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THE WEEK AHEAD

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Open House: Holiday Market of Canton will host a Holiday Extravaganza Open House, 6-9 p.m. The market on the corner of Cherry Hill and Lilley will offer samples of special holiday foods and pastries, holiday menu planning, cooking demonstrations and floral arrangements. Call (734) 844-2200.

TUESDAY

Ski club: Plymouth-Canton students can register for the Ski and Snowboard Club. Club members will ski and snowboard on Friday and Saturday evenings except during holidays. Registration will be 4-8 p.m. at the Canton High School cafeteria. Cost is \$95 per person. For information call (734) 416-2937.

THURSDAY

Veteran's Day: Canton Township government offices will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day. Regular business hours will resume at 8:30 a.m. Friday.

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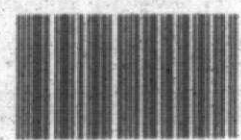
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Trustees look at cable transfer



A battle over Internet access is complicating the transfer of the township cable franchise from MediaOne to its new parent, AT&T. The Canton Township Board of Trustees is scheduled to vote on the transfer Tuesday.

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AT&T and MediaOne have won one battle with a coalition of Internet ser-

vice providers and appear on the verge of another.

Plymouth Township trustees Tuesday approved transfer of MediaOne's franchise agreement and telecommunications permit to AT&T without restrictions. Canton's board will likely

do the same next week.

"I know of no board member who's interested in adding any restrictions," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

The transfer is required now that AT&T has become MediaOne's parent company via merger.

OpenNET, a coalition of more than 800 companies that connect people to the Internet - including industry giant America Online - wanted the townships to force AT&T/MediaOne to open its network for their use.

The idea is that an unlimited number of Internet service providers could more easily compete with AT&T in providing high-speed access. OpenNET contends that this competition would serve consumers' best interests.

Tim Cronin, attorney for both townships, advised Plymouth trustees that they didn't have authority to impose conditions in a transfer. He also said AT&T/MediaOne had a public access studio open by Nov. 1.

Please see CABLE TRANSFER, A3

Sports complex moving forward

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Canton's "sports complex" could soon be taking shape.

Developers of soccer and golf facilities at the township's softball center on Michigan Avenue will seek special land use approval next month from the planning commission.

According to Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet, High Velocity Sports will need several more approvals before ground can be broken.

"They aren't moving really quickly on plans," he said. "But I'm sure they want to have (the buildings) ready for next fall. If they get started with construction in the spring, it shouldn't be a problem."

Canton trustees approved the sale of eight acres at the site, which is between Belleville and Beck roads, last March. Led by Detroit Rockers star Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, High Velocity originally planned to have the facilities open this fall.

But the developers ran into a snag in the design stage.

"They needed more land," said Goulet. "It's a big building. It didn't fit on the property that they had."

Now with 11 acres, the project is set to move forward, he added.

The soccer building will be approximately 120,000 square feet. It will include four fields, said Goulet.

One will be strictly for indoor soccer while two will be used for in-line hockey and the fourth for multi-purpose. Office and retail space will be included in the building, too.

Please see COMPLEX, A3

Chief: 911 is ready for Y2K

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Memo to Canton residents: Don't dial 911 on New Year's Eve to see if it's working - it will.

That's the word from Township Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. The lines have been tested and retested for any Y2K problems. The system will work, he insisted.

"I think, technically, we're as squared away as we can be," Rorabacher said. "But there's an X-factor of what people will do."

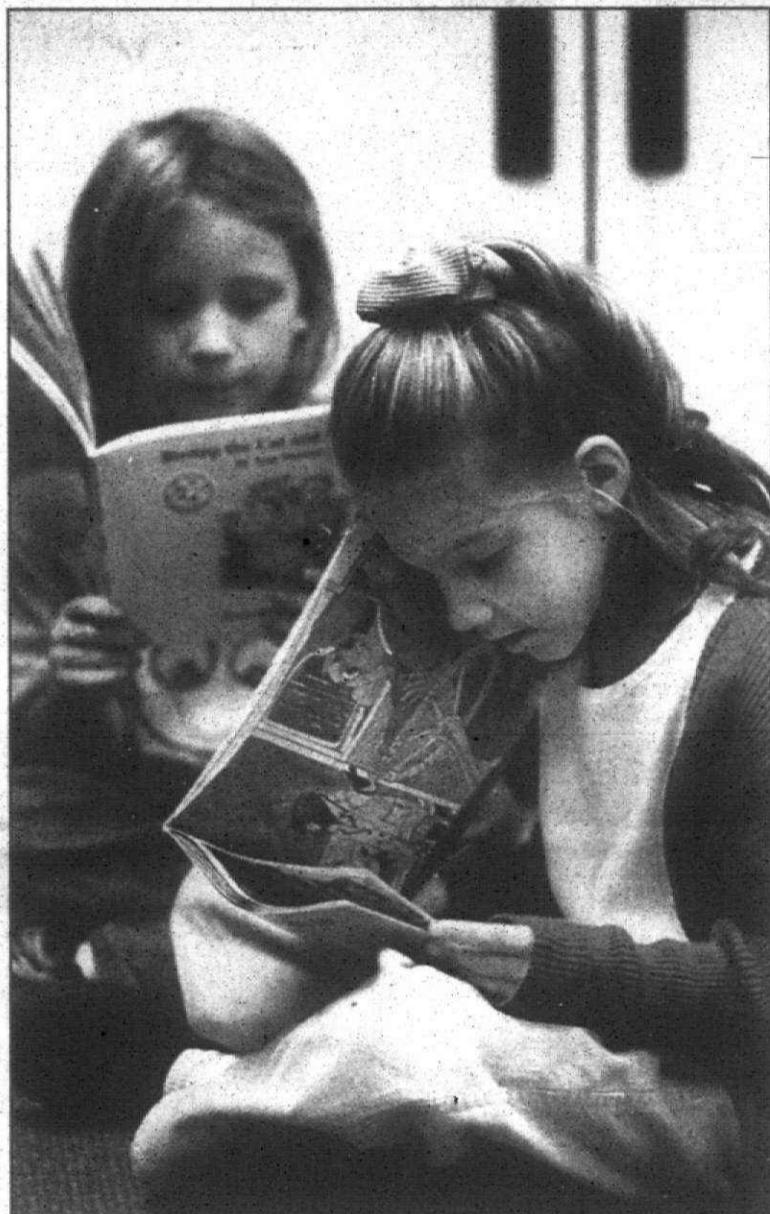
In other words, if the 911 system is bombarded by thousands of unnecessary calls, a problem could arise.

"We call it the Mother's Day effect," Rorabacher said.

Even in the best of times, 911 and telephone communications systems in general are designed to handle only a certain number of calls. During extremely heavy periods, such as holidays, users may not get a dial tone for periods of time.

Please see 911, A2

Reaching out to read



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Book 'em: Lindsey Lipa (right) and Jackie White, both 7, read "Bustop, the Cat and Mrs. Lin," one of the books in the Operation Outreach USA program at Hulsing School in Canton. Materials for the program were purchased and donated by the Dick Scott Dodge dealership in Plymouth. For a story and more photos, please turn to page A3 in today's Observer.

Work set on road project

MORTON TAYLOR

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Work on an extension of Morton Taylor Road will begin this month.

According to Wayne County Roads Spokesman John Roach, clearing of trees and other work will start about Nov. 15. The extension will cover one mile from Warren Road south to Ford.

"We're hoping to complete the project by late spring or early summer," said Roach. "It will depend a lot on the weather."

Morton Taylor is one of 20 projects the county will tackle in Canton or in adjacent communities next year. Major township road work will include:

■ Canton Center Road. A 1.2 mile stretch from Ford north to nearly Warren will feature five reconstructed lanes, widening it from the current two/three.

Traffic will be limited to one lane in each direction during construction. The \$5.4 million project is scheduled for completion by December of 2000.

■ Haggerty Road. Lanes will be added between Ford and Warren for a total of five.

Roach said traffic impact during construction would be moderate. Most lanes on Haggerty will open during construction, which should be done by mid-July of next year, but delays should be expected.

The cost is \$1.3 million.

■ Beck Road. The final two sections of gravel road will be paved. They include a mile stretch from Cherry Hill to Ford and from Michigan Avenue to Geddes.

County designs for both are nearly

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Some on committee disappointed in final superintendent candidates

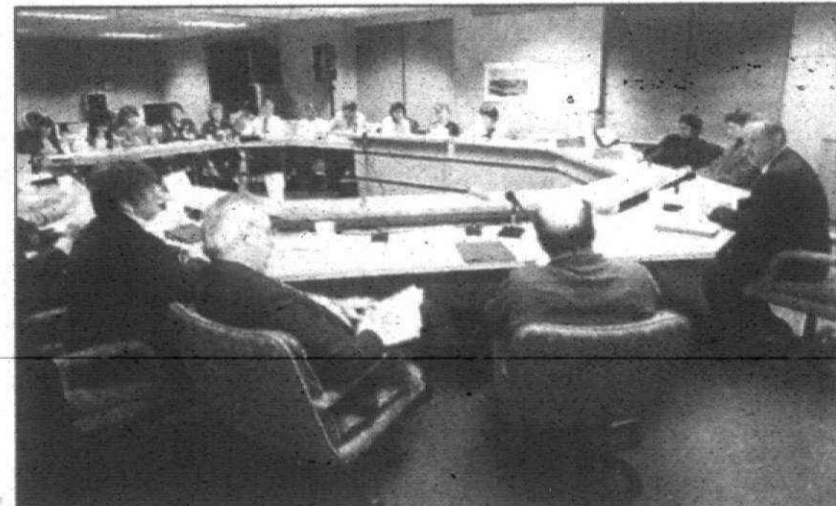
BY TONY BRUSCATO
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After interviewing five candidates to become the next chief executive officer of Plymouth-Canton Schools, some members of the Superintendent Search Committee believe they've yet to interview an outstanding candidate to lead the district into the next millennium.

"I'm disappointed in the overall quality of the candidates," said Maureen Sullivan-Wolski of Canton, committee chairwoman and president of the Isbister-Elementary PTO. "I expected more. It's not to say there aren't some we should invite back for a second interview, but I was hoping for a stronger slate of candidates."

"I don't think some of the candidates could handle all the controversy, size or financial problems of the district," added Joanne Lamer of Plymouth, who has two high school students. "I see one possibility coming out of this. If that doesn't occur, I don't mind continuing the selection process to look for the right person."

Consultants from The Bickert Group told board members last summer it would be difficult to attract the best candidates to start at mid-year. And the board previously indicated that if it didn't find the right person in the first job posting, it would continue the search for someone who could start next summer.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Interviews: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent candidate Larry Thomas (right) speaks before a panel of school board members, educators and parents during the first of the interviews Tuesday.

"It's been mentioned to me by more than one board member that they would be willing to suggest we wait to hire a superintendent if they didn't feel that the collective input of this group was really powerful for one or two of these candidates," said Sullivan-Wolski. "I don't think it's a foregone conclu-

sion that this particular slate of candidates will bring forth the final candidate. It would be the right thing to defer if we thought we didn't have the right candidate. Desperation hires are always a mistake."

School board president Sue Davis

Please see SUPERINTENDENT, A4

Funeral home sets community service

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Griffin Funeral Home will honor local families Thursday by holding a service for their deceased loved ones.

Ceremonies start at 7 p.m. at the funeral home, 42600 Ford. Owner David Griffin said it's a service the home has provided since opening in Canton in 1994. "We're a family funeral home," he said. "We stand for the Canton community. It's a service we provide that others don't."

The L.J. Griffin Funeral Home began in Detroit in the early 1950s. It moved to Westland in 1972 before coming to Canton several years ago.

Griffin said his family has always tried to be active in the communities it has served.

Grief seminars, for example, are conducted each year in Canton. The funeral home also has a tree planted in a national forest for each of its clients.

"We care about the community," said Griffin.

Local clergy will participate in Thursday's service.

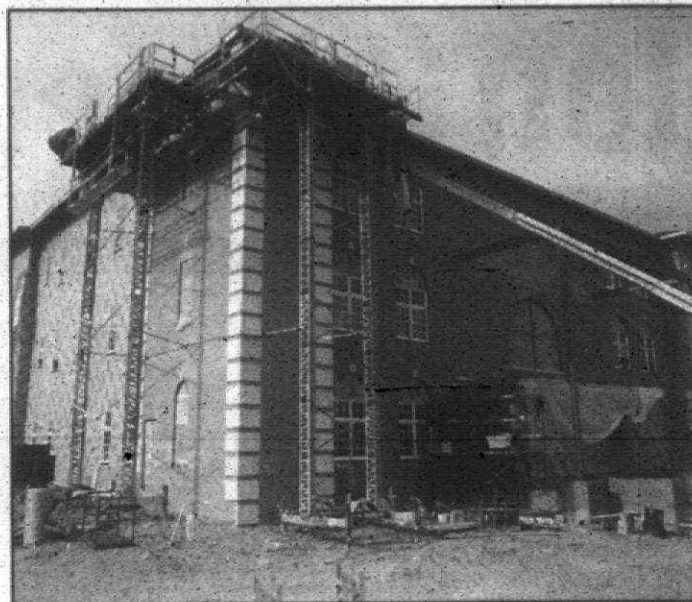
The Rev. Drex Morton of St. Michael Lutheran in Canton will lead prayer. Other clergy will be on hand as well.

Besides prayer, the ceremony will include the reading of the names of each loved one being remembered. Families will receive a memorial candle in honor of the loved one, said Griffin.

A reception is planned afterward. Light refreshments will be served.

"We had between 100 and 150 people participate last year," said Griffin.

He requests that families attending the service call the funeral home in advance. The Griffin Funeral Home can be reached at (734) 981-1700.



Going up: Work is continuing on the 35th District Courthouse in Plymouth. Officials expect the building, which serves five communities including Canton, to be ready for occupancy by spring.

Official: Courthouse work is on schedule

Work on the new 35th District Court building at 660 Plymouth Road is on schedule, according to court administrator Kerry Erdman.

Exterior brick work is done on two sides. Inside the first floor is "75 percent" done with drywall up and insulation installed, Erdman said.

The windows are all in. Erdman said, except the one large window on the building's east side. The Palladium-style window (arched) is being assembled on special order.

The first floor will house clerks and the probation area.

The second floor is framed in and is about 50 percent done. The third floor is in early stages of work as contractors are installing electrical and mechanical components. Each floor will contain two court rooms for judges.

The new \$6.8 million building will open May 1, 2000, if everything goes as planned.

The original courthouse was destroyed in July 1997 when wires downed by winds ignited the roof.

The court has sued Detroit Edison, charging that long delays in shutting off the power were unreasonable and caused the 1997 fire.

The court has sued Detroit Edison, charging that long delays in shutting off the power were unreasonable and caused the fire. Results of a mediation meeting are expected to be released this week.

The 35th District Court serves Canton, Plymouth and Northville Township.

Two judges and a magistrate handle cases but a third judge has been requested because of growth in the court's case load.

- Doug Johnson

Embezzlement charges sought

A 20-year-old Canton woman is being accused of embezzling more than \$7,000 from a local financial institution.

According to township reports, the woman worked as a teller at Standard Federal Bank on Ford Road in Canton. She took the money between Aug. 24 and Sept. 5, reports said.

The 20-year-old allegedly listed "dummy" checks on her daily transaction tapes and then pocketed whatever the average amount was at the end of her shift, reports said. She took between \$800 and \$1,100 on seven days.

The incident was reported to Canton Police Wednesday. Standard Federal has been conducting its own investigation over the past month, reports said.

It's believed that the woman has since fled to Canada. Reports said that she had applied for Canadian citizenship.

COP CALLS

Larceny
A 25-year-old Canton man's pickup truck had its tailgate stolen either late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

The vehicle was parked at the man's home in the 4000 block of Arlington. The gate was valued at \$1,500. Police have no suspects.

Marijuana
A 21-year-old Canton man was charged with possession of marijuana after he rolled his car near Saltz Road late Sunday.

A witness saw the man, who was driving a 1990 Ford Thunderbird, lose control of the vehicle and flipped it over on its side in a ditch, reports said. The man and a passenger then got out and walked away.

Canton Police arrived on the scene minutes later. A search of the vehicle revealed marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The incident occurred shortly after 9 p.m., according to reports.

911 from page A1

If calls are limited to real emergencies, Rorabacher said the night should go off without a hitch. A full staff of 911 dispatchers will be working New Year's Eve.

If call volume exceeds the staff's capability, it's automatically routed to an open 911 system in Plymouth Township or other nearby communities, Rorabacher said.

He urged residents not to panic.

"That's a concern," said Rorabacher. "People calling and flooding the system will do more harm than any Y2K problem."

According to the department, legitimate 911 calls include: Fires, car accidents, crimes in progress, hazardous materials spills and medically related incidents such as heart attacks and persons with breathing difficulties.

Residents can use the department's non-emergency number (397-3000) in cases such as parking complaints, noise complaints and fire safety violations.

Skating lessons at Compuware

Want to learn to skate? Sign-up for skating lessons through the Plymouth Figure Skating Club is available at Compuware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck.

The club will offer basic skills and learn-to-skate classes for ages 4 through adult, including figure skating and hockey skills.

Classes are offered 5:10 to 6 p.m. Thursday, 9:45 to 10:35 a.m. and 12:40 to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. The winter session runs Nov. 11 through Dec. 23.

Cost for the six-week session is \$42 plus a \$5 annual membership fee.

For more information, call (734) 459-6686, ext. 1.

Schools appoint 2 new principals

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Classes have been in session for nearly two months, and for the first time nearly all the schools in the Plymouth-Canton district have a principal.

The Board of Education last Tuesday approved the appointment of Marcia Porterfield as principal of Central Middle School. Porterfield was the assistant to Barbara Church, who left at the end of last year to take a position in the Clarenceville school district.

Next Tuesday, the board is expected to approve Marcia Moore as principal at Allen Elementary. Moore was named the interim principal this school



Thanks: Jeff Scott (standing left) accepts a large "Thank You" card from Michele Sonk's second grade class.

Community church rally aimed at youth

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Nearly 30 Plymouth and Canton churches and organizations are sponsoring P.R.A.Y. '99, People Rallying Around Youth. Pastor Eric Moore of Canton Community Church said it's an evening of intercession for the spiritual strengthening of youth and to stop the violence.

"It's not just Columbine. It could happen here in a heartbeat," said Moore. "The issues are gun control, violence in the media and Hollywood, parental involvement. Everybody is trying to assess a fix on this, but we need God's help."

The area-wide prayer event is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 11, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Tri-City Christian Center at Michigan Avenue and Hannan Road in Canton.

Among the topics will be strengthening of families, support for youth, as well as prayer for school administrators and faculty.

"I think there's a proliferation of evil influence, and we've let things go unchecked," added Moore. "Kids are confused as to what's right and wrong because of the conflicting messages they get. We've lost moral consciousness."

For more information about the rally contact Eric Moore at (734) 455-6022 or Rocky Barra at (734) 326-0330.

Teaching tool

Books are one way to build self-esteem

Jeff Scott of Dick Scott Dodge Inc. of Plymouth last week met with Rebecca Moore, Hulsing Elementary School facilitator, to kick off the dealership's sponsoring of Operation Outreach-USA.

The one-year gift from the dealership is providing some students and their teachers at Plymouth-Canton's Hulsing and Isbister elementary schools a program aimed at increasing students' love of reading while helping them learn responsibility, compassion and self-esteem.

OO-USA gives 100-125 students at the schools two books apiece plus parental guides to take home.

It also provides their teachers with books, lesson plans for each book, videos and three issues of the Operation Outreach newsletter.

Nichole Scott of Dick Scott Dodge said the program "aims at improving reading, building character, creating good citizens, qualified employees, knowledgeable customers and safer drivers."

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Cable transfer from A1

"I was in the office this afternoon," Cronin said Tuesday. "Although I am not trained in equipment, the facility is open. There's three cameras - the potential for four cameras - editing equipment and three sound boards. I did not test it. I don't think I'm qualified to test it. That requirement of the franchise is met."

While AT&T/MediaOne appears to have prevailed, OpenNET and Canton-based attorney Bryan Amann said the board's action Tuesday didn't close the door on open access.

He said Tuesday's decision wasn't final. Trustees will revisit the issue in 180 days - as prescribed by ordinance - before any changes in the franchise agreement can be made.

"It's being done in a way that crosses all the T's and dots all the I's," Amann said of Plymouth Township's action. "Open access for Plymouth and Canton townships is an issue we could have around for the next six months."

The move protects the township from the threat of litigation from either side, he said.

"Back thinking is proving the transfer without restrictions will allow the market to sort things out and save Canton money in attorney's fees."

"It's not a great position to be in," he added. "But why should we be the ones to swim upstream?"

The studio serving Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships is on Sheldon Center, south of Joy between Sheldon and Canton Center roads.

Last month, Cronin advised Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy to notify MediaOne that it was in major default of its franchise agreement due to the lack of a local studio.

MediaOne closed its Rhonda Drive studio and billing office earlier this year when employees complained about odors from a nearby stamping plant, said Michael Grover, a MediaOne attorney.

"We, at no time, intended to abandon that (studio) obligation," Grover stressed.

The cable service provider had made a studio in Dearborn Heights available to area residents. Bill Joyner, a Plymouth area activist, said a Dearborn Heights location wasn't close enough, especially for young people interested in learning cable TV production.

MediaOne never asked permission to close the Rhonda Drive facility, Cronin said last month. "MediaOne unilaterally breached the agreement, for its own reasons," he added.

MediaOne's new facility has office hours from noon to 5 p.m., according to a brochure. Hours for productions are flexible.

The hours are the same as the former Rhonda Drive facility, said Maria Holmes, Media One corporate affairs manager.

Complex from A1

An 88,000-square-foot golf dome is planned as well.

It will feature two decks of driving range stalls. The bubble-like structure will also house two indoor soccer fields, said Goulet.

The township will make about \$100,000 per acre from the development. It will also have the right to buy the arena if High Velocity's venture fails.

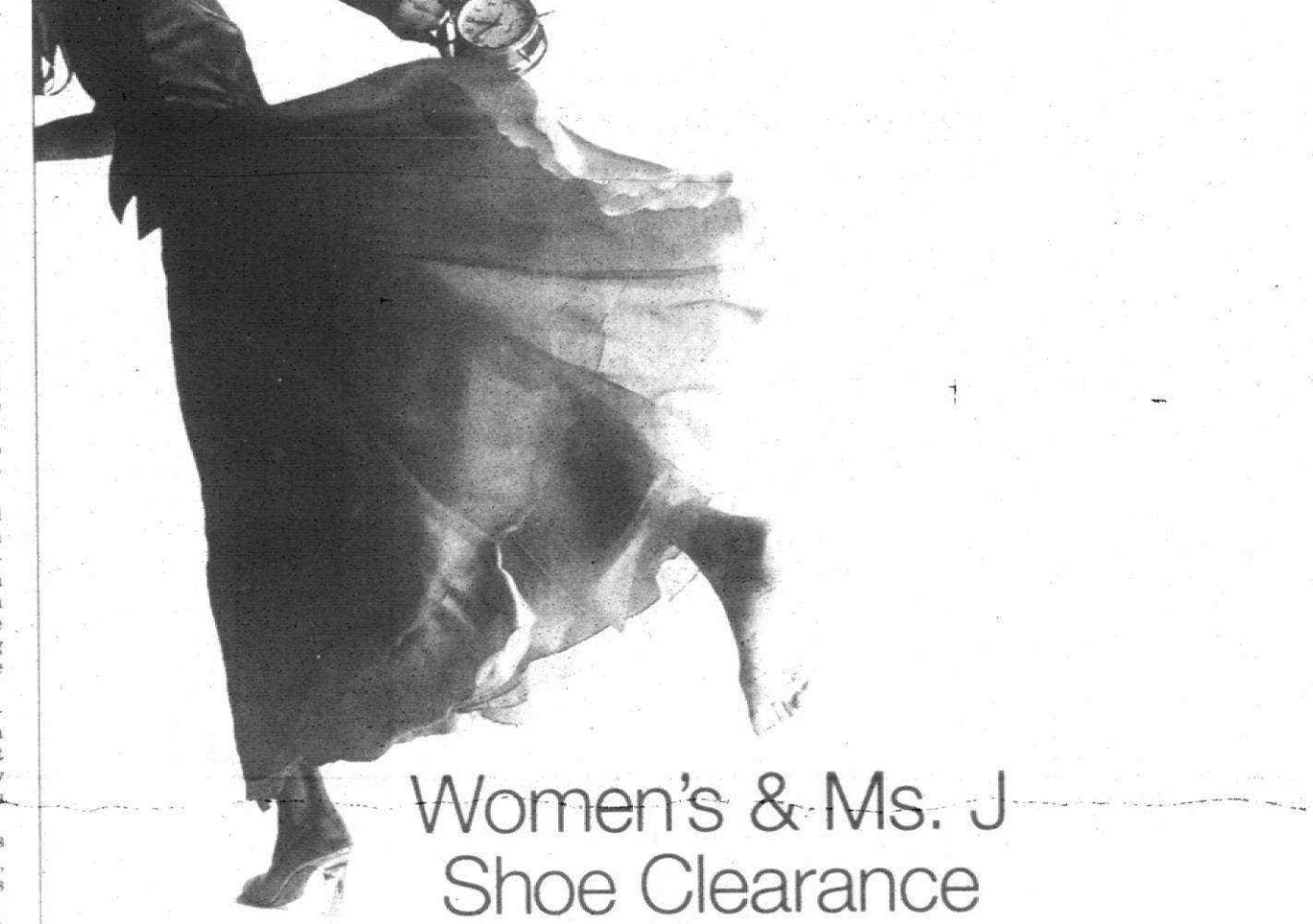
Township officials are currently in a wait-and-see mode in regards to the sports complex's other component, the ice arena.

Canton narrowed the field to one in its search for an arena developer/operator last month.

Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack said several negotiation sessions have been held with the firm. But the township is waiting for the company, which is declining to name, to make a decision.

"We're waiting for them to make a proposal if they are interested in the site," Durack

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Skating for DARE

Canton DARE students are in the community this week gathering pledges for the annual DARE Skate-A-Thon Saturday, Nov. 13, at Skatin' Station II in Canton.

Students from eight area schools are asked to raise a minimum of \$25 each to participate in the 10th annual event. The money will be used to buy supplies, buy handouts and help defray graduation costs for fifth graders enrolled in the drug resistance education program.

Previous skate-a-thons have raised \$9,000 for the program.

Students participants will be eligible for prizes based on the pledges they receive.

For information on the skate-a-thon or the DARE program, call Canton Police DARE officer Ken Winkler at (734) 398-5804.

Going tropical

Crimboli Nursery recently donated six Washington palm trees to Summit on the Park, where they have been placed in the lobby and aquatic center.

"I think the trees are great. They create a warm, fun atmosphere, and the guests really seem to enjoy them," said Debbie Bilibrey-Honosowetz, Summit manager. "And the trees are really flourishing in the humid aquatic center."

The nursery originally brought the trees up from Florida in the spring and planted them along Ford. With the weather change, the trees needed a permanent, indoor home.

Business briefs

From grand openings to extended hours to new locations, here is some of the latest news in Canton's business community:

- **Diamonds Bar & Grill** at the Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue will remain open throughout the winter.
- **Diamonds** menu offers a variety of items including salads, homemade suits, ribs, pizza and steak.
- **Hours** are 4 p.m.-2 a.m. weekdays, 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Saturdays and noon-midnight Sundays. Wednesday is "Karaoke Night" from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- **Paul's Fine Jewelry** has moved from the Golden Gate Shopping Center to 42695 Ford and Lilley to the Mammoth Video Plaza at 7365 Lilley at Warren Road.
- **Bright Jewelers** is now open at 44344 Cherry Hill at Sheldon in the Canton Village Plaza. Owners are Nabida and Sam Farhat.
- The store specializes in watch and jewelry repairs.
- For information, call (734) 844-2404.
- **The Flower Boutique** has moved from Ford and Lilley to the Mammoth Video Plaza at 7365 Lilley at Warren Road.
- The store offers custom arrangements for no additional charge.
- **Hours** are 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.
- The store phone number is (734) 397-9205.

DAV Chapter 114 opens doors in effort to help disabled vets

BY CHERYL A. VATCHER
SPECIAL WRITER

For disabled veterans seeking to pursue claims through the Veterans Administration, personal contact with a local source is much more effective than a phone call.

"The one-on-one contact makes a difference. When you talk on the telephone, you don't get the same response as when talking to a person face-to-face," said Commander Donald J. McLean of Disabled American Veteran's Chapter 114.

Starting this month, DAV Chapter 114, located at 30905 Plymouth Road in Livonia, has opened its doors between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesdays to assist veterans in processing disability claims and making sure medical documentation is in order.

The veterans who will initiate a claims process are trained field service officers, said McLean. However, he stressed that it is the responsibility of the veteran making the claim to obtain appropriate medical information. The Veterans Administration is

no longer able to fully assist veterans in this capacity.

"The veterans have to do all of this themselves. We are a go-between for the National Service Officers," he said.

"They need to get a doctor's certificate that would state when an illness or injury started. The individual has to show that treatment has taken place. In the instance of a loss of a limb, that is more obvious."

There are approximately 25-50 different forms a veteran or dependent can request. In addition to initiating a claim, a veteran can obtain military records, release of information forms, doctors' release forms, and information on educational assistance and scholarships for children of disabled veterans.

Power of attorney forms will be available to provide the DAV with access to records.

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Wayne County can expect moderate job growth - mainly in the private nonmanufacturing sector - over the next three years and continued declining unemployment through 2001. Because of the tight labor market, companies in Wayne County may have continued difficulties finding workers.

Those were some of the conclusions from University of Michigan economists George Fulton and Donald Grimes at a Wayne County Economic Forecast 2000 lunch Wednesday. Fulton and Grimes highlighted a report completed by U of M's Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations for Wayne County's Department of Jobs & Economic Development.

"The nonmanufacturing sectors will pick up 8,000 jobs over the next three years," Grimes said. That will include 3,000 construction jobs and 3,000 jobs in air transportation, both sectors for which the economy is expected to be completed in 2001 at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.

Casinos will help add another 6,000 jobs in amusement and recreation industries of the economy. The expanded airport and three Detroit casinos are expected to add another 1,000 restaurant and bar jobs and 1,000 retail jobs.

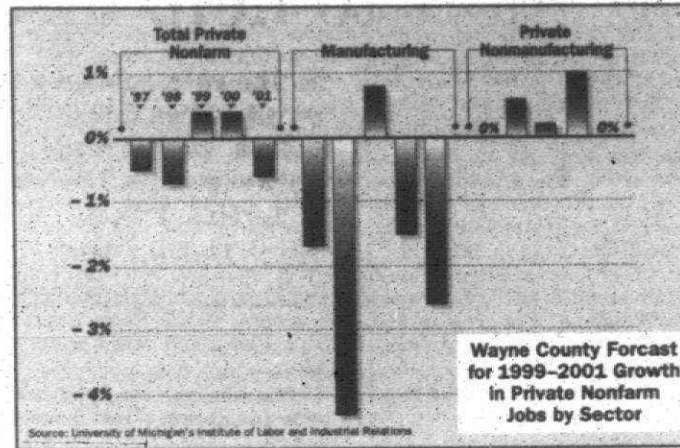
Grimes expects those gains to be tempered by declines in the banking industry - 5,000 fewer jobs expected between 1998 and 2001 - and 7,000 manufacturing jobs lost.

Based on population surveys from late 1998, the study also found:

- Overall job growth in the private sector will grow 0.4 percent in 1999, 0.4 percent in 2000, then fall 0.6 percent. That growth translates to 3,000 additional jobs in 1999 and again in 2000, followed by a loss of 5,000 jobs in 2001.
- Purchases of 16.6 million auto and light trucks nationally in 1999 will help keep Michigan's automotive industry healthy, bolstered by this year's expected record sales of 8 million trucks.
- Labor force trends show increases in the number of Wayne County residents who have jobs, but "private establishment" employment in Wayne County declined, which economists said indicates that many residents are commuting to jobs outside of Wayne County.
- In 1993-98, the industries that added at least 1,000 jobs were fabricated metal products, furniture and fixtures, eating and drinking places, miscellaneous retail (drug stores, toy stores and others), wholesale trade, auto dealers and service stations. Those industries that declined by 1,000 jobs included printing and publishing, primary

Employers may have trouble filling jobs next 2 years

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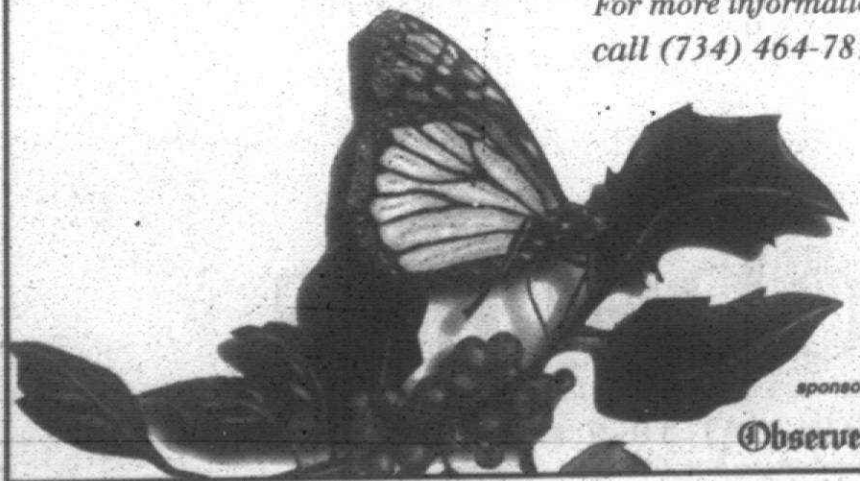
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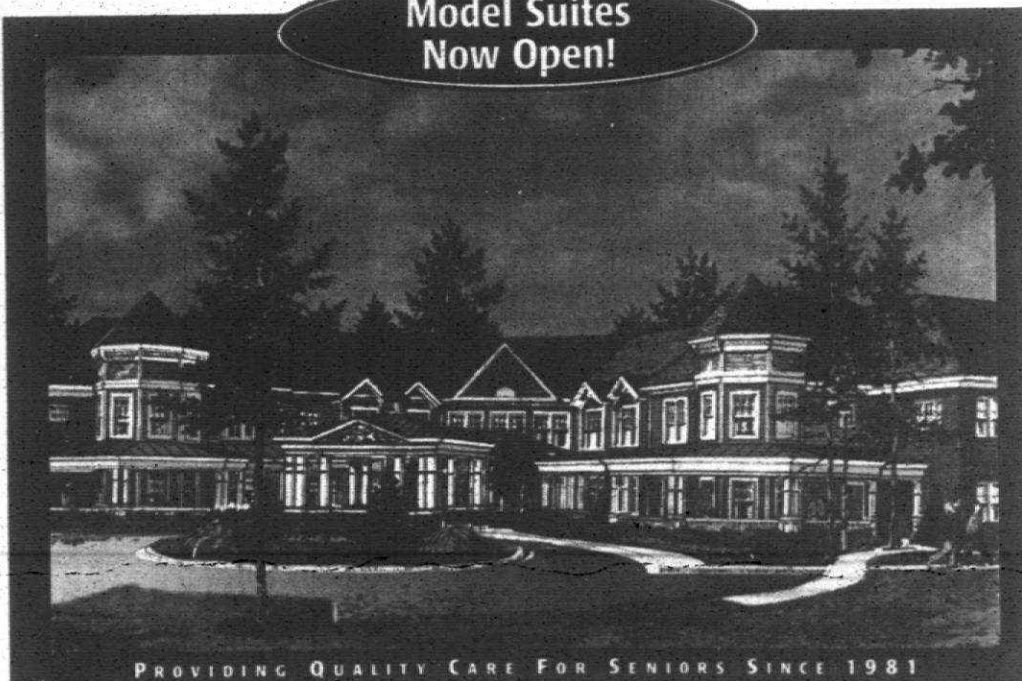
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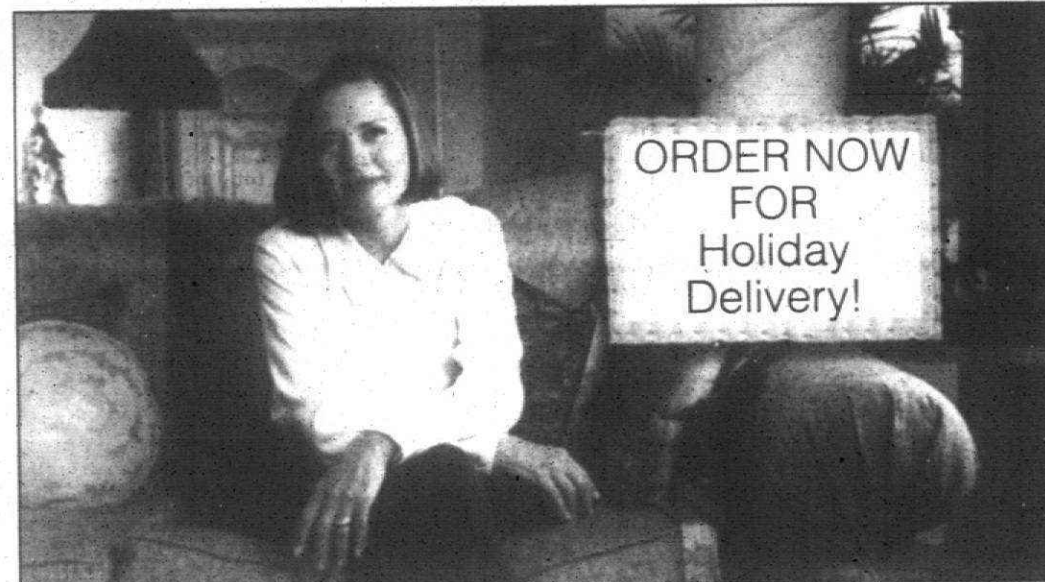
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Richard Reaume named Schoolcraft College trustee

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For Richard Reaume, the second time is the charm.

Five months after he unsuccessfully ran for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, Reaume, the owner of Worldwide Express in Plymouth Township, was selected by trustees Wednesday to fill a board vacancy created by the resignation in September of Steve Ragan.

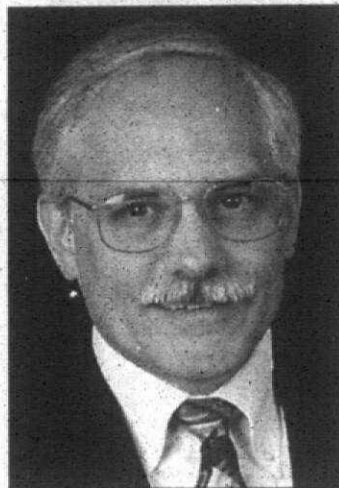
Reaume, 49, of Plymouth, will serve the unexpired term of the vacancy through June 2001.

"I know that Steve Ragan was considered a student-oriented trustee, and I hope to continue that concern for the college and students by attending events and considering what students feel (about the college)," Reaume said. "I myself attended (Henry Ford) community college and look forward to continuing the high standard of excellence the board has provided the college."

In June 1999 Reaume (pronounced Ray-ome) ran for the board along with Greg Stempien, trustee Patricia Watson and Michael Novak. Watson and Stempien won that election to six-year seats on the board.

In October, Reaume and Novak, a Westland resident and a Livonia police officer, applied for the most recent board vacancy, along with Fred Bolden, a Canton resident and Y2K consultant for Detroit Edison, and Tod Kilroy, of Westland and Westland's city planning director. Kilroy and Novak reside in the portion of the Livonia school district within the north end of Westland.

After trustees interviewed the four applicants Wednesday night, trustees were asked to write a personal preference on a sheet of paper. Four trustees preferred Reaume, while one preferred Kilroy, and another, Bolden. The full board then voted, 6-0, to officially seat Reaume.



New trustee: Richard Reaume.

Reaume, currently the foster parent of three children, has been active with Orchards Children's Services, Kamanos-Cancer Institute, Special Olympics, Multiple Sclerosis and American Heart Association.

Reaume also was active in Plymouth Canton Community Schools, Central Middle School Parent Council, High School Parent Forum, District Parent Council, Hiring Committee, Food and Nutrition Advisory Council and Technology Advisory Council. He is also active in the Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding.

Reaume has a bachelor in science in finance from Wayne State University and a master of business administration from the University of Texas. Reaume brings to the board 20 years experience with mainframe and personal computers, computer software, training and development.

After he was chosen, Reaume said he would like to increase the college's presence and contact local schools in the college district, which includes

Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi school districts. "I would like administrators, parents and students to consider education a K-14 experience," Reaume said.

Reaume hopes the college can obtain state funding for a new technical center to be built at the college. Trustees also will need to deal with continuing the college's financial stability, advancing technology and the needs of students and communities, Reaume said.

Reaume told trustees increases in state funds to the college "seemed to be shrinking." Tuition increases were small, which was "nice," Reaume said. "You'd probably have more of a rebellion if you had a large one in five years," Reaume said. "One of the things that is going down is the state portion. Maybe that should be brought back up."

Reaume also would like to examine education in a "non-traditional" way. He quoted Lt. Gov. Richard Posthumous that 55 percent of the new jobs will require two years or less of post-secondary education.

"Those same students will be back in four or five years," Reaume said. Four or five years ago, Reaume trained COBOL programmers for computers, today it is visual programmers, he said.

Carol Strom, chair of the Board of Trustees, said Reaume is "obviously very interested" in the board and will make a good trustee. "He's attended every board meeting since the election earlier this year," Strom said.

Reaume also brings a different perspective to the board with his computer background, Strom said.

"He's not an attorney and he's not a former teacher."

"I think he's enthusiastic and he has a real strong background in community service. I think that's important."

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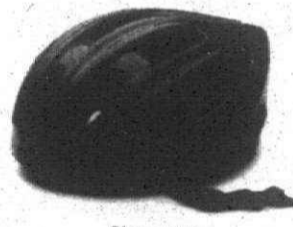
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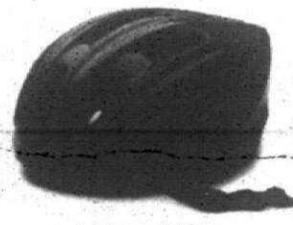
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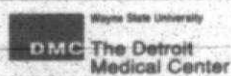
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Schoolcraft College finished second in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association women's cross country championships Oct. 29 hosted by Lansing CC.

Host Lansing took the team title with 17 points followed by Schoolcraft, 47; Oakland CC, 69; and Macomb CC, 101.

Lansing took the first three individual places, led by Kaycie Hinkle's first-place time of 19:27 (for 5,000 meters).

Schoolcraft's top finisher was Dawn Daniels (Wayne Memorial), who was seventh in 20:34.

Other Lady Ocelot finishers include Jenny Duncan (Livonia Churchill), eighth, 20:47; Jenny Furlong (Livonia Franklin), ninth, 20:49; Mandi Davis (Garden City), 10th, 21:49; Katie Chonacas (Churchill), 13th, 22:19; Lindsay Para, 15th, 23:05; and Kristin Switalski (Redford Union), 19th, 24:27.

Soccer tryouts

The Canton Soccer Club will have open registration for its spring season from 6:30-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15 and Thursday, Dec. 16 in the lower level meeting room at the Canton Township Hall.

The league is open to boys and girls, five to 19 years-old. Costs range from \$45 to \$100, depending on age and division, and is due at time of registration.

Registration forms are available at the Summit at Heritage Park. For more information, call the Canton Soccer Club at (734) 455-9946.

Chiefs football boosters

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will have their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 165 at Plymouth Canton HS. Officers for the 2000 football season will be elected and plans for the upcoming banquet will be finalized.

All parents of football players are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Dan Murphy at (734) 416-8117.

Hoop coaches clinic

A free basketball coaches' clinic will be conducted by Dan Young, head coach of Plymouth Canton HS's boys team, from 7-8:30 p.m. next Thursday (Nov. 11) at East Middle School.

Topics of discussion will be getting the most out of your team's ability; utilizing all of your players successfully; practice organization; strategies against zone or man-to-man defenses; and special situations. The clinic is open to boys and girls team coaches, from middle school to church teams and those in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball League.

Call Young at (734) 416-7587 for further information.

Prospects Tournament

Compuware Arena will be the site of the 1999 USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament (formerly the King of the Hill Tournament) Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

The North American Hockey League, the United States Hockey League and the America West Hockey League will send 17-man teams to compete; a fourth team will consist of other players from all three leagues and some U.S. National Team Development Program players.

The round-robin schedule will begin with the USHL stars taking on the combined all-star team at 11 a.m. Nov. 29. The NAHL stars will battle the AWHL stars at 2 p.m. Nov. 29.

For ticket information, call Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400.

Soccer referees

Training for new soccer referees will be held in the Auto Nation USA community room from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19. Those interested must attend all four sessions.

You must be at least 12 years old to take this class. To register, send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee to 9115 Muirland, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Class size is limited.

For further information, call (734) 454-7335.

PCA title dreams end with OT loss



Plymouth Christian Academy had big hopes going into its soccer season, but — coming off a losing season — not much to base them on. Its tough league and an almost impossible district draw added to their difficulties.

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It has been a season of miracles for Plymouth Christian Academy's soccer team. The Eagles came very close to extending that streak in Saturday's Division IV Regional final played at Southfield Christian.

But a goal scored with 8:32 left in the

second sudden-death overtime period sent Lenawee Christian into the state semifinals, thanks to a 2-1 win over PCA.

"I'm sorry it ended here," said Eagles' coach Rick Erickson. "But it was a fabulous season. I never thought we would get this far. We set three goals for the season; win 10 games, have a 500 record in our conference, and win the district. We did them all."

PCA had the look of a team of des-

tiny when it emerged from perhaps the toughest Division IV district in the state. The Eagles played three games against teams with strong records, including state-ranked Southfield Christian (No. 7) and Lutheran Westland (No. 2), and they won them all.

But against Lenawee Christian, PCA looked like anything but a team of destiny — until Lenawee Christian's David VanWinkle pounced on an Eagle mistake and put the Cougars ahead, 1-0, with 17:28 left to play in the match.

Such an occurrence, particularly when the wind was favoring your team, would tend to be deflating. It had the opposite effect on PCA.

Reinvigorated, the Eagles mounted a relentless attack that paid off when

Mark Erickson, a sophomore defender, rocketed a shot from nearly 40 yards away that Cougar keeper Ryan Myers had no chance to stop.

The momentum had, indeed, shifted with the Lenawee Christian goal. But it had shifted to PCA.

"We came on and forced the play," said Erickson.

It stayed that way until the Cougars managed to send the ball into PCA's territory midway through the second OT — and keep it there. It was one of the few dangerous chances they had after their goal, but when PCA's defense failed to clear it, Ben Brown made them pay, scoring the game-winning goal.

PCA ends its season at 15-4-4.

Salem still perfect in league

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Look at the score, 43-28, and it tells you Plymouth Salem's victory over Farmington Harrison wasn't much of a game.

Looking at the game, however, was an entirely different matter.

There was some top quality defense being played in Friday night's Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball tournament semifinal.

Salem displayed a superior defense and more depth on offense to reach Wednesday's WLAA championship game at Livonia Franklin against complex rival Plymouth Canton.

Canton earned its berth in the finals Thursday with a 47-44 victory over Northville.

The Canton-Salem title game begins at approximately 7 p.m. while Harrison's third-place match against Northville will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Harrison suffered more than a loss, though. Leading scorer Kelly Taylor had to be helped off the court in the third quarter and may be through for the season with a left ankle that is either severely sprained or broken.

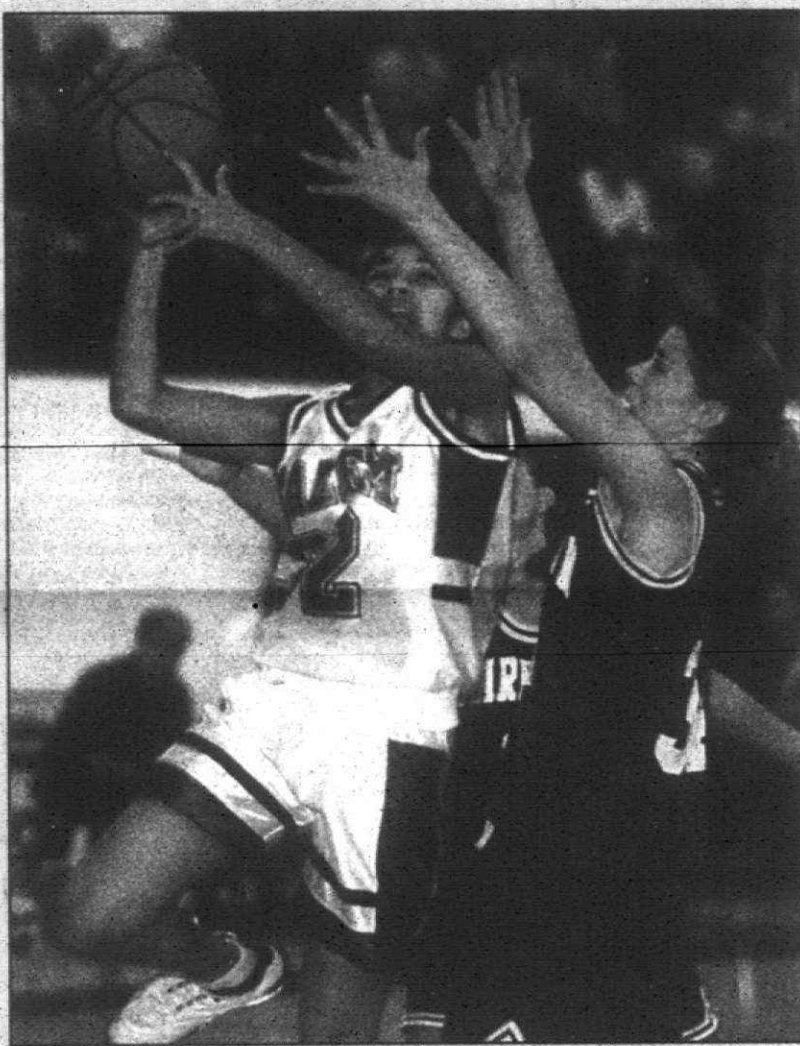
"How long our season lasts depends on our ability to pick up the slack," Coach Pete Mantyla said. "We had a chance with Kelly. Without her, it's going to be even tougher."

"But we have the potential to do that. We have a depth of players. But we need to be able to score."

Plymouth Salem extended its conference winning streak to 13 games in an 18-1 season. Harrison is now 13-6.

The Rocks have a deep roster that allows coach Fred Thomann to play flypaper man-to-man defense.

If someone gets hurt, tired or in foul trouble, the replacement Thomann summons to replace her brings nearly



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Driving for two: Salem's Mary Lou Liebau drives past Harrison's Erica Davis en route to the basket in Friday's WLAA Tournament semifinal victory.

comparable skills to the floor.

"They're really good," Thomann said of his team's defense. "We've lived on that all season."

"Our guards put real good pressure on the ball. And our interior players play their position, seal, help and do all the things they're supposed to do."

"It all starts with our defense, our guard pressure, and flows from there."

Harrison played a zone defense until midway through the fourth quarter, trapping and pressing off that. Salem stuck with its man-to-man defense, pressing and occasionally doubling out of that scheme.

The Hawks were afraid to go into the middle, drive the baseline or the lane.

"Everybody was tentative at different times on offense," Mantyla said.

"We both took away some of the other team's stuff," Thomann said. "What it came down to was, we just had more players."

Tiffany Grubaugh led Salem with 24 points even though she was doubled a good deal of the night. She'll get doubled by Canton, too, because the Chiefs held her to 14 points in Salem's 41-34 victory the first time they met this season.

"It should be an awesome defensive game Wednesday," Thomann said. "Canton plays the same kind of defense."

Grubaugh scored in a variety of ways but showed the kind of nice shot creation Salem is going to need to make a decent state tournament run.

A good showing in the tournament might wake up the Division I schools who feel she's too small to play at that level.

Dawn Allen and Bree Pastalaniec

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Chiefs win, advance to WLAA final

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A few minutes before the tip-off of his team's Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament semifinal against Northville Thursday night, Plymouth Canton coach Bob Blohm slowly shook his head and forced a small smile as he watched his opponents flawlessly execute lay-up drills.

"They sure are tall," Blohm said, as one six-foot Mustang player after another effortlessly laid the ball into the net.

A few minutes following the Chiefs' impressive 47-44 win over Northville, size was again the topic of Blohm's conversation — only this time it had to

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do with the magnitude of his team's 10th consecutive victory.

"This game was huge for us," Blohm said. "We needed to come into somebody else's gym and beat a good team on the road, and Northville's a very good team. It was also important to beat them because they are the last team we lost to."

"The key for us tonight was that we came out right from the opening tip and played hard, and we sustained it throughout the entire game. We also attacked their zone better than we did the first

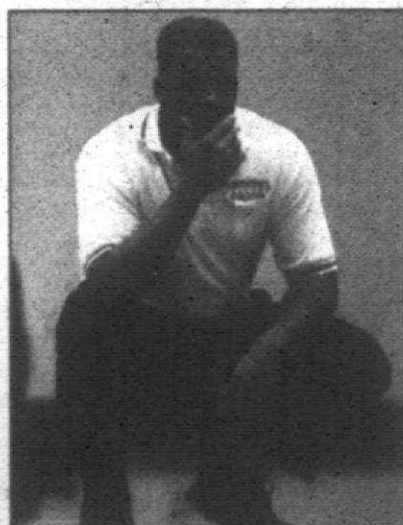
time we played them (a 35-31 loss)."

The Chiefs are now 14-5 (11-2 in the WLAA) and stocked with a lockerroom full of momentum heading into Wednesday night's conference championship game against cross-campus rival Plymouth Salem at 7 p.m. at Livonia Franklin HS.

The loss dropped Northville to 12-7.

Northville senior center Kate Hammond single-handedly prevented the quicker Chiefs from building a comfortable first-half lead. Thanks to her relentless effort in the paint — combined with cold shooting from the Chiefs — the halftime score read: Canton 15, Hammond 15.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN
Proven record: In his two seasons as Schoolcraft's coach, Carlos Briggs is 50-13.

Ocelots chase more success

BY C.J. RISAK
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No more talk about turnarounds where Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team is concerned. That's old news.

Last season, the Ocelots posted a 26-5 record, their second-straight 20-win season (after 15 seasons without one). They won the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's state tournament and reached the NJCAA Region 12 final before losing 90-74 to Cincinnati State.

So building a winning program is no longer a goal for SC's Carlos Briggs, entering his third season as coach. After all, he's posted a 50-13 record in his first two years.

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Maintaining it is the current objective.

"Now, teams are out to beat Schoolcraft," Briggs explained. "We've taken over the top spot, now we've got to keep it. That won't be easy."

One problem, as Briggs detailed, is the constant rebuilding process that's the norm at a two-year college like SC. The Ocelots will open their season at Siena Heights Wednesday against the Saints' junior varsity, with only two starters and five players returning with experience.

Gone are starters David McGlowin, who enrolled at Florida A&M, Derek McKevey and Dashawn Williams. Also

gone are Corey Bates (now at Rochester College), Jim Rebbeck (at Concordia College), Dave Jarrett, Mario Montgomery and Michael Murray.

In addition, Mike Peek — a 6-foot-2 guard who missed most of last season with a broken foot — has been sidelined for the season due to academic problems that will prevent him from graduating this year.

There are some major losses there. But there are some impressive additions, too.

But first the anchors. That title goes to the returnees: co-captains Lamar Bigby, a 6-foot-5 sophomore guard/forward from Detroit Northern who led SC in scoring last season (17.1 points)

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DuPage jolts Ocelots in district

All things considered, there's just no way Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team should have lost this game.

But the Lady Ocelots did.

College of DuPage (Glen Ellyn, Ill.) managed just four shots on goal in the NJCAA District Tournament match Friday at SC, while surrendering 24. But two of DuPage's shots found the net, setting the Ocelots could not match in losing 2-1.

The disheartening, frustrating defeat ended SC's season at 18-2-2. DuPage, which improved to 11-5-1, met the winner of the Rochester (Minn./Waldorf Iowa) for the district championship Saturday.

"They did what they had to do, and not much more," said SC coach Bill Tolsted. "I

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can't discount what they accomplished. They took advantage of the opportunities presented to them. They took four shots and hit on two of them.

"We should have won the game. We just didn't get it done."

DuPage got the game's first goal, pouncing on a mistake made by the Ocelot defense, which failed to clear the ball. DuPage made SC pay, putting the ball behind Ocelot keeper Shannon Brooks for a 1-0 lead.

Two minutes later, SC evened it when Kelly Connell (from Plymouth Canton) pounced a shot at the corner of the DuPage

net that the keeper got her hands on but couldn't stop. The ball rolled in, knotting the score at 1-1.

Which is the way the first half ended. The eventual game-winning goal was scored three minutes into the second half; it was one of the very few forays DuPage made into SC territory.

Indeed, as Tolsted recounted, "Six times they were in our end of the field during the course of the game. We spent the rest of the time in their end — but we kept shooting high and shooting wide."

"Eighty of the 90 minutes of this game we dominated. We had a wonderful opportunity to advance to nationals. We played well enough to win, it just wasn't our day."

Madonna wins 1st

Five players scored in double figures as the Madonna University men's basketball team opened its 1999-2000 season Wednesday with a 94-89 victory at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Mike Massey (Walled Lake Western) led the victorious Fighting Crusaders with a team-high 24 points, including three three-pointers.

Others in double figures for MU: Jason Skoczylas (12), Mark Mitchell (11), Dan Kurtnaitis and Tom See (10 each).

Chad Putnam (Redford Thurston) grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds, while Mitchell

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dished out six assists.

OLSM got a game-high 35 points from Rudy Elliott. The Eagles made 12-of-24 shots from three-point range, including seven-of-11 by Elliott.

The Crusaders were only 6-of-18 on triple tries (33 percent), but they outshot OLSM overall, converting 35-of-66 (53 percent) to OLSM's 30-of-66 (46 percent).

Another factor: Madonna out-rebounded the Eagles, 35-23. MU led 41-40 at intermission.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Pummill is hoping the senior class that led the Cougars helps start a tradition of excellence with the golf program, which has won two of the last three White Division Meet titles.

"This year's Cougars' golf team was truly a pleasure to coach," said Pummill, a physical education teacher and athletic director at Garden City Junior High. "I am proud of the way this team conducted themselves throughout the season. The guys were gentlemen on and off the course. They grew together as a team over the years and I am blessed to be a part of that growth."

Redford Thurston was the other team from Observant to earn a state meet berth, qualifying in Division II. The state meet was two days long and neither team survived the first day.

Following is a profile of each player on the first team:

Evan Currie, senior, Redford CC: Currie is a repeat selection to the first team, making two-straight trips to the state meet.

He was a Catholic League Meet champion with a round of 74 at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth after placing seventh the year before.

He qualified for the state meet with a round of 79 at the regional at Links of Pinewood. He fired a round of 81 at the state meet, which didn't make the cut for Mason.

Currie had a 38.9 average for nine holes, including a one-under par 35 in a dual meet against Warren DeLaSalle at Cattails Golf Course.

A captain, he carries a 4.1 grade point average. He's leaning toward studying engineering at Virginia Tech, where he aspires to be a member of the golf team.

Early in the year he recorded a round of 73 at the East Lansing Fall Classic, a two-

1999 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF TEAM

- FIRST TEAM**
- Matt Barnick, Soph., Liv. Stevenson
 - Scott Wolfe, Soph., Liv. Stevenson
 - Randall Boboige, Sr., Liv. Churchhill
 - Evan Currie, Sr., Redford CC
 - Nikos Markellos, Red., Thurston
 - Brian Harnos, Sr., Garden City
 - Matt Lee, Soph., Farm. Hills Harrison
 - Don Evans, Sr., Garden City
- SECOND TEAM**
- Jon Johnson, Sr., Ply. Canton
 - Mark Douglas, Sr., Ply. Canton
 - Ryan Stearns, Sr., Westland Glenn
 - Jon Farnoff, Sr., N. Farmington
 - Tom Fofa, Sr., Liv. Franklin
 - Jon Luna, Jr., Redford CC
 - Matt Vecheita, Sr., Garden City
- THIRD TEAM**
- Derek Yasunaka, Jr., Ply. Canton
 - Ryan Nunnings, Sr., Ply. Salem

COACH OF THE YEAR

TONY DAVIES, JR., Red. Thurston

"Derek Spicer, Sr., N. Farmington; Greg Long, Soph., Wayne Memorial; Brian Getman, Sr., Farm. Hills Harrison; Wes Barber, Sr., Livonia Churchill; Ron Pummill, Garden City

HONORABLE MENTION

Stevenson: Mike Byberg, Chris Thomas; Churchhill: Lance Antrobus, Jeff Hunter; Franklin: Tim Kufel, Scott Wears; Cole Marcy; John Glenn: Rich Sullen, Hug Dennis; Jerry Ford: Brian Spitzer, Greg Barber, Jr.; Garden: Michael Searcy, Dave Lindbergh, Ryan McKenney; Salem: Matt Leach, Jay Smith, Mike Thackubury; Hastings: Julie Mura, Jeff Braun; N. Farmington: Mike Peterson; Farmington: Brad Bayne, Bryn Prosser; Keith Hay, Ian Pardons; Garden City: Tom McCall; Redford Thurston: Steve Johnson; Redford Union: Cody Bartlett, Brad Johnson; Redford CC: Zach Davis.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Matt Lee, Soph., Farm. Harrison: Lee, who won the Junior Optimist state championship last summer, averaged 37.5 strokes per nine-hole dual match and 77.9 in tournament play.

He was the medalist with an 18-hole score of 73 in the Detroit Country Day tournament at Oakland Hills Country Club.

Lee also shot 76 (led for 12th) in the Oakland County tournament, 77 in the Farmington and West Bloomfield Invitational and 75 in the regional at Huron Meadows (11th).

He also made the Western Lakes all-division team while shooting 86 at the Links of Pinewood.

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Harnos, who led the White Division in points for the regular season and division meet, shot a round of 80 at the Western Wayne Invitational at Huron Meadows.


"He's only the second three-year captain I've had," Pummill said. "He's a great young man, very respectful, a pleasure to be around. He's as steady as they come. A competitor, he'll give you everything he's got. He's one of the best golfers I've been around."

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Young Rocks finish 4th at Lakeland

It was, as Plymouth Salem girls cross country coach Dave Gerlach described it, the Rocks' "future out on that course, today."

The final team race of the cross country season for Salem was the Lakeland Freshman/Sophomore Invitational Wednesday. Some teams with impressive credentials in

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the sport indicated they planned to maintain them: Novi finished first, followed by Walled Lake Central and Farmington.

The Rocks finished fourth in a race run in cold, windy and sometimes snowy weather.

"With the weather as miserable as it was, I thought we ran pretty well," said Gerlach. "Four performance says anything, we still have a little work to do before becoming an elite team."

Kim Wood led Salem, finishing 10th overall in 21:21 to earn a medal. Other medal-winners for the Rocks were Lauren Loftus, who was 16th (21:46), and Jill

Garden City boys golf coach

Ron Pummill and his wife, Justine, have five children, ages 2 through 9.

"That's way over par by today's standards, and the high school sweethearts, 1982 graduates of Garden City West High School, are through — for this century at least."

"Not any this calendar year," said Pummill, though not ruling out an addition in the next millennium. "A big family is awesome. We're both school teachers and we love children and recommend it."

BEST GIRLS SWIM PERFORMANCES

- 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY** (state cut: 1:56.79)
- Farmington Hills Mercy 1:50.38
 - Livonia Stevenson 1:52.82
 - North Farmington 1:58.32
 - Plymouth Salem 1:59.77
 - Plymouth Canton 2:01.18
- 300-YARD FREESTYLE** (state cut: 2:02.09)
- Amy McCullough (Mercy) 2:01.16
 - Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 2:01.46
 - Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 2:05.69
 - Kristin Loridas (Mercy) 2:05.61
 - Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 2:05.27
 - Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:05.40
 - Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:00.07
 - Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 2:00.95
 - Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:01.10
 - Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:01.75
- 400-YARD FREESTYLE** (state cut: 2:13.23)
- Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:14.99
 - Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:15.82
 - Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 2:18.05
 - Erin Downs (Mercy) 2:18.20
- 50-YARD FREESTYLE** (state cut: 25.39)
- Amy McCullough (Mercy) 24.51
 - Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 24.73
 - Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 25.34
 - Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 25.36
 - Lindsi McErean (N. Farmington) 25.46
 - Erin Downs (Mercy) 25.51
 - Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 25.65
 - Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 25.84
 - Katie Benedict (Mercy) 25.88
 - Emily Howard (Mercy) 25.94
- DIVING**
- Katy Ballantine (Stevenson) 257.40
 - Katie Edwards (Stevenson) 216.85
 - Jenni Down (John Glenn) 208.36
 - Kristy Biazio (Churchill) 205.80
 - Allison Bentley (Ladywood) 204.57
 - Michele Kam (Stevenson) 204.55
 - Erin Lizure (Redford Union) 202.85
 - Kelly Stevens (Churchill) 195.20
- 100-YARD BUTTERFLY** (state cut: 1:02.29)
- Erin Downs (Mercy) 59.83
 - Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:00.05
 - Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:00.26
 - Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:00.74
 - Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:02.26
 - Kristin Loridas (Mercy) 1:02.27
 - Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.45
 - Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 1:02.65
 - Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:03.04
 - Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 1:03.04
- 100-YARD FREESTYLE** (state cut: 55.89)
- Amy Smith (Franklin) 51.42
 - Amy McCullough (Mercy) 53.77
 - Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 53.81
 - Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 54.33
 - Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 55.18
 - Lindsi McErean (N. Farmington) 55.22
 - Jeni Blacklock (Mercy) 55.50
 - Kristin Loridas (Mercy) 55.59
 - Christina Morden (Ladywood) 55.95
 - Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 56.10
- 200-YARD FREESTYLE** (state cut: 2:05.28)
- Farmington Hills Mercy 1:40.43
 - Livonia Stevenson 1:43.17
 - North Farmington 1:45.00
 - Plymouth Salem 1:47.72
 - Plymouth Canton 1:50.28
- 100-YARD BACKSTROKE** (state cut: 1:02.79)
- Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:01.80
 - Lindsay Dolin (Stevenson) 1:01.81
 - Lindsi McErean (N. Farmington) 1:01.83
 - Michele Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.08
 - Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:02.10
 - Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 1:02.87
 - Nan Fofa (Salem) 1:03.18
 - Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:03.38
 - Tara Grider (N. Farmington) 1:04.36
- 100-YARD BREASTSTROKE** (state cut: 1:11.29)
- Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 1:08.45
 - Elizabeth Garrow (Mercy) 1:09.25
 - Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:10.04
 - Lindsi McErean (N. Farmington) 1:10.42
 - Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:10.92
 - Erin Rogala (Canton) 1:13.82
 - Lindsay Roble (Mercy) 1:14.06
 - Erin Cook (Stevenson) 1:14.15
 - Elizabeth Hum (Stevenson) 1:14.20
 - Alex Evans (Salem) 1:14.64
- 400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY** (state cut: 3:49.59)
- Farmington Hills Mercy 3:35.27
 - Livonia Stevenson 3:48.02
 - North Farmington 3:48.33
 - Plymouth Salem 3:57.23
 - Farmington Harrison 4:02.12

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Nitro is best

The Canton Nitro under-9 boys soccer team, members of the Canton Soccer Club, reigned as champions in Erie Division of the Great Lakes Soccer League. The Nitro finished with a 9-1 record.

Mike Luiko led the Nitro with 23 goals, with keepers Alexa VanVliet and Nick Turnbull anchoring the defense.

Other team members are Nick Bargowski, Varun Bharanraj, Nate Eidson, Gage Hermann, Alex Lang, Andrew Rusinek, Carly Slank, Levi Whited and Robert Wildman.

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"If you're going to beat Northville, you have to control Hammond and their point guard. Emily Garbott," Blohm stressed. "In the first half we weren't boxing out, and Hammond was hurting us inside."

"At halftime we talked a lot about keeping somebody on her at all times and preventing her from getting second shots."

Blohm's message apparently hit home as Hammond was shut out in the game's final 16 minutes.

Canton connected on just 1-of-14 field goal attempts in the second quarter, a putback by Ashley Williams that gave it a 12-7 lead.

With the Chiefs holding onto a

slim two-point lead late in the third quarter, Katie Schwartz connected on a high-arching three-pointer that gave the visitors a five-point cushion. Schwartz's only successful field goal of the night staggered the Mustangs, according to Northville coach Peter Wright.

"That three by Katie Schwartz was the turning point in the game, in my opinion," Wright elaborated. "It went from a two-point game to a five-point game, and it seemed like we had to battle back from that point on."

Canton, which led 31-27 after three quarters, grabbed its biggest lead of the game, 42-34, with 1:50 left when Anne Morrell hit a lay-up after receiving a

pretty feed from Janine Guastella. Fueled by the inside play of senior forward Janel Hasse, the Mustangs mounted a furious last-minute rally, cutting Canton's lead to 46-44 on Hasse's layup with six seconds left.

Chief point guard Amanda Lentz was intentionally fouled with 4.4 seconds on the clock. She converted the second of two free throws, making the score 47-44. A 22-foot desperation heave by Hammond fell short as the buzzer sounded.

Guastella paced Canton's offensive attack with 15 points, nine of which came from the free-throw line. Morrell, who sat

out a large chunk of the second half with foul trouble, chipped in with nine points and four steals.

Despite being one of the smallest players on the court, the 5-foot-7 Lentz led the Chiefs in rebounding with seven. She also poured in seven points and dished out four assists.

Hammond and Hasse both finished with 15 points each for the Mustangs. Hammond added a game-high 12 rebounds.

Canton made 15-of-51 shots from the field (29.4 percent) and 16-of-22 from the charity stripe (72 percent). Northville, which connected on 19-of-48 field goals (39.6 percent), was red hot in the fourth quarter, hitting nine-of-13 shots.

"Defensively, we gave ourselves a chance," Mantyla said. "But you need consistency to score against good teams. And we're struggling."

"We've been playing well, pretty good. We've done a challenge of our schedule. We're one game away from being recognized as being a nice team."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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(C-D Division Championship)

St. Agatha vs. St. Florian

at U-M Mercy's Calihan Hall, noon

(CHSL Central-AA Championship)

Ladwood vs. Dbn. Divine Child

at U-M Mercy's Calihan Hall, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

Clarenceville at Liggett, 6:30 p.m.

Luth. North at Luth. W. at 6:30 p.m.

W.L. Western at Farmington, 7 p.m.

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

Franklin at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Garden City, 7 p.m.

A.P. Cabrini at P.C. Christian, 7 p.m.

Huron Valley vs. Canton Agape

at Marshall M.S., 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

W.L. Western at Farmington, 7 p.m.

(WLA Finals at Franklin)

Northville vs. Harrison, 5:30 p.m.

Salem vs. Canton, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 11

Macomb Christian at Agape, 5:30 p.m.

St. Agatha at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.

Wayne at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

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PCA at A.A. Greenfalls, 6:30 p.m.

St. Agatha at M.C. Moorey, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 13

Operation Friendship Finals

at U-D's Calihan Hall, 1 & 2:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

(Division I state semifinals)

TBA — time to be announced.

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and was second in rebounding (5.3), and Chris Colley, a 6-7 forward from Hazel Park who collected 10 points and five boards a game.

Those two will share the captain's title with Robert Brown, a 6-4 guard/forward from Oak Park who transferred from Central Michigan University.

Colley and Bigby started last season. Quentin Mitchell, a 6-3 guard from Detroit City; Reggie Kirkland, a 6-3 guard from Romulus; and Dwayne Holmes, a 6-6 forward from Taylor Truman, are other returning sophomores whose roles should expand this season.

How much depends on those impressive newcomers, like Brown, Mike Williams, a 6-7 forward from Detroit City HS who was a Class D all-stater; Brian Williams, a 6-2 point guard from Wayne Memorial who played last year at Kalamazoo Valley CC; Nick Evola, a 6-7 forward from Warren Woods Tower who signed with Hillsdale, then left and enrolled at SC; Dwight Windom II, a 6-4 guard/forward from Dearborn Robichaud; and Tony Jancevski, a 6-9 for-

ward from Plymouth Salem. The difference with this season's team is obvious: size. "This year, we'll be bigger inside," said Briggs. "We'll want to take advantage of that. We've got some big guys that do to."

That doesn't mean wholesale changes in playing style. "We'll always run," said Briggs. "But the last few years we've relied on our guards and forwards to carry us."

That won't be the case this season, not with guys like Holmes, who weighs in at 225; Colley, who's 230; Evola, who's 220; and Jancevski, who's 225.

Still, Briggs tempers his optimism with a healthy dose of caution. "A lot of our size is inexperienced," he noted, adding, "That's going to be one of our most important things — how fast they grow up."

"We're still searching for someone to step up and be a leader for us. We had that last year. Now we need our sophomores to step forward."

With Bigby and Colley back, and some proven scorers among the recruits, Briggs

concern is defense and — despite their increased overall size — rebounding. Making the adjustment to this level of play isn't always easy.

"The key is can we play defense and rebound," he said. "That's always the key. If we can do that, it'll keep us in most games."

Among the freshmen, Briggs believes Evola and Mike Williams have the best chance of making an early impact. "Both have size and both can score," Briggs noted. "We just need them to play harder."

One other element that has been pivotal to SC's success the past two years, something Briggs plans to continue, is keeping players academically eligible.

"Every successful program, at every level, begins with the administration," he said. "Ours has been outstanding. I want to thank them for that."

In particular, he singled out the Learning Assistance Center, which works closely with the players.

Now it's just a matter of how quickly the newer Ocelots learn on the court.



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beginners, intermediate and advanced types. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register, call (248) 350-9484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS
An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

ACTIVITIES
MAYBURY MIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a hike at Maybury State Park on Sunday, Nov. 14. Participants are asked to meet at 1 p.m. at the park concession stand (at the Eight Mile Road entrance). Call Max Nemazi at (734) 421-4397 for more information.

ARCHERY
LIVONIA RANGE
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

CLASSES/CLINICS
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Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fly tying classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

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SHOOTING SPORTS
SPORTING CLAYS
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CLUBS
CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome). The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES
SIGHTING-IN DAYS
Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold its annual sighting-in days 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily through Nov. 14. Range fee is \$6 for two guns and \$3 for each additional gun. Bore

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

LIVES OF VOYAGEURS
Home schoolers will learn about the impact the French Voyageurs had on the Great Lakes region during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Stony Creek.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS
COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PERMITS
The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30 and \$25 thereafter. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

NATIVE AMERICANS AND PIONEERS
Ages 6-8 can explore the life of Native Americans and early settlers through crafts, games, a hike, stories, a snack and more during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Independence Oaks.

FRIENDS OF FEATHERS
Join the nature center's new club for ages 5-12. Each meeting includes indoor and outdoor nature activities. Cost is \$4 and advanced registration is required. The next meetings will be held 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday Nov. 27, at Independence Oaks.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS
COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

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scored seven points apiece for Salem. Jenna VanWagoner had three and Mary Lou Liebaw scored two.

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WHAC Tourney at Cornerstone, TBA.

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SEASON/DATES

Archery season runs through Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 2 statewide. A late after-noon session will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 452. A late after-noon session will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 3-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

Duck season runs through Nov. 3

BOWLING AND RECREATION

Deer population is up, that's for certain

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

Back-to-back mild winters in the Upper Peninsula, coupled with fair weather during the spring fawning seasons, has resulted in an increase in the deer population across the region. For proof of that increase, look no further than the recent success of Dale Horst's hunting party. For the past seven years, Horst and nine or 10 friends have made their bow camp during the last week of October in the western Upper Peninsula - somewhere near the Marquette/Iron County line. Last week there were 10 hunters in the "Spike Ridge Bowhunter's" camp and all 10 tagged a deer. "That's the best we've ever done," said

Horst, of Redford. "I keep a log each year and the best we had done before this year was eight deer between 11 hunters back in 1995. The (deer) numbers are definitely up. On the average we were probably seeing three or four deer each day, which is pretty good for up there. The numbers are coming back up." Of the 10 deer, four were bucks. The largest was a four-point. "We're all dedicated bow hunters. There are bigger bucks up there, but we're really not after the trophies," Horst said.

Clarkston's Jack Ross arrowed a 5-point buck last week in Oakland County while hunting from a tree stand on private property.

Troy's Mark Williams reports downing a 9-point buck with his bow while

hunting along a corn field in Clinton County.

Oxford's Billy Edwards shot a 5-point buck from a ground blind in Lapeer County.

DNR seeks deer heads

As part of the state's overall strategy to eradicate bovine tuberculosis from Michigan's white-tailed deer herd the DNR is asking for hunter's assistance. Hunters who shoot deer in northeastern Michigan are asked to bring the head of their deer to a DNR check station for free examination. Fawns will not be tested.

Hunters who take deer from the following counties are asked to participate in the testing program: Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Alpena, Montmorency, Otsego, Antrim, Kalkaska, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona,

Iosco, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Missaukee, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin and Arenac.

Heads of bucks and does are needed for laboratory examination because the lymph nodes located in the head near the base of the neck are used to determine if a deer had TB. Deer with advanced stages of the disease may have pea-sized yellow or tan lumps on the lungs or body cavity, but 60 percent of infected animals do not have these visible lesions.

For a list of check stations call the DNR Rose Lake Laboratory at (517) 373-9358.

Red Man Regional

Four area bass anglers will join 116 other competitors next weekend in the Red Man Regional bass fishing tournament on Table Rock Lake in Kimberling City, Missouri.

Linda Bennett of Canton, Scott Emery of Livonia, Kevin Long of Oxford, and David Reault of Livonia have all qualified for the regional by placing in the top 30 in the Red Man Michigan Division.

The top prize at the regional is a new Chevy truck and a Ranger bass boat equipped with a 175 hp Johnson outboard motor. In addition, the top eight finishers at the regional will advance to the \$290,000 Red Man All-American, May 8-13, on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

Falling temperatures chase insects to the water

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Looking at the surface of a lake, river or pond gives no clues as to the wonders beneath. A hidden realm of life exists under water, built on the same ecological principles as land based organisms. Animals depend on oxygen in the water from photosynthesis, food chains of various size animals

exist, and the seasons cause changes in life styles. Today, the temperature was only in the 30s and the wind was blowing constantly making it feel much colder. As I walked down to the lake with a group of third graders, we were hard pressed to find insects flying around. Yet that is what we hoped to find in the water. Getting our hands wet in the cold wind did not make it comfortable looking for aquatic critters, but we found a good sampling of representative aquatic animals. Because water retains heat

longer than air, our targets were relatively warm in the water, though we were feeling cold above the water. Many insects live in the water before they emerge as adults. Dragonflies, damselflies, mayflies, caddisflies, stoneflies have nymphs that mature under water before transforming into a winged adult. Some dragonfly nymphs may take two or three years to become a winged adult. During the winter nymphs of many aquatic insects remain active, but sluggish due to the cold water. Cold blooded insects

on land had already adjusted for the cold winter temperatures and would not be seen until warm weather returned. While sampling down by the river, large dragonfly nymphs were plucked from the sediments in the net. In fact, we seldom find such large nymphs in the warm weather. Later we dipped our nets along the lake shore off the dock and discovered different kinds of dragonfly nymphs. Two water boatmen, insects with long legs flattened to resemble oars, were captured. In the specimen trays, they demonstrated their rowing tech-

niques expertly. Damselfly nymphs were not bothered by their movements above them. The leech kept on inching its way along the bottom of the pan, while the mayfly nymph stayed next to a small twig. One student even caught a 2-inch long crayfish. We spotted it when she brought up the net and we saw its escape movements. When we put it in the pan of water, it immediately scooped its tail under its body and propelled itself backwards, a typical maneuver used to escape danger. Though it was cold, and some got wet, no one complained,

especially when they were catching things. Some animals that we typically see in warm weather were not seen, but that didn't matter to these students. Hands on opportunities to learn are always fun and effective. Today, despite the lack of action on land, the water world was still moving, providing us with a great learning experience. We sometimes forget about all the life in the water until an opportunity arises to remind us how similar, yet different it is below the surface.

Local bowlers collect their medals at Senior Olympics

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Over 12,400 participants, ages 50 and up from across the U.S. competed recently in the National Senior Olympics in Orlando, Florida. The participants were all medal winners in their events from their home states, progressing to the nationals with a starting field of a 250,000 senior athletes. Bowling is one of the many Olympic sports, which include softball, basketball, tennis, archery, cycling, track & field, triathlon, race-walking, etc. In the bowling events last week, Bill Funke and Mary Mohacs of Livonia each won gold medals. Phil Horowitz and Mort Friedman of West Bloomfield each won silver medals, while Scotty Laughlin and Lloyd McNabb of the Detroit area also took home gold medals in bowling.

There is a really good article on women's bowling in the November issue of Womens Health Style magazine (page 12). It's free and available at several sites in the area including most hospital lobbies, Barnes & Noble and Borders bookstores, F & M stores, YMCA, YWCA, various bagel shops, coffee shops and some doctors offices. Last Monday was a special treat at Cloverlanes in Livonia. A former teammate, Westland's Tina Barber-Judy, rolled 15 in a row, but did not get a 300 game out of it. She finished the second game with six straight strikes and started the third with the first nine. Barber-Judy finished with a 279, tied with Angela Wilt, another Westlander for the third game jackpot. Chris Kliczinski of Westland finished third in the latest round of the Budweiser Michigan Majors tournaments held recently at Chez Ami Lanes in Grand Rapids. Kliczinski defeated Billy Orlikowski 224-196 to reach the final match against Ray Eddy III of Saginaw. Eddy closed with four strikes to edge out Kliczinski, 235-221, for the title. Arnie Goldman finished second. The next stop on the MMBA schedule Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 20-21 at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights for 32nd annual championship event. Entry forms are out on the counters at most local bowling centers for the new scratch tournament monthly series put on by the Blue Ribbon Group of independent bowling centers. The kick-off event will be Saturday, Nov. 13 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. It is limited to 217-and-under in averages with a first place prize of \$2,000. For more information, call Mayflower Lanes at (313) 937-8420. How about a Turkey Shoot for the ladies? There is going to be one starting at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23 at Oak Lanes in Westland 9:30 a.m. (check in at 9 a.m.). The \$11 entry fee includes three games of bowling - regular bowling; 2-6-9 automatic strike frames; 9 pin no-top. Also included in the entry fee is three high-game jackpots (handicapped) and two mystery games. One turkey will be awarded for every eight entries and free baby sitters are available. Use your 1998-99 yearbook average. For more information, call (734) 422-7420.

Bill Funke, Gold medal-winner

The Senior Olympics was the largest multi-sports event in the USA in 1999. The opening ceremonies included a celebration parade at Disney's Wide World of Sports, very similar in many ways to the Olympics which we see every four years on TV. "It was a great thrill and very exciting to be a part of the medal ceremonies with a big crowd, I was really touched," Funke said. "When you consider that only about five percent of the original entrants get to qualify, this is quite an honor and a moment to be remembered." Bits & pieces department: Vince Wood of Moreno Valley, California has become the third person in American Bowling Congress history to roll a sanctioned 900 series, Sept. 29 in a mixed league. How about the next one coming out of our town? There are many fine bowlers here just as capable of 36 in a row, so let's do it. Wood, 20, joins Jeremy Sonnewald and Tony Roventini as the only bowlers ever to roll an ABC approved 900 series.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Table with multiple columns listing bowling scores and names for various events like Mayflower Lanes, Men's Junior House, etc.

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

19-year-old concertmaster loves to play

Juliana Athayde is living proof that exposure to music at an early age leads to a longtime love – and sometimes even a commitment.

The 19-year-old concertmaster for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra developed an early interest in music. Her mother is a violinist and her father a junior high school music teacher. Her father also teaches trumpet privately.

But that alone isn't always enough reason for a child to want to play an instrument. For whatever reason, not all musicians encourage their children to pick up an instrument. The last string for Athayde's mother was having to fend off her 2-year-old daughter's attempts to grab her violin.

So on Athayde's second birthday, she received a miniature version. Shortly afterward, Athayde began studying the Suzuki method with Zoya Leybin, a member of the San Francisco Symphony. By the time she



PHOTO BY CATHERINE BYRD

Concertmaster: Juliana Athayde performs a violin concerto by American composer Samuel Barber.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra
What: A concert spotlighting the music of Bach, Beethoven, Bartok, and Barber. Guest artists are the Northwest Vicariate Handbell Choir.
Concertmaster: Juliana Athayde solos in Barber's "Violin Concerto, Op. 14."
When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13. An afterglow will be held in the parish hall.
Where: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road, Plymouth.
Tickets: \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, no charge for students in K-12. Call (734) 451-2112, or visit the Web site www.plymouthsymphony.org

was 12, Athayde had joined the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra. She was appointed concertmaster of the orchestra in her sophomore year of high school and traveled to Europe with the orchestra twice.

Musical household

"Music was in the house all the time," said Athayde, who moved to Michigan two years ago to study with Paul Kantor at the University of Michigan School of Music in Ann Arbor. "I would be screaming in the crib and my mom's violin student would be playing and I would be enamored. Later on, there were just instruments everywhere. I'm the oldest of four children with a 14-year-old sister cellist, a brother who plays jazz trumpet and drums, and a 9-year-old sister, also a violinist."

Athayde will perform American composer Samuel Barber's "Violin Concerto, Op. 14" with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Saturday, Nov. 13, at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth. It is a work she heard one of her mom's students play long ago.

Also on the program are Bartok's "Rumanian Folk Dances" and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 6 (Pastorale)." Special guests are the Northwest Vicariate Handbell Choir, com-

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Children of War

IMAGES OF SUFFERING HAUNT LOCAL ARTIST



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • STAFF WRITER
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 STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Lin Baum wonders whatever happened to the children whose portraits she painted in war-torn countries during the mid- to late '80s.

The fighting may have stopped in Nicaragua, Mozambique, Belfast, Israel/Palestine, and on the Thai-Cambodia border, but this social realist is sure the gaunt and haggard looks, which reveal the effects on the children, linger.

Surrounded by her paintings at The Art Gallery/Studio in Garden City, Baum contemplated her words carefully as she talked about experiences behind the paintings and drawings in the exhibit: the sad eyes of a little girl at a TB clinic on the Thai-Cambodia border, a boy living in the camps of Mozambique after his father died at the hands of bandits – Baum painted all of these children on site. She did take photographs, though, for slide presentations she made to peace and justice groups and churches. Many of the images are on exhibit in the lobby of the School of Education at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where she earned a bachelor of fine arts degree.

Shock

"It was a real shock to me not only to see the horrific suffering endured by the children during the fighting but the effects of the war-induced famine that causes mental impairments," said Baum who began the series with a trip to Nicaragua during the Contra War in 1985.

It was a subject that would continue to haunt her before and after her return to Detroit. All of Baum's work deals with issues of human vulnerability like the children at the Thai/Cambodia border who were afraid of "white people."

"I kept pushing the idea to paint these children to the back of my mind only to have it resurface again

and again," said Baum, who teaches portraiture at The Art Gallery/Studio and Schoolcraft College in Livonia. "I weighed the idea against the expense and the danger and then decided I'm never going to have any peace until I do this. I really believe God wanted me to do this, to come out without even a scratch."

Setting up a studio in a refugee camp, school, hospital or village, Baum would work all day on a single portrait, sometimes surrounded by the entire village, whose people who would come out to watch. The Art Gallery/Studio exhibit features three paintings from each of the six sites: Nicaragua, Thai-Cambodia border, Belfast, Mozambique, Israel/Palestine, and Detroit, plus 12 drawings.

Human experience

An artist committed to representing the human experience with authenticity and rapidity, Baum painted the oils on canvas at first. Then she discovered it was quicker to do the portraits on linen on glue ground. This eliminated the need to paint a background. Stretchers made it easy to transport the rolled-up works.

"Children of War"

What: An exhibit featuring selected works from Lin Baum's "Children of War" portrait series.
When: Monday, Nov. 8 to Saturday, Nov. 20. Opening reception to meet the artist 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10.
Where: The Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford Road, (west of Middlebelt), Garden City. Call (734) 513-4044 for more information.



Haunting images: Lin Baum (left) painted these portraits of children in war-torn Mozambique, Belfast and the Thai/Cambodia border. (Above) Inacia ended up living in the camps in Mozambique after his father died at the hands of bandits.

"I'd heard all the stories, and I wanted to go and find out for myself. I wanted to go with as open a mind as possible," said Baum. "The children weren't just casualties of war, but targets. Many of the children were captured or kidnapped and made to fight."

Baum estimates that 300,000 children are fighting in 36 world conflicts.

"A tactic that's being used is they kidnap then drug them to fight," said Baum.

Baum, an appointee to the Wayne County Council for the Arts, hopes the paintings will help "to change our whole sense of what war is and, hopefully, that war will end" as viewers reflect on the . After Nicaragua, Baum tried to get into South Africa but was denied a visa by the apartheid regime. By 1986, she was traveling to the Thai-Cambodia border. In 1987 it was Belfast, then Mozambique in 1988 followed by Israel, Gaza and the West Bank, in 1989. Finally, Baum returned to paint Detroit children in 1990 to tie it all together.

"I'm not going to say it's horrific as conditions the children in the war-torn countries were living in, but there is a high poverty rate. I believe the children are the umbrella issue under which all others fall. If you address the needs of the children, you address everything."

Of all the war-torn scenes Baum traveled to, Belfast and Israel stand out in her mind because both were occupied areas at the time.

"There was a shoot-to-kill policy for the English soldiers in Belfast," said Baum. "It's very dehumanizing. You have no recourse. It's an awful, awful feeling to have."

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PROFILE

New DIA director deliberates on reconfiguring museum

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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May as well take away Graham W.J. Beal's nattily twisted professorial bowtie, stylish wide-lapel suit, neatly groomed GQ looks and impeccable diction. For that matter, even take away his two middle initials. Despite living in a museum world filled with aristocratic thin air, Beal doesn't show any sign of being another typical, high-falutin' stuffed shirt.

Of course, there's no taking away the English gentleman or the precise manner in which Beal is going about transforming one of the region's most-coveted cultural gems, the Detroit Institute of Arts.

For an art historian raised in the hills of southern England and educated at a public university who has risen in the curatorial ranks of American museums, the new director of the DIA has a firm outlook for the future of one of the largest encyclopedic museums in the country.

In less than a month on the job, Beal has already demonstrated the political savvy and administrative marksmanship that made worthwhile the two-year wait to fill the top post, which had been vacated by former director Samuel Sachs.

But don't expect sudden or sweeping

changes any time soon. Except for exhibits of provocative works, changes are imperceptibly subtle and, for the most part, conservative in tone in the museum world.

Beal is a meticulous planner who characterizes his style as "consultative leadership."

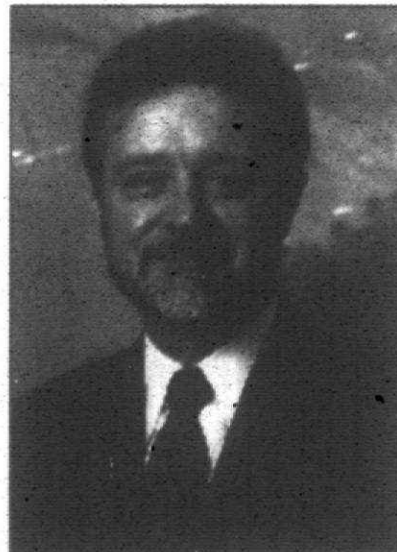
It's a style he's honed during his career as director for the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, Neb., and stints as curator at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis.

Over the last several weeks at the DIA, Beal has made headway on meeting with a long list of corporate and civic leaders, although he admits that he isn't quite used to those "Midwestern early-morning breakfast meetings."

Preferring not to speak in specific terms, Beal laid out his vision for the DIA.

"There's an opportunity for me to make a contribution in reconfiguring a great cultural institution to make it more relevant and accessible."

By "more accessible," Beal means making the DIA a place where multiculturalism is celebrated, not just given a passing nod. He pointed to his effort to make the LA County Museum of Art more accessible to Latinos and Asians by developing exhibits that



Graham W.J. Beal

examined Mexican and Korean art.

Quite likely, he said, the DIA will broaden its exhibits and collection of African-American art since the metro area has one of the largest collector bases of that art in the world.

Of course, Beal is acutely aware of the DIA's strength. "Our collection is our currency," he said.

Indeed, Beal expects that by loaning

pieces from the museum's expansive collection, there will be opportunities to gain, in return, other historically significant pieces, such as the van Gogh paintings that will be exhibited in March.

Another sometimes-controversial topic is the DIA's role in promoting local artists. For many, the museum should offer display works by contemporary Michigan artists. Beal contends that the quality of the art, not the residency of the artist, should be the determining factor.

"I don't believe in art by ZIP code," he said. "Art should be judged against the greatest art. The institution has a duty to find the right context to exhibit contemporary exhibits."

And because the region doesn't have a contemporary art museum per se, the DIA is also expected to serve as a major exhibitor of new works.

"We won't take on an exhibit that is gratuitous and provocative," said Beal, who turned down the "Sensation" exhibit when he was director at the LA County Art Museum.

"But we won't shy away from being part of the discussion about the important role of how and why contemporary art is presented."

Before the "reconfiguring" of the

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Mystery writer throws fans a 'Hanging Curve' in newest book

'Hanging Curve' by Troy Soos (Kensington, \$22). For those of you who have been waiting, here is another imaginative tale by Troy Soos...



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BOOK HAPPENINGS

- List of book events including 'Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings.' and 'Author Luncheon'.

Art Beat features various happenings in the area. Lisa Marie Krieger shows her watercolor renderings of fish, fisherman and nature scenes Monday, Nov. 8 to Sunday, Nov. 14 at Bueter's Outdoors...

For more information, call (734) 465-6025. FREE CONCERT Pianist Anton Nel performs works by Handel, Beethoven, Debussy and Chopin...

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Lecture Tuesday, November 9, 1999 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Detroit has produced and is still producing significant public art. In celebration of these works of art, Center for Creative Studies Professor Dennis Nawrocki wrote 'Art in Detroit Public Places'...

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Through Nov. 24, Greenfield Village will offer special escorted walking tours Monday through Thursday with the price of regular admission. This free tour is a special way visitors can learn more about the most important exhibits in Greenfield Village...

SKILLMAN DONATES TO DIA The Skillman Foundation has made a donation of \$2.5 million to the ongoing capital campaign at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

CALLING ARTISTS FOR POLK CONTEST The Polk Company has announced its third-annual art competition held exclusively for Michigan artists.

WALKING TOURS The holiday season is just around the corner and now is the time to take one more stroll through beautiful Greenfield Village before the first snowfall.

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Sequins, beads and crystals visit day wear and accessories

Sparkle has always been synonymous with evening wear...

While there's been much talk about minimalist style...

Besides, shiny details surely will come in handy during the holiday season.

The next time you find yourself in a panic, saying, "I have nothing to wear..."

While sequins may seem excessive for day wear...

A wool sweater or cardigan adorned with beading is one of the easiest ways to give ordinary skirts and pants sophistication...

And, if the season has caught you expecting, consider Pea In The Pod's silver-beaded, two-piece sweater set in black.

If adding sparkle in the form of accessories sounds more your speed, shop for an ornate hand bag or shiny piece of jewelry.

Necklaces you can layer and beaded chokers are suitable for most outfits and occasions, especially if you'd like something light-catching around the face.

While these pieces are available in major department stores and many small retail boutiques...

Beaded purses, a season must-have for party attire, can be purchased just about anywhere at any price.

While sequins and beads are suitable for both party girls and corporate divas...

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Holiday dressing Cozy sweaters cover all the bases and more

BY NICOLE STAFFORD, SPECIAL EDITOR

Holiday apparel shoppers beware: the line between dressy and casual wear looks fuzzy these days.

Designers and retailers are pushing sweaters and long skirts, rather than fuzzy dresses...

Cardigans, funnel-neck and spaghetti-strap knit tops, even hooded sweatshirt-style sweaters...

While the notion of wearing a sweater and a long skirt to either a black-tie ball or casual dinner party...

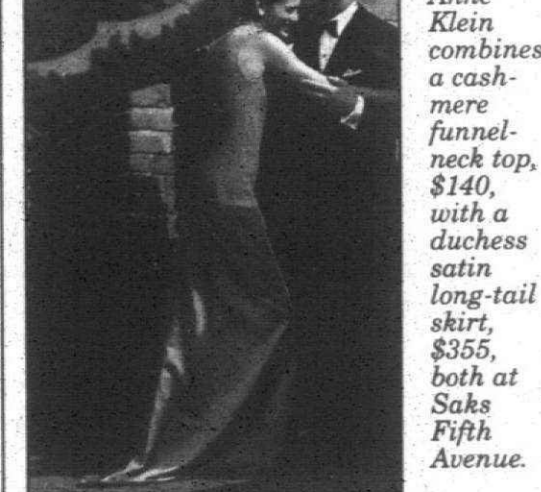
"It wardrobe stretches," said Somerset Collection Fashion Manager Amanda Turner...

Another benefit of the trend, women can mix fabrics and colors in their evening wear.

Many designers, including Anne Klein and DKNY, offer up to three sweater and top styles to pair with their full-length skirts...

Sizing is less of a problem, too, said Andy Szkyrbalo, Parisian Room and Dresses selling manager at Laurel Park Place's Parisian store in Livonia.

Sweater-sets and shrugs also give women the option of hiding their arms...



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Sweater party: Sweater-sets fall in between dressy and casual this season...

While ball gown and parachute skirts may require alterations, sweaters rarely do...



The shawl: Silk shawling and ankle pants, \$260, gets wrapped up with a cashmere sweater...



Fabric mix: Anne Klein combines a cashmere funnel-neck top, \$140, with a duchess satin long-tail skirt, \$355, both at Saks Fifth Avenue.

At a casual, beaded choker, plain shoes and simple evening bag render the look more informal.

Most importantly, special occasion sweater and skirt separates are a thousand times more malleable than a formal, or even semi-formal, dress.

"You can make (the look) casual or dress it up as much as you want," said Hillis. Elegant jewelry, a formal evening bag and a pair of beaded slides cre-

ate a dressier look. A casual, beaded choker, plain shoes and simple evening bag render the look more informal.

HomeTOWN HAPPENINGS

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find...

HOLIDAY SHOPPING BENEFIT Kick off the season of giving at a holiday shopping gala that benefits Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan.

HOLIDAY CANNED GOODS DRIVE Laurel Park Place in Livonia accepts donations of canned goods to benefit The Pontiac Rescue Mission.

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TRAVEL

Couple on a Harley take anything but an easy ride

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

This July, Jeff and Kim Dold of Garden City rode their 1999 Harley-Davidson Electroglide Classic on a little cross-country jaunt that was a classic in its own right.

Eighteen states. Eighteen days. More than 7,200 miles. Four-hour summer downpours in Chicago. Death Valley at the height of the afternoon heat.

You need a lot of sunscreen when the temperature is 126°.

It was all part of their summer vacation and a longtime dream to go cross country on Jeff's Harley.

They started in Michigan, went down to Interstate 80 and across Indiana and Illinois into the Chicago area in search of the legendary Route 66.

The route that John Steinbeck called "The Mother Road" starts outside of Chicago. In many places, it is no longer there, it's simply covered by freeways. In other places, it can be driven on.

The duo went down to St. Louis, across Missouri and Oklahoma.

They stopped at "Cadillac Ranch" in the Texas panhandle.

There really are nearly a dozen Cadillacs upended in the Texas plain west of Amarillo, roughly midway between Chicago and L.A. Two hundred yards south of I-40 six miles west of Amarillo, where old US-66 rejoins the interstate, the rusty hulks of 10 classic Caddies are front end-down in the dirt.

In August 1997 the Cadillacs got another 15 minutes of fame when the artist decided to dig them up and move them a mile west from where they'd been - to escape Amarillo sprawl.

On to New Mexico, where they stayed in Albuquerque, saw the Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona and took a side trip north up to Four Corners - where the corners of New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado meet. A small monument marks the spot.

Supposedly, if you are limber enough, you can use two feet and



Falling Water: Kim Dold's picture of Shoshone Falls in Idaho reveals one of many spectacular sights the couple saw on their trip west.



Travelers: Kim and Jeff Dold during their cross-country trip stopped at the Grand Canyon.



Electroglide: Jeff Dold and his wife rode to California and back on this Harley.

two hands and have part of your- self in four states.

"We stayed on an Indian reservation that night," Jeff said. That was after a visit to Monument Valley. Then they went into Grand Canyon National Park, stayed in the park at a

lodge and got fogged in.

The next day brought the Arizona weather known as monsoon, a short season of powerful rain and thunderstorms that arrives every summer. "The temperature was about 100," Kim said. Near Seligman, Ariz., they got back on

"That's where we ran out of gas," Jeff Dold said. No one stopped to help, and they sat for several hours, Kim said. Eventually it was the cops at Hoover Dam who came out and rescued them.

It was in Vegas they relied on their only real advanced reservation, for the Mirage. They came in at 11 p.m. and were lucky enough to be upgraded to a penthouse suite for \$75.

On into California they rode, where they visited San Francisco, Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown and then closed the day at a blues bar.

Turning eastward, they went to Yosemite ("our favorite spot" says Jeff) and then zipped to Mono Lake (directly east of the park) and saw the calcium formations, then drove to Lake Tahoe.

The next day they were off to Idaho to see the spectacular Shoshone Falls at the city of Twin Falls.

"Yellowstone was a quick drive through. We saw snow at the higher elevations, and we went through some of it at night," Jeff said.

They stayed in Cody outside the eastern edge of Yellowstone Park then drove to Gillette and on up to Deadwood, S.D., then made a nostalgic stop at Sturgis, S.D., where bikers meet for a Bikers' Bash every summer.

From there they traveled to Mount Rushmore National Memorial, the Badlands National Park, and famous Wall Drugs whose ubiquitous highway signs advertising the store's many supposed charms make it difficult not to get curious enough to stop.

At this point Kim had to fly home to return to work.

Then, it was a dash across southern Minnesota, and summer rainstorm ordeal in Chicago, then back home to Michigan.

Family was not forgotten. They took a pager and a cellular telephone in case Kim's son wanted to call.

The couple have been in 26 states in their travels and hope to see 10 new ones on the next

big ride, this time out East.

Some things are definitely different traveling on a bike. Kim explains:

"You can't pack a lot. You have to do laundry often. You need plenty of sunscreen. There are a lot of stops. The bike gets good mileage, but it has a five-gallon tank. After 120 miles you need gas."

Kim works for McKesson, a pharmaceutical computer systems company. Jeff is a production worker at General Motors' power train plant in Ypsilanti.

Ride-along buddies were another couple on another Harley, Tony and Debbie Knierim of Newport, Mich.

Jeff did all the driving for the Dolds, while Kim concentrated on photography, including pictures of everyone holding up the Garden City Observer.

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CHRISTMAS ON RAILS

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FOCUS ON WINE



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Saké basics surely add to enjoyment

Saké (sah-KAY) production has reached the U.S. just as more Americans are discovering how well the intriguing taste of saké goes with a variety of light, fresh cuisines. Hand-crafted saké brewing techniques were brought to Oregon from the Momokawa Brewery in Japan and are being overseen by a Toji or master saké brewer.

Saké is a fermented rice product. Rice is polished and steamed, and in a single process, the starch is converted to sugar and simultaneously fermented to alcohol. Most saké contains 15-18 percent alcohol. No sulfites or preservatives are used, a fact that appeals to the health-conscious consumer.

Shelf life

On the other side of the coin, the lack of preservatives means a shelf life of only six months to one year. It is important, then, to pay attention to the saké label since it's best when fresh.

Momokawa sakés are easily identifiable in retail shops and restaurants by their distinctive cobalt blue bottles. We had the opportunity to taste a flight of Momokawa sakés at the Little Tree Sushi Bar in Royal Oak (11 Mile Road and Main St.) where you can try these new sakes with Japanese, Filipino, and Thai dishes as well as sushi.

The super-premium Millennium Series sakés are labeled Diamond \$24 (dry, complex for delicate foods), Silver \$20 (dry, assertive for robust foods), Pearl \$24 (for dessert) and Ruby \$16 (soft and smooth to accompany spicier foods). They range from very dry and light to slightly sweet and are best enjoyed well chilled. Although you may have heard that saké is consumed warm, the best sakés should be at least slightly chilled.

Momokawa's Moonstone series represents sakés infused with natural fruit essence such as Asian Pear, Yuzu (Japanese Citron), Black Raspberry, and Hazelnut. Depending on your preference, this may be a great way for you to experiment with the taste of saké.

Attributes

Saké should be colorless and bright, except for some specialty products that are produced unfiltered. Yellow or amber sakés are too old and will taste like it. Sakés exhibit clean, delicate aromas, and mild intensity.

The finest examples have low acidity, less than half of most wines. Aroma and flavor descriptors include

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Wine Picks

Picks of the pack: 1996 Groth Cabernet Sauvignon \$40 and 1995 Simi Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$45 deliver everything expected in America's favorite red wine.

■ Top quality is also delivered in the following cabernet sauvignons: 1996 Beringer, Knights Valley \$25; 1995 Marcelina, Napa Valley \$25; 1996 Simi, Sonoma County \$20 and 1995 Mazzocco \$18; 1996 St. Supery, Napa Valley \$18; 1997 Seven Peaks Central Coast \$13 and the incredible value 1998 Georges Dubouef, Vin de Pays d'Oc \$7.

■ Merlot appeals to those who like their red wine a little lighter-bodied and gentler. We like: 1997 Canoe Ridge \$22; 1997 Chateau Soverain, Alexander Valley \$17; 1997 Pine Ridge Merlot, Crimson Creek, Napa Valley \$25.

■ Since it's prime oyster season, consider these as best matches: 1997 Michel Redde Sancerre Les Tuilleries \$20 or 1997 Michel Redde Pouilly-Fume La Moynerie \$19; 1998 Dry Creek Vineyard Fume Blanc, Dry Creek Valley \$16; 1997 Cakebread Sauvignon Blanc \$20; and the best buy 1998 Chateau St. Jean Fume Blanc \$9.

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What to watch for in Taste next week:

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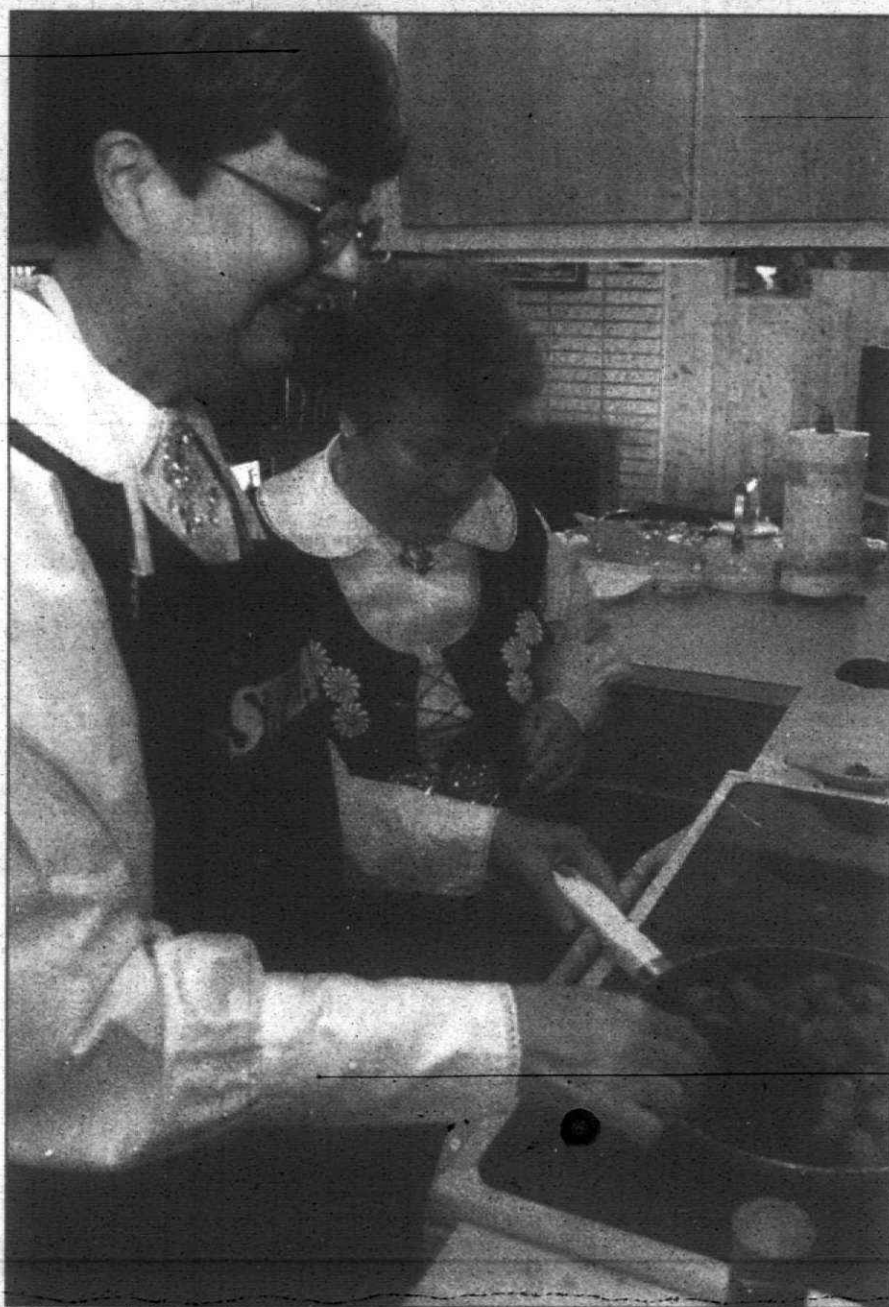
A SWEDISH CHRISTMAS FAIR



STORY BY RENEE SKOGLUND
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Bread wheel: Elisabeth Maxe shows off a round of knackebrod, a flat, hard bread served with cheese.



Mmm, mmm, good: Gunilla Skogfeldt (left to right) and Astrid Sadler make sure the meatballs brown, not burn. "Nothing beats mom's meatballs" is an old Swedish saying.

Swedes love to eat, drink and be merry

God Jul! For the food- and fun-loving Swedes, it's never too early to get into the holiday spirit.

Members of the Swedish Women's Educational Association Michigan Chapter are getting ready for the group's ninth annual Swedish Christmas Fair Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Finnish Center in Farmington Hills.

Of course, that means making lots of Kottullar, those delicate tasting Swedish meatballs made with finely ground beef, pork and veal and seasoned with sautéed onions and cream. The meatballs, served with mashed potatoes and lingonberries, will be sold at the fair, along with a variety of Swedish open-faced sandwiches.

To wash down all the goodies, fair-goers can sample glogg, a delicious and sometimes potent Swedish hot drink that extends a warm welcome on a wintry evening.

The cooks

Five SWEA members recently gathered in the kitchen of Elisabeth Maxe of Livonia to prepare a traditional Swedish meal: meatballs, mashed potatoes, sliced cucumbers with vinegar and parsley, lingonberries, Swedish farmer's cheese, and two kinds of bread.

Maxe broke several large rounds of crisp, flat, hard bread known as *knackebrod* into pieces and cut thick slices of *limpa*, an aromatic rye bread flavored with anise.

"The two breads are an absolute must," said Ebba Belfrage-Slomeana of Redford. "Swedes would get shocked if they were not served at a smorgasbord. They definitely would complain."

(Knackebrod is available at some supermarkets. Limpa bread is made every Saturday at the Farmington Bakery, 33250 Grand River, in downtown Farmington, (248) 442-2360.)

As the meatballs sizzled in a frying pan under the watchful eyes of Maxe's mother, Astrid Sadler of Dearborn, and Gunilla Skogfeldt of Northville, the women agreed upon the secret of perfect Swedish meatballs:

Swedish Christmas Fair

What: Annual fair sponsored by members of the Swedish Women's Educational Association Michigan Chapter offering Swedish foods, baked goods, imports and crafts, and live music.

When: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13

Where: Finnish Center, 32500 W. Eight Mile Road (one mile west of Farmington Road), Farmington Hills, (248) 478-6939.

Admission: \$1, children under age 12, free. For more information about the fair, call (313) 255-9705 or (248) 356-3977.

Highlights:

- Lucia pageant 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Personalized giant gingerbread cookies
- Children's workshop

SWEA is a nonprofit organization that supports various Swedish cultural and educational activities. To learn more about SWEA, call (248) 356-9977.

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Celebrate Thanksgiving the vegetarian way

LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY



BEVERLY PRICE

Thanksgiving, Elana excitedly told me about her positive experience with the turkey. As I tucked her into bed that evening, she asked, "Mommy, that's not the same turkey that people eat on Thanksgiving, is it?"

Well, I thought maybe it was time to have a little talk. Not that we did not already have several "vegetarian" talks in the past as Elana had a good sense at this point of why our family practiced vegetarianism, but this question was a little different. I explained to her that, "yes," the ani-

mal that visited her school was the same kind of turkey that people eat on Thanksgiving. Her eyes became larger than they already were, as she exclaimed, "No, they put the blood and feathers in their mouths, too?"

So, I continued to explain how people go about eating turkey. "You mean the turkey has to be killed before people eat it?" Elana continued quizzing me. I proceeded to address all of her concerns. She finished our conversation, by saying, "People don't eat each other, so we shouldn't eat turkeys." I left it at that.

The following day, Elana went to dance class. At the conclusion of the class, the instructor had the young girls gather around in a circle and exchange with each other what their favorite food was to eat at Thanksgiving. Miss Heather explained, "Some people like the mashed potatoes, some people like the stuffing, some people like the turkey..." With this, Elana looked at me sitting in the audience and gave me her saucer-eyed look again. I knew our talk hit home.

This whole scenario reminds me of a former issue of the *Vegetarian Times*. A

full-page cartoon of a classroom was highlighted. The teacher stood in front of the room with a picture of a large cow on her blackboard. Using a pointer, she was showing how different parts of the cow were used for food. The kids sat in the classroom with either their eyes popping out of their heads or their hands over their mouths ready to become sick.

Elana is now in kindergarten and still proud to be a vegetarian. We celebrate Thanksgiving with all of the trimmings, but the lonely turkey sits in the corner for our few meat-eating relatives. Highlighted are the colorful vegetables - squash, corn, cranberries, pepper and sweet potatoes. Non-traditional Thanksgiving dishes are featured such as vegetarian lasagna and cold salads of mixed greens. If you want to forgo the meat, but want a similar substitute, many health food stores in the area now offer "tofurky" (turkey made out of tofu) or meatless turkey made out of seitan, a wheat gluten.

Last year at this time, I was departing for Boston to see a rheumatologist, Dr. Trentham, for a revolutionary cure

for my scleroderma. I am still receiving calls from compassionate readers asking how my treatment is going, if it is working, and to please keep us posted. I thank everyone greatly for your concern. After one-year on minocin, a benign tetracycline drug, I feel like a new person and have put the bulk of my illness behind me. I still attribute a major contributor to the success of how quickly the medication worked to my lifestyle including a vegetarian diet. As I get ready for my 20th year high school reunion from Oak Park High School this Thanksgiving weekend, I will also be celebrating my 10-year anniversary as a vegetarian.

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Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste. See recipes inside.

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Arthritis center

Arthur's Place, Where Arthritis Healing Begins, is officially opening in Plymouth Monday, Nov. 8. Arthur's Place is a specially designed exercise and lifestyle facility for persons with arthritis and connective tissue disease. Center features a unique warm water Arthro-Aquatic Fitness System that facilitates pain relief and increase mobility and a 25-meter warm water swimming pool. An open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 20 and 21. Call (734) 254-0500 or visit Arthur's Place at 47659 Hayland Dr. in the MedHealth Wellness Center at Beck and M-14.

Nursing homes

A public hearing will be held by Michigan State Representatives Bob Brown, Eileen DeHart and Tom Kelly on the House Democratic Nursing Home Task Force from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8. All interested persons are encouraged to attend and give your perspective about nursing home issues or just to listen. The RESA Annex Auditorium will be the host site - located at 5454 Venoy Road in Wayne. Call Rep. Kelly's office for details, toll-free (888) 345-8017.

Nutrition lecture

Dr. Earl Mindell, author of the book "The Vitamin Bible," will speak on nutrition and nutritional supplements from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16 at the Novi Hilton (I-275 and Eight Mile). There is no charge. For information call (313) 534-8976.

Drug free ADD

Brackney Chiropractic Health Center will present a "Drug Free Approach to A.D.D. and Hyperactivity" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16. Learn more about drug free approaches to attention deficit disorder and hyperactivity in children and adults. Free consultation and exam will be available. Space is limited. Call (734) 455-5555. Brackney Chiropractic Health Center is located at 8512 Canton Center Road in Canton (across from the high school).

Discount Web site

Recently pharmacist and owner of Discount Medical Supplies Plus in Southfield, Steven Dakhliah, launched Discount Medical Supplies Plus (www.medicalsuppliesplus.com) over the Internet. The company offers everything from wheelchairs to magnetic bracelets at discount prices, often at lower prices than many insurance co-payments. Other items include vitamins, bathroom aids, homeopathic medicine and a new line of self-diagnostic aids. Being pharmacy based, only FDA approved supplements are dispensed. Customers can e-mail questions, be put on a mailing list for new product information or call the company directly at (800) 794-8383 for attention.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous avenues for you to offer noteworthy information including Medical Databases (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsletters (appointments/news items in the medical field) and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome noteworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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The road less traveled

Midwives are popular with families seeking alternative to traditional birth experience

By Kurt Roban
SPECIAL WRITER

Modern midwives are emerging from an age-old shroud of misconceptions. In recent years, word has spread, often by word of mouth, that midwifery is no longer about an old woman, a farmhouse and a pot of boiling water.

Rather it has become an intimate alternative to the often overwhelming and sometimes less-than-personal experience of giving birth with a busy obstetrician and a team of nurses. While your great-grandmother may have had no choice but to rely on a midwife during the birthing process, today midwives are just one of many options available to pregnant women.

Most women do not choose this avenue, instead deciding on a more traditional birth with an obstetrician. However, the number of women choosing midwifery is growing. According to the American College of Nurse-Midwives, each year there are over 220,000 deliveries performed by nearly 5,000 certified midwives nationwide. Women choose to go with a midwife for various reasons, but one of the main attractions is the personal, intimate relationship that often develops.

"We look at ourselves as a middle-of-the-road option. A lot of people like the fact that we're a small practice with just two people," said midwife Jennifer Cartwright, who, along with partner and fellow midwife Cheryl Bachman, performs midwifery services for Integrated Health Associates of Ann Arbor. "Women feel comfortable with us, because we will talk to them any time they need it. A physician is often unable to take the time to directly talk to them in the time leading up to the birth. We are available and accessible."

It was this type of person-to-person care that convinced area resident Michelle Friss to choose the midwife option. Although she had not used a midwife during her previous two deliveries, Friss set up an appointment with Bachman during her eighth month of pregnancy and decided it was the right option for her. She was not disappointed with the results.

"The whole experience was great. It was exactly what I had hoped for. I received extremely good labor support," Friss said. "They make you feel very well cared for. Cheryl suggested a lot of things that helped me get through the labor. She even gave me a foot massage. You are not going to get that from the typical obstetrician."



Still, breaking through the misconceptions surrounding midwifery has not been easy.

"There are two great myths about midwives. One is that we always come to a patient's home, and the other is that we never administer painkillers when they are needed," said Cartwright.

There are actually two types of midwives. A group known as lay midwives, who more closely resemble the traditional view of a midwife. Many of the women in this field have received their training while acting as a sort of an apprentice to an obstetrician or other midwife. In most cases they provide a less expensive alternative to delivering a baby in a hospital. They still come into the home of a patient, but most do not have the certification to administer labor drugs.

In the other category are the certified nurse-midwives. These women are registered nurses who normally do not come into the home, but base their appointments in an office and perform deliveries in a hospital. They are authorized to administer certain drugs and are in contact with a team of physicians that they can count on if emergency situations arise. Cartwright and Bachman perform their deliveries at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Other area hospitals also have midwifery programs in place.

"With us, the patients get the best of both worlds. We give them an intimate, personal atmosphere. But we have a group of professional physicians behind us. If the patient needs it, it is there," said Cartwright.

Certified midwives also perform a number of other gynecological services

What is a midwife?

A Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) is a registered nurse who has completed her degree in midwifery. He/she usually works through a hospital, obstetrician's office or birthing center. Some certified nurse midwives have home birth practices. Physician back-up is usually required.

A Certified Midwife (CM) is certified in their state or midwifery organization. Has generally passed both oral and written tests and has had their practice scrutinized. CM may have received her training in a school or in a manner similar to the lay midwife.

A Lay Midwife is one who has usually apprenticed with an experienced midwife. Some are self-taught. Many have attended additional workshops and classes to supplement their education. Some lay midwives are affiliated with a physician but are not necessarily under a physician's directive.

A Direct-Entry Midwife may receive specialized training at a midwifery school, which includes hands-on preceptorship. Many are apprenticed with an experienced midwife or doctor. Some states offer certification/licensure. There are a number of established midwifery schools in the U.S. The curriculum varies in length of time and content. At least one school currently offers a degree-granting program.

A Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) is either a direct-entry midwife, certified nurse midwife or a lay midwife who has received certification by the North American Registry of Midwives.

Source - North American Registry of Midwives (Mid-Oregon Midwifery Service)

What is a midwife?

One of their main functions is to educate patients during the preconception period. Once a patient receives a positive pregnancy test, they sit down with Cartwright and Bachman and determine a schedule that will help prepare them for the eventual delivery. While the goal is to have a "smooth and quick" delivery with as little intervention as possible, most midwives will admit that such a scenario is rare.

Often times a woman will need some type of labor medication, either to achieve stimulation or to combat dehydration or pain. When Cartwright or Bachman encounter a situation that they can't handle, they seek out the services of an obstetrician or anesthesiologist, who can.

"Women need to know that they have the same options of pain management when they choose us as they would have during a traditional birth with an obstetrician. A healthy baby and mother is the bottom line. Sometimes intervention is necessary and sometimes it is not," Bachman said.

There are some circumstances that would cause a midwife to turn away patients and direct them down another avenue for their delivery. These high risk women include those with medical problems such as diabetes or high blood pressure and those who are having multiple births such as twins.

Despite the many advantages of choosing a midwife, many women still don't consider it after becoming pregnant. Much of the reason may have to do with the misconceptions that have surrounded midwifery. However, many women don't feel they are eligible for a midwifery program.

Friss was one such person. "I just assumed that when I got pregnant with my third child that a midwife wouldn't take me because of the c-section I had with my second child and my age," said Friss, who was 41 at the time. "I found out that I was a good candidate. So if someone thinks like I did, they should check it out anyway. I would definitely use a midwife again."

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Health Newsmakers are welcome from all physicians, medical groups, hospitals and individuals active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Health Newsmakers, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

Two new leaders

The Michigan Peer Review Organization of Plymouth recently announced two new members of their Leadership Team, Carolyn (Carl) Jardine Meister, is MPRO's new Chief Operating Officer. She has global responsibilities for MPRO's operations, both internally and externally, and she oversees the contractual obligations of the Medicare, State Government and Behavioral Health Teams.

AkkeNeel Talsma is MPRO's new director for the Medicare Health Care Quality Improvement Program. Her responsibilities include overseeing the

work of the Medicare Team under its contract with the Health Care Financing Administration.

MPRO is a statewide, independent organization that leads and coordinates efforts to improve the quality of health care.

New learning experience

With recent funding from the Michigan Campus Compact, Madonna University students will have the opportunity to work with families affected by the HIV/AIDS virus. The primary site/laboratory for this service learning experience will be Simon House, a shelter in Detroit for women and children with HIV/AIDS.

Developed by Plymouth resident Mary Mitsch, assistant professor of nursing, Dennis Zozyk, Westland resident and associate professor of history, and Ernest Nolan, Ph.D, vice president for academic administration and Northville resident, the Scholarship of Engagement Mini-Grant is in the amount of \$2,000.

Oakwood physician specializes in treating women with incontinence problems

Oakwood Healthcare System recently welcomed Veronica Mallett, M.D. to its Obstetrics/Gynecology - Woman's Service Line.

As a subspecialist in urogynecology, Mallett focuses primarily on the management of women with urinary incontinence and female organ prolapse. In addition to her expert reconstructive pelvic surgical skills, Mallett also

offers out-patient care for these conditions.

Mallett will be collaborating with other physicians within the Oakwood Healthcare System such as family practice, urology and other gynecologists to assist patients in receiving comprehensive clinical care.

Mallett is one of the few physicians in the state to perform a new, minimal-

Who's Who

Jennifer L. Westcott, D.C., of Westcott Chiropractic Center of Livonia, has been accepted by The National Registry of Who's Who as a life member. The acceptance of Westcott as a life member is in recognition of exemplary service, both to community and to profession.

The National Registry of Who's Who is a highly recognized biographical publication for professionals. The responsibility of choosing only people of significant accomplishment is taken very seriously by The National Registry of Who's Who.

State-of-the-art dentistry

Dr. Deric A. Lembree, D.D.S., is pleased to announce that he recently acquired the Livonia-based dental practice of Dr. Allen Rubin. While the office will remain at 28275 Five Mile Road (1/2 mile east of Middlebelt), the name has been changed to General & Cosmetic Dentistry, with a brand new Web site at www.drlembree.com.

Lembree and his staff have made many changes including follow-up phone calls, patients now receive follow-up letters to confirm treatment plans and options, hygiene kits and extensive patient information via the office's Web site where you will find post-operative instructions, a Do's and

Don'ts for dental emergencies, a dental hygiene quiz, information about x-ray safety and bleaching, office hours, directions, and a bio of Dr. Lembree. For information call (734) 525-6100.

New associate

Associated Endocrinologists, P.C., a practice specializing in thyroid and other endocrine disease, recently welcomed Gary W. Edelson, M.D., as a new associate. Edelson is Associated Professor of Medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine and serves as Chief of Endocrinology at Sinai-Grace Hospital. He is also on staff at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Edelson has a special interest in lipid disorders, diabetes, and osteoporosis.

Associated Endocrinologists, P.C. is located in the William Beaumont Medical Building, 6900 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 203, West Bloomfield. Associates also in practice there include Michael Garcia, M.D., Michael M. Kaplan, M.D., Donald A. Meier, M.D., and Charles I. Taylor, M.D.

invasive procedure called the Tension-Free Vaginal Sling. This procedure is designed to treat female urinary incontinence on an out-patient basis with fewer risks and side effects than surgery.

"I am very excited to be joining forces with Oakwood to bring urogynecology services to its wide patient base," said Mallett.

"Urogynecology is a specialty much needed in the community and I look forward to this opportunity to reach a new segment of the population anxious to eliminate these conditions."

Patients can call Oakwood's toll free Health line at (800) 543-WELL to schedule an appointment.

Internet access in your car changes driving experience



PC MIKE WENDLAND

Convergence and being connected has been the buzzwords when it comes to the Internet.

First, we saw Internet access move from the work place and schools, converging in our homes. Then we saw various forms of media converge around the World Wide Web, such as print and video, audio and video.

Now, we're networking multiple computers in the home. And technology companies are working on so-called "Internet devices," things like toasters and microwaves, air conditioning and home security systems, that can be remotely controlled via the Net.

But General Motors thinks the ultimate convergence of the Internet will occur in our automobiles. Last week in Las Vegas, GM announced that starting

in 2000, it will offer Internet access in select Cadillac models. The service will later expand to other GM models. Americans spend a total of about 500 million hours a week in their cars. That's a lot of down time. Being online while on-the-road could make for much more efficient commute, GM reasons, thinking lots of us who live in "Internet time" will welcome the Net into our cars.

"We think offering personalized web-based services will usher in a new era in automotive communications that will change the role of cars and trucks for the American driving public," said Rick Wagner, GM's president and CEO.

The reason we haven't seen the Internet in our cars until now has largely been safety-related. The technology to reliably connect to the Net from our cars has been available for a couple of years. It's the danger of having to look away from the road to read Internet messages on an in-dash computer screen, that has stopped manufacturers from harnessing that technology.

GM's innovative approach will deliver

the Internet through something called the OnStar Virtual Advisor, a personalized service that uses wireless technology, state-of-the-art voice recognition and text-to-speech synthesis to audibly deliver e-mail, Net-based news stories, sports scores and stock reports.

There is no computer screen to distract the driver. The whole process is hands-free and works through driver voice commands. Saying something as simple as "Get e-mail" activates the system, sending it out on the Net to gather your e-mail. The text messages are then instantly processed by the OnStar system and read back by a synthesized voice.

GM expects that as many as a million people will sign up for its OnStar services in the next 18 months. Besides the Internet, OnStar offers driver navigation services through an in-vehicle Global Positioning System satellite device that keeps track of exactly where you are. Real, live people called OnStar Advisors are instantly reachable by a touch of a button for turn-by-turn directions. The advisors can also summon

help the event of an accident or breakdown. The convergence of the Internet with all these on-board vehicle services is something all the carmakers are working on. But by announcing last week that personalized web-based services for a production model automobile will be offered next year, GM plans to out-pace the competition.

E-mail and the other services are just the start.

At the sneak peek given journalists last week in Las Vegas, GM talked about other Internet innovations slated for our driving time. GM engineers showed me how a Palm VII personal digital assistant can be used to remotely unlock a vehicle, or flash the lights or sound the horn.

The automaker plans to offer Internet access capabilities that will allow MP3 music files to be downloaded from a home PC and then uploaded to a vehicle's entertainment system.

And just as many people now watch satellite TV at home, GM plans to offer satellite radio capabilities into cars and

trucks so that drivers can receive as many as 100 stations anywhere in the U.S.

PC Mike seminar

My "Maintaining and Troubleshooting Your PC" seminar will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. Ten Mile Road, in Southfield (near Evergreen).

Organized by WXYT TalkRadio 1270, the session will cover the basics of maintaining your PC and diagnosing and repairing common problems. I'll also suggest ways to upgrade and improve your system. The seminar is free but you must have a reservation. Call the 24-hour seminar hotline at (248) 423-2721.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

MON, NOV. 8

CANTON BPW

The Canton Business & Professional Women is part of a national organization promoting equity for all women in the workplace to achieve goals through advocacy, education and information. Locally we meet the second Monday of every month at the Roman Forum on Ford Road in Canton. Our business meeting is from 5:30-6:10 p.m. speaker/dinner from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Call Clarice Killian at (734) 981-2572 for information. Marilyn Alimphich of the Regional Field Office for Social Security will discuss "A Woman's Guide to Social Security."

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR Sponsored by Great Lakes Christian College (Lansing) Gary Washburn, vice president of Financial Stewardship of Troy will make a presentation from 7-9 p.m. on ways you can be a good steward of your assets after your funeral including simple strategies that will guarantee that more of your estates goes the people/organizations of your choice than the government; and how to distribute your assets. Family, friends and co-workers are encouraged to attend. No matter the size of your total estate, you will find something of value in this seminar.

WED, NOV. 10 BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

TUE, NOV. 16

ASSOC. OF CAREER WOMEN

The West Suburban Chapter of NACW will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's in Plymouth (41661 Plymouth Road). The featured speaker will be Mary Uday of Prism Performance System. Her topic is "Win-Win Negotiating." You will learn the art of persuasion, diplomacy and compromise. Cost is \$18 members/\$22 non-members. Call Tracy Huff (248) 347-3355 for a reservation.

WED, NOV. 17

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia and Metro Livonia, The American Table 33501 West Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call the BNI office (810) 323-3800.

THUR, NOV. 18 BUSINESS PLAN Service Corps of Retired Executives will host a Business Plan Workshop from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Ave., Room 895 in Detroit. \$40 per person. Topics include preparing a business plan, business plan workbook, example of a business plan and sources in Livonia. Call (313) 226-7497 to register.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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TUE, NOV. 9

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT
The Marian Women's Center of St. Mary Hospital will hold a breast cancer support group meeting from 7-9 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B. Lisa Samerdyke, DuPont Pharmaceuticals, will present on Miraluma imaging, a new diagnostic procedure used with mammography. The support group meets the second Tuesday of each month. For more information or to register call 655-1100 or toll free at (800) 494-1615.

WED, NOV. 10

DIABETES EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE
The Garden City Hospital Diabetes Self-Management Education Program will hold an open house from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Health and Education Center, 6701 Harrison - Garden City. People who have been diagnosed as being diabetic or who provide care for someone who has this disease should take advantage of the change to ask the hospital's diabetes educators about the latest in self-management and medical nutrition therapy. Call (734) 458-4330 to register.

MIDDLEBELT HEALTHCARE OPEN HOUSE
Middlebelt HealthCare Center will host an open house from 2-4 p.m. at 14900 Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Dr. Ketan Tolia will be in house to answer questions. A ribbon cutting ceremony and light refreshments will also be featured. RSVP by Nov. 8 by calling (734) 425-4200.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT
A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with

Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. Free of charge sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Group meets at 7 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Call 458-4330.

WINTER READINESS
Henry Ford OptimEyes will offer flu shots from 9 a.m. to noon at its Westland Super Vision Center (35184 Central City Parkway). You'll also have the opportunity to "Ask the Experts," with AAA Consumers Energy, Westland Car Care and Westland Police. Guest speaker: Dr. Mark Richter from Henry Ford Health System. Call (734) 427-5200 for information.

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT
An education program to help people self-manage diabetes from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Health & Education Center, 6701 Harrison St., Garden City. Call (734) 458-4330. Join in the celebration during National Diabetes Month. Bring your questions and ask our diabetes educators about the latest in self-management and medical nutrition therapy. Enjoy refreshments, door prizes and special activities.

THUR, NOV. 11

GRIEF SUPPORT
Helping those grieving around the holidays, New Directions, an ongoing support group of men and women 45-60 whose spouses or fiances have died. Meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday at Church of Christ on Sheldon in Plymouth. Sponsored by Arbor Hospice.

HEALTHQUEST SEMINAR
Free Healthquest seminars will continue at the Canton Summit on the Park in the Art II Room every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 16. There will not be a meeting on Thanksgiving Day. Seminars are sponsored by the Canton Seventh-day Adventist Church and are presented by health professionals: Dr. Jason Goliath; Aroldo Aragon, Ph.D., clinical psychology; Dr. Rudy Gomez; Brenda Schalk, registered dietitian and Michael Doucoumes, director of Breathe Free Plan to Stop Smoking. The topics include

exercise/ weight control, diet/nutrition, stress control, cancer prevention, heart disease, and diabetes. For more information, call (734) 844-8660.

GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT
Are you ready for the Great American Smokeout? The program will be held 7-8:30 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B. St. Mary Hospital. Participants will learn the latest products available to help them become smoke-free as well as other emotional and behavioral steps that can be taken to kick the habit for good. This is a free program but registration is requested at (734) 655-8940.

SAT, NOV. 13

VIBRATIONAL MEDICINE
Learn why our present views of health and disease will radically change in the new millennium, and how the use and acceptance of alternative therapies will accelerate over the next decade. This course, "Principles of Vibrational Medicine," will present how medicine is beginning to evolve away from the body as a machine and toward the bioenergetic perspectives of health and disease. Course is transferable into the Holistic Health Practitioner Diploma program - leading to Board Certification in Holistic Health. To register call the Serenity School of Holistic Health in Livonia at (248) 474-0368 or (734) 513-0868.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
A seminar for couples who are either thinking of having a baby or are newly expecting. Class from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, (248) 477-6100. \$15 per couple; or \$7.50 per person.

LYMPHATIC/DETOX WORKSHOP
Attend the Ultimate Lymphatic and Blood Detox Workshop with a raw food dinner buffet from 1-7 p.m. The Tree House for Earth's Children, 22906 Mooney St., Farmington. Call (248) 473-0624. Learn the basic principles of anatomy, physiology and fluid dynamics of the human lymphatic system; recount indications and contra-indications, therapeutic intervention with Manual Lymphatic Drainage; learn how

to detox the body; and discuss deep cellular supplements. 6.5 continuing education units available for nurses and for massage therapists. Cost is \$50, single; \$90 couple.

KUMON OPEN HOUSE
An open house for the Livonia Kumon Math and Reading Center is from 1:30-3 p.m. Kumon is a supplemental method of learning that has achieved worldwide success. Free diagnostic testing will be offered for all students. The center is at 32625 Seven Mile, Pierson Center #3 (east of Farmington Road). Call (734) 458-1854 for more information.

TUE, NOV. 16

STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT
For those who had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/ friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital to promote a sharing interaction (free). Call 458-4396 for information.

GRIEF SUPPORT
Helping those grieving around the holidays, Starting Over, an ongoing support group for men and women 45 and younger whose spouses or fiances have died, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at Church of Christ on Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Call (800) 783-5764 for information. A children's group meets in Plymouth the same evening at 6:30 p.m.

GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES
Hospice of Washtenaw will begin its next five-week Grief Recovery Series from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Hospice office (806 Airport Blvd.) in Ann Arbor. The series is dedicated to helping survivors adapt to their loss and to gain and develop new skills in coping. Healthy ways for moving through the grief process will be presented for individuals who have lost a loved one. Participants are encouraged to attend all five sessions. Preregistration is required by calling (734) 327-3409. Free.

WED, NOV. 17

CAREGIVING OLDER ADULTS
This informative free series is presented by Dr. Bharti Srivastava, senior health specialist.

Group meets from 1-2 p.m. at the Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Call (734) 397-5444.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COURSE
Madonna University will offer two substance abuse courses this fall. "Chemical Dependency: General Information," will be held from 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Nov. 17 through Dec. 15. The course will review the research on substance abuse, different theories of addiction, disease concept of alcoholism and the ethics of the profession. The non-credit fee is \$100. To register, call (734) 432-5731.

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SAT, NOV. 20

YOUR VOICE - YOUR CHOICE
Your Voice - Your Choice free education program, free advance directive completion and vaccinations from 8 a.m. to noon at The Hellenic Cultural Center (36375 Joy) in Westland. Dr. Tim Love; registered nurse Gail Daly; Patricia Mallon, J.D. attorney; and registered nurse Christine Westphal, MSN, of Oakwood Healthcare System will direct the program. Complete your own advance directive, which states your treatment wishes and who should speak for you if you could not speak for yourself. 10:30-noon (advance directives); noon-2 p.m. Free

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WED, NOV. 24

NEWBORN CARE
A two-session class meets for the first time at 6 p.m. Designed to help expectant parents learn about their baby's needs. The second session includes child and infant CPR conducted by the American Heart Association instructors. Registration required by calling (734) 458-4330.

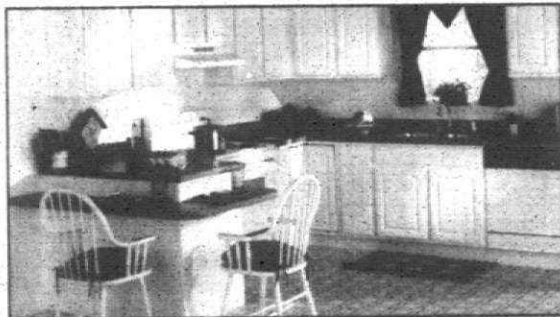
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DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. Call (734) 458-4330.

SIBLING CLASS
A night devoted to siblings that will help prepare them for the arrival of the family's new baby. Class time is 1.5 hours and is recommended for children 3 to 8 years of age. Call 458-4330 for class dates and registration.

CHILD/INFANT CPR
Offered monthly at 6 p.m. Infant/ child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three-hour class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call 458-4330 to register.

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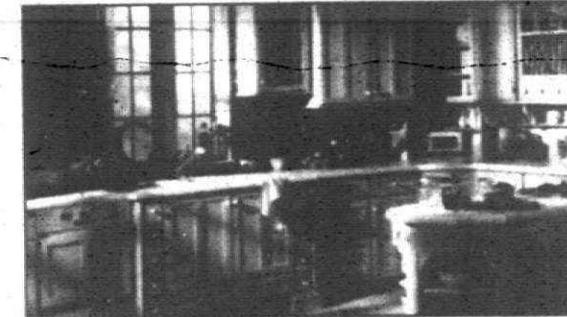
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