners, movies, dancing and singing, wants to meet a family-oriented SBCM, 25-36. Ad# 6623

GREAT TIMES AHEAD
She's an outgoing and friendly DWF mom, 42, 5'3", who's looking to share life and great times with a SWCM, 37-48. Her interests include the outdoors, traveling, Bible study and hopes that you do too. Ad# 1122

LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Self-employed SWF, 33, who enjoys walking her dog, the outdoors and more, is looking for an educated, hardworking SWM. Ad# 4734

IF YOU'RE A POLISHED...
Gentleman, call this humorous, Catholic DWPF, 63, 5'8", N/S. She's seeking a Catholic SWM, 55-66, a good conversationalist, who enjoys travel, fine dining, shopping and more. Ad# 5454

START AS FRIENDS
Catholic SW mom, 40, 5'8", a brunette, who enjoys the outdoors, hiking, bowling, baseball, long walks, dining out and romantic evenings, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 30-50. Ad# 2828

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DOWN-TO-EARTH
He's a friendly DW dad, 46, 6', 140lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who is seeking a SWF, 35-47, to enjoy bowling, golfing, and much more together. Ad# 6569

WANT TO HEAR MORE? CALL
Friendly, laid-back SWCM, 27, 5'8", who likes beach walks, movies and having fun, seeks a SWCF, 18-35, without children at home. Ad# 4523

JUST YOU AND I
Athletic SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys jogging, biking, and playing golf. He is seeking a SWCF, special, goal-oriented, compassionate, slender SWF, for a long-term monogamous relationship leading to marriage. Ad# 2739

A REAL TRUE HEART
This friendly SW dad, 35, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, horseback riding and swimming, is looking for a SWF, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor. Ad# 1514

HEAVEN SENT
Delightful, handsome Catholic DWP dad of one, 38, 6'4", 215lbs., who enjoys boating, family activities, baseball, music, movies and travel, is seeking a similar Catholic SWF, 30-42, lightweight proportionate. Ad# 4324

HIGH MORAL STANDARDS
Athletic, Catholic SWM, 24, 6'3", 250lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who plays a variety of sports and coaches Little League, is seeking a romantic, Catholic SWF, 21-30, who likes movies, quiet evenings, dining out and more. Ad# 5150

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED
Outgoing, friendly, caring, honest DWCM, 59, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, is ISO a slender-to-medium-built SWCF, 55-65, to get to know. Ad# 6211

ONLY THE BEST
Educated WWWW, 49, 5'11", 155lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys boating, fishing, movies, fine dining and trying new things, is ISO an attractive, affectionate SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 9876

HONESTY COUNTS
Shy SWM, 42, 6', who enjoys sports, the theater, spending time with family and friends, seeks a slender, romantic SWF, 30-45, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4123

FAITH & DEVOTION
Pleasant, never-married SWPCF, 42, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fine dining, concerts, movies, sports and walking, is interested in meeting a compatible SWCF, under 37. N/S. Ad# 1111

IT'S FATE
Never-married SWPM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs., is looking for a fit, petite SWM mom, 28-44, for a romantic, graceful, long-term relationship. Ad# 4251

LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT
Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys sports and family activities, is seeking a sincere, Catholic SWF, under 45, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 2942

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Charming SWCM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys outdoor activities, the theater and dining out, is seeking a fun-loving SWF, for a LTR. Ad# 1414

HE COULD BE THE ONE
Catholic DWM, 41, 5'8", of Italian descent, who enjoys skiing and boating, wishes to meet a Catholic SWF, under 41, without children at home. Ad# 2015

LET'S MEET SOON
Sincere SWM, 33, 5'8", seeks an affectionate, attractive SWF, under 35, who enjoys dining out, movies and fun. Ad# 9865

PATIENTLY WAITING
He is a humorous Catholic SWPM, 36, 5'10", who's waiting to hear from a SWCF, 24-35. He enjoys the outdoors, working out and spending time with family activities. Ad# 7000

HOPES & DREAMS
Never-married Catholic SWM, 25, 6'2", 240lbs., with brown hair, who enjoys playing pool, traveling and quiet times at home, is searching for a Catholic SWF, under 32. Ad# 2222

GET IN STEP
If a meaningful relationship is what you're looking for, be sure to call this athletic SWM, 35, who enjoys sports and outdoor activities. His choice will be an outgoing, sensitive SWF, 25-45. Ad# 4163

ONE OF A KIND
Down to earth, custodial SW dad, 40, 5'9", brown hair/hazel eyes, enjoys everything, loves barbecues, candlelight dinners, cedar point and camping, seeks LTR, with sincere, caring, loving, slender SWF, 30-42, with or without kids. West Bloomfield area. Ad# 5858

Hawks must forfeit pair of grid wins

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Farmington Harrison has been a perennial participant in the high school football playoffs, but the Hawks might be spectators this year.

The two-time defending state champion's post-season aspirations were dealt a blow when it learned it would have to forfeit two victories for using an ineligible player.

The Hawks, who had won their last three games after losing the season opener to Oxford, are 1-3 instead of 3-1.

The ineligible player, whom Harrison coach John Herrington described as a fourth-string fullback, played the last play of a 35-12 victory over Walled Lake Central and the final six plays of a 56-6 rout of Livonia Churchill the next week.

The player was deemed ineligible, because he hadn't earned enough credits during the second semester of last school year.

Students take six hours of classes and are required to pass four to be eligible. His transcript indicated two failures, and it was assumed he had failed two one-hour classes, according to Herrington.

A secretary in the Harrison office was reviewing transcripts last week and discovered one of the failing grades was in a two-hour class, meaning the player in question had received only three hours of credit instead of four.

Herrington said he was "sick to my stomach" when he learned about the forfeitures. Nothing like this has happened in his 37 years of coaching football in Farmington — the last 30 as the only head coach in Harrison history, he added.

"My thought was 'What is it going to do to the seniors,' because I know there's no gray area with the state," Herrington said. "It's black and white. If you play an ineligible player, you forfeit."

Herrington said he informed his players of the situation before practice Monday.

"They were stunned and very, very upset," he said, "but kids bounce back great. I told them it's going to hurt for a while, but we have to put it behind us and move on."

"We had a very good practice. They made the coaches feel a lot better by going out and practicing hard. (The coaches) couldn't feel any lower, because we feel we let them down."

"The bottom line is it's my responsibility to make sure everyone is eligible, and I didn't follow up on it. I had not personally checked the list."

Aside from the death of Shawn Mayberry two years ago, Herrington said he hasn't had a lower moment in his coaching career.

"Obviously, that was worse, when you lose a young man," Herrington said. "But this is more devastating than any loss we had, because the kids didn't lose it on the field. They didn't have anything to do with it."

Under a new playoff format instituted this year, every team with a 6-3 record will qualify, but that means the Hawks must win all five of their remaining games.

Harrison must win Oct. 1 at undefeated Walled Lake Western to share the Western Division title and will have to beat the Lakes Division champion for the Western Lakes Activities Association crown Oct. 16.

"We thought, after the Northville game, we had a good chance," Herrington said. "Obviously, with two losses in games that were victories, it's going to hurt a lot."

"We'll all pull together and do the best we can. (Plymouth) Canton is a tough team, and Country Day is a tough team down the road. It's going to be tough."

Like the old cliché, the Hawks will play them one at a time, he added.

"We have improved dramatically since the first game, and I think the kids will bounce back from this and play very well," Herrington said.

"We were just saying 'That's the way life goes. Sometimes you have ups, and sometimes you have downs. We have to try to fight back from this one.'"

"We wouldn't host a game, but we wouldn't care," Herrington said.

Since the playoffs began in 1975, the Hawks have qualified 17 times, played in a record 12 championship games, won nine state titles and compiled a 47-8 record.

Detroit DePores has won 10 state titles under two coaches. That means Herrington has the most of any coach in playoff history.

Eagles defeat Warriors

ROUNDUP

Lutheran Westland had 197 yards total offense. East had 17 first downs to the Warriors' eight.

Nose guard Kevin Packard led the Warriors defensively with 10 tackles, while Andrew McLaughlin and Josh Moldenhauer added nine apiece. Jonathan Burke recovered an East fumble.

East recovered a pooch kick against the Warriors.

Moldenhauer and Kasten teamed up again for a 28-yard scoring pass in the final quarter.

Harper Woods Lutheran East racked up 444 yards in total offense Saturday to beat Metro Conference foe Lutheran High Westland, 38-12 (0-4, 0-3).

Stephen Lewis rushed for 179 yards, while Andrew McLaughlin added 169 including TD runs of 16, 39 and 18 yards.

Lutheran Westland lost quarterback Charlie Hoeft to a knee injury late in the first half. Hoeft, who appears to have a slight tear to his anterior cruciate ligament, may be lost for the season.

Andy Moldenhauer, who replaced Hoeft, threw a 50-yard scoring pass to Luke Kasten in the second quarter as the Warriors trailed 19-6 at halftime.

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200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(state cut: 1:56.79)

Farmington Hills Mercy 1:52.59
Livonia Stevenson 1:52.82
Plymouth Salem 1:59.85
Wayne Memorial 2:05.45
Plymouth Canton 2:06.25

200-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cut: 2:01.09)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:54.27
Rebecca Hallin (Mercy) 1:59.40
Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 2:00.08
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 2:00.15
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 2:02.01
Sarah Rogers (Salem) 2:03.10
Lauren Yagiele (Mercy) 2:06.60
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 2:07.75
Christina Mocer (Ladywood) 2:11.88
Laura Uridge (Harrison) 2:14.33

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cut: 2:17.49)

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:11.23
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 2:14.45
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:14.51
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:14.99
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 2:15.06
Jackie Barrowcliff (Mercy) 2:21.75
Erin Downs (Mercy) 2:21.77
Katie Matous (Mercy) 2:22.63
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 2:22.76
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 2:24.80

50-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cut: 25.39)

Erin Downs (Mercy) 25.51

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 25.62
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 25.65
Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 25.65
Emily Howard (Mercy) 26.38
Monica Gloski (Salem) 26.39
Amy Smith (Franklin) 26.43
Lindsay Robie (Mercy) 26.72
Rebecca Runyan (Mercy) 26.96
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 26.98

DIVING

Katy Ballantine (Stevenson) 247.73
Kristy Blazo (Churchill) 194.10
Erin Lizura (Redford Union) 193.90
Michelle Cain (Stevenson) 185.10
Danielle Darling (Mercy) 179.60
Amber Lysakowski (Canton) 176.40
Allison Bentley (Ladywood) 166.54
Katherine Leik (Harrison) 139.90
Amanda Darlin (Mercy) 129.70
Becky Butler (Mercy) 103.30

100-YARD BUTTERFLY

(state cut: 1:02.29)

Erin Downs (Mercy) 1:00.41
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:00.48
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:02.19
Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 1:03.31
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:04.34
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 1:04.65
Annabelle Alberts (Mercy) 1:05.24
Katie Matous (Mercy) 1:05.47
Kaelah Gould (Mercy) 1:05.97
Lauren Yagiele (Mercy) 1:05.97

100-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cut: 56.69)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 54.41
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 54.63
Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 55.50
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 56.60
Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 56.84
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 57.35
Katie Matous (Mercy) 57.84
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 58.39
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 59.37
Emily Howard (Mercy) 1:00.82

500-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cut: 5:25.39)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 5:04.20
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 5:19.53
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 5:21.24
Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 5:23.34
Lauren Yagiele (Mercy) 5:36.42
Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 5:36.62
Jackie Barrowcliff (Mercy) 5:37.13
Jenny Crabb (Salem) 5:44.85
Christina Mocer (Ladywood) 5:49.50
Moira Cronin (Mercy) 5:50.56

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 1:43.99)

Farmington Hills Mercy 1:43.34
Livonia Stevenson 1:47.75
Plymouth Salem 1:48.05
Farmington Harrison 1:50.67
Wayne Memorial 1:52.89

100-YARD BACKSTROKE

(state cut: 1:02.79)

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.67
Lindsay Dolin (Stevenson) 1:01.81
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:02.10

Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:02.31
Kari Foust (Salem) 1:03.18
Kaelah Gould (Mercy) 1:06.21
Erin Downs (Mercy) 1:06.28
Stephanie Cummings (Stevenson) 1:06.33
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 1:07.62
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 1:08.12

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE

(state cut: 1:11.29)

Lindsay Fellers (Harrison) 1:08.45
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 1:10.66
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 1:11.25
Lindsay Robie (Mercy) 1:14.06
Erin Rogala (Canton) 1:15.49
Annabelle Alberts (Mercy) 1:16.75
Annette Merchant (Mercy) 1:17.49
Michelle Kelly (Mercy) 1:17.79
Jenny Barrowcliff (Mercy) 1:19.78

Heather Dobrowski (Wayne) 1:19.82

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 3:49.99)

Farmington Hills Mercy 3:38.73
Livonia Stevenson 3:48.02
Plymouth Salem 3:57.23
Farmington Harrison 4:02.12
Plymouth Canton 4:11.88

Whalers outlook *from page C1*

"I think our defense is solid." Fitzgerald and Smith should give the Whalers some veteran leadership. Fitzgerald had 15 goals and 34 assists (59 points) last season, while Smith contributed 13 goals and 13 assists (26 points).

Fisher will be solid at the blue line on the power play; he had nine goals and 40 assists last season. And there are other seasoned defensemen in Kevin Holdridge (from Novi) and Jared Newnam.

Two players taken in the European draft, both Czechs, should help in both areas: Tomas Kurka, a left wing, and Libor Ustrunul, a defenseman.

"Although 'both look real good,' DeBoer is approaching their capabilities — and how much they'll contribute this season — cautiously.

"We try to get them over here early because it usually takes them a year to adjust," he explained.

That's a luxury this year's team may not be able to afford.

Among the other players back who were with the Whalers last season are Surma (17 goals, 32 points), LaLonde (14 goals, 20 points), Kris Vernarsky (three goals, 17 points) and, in goal, Zepp (19-3-4 record, 2.74 goals-against average, three shutouts).

"We're going to play a little bit different type of game this season," said DeBoer. "We're going to change to a more defensive style of play."

Everyone says defense wins championships — so can the Whalers win playing that way?

"I don't know if we'll be in a position to make a run at the title," DeBoer answered. "We'll have 10 rookies in the lineup — we're just going to put them out there and see what happens."

"But I think this team may be a year away."

It didn't take DeBoer long to pick a favorite in the OHL. In the Western Conference, it's the Sault Ste Marie Greyhounds and the Erie Otters.

The favorite to win the OHL, however, comes from the East:

the Belleville Bulls, league play-off champs last year with every-one back.

A couple of factors could help put the Whalers in that company. Gooldy's return would be one; another would be the possible (although not likely) return of Legwand, the NHL's second pick overall in the 1998 draft.

Legwand is currently playing with the NHL's Nashville Predators. However, if he does not make the team, he would have to return to the Junior hockey ranks because of his age.

DeBoer isn't counting on any such thing happening. But it would be welcome if it did.

NOTES: The Whalers closed their exhibition season last Saturday with a 3-1 loss to the Erie Otters at Compuware Arena. Tomas Kurka scored the only Whaler goal, late in the third period; Stephen Morris and Shaun Fisher assisted.

Aaron Molnar was in goal for the Plymouth team; he made 18 stops.



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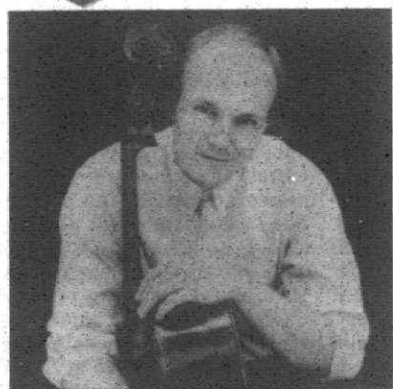
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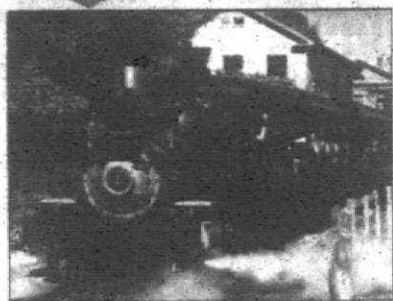
James Brown, the Godfather of Soul, rolls into town 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. He's touring in support of his latest album, "Love Over Due," the first studio album Brown has released in more than three years. Tickets \$27.50 and \$35, call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

SATURDAY



Cellist Truls Mork joins the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, led by Neeme Jarvi, 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mork will perform Martin's Concerto for Cello. Tickets \$14 to \$50, call (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



All aboard for Railroad Days at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Take a trip on an 1890-1910 handcar, visit a hobo camp, and take a sneak peak at a scale model of the Marshall Roadhouse, created by the South Oakland County Model Railroad Club. Greenfield Village is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 senior citizens age 62 and over, \$7.50 for kids ages 5-12. Children under 5 and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

TICKET



Hot Tix: Jacqueline M. Gnott is one of the artists participating in Art in the Park, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, in downtown Birmingham's Shain Park. This year's event features 70 artists, food vendors, and an expanded family activities center. Call (248) 456-8150 for more information.

Bay Harbor

THE NEW UP NORTH

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Bay Harbor — where "time was" meets a reinvented 21st-century downtown. In the new Bay Harbor, you can step back and ponder Lake Michigan lore, yet take a leap to 21st-century entertainment. This is Michigan's new Up North.

Just five years ago, Bay Harbor was a bleak scene along U.S. Highway 31 between Charlevoix and Petoskey. Views of Little Traverse Bay were blighted by an abandoned cement factory and spent quarry.

Southfield-based Victor International Corp.'s CEO David Johnson teamed with CMS Energy CEO Bill McCormick to form Bay Harbor Company L.L.C. and acquired the property. Their development work has become the new Bay Harbor, the largest land-reclamation project in the United States with 1,200 acres and five miles of contiguous shoreline.

Amazingly, no market research was done for the Bay Harbor project. But mixed-use developments have been built in Florida, Arizona and California with success as high-rise and high-density communities with amenities.

Johnson and McCormick had a different idea based on dedication to quality, reduction in density, ecological harmony with the land, open-space planning, amenities for lifestyle and new-age entertainment.

From mere concept in mid-December 1997 until opening on July 4, internationally renowned JPRA Architects of Farmington Hills took the project from design to completion in just 14 months. JPRA's director of design Ron Rea,

project designer Roman Bonislowski and project architect Mark VanWerder reinvented downtown Bay Harbor.

"Exterior design represents a century of Lake Michigan history from early fishing villages to Hemingway memories," Rea said. "The interior is new history, hip and ahead of the curve."

In designing downtown Bay Harbor, Rea and his team stepped back into the 19th century when merchant sailing vessels ruled the Great Lakes and imagined what life was like in port towns. They connected that with modern day vibrant energy in existing buildings and those to come.

"Entering the new millennium, we're on the verge of many attitude



Marina: (Above) Bay Harbor marina and surrounding village. (Below) Main Street in Bay Harbor's new downtown.

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changes defining entertainment," Johnson said. "Entertainment is life and lifestyle. The most valuable quantity to anyone is time. Many people believe they've worked 20 years or more and missed life, so they want to live where they have extensive choices on how they are going to spend leisure time."

"We've created Bay Harbor as a place to live and be entertained year-round. It's resort living. It's Michigan's Vail."

The No. 1 element is being here and spending time here, whether you're a resident or visitor. Therefore the infrastructure has fiber-optic cable, which allows people to be away from their business but be on their

cell phone on a 60-foot boat, in a peninsula home or the Marina District.

"They can conduct business here in a more-relaxed atmosphere and nobody knows whether they're in their board room or in a bar at Latitude restaurant (see dining feature on Page E8) or out walking the docks. That's the first kind of entertainment we provide — a lifestyle advantage in a particular place."

"Our goal is to take northern

Color tour: The first 10 days of October promise the best color touring. First make a color detour through the Bay Harbor Marina District. Then drive from Bay Harbor, connect with Michigan highway 119 and drive the 20 miles linking Harbor Springs with Cross Village in Emmet County, alternately winding through a tunnel of trees, ablaze with color, and past breathtaking panoramas of Lake Michigan.

Hemingway: A short drive east of Bay Harbor on U.S. Highway 31 is Petoskey and the third annual Hemingway Festival all day Saturday, Oct. 16. Although Hemingway's time in Petoskey was relatively brief, the area had a profound impact on him and these reminiscences are reflected in his stories, such as "The Big Two-Heart River" and passages from "A Moveable Feast."

Activities are centered along Hemingway Lane in Pennsylvania Park, downtown. There are fun runs, historic walking and trolley tours, special story-telling tours for children, great food and musical

entertainment throughout the day. For more information, call the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, (231) 347-4150.

Halloween Festival: At the Marina District.

Dickens Festival: Saturdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas, carolers, waifs, street entertainers and a brass quartet will represent holidays past in new-age downtown Bay Harbor.

Winter Ice Carving Festival: At the Marina District and cross country skiing and snowmobiling events.

For more information on Bay Harbor property ownership, renting or exact entertainment dates and times, call (231) 439-2000 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily to speak with a representative.

As a point of clarification, Bay Harbor Properties (the focus of this feature) should not be confused with the Inn at Bay Harbor operated by Boyne USA Resorts.

Johnson explained. "Your legs will be tired and you'll be weak. In the future, the Marina District will have virtual-reality entertainment and a world-class spa, which Michigan does not have currently."

Build it and they'll come

If you build it, they will come is an operative at Bay Harbor. The Marina District represents uptown living in a fashionable downtown that has attracted top-of-the-line Michigan-based retailers.

"Entertainment is shopping and.

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MUSIC

WHAT: The Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents concert pianist Jon Kimura Parker
WHEN: 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit
TICKETS: \$18 to \$40, student tickets \$15, call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (248) 737-9980.

Season schedule:

- Tokyo String Quartet — 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 at Orchestra Hall
- Orpheus Chamber Orchestra — 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, Seligman Family Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School
- Joshua Bell — 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, Seligman Family Performing Arts Center
- Borromeo String Quartet with James Dunham — 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Seligman Family Performing Arts Center
- Takacs Quartet — 8 p.m. Saturday, March 25, Seligman Family Performing Arts Center
- Jessye Norman, soprano, fund-raising concert to benefit the Chamber Music Society of Detroit — 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, Detroit Opera House
- Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio — 8 p.m. Sunday, May 21, Orchestra Hall

Chamber Music Society of Detroit opens season Sunday

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit begins its 56th season Sunday with a concert featuring internationally acclaimed concert pianist Jon Kimura Parker at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

Parker was featured by the Chamber Music Society of Detroit in its 1995-1996 series. Called "Conversations from the Stage," his unique conversational approach to the piano recital was so well received that the same format will be used again in his Sunday performance.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Jon Kimura Parker back to the Chamber Music Society of Detroit for our opening night," said Lois R. Beznos, president of the Farmington Hills-based organization.

His concert will include Sonata in A Major, K. 331, by Mozart, Sonata No. 23



Jon Kimura Parker

he performed the Samuel Barber Piano Concerto, Op. 38 with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Parker was born, raised and educated in Vancouver, British Columbia. He has given two command performances for Queen Elizabeth II.

In the past season, he has performed at Carnegie Hall, Chicago's Orchestra

in F minor, Op. 57, "Appassionata" by Beethoven. Three Preludes by George Gershwin, and Scherzo No. 3 in C-sharp minor, Op. 39 by Chopin.

Hall, London's Queen Elizabeth Hall and the Sydney Opera House.

A highlight of this year's Chamber Music Society season is an April 29 benefit concert at the Detroit Opera House featuring soprano Jessye Norman.

The concert will benefit the Chamber Music Society. An afterglow following the concert at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History will raise money for the museum and serve as the official opening of a new exhibit, "African Energies." The exhibit will offer an artistic perspective on the ways in which African cultures use the energetic forces of nature to define their spiritual and cultural identity.

"As we announce our 56th season, we

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to many people, that's their real sport in life," Johnson adds.

And what Main Street doesn't have a shoe store? Bay Harbor has Robert Frost Footwear specializing in Cole-Haan, Sebago and Mephisto for men and women. Frost has operated the shoe department in Ann Arbor's Vito Boven mannequin for many years. He and his wife, Sharon, sold their home in Chelsea to be

pioneers in the new Bay Harbor. "For impact, this is the best venue," Frost said. "As the retail end gets fully established, Bay Harbor will be a fine shopping draw. I was attracted by the fact that there will not be any national chains."

To get visitors and residents jump-started in the morning, it's an easy walk to Central Cafe and Creamery on Main Street

for a cup of Starbucks's Yukon blend. The best breakfast with a view is served at The Original Pancake House. For lunch or portable food anytime, it's Galley Gourmet (see dining story on Page 8E).

In addition to a world-class yacht club with every amenity imaginable, a championship 27-hole golf course — ranked eighth in the country by Golf Week

magazine and several holes reminiscent of Pebble Beach — there's a world-class Equestrian Club. It attracts the likes of professional horse trainer Buck Brannaman, depicted in the film "The Horse Whisperer," conducting clinics. Johnson boards school horses so riding lessons can be given to those who don't own horses.

The Equestrian Club was built with heated indoor arena for the winter.

"If we're selling lifestyle entertainment, we have to have it year-round," Johnson said. "We also had to build it so people can watch." There's an observation gallery and, on the second floor, a copper-lined bar, lounge and pool table.

With 2,000 residents (not

counting renters) and 400-plus condos and new homes with historic architecture occupied, Johnson is building lifestyles for 21st-century entertainment.

There's been so much demand for a millennium New Year's Eve party that it will be held in the equestrian center, which seats 400.

By ROBERT WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

Talented cast takes audience 'Back to Bacharach & David'

The Village Players of Birmingham will present "Back to Bacharach & David" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24-26, and Oct. 1-2, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut (on the east side of Woodward, two blocks south of Maple). Tickets \$14, discount for students 18 and under. Season tickets available. Call (248) 644-2075.

By ROBERT WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

The Village Players production of "Back to Bacharach and David" is a likable and spirited musical revue. First presented on Broadway in 1994, it celebrates the careers of Burt Bacharach and Hal David. The distinctive, romantic music of Bacharach and the telling lyrics

of David defined easy listening, pop music of the '60s and '70s.

This prolific songwriting team also scored hits on stage ("Promises, Promises") and in many films. Who can forget "Raindrops" from "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" or "The Look of Love" from "Casino Royale." These and many other favorites are performed splendidly in a cabaret style setting by Carollee Castle of Birmingham, Holly Helsten of Troy, Mark Maccagnone of Lathrup Village and Patty Ward of Birmingham.

They not only sing well, but demonstrate a feel for the tunes much in the manner of Dionne Warwick, who made a career of interpreting Bacharach and David. The four singers be it as

singles, duet, trio or harmonious quartet never miss a beat, which is not always an easy task with Bacharach's arrangements and David's lyrics.

Carollee Castle phrasing was especially good on ballads such as "Don't Make Me Over." She and the ensemble scored on a number of up-tempo tunes such as a swinging version of "Do You Know The Way To San Jose?" Patty Ward showed her vocal dexterity on a variety of songs ranging from "I'll Never Fall In Love Again" to "This Guy's In Love With You."

Mark Maccagnone did a wonderful introspective rendition of "Alfie" and was impressive in several medleys. Holly Helsten sings with energy and an understanding of the contours of a

song as she belted out tunes like "Walk On By" and "Reach Out For Me."

The trio of musicians (piano, guitar and drums) are not mentioned in the program, but they did a superb job of creating the Bacharach sound. Also missing is listing of the songs performed.

Director Beverly Dickinson and Musical Director John Dickinson have created a marvelous evening of entertainment. Cabarets and clubs featuring song stylists are no longer in vogue, but this talented cast and technical crew recreate a bygone era. This is good stuff. Don't miss it.

Robert Weibel of Westland is a freelance writer who specializes in theater.



On stage: Carollee Castle (left to right), Patricia Ward, Holly Helsten, and Mark Maccagnone star in "Back to Bacharach & David."

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welcome to our audience many people who will want to take advantage of this opportunity to see and hear Ms. Norman in recital," said Bezos.

Construction continues at the Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, on the southwest corner

of Lahser at 13 Mile roads in Beverly Hills. The Chamber Music Society of Detroit will present four concerts during its 1999-2000 season at Detroit Country Day School.

The first concert at this new state-of-the-art auditorium will be a performance by the

Orpheus Chamber Orchestra on Saturday, Nov. 13.

For artistic renderings of the finished auditorium, see the Detroit County Day School Web site: www.deds.edu

Visit the Chamber Music Society online at www.comehearsd.org

Heavenly 'Nunsense' is habit-forming

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents the side splitting comedy "Nunsense" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, through Sunday, Oct. 3 at The Players Guild of Dearborn, on Madison near the southwest corner of Monroe and Outer Drive, in Dearborn. Tickets are \$14, with student and group discounts available. For tickets or more information, call (313) 561-TKTS.

By SUE SUCHTA
SPECIAL WRITER

If you want to laugh, giggle and grin through an entire show, the Players Guild of Dearborn's production of "Nunsense" is for you. Combine a talented cast able to pulled off the one liners at a quick pace, add Debbie Pletzer's creative and imaginative directing, and Ken Pletzer's talented musical direction, and you have a fast moving hit on your hands. The opening night audience thought so, as they leapt to their feet to deliver a well-earned standing ovation.

The entire ensemble of feisty nuns deliver an surging wave of laughter from beginning to end. Even if you've seen the show before you'll see new and cre-

ative touches in the Guild's rendition. The actual storyline is so hokey it works. When most of their order die of food poisoning, the remaining sisters (who were off playing bingo) decide to put on a show to raise money for the remaining burial expenses.

From the moment the nuns stroll up the aisle and begin to enthusiastically greet and involve the audience, you'll be caught up in the enthusiasm and laughter.

Be careful what you volunteer for, though, unless you're comfortable being under a sister's scrutiny! The high energy cast was led by seasoned veteran Diana Reynolds who played the Mother Superior. With a ready wit and a steady gaze that delivered punchlines with aplomb, Reynolds had them rolling in the aisles. Just as funny is second-in-command Sister Mary Hubert, played with spunk and mischief by Sandra Sanburn. Her bickering banter with Reynolds's Mother Superior is lightened by Sister Hubert's acerbic wit, which Sanburn delivers with an impeccable timing and a wink to the audience as she lets them in on the inside

joke. Nicole Elizabeth Nicholson plays the streetwise Sister Mary Robert Ann with a gritty charm.

Young and perky Sister Mary Leo is played with wide-eyed innocence by Cindy Heinz of Garden City, who is probably the only ballerina you'll ever see dance on point in a habit, as she does in "Benedicite" and "Soup's On" (The Dying Nun Ballet).

Megan Meade-Higgins of Southfield caps the crazy cast as the forgetful and loopy Sister Mary Amnesia. She leads the audience in a funny quiz, during which she gives out religious prizes and teases the audience. She does a hysterical piece with a foul mouthed nun's ventriloquist dummy that elicited gales of laughter from the audience. She also delivered a smoky country ballad reminiscent of the late Harry Chapin's style in "I Could've Gone To Nashville."

The set, which the sisters promised their eighth graders they wouldn't touch, was a cheerfully incongruous backdrop for "Grease."

Whether singing like a heavenly choir or tap dancing like a determined chorine, Nunsense is definitely "habit-forming."

Here's a toast to Kid Rock, Eminem and other artists

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

This has been the summer of Kid Rock and Eminem, a pair of Macomb County rappers who have electrified audiences at Woodstock '99, the MTV Music Awards, and concert halls across the country. They have become the

music industry's cover boys, a distinction which usually happens when you have both talent and charisma to offer.

Still, there are many who have nothing positive to say about the hip-hop sounds which they may only hear emanating from the audio system of a passing motorist.

Much of this skepticism is rooted in the belief the success of these artists is a matter of riding the wave of a current music form that appeals to those buying the most recordings — those in their teens and early twenties.

The fact that fame generally proves to be a very fleeting thing also is the impetus for discrediting new artists. I'm telling you now that if you grew up in the 1960s, you may have been swept away by doing the "Freddie" to

the only hit by Freddie and the Dreamers. Being young in the 1970s may have yielded some embarrassing moments on the dance floor while under the spell of K.C. and the Sunshine Band. If you're approaching 30, there may be a Tiffany cassette in your collection, or you're wondering what you were thinking when you wanted in line at Ticketmaster for that heavy metal hair band you just had to see perform live.

Your tastes may change with age, but respect what you discard by replacing it with something different. There will be music that you may not have bothered with before. You may find yourself at the Truffaut Festival at the DIA's Detroit Film Theatre instead of catching a sneak preview of "Boyz n the Tru." The Next Generation." A re-run of "ER" just may prompt you to catch the Theatre Company's production of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" at U of D Mercy.

While fame is often temporary, the performing and visual arts endure. As the 1990s began, who would have predicted that two rap artists from Macomb County would be the hot ticket with their explosive performances and top of the charts albums. We also can't forecast how long the popularity of Kid Rock and

Eminem might last, or even what form of creative expression they might turn to over time.

There is an element of mystery in the arts. You never know what talent might emerge from the Center For Creative Studies, the Detroit Film Makers Coalition, or the increasing number of young artists working in warehouses and other makeshift art districts throughout the Detroit area.

One project I'm particularly excited about is the city-commis-

sioned Millennium Bell, a metal sculpture by artist Chris Turner. It will become a permanent symbol of Detroit's commitment to the arts in the next century.

We'll give an update on the progress in an upcoming column and on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS program, seen 7:30 p.m. Sundays on Channel 56.

But, for now, here's a toast to Kid Rock and Eminem and all artists who have captured our imagination. And here's to all

those whose desire to embrace something keeps the arts a fasci-

nating journey of discovery.



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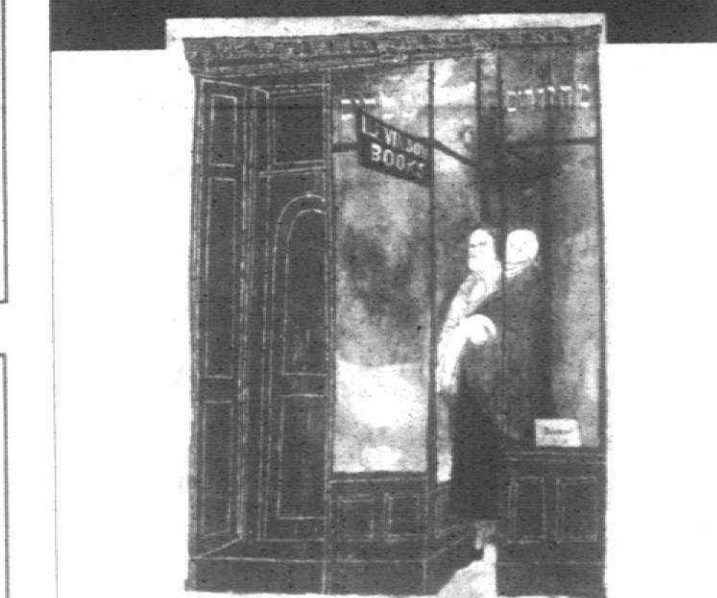
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POETRY

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M.L. Liebler and the Magic Poetry Band and Kevin Dean, open mic, 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., Farmington. No cover. (248) 615-9181

DANCE

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ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM
"Something Old, Something New: Wedding Gowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries," on display 14 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Sept. 25, at the museum on Van Hoesen Road, Rochester Hills. \$3. \$2 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD
Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

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Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 31, at the zoo on Central Avenue on Belle Isle, two miles east of downtown Detroit, entrance is on East Jefferson at East Grand Boulevard, \$3, \$2 seniors age 62 and older and students, \$1 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900/(248) 399-7001

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS
Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 27 (10:10 and 11:40 and 1:15 p.m./Tuesdays a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reservation for an additional \$10, gardens open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. (516) guided garden tour at extra cost by reservation, at Cranbrook, 380 Lane Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM
"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361

"SCREAM MACHINES: The Science of Paper Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Lasera programs at the science center which closed temporarily Sept. 7, opens Oct. 15 with new permanent exhibits "Life Lab," "The kinetic," "Every Rock has a Story," and "Reaching Objects," and a temporary exhibit "Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces that Shape our World," 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (877) 462-7262

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Behind the Scenes program, continues at the Castle in Detroit's historic Berry subdivision built in 1898 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 25 members, 665 nonmembers, and at a luncheon at the Henry Ford Estate Fair Lane noon Thursday, Sept. 30, \$25 members, \$30 nonmembers. (313) 833-4727

MOVIES

Thought-provoking 'Stigmata' worth a look

BY TED ANTHONY
AP NATIONAL WRITER

A safe bet: The Roman Catholic Church will not like "Stigmata." Not by a long shot. That's understandable. The movie questions the very validity of the church's existence. However, this thought-provoking, literary horror film — an odd mix of religious iconography and techno imagery set against the backdrop of post-industrial Pittsburgh — is worth a look, even if you walk away a bit offended by the viscera and blasphemy it depicts.

With echoes of "The Seventh Sign" and a bit of "The Exorcist,"

"Stigmata" follows a beautiful young hairdresser, Frankie Paige, through an extraordinary sequence of events. Through no fault of her own, she is mailed a rosary that belonged to a Brazilian priest (Jack Donner) who died while on the verge of uncovering information that could shake the Vatican to its foundations.

Soon after, Frankie — played by Patricia Arquette as one part ingenue, two parts street-smart — is stricken in her bathtub, in a scene that blends trauma, religion and erotic energy in a truly unsettling way. Rushed to the hospital, Frankie is found to have puncture wounds that go all the way through her wrists — just like Christ's crucifixion. The doctors think she tried to kill herself. Ridiculous, she says. "I love being me. Ask anyone."

After another attack on a subway leaves her with phantom wound marks (and a diagnosis of possible epilepsy), Father Andrew Kiernan, a Vatican paranormal-events investigator who's torn between his science and his faith, is dispatched from Rome to investigate. Father Andrew (Gabriel Byrne, in a muted, deliberate performance) scoffs at first; it can't be stigmata, he tells Frankie, because she's an atheist and stigmata only strikes the

deeply faithful. But soon, after he witnesses more attacks and sees her crawling on walls in Aramaic, the language of Galilee in Jesus' time, he begins to believe. Meanwhile, his superiors back in Rome, slowly realizing the importance of what's happening to Frankie, begin to get involved in various questionable ways. Ultimately, a truth emerges: What's happening to the increasingly scuffed and bleeding Frankie could hold the key to a new way of seeing God — one that could reverberate through Christianity and undermine all that the Vatican espouses. Dangerous, powerful stuff, even for priests confident of their faith in Christ.

"We're all blind in a cave, looking for a candle that was lit 2,000 years ago," Vatican linguist Father Gianni Delmonico (Dick Latessa) tells Father Andrew.

Jonathan Pryce is alternatively enigmatic and menacing as Cardinal Daniel Houseman, the

Vatican higher-up who keeps tightening Father Andrew's leash. Competent but a bit clichéd is Nia Long, as Frankie's supportive friend, Donna, who's trying to figure out what's happening. The talented Portia de Rossi (Nelle from "Ally McBeal") is underused as a beauty-show colleague who favors black eyeliner and multiple piercings. Thomas Copache has a nice small role as Father Durning, a Pittsburgh priest.

An interesting ancillary player is the city itself, constantly under storm clouds, reflecting Frankie's mood and deeds. In "Stigmata," 1990s service-industry Pittsburgh becomes steel mill solid once more — filled with belching steam, dark stone work, wet cement and broken glass, showing off its roots as iconic industrial town. Rain-soaked and dreary, it's never looked more compelling.

Stylistically, "Stigmata" is fascinating. It alternates traditional

camera work and editing techniques with MTV-style cutting and oblique angles. It works well because it's done sparingly and for contrast, not as a gimmick to carry the film. Especially interesting is the decision to vary lighting, contrast and filters within scenes, which adds to the sense of unease.

Though slow at times, "Stigmata" ultimately succeeds in its determination to be interesting and to explore the meaning of Frankie's injuries. And it really gets going at the end.

The real miracle is that anybody believes anything. Father Andrew laments. But despite its standstillishness about the Vatican, "Stigmata" is indeed a film about belief — and about the gray area that lies between religious faith and scientific truth.

"Stigmata," an MGM release, is directed by Rupert Wainwright and lensed by Jeffrey L. Kimball. Waldemar Kalinowski did the production design. It is rated R.

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DINING

Latitude reflects new attitude of Up North dining scene

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
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Since opening the last day of July, with its two story dining rooms overlooking Bay Harbor's new marina, Latitude has been attracting locals and tourists for an unparalleled Up North dining experience.

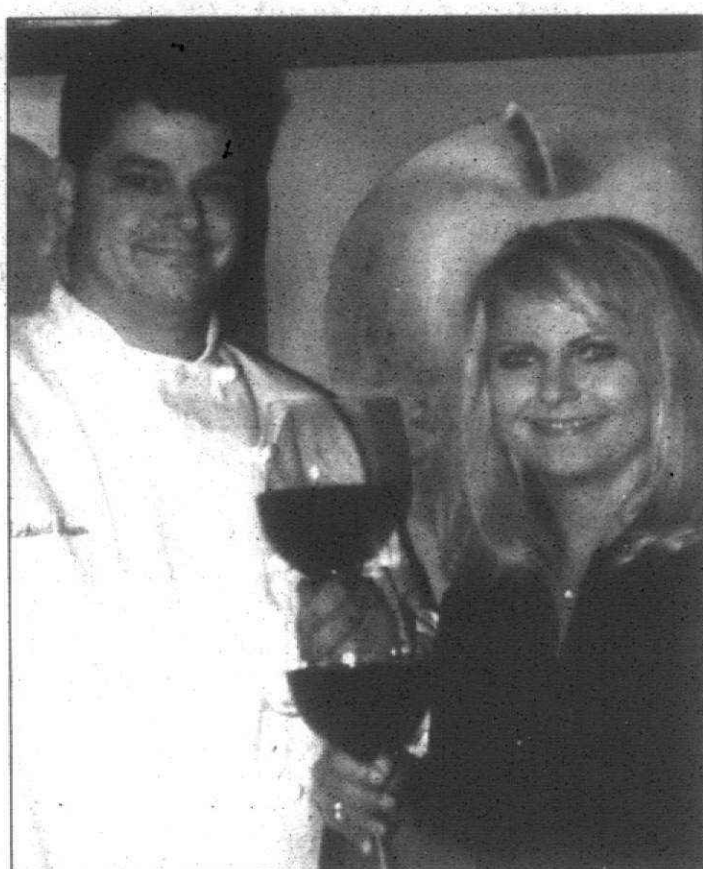
By day, diners view sparkling white yachts in the marina, created along Little Traverse Bay as part of the largest industrial land reclamation project in the U.S. At day's end, vividly-colored sunsets create the scene for evening dining in a high-energy, casual atmosphere.

Bay Harbor's reinvention and goals to be more than a blip on the map between Charlevoix and Petoskey is a perfect fit with Latitude, the newest restaurant in the Epoch Restaurant Group, owners of Too Chez, Novi; Forté, Birmingham; and Tribute, Farmington Hills.

Ron Rea, director of design for the internationally-acclaimed JPRA Architects in Farmington Hills, described his decor ideas as "an homage to water and wonders spanning the seasons." Large window expanses allow diners to view the marina on one side and an open cooking line on the other. A seasonal dining patio with windscreens and field stone fireplace with copper flue chimney, extends use into autumn. A wood-paneled dining room offers a cozy feel in any season.

Latitude's island bar has seating at the bar and at tables in the adjacent lounge dining area. In addition to premium liquors, over 250 wines, many in the high-profile category, have been carefully chosen by Dave Waskiewicz, a transplant from Forté.

"When Dave Johnson (Bay Harbor Properties developer) approached us with the idea of opening a restaurant here, I took a leap of faith," Epoch President and owner Toni Wisne said. "I thought the whole project was a brilliant marketing concept."



Toast: Toni Wisne, president/owner of Epoch Restaurant Group, toasts to a successful first two months of Latitude in Bay Harbor with the restaurant's Executive Chef Richard Travis.

Another appeal was Dave's intent to have Michigan-based restaurants and retailers in the development — no national chains. We're proud to be the first restaurant flanker of the shopping district."

Wisne took a savvy step of her own, hiring Richard Travis as executive chef. His eight-year tenure as Chef de Cuisine at Tapawingo, in nearby Ellsworth, helped make it an Up North dining destination. Travis, a former U.S. Navy galley chef, is a gradu-

ate of the Golden Mushroom University in Southfield, having trained under legendary Master Chef Milos Cihelka. To further hone his skills, he went abroad and worked in a trio of prestigious French restaurants as well as Chicago's L'Escargot before Tapawingo.

"I fit in with the seasonal variations at Bay Harbor," he said. "At this point in my career, I'm into cooking for mood suiting and changing the menu at Latitude to take advantage of sea-

Latitude
Where: 795 Front Street, Bay Harbor, Mich. (231) 439-2750.
Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; lounge menu 2:30-5 p.m., dinner 5-10 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.
Menu: Modern American selections infused with ingredients and flavors of international cuisines.
Cost: Lunch: \$8-14, dinner \$8-38.
Reservations: Accepted.
Credit cards: All majors accepted.
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Latitude uncorked
Dave Waskiewicz who developed the wine list suggests the following food and wine pairings:
■ Fire Roasted Pork Loin and 1996 Panther Creek Reserve Pinot Noir \$55
■ Hunan Barbecue Quail with 1997 Ojai Syrah \$51
■ Tempura Bonsai Tuna matched to 1997 Chateau de Rully \$32.

sonal products."

Travis' lunch and dinner weekly menus have similar design. They include Small Plates (appetizers), Little Green Things (salads), Brick Oven Flat Bread Pizzas and Big Plates (entrees). At dinner, under Chef's Limited Editions you can find fresh catches such as Black Island Swordfish with appropriate and generous vegetable plate garnish or Pan-Seared Walleye.

Harmony of international flavors with contemporary American cuisine is showcased in dishes such as Crispy Szechwan Calamari, Tandoori Style Chicken Satay, Wok-Seared Scallops, Chinese Barbecue Duck, Rotisserie Moroccan Chicken and Tempura Bonsai Tuna. But as American as the Wild West, it's Cowboy Steak, a dry-aged ribeye with smoked corn barbecue sauce.

For kids under 12, there's not only mac 'n cheese, and classic cheeseburger, but a classic peanut butter & jelly sandwich!

For sweet endings, order Latitude Nautical Compass, an architectural dessert fantasy by pastry chef Greg Stroker. This ingenious dessert will guide you back to Latitude to experience its myriad seasonal changes.

Food to go

■ **Galley Gourmet**, 4181 Main Street, Bay Harbor (231) 439-2665. Karen and Roger Williams own this portable food and room service mini emporium. Karen, who also doubles as chef at the Bay Harbor Yacht

Club, received her culinary degree from Schoolcraft College, Livonia in 1994.

Roger, with Birmingham family roots, was a plastics manufacturer turned San Francisco currency trader, now co-owner of the clever food operation.

While at Schoolcraft, Karen won a national award on the school's culinary team. In the professional recipe contest Renoir's Table, she captured the top award of a trip to France for two weeks. A year ago, she won a gold medal for her Braised Veal Cheeks with Wild Mushrooms in the Team Veal competition sponsored by Plume de Veau at the International Hotel and Restaurant show in New York City.

Karen was on the kitchen team for Chef Brian Polcyn at his Five Lakes Grill in Milford when it opened in 1995.

When in need of food-to-go or condo room service at Bay Harbor or environs, visit or phone the Williams for some tasty dishes and a bottle of fine wine.



Foods-to-go: Roger and Karen Williams, owners of Bay Harbor's Galley Gourmet. Gold-medal winning chef Karen creates foods-to-go.

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.homedcomm.net

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

■ **Vic's World Class Market's** — live wine discussion "Toast This!" 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 on WKRR, 97.1FM. This is the 25th kickoff for the program. Topics include De-mystifying wine, Michigan wines, Wines of Italy, France, California and Australia, Champagnes and Sparkling Wines and Best Buys under \$15. Each Saturday from Vic's Bloomfield Hills location at 2055 S. Telegraph Road, Director of Wine Operations Lisa Ribauda will interview area and regional wine representatives and take listener call-in questions about wine. Tune in!

■ **Schoolcraft College** — Sample dishes from more than 60 metro Detroit restaurants and food distributors 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 during Culinary Extravaganza, in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, (between Six and Seven Mile roads, west of I-275.) Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 for two. Call (734) 462-4417. Event proceeds help pay for scholarships for Schoolcraft College students. During the event, Master Sommelier Madeleine Triffon of Unique Restaurant Corp. will present a wine seminar, matching wines to the foods from selected restaurants. A live auction will feature packages designed to pamper and delight lucky bidders. Packages include a gourmet dinner for eight in your home, prepared by a Schoolcraft chef, and weekend getaway to Pelee Island with wine tour and tasting, dinner and hotel for four.

■ **Wine Tasting event** — Presented by R&L Associates of Walled Lake with Bogey's Bar & Grille, 142 E. Walled Lake Dr., 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30. Wines from 8 different regions with appetizers to match. Semi-formal affair. Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Call (248) 669-1441 or (248) 926-1820. Proceeds benefit the Uni-

versity of Michigan Medical Center Trauma Burn Center.

■ **Fusion** — 34555 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, between Farmington and Drake

Roads (248) 489-8852, Spanish wine tasting, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, cost \$45 per person. Along with co-sponsors WDET and The Unique Restau-

rant Corporation, Merchant's Fine Wine shops will present a comprehensive tasting of Span-

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