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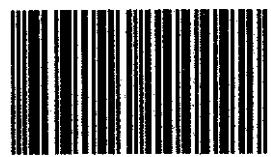
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Yack: King holiday not in cards

Supervisor says move guided by 'substance, not symbolism'

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Canton officials Tuesday decided against giving township employees a day off for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, a move that disappointed local clergy and some residents.

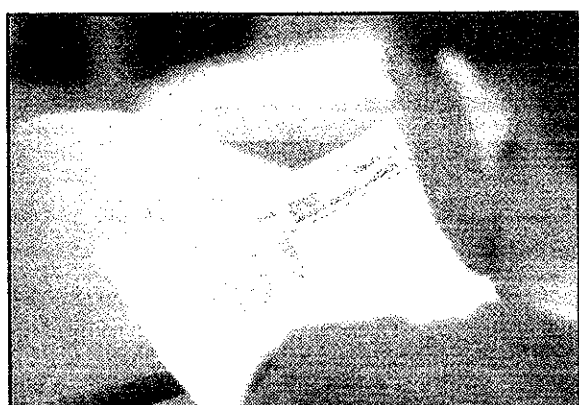
In a study session, the township board instead paved the way for establishing a "human relations commission" that would recommend ways the slain civil rights activist's birthday should be celebrated. The move would have to be officially approved by the township board at a regular meeting.

King's birthday is officially celebrated the third Monday of January. Other federal and state holidays not recognized by Canton include Presidents' Day and Columbus Day.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack issued an "executive summary" outlining his recommendations.

"The administration's recommendation is guided not by symbolism, but substance," the report stated. "It is a recommendation that makes sense for our community, not what others would find appropriate for us."

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Excitement, hope mark opening day for Canton's first middle school

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Mallory Phipps looked at her map, gave a moment's thought, and then pointed.

"I think we should go this way," said Phipps to her friends.

No, it wasn't a treasure map. And the students weren't on a deserted island on a survival mission.

It was the first day of classes at Discovery Middle School in Canton, with Phipps and her friends attempting to find the quickest path to their next class.

"This building is sure nice and clean," said Phipps, 11, a sixth-grader. "And it's got air conditioning."

"It's really big, but I think you can find your way around easily," added Mandy Pawczuk, 11.

Students were given maps and guided tours by staff members before a shortened first day of school Tuesday. It appeared that five minutes between classes was enough to get from here to there.

"I like the sixth, seventh and eighth grade wings so you don't get lost," said Danielle Roy, 11.

Wanakee Burston, 12, is an eighth grader who transferred from Lowell Middle School, which Discovery replaced.

"I like that we have more room to move around. It's like a fresh start," she said.

Principal Roche LaVictor, standing in a vacant hallway, called opening day a success.

"You don't see kids walking around and crying because they don't know where to go," he said. "We talked to them before giving the tours, gave them maps, and we have teachers in the hallways helping to give direction between classes. Everything has gone well."

That didn't seem the case last weekend, as finishing touches were being put on Canton's first middle school.

"If you would have been here last Friday, you wouldn't have thought we'd be open today," said

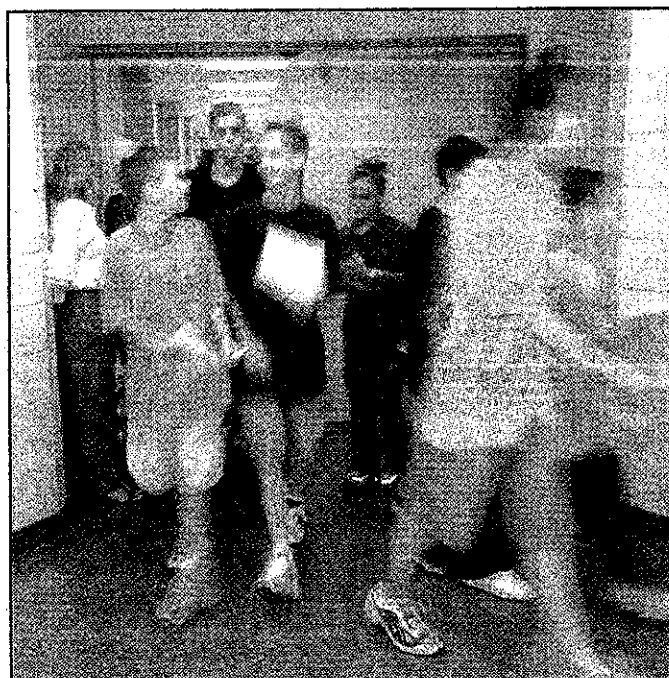
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DISCOVERY DEBUT



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Getting acquainted: Jeanne Sagaert, 11, (right) and Melissa Leach, 12, listen to homeroom teacher Julie Dalrymple discuss the layout of the building. In the photo above, (left) Michael Fleming, 11, looks over his schedule.



Mad dash: Seventh-graders take to the halls between classes.

New principal takes reins at East

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"I'm so excited about being here. I haven't slept or eaten in a week," said Marsha Hoff during the first day of classes Tuesday at Plymouth-Canton's East Middle School.

Hoff isn't one of the new sixth-, seventh- or eighth-graders at East.

She's the new principal who began her day helping students with lost schedules, finding classrooms and locating lockers.

"This is the only position I applied for," said Hoff, who spent nearly 30 years at the

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Neighbors rip Islamic school's expansion plan

Planners OK portables despite questions

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER
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Residents accused Crescent Academy of being a bad neighbor at Monday's Canton Township Planning Commission meeting.

Pat Hays, who lives north of the academy, implored the board to deny Crescent's request for room additions.

"I'm disgusted with what has taken place over there," he said. "This isn't a school. It's a worship center and a day care. They have thumbed their noses at Canton. It's time for everyone to come clean here."

Administrators from the Islamic private school, located on the northwest corner of Palmer and Lotz roads, sought approval to add four portable

classrooms and move four existing portables. Contractor Sam Sheikh said the academy will use portables during construction of a new, 12-classroom building. The addition hasn't been recommended for approval by the planning commission yet.

After offering numerous reprimands, the board recommended approval for the site plan regarding portables, with some conditions.

Academy leaders must revise the plan before a township board of trustees meeting on Sept. 11. Changes include:

- An access drive and walkways;
- A detailed landscaping plan;

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Police arrest condo burglars after chase

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A Livonia detective's hunch paid off as police arrested two men suspected in a burglary spree stretching from Canton to Oakland County while posing as meter readers.

On Tuesday afternoon, Livonia, Novi, Michigan State Police, Northville and Northville Township authorities zeroed in on the pair, who are believed to be responsible for 60-70 break-ins during the past two months.

"These were not your typical reckless burglars," Livonia Police Chief Peter Kunst said. "They had a plan. They were good at what they were doing, unfortunately."

While police searched for one of the burglars in an area off Haggerty Road

and Seven Mile, Detective Sgt. Thomas Goralski figured the Meijer parking lot might be a rendezvous point.

Goralski spotted a dark-colored pickup truck with chrome wheels and tinted windows, which matched the description of a vehicle involved in previous burglaries.

As police pulled into the lot, the truck immediately sped off. Authorities stopped the vehicle on southbound I-275.

The driver, an Inkster man, 39, was taken into custody.

Inside the truck, police found jewelry and a walkie-talkie, which investigators believe was used by the perpetrators to keep in contact.

An hour later, police captured the

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Sports auction to help explosion victims

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Rick and Lorraine Carell, a Canton couple who lost everything when their home was destroyed in an Aug. 7 natural gas explosion, are going to get a little help from some fans of

Gordie Howe, Wayne Gretzky and Bobby Orr.

Related editorial, Page A12

The Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation, in conjunction with a Canton sports memorabilia dealer, are sponsoring a sports memorabilia auction 7:30

p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at Damon's: The Place for Ribs, 43750 Ford.

The auction will feature hockey memorabilia autographed by former Detroit Red Wing Gordie Howe, former New York Ranger Wayne Gretzky and Bobby Orr, formerly of the Boston Bruins as well as a multitude of other hockey players and sports stars.

Jim Reed, who runs a memorabilia business from his Canton home, said he wanted to reach out to help. A friend and fellow sports memorabilia collector from Toronto encouraged him to do the auction.

"I don't know (the Carells) and I've never met them," Reed said. "I can't imagine (the explosion) happening."

Reed, 43, said he's been collecting sports memorabilia since he was about 8. He said hockey fans will appreciate being able to

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*—Jim Reed,
memorabilia collector*

bid on autographed Orr items.

"He's a tough one," Reed said of Orr. "He doesn't sign stuff for the public." Autographed Orr items can usually only be acquired through his Web site, he added.

The Carells, who lived on Wedgewood, were left without a home and vehicles following the explosion. Rick is out of the hospital and recovering, but Lorraine remains hospitalized in the University of Michigan Hospitals' intensive care unit of the

Trauma and Burn Center.

Rick said he continues to be overwhelmed by the support he's received and that the auction proceeds will be greatly appreciated.

"We can sure use the help, I can tell you that," Carell said in a telephone interview.

Two people who've really been a help are neighbors Walter and Jean Schwentor, who lent Carell their car for three weeks and let him stay in their home for a week, Carell added.

Capt. Jim Davison of the Canton Fire Department said the firefighters' charity foundation has been extremely successful in helping out Canton residents in need. The foundation was formed in 1995 and has since sponsored Detroit Red Wing alumni hockey games, baseball games, golf outings and spaghetti dinners. The foundation has

donated to individuals facing hardships as well as organizations such as the U-M Trauma and Burn Center.

He said he hopes the charity auction will be a big draw.

"I'd like to pack the place," Davison said of Damon's. "We want to get everybody out there and (want them to) bring their checkbooks."

For more information about the auction or to inquire about donating, call Jim Reed at (734) 981-3329 or Capt. Jim Davison of the Canton Fire Department at (734) 398-5962. All donations to the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation are tax deductible. Proceeds from the auction will be distributed to the Carells. For more information about Jim Reed's sports memorabilia business, visit www.HockeyAuthentic.com on the Internet.

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Salem man arrested for indecent exposure

A 39-year-old Salem man was arrested for a behavior-related incident Saturday, Aug. 26, in an apartment complex located within the 8600 block of Honeycomb. Witnesses, including a 10-year-old girl, told police the man had grabbed his privates in full view of her and another friend. The man told police he had been in the area looking for garage sales.

Larcenies

Someone reportedly removed an exterior rear-view mirror val-

ued at \$100 from a vehicle parked in the 42000 block of Ford Saturday, Aug. 26. Police have no suspects.

Vandalism

A resident living in the 46000 block of Geddes told police that someone kicked a dent in the passenger door of her truck while it was parked in front of her home.

A police report stated that the

COP CALLS

woman found boot prints on the door.

Drunken driving

A 25-year-old man of undisclosed residence was cited for operating under the influence of liquor Aug. 26 on Haggerty south of Joy.

A breath test showed a .12 blood alcohol level, exceeding Michigan's legal limit of .10.

Property damage

Someone reportedly caused \$1,000 damage to walls, windows and doors in an apartment unit in the 5700 block of Fordham Circle sometime before Friday, Aug. 25. A police report stated that small holes were discovered in the bedroom window, bathroom wall and door and the ceiling fan lamp had been damaged. A witness told police she had seen the previous apartment resident hit the walls when he was angry. Police are investigating.

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

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PSC wants answers to Ameritech service complaints

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Phone customers are complaining about the time it takes to repair or install new telephone lines, and the Michigan Public Service Commission wants to know why.

The PSC has called for a series of public hearings to address the complaints in September and October, the result of a jump in the number of customer complaints filed against Ameritech in the last few months.

Some 523 complaints of poor service were filed with PSC May through July. That compares to only 67 filed with the utility regulators for all of 1999.

Ameritech is expected to file its official response yet this

week. Details about the number of service calls and average response times are expected to be included in that document, Dave Pacholczyk, spokesman for the company, said.

While company officials have blamed the increase in response times on weather and growth in the number of lines serviced by Ameritech, Pacholczyk said the company is responding.

He said the company has hired 165 additional technicians and is seeking 150 more.

"We are investing more in the network, and we are hiring more people to address customer needs," he said.

But critics say the complaints are the result of the phone company's policies, concentrating on new products, like DSL, rather

than maintaining the telephone network. They say the company has been laying off employees despite the growth in the number of customer lines it services.

"That is an absolute lie," Pacholczyk said, when the question of layoffs is raised since Ameritech's merger with San Antonio-based SBC. "That has reached the status of urban legend. If they have proof, let them show it."

What critic Dave Waymire of Marketing Resource Group in Lansing does have is a report filed by Ameritech to the federal Security and Exchange Commission in 1998, the last required of the company by law.

The 10K financial statement shows that Michigan Bell's num-

ber of employees dipped from 16,785 in 1989 to 11,298 in 1998.

At the same time, the number of the phone lines the company serviced grew from 4.1 million to more than 5.4 million.

Pacholczyk argues that back in 1989, all Ameritech employees in Michigan were included those calculations. Today, thousands of those employees have been removed from the "regulated portion of ledger" to various other business units - advertising services, business communications services, new media, etc. - but "it's a fallacious mischaracterization that says our employees have declined, when they've (remained) fairly constant."

Technicians, he said, have not been assigned to other parts of the business.

Phone company watchdogs say a part of the problem lies with the PSC itself. It's understaffed, with just six investigators to look into all the complaints filed there.

Nonetheless, the state legislature voted this spring to put more teeth into the law, passing an update to the state telecommunications act. That bill included rate reductions for customers, but most importantly, say its proponents, it allows the PSC to become "competition cop" to assure that competing phone companies can set up shop in Michigan.

Although signed by the governor, the implementation of the law has been delayed by a suit filed by Ameritech and GTE.

In any case, the PSC will begin its hearings at 9 a.m. in the commission's Lansing offices, at 6545 Mercantile Way, on Sept. 18. Five more Consumer Forums will be held this fall.

The nearest locations will be in the Wyandotte City Hall Council Chambers at 6 p.m. Oct. 3 and in the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center at 6 p.m. Oct. 5. Additional forums will be held in Escanaba, Tawas City and Cadillac. The commission will also accept written comments on the issue through Monday, Oct. 9. Written comments should be addressed to the Michigan Public Service Commission, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, MI 48909.

Kelly to receive award of library group

State Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, will receive the 2000 William P. Faust Legislator of the Year Award. The announcement was made by the Michigan Library Association Public Policy Committee.

"His passionate commitment to libraries has been evident throughout his three terms, not only in the abstract, but in action," said Edward Marman, board president of the Wayne Public Library.

Kelly holds a bachelor of science degree in history and education from Fordham University and a master's degree in library

science from Long Island University. He worked as a librarian at John Glenn High School in the Wayne-Westland district before serving in the Michigan Legislature.

Steve Gulvezan, director of the Inkster Public Library, said, "He has stressed, in his communication with civic leaders, the need for quality public library service in this and every community."

A. Michael Deller, director of The Library Network, said in his nominating letter, "His efforts in the state Legislature have mirrored his love of libraries and his concern for serving the public

well."

The Legislator of the Year Award was created by the Michigan Library Association in memory of the late Sen. William P. Faust, a champion of libraries in his legislative career and the man for whom Westland's library is named. Kelly will be presented with the award during the annual conference of the MLA in Detroit in early October.

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Golf outing benefits burn camp

BY KRISTA HOPSON
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Northwest Airlines Cargo, based in Livonia, raised a record \$5,200 to benefit Great Lakes Burn Camp at their annual closed golf tournament on Monday, Aug. 28, at the Lakes of Taylor golf club.

About 100 Northwest Cargo customers made contributions and participated in the event, which has raised funds for critically burned children in Michigan and Indiana to attend the camp since the mid-1990s.

Last year, the golf tournament raised \$3,500 for Great Lakes Burn Camp, headquartered in Jackson, and all of the event's proceeds went directly to the camp. Great Lakes Burn Camp is a non-profit organization that has given burn-injured children ages 7 to 17 a positive camping experience since 1994.

Since Detroit is the largest hub of Northwest's cargo systems, Susan Brander, Northwest District Cargo sales manager, feels it is important for the company to contribute to the community through this fund-raiser.

"Unlike the larger charities, this is something (Northwest Airlines) can have a direct and immediate impact on," Brander said. "It's a very positive feeling, and most of our customers participate regularly."

The cargo facility alone employs about 150 people in Detroit and last year made \$25 million in cargo revenues within the Detroit district, said Brander.

Three years ago, Livonia resident Bob McGraw of Airgroup Express began participating in Northwest's golf fund.

"This is a charitable organization that doesn't get as much publicity as some of the other

(organizations)," McGraw said. "These kids are going to be affected (by their burn injuries) for the rest of their lives and there should be more available to help them."

This year, McGraw and three other company members won first place at the golf tournament. Although the Airgroup Express group had a successful and fun golf outing, McGraw said they were more concerned with using the time away from work to contribute to the camp.

"Of course we enjoy playing (golf)," McGraw said. "but we're really glad to do our part to help out this cause."

Airgroup Express, based in Romulus, has been using Northwest's cargo services in Detroit since the company was founded 10 years ago. The company also contributes to other causes every year, including the Romulus football team and the city's fire-

men's association.

Northwest Cargo, along with its alliance partners, provides services to its clients, such as Airgroup Express, to more than 500 cities in about 100 countries. Daily non-stop wide body service is also offered daily out of Detroit to several destinations in Asia and Europe.

The new Northwest Midfield Terminal, set to open in December 2001 at Detroit Metro Airport, will also contribute to the cargo facility's operations.

"It will improve our ability to provide better cargo service for our customers since the transit will be closer and run even smoother," Brander said.

To learn more about the Great Lakes Burn Camp or to donate goods or services, call 1-800-989-2571 or visit their Web site at www.geocities.com/GreatLakesBurnCamp.

Metro deicing program recognized as the best for recycling spent fluid

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport gained recognition as leading the world's airports in recycling aircraft deicing fluid at a Washington, D.C., symposium in August.

The symposium, sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration and the American Association of Airport Executives, allowed airports, airlines, suppliers and recyclers to present their latest innovations in protecting the environment from ADF.

Three state-of-the-art runways and deicing pads were recently built by Wayne County, in cooperation with Northwest Airlines. The deicing pads include built-in underground systems to capture overspray and drippage of ADF.

Before the new deicing pads, aircraft were deiced at the gates causing ADF to run into the sanitary sewer system. This forced Detroit Metro to pay an excess of \$1 million annually to the sewer treatment plant.

Using the new pads, which

can handle six aircraft simultaneously, the airport reduced sanitary sewer treatment charges by more than \$600,000 last winter. The airport is now able to capture up to 70 percent of ADF sprayed at the pads.

In addition to protecting the environment, runway deicing is also safer for passengers since the airplanes are being deiced immediately before take-off.

The Environmental Quality Company of Wayne also won the right to harvest spent deicing fluid in a competitive bidding process. The fluid, mixed with melted snow, is sold to other companies after it is distilled to a 99 percent pure product at the EQ Romulus facility.

Detroit Metro has also been recognized for several of its other environmental innovations. The Crosswinds Marsh, a wetland preserve created to replace wetlands disturbed by airport expansion, has earned the airport three national awards.

Madonna offers 4 substance abuse workshops

Madonna University will offer four substance abuse workshops during the fall term. Each course is held on Friday evening 6-10 p.m. and concludes the following Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"Chemical Dependency: Focus

on the Individual" will be offered on Friday, Oct. 6 and Saturday, Oct. 7.

"Substance Abuse and AIDS" will be held on Friday, Nov. 3, and Saturday, Nov. 4.

"Chemical Dependency: Grief

and Loss" will be offered on Friday, Nov. 17 and Saturday, Nov. 18.

On Friday, Dec. 1, and Saturday, Dec. 2, students may take "Substance Abuse Staff and Program Development."

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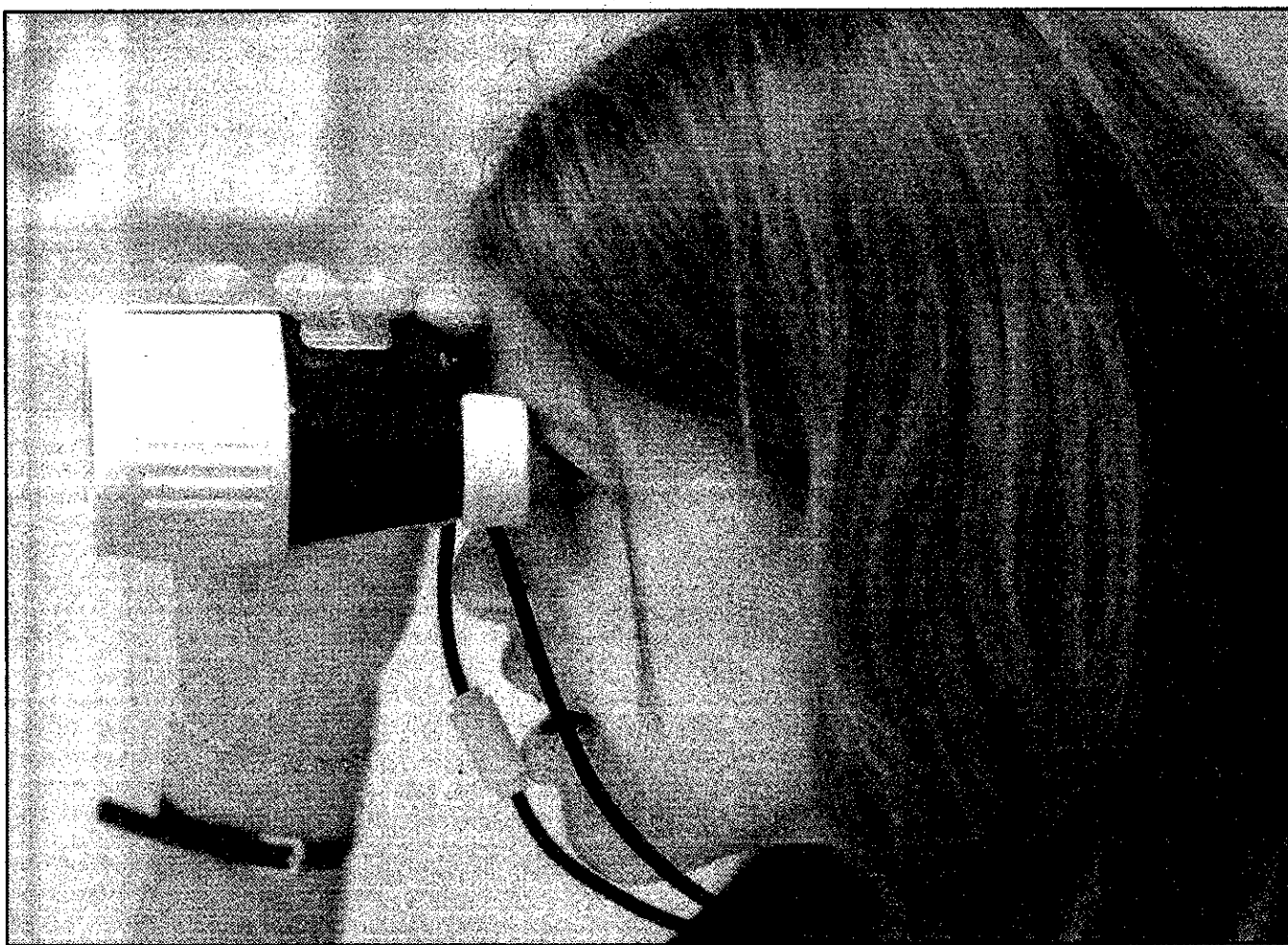
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Stagecraft: Camp staff member Susan Merenda of Canton, 15, takes a closer look at the goings on during a scene. Below, Alix Willman of Plymouth, 10, (from left) Jessica Scott of Northville, 9, Megan Yanik of Plymouth, 8, and Olivia Hartman of Westland, 8, wait in the wings for their turn on stage during the camp.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN



Play's the thing

It's a dramatic summer for Whistle Stop troupe

The joys of summer were more indoors than outside for a cast of about two dozen young thespians who attended the August workshop for the Whistle Stop Players.

The weeklong performing arts workshop was put on by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

It was one of three programs throughout the summer.

At the conclusion of the program, the students put on a benefit show for parents.

Upcoming PCAC activities include the Teen Drama Club's Halloween plays and auditions for *A Child's Christmas in Wales*.

Also coming up: production class and a vocal drama workshop, both in September. For more information, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

Canton man charged in obscenity case

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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A Canton man and four others were arraigned Friday on charges that include operating a continuing criminal enterprise in connection with an adult bookstore in Inkster.

Arraigned in Inkster 22nd District Court were Stanley Witkowski of Canton, father and son Sidney and Melvin Harris, both of West Bloomfield, Thomas Buchanan of Inkster and Richard Katzman of Oak Park.

Melvin Harris is the owner of the Book Shack on Michigan Avenue and a business partner of his father Sidney. The pair own two other adult bookstores in Detroit. The other three defendants are employees of the Book Shack.

All five men are facing four charges — two counts of operating a continuing criminal enterprise, a 20-year felony; one count of keeping a house of prostitution, a 10-year felony; and one count of distributing and disseminating obscene material, a one-year misdemeanor. Each one was released on \$50,000 personal bond and scheduled for preliminary examination on Oct. 16.

Members of the Metro Street Enforcement Team, which includes officers from Garden City, Westland and Wayne, had raided the bookstores last month in response to citizen complaints.

"There were more than 400 arrests for soliciting around that property last year alone," said Detective Kevin Smith. "The people of Inkster have put up with this for 30 years or more."

An alley adjoining the bookstore was littered with used condoms, pornography that had apparently been downloaded

from the Internet and similar items, Smith said.

"I can't imagine having kids walking in and around that on their way to school," he added.

MSET officers conducted a seven-month-long investigation, involving plainclothes officers, some of whom posed as patrons while gathering evidence of sexual activities in the store which had booths showing pornographic movies.

The Wayne County Health Department has closed the Book Shack due to unsanitary conditions, including bodily fluids in the building and items, such as the used condoms, left outside the building.

"The defendants had a company clean the book store and are saying it is sanitized," said Smith. "The health department will go in and retest the areas (where samples had been obtained)."

If the building is clean, Smith said the owners can ask to reopen the business.

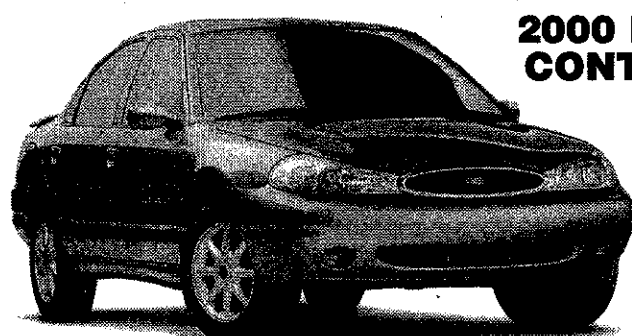
"We hope to stop that with the criminal charges in the mean time," he said. "The citizens who have been complaining all these years have been heard. We'll do all we can to make sure this store is removed from the city for good."

This investigation is similar, although on a smaller scale, to one MSET handled involving the Melody Theater. Located on Michigan Avenue not far from the Book Shack, that business was closed for health code violations and plea agreements were entered by the owners.

Part of the settlement of the civil forfeiture case was demolition of the theater and transfer of ownership of the site to the city.

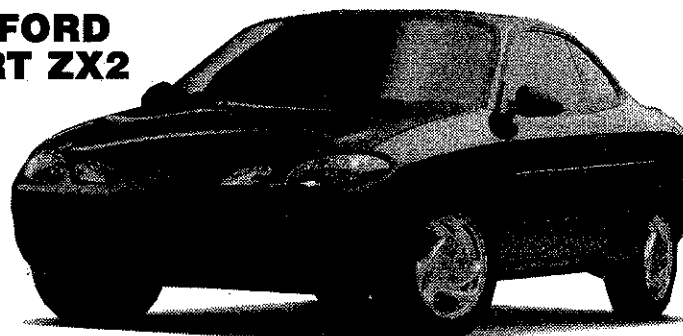
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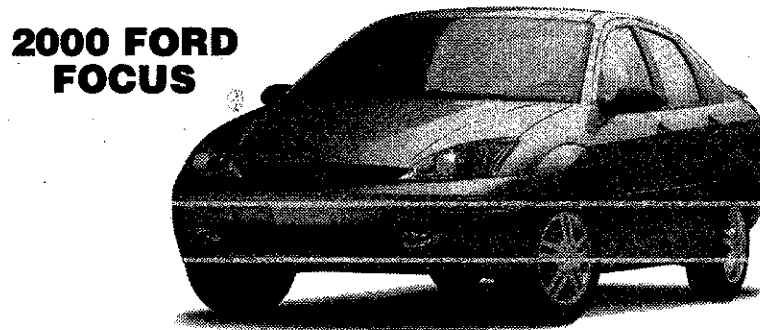
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Free trigger locks subject to recall

BY DAVE VARGA
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Trigger gun locks given away free during two Livonia events this year are under a voluntary recall by Master Lock Co., which issued the recall July 24 in conjunction with the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The locks were distributed during the Livonia Police

Department Open House on May 13 and during the A.W.E.S.O.M.E. Safety Jam-boree May 20, according to Mikki Favor, Michigan gun lock coordinator with EnCARE, a volunteer organization that includes emergency nurses.

"In the city of Livonia, they've had about 200 distributed," Favor said.

According to a press release by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and Master

Lock, a manufacturing problem allows the two halves of some gun locks to be manually separated without a key, giving children and others unauthorized access to a firearm.

However, the firm said it has received no consumer reports of locks being disabled as a result of the problem. "This recall is being conducted by Master Lock to prevent the possibility of injury," the release said.

The locks, which were avail-

able after June 20, 1999, are identified as black or blue metal, with the words "Master Lock Tough Under Fire" imprinted on the lock's black rubber pad, according to the release.

Consumers are advised to stop using the locks and call Master Lock at (800) 944-1380 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free replacement locks are available.

Cherry Hill project wins planning award

Editor's note: The top portion of this story was inadvertently deleted from Sunday's Observer.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Cherry Hill Village, the site of one of Canton's original cross-roads villages at Cherry Hill and Ridge, is now the site of a proposed development that is expected to bring back 19th century building styles.

This past week, Canton Township officials learned that the project had received an award from the Michigan Society of Planning, based in Farmington Hills. The "Outstanding Project for a Project" award will be given at a ceremony Oct. 18-21 at Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs.

"community vision survey." The survey drew more than 1,300 participants, who got to view designs for streetscapes, homes, parks and commercial areas.

David Stollman, vice president and project manager with Biltmore Properties of Troy, echoed Goulet's comments about the public-private partnership.

"It was a true public-private partnership," Stollman said.

The first 313 homes are expected to go on sale when construction begins in November. The first houses are expected to be finished by the summer of 2001.

So far this summer, construction crews have begun preparing to install sewer, roads, detention ponds and other infrastructure components in the area south of Cherry Hill and east of Ridge.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said the award was proof that the public and private sector can work together successfully.

"The award is a great affirmation that we're doing a great job and that the developer did a great job," Goulet said. "With this project, the developer created something different and respected the historic district. Public and private partnerships can work."

Glenn Pape, director of education with the Michigan Society of Planning, said an out-of-state jury picked the winners. Non-Michigan jurors were used to eliminate bias, he added.

The jurors described the 378-acre, \$320 million project, which will include more than 1,300 homes in a variety of styles as "very impressive."

Plans also call for a "village square" at Ridge and Cherry Hill with pedestrian-friendly features like fountains, bicycle paths and storefronts resembling those from the 19th century.

Home styles will include multiple family townhouses, smaller "cottage" homes and larger "estate" homes. Smaller homes will sit on smaller lots and larger homes on larger lots.

"Jurors said the project was well related to the master plan and made good applications of technology with computer modeling," Pape said. "It was a great blueprint for implementation."

During the planning process, citizens could express their opinions through a computer-based

"There's been an enormous amount of interest by both Canton residents and non-residents," Stollman said. "There really isn't anything like this under construction anywhere in Michigan."

Interested parties have included residents looking for starter homes, non-residents who grew up in Canton and people who've never lived in Canton before.

Because the developer is using three different builders, home buyers will be able to choose from a wide variety of styles. People driving through will notice that the homes aren't "cookie cutter" style, Stollman said.

The builders are Biltmore Building Inc. of Troy, Biltmore Properties' sister company; Curtis Building Co. of Farmington Hills; and Ivanhoe-Huntley of West Bloomfield.

In 1998, Canton officials approved amending the township's master plan to allow development to "weave a pattern of new development which maintains and respects the vestige of a past historical era."

Stollman said he envisions the finished development to be a place people actually will want to visit.

"Most subdivisions are not places anybody would want to go visit or see," he said.

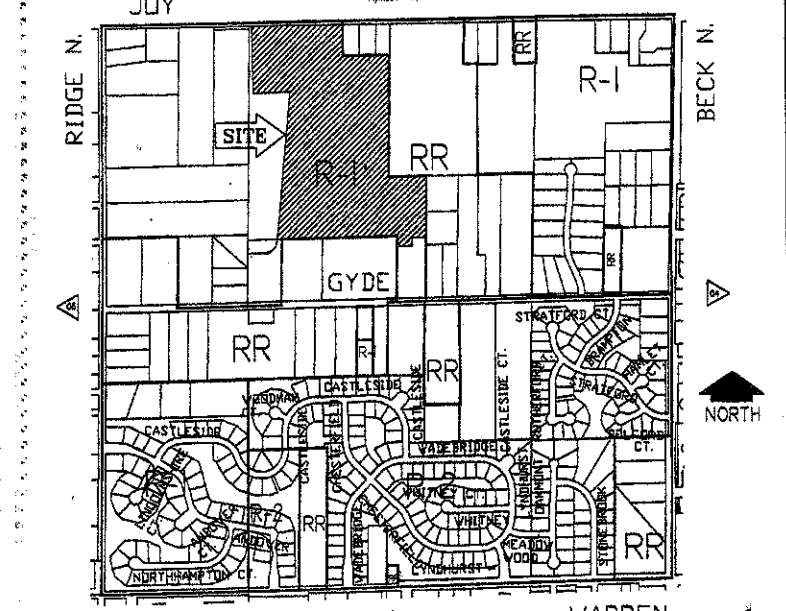
A Web site with information about Cherry Hill Village is under construction and should be running by mid-September. The URL will be www.cherryhillvillage.com.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 25, 2000, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

THE RAVINES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - PRELIMINARY PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO. 018 99 0004 701. Property is located on the south side of Joy Road between Ridge and Beck Roads. (First Public Hearing)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, September 21, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 22, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2000 at 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Director Conklin, Director Machnik

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Supervisor Yack amended the agenda to remove General Calendar item No. 4 Award CDBG Curb Cuts Reconstruction Contract. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 15, 2000. Motion carried with Trustee Shefferly as the only abstained.

CITIZEN NON-AGENDA COMMENTS
PAYMENT OF BILLS
Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for the Township Board Meeting of August 22, 2000

General Fund	101	\$ 296,470.39
Fire Fund	206	\$ 17,170.07
Police Fund	207	\$ 34,323.05
Summit Operating	208	\$ 52,912.29
Golf Fund	211	\$ 31,187.60
Cable TV Fund	230	\$ 6,579.89
Twp. (Community) Improvement	246	\$ 714.00
E-911 Utility	261	\$ 5,681.46
Federal Grants Fund	274	\$ 7,996.44
Auto Theft Grant	289	\$ 28.08
Downtown Dev Authority	294	\$ 5,152.12
Bldg. Auth Construction	469	\$ 21,612.63
Water & Sewer Fund	592	\$ 73,550.09
Total - All Funds		\$ 553,378.11

PUBLIC HEARING
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to open the public hearing for liquor license consideration for Logan's Roadhouse, Inc. at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to close the public hearing for liquor license consideration for Logan's Roadhouse, Inc. at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the request from Logan's Roadhouse, Inc. for a new full year Class C liquor license with Sunday Sales permit to be located at 39805 Ford Rd., Canton, Michigan 48187 be considered for approval "above all others"; is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance, contingent upon receiving updated site plans. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to accept the report of the Board of Canvassers meeting of August 9, 2000 and to attach these minutes to the August 22, 2000 meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of August 22, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR
Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution approving final site plan for Cherry Hill Village Site Condominiums, Phase 1 (part of the Cherry Hill Village PDD). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the increase in scope of services to the contract to Carlisle Wortman Associates in the amount of \$1,118.60 (1046.50 over the original purchase order) for a total cost of \$31,046.50 for the preparation of design guidelines, architectural standards and market demand studies to implement the strategies of the Cherry Hill Area Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution approving the site plan for Meijer Gas Station. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of the actions taken at the regular board meeting of August 22, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular board meeting of September 12, 2000.

THOMAS J YACK, Supervisor TERRY G BENNETT, Clerk

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 4:00 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14, 2000 for the following:

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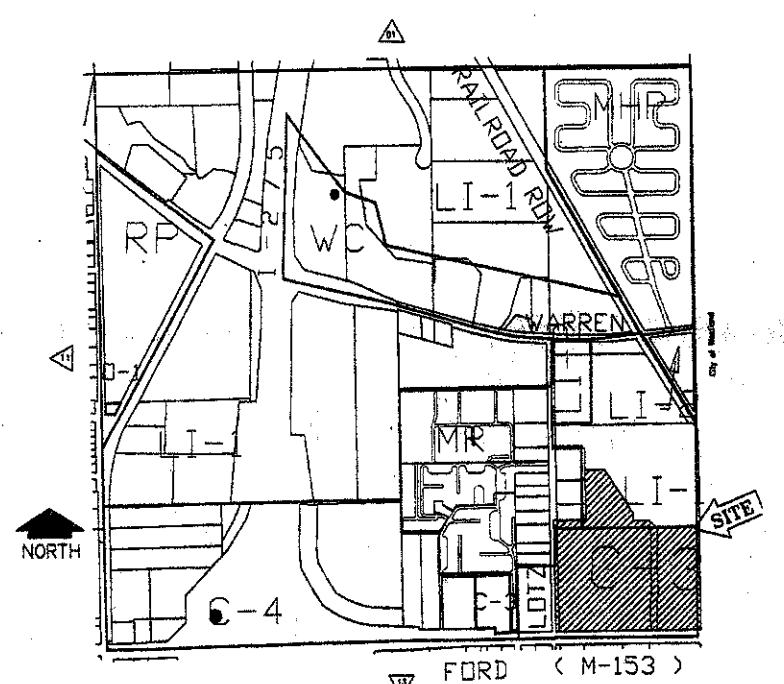
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 11, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

WAL*MART/SAM'S CLUB SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER WITHIN THE CORPORATE PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.08D.20 FOR PARCEL NOS. 048 99 0022 703, 048 99 0022 704, AND 048 99 0022 705. Property is located on the northeast corner of Ford and Lotz Roads.



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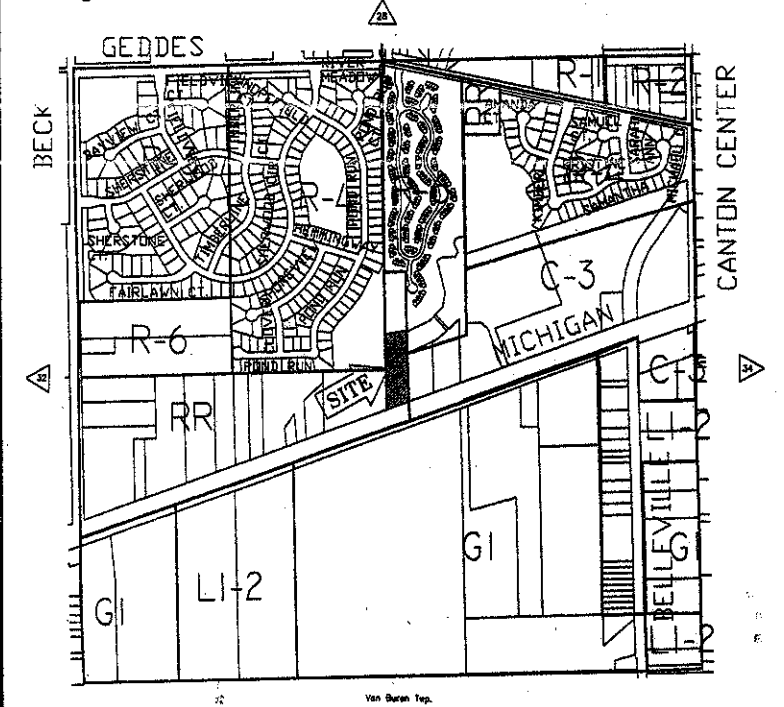
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 11, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

MICHAILUK FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR THAT PART OF PARCEL NO. 129 99 0009 000 SOUTH OF THE SINES DRAIN (APPROXIMATELY 2 ACRES). Property is located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Canton Center and Beck Roads.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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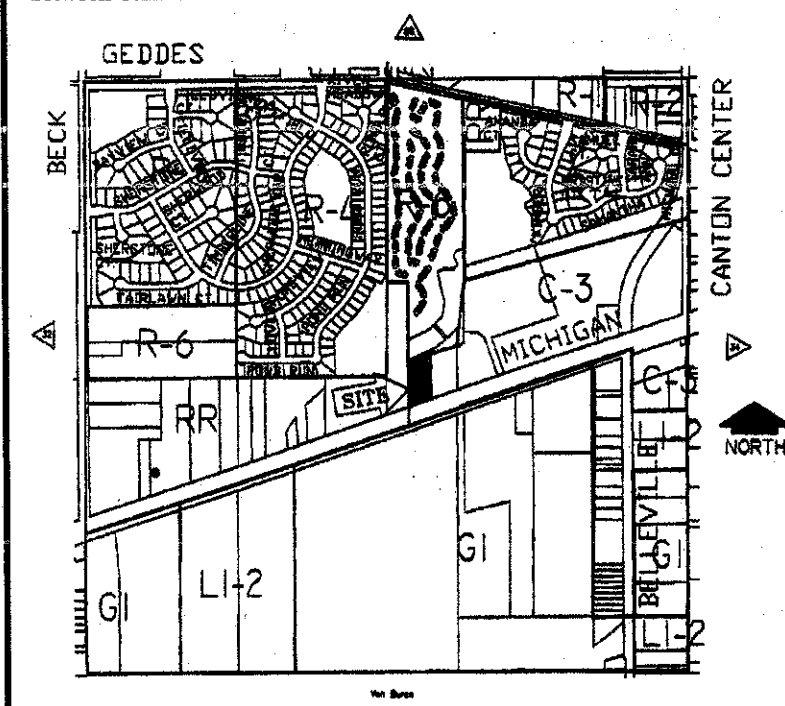
CLARIFICATION

A missing headline on Page A5 in Sunday's Observer should have read: Race in the park on Sept. 16 benefits ARC.

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ARBY'S RESTAURANT SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.8 FOR PARCEL NO. 129 99 0008 706. Property is located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Canton Center and Beck Roads.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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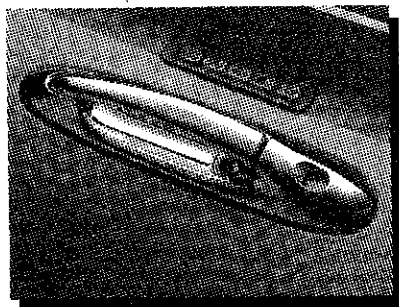
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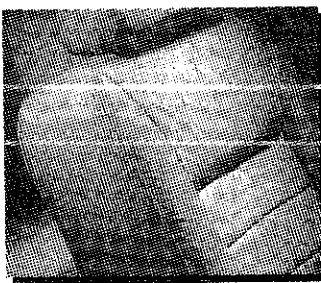


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Holiday weekend isn't a celebration for all

Tomorrow is the start of a holiday weekend. For many, it's a time to kick back and say goodbye to a summer that, weatherwise, never really made an appearance. Others will mark Labor Day with parades and tributes to American workers, a salute to the country's recent economic renaissance as well as previous accomplishments of the organized labor movement.

There will be no such celebration for Rick and Lorraine Carell, despite the fact that until a few weeks ago the Canton couple typified the kind of American success story that fits right in with the holiday.

The Carells would be the first to tell you that while help is definitely appreciated, they worked hard to get where they are and don't need to be anyone's charity case.

pieces that a ruptured natural gas line leading to the furnace blew apart.

Lorraine Carell, 63, remains hospitalized in the University of Michigan Hospitals' Trauma and Burn Center. She remains in intensive care and is unable to hear or speak. Rick, 60, is recovering in a rented apartment after staying with a neighbor for a short while.

Their home is gone, their vehicles destroyed and one of their two cats, a brother and sister combo, is still missing and presumed dead. A second cat, Cicero, suffered severe burns and may not live.

The Carells are partners in Idecs, an industrial design firm that is truly a family venture. Rick, who owns the business, says his wife was "my right arm" in the office. Every day offers a challenge. Sure, insurance will help foot the bill. But imagine trying to get your career back on track when you don't even have clothes to wear to work, much less a closet to hang

them in.

Neighbors and friends have stepped in, but more help is needed. Rick's slack size is 32/30. He wears a small shirt. Lorraine wears a size 1-X and her shoe size is 9 narrow. For more information about donating clothes or money, call Judi Calzaretta, (734) 459-6992, or Linda Johnson (734) 981-5339.

Also, the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation, in conjunction with a Canton sports memorabilia dealer, is sponsoring a sports memorabilia auction 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at Damon's: The Place for Ribs, 43750 Ford.

The auction will feature hockey memorabilia autographed by former Detroit Red Wing Gordie Howe, former New York Ranger Wayne Gretzky and Bobby Orr, formerly of the Boston Bruins as well as a multitude of other hockey players and sports stars.

Jim Reed, who runs a memorabilia business from his Canton home, said he wanted to reach out to help. A friend and fellow sports memorabilia collector from Toronto encouraged him to do the auction.

"I don't know (the Carells) and I've never met them," Reed said. "I can't imagine (the explosion) happening."

For more information about the auction or to inquire about donating, call Jim Reed at (734) 981-3329 or Capt. Jim Davison of the Canton Fire Department at (734) 398-5962. All donations to the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation are tax deductible. Proceeds from the auction will be distributed to the Carells.

The Carells would be the first to tell you that while help is definitely appreciated, they worked hard to get where they are and don't need to be anyone's charity case. They're right. But we see things a little differently heading into this holiday weekend.

We see a community that for the most part has boomed along with the times. We see a majority of residents who — through dedication and determination, as well as a little luck — are living comfortable lives and taking a well-deserved break around the barbecue. And we're sure there's some time left over to include the Carells in prayer and deed. After all, there's an extra day.

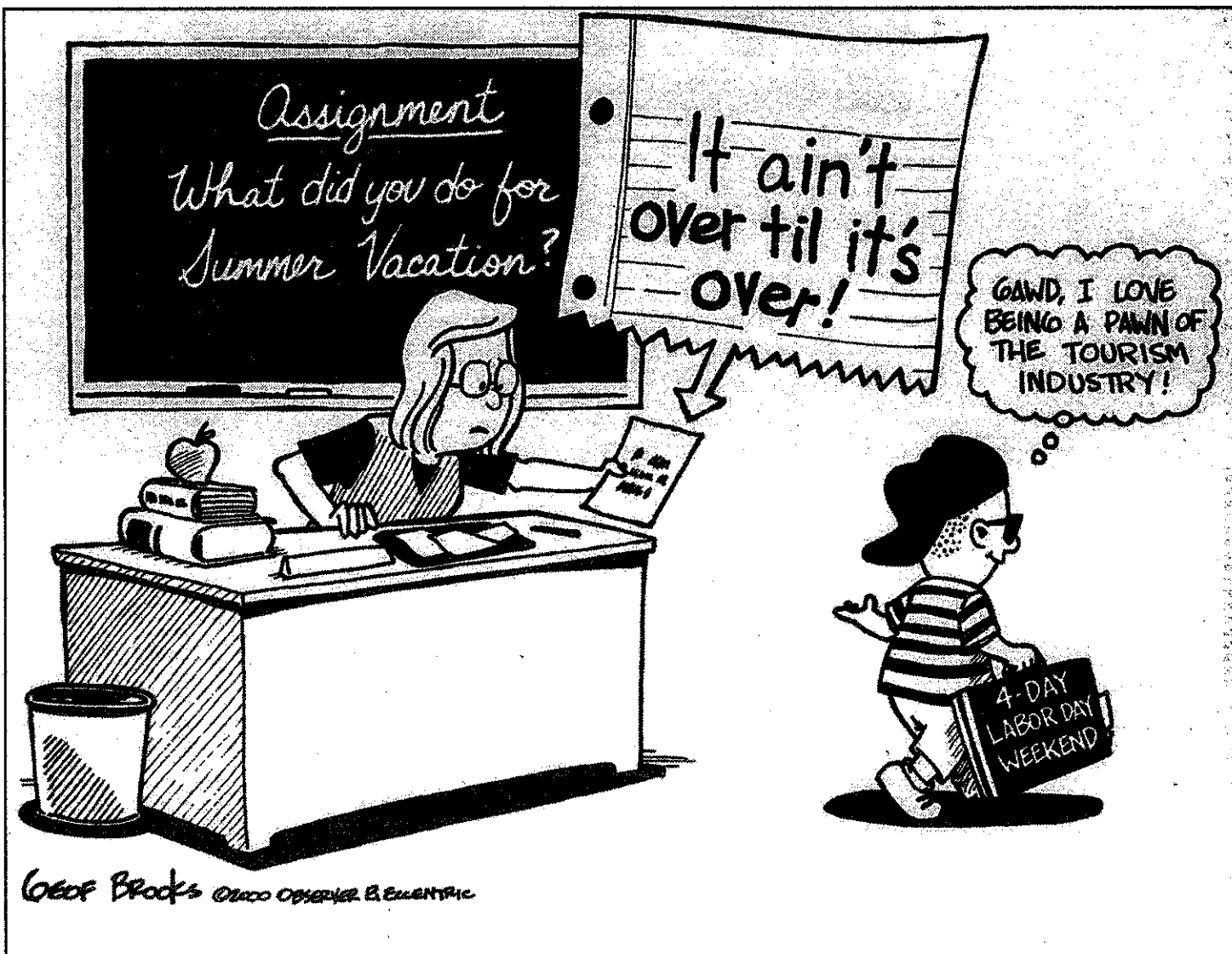
school supplies. I'll buy the notebooks, the pens, the folders, with the bitter-sweet knowledge that it's the last time I'll do this for high school. Maybe I'm just an exceptionally sentimental person. Maybe not. But those supplies will hold a special meaning. They'll get me through my last year.

My brother already went out for his school supplies. They're in an organized pile on his desk, ready for the first day. They're meaningful too. They stand for his beginning. Isn't that funny? The same pens and pencils and paper mean two entirely different things — a beginning and an end. And the time in between is so small. I suppose that's what everybody meant when they said that high school would end before I knew it. And now that I realize this, it is finally my turn to lecture.

So as I remind my brother how to get to his first class, I'll have my bit of advice ready to give. I'll tell him not to blink too often during the next few years, because one of these days, he'll open his eyes and all his firsts will have become lasts.

Cynthia Rich is a Canton resident beginning her senior year at P-CEP.

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LETTERS

■ Candidate responds

This letter is in response to a letter to the editor by Fred Bolden printed in a recent publication. My victory in the Aug. 8 Republican primary election for District 11 Wayne County Commission was a direct result of countless hours, donated by volunteers, who had a mission to send the more capable candidate to face our ineffective first-term incumbent in November.

Fred Bolden eloquently illustrated the various differences between us in his letter and even thanked me for running a fair and utmost respectable race. Mr. Bolden and I have established a friendship as a result of being "on the campaign trail" together and have pledged to work together for the November election.

It's easy to criticize your opponent in an effort to downplay their qualifications or personal integrity. Fred Bolden, like myself, is a man of principle and a good family and community-minded person. We have the same ideals for our fellow residents and similar ideas on reforming Wayne County government.

My background as a CPA, small business owner and former auditor of the city of Detroit has given me the tools and talents necessary to bring more "accountable" government to the taxpaying families of Wayne County.

I congratulate Fred on his strong bid for government leadership and welcome him to the Republican (Fred ran for the commission seat as a Democrat in 1998) philosophy of lower taxes, less government waste and more personal freedom to the hard working, taxpaying families of Wayne County.

Rob Bovitz, CPA
Candidate for Wayne County Commission

■ On Starkweather

Will the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools ever recognize their third high school? I'm not talking about the school planned for building near Joy Road next to Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth-Salem High Schools, but Starkweather High School in Plymouth.

This fine school issues over 100 high school diplomas (not GEDs) every year to young people who would otherwise have been flushed out of our public school system and become a burden on our society. Yet they receive virtually no recognition from the school board or the district's administration, and are forced to operate in a poorly maintained crumbling old building on a minuscule budget. The teachers are not even recognized as "teachers" by the district, and the district sends all the signals of wanting this school to simply disappear.

The teachers are not paid as teachers, being forced to work on an hourly basis with little recognition of the preparation time required to create a good learning environment or the efforts needed to teach the types of students that come to Starkweather. These teachers have been "negotiating" for a contract with the district administration for over two years, but it is obvious the district has no intention of agreeing to any contract for these teachers.

To be fair, I should mention that the teachers' union hasn't done much to make this an issue, either. Apparently, the number of teachers at Starkweather is large enough to attract any

attention.

If the present path is maintained, Starkweather High School will soon disappear taking with it the best chance for an education for the "special" and "problem" students of our community. While our public schools spout their political rhetoric about being for "all children," the individual children that don't conform to their system get left behind.

Keith Trombley
Canton

■ For King holiday

This letter is written to add my support to adoption of Martin Luther King Day as a Canton Township holiday. The township board is considering this matter and hopefully will decide to act favorably on it.

Several weeks ago, the board met and invited public comment. I stated at that meeting that the closing of a government office is an important symbol. Usually this is done to commemorate a person or persons and an important historical event. The organized labor movement in America is recognized by the observance of Labor Day. In particular, we remember those events in the 1930s (some of them violent) that won the right for Americans to bargain collectively.

Similarly, King's life is tied up in the minds of most Americans with the civil rights struggles of the 1960s (again many of those struggles were violent). However, civil rights and voting rights legislation was passed and progress was made. It is fitting and proper to honor King's life and death and this period in our history.

I hope the people of Canton Township join leaders like the Rev. Bryan Smith and Joe Stephenson and others in supporting Martin Luther King Day.

Tom Hartnett
Democratic candidate
Canton Township Trustee

■ Wasting time

The Aug. 24 article about cruising in downtown Plymouth included an interview with a 20-year-old man from Ypsilanti who enjoys "hanging out" in downtown Plymouth. I can understand young teenagers looking for a place to congregate, but may I suggest that at age 20 this gentleman perhaps find more mature and appropriate ways to spend his free time?

Dr. Robert L. Merliss
Plymouth

■ Patients won't benefit

Think again. You might assume that legislation intended to reform nursing homes would be beneficial to the residents. However, some of the bills favor the industry, not the consumer.

In late July, Michigan Sen. Spencer Abraham introduced Senate Bill 2999, the "Health Care Providers' Bill of Rights." This bill would weaken the federal enforcement system (which provides for sanctions when nursing homes fail to meet minimal standards).

Another section of the bill bars the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from carrying out investigations of nursing homes.

The Health Care Financing Administration, in a report based on exten-

sive research, says that severe understaffing has contributed to many of the problems experienced by nursing home residents.

Sen. Abraham fails to mention the thousands of residents who suffer from documented abuse and neglect every year.

Tell Sen. Abraham that you want stronger enforcement and protection for his vulnerable constituents who live in Michigan's multitude of troubled homes.

Barbara Medwedeff
(A Livonia resident, Medwedeff is a member of the Michigan Campaign for Quality Care)

■ Clinton took the credit

In his Aug. 14 speech, Bill Clinton suggested most of us are better off than we were eight years ago. He failed to admit that most of the important legislation passed during his tour was Republican ideology, Republican legislation, and the result of Republican voting.

Clinton fought welfare reform with a passion. Tommy Thompson and other governors successfully reduced welfare numbers dramatically, and Washington Republicans took up the challenge and wrote legislation to reduce welfare rolls nationwide. Clinton did sign on, but it was Republican ingenuity and legislation that brought about the cutting of welfare roles in half that Clinton borrowed and exclaimed, "Look what I did!"

In the middle nineties, Republicans insisted that the budget could be balanced in three or four years (actually, the budget can be balanced in any year Congress wants to achieve receipts to match expenses).

Months later, receipts far surpassed expenditures! How could a president not know that a balanced budget was not about to be achieved? How much does the man know about money, credit, banking, finance, budgeting, accounting and economics?

A balanced budget has always been a Republican goal. Deficit spending has not only been thought acceptable by the Democrats, but desirable, for decades. Deficit spending has been the Democrat creed for more years than anyone alive today can remember.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

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Voucher plan will provide alternatives to failed schools

As school starts, many parents are beginning to consider the education reform plan on the ballot before voters this November as Proposal 1. Proposal 1 will empower parents who have children in a failing school district by giving them an Opportunity Scholarship, also known as a voucher, to be used in a school of their choice. Proposal 1 also ensures that Michigan will have the best teachers available through regular teacher testing, and it protects the funding of all public schools.

A column by Phil Power (July 27) raised three important concerns regarding this education reform proposal: the scope of the proposal, accountability of all schools, and the issue of separation of church and state.

Teacher union bosses have formed a coalition to oppose this education reform plan because of its teacher testing provision. Proposal 1 initiates regular testing of all teachers in schools receiving public funds in their academic subject area. This is just common sense; after all you cannot teach what you do not know.

With the passage of Proposal 1, parents with children in a failing school – a school district that does not graduate at least two out of three children – are empowered with an Opportunity Scholarship, a simple piece of paper representing half of what the state spends on that child's education and allows them to take it to the non-public school of their choice. Over 70 percent of the children trapped in these failing school districts qualify for the federal free lunch program. This helps families that all too often cannot afford to live in a better school district or choose an alternative safe school for their children.

Additionally, a local school district could opt into an Opportunity Scholarship program if a majority of the school board or a majority of the voters in the district voted to do so. Professional school bureaucrats object to this local option, complaining that it ought to be more difficult to get education reform on the ballot. These are the same folks who repeatedly place millage and bond issues on the ballot. They also never seem to complain about the low turnout in school board elections. Surely, they cannot fear voters in local school districts making decisions. What is wrong with giving the majority of voters in a school district local control of their school system?

Accountability is not sufficient in non-public

schools, argues Power. It is true that non-public schools do not fill out as many mounds of reports for Lansing or Washington bureaucrats. This is because, unlike a public school district, a non-public school is not an unlimited taxing authority, nor is it an unlimited bonding authority, and nor is it its own election jurisdiction. But non-public schools are held responsible and accountable by the parents of the children they teach.

Are we most concerned with preserving an old system with failing results, or giving parents the power and trusting their judgment? This is the ultimate question of Proposal 1.

Power argues that aside from Proposal 1's protection of funding for all Michigan public schools and its statewide teacher testing program, he is concerned with issues of the separation of church and state involved with Opportunity Scholarships. If using public funds for non-public education is wrong, then how is the G.I. Bill, Pell Grant or Michigan's Merit Scholarship program constitutional?

The federal government even supplies federal-

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ly-funded vouchers to religiously affiliated day-care programs and hospitals. Should Michigan voters now oppose the G.I. Bill if a student wants to attend Notre Dame or for toddlers in day care, or the elderly at religiously affiliated hospitals? It is silly to believe that tax dollars can go to a religiously affiliated non-public college but not to a high school.

The reason vouchers and the G.I. Bill are constitutional is because the government does not direct where the money goes; the parent or the student makes the ultimate decision about where their tax dollars are spent.

Giving parents in a failing school district a choice to choose a safe school is the right thing to do. Giving all parents the guarantee that we will have the best teachers possible and protecting the education funding for their children is also the right thing to do. This is why Proposal 1's common sense education reform deserves support!

Dick DeVos is co-chairman of the Kids First! Yes! ballot campaign which supports Proposal 1. DeVos is a public school graduate of Ada High School in Kent County.

Letting guard down leaves door open to auto theft

It was a stupid thing to do. I've been covering crime long enough. I've written a hundred stories about preventing crime.

I knew better. But I was tired. It was late. I'd jammed my wallet between the seat and the emergency brake when I got into the car and just forgot to take it out.

It's nothing I haven't done a dozen times before. But this time, someone took advantage of my not realizing the back door to my car was unlocked. This time, someone paid attention when I had not.

As I prepared to leave for work last Friday morning, I looked for my wallet first in the house, then in my car. Sat with my hands on the steering wheel for awhile, as the sickening realization sank in.

It was gone. Along with about \$30 in cash, a dozen blank checks, my ATM card, credit cards, prescription and insurance cards – all of those tiny pieces of paper and plastic we use to identify ourselves.

The only thing left was my company ID, which I'd taken out for some reason and forgotten to put back.

Figures. All my life, I've defined myself by what I do.

Do I sound bitter? I'm not, really. Truth be told, the joke's on the thief. My credit cards are all at their limit, the code for my ATM card rests comfortably at the bottom of my junk drawer and I closed my checking account within two hours after I realized my wallet was gone.

Anyone who needs \$30 that bad is welcome to it. At least it didn't hurt.

Much. I was lucky, they tell me. I had only one check outstanding, so closing my account and opening another took just 10 minutes. Calls to cancel my credit cards, get new insurance and library cards and waiting in line for a duplicate license cost me only an hour or two.

Naturally, after all that, my wallet was recovered, not far from where I live. The credit cards and cash had been stripped, along with my

license. Unless the thief gets caught trying to use them, the officer told me, there won't be any follow-up.

I guess it would be a little much to martial the forces of the entire Farmington Police Department to solve an all-too-common crime.

I tossed the black leather clutch, even though it hadn't been damaged. I almost couldn't bear to touch it. I feel silly about that. As silly as I felt putting the chain on my apartment door for the very first time Friday night. Or parking my car in a different spot, where there's more light.

As though I could prevent a crime that had already happened.

I hate to think of myself as a "crime victim," especially when I'm more a "crime facilitator." But why is it I should have to worry about leaving MY wallet in MY unlocked car?

Yes, I was stupid. But I'm not the one who broke the law.

What's worse, this isn't going to be over quickly. The credit fraud experts tell me I have to wait for what could be a second wave of crime: identity theft.

Places that offer "instant credit" often ask only for a driver's license or credit card number to open an account. With my Social Security number, someone could open up a checking account, rent an apartment or run up other bills in my name.

The people who deal with fraud say it's important NOT to keep your Social Security card in your wallet. Unfortunately, I did.

They also tell you to notify creditors. So I called the "fraud hotline" for Equifax. Got put on hold for five minutes, only to learn that, because I've moved in the past six months, I must send them a note requesting an alert on my credit file, with copies of my driver's license, Social Security card, credit cards or other identification.

In other words, everything that was stolen.

That'll have to wait, I guess. Along with the lessons I've learned about automatic car door locks and fraud protection, something good did come out of this experience. After I finished cursing the darkness of the criminal underworld, I found myself buoyed by the sympathy and kind words of so many with whom I dealt that awful Friday.

They reminded me how often in my life I have relied on the kindness of strangers, how they have never let me down.

Still, I check the windows every night before I go to bed and listen closely to the sounds of the night as I wait for sleep.

Joni Hubred is a staff writer for the Observer Newspapers.



Judith Doner Berne

Earlier this month I took my 11-year-old niece and 5½-year old granddaughter shopping for their back-to-school clothes.

Both are excited and a bit scared about entering new schools. One will enter public school kindergarten in West Bloomfield. The other begins middle school at the private academy she attends in Washington, D.C.

But more valuable than the time we spent dressing their outsides is the recent week a group of 11-to-15-year old girls spent addressing their insides.

Recent statistics compiled by Outward Bound show that 53 percent of girls are unhappy with their bodies by the age of 13, and 78 percent by age 18. And that anorexia nervosa affects girls 10 times more often than boys.

Girls Empowered owners Kimber Bishop-Yanke and Stacie Hurst are out to reduce those statistics. They have created Girls Empowered to help young girls realize high self-esteem, a positive body image and a belief in themselves.

It's the last morning of the Girls Empowered five-day fitness camp, sponsored by The Community House of Birmingham. As I arrive, 18 young girls are seated in a circle on the gym floor. They come from Birmingham and the Bloomfields, Redford, Rochester Hills, Troy and Detroit, and have obviously bonded.

During earlier sessions they dealt with self-esteem, nutrition, body image and self-defense. And they were exposed to the basics of weight training, yoga and cardio boxing.

Now Bishop-Yanke wants to know what's most meaningful to each of them.

"I learned to think about what's in you. You shouldn't rely on what other people say," says Andrea Veltri, 11, of West Bloomfield.

"I'm going to try to eat breakfast," explains 13-year-old Julie Schechter of Bloomfield Hills, who has skipped it in recent years. "It helps you in school."

Katie Weber, 13, from Bloomfield Township, now understands that advertisements often use nonrealistic images of women.

Then they sprawl on the floor to make posters illustrating who they are and how that differs from what society wants them to be. "That's what this is all about," Bishop-Yanke tells me. "It's about how to get them to be true to themselves."

Empowerment group helps girls develop positive self-image

Katie divides her poster into "I Am" and "They Want" sections. She depicts herself as a runner and pastes around her words cut out of magazines such as *Fresh, Free, Strong, Smart, Energy*. But on the other half of her poster, the world sees her in a sexy bathing suit surrounded by words such as *Body, Diet, Plastic Surgery*.

It's obvious that Angie Diaz-Randolph, 15, is, as she says, "normally a confident person." But she acknowledges that this camp is appropriate as she moves from a small parochial school to

Detroit Renaissance High. "I'm a little afraid," she acknowledges. "I think I can apply a lot of things that I've learned here if I'm having a bad day."

Teresa Veltri, 15, of West Bloomfield, hopes that what she's experienced will help her when she talks to her teachers at Academy of the Sacred Heart. "I have always had high self esteem," she says. Through the camp she discovered "another way of handling peer pressure, a different way of looking at things."

"I think I'll feel a little better because of this camp," ventures Caitlin Newman, 11% of Bloomfield Hills, who goes to Kensington Academy. "It was inspirational."

"I usually feel it's a new year and nothing has changed," says Julie Borgeson, 12, of Bloomfield Hills, who attends East Hills Middle School. "But this year I feel more confident about myself. I feel if something happens to me I can take care of myself."

I'm sure my niece and granddaughter will enjoy their new clothes. I'm even more certain that these newly-aware young women sport confidence they will neither tire of nor outgrow.

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Medical examiner learns from dead

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Dr. Sawait Kanlun believes the dead speak louder than the living. As Wayne County's chief medical examiner, the Troy physician investigates unnatural deaths.

Like a medical detective, Kanlun uncovers how his "patients" met their demise.

"The dead man always gives the facts. He cannot lie," Kanlun says. "It is the warm body that always changes the story."

Kanlun was trained as a forensic pathologist, a medical doctor who studies wounds in order to determine the cause of a violent death. With more than 25 years of experience, Kanlun has investigated the deaths of countless people. Some of his more memorable cases include the investigations into the crashes of Northwest flights 1482 in 1990 and 255 in 1987. Kanlun also helped with the inquiry of the ComAir flight 3272 crash in 1997.

A forensic pathologist's job when working on a plane crash is usually limited to the identification of bodies. Kanlun and his team worked around the clock for the families of those involved in the crash, he said.

"I try to put myself in their place," Kanlun said. "If I thought someone in my family was on the plane, I would want to know for sure as soon as possible."

Seeking the truth

Most of Kanlun's cases, however, involve individuals who have met an untimely death. He has investigated numerous instances of foul play, including a case involving an elderly woman who seemingly died of a heart attack.

Kanlun's autopsy, however, revealed that the woman had been strangled. Her husband eventually confessed to the killing.

Other cases may only appear to be foul play. A deceased child was brought to Kanlun's office tightly bound in a bed sheet. It appeared the child had been murdered. Autopsy findings revealed the child had died of pneumonia and that the mentally unstable mother had not known what to do with the child after the death so she wrapped the body in a sheet.

Even cases that appear to be obvious homicides must be investigated. Kanlun once

examined a body riddled with bullets. The cause of death was obvious to everyone involved with the case. Still, Kanlun's autopsy finding were questioned by a lawyer in open court.

"The defense attorney was trying to prove that the person had died from a heart attack and that his client was using the dead body for target practice," Kanlun said. "There was no way that was possible because my findings revealed that there was a lot of blood. When you shoot a dead body, there should be no bleeding."

Heavy workload

These cases are only a few of the more than 3,500 to 4,000 autopsies performed each year at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office. The office receives more than 12,000 calls a year or about 35 or 40 calls a day from police, hospital and family members.

Kanlun oversees a staff of 52, including a deputy medical examiner and six assistant medical examiners. His staff also investigates cases in Monroe County, which has no medical examiner's office.

As chief medical examiner, Kanlun is responsible for many of the administrative duties and decisions at the office. However, he still performs regular autopsies and stays involved in clinical work. One of Kanlun's many responsibilities is handling media inquiries. Although there is some notoriety associated with his job, Kanlun believes that only the best medical examiners manage to keep their names out of the newspapers.

"When I investigate a case, I make sure I do it correctly and thoroughly the first time," Kanlun said. "That way, I know my name will not be in the newspaper."

Career path

Kanlun's strong work ethic has helped him earn the respect of those in his field. A native of Bangkok, Thailand, he started his career in the 1970s under the direction of then-Wayne County Medical Examiner Dr. Werner Spitz.

Prior to working with Spitz, Kanlun earned his medical degree from the Chulalongkorn University School of Medicine in Bangkok. He did not always want to be a forensic pathologist. Kanlun, one of six children, wanted to be an engineer. His

father, however, wanted one of his children to be a doctor.

Kanlun eventually decided to pursue a career in nephrology, diseases of the kidney. One course in his medical studies was forensic pathology. There a professor noticed Kanlun's natural ability and convinced him to pursue a career in forensic pathology.

The best schools were in America and Kanlun, who originally wanted to move back to Thailand, decided to continue his career in the United States. He moved to New York City and completed his residency training at Kings County Hospital, Metropolitan Hospital and Bronx Lebanon Hospital.

While completing his fellowship, Kanlun heard of a position at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office. He was hired in 1976 and worked at the old morgue in Greektown.

Kanlun continued his career

at the Wayne County office until 1988 when he accepted a position as deputy chief medical examiner in Philadelphia.

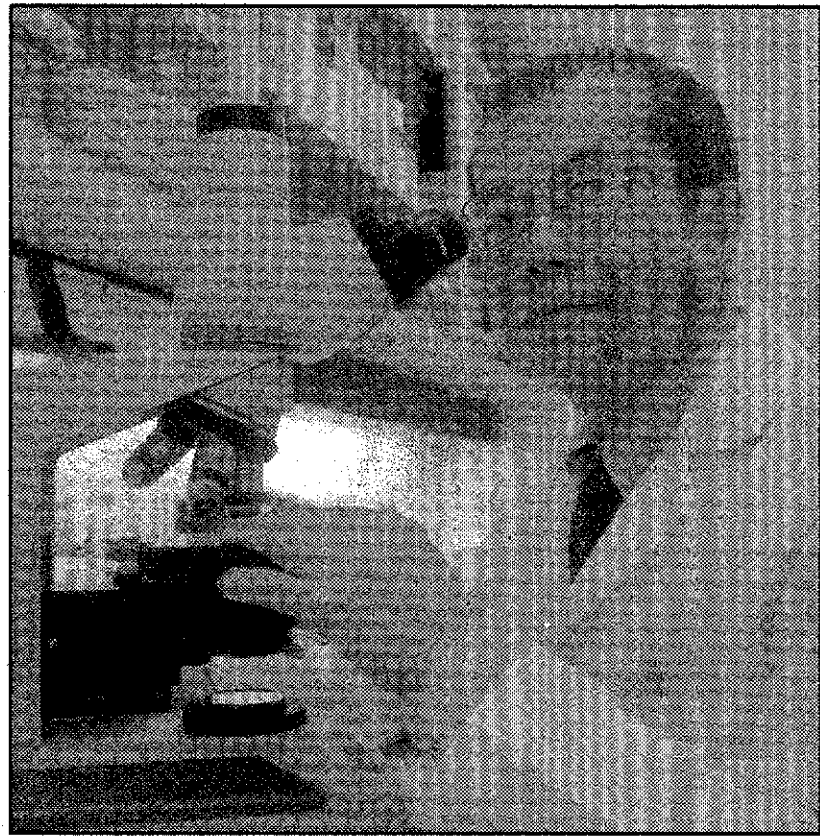
Unhappy in Pennsylvania, Kanlun decided to return to his Detroit-based position.

At that time, Kanlun purchased a second home in Troy with his wife, Cookie, and three sons.

Kanlun continued to excel at his profession and eventually worked his way up to chief medical examiner in 1995. Under his direction, a new, updated morgue has been erected. At a cost of \$14 million, the morgue is one of the best-equipped facilities in the nation.

When he isn't busy with his many duties as medical examiner, Kanlun enjoys gardening and traveling.

"I'm happy with my life and my work," Kanlun said. "I wouldn't trade my selected profession for anything."

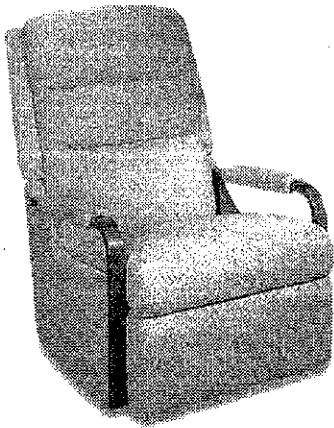


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Dr. Sawait Kanlun: Wayne County medical examiner.

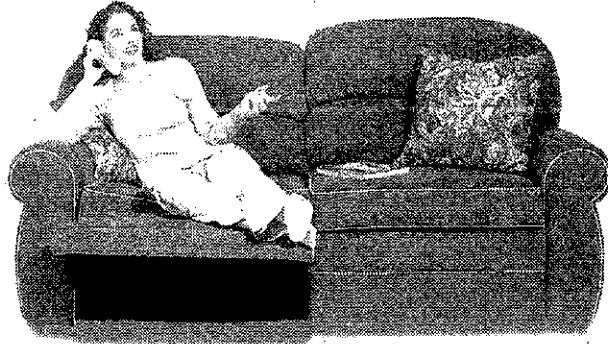
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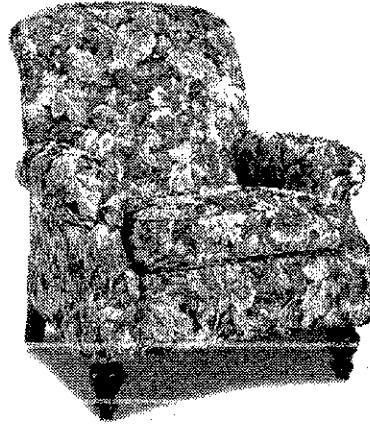
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SHORTCOMINGS



RENEE SKOGLUND

Wanted: Home on the range for Western shirts

"You don't REALLY expect me to wear those?" my son Christian asked when I laid the two Western-style shirts on his bed.

I began to see his point. The two shirts, purchased in Cheyenne, Wyo., during a recent vacation, didn't look quite as "sharp" as they did in the Wrangler store. Maybe it was the contrasting insets of color. Maybe it was the fancy piping. Maybe it was a mistake.

"Couldn't you get yourself some tight-fitting jeans and a pair of cowboy boots?" I coaxed. "You could wear them clubbing."

"I'd get beat up," Christian replied. "No... I'd probably get shot."

OK, so what goes in Wyoming doesn't quite fly in Michigan. I should have listened to my husband, who threw up his hands and left the store as I handed the clerk my money. What made me think our 22-year-old son, a self-described "solid color man," would transform himself into an urban cowboy?

The shirts elicited similar remarks from the Observer's male staff members when I brought a picture into the office:

"Maybe if you needed to be rescued off a mountain."

"I'm speechless. Maybe the altitude did something to your mind."

"They're pretty dorky shirts. You can't wear them with Reeboks."

"You wouldn't catch me wearing them. I'm not a bowler."

"You paid money for those? They remind me of soccer jerseys, but they're uglier."

"Did you get these at the Gibraltar Trade Center?"

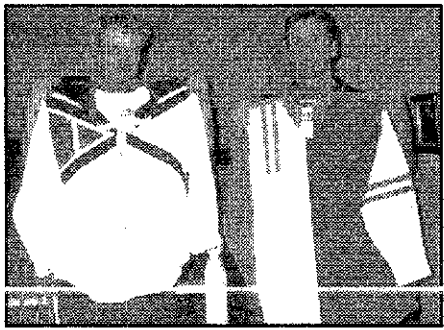
Only Bryan Mitchell, one of our staff photographers, saw a possibility. "Oh, my dad would wear those," he said. Unfortunately, Bryan's dad is a few sizes past extra large.

Many of the female staff members liked the shirts, calling them "colorful," "bold," "mod," and "fun." But what do they know. Like me, most of them are wives and mothers.

I've decided to redeem my fashion faux pas by offering these shirts to Observer readers in a "Wild West Shirt" contest. Just send me a letter, fax or e-mail telling me why you want these shirts and where you plan to wear them. First prize is the white shirt with black and turquoise insets and second prize is red, white and blue one. (Do you wash it with the whites or coloreds?) quipped Garden City editor Sue Mason.

I'm lucky I got my husband and neighbor to pose holding the shirts in front of them. They refused to put them on. Like they say, you can take the shirt out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the shirt.

Send entries to Renee Skoglund, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.



No thanks, ma'am: Jim Keim (left) and Gary Skoglund are no urban cowboys.

Fashion faux pas

Observer readers, come out of the closet and tell us about your fashion faux pas — paisley prints past their prime, neon ties, bell-bottoms.

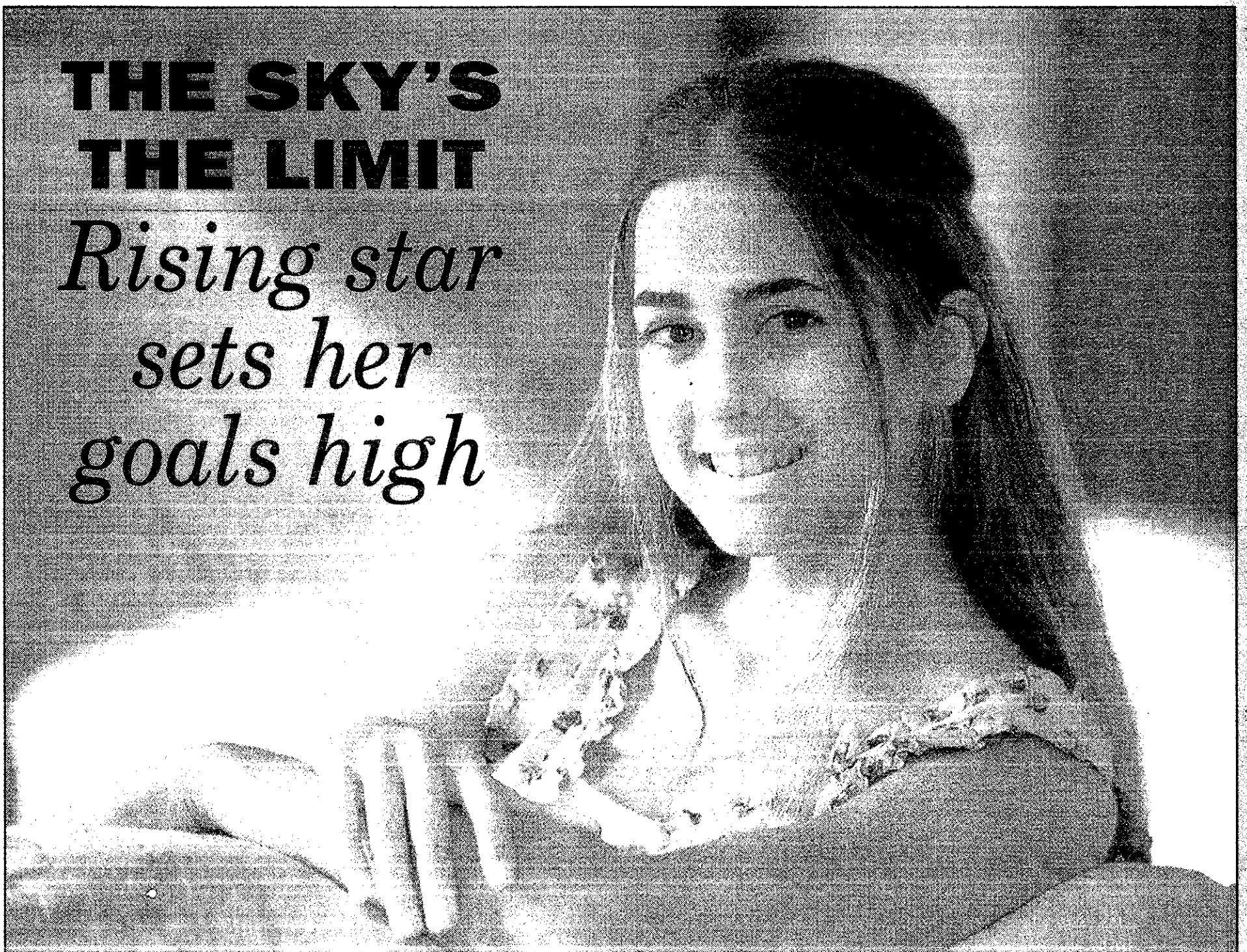
What have you've done with some of your biggest fashion mistakes. Recycled them as Christmas gifts, converted them into outfits for your cement goose, or relegated them to the back of your closet or drawer for the rest of their natural lives?

Put them on and send us your picture. While you're at it, look for the gaudiest, ghastliest, most gauche gift you've ever received and send us a picture of that, too. It's time to be tacky, folks.

Send all pictures and tales of fashion woe to the address above.

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Rising star sets her goals high



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Making her mark: Livonia resident Kyriake Elizabeth Chonacas hopes to further her talents as an actress/model.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER
scasola@oe.homecomm.net

While Kyriake Elizabeth Chonacas may not be a household name just yet, she knows how it feels to be recognized like a star in public.

Years ago while dining with her family at a Ponderosa restaurant, the Livonia resident was mistaken for actress Alicia Silverstone. "You could tell right away he wasn't joking," said her mother, Linda. "You see stars everywhere."

Now 19, Chonacas is following in the footsteps of her famous blonde look-alike. "Ever since I was little, it's been my dream to be a model," said Chonacas — Keke to her friends. She's stretched those aspirations toward acting and can be seen as a dancer in the upcoming feature film, *Save The Last Dance*, starring Julia Stiles (*Ten Things I Hate About You*). The film is due out in October.

Making a go of it

"It's a really small part in a club scene," she said modestly. But it's a start. She'll also be filming on location in Sterling Heights for her first speaking role in a film — portraying the bratty-but-hip sister — in the upcoming film *Working Class Heroes*. Nearly in post-production she said the movie falls in the tradition of *American Pie* and is scheduled to premiere at the Historic Redford Theatre this September.

Chonacas' aspirations in the entertainment industry are evident with one glance at her bedroom. The pink walls are adorned with supermodel

faces like Christy Turlington, ripped from the pages of magazines. Her surroundings are a constant reminder of her goal.

"She used to sing to the broom," recalled Linda Chonacas, with a smile. "She's very outgoing. I think she's very mature for her age."

'She's very concentrated on her goals. She sets them and she accomplishes them.'

Theresa Misfud
— friend

said, only motivated her more. "It's just something I wanted to do."

When her 18th birthday came around, she was off to research modeling agencies and enter beauty pageants. Chonacas and her mother did witness the shadier side of the business. She was once confronted to do a lingerie advertisement but promptly declined. She believes working through reputable agencies makes it easier to screen the jobs available.

Chonacas has done print work — modeling hats and gloves for catalogues. She recently completed a photo shoot at Somerset Collection in Troy where she was part of a print campaign for back-to-school

fashions.

Potential

Mary Faschioni, print agent with The Talent Shop, called Chonacas an "extremely talented young lady" and a "go-getter."

"She is going to be someone someday," Faschioni said. "She is so centered. She knows just the right amount of time to spend on everything."

Thanks in part to that balanced ambition, in mid-August she'll be seen as the Marco's Pizza Girl on television commercials for the chain which has stores in Canton, Dearborn and around Ohio. She was called back out of 70 other actors to have the principal role in the commercial. No stranger to the small screen, Chonacas also appeared on the prime-time show *Early Edition* twice. If all goes well, she's hoping to snag a role on an upcoming ABC movie through Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Studios. She recently took her first trip to New York City for an audition.

Chonacas doesn't mind seeing herself on television. "I have no problem with it," she said. "It gets me excited."

In just a short time, she's been able to make a name for herself. But that's no surprise to her family.

"She's a role model to me because she's a model," said sister Stephanie, 14. "Everything she does, she does it to let the world see her. She wants to be famous. She wants everybody to know who she is. And all my friends like her a lot."

Please see STAR, B2

OUR LADY OF LORETTO

Priest sets youthful tone at Redford church

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Bursts of laughter erupted in Our Lady of Loretto Church in Redford on a recent Sunday morning as Fr. J.J. Mech stripped away the formality created by his robe and the pulpit to deliver a message of forgiveness and love.

He captured the attention of his audience with an embarrassing story about himself and snuck in a sermon. On July 1 he began his new job overseeing the congregation of 1,000 families and some 300 students from preschool to eighth grade.

At age 32, Fr. J.J., who prefers the nickname to his given name, John, is the youngest pastor in the more than 300 churches in the Detroit Archdiocese.

Fr. J.J. runs his parish without an associate pastor, but he does get help from a deacon and a nun who works as a pastoral associate.

"I'm not a real intimidating person," Fr. J.J. said. "I think people can approach me and if they haven't been to church, people don't feel real ashamed."

"A lot of people have a Hollywood idea of the priesthood where the priest is very stoic and very authoritative and hard nosed. I don't think I'm different from any of the parishioners in any way. We're all called to serve God. I've



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

New role: Father J.J. Mech is currently the youngest pastor in the Detroit Archdiocese. He's now serving at Our Lady of Loretto in Redford Township.

been called to serve in this way."

He paused a moment and added: "That's why I no longer levitate." A deep chuckle follows and he continues his serious thoughts.

"The biggest challenge that we have is that it used to be that you put a priest up on a pedestal, and now the media uses every opportunity to use anything to knock them off the

pedestal and to scandalize," Fr. J.J. said. "The days when people didn't question whatever the parish priest said are gone."

Growing up

Family is an important part of his life, too. "I grew up in Dearborn Heights the youngest of six kids," he explained.

With 17 nieces and nephews, family "is a real key thing" for him. "People say: 'Don't you miss having kids and a spouse?'" he said. "But just like people with spouses, there are days when you can be lonely. There are so many people, not only my nieces and nephews, but I have the whole parish family."

Deciding to enter a religious life, during a time of serious priest shortages, didn't come easily for Fr. J.J. When he graduated from Gabriel Richard in Riverview in 1985 he was just beginning to think about the priesthood.

"Up until high school, just like my brothers and sisters, I wanted to get married and have kids," he said. "I knew priests all my life, but it was always someone up in the sanctuary who was a little unapproachable."

He began to think differently when he was a senior in high school and met Fr. Edmond Borycz. "The guy was so

Please see PRIEST, B2

Read the Health & Business section every Sunday

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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

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

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

Sealed bids will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until **4:00 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14, 2000** for the following:


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All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening and be received by the Clerk no later than 4:00 P.M., Thursday, September 14, 2000, at which time they will be opened publicly.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN**

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z-00-015 404 Irvin Non-Use Variance Requests:
Front & Side Yard Setbacks
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Joseph & Ellen Elliott

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Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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normal and so much fun," Fr. J.J. said. "He sparked my interest in that maybe this was something I could do."

Turning point

"My first observation was that he was creative, enthusiastic and down to earth, which I found to be great qualities in any human being and especially someone in the ministry of the church," said Fr. Borycz, who works as the senior priest with the United States Army at Fort Hood, Texas.

"His energetic smile is captivating," he said explaining that Fr. J.J. had the type of personality that makes people want to know "what makes him tick. People are drawn to it and it opens all types of doors."

Priests need a "sense of the sacred; a sense of humility; a sense of reality rolled up together," Fr. Borycz continued. "And a good dose of knowing yourself. We need priests who aren't afraid to be themselves."

At the advice of Fr. Borycz, Fr. J.J. decided to take some time to relax. He went to Michigan State University with the intention of getting a degree in architecture.

"I put (the priesthood) in the back of my brain, locked behind the door and the door kept popping open – the idea that maybe I should look into this," Fr. J.J.

said. "I was dating and progressing on with my life."

The turning point came when he was 19 and went on a weekend retreat at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. The experience was enough to inspire him to transfer to the seminary where he earned his undergraduate degree in interdisciplinary studies and a master's degree in divinity, which is required before ordination.

"To tell you the truth I feel so blessed," Fr. J.J. said. "I would not trade my life for anything. I love being a priest. I feel so honored and grateful that God called me in this way and I was able to answer. This life is so much fun."

First impression

His warmth and charismatic personality have already touched a lot of people in the neighborhoods surrounding our Lady of Loretto Church according to Delphine Lind, who as church secretary, is on the front line of relationships between the community and the church.

"He's very open and enjoys working with all ages and especially loves children," Lind said. "He loves people. The communication line is always open with him. I've had people come and register who have said: 'I haven't been to church in a long time, but I decided to come back

Newcomer

Who: Fr. J.J. Mech, pastor of Our Lady of Loretto Church in Redford.

Ordained: In 1995 in a class of six, which is considered a relatively large group. During the 1960s, however, ordination classes in the Detroit Archdiocese were 20 and more. In recent years, sometimes there are only one or two priests ordained at a time.

Past assignments: St. Andrews in Rochester, followed by Our Lady of Victory, Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe and most recently at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

View on shortage of priests: "I'm not going to worry about the shortage," he said. "We have to trust in the Holy Spirit and what God is doing for us. We'll be fine."

He predicts a much greater call on lay people becoming involved in their parishes.

Reaching out: In the future, Fr. J.J. believes the Catholic church will have to reach out to a lot of homebound people who are unable to come to church.

On the other end of the spectrum, he said, the church must bring in young people.

"I think there's a whole aspect of the younger culture who think that faith is not exciting," he said. "But that's far, far, from the truth. Faith is the most exciting thing you can get involved in."

"We're competing against MTV and other titillating things and you put someone in a pew for an hour on Sunday and they want to be entertained. You can touch people on a certain level and God does the rest of the work for you. Faith is a lot of work, but it can be a real joy. God is right there with us and we need to open our eyes. A lot of times we have to have that conversation with God."

because he's there.' He's a blessing," she added.

Most of all, Fr. J.J. said, he loves the diversity every day brings.

"You deal with everything from working with school kids to dealing with family members of

someone who is dying, to baptisms, weddings and funerals," he said. "You meet people at every stage in life. It's a real privilege to journey with people and bring them closer to Christ. I wouldn't have this in any other line of work."

Star from page B1

Give Stephanie a few moments and she'll be glad to tell you all about her sister's experience in pageants. From Miss Michigan Teen U.S.A. to more local competitions, Chonacas has honed her modeling skills.

She feels she's learned a lot about the industry and enjoys spreading the word. "If my friends or people I don't know have the ambition, and they have no idea where to go, I'll tell them what agencies they should go to. I had no background or knowledge of the business."

Most importantly, she said, anyone interested in getting into the modeling or acting business has to have the motivation and desire to succeed. "It's a business," she

said. "A lot of people don't treat it like a business."

Faschioni considers her to be a realist. "A lot of people want to stop in and become Claudia Schiffer," said Faschioni. "She doesn't. She looks at acting and modeling as a career."

Staying focused

While its her business of choice, Chonacas hasn't forsaken an education. She's a sophomore at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and runs on the school's cross country team.

Her friend, Theresa Misfud, who also attends Schoolcraft College in Livonia, gives a lot of support. "She's very concentrated on her goals. She sets them and she

accomplishes them. She's always been there for me. I love her like a sister."

The two met while competing at the Miss Michigan Teen U.S.A. pageant in May 1999 and have been close friends ever since. "She's just a great person," Misfud said.

Always looking ahead, Chonacas plans to get her Screen Actors Guild card, travel to Greece to see her own culture firsthand and then to possibly move to Los Angeles sometime next year to finish college and follow her dreams.

Perhaps soon enough, some other young hopeful in a nearby restaurant will be mistaken for Livonia's Kyriake Elizabeth Chonacas.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON OBJECTIONS TO
FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY**

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Public Acts 33 and 181 of 1951, as amended, for the purpose of hearing objections to defraying the expenses of the Fire and Police Protection Districts by a Special Assessment Levy to be spread on the tax rolls effective December 1, 2000.

DATE: Tuesday, September 12, 2000
TIME: 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
**PLACE: Canton Township Administration Building
Board Meeting Room
1150 S. Canton Center Road**

On May 18, 1976, a Fire Protection Special Assessment Levy was approved by the voters, and at the June 22, 1976 Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton unanimously approved the creation of a Fire Protection Special Assessment District for the entire Township.

On August 27, 1977, a Police Protection Special Assessment Levy was approved by the voters, and at the September 13, 1977 Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton approved the creation of a Police Protection Special Assessment District for the entire Township.

The Fiscal Year 2001 estimated Fire and Police budgets submitted by the Public Safety Director and the Administration are as follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT		POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Salaries & O/T	\$3,208,120	Salaries & O/T	\$5,577,520
Fringe Benefits	1,428,230	Fringe Benefits	2,430,168
Capital Outlay	638,500	Capital Outlay	278,210
Operations	1,172,608	Operations	2,220,886
Bond Debt Service	263,486	Bond Debt Service	71,967
Total	\$6,710,944	Total	\$10,578,751

The proposed millage rates are as follows:

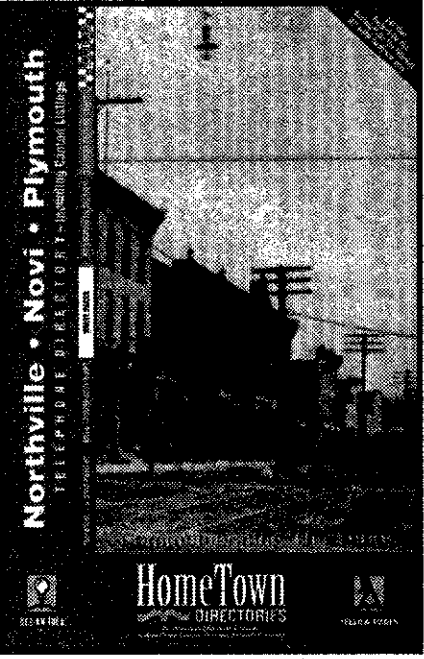
	1999	P.A.5 Limit	2000	Increase (Decrease) over 1999
Fire Millage	2.9400	N/A	2.9400	0.0000
Police Millage	4.8000	N/A	4.8000	0.0000
Charter Millage	1.1100	1.0790	1.1100	0.0000
Total	8.8500		8.8500	0.0000

The Charter Millage is more than what the Township could levy under P.A. 5, 1982 (Truth in Taxation). **The property tax Charter Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed fiscal year 2001 General Fund budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

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ENGAGEMENTS

Lewis-Huebel

Richard and Julie Lewis of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Maureen Anne, to Jason Rodney Huebel of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is recent Wayne State University graduate, where she earned her master's degree in psychology. She is a 1995 graduate of Oakland Community College in liberal arts and a 1997 honors graduate of Madonna University where she earned bachelor's degrees in psychology and Spanish. She works as a human resources recruiter at the Community Opportunity Center in Livonia and as an independent contracting psychologist at a local mental health clinic.

Her fiancé, son of Richard and Leta Huebel of St. Joseph, is an Eastern Michigan University



graduate with a bachelor's degree in social sciences and marketing. He works as a business analyst at Ford Motor Company in the marketing and communications center.

A September wedding is planned.

Friday-Amy

Rick and Lorrie Friday of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Susan, to Michael Jon Amy of Loveland, Ohio.

The bride-to-be graduated from Michigan State University in 1996 with a bachelor of arts degree in marketing. She works as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Organon Pharmaceuticals.

Her fiancé, the son of Jan and Ron Amy of Battlecreek, graduated from Western Michigan University in 1999 with a bachelor of arts degree in food marketing. He is currently employed as an account business manager for Colgate-Palmolive.



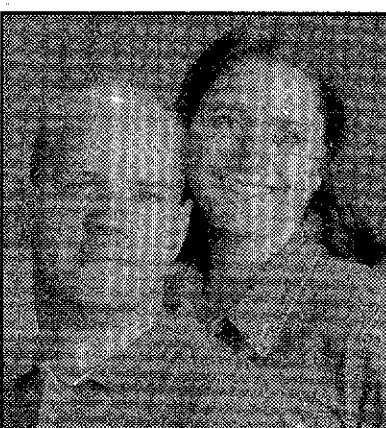
A September wedding is planned at St. Anne De Detroit Catholic Church. The couple will receive guests at The Dearborn Inn.

Henderson-Fisher

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Henderson of Livonia and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fisher Sr. of Garden City announce the engagement of their children, Karen Lynn to Raymond William Fisher Jr.

Karen graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 1990 and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University. She is an elementary special education teacher in Farmington.

Her fiancé is a 1980 Garden City West graduate. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Lawrence Technological University. He is a business analyst for Xpedex.



Karen and Raymond will be married in September in Harbor Springs. They recently purchased a home in Livonia.

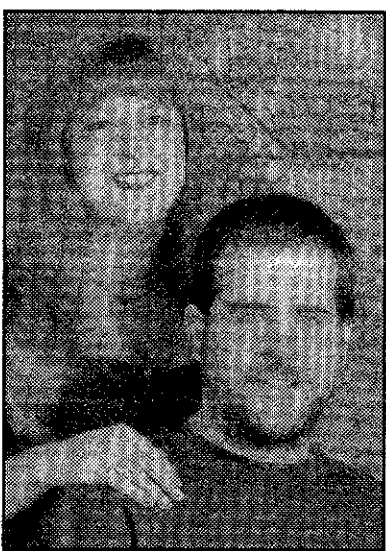
Mazze-Tynan

Mary Mazze of Canton announces the engagement of her daughter, Kelly Samantha, to Paul David Tynan of Romulus.

The bride-to-be graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1992 and works at Nationwide Insurance.

Her fiancé, the son of Bobbi and Larry Tynan of Canton, graduated from Canton High School in 1992 and works at Roskelley & Associates as a land surveyor.

A September wedding is planned at Laurel Chapel in Livonia.



ANNIVERSARIES

Carey

Daniel C. and Lillian F. (Luntsford) Carey of Redford celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary today.

The couple wed Aug. 31, 1940 in Middlesboro, Kentucky but have lived in the area for 38 years. They have two children: Daniel H. Carey and Carol A. Myers, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Daniel Carey was employed at the General Motors Fisher Body Division and has now been retired for 34 years.

To celebrate the occasion, the family will attend dinner at the



Carey's favorite restaurant.

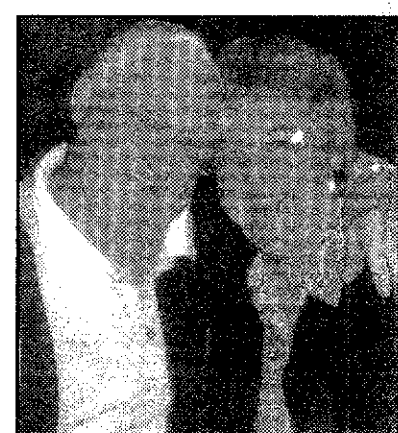
Ygeal

A surprise 40th wedding anniversary party was held recently for Mike and Joanne (Jesky) Ygeal of Livonia, given by their five children Roger of Plymouth, Michele and Chris Zboch of Trenton, Elaine of Dearborn Heights, Karla of Redford and Juli and Mike Sweet of Farmington Hills.

Over 100 family members, friends and their bridal party enjoyed the festivities and danced to music of the Clare Wite Orchestra at a lavish party for the couple at the Holiday Inn's Renaissance Room.

The Ygeals have lived in Livonia for 32 years with all five of their children graduating from Churchill High School.

Mike is a retired railroad engineer and Joanne a school teacher and tax consultant. Joanne founded and directed the Polish Centennial Dancers for 10 years. Together they are active vol-



unteers with the Church of the Divine Savior, American Legion, the V.F.W., the Polish National Alliance, the Polish Roman Catholic, Polish Day Parade and the Jet-Setters.

The Ygeals are avid travelers having visited destinations in the United States, Europe and the Orient.

Mike and Joanne are looking forward to the birth of their first two grandchildren in November.

Schultz

Tom and Lily (Little) Schultz of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April.

The couple wed April 1, 1950 in Keego Harbor. They have always lived in the Detroit area and have five children Colleen, Greg and Colleen, Gary and Susan, Thomas and Susan and Matthew and Jennifer. The family includes 10 grandchildren.

Tom retired 11 years ago from Ford Motor Company. They celebrated their golden



anniversary with family and friends.

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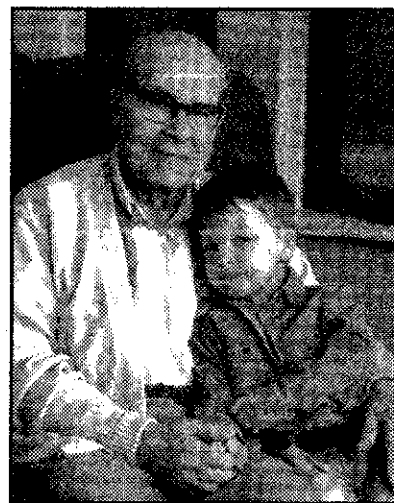
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Tues., Sept. 12 - 6 pm Carl Sandburg Library 30100 W. 7 Mile	Wed., Sept. 13 - 6 pm 6123 Central City Pkwy. (between Newburgh/Wayne)	Tues., Sept. 19 - 6 pm 4600 Summit on the Park Art II Room (between Cherry Hill/Mich. Ave.)	Wed., Sept. 20 - 1 pm 32737 W. 12 Mile (between Orchard Lake/Farmington)	Thurs., Sept. 21 - 6 pm 1426 S. Mill VFW Hall (South of Ann Arbor Road)

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

WEEKEND

■ Maybury State Park is offering the following programs: Insects on the Farm, Saturday, Sept. 2, beginning at 11 a.m.; Bird Hikes, Saturday, Sept. 9, at 8 a.m. (meet at the Concession Building in the main parking lot on Eight Mile Road). There is no charge for any activity; however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. Maybury is located on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-8390.

PARTY EXTRAVAGANZA

■ The women of St. Kenneth will sponsor all your favorite home parties under one roof. Representatives from Tupperware, Discovery Toys, Longaberger and many more will be on-site from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at St. Kenneth's Social Hall, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth (just south of Five Mile Road). Free admission.

PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

■ There will be a perennial exchange sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club at the Plymouth Fall Festival from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the corner of Union and Ann Arbor Trail (in front of the Wilcox House). For more information, call (734) 459-7146.

HEALTH FAIR

■ The Asthma Health Fair Open House will be held from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Henry Ford Medical Center-Plymouth, 14300 Beck Road. Educational Display will be on hand. The Health Fair includes a guest speaker from 11 a.m. until noon. The speaker's presentation is "How to beat Asthma"; an "Ask the Respiratory Therapist" booth (bring your current medications); complimentary peak flow meters, record keeper and inhaler spacers; educational literature and tips; and refreshments and prizes. To register, call (800) 321-0855, mailbox 4000. For directions to Henry Ford Medical Center, call (734) 453-5600.

FLEA MARKET

■ The Livonia Historical Society will sponsor a Flea Market from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Greenmead Historical Park, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. Admission is \$1. Children under 12 are free. Food and refreshments will be available. The Village is also open for tours from 1-4 p.m. Proceeds go to benefit the Greenmead Historical Park. For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

TOY SHOW

■ The Plymouth Collectible Toy Show returns from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. during the Plymouth's Fall Festival at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The show features dealers selling new, used, antique and collectible toys of all kinds. Admission for adults is \$5, kids under 10 are free. For more information, call

(734) 455-2110.

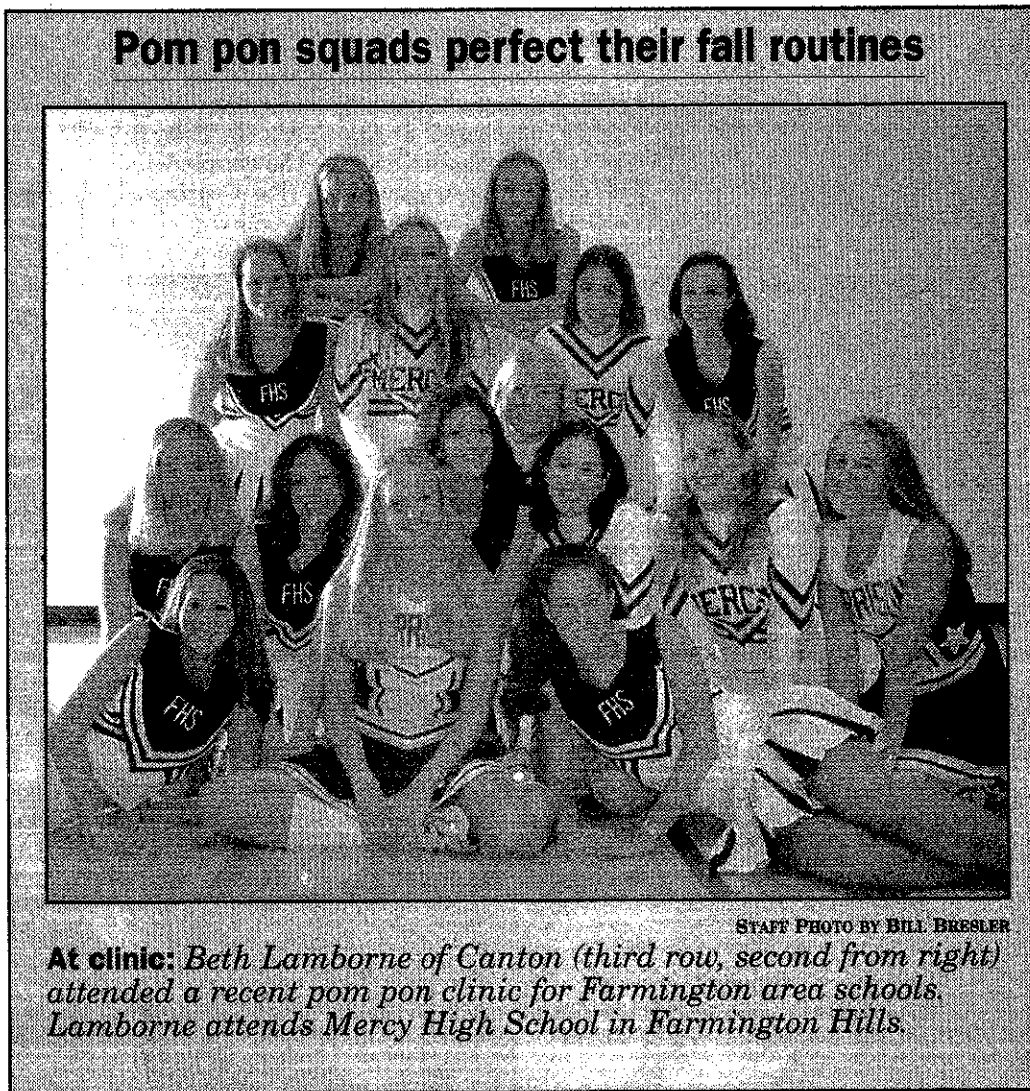
AROUND TOWN

SYMPHONY AUDITIONS

■ The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra announces auditions for the following: Associate Concertmaster, Section Violin, Section Viola, Section Cello, Section Bass, Third Flute/Piccolo, Principal and Second Clarinet, Third Horn, Principal and Third Trumpet, Principal Trombone and Principal Tuba. Auditions for these positions will be held on either Sept. 5, 6, or 7. For further information, contact the AASO office at (734) 994-4801.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

■ Summit On The Park is offering the following Senior Programs: Tai Chi for Seniors beginning Monday, Sept. 11 from 11:30-2:30 p.m. (new time) in the Maple Room. Instructor Eileen Sands leads the group in graceful and slow movements that relax and strengthen both body and mind. Each new session begins again with a review to accommodate new students. After the first month, it is recommended that beginners wait until the following session. This class is provided by the Taoist Tai Chi Society, a non-profit charitable organization. While this is a free class, donations are strongly suggested and are tax deductible as well. To place your name on the waiting list, please call the Senior Program Desk at (734) 397-5444; Line Dancing beginning Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 1-3 p.m., in the Maple Room. Beverly Semeniuk of the Lone Star Dance Company welcomes beginners and experienced dancers. In this two-hour class, you will pay only if you attend; the instructor will collect each week. You do not register at the Summit Front Desk. The cost will be \$3 per class, \$3.50 if you are a non-resident. The class can accommodate beginners as well as intermediate students. From 1 to 1:30 p.m., the class will concentrate on Beginning Basics; from 1:30 to 3 p.m. new dances will be introduced; Machine Quilting from Sept. 14 to Dec. 14 in the Ash Room. The striking "Blooming Baskets" pattern will be taught by Carol Ann Matthews this fall. A sample is on display in the Parkview Room. The 11-week session is open to beginners as well as experienced quilters. The cost is \$22 residents and \$25 non-residents; "Yes, You Can!" Senior Exercise Program resumes on Friday, Sept. 8, from 2-3 p.m. in Dance Studio C on the second floor of the Summit. An elevator is available. This mild exercise program is led by volunteer Lorraine Schmitt, who has many years of experience with senior exercise programs. Chairs will be available for all or part of the class. Best of all — it's free! Space is limited. Register at the Senior Program Desk. At this time, registration will be limited to Canton residents only.



At clinic: Beth Lamborne of Canton (third row, second from right) attended a recent pom pon clinic for Farmington area schools. Lamborne attends Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

THE PRINCETON REVIEW

■ The Princeton Review will sponsor a Free Strategy Session Seminar. These are 90-minute seminars discussing SAT and ACT techniques, as well as helpful information regarding the college admission process. The session will be held in Ann Arbor, Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 7-8:30 p.m.; also a free practice, full-length, SAT and ACT test will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, at 9 a.m. The test will finish about 12:30 p.m. Students may choose one test. These will be held at The Princeton Review Office, 1220 S. University, Suite 209, Ann Arbor. Each student should bring pencils and a calculator for the free test and parents are welcome to come to the strategy session. Students must call The Princeton Review at (800) 2-REVIEW, or (734) 663-2163 in order to register for the test and/or strategy sessions.

■ The Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Chorus will be holding auditions for its Winter Session Concert on Tuesday, Sept. 5 and Sept. 12 at the Farmington Hills Activity Center. Members come from the entire Metro Detroit area. Living in the Farmington area is not a requirement. This is an exciting musical opportunity for area residents 18 years of age and older. Musical experience is not necessary but is helpful. All sheet music and a practice tape is provided. Auditions will be held at 7:30 p.m. both nights and registration will be the following week for those accepted. There is a small city of Farmington Hills registration fee. For further information contact Chorus Manager, Kathy Hall at (248) 471-4516.

MEN'S RACQUETBALL

■ Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its men's fall racquetball league at Body Rocks Racquetball of Livonia. Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 20. Court times are 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. The

league will run for 12 weeks. The fee is \$100 per person (includes all league court-time and awards). Registration begins: Tuesday, Sept. 5. No residency requirements. For further information call Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110.

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■ Timothy Wead star of

"Teenage Father," an Academy Award winner for "Best Live Action Short" will appear Sunday, Sept. 10 at the United Assembly of God, 46500 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth at 8:30, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wead will portray the Apostles James and Paul in dramatic presentations of the books of James, Sunday morning and Philippians, Sunday evening.

LSAT WORKSHOP

■ Oakland University of College of Arts and Sciences/Continuing Education will offer a workshop to prepare for the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). The workshop meets on Saturdays for three weeks, beginning on Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Cost is \$325 which includes books. For a brochure and to register, call (248) 370-3125.

ANTIQUES SHOW

■ The Women of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills are presenting their 37th Annual Bloomfield Antiques Show on Sept. 8 and 9. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1100 Lone Pine Road (Northwest corner of Telegraph Road), Bloomfield

Hills. Thirty-seven dealers will display their wares in the Gordon H. Light Family Life Center. On Saturday, Sept. 9, representatives from DuMouchelle Art Galleries of Detroit will be doing appraisals from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$4 for a verbal appraisal and \$10 for a written appraisal. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For further information call (248) 646-5886.

ASTHMA HEALTH FAIR

Henry Ford Medical Center-Plymouth is holding an Asthma Health Fair-Open House, Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at 14300 Beck Road at their new facility. There will be a speaker presentation from 11 a.m. to noon on "How to Beat Asthma." Educational exhibits include: Ask the Respiratory Therapist booth (bring your current medications), complimentary peak flow meters, record keeper and inhaler spacers, educational literature and tips, refreshment and prizes. To register call (800) 321-0855 Mailbox 4000. For directions to Henry Ford Medical Center call (734) 453-5600.

ART CAMP SHOW

■ The summer has ended and it is time for D&M Studios Annual Summer Art Camp Show and Exhibit. This years theme is "Medieval Madness." The art work the children created is extraordinary. The Art Show and Exhibit will be held now through Sept. 3. Hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.; and Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. For more information on the Art show or for class enrollment, call D & M Studios at (734) 453-3710.

CHORUS AUDITIONS

■ The 120-member Plymouth Community Chorus will be presenting its annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 1, 2 and 3, with rehearsals starting Sept. 5. Auditions by appointment will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 12 and 19. All auditions will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon in Plymouth. First sopranos, tenors and basses are especially needed, but there are some openings for second sopranos and altos. The Plymouth Community Chorus, one of Michigan's premier community choruses, is entering its 28th season. Those wishing to become a member of this outstanding singing organization, call (734) 455-4080 for an audition appointment.

TAI CHI

■ New beginner tai chi classes are starting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11. These classes are offered under the sponsorship of the Taoist Tai Chi Society (a non-profit organization) of Livonia, 38121 Ann Arbor Road; Bloomfield, St. Paul United Methodist Church. Day classes for seniors available at the Livonia location. Observers are welcome. Visit our Web site at www.ttcs.org. For

more information, call the society at (248) 332-1281 anytime.

NACW

■ The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will host their monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The guest speaker will be Molly Keep, exercise physiologist. She will share her secrets on using humor to reduce stress. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. For more information or to make a reservation, call Tracey Huff at (248) 347-3355.

YOGA

■ Yoga for beginners is being presented by Jacqui Magon. "Firm Posture-Calm Mind," will be held from 9-10:15 a.m. on Mondays and from 6-7:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 11 and Sept. 12. Cost is \$10 per class. Class runs for six weeks. Walk-ins are welcome.

CANTON KIDS DAY

■ Oakwood Healthcare Center in Canton will be celebrating kids at their annual Canton Kids Day. This free event will be held from noon until 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, on the grounds of Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton. This year's event will focus on teaching kids how they can stay safe and healthy. Children and their parents will enjoy an afternoon of festivities including free refreshments, prizes and games. There will be an opportunity for children to take part in the D.A.R.E. Program and enter drawings for exciting prizes. Parents will also have the opportunity to learn proper infant/child CPR. Children are invited to bring their favorite teddy bear or doll to the Teddy Bear Clinic for a check-up performed by the physicians and nurses of Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton. Local police, fire and emergency medical services will have their vehicles on-site and will be available to answer questions. Sparky, from the National Fire Prevention Association, and McGruff the Crime Dog will also be available to meet with the children.

AUDITIONS

■ Madonna University's Chorale is holding open auditions for the 2000-01 season. The chorale consists of Madonna University students and local community members. All are invited to take part in this community outreach program. There is no charge for singing in the chorale, although academic credit is given to Madonna University students. Auditions will consist of an individual meeting with Dr. David Wagner, the chorale's director. No music is needed for the audition and nothing needs to be prepared in advance; Dr. Wagner will provide all accompaniment. For more information, call (734) 432-5708 or send an e-mail to wagner@smtp.munet.edu.

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

MILITARY NEWS

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed, or typewritten to: Campus Notes, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

AWARDS

■ Ebony Jones of Canton was honored at Western Michigan University's first Platinum Awards ceremony. Students were recognized for their academic and leadership abilities. Jones received excellence in academic achievement for a sophomore, 3.0 to 3.9 grade point average. The on-campus event was designed to primarily encourage and honor students and organizations participating in the Division of Minority Affairs programs.

HONORS

■ Sheila Bledsoe Elliott of Canton received honors from the University of Michigan-Dearborn Department of Natural Sciences. Elliott received an Honors Scholar and American Chemical Society Outstanding Student Award.

DEAN'S LIST

■ Corey Mason of Plymouth was named to the Dean's List at American University in Washington, D.C. She is a junior majoring in Law and Society in the School of Public Affairs. The Dean's List recognizes those students with a grade point average of 3.5 or better on their semester courses.

■ Andrew McDonald of Plymouth was named to the Dean's List of honor students at Central Michigan University for the spring 2000 semester.

McDonald earned a 4.0 grade point average which elevates him to the President's List. He graduated in May 2000, with a bachelor of science degree in sports medicine. He has accepted the position of head athletic trainer at Oxford High School in Oxford. He is the son of Jay and Patricia McDonald.

■ Shane M O'Connor, Richard J. Dreslinski, Robert A. Lynn, Deborah E. Pixley, Michael E. Hoganson, Edward A. Reader, Robert K. Morley, Jr., Saleem A. Niazi and Rocky L. Nichols of Canton were all named to the Dean's List at Lawrence Technological University. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

■ Willy J. Randow and Nicholas M. Kothari of

Plymouth were named to the Dean's List at Lawrence Technological University. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

GRADUATES

■ Majorie E. Hathaway of Canton received her bachelor of arts degree majoring in Interpersonal Communications from Western Michigan University. She is the daughter of Thomas C. and Myrna C. Hathaway of Canton.

■ Erin M. Jackson of Canton received her bachelor of science degree majoring in health studies from Western Michigan University. She is the daughter of Paul F. and Shari D. Jackson of Canton.

SINGLES MINGLE

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

WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE

Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Upcoming dances include: Sept. 1, 8, 15 (anniversary dance), 22, and 29. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served (hot/cold). Early admis-

sion special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. For information please call (734) 981-0909.

SOMERSET SINGLES

The Somerset Singles Ski and Golf Club meeting for Sept. 12 will be held at the Troy Elks Club (1451 E. Big Beaver, between Rochester and John R) at 7:30 p.m. For information call (248) 689-2500 or visit www.graynwhite.com. Upcoming social gatherings include: ■ Sept. 20 - Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox at Comerica Park, 7:05 p.m. \$15 per person, contact Ed Potts, (810) 226-0388. ■ Sunday Golf. Call the Golf Hotline to make reservations for time and costs early in the week to reserve a spot (810) 412-8067, Carol. Each Sunday is a different course. ■ Golf weekend outing. Sept. 16-

18 at Northern Michigan, Red Hawk and Serradella at Lake-wood Shores in Oscoda \$220, members; \$250 non-members.

WEDNESDAY METRO SINGLES

Wednesday Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. every Wednesday and concludes at 1 a.m. Cost is \$6 or \$5 before 8:30 p.m. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Roma's Banquet Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill Road (east of Venoy) in Garden City. Call (313) 438-6258 or (734) 422-4550.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center has a Divorce Support Group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the McDowell Center (Room 225) from 7-9 p.m. No fee is required. Call (734) 462-4443. A schedule through December follows: ■ Sept. 12, Group discussion

facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

■ Sept. 26, The Divorce Process. An attorney from Woll and Woll will present an overview of the process of filing for divorce and what to expect. The firm specializes in women's and children's cases.

■ Oct. 10, Group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

■ Oct. 24, Mediation. Discussion will focus on the mediation process in assisting couples in negotiating their settlements in divorce or post divorce matters.

■ Nov. 14, Getting through the holidays.

■ Nov. 28, Group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

■ Dec. 12, Group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

■ Dec. 26, No meeting due to the holidays.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$6. Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road,

Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

■ Showcase ... Sept. 1 Nicole and Todd Smith with Allan Hall will perform classic Christian hymns at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Parlor C317/319. Tickets are \$7.

■ Singles Parents/Kids. Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 6 SPM would like to offer you the Ward EPC Wednesday evening dinners at a reduced rate. \$2 per person, \$6 max per family. Make you reservations by calling (248) 374-5988. Dinners begin at 6 p.m. Group discussion at 7 p.m.

■ Grab your bike and join in the biking events on Saturdays for fun, friends, outdoors, exercise, great rides and more. Call the SPM office for a schedule of biking locations.

■ Labor Day Mackinaw Bridge walk ... Sept. 1-4. Cost is \$225 and includes bus transportation, hotel, Soo Locks dinner cruise, t-shirt, sightseeing and some meals. The bus leaves Friday, Sept. 1 at noon. Call SPM for

details.

■ SPM Walking Club. Begins Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. Meet in the hospitality area in the Grand Mall. Open to all fitness levels.

■ Grief seminar. This 8-week workshop with Cathy Clough is open to adults of all faiths who have lost a loved one. Beginning Monday, Sept. 11 from 7-8:45 p.m. Call Dorothy Falkowski in Congregational Care. (248) 374-5966.

■ Divorce Recovery Workshop. Sept. 14-Oct. 26. Thursday evenings, 7-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$25, pre-registration; \$30 at the door. Free childcare provided.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Parents without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. We offer educational, social, and recreational activities for single parents and their children. Dues \$30 per year. For membership information in the Ann Arbor Chapter #38 call (734) 973-1933 or visit www.aapwp.org

Plymouth Newcomers looking for members

Calling all "newcomers." The Plymouth Newcomers, a special interest group organized in 1963 that introduces established residents and nonresidents of the Plymouth Township area to each other, will launch the 27th season of the group with a September mixer.

According to Plymouth Newcomers spokesperson Diane Blackburn, the event is an annual favorite for longtime members and a great initiation for new members. The mixer will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 14 at the newly renovated Box Bar in downtown Plymouth.

Complimentary nonalcoholic beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be provided to all who come to the mixer; there will be more than 640 different beers to choose from on a cash basis. Participants will have an opportunity to meet and greet each other while Newcomer members talk about their group and make applications available.

"This event marks the beginning of another terrific season for the newcomers who welcome any and all to join the fun," said Blackburn.

The Plymouth Newcomers average 150 members that include young people, seniors, singles and married men and

women. People can join anytime throughout the calendar year that runs from September through May.

The "purpose is to add value to our community by fostering friendships and bringing people together," said Blackburn.

Newcomers special interest groups include games, book discussion, exercise, dining, social outings/mixers, community service, baby-sitting co-op, hobbies (there is a new wine tasting group this year) and children's activities.

Plymouth Newcomers plan to maintain a booth at the Plymouth Fall Festival, Sept. 8-10, at the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail. Members will be on hand to answer questions and distribute applications and information for those interested. They'll also sponsor a coloring contest for children. Kids can turn in entries from Friday through Sunday. Judging will take place Sept. 10 and a prize will be awarded to the winner from each of three age groups.

Annual dues for the Plymouth Newcomers are \$25 (special note - \$20 if paid by Sept. 15). If you would like information about membership please call Leela Duncan (734) 737-9035 or e-mail indiataj@hotmail.com

Lecturer uses characters to share life experiences

The Livonia Town Hall will begin the 37th season of lectures Oct. 18 with guest speaker Hope Mihalap, a descendant of the first Greek family to settle in Virginia.

Pronounced MEE-ha-lop, the Vassar College honors graduate has made a name for herself with her extensive repertoire of humorous characters she portrays in a talk titled "Where There's Hope, There's Laughter." Oftentimes compared to the likes of actress Lily Tomlin, Mihalap can create the impression of a dour Russian professor in one instant and the volatile wife of a Greek astronaut in the next.

Her voice can soothe with the genteel charm of a Virginia garden clubber or harangue with the hard-edged rasp of a Macy's girdle saleswoman.

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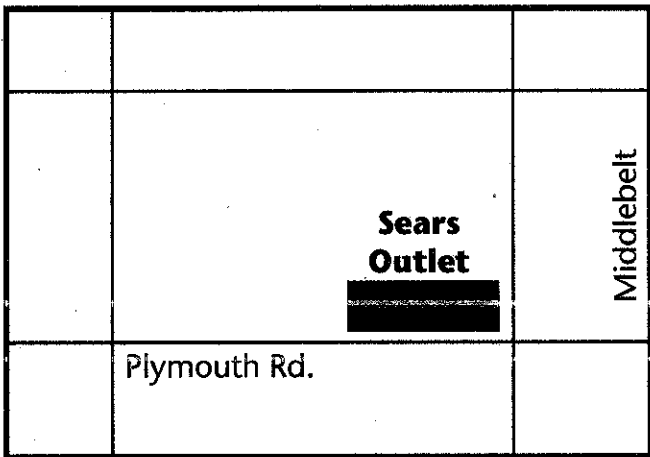
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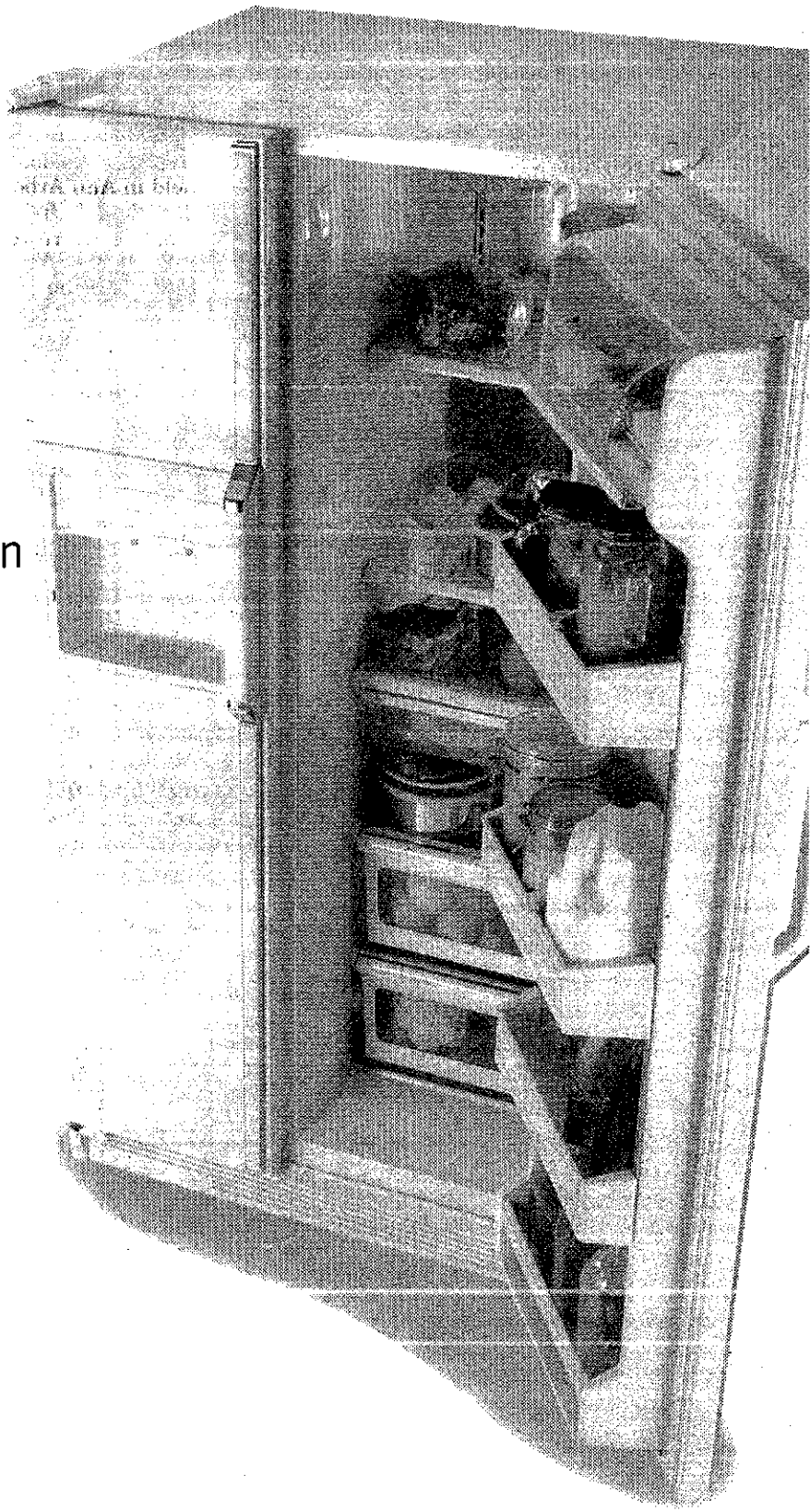


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Michael Faircloth will be the guest speaker at First Baptist Church of Wayne at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3. Michael has a unique blend of technical ability and a sensitive interpretation coupled with a heart that seeks only to praise the name of our Savior and Lord. We are located at 36125 Glenwood, Wayne. A free will offering will be taken at that time. Call (734) 721-7410.

PARENT NIGHT - CANTON

Parents will learn about the objectives curriculum and staff of Christ Our Savior Lutheran's midweek school program when they attend "Parent Night" at 7 p.m. on Sept. 5 in Canton (46001 Warren Road). The public is invited to attend this orientation from 7-8 p.m. in the church gymnasium. Midweek school will be held every Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. starting Sept. 12. There is no cost for the curriculum for grades first through fourth called "Cross Town" or grades fifth and sixth called "Jesus Company." Call (734) 522-6830 to register.

PARENT NIGHT - LIVONIA

Parents will learn about the objectives curriculum and staff

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REMARIED WORKSHOP

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile) in Northville will be offering a 14-week workshop equipping remarried and engaged couples with the tools for successful marriages and families. Different speakers will cover topics such as blending families, having a new spouse, disciplining step children, combining finances and more. The workshop begins Sept. 6 and meets every Wednesday night from 7-8:15 p.m. in room A102. There is no cost and child care is provided. Call Stacy Cole 9248) 374-5912.

HEALING FEELINGS

For two weeks on Wednesday evenings (Sept. 6 and 13) at 7:30 p.m. Unity Church of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) will be presenting "The Healing Feeling" as a discussion topic. These events will kick off the fall program at Unity of Livonia. Come and experience spiritual healing from the depth of prayer, meditation and insight. Open to all. Call (734) 421-1760.

SURVEY OF THE BIBLE

Barbara Allen, licensed Unity teacher at Unity Church of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) will facilitate a survey class on the bible from 2-4 p.m. every Thursday from Sept. 7 through Oct. 26. Call (734) 421-1760.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia/ Canton will host the fifth annual overnight retreat Sept. 8-9 sponsored by Women's Ministry. The program titled "Enjoying the Presence of God," will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, and run through 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Holiday Inn/ Fairlane in Dearborn. Guest speaker will be Jan Johnson, an award-winning author of eight books and many magazine articles. Johnson will speak Friday on "Intimacy with God," and a service of prayer and praise will be led by the Canton Praise Team. After breakfast Saturday, Johnson will speak on "Finding God in Hard Places/ Empty Spaces." After lunch she will give her last talk "Drawing Energy from the Heart of Christ." Call Suann Dibble (734) 522-6830.

SMALL GROUP LEADERSHIP

Serendipity House, a 40-year old ministry organization based in Littleton, CO, who has long been the leader in providing small group ministry training and relational small group resources, will be presenting a "Small Group Leadership Training" seminar in Livonia from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 9 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia. All church leaders and laity are welcome to attend. Lunch, refreshments, training materials and resources are provided. Special rates apply for

early registration, groups and alumni. For more information call the Serendipity House Seminar Dept. (800) 866-9703.

MEN OF UNITY

The Men of Unity will be having breakfast and fellowship at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile) at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 9. There is no cost and all ages are welcome. Men of Unity are a group of men who get together for fellowship and spiritual growth. Church membership is not required.

FAMILY FEST

Memorial Church of Christ (35475 Five Mile Rd. Livonia) is hosting a huge event called "Family Fest," Sept. 10 from 5-8 p.m. Everything is free and the public is encouraged to come out and enjoy themselves. Activities include food (hot dogs, chips, drinks, desserts), carnival games, street hockey, moon walk (big balloon tent), face painting, chalk drawings, video games, basketball, volleyball, ping pong, euchre, board games, door prizes, pony rides, police cars/motorcycles and a main event with a very funny husband and wife "inspirational comedy" team. For information call (734) 464-6722.

2000 DOVES FOR PEACE

The Youth of Unity (high school students) at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile) will be accepting \$1 donations for 2000 Doves for Peace beginning Sunday, Sept. 10. For each donation a prayer for peace may be written on a paper dove. Each Sunday these doves will be empowered and prayed for by each of the students in the Youth Education Department at Unity of Livonia. They will then be displayed in

the Youth Education wing of the church. The goal is to reach 2000 doves by Dec. 31, which is the day of World Peace Prayer at Unity of Livonia. Call (734) 421-1760.

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women's Ministries of Calvary Baptist Church (43065 Joy Road) in Canton will offer two courses of study both offered on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 12 and 14. In the Precept study on the book of Judges we will use the basic steps of inductive Bible study starting with "the big picture book." In Beth Moore's study, Breaking Free, each week you will also find five daily lessons. The workbook will ask you to complete reading assignments, multiple choice questions or true/false activities, fill in the blank or creative thinking exercises or straight forward questions that you will need to answer in your own words. Childcare is not offered for Thursday evening classes. To register call (734) 455-0022 or e-mail cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS

Adults in the Livonia and Canton areas will have an opportunity to study the Bible through a course called "Life with God," from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12 and Thursday, Sept. 14. The Tuesday class meets at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road) of Livonia. The Thursday class will meet at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (46001 Warren Road) of Canton. Call (734) 522-6830 to register. The "Life with God" class is 12-week course offered at no charge.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold a concert at 7 p.m. Sept. 15 featuring singer-composer Paul Todd. Selections will include gospel, classic, Christian hymns and show tunes. A freewill offering will be taken. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Redford Interfaith Relief food pantry. St. John's is located at 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster road, south of Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive).

HOMECOMING/BBQ

The First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman Road, Garden City, invites previous and past members to their annual Homecoming event on Sunday, Sept. 17 with Mike Riley as guest speaker at one worship service to be held at 10:45 a.m. in the church sanctuary. Riley, originally from Livonia, works with Campus Crusade in Suttons Bay with his wife Laurel. In conjunction with this service there will be Rally Day for children who attend the church school beginning at 9:30 a.m. At noon the Chicken BBQ will be served in an old fashioned family meal on the church lawn. Tickets are \$5.50 for ages 13 and over; \$3.50 for children 5-12; and 4 and under free. At the door tickets are \$7.50. Call (734) 421-8628.

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NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Danielle and Tom Burton** of Livonia announce the birth of their son **Ashton Chad Burton** born July 27 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Tina and Al Petroska of Livonia and Christine Burton of Ann Arbor.

■ **Jenny and Damon Vianueva** of Redford announce the birth of their daughter **Victoria Angel** born July 29 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Anita Sackett of Redford and Rick Vianueva of Tampa Bay, Fla.

■ **Vanessa Hedden and Jason Makowski** of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Kyle Joseph** born August 1 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Vicky and Don Charnock of Garden City and Carol Brozek of Garden City.

■ **Joseph and Serena Schnau** of Wayne announce the birth of their son **Dalton Lee** born August 6 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Dalton joins brother Dustin Michael, 4. Grandparents are Harold and Sharon Bennett of Wayne and Melvin and Janice Schnau of Canton.

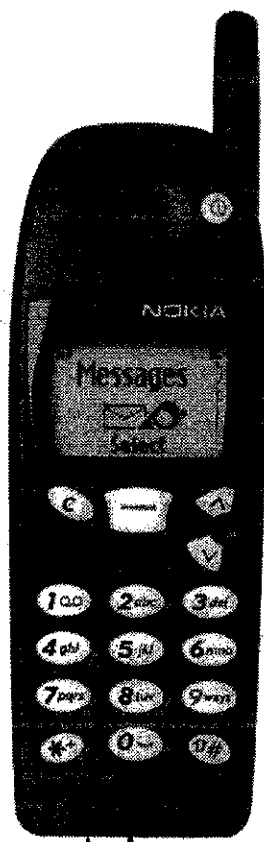
■ **Renee Clark and Donald Hackney** of Belleville announce the birth of their son **Hunter Alexander Hackney** born August 16 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Hunter joins siblings Trevor Jacob and Andrew Jacob. Barbara Clark of Canton is his grandmother.

■ **Jessie Dininger** of Westland announces the birth of her son **Jack Michael** born August 12 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Grandparents are Patricia Irving of Westland and Raymond Irving of Westland.

■ **Jennifer Traxler and Shawn Busch** of Flat Rock announce the birth of their daughter **Kaylee Marie Busch** born August 10 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Grandparents are Mary Traxler, Richard Rader, Todd Traxler, and George and Bebe Busch — all of Westland.

■ **Bruce and Tonya Mitchell** of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter **Caitlyn Rose Marie** born Aug. 11 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Jack and Teresa Martell of Camdenton, Miss. and Bruce and Linda Mitchell of Vassar, Mich. Adopted grandparents are Boston and Noreen Pritchard of Plymouth.

■ **Susan and Kevin Reetz** of Livonia announce the birth of their son **Matthew John** born Aug. 24. Matthew joins brothers Tyler and Alex. Grandparents are Joanne Reetz of Plymouth, Kerry Reetz of Livonia and Joan and Norm Chasse of Novi.



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Attitude is greatly influenced by others

One evening last year, my husband and I had a night out for dinner and a play. We ate at a restaurant that had shuttle service to the theater, thinking it would be convenient. Before the show, the driver dropped us off and said, "I'll see you right back here after the show."

Following the show, we walked out to the street, exactly where we had been dropped off. No van was waiting there. We waited five minutes, and began to wonder if they had forgotten about us.

There were two other couples waiting with us. One couple kept looking outside every ten seconds. The husband became very agitated, cursing at the theater security person, who had nothing to do with the mix-up.

The wife huffed and puffed and told us what an offense this was to their evening. My husband and I began to feel their anxiety, and we too began to get angry. I decided to call on the cell phone and give them a piece of my mind.

Different perspective

As soon as I hung up the phone, I noticed the second couple, just sitting by the steps. We went over to talk to them, and suddenly realized how ridiculous we looked. The woman said, "Boy, they sure are worked up, aren't they?" We talked about how it was inconvenient to have to wait, and she pointed out that in the grand scheme of things, this little half and hour probably wouldn't affect them much. After all, she said, getting angry wasn't helping the shuttle to get there any faster.

All of a sudden, our attitudes changed too. We saw that although this was inconvenient and a big mistake for the restaurant, it wasn't a global injustice either. By the time the shuttle came, my husband and I were able to laugh at our former anxiety and to take it all in stride. As we got to our car, we discussed how the different attitudes of the two couples had

affected us.

The book of Proverbs in the Bible has much sound wisdom and advice to offer us. Proverbs 15:18 says, "Those who are hot-tempered stir up strife, but those who are slow to anger calm contention." And Proverbs 29:22 says, "One given to anger stirs up strife, and the hothead causes much transgression." God's word gives us these practical lessons of life to remind us that we are affected by the attitudes of the people around us.

When we were talking to the angry couple that yelled at anyone who came near them, we reflected the same. When we were talking to the realistic couple that took it in stride, we did too. Our attitudes are frequently affected by those around us. If we are surrounded by optimistic, hopeful people, we are more likely to have a positive attitude toward situations that arise. If we are surrounded by agitated, angry people, we are more likely to become anxious ourselves toward things that happen to us.

Proverbs 22:24-25 says, "Make no friends with those given to anger, and do not associate with hotheads, or you may learn their ways and entangle yourself in a snare."

The people that we surround ourselves with influence us, whether in a positive or negative direction. God wants us to be happy and healthy, but we often defeat our own spiritual and emotional health by surrounding ourselves with downhearted, hotheaded people.

Proverbs 17:22 says, "A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones."

By whom are you surrounded? How does that affect your attitude? Take a good hard look at influences to your attitude. Who knows? You may even find new health and vitality for yourself by following advice from God's word.

Pastor Carla Thompson Powell, who has served Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia since September of 1996. She lives in Livonia with her husband and son.

"But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ..." (Ephesians 4:15)

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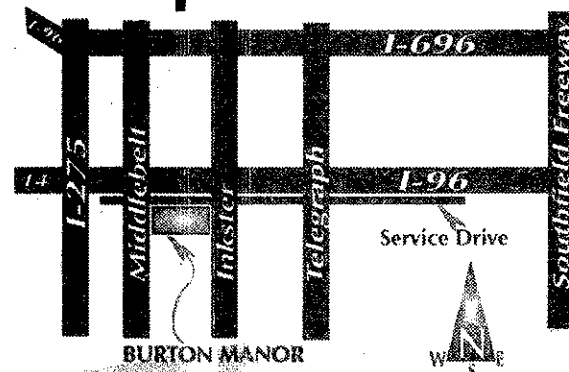
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Kittlesons qualify

Russ and Bryan Kittleson teamed to win a trip to the Cadillac Invitational National Finals by winning the 22nd annual Jerry Klisz Memorial Cadillac Invitational Sunday at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford.

Proceeds from this event benefit the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

Russ Kittleson, from Plymouth, and Bryan Kittleson, from Canton, teamed with Richard Parlato of Brighton and Steve Booth of Walled Lake to post the lowest scramble score out of 36 foursomes competing. The Cadillac Invitational National Final will be Jan. 11-15 at the famous Pebble Beach Resort in California.

Counsel spikers 1st

Our Lady of Good Counsel's eighth-grade volleyball team finished first in the Livonia Ladywood pre-season CYO tournament. They'll open their season Sept. 9.

Coached by Kim Price, team members are Ashley Aquinto, Teresa Coppiellie, Kristina Hall, Lori Hoetger, Ashton Judis, Jane Kruszewski, Trisha Morrill, Lauren Price, Jennifer Walker, Kristin Zawzcki and Brooke Ziomek.

Youth co-ed hoop

A youth co-ed basketball clinic is scheduled for Saturdays, from Sept. 23-Nov. 4 (no class Oct. 21) for both boys and girls, grades 3-8, at the Summit on the Park gymnasium.

The clinic for those in grades 3-5 will be from 9-10:30 a.m.; the clinic for those in grades 6-8 will be from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost for those who have an annual pass is \$56; for residents without a pass it's \$62; and for non-residents it's \$75.

The clinic will be conducted by Plymouth Canton HS varsity boys basketball/girls junior varsity coach Jeremy Rheault and his staff. It will concentrate on the basic fundamental skills of basketball: shooting, passing, ballhandling, catching and defensive footwork to help players prepare for the upcoming season.

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Braves win pair

The Michigan Braves of Total Baseball's fall Saturday league took a doubleheader from the Yankees, 17-2 in a mercy-shortened first game and 14-6 in the second.

Brent Habitz (Lutheran Westland) pitched a three-hitter over four innings in the opener, walking two and striking out three. Mike Markey (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) went 2-for-2 and drove in three runs while Kris Mackmiller went 2-for-2 and drove in two. Jason Marra (Plymouth Christian) was 2-for-3 and drove in two runs.

Mackmiller pitched a two-hitter over three innings to gain the win in the second game. He walked three and struck out four.

Markey slammed a two-run home run over Ford Field's left field fence as the Braves (4-0) scored seven times in the third to wrap it up. Brad Nollar (Lutheran Westland) had two hits while Billy Pflugrad (Plymouth Salem) went 2-for-2 and drove in two runs.

Cruisers registration

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers Swim Team will have registration for the upcoming season from 5-8 p.m. Sept. 6 outside the Plymouth Salem HS pool. Swimmers new to the team should bring their suits and be ready to swim.

For more information, call (734) 332-9378.

Indians tryouts

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club is conducting tryouts for its 2001 travel baseball teams.

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Chiefs, Rocks could pose a challenge



When it comes to girls cross country, Observerland has belonged to Livonia Stevenson, winner of the last six league titles. This year that dominance could end, and Salem and Canton could be the reason why.

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The names have changed — that much is certain. Livonia Stevenson, which has dominated girls cross country in the Western Lakes Activities Association for the last six years, has lost its frontrunner in Andrea Parker

(winner of the last three WLAA individual titles) and two more of its top six runners.

So the question is, do the Spartans have the ammunition to reload and reclaim the championship?

Maybe — because as the start of the cross country season approaches, it seems clear that in the WLAA, nothing is clear.

"It's pretty open, I think," said Plymouth Canton girls coach John Venning of the upcoming season. "Stevenson lost a ton, but Paul (Holmberg, the Stevenson coach) always comes up with something."

While the Spartans still have an abundance of talent in Marissa Montgomery, Steffanie Rousseau and Sara Pilon (among others), the mantle appears ready to be passed — to Livonia Churchill, which finished second in the WLAA last season and returns nearly everyone from that team.

Leading the Chargers and their chances are Susan Duncan (fourth in

the WLAA last season) and Sarah Westrick (fifth in the WLAA).

But let's not give anything up just yet. Both Salem and Canton, third and fifth at the 1999 WLAA final, will have something to say about the season ahead.

Plymouth Canton

"I think we'll be more competitive than last year," said Venning — a seemingly bold statement, considering the Chiefs lost Amy Dupuis, Sarah Rucinski, Lisa Ferguson and Stacie

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Victory repeated

Agape recaptures title by beating PCA

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Big players make the big plays that win the big games.

On Tuesday in the final of the Plymouth Christian Academy Tournament, Canton Agape Christian found itself in the middle of a battle as it sought to recapture the title it first won last year. Leading the host team 19-14 at the half, the Wolverines saw their lead disintegrate behind a Laura Clark-led 14-8 assault in the third quarter.

That put PCA up 28-27 entering the last period. And while Clark was impressive, scoring seven points in the third, Agape had some firepower of its own.

Two three-pointers by Margie Henry early in the final quarter and a three-point play by Amber Cross following a steal allowed Agape to put some distance between itself and the Eagles, and eventually reclaim that title by a 38-33 margin.

The win pushed the Wolverines' record to 2-0. PCA is 1-1.

"It was a battle all the way," said PCA coach Rod Windle. "They played a very aggressive game and made us work for everything."

That didn't seem to bother Clark much. The Eagles' senior guard poured in 18 points, grabbed eight rebounds and dished out five assists.

She also answered one of Margie Henry's three-pointers, but her second and Cross' three-point play proved too much for PCA to overcome.

Amy Henry, a sophomore guard, did most of the early scoring for Agape. She had 14 points in the first half and finished with a game-high 19, including four three-pointers and 7-of-9 free throws.

Margie Henry finished with eight points and Cross had seven.

"It was our second year in a row winning this," said Agape coach Chuck Henry. "It's nice to repeat that."

West Bloomfield 43, Canton 42: It was there, waiting to be taken. Plymouth Canton had overtaken the host Lakers in both team's season-opener Tuesday; a steal by Amanda Lentz in the closing minute of the game, which



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Close company: *Canton Agape's Margie Henry (dark jersey) finds herself surrounded by PCA's Laura Clark (left) and Kim Guilfoyle. Henry found enough space to score a game-high 19 points.*

was followed by a foul and two made free throws, gave the Chiefs a 42-41 lead.

"We had the game won," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. Indeed the Chiefs did. West Bloomfield followed with a miss and Canton rebounded, the Chiefs were fouled, but with 25 seconds left to play they could not convert the 1-and-1 free throw.

No matter. They rebounded the miss and got fouled again. But again the Chiefs — who made just 8-of-18 from the line — failed to convert the 1-and-1.

West Bloomfield did get the ball and this time, Chastity Quinn was fouled. She hit two free throws for the Lakers and they went up by a point.

Canton had one more chance, getting an open eight-footer in the closing sec-

onds, but couldn't get it to drop.

"It was a frustrating game for me because I thought we could have executed much better," said Blohm. "We turned the ball over way too much."

West Bloomfield led 14-11 after one quarter and 24-23 at the half. The Chiefs took the lead after three quarters, 34-32.

Samantha Mahoney, a freshman, led West Bloomfield with 14 points. Quinn and Lisa Copeland were next best with nine each.

Canton got nine points from Angie Neu and eight apiece from Anne Morrell and Lentz.

Agape 35, St. Agatha 22: Poor shooting came close to keeping the Wolver-

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A single mistake: DeLaSalle's early goal too much for Salem

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Pinpoint the problems.

That's how Plymouth Salem soccer coach Ed McCarthy saw the first few games on his schedule. With eight players back from last season's state finalist, but with three of the top four scorers having graduated, a sorting-out period seemed essential.

But four games in a two-and-a-half day stretch? Against top-notch talent? That seems a bit radical.

The Rocks did get one thing they wanted from this early-season avalanche: a tournament title last Saturday, beating Midland Dow 1-0 in the final of the six-team Gary Balconi Invitational, and a lot of quality competition, with other matches against Redford Catholic Central and Troy Athens Saturday and, on Monday, against Warren DeLaSalle.

The Monday match against DeLaSalle didn't turn out the way the Rocks hoped, however. A goal in the first 10 minutes was all the Pilots could get, and it was all they needed in beating Salem 1-0

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at Salem.

The Rocks took a 3-1 record into their game at Troy Wednesday night. DeLaSalle improved to 2-0 with Monday's victory.

"It's always nice when you get a win against Salem," said Pilots' coach Thair Mukhtar. "This is a good measuring tool for both of us."

And in Mukhtar's opinion, what measured up for DeLaSalle was its defense. "Our defense was outstanding," he said. "We wanted to put pressure on their forwards, and we thought if we took away their weak side (attack) we would do all right."

The Pilots did just that. Salem struggled to put together an offense, breaking down before managing to get into a finishing position.

"Well, it certainly reinforced the idea that we're going to have trouble scoring this year," said McCarthy. "DeLaSalle is obviously a quality team."

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A battle: *DeLaSalle's Jeff Martinko (6) fends off Salem's Nick Tochman. Martinko scored the game's only goal.*



Julie Martin
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NAIA National tournament berths. She is Madonna's career leader in games played (710) and kills (2,851). She also served two seasons as an assistant coach at MU.

Quiet, almost shy and unassuming off the court, Martin teamed up with Kelly McCausland (from Redford Union) to form one of the most feared middle-hitting combinations in small college volleyball.

The two became close friends while playing AAU volleyball during the spring of their senior year of high school.

"We met their team at the district tournament and when I played against her I was intimidated," McCausland said. "But once you got to know her, she was a sweetheart. Through the years we grew as friends. They say opposites attract and I guess it's true. We were like two peas in a pod. We were always in tune, always on the same wave length."

Madonna coach Jerry Abraham, who was able to convince Martin to stay at home after being recruited by such schools as Florida State and Western Michigan, "led by example."

"Julie was just an angel, I just loved the kid," Abraham said. "And everybody around her knew she was special."

"She was a big, big part of taking our program to the next level, both as a player and a person. She was a dedicated athlete who showed a lot of stamina and was never satisfied with less than being her best."

Stevenson coach Lee Cagle remembers Martin as a "timid ninth-grader" who later blossomed as a front-row hitting force. During Martin's senior year, the Spartans won the Western Lakes Activities Association title and reached in the 1993 state Class A quarterfinals.

"Julie was always quiet, but actually she was a big laughter, a giggler when she got around her friends," he said. "She was a lot of fun. She was so nice, and a good person to everybody."

Please see **MARTIN, C5**

Crusaders begin with a strong showing

Promising — a good, and accurate, way to describe the season's start for Madonna University's volleyball team.

The Lady Crusaders' trip to the Fort Lewis College Tournament in Durango, Colo., last weekend resulted in three wins and one, five-set loss.

All in all, very fruitful.

On Friday, Madonna opened their season by sweeping three games from Montana State-Billings, 15-3, 15-6, 15-10. The Crusaders followed that with a 15-6, 5-15, 15-9, 15-10 triumph over West New Mexico State.

Their only loss came in their first match Saturday, against New Mexico Highlands. After dropping the first two games, 16-14, 15-8, Madonna rallied to

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win the next two, 16-14, 15-11. The decisive game No. 5, however, eluded them as Highlands won 15-11.

If the loss was discouraging, the Crusaders didn't stay that way for long. In their final match of the tournament, they defeated the host Fort Lewis team in straight sets, 15-1, 15-10, 15-12.

Kelly Artymovich and Brandy Malewski (Redford Thurston) were the key offensive forces for Madonna. Artymovich had 56 kills in the four matches, including 31 against Highlands and 41 in Saturday's two matches. She also had 12 service aces and 40 digs.

Malewski contributed 71 kills, with 23 coming in the opening win over Montana State-Billings. She also had 21 blocks, 25 digs and five aces. Erin Cunningham had 43 kills and 29 digs, Jennie Wind contributed 155 assists to kills and 21 digs, Marylu Hemme (Livonia Ladywood) had 36 digs and 12 kills, and Donna Birkenhiser contributed 18 kills.

Ocelots trim Mott

Schoolcraft College opened Eastern Conference play in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with a 15-5, 18-16, 15-13 triumph over visiting Flint Mott.

The Ocelots, now 5-4 overall, rallied from 13-4 third-game deficit behind the

serving of Amand Yaklin and the hitting of Andrea Kmet (Livonia Franklin) and Fran Hamilton.

Key blocks came from Jessica Tilson (Livonia Ladywood), along with consistent setting from Jana Nitschke help the Ocelots reel off 11 straight points.

The Ocelots' defense was led by Meagan Sheehan (Livonia Churchill), Rebekah Thornton (Ladywood) and Yaklin.

Nicole Boyd (Franklin) led Schoolcraft with 18 kills, while Kmet added 11. Amy Kiefer contributed six in the opening game.

Nitschke led with 35 assists, while Hamilton had a team-high 19 digs. Yaklin added five aces.

On Friday and Saturday, the Ocelots finished 4-4 in the Kellogg CC Tournament.

Schoolcraft registered wins against Kankakee, Ill. (10-15, 15-5, 15-12), St. Clair (12-15, 15-13, 15-13), Kellogg (5-15, 15-13, 15-9), Kishwaukee, Ill. (16-14, 16-14).

The Ocelots fell to Lansing (5-15, 15-10, 15-17), St. Clair (9-15, 3-15), Kalamazoo Valley (15-13, 14-16, 13-15), St. Clair (13-15, 15-13, 9-15).

Team statistical leaders (through nine matches) include Boyd (90 kills), Nitschke (10 aces), Hamilton (90 assists), Kmet (79 digs and 11 blocks), and Churchill's Lauren Ruprecht (64 kills and 11 blocks).

Madonna men open with a victory

It took a revamped attack in the second half to boost Madonna University's men's soccer team to a season-opening 2-1 triumph over host Saginaw Valley

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State Tuesday.

The loss left the Cardinals at

0-2.

Despite being outshot 11-8 in the first half, SVSU had the lead at halftime, thanks to a goal by Gerald Sibanda with just under six minutes left in the half. Omar Pompey assisted.

It didn't take Madonna long to get the equalizer. Just 19 seconds into the second half, Matt Buzewski (from Livonia Churchill) took a pass from Nick Szczecowski (Plymouth Salem) and converted, knotting it at 1-1.

The game-winner came in the 79th minute. Michael Healy knocked in a pass from John Hirshey, putting Madonna up 2-1.

Keeper Joe Suchara (Livonia Stevenson) made that stand up, although he was well protected in the second half as the Crusaders outshot SVSU 13-4.

For the game, Madonna had a 24-12 advantage in shots; Suchara made 11 saves, while Grant Pierce and Mark Peters combined to make 10 for the Cardinals.

Madonna played without top scorer Sam Piraine, who suffered a sprained foot in practice. Piraine, the key to the Crusaders' offense, is expected to be out for another week to 10 days.

Madonna wins a pair

If Madonna University's women's soccer coach Rick Larson wasn't exactly ecstatic after his team lost one game and tied another on its season-opening trip to British Columbia, he had to be quite pleased with what transpired after that.

Last Friday, the Lady Crusaders traveled to play the NAIA's 10th-ranked team, Indiana Wesleyan, in Marion, Ind. The result: a goal by Kelly Delaney 25 minutes into the match was enough to give Madonna a 1-0 upset victory.

Delaney scored unassisted after evading several Wesleyan defenders. That and a defense, anchored by keeper Jenny Barker (from Livonia Stevenson), proved to be enough.

Barker made nine saves in earning the shutout.

Madonna doubled its win total with a 3-1 victory Saturday at St. Francis University in Fort Wayne, Ind. The Crusaders improved to 2-1-1 overall.

Megan Thiry opened the scoring for Madonna, taking a short pass from Susan Hill (Livonia Churchill) and knocking it into the net at the 16:34 mark of the opening half.

Brianna Sleek made it 2-0 a little more than 10 minutes later, punching in the rebound off of Becky Guibord's long shot. St. Francis trimmed the deficit in half when Madonna scored into its own net with 3:25 left in the first half.

But the Crusaders insured the victory when Delaney dribbled in past the St. Francis defense and pumped a shot into the corner of the net before the second half was two minutes old.

Barker was again in goal for the win, making five saves.

Chiefs get off to a slow start, suffer losses to Novi, Athens and Dow, but beat Saline

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For the second year in a row, Novi managed to clip Plymouth Canton by a single goal, edging the Chiefs 1-0 in a non-league soccer match Tuesday at Novi.

"I'm not disappointed with our kids," said Canton coach Don Smith, "they just can't put the stinking ball in the net."

"We had some good opportunities. Not a lot of them, but we had a few we should have put in."

The loss left Canton struggling with a 1-3 overall record. At last Saturday's Gary Balconi Tournament, Canton lost to Midland Dow 2-0 in its first match; beat Saline, the team that eliminated the Chiefs from the state tournament in '99, 3-1 in their second; then lost 1-0 to Troy Athens in their third.

"Not a good start," admitted Smith. "But that's all right. We're going to come on."

Novi scored the only goal of the match just nine minutes into the game.

On Saturday against Midland Dow, it was much the same. Both Charger goals were scored in the game's first 10 minutes.

The Chiefs reversed that in their win over Saline, scoring twice in the first half and coasting to the victory. Evan Malone collected two goals for Canton, with Matt Strabbing scoring the third. Evan Baker had one assist.

Athens scored off a restart 10 minutes into their match, and Canton couldn't match it.

"It's not that we're not fighting, we're just not very big," said Smith. "We've got to create (chances), somehow."

PCA 0, Lutheran NW 0: Plymouth Christian Academy

opened its season Tuesday at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest without scoring a goal — but the Eagles didn't surrender one, either.

Travis Yonkman was in goal for PCA, making three saves to earn the shutout.

"We had 20 shots on goal," said PCA coach Rick Ericson, "but we just couldn't crack it."

Agape 5, Inter-City Baptist (JV) 2: Three second-half goals propelled Canton Agape Christian to its third win in four matches thus far this season Tuesday at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Jeremiah Belton accounted for four of those goals, helping the Wolverines to break a 2-2 halftime tie. Israel Vicars also had a goal.

Paul Chrenko made 15 saves in goal for Agape.

Last weekend, the Wolverines opened their season at the Macomb Christian Tournament. They lost their first game, 8-0 to Lansing Christian on Friday, but bounced back to win their next two, 10-1 against Macomb Christian and 6-4 over Harper Woods Lutheran East, both played Saturday.

In the win over Macomb Christian, Paul Anleitner, Belton and Chrenko each scored two goals to pace the offense. Rob Hough, Charlie Henry, Mike Johannes and Matt Greco added one goal apiece.

In the triumph over Lutheran East, five goals by Johannes enabled the Wolverines to bust free from a 2-2 halftime draw. Belton also had a goal for Agape.

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ines out of the championship game of the Plymouth Christian Academy season-opening tournament.

Canton Agape Christian made just 3-of-35 shots in the first half Monday and trailed, 8-7, before waking up and finding the basket in the second half.

Sophomore Amy Henry led Agape with 14 points and senior Amber Cross contributed eight. The Aggies, who advanced all the way to the Division IV regional semifinals last season, got 10 points from Jessica James and six from Kim Dennis.

PCA 38, Huron Valley 22: The Eagles rushed out to a 22-11 halftime lead Monday en route to reaching the championship game of its own invitational season-opening basketball tournament.

"We didn't shoot as well as we could have," said PCA coach Rod Windle.

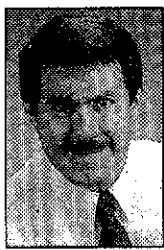
Laura Clark scored 13 points and Amy Brandt 12 to lead the Eagles. Clark, a senior guard, also had eight steals while Brandt, a junior center, collected 10 rebounds.

Rachel Zahn, a senior forward, led Westland Huron Valley Lutheran with 13 points.

The Eagles led 29-16 going into the fourth quarter, but after scoring the first point of the period Huron Valley countered with a six-point run to narrow the deficit to 30-22. That, however, was as close as it would get; PCA scored the final eight points of the game.

Pity the poor Irishman, now trailing the pack

GRID PICKS



DAN O'MEARA

The first week of the prep football season is in the books, and the combatants, hopefully, have recovered and are ready for round two this week.

They'd better be; kickoff is just hours away.

And the same goes for all the high school players who have to play these games.

I'm talking about the sports writers—who must find a warm seat in the pressbox or stand on the sideline, watching the game over the shoulder pads of a 6-foot-5 lineman.

And sometimes the job gets real hazardous, like, when we try to make predictions — bold prognostications that, must I say, don't always turn out that way.

There were some bruised egos and maybe even some hard feelings amongst the members of the Observer sports staff after Week One.

For instance, I'll think twice before I listen again to my colleague, Paul Beaudry, who assured us the Ypsilanti football team "is loaded" with individual talent.

That may be, but Plymouth Canton showed us it's a team game to the tune of a 35-6 victory for the Chiefs.

As you might have guessed, Paul, who does get credit for taking his own advice, and I picked the Braves. Wrong move, fellas.

And, occasionally, all of us go in the tank together, as we did in making Westland John Glenn and Livonia Stevenson unanimous favorites.

All in all, it wasn't a bad week, however.

This new grid-picks format involving all the sports editors finds Brad Emons, C.J. Risak and Beaudry tied for the lead at 13-4 apiece.

Fourth place (it sounds so out of it) belongs to you know who (the reigning champ, I might add) at 12-5.

Risak, in his first attempt at picking winners, would have been the early leader if he hadn't (ahem), I say, if he hadn't (ahem-mm) picked Traverse City West to UPSET Catholic Central!

And what was that score? 41-0! Oh, my!

That will rank right up there with a couple other gems from years past.

I'm thinking of the time — the 1990 opener — yours truly picked Redford Thurston to beat Tyrone Wheatley's Robichaud team, which just happened to win a state title a few months later.

Brad had his inglorious moment the previous fall.

He called for Livonia Franklin to knock off Farmington Harrison when it had all-time great Mill Coleman at quarterback. The Hawks were only 13-0 that year.

So here's C.J. a decade later, a newcomer to this game, wondering if he can take a mulligan on his CC pick.

Not a chance, pal! This prediction business is for keeps. Why do you think we keep score? Welcome to the grit and grind of the trenches in the weekly grid-pick battles.

And, to all you players out there, I say, 'Get ready for some more football,' and leave the really rough, tough stuff — yes, more bold predictions! — to us daring sports writers.

THURSDAY GAMES

Luth. Westland at Liggett, 4:15: The Warriors had a rough start Saturday, losing 42-12 to Wyandotte Mount Carmel. They begin Metro Conference play this week but are picked to finish in last place again. Liggett, on the other hand, opened with a 23-0 win Lutheran East and is expected to be a middle-of-the pack team. **PICKS — Liggett:** O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Farm. Harrison at W.L. Central, 7:30: The Hawks showed their preseason rankings were justified by rolling over Oxford in the season opener, 31-0. Harrison had to forfeit its 35-12 win over Central last year, but coach John Herrington is certain that won't happen again. Now the Hawks just have to make sure they do win the game. Former Walled Lake Western coach Chuck Apap came out of retirement to coach the Vikings and guided them to a 37-20 win over Milford. **PICKS — Harrison:** O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Liv. Franklin at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30: You might have expected the records to be reversed for these teams, but the Patriots are unbeaten and the Spartans winless after one week. Franklin opened with an 18-14 win over Lincoln Park, while Stevenson was upset by Dearborn, 23-6. But the Spartans had the tougher opponent and will start to get their season turned around this week. **PICKS — Stevenson:** O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

FRIDAY GAMES

(all times 7 p.m. unless noted)

Morenci at Bishop Borgess, 5:30: The

Spartans face another outstate opponent this week and are looking for better results after last week's 21-7 loss at state-ranked Frankenmuth. Morenci is a small school, too, and more comparable to Borgess in enrollment size. But the Bulldogs have a long tradition as a football power; however, they lost their first game to another perennial power, Hudson, 50-12. **PICKS — Borgess:** Risak; **Morenci:** O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons.

St. Agatha vs. St. Florian at Keyworth Stadium: The Aggies begin Catholic League D-Section play following a 20-6, non-league loss to Battle Creek St. Philip, a school noted for its gridiron prowess. There is hope on the horizon for the Aggies. That's because St. Florian opened with a 48-0 loss to Ecorse. St. Agatha finds some running room for junior back Dan Boulter, who has a big game as the Aggies right their ship. **PICKS — St. Agatha:** O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Ply. Canton at Farmington: The Chiefs pulled off the biggest surprise of the season's first week, not just beating but routing Ypsilanti, 35-6. The Braves have several big-time recruits, including a couple of future Big Ten players, but apparently are a little short in other areas. Canton beat Ypsilanti last year, but it was a one-touchdown difference. Some say the Chiefs are the most improved team in the area, and we're inclined to believe that. Farmington had the opposite result, losing to Northville, 34-9, but the Falcons and Chiefs probably aren't that far apart. With the talent it has, Farmington will get better. It's

just a question of when it will happen for the Falcons, but the Chiefs have the edge at this early stage. **PICKS — Canton:** O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Northville at N. Farmington: To win this game, the Raiders will have to do what the Falcons couldn't, and that's to stop Mustangs running back Brandon Langston. He had nearly 300 yards and two touchdowns in Northville's win. North struggled in its 34-7 loss to Novi, and it doesn't get any easier this week against a good Mustangs team. **PICKS — Northville:** O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Liv. Churchill at John Glenn: As opposed to Canton's big win, the biggest surprise going the other way was Glenn's 25-7 loss to Detroit Kettering. Coach Chuck Gordon told us the Panthers were good, but you can usually count the opener as a win for the Rockets. The Chargers enjoyed a successful debut by beating Redford Union, 26-8, but the competition gets tougher this week. Churchill needs to win a game like this to show its program has turned the corner. **PICKS — Glenn:** O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Wayne at Fordson: The Zebras had a tough opener, dropping a 40-0 decision to playoff contender Romulus. Furthermore, the Wayne coaches didn't get a chance to scout Fordson, except in a preseason scrimmage, because the Tractors (0-0) didn't play last week. Despite a winless season a year ago, the Zebras played well against Fordson, losing only 13-6. **PICKS — Fordson:** O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Thurston at Gibraltar Carlson: The Eagles are 1-0 after squeezing out an 14-7 win over Willow Run and are hoping to be back in the state playoffs in late October. A win this week in their Mega Blue opener will help point them in that direction. The Marauders, who were picked to finish third in the division — two places higher than Thurston — are coming off a 28-13 loss to Taylor Truman of the Mega White. **PICKS — Carlson:** O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons; **Thurston:** Risak.

Edsel Ford at Redford Union: The Thunderbirds have a more experienced team in the wake of last year's 3-6 finish, but they still dropped their opening game to Bishop Foley, 13-7. Edsel Ford was picked to finish sixth in the seven-team Mega White Division; the Panthers were tabbed for seventh. RU needs a win here to put its season on the right track. **PICKS — Edsel Ford:** O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Garden City at Allen Park, 7:30: Big ballgame here! Really big, for both teams. Garden City beat Allen Park last year, 19-14, and began the season with a five-game winning streak en route to a playoff berth and an 8-3 finish. The Cougars beat Dearborn Heights Crestwood as expected last week, 21-7, while the Jaguars blanked Southgate, 21-0. Allen Park is the preseason favorite in the Mega White; Garden City was slated for third place, behind Wyandotte. **PICKS — Allen Park:** O'Meara, Emons, Risak; **Garden City:** Beaudry

W.L. Western at Ply. Salem, 7:30:

The Rocks won their season opener for the first time since 1996, when they defeated Belleville, 20-7. Salem edged Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7-0, and another win this week would give the Rocks a huge momentum boost. Defending Division 1 state champion Western comes in 0-1, but the loss was to No. 1-ranked Birmingham Brother Rice, 28-14. Considering that Rice is big, fast and talented, Western played well, despite giving up four big plays, and is going to get better. **PICKS — Western:** O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Luth. N'west at Clarenceville, 7:30: The Trojans, the preseason favorites in the Metro Conference, are rolling again after a bit of a slow start Saturday. Clarenceville converted a key fourth-down play in the fourth quarter and rallied from an 18-14 deficit to defeat Harper Woods, 34-18. The Trojans should keep it going this week against the Crusaders, who were picked to finish near the Metro bottom and were routed by Lutheran North, 34-0. **PICKS — Clarenceville:** O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

SATURDAY GAME

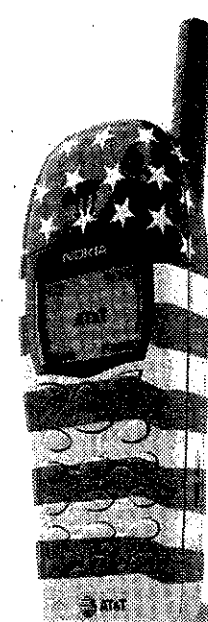
Redford CC vs. London CC, 7 at RU's Kraft Field: The Shamrocks clobbered Traverse City West in the Silverdome, 41-0, and will remain not only undefeated but unscored upon this week. Their Canadian counterparts from Ontario are usually good for a victory. CC won last year, 43-0. The big game is next week when the Shamrocks travel to Orchard Lake St. Mary's. **PICKS — Redford CC:** O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons, Risak.



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BASKETBALL NEWS

PCJBA registration

Boys and girls in third-through-eighth grades living within the Plymouth-Canton School District and all of Canton Township are invited to register to play in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association.

Registration will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 31 and Sept. 5 in the East Middle School Gym. Cost is \$90, which includes a 10-game schedule (plus tournament games) and a jersey, which players keep.

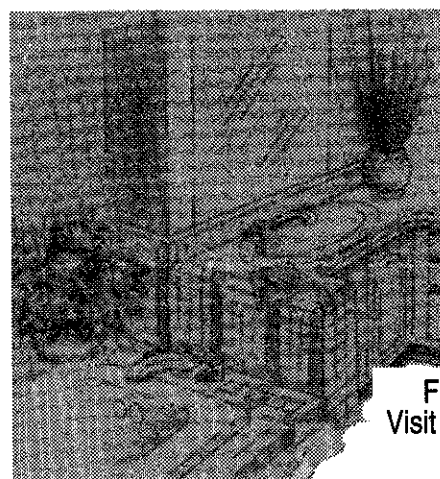
All players will play a part of every game but not all of any game. Tryouts will be conducted prior to team organization in order to equalize teams.

Also: High school students interested in a referee's job may register on the same date. And parents interested in coaching may register at the same times, too.

A total of 900 players will take part in the PCJBA. Registration for grades 9-12 will come at a later date.

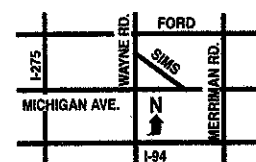
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Salem soccer *from C1*

"We had a few chances, but we didn't get any real golden opportunities."

The game's only score came from the Pilots' top player, who took advantage of one of the few defensive miscues by the Rocks. Jeffrey Martinko, rated one of the state's top five players, pounced on a loose ball in front of the Salem net and popped it in, behind keeper Tavo Palazzolo.

It was the first goal allowed by the Rocks this season, and it came with 30:22 left in the opening half. Anthony Rubino assisted.

For the remainder of the first half, neither team managed to get a real quality scoring chance as the war was waged in the midfield for the most part.

The three matches Salem played — and won — on Saturday, combined with Monday's heat, had to hurt the Rocks. Still, in the second half they did press the attack and force the issue.

And yet, perhaps the best scoring opportunities came from DeLaSalle with its effective counterattacks. Three minutes into the second half, the Pilots' Steve Bentley slid in towards the near post to field a crossing pass; his deflection banged off the post.

In the last 25 minutes, the Rocks' offense was much better, but it couldn't solve DeLaSalle keeper Brent Miller.

"I thought my goalkeeper was outstanding," said Mukhtar. "He didn't make that many tough saves, but he didn't let them get to many balls."

Indeed, Miller's ability to defuse a situation before it erupted was the key to the Pilots' victory.

In winning the Balconi Tournament Saturday, the Rocks

rode a superb defensive effort in their opener against Troy Athens all the way to the title.

Salem defeated Athens in a penalty-kick shootout, the official score 1-0. The Rocks followed that with a 2-0 triumph over Redford Catholic Central, then in the championship match they bounced Midland Dow 1-0. All three matches consisted of 30-minute halves (rather than 40).

"Both sides had chances but not goals," said McCarthy of the scoreless tie through regulation with Athens. Indeed, Palazzolo was the difference, without doubt.

He stopped two of Athens' penalty kicks and a third was shot wide as the Red Hawks missed their first three tries. Salem hit all three of its first three chances, with Nick Tochman, Keith Schenkel and Brian Popeney converting, to clinch the victory.

In their semifinal against CC, Salem got goals in each half to clinch the triumph. Shane Smith got the first-half goal, with Jeff Haar assisting. Haar scored in the second half, unassisted.

In the championship match against Dow, the Rocks got a goal from Dustin Drabek three minutes into the game and made it stand up. Popeney assisted.

Palazzolo was in goal for all three shutouts.

"We're four games into the season," said McCarthy after the loss to DeLaSalle, "and we still haven't found anything close to a proven finisher."

"I thought we played great tonight. I wasn't real happy with the first half, but we had some opportunities in the second."

Alterations are upcoming, to be sure.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Thursday, Aug. 31
Luth. Westland at Liggett, 4:15 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Harrison at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 1

Morenci at Borgess, 5:30 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. St. Florian at Keyworth Stadium, 7 p.m.
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Fordson, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Gib. Carlson, 7 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Canton at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Northville at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Allen Park, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Luth. N'west at C'ville, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2

Redford CC vs. London CC (Ont.) at RU's Kraft Field, 7 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Aug. 31

Birm. Marian at Canton, 7 p.m.
R.O. Dondero at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Romulus at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Lakeland, 7 p.m.
Benedictine at Mercy, 7 p.m.
Milford at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Novi at Harrison, 7 p.m.

(Athens/Eccentric Tip-Off Classic)

Ladywood vs. E. Lansing, 6 p.m.
Country Day vs. Troy Athens, 7:30 p.m.

(R.O. Shrine Tournament)

Luth. Westland vs. Madison, 5:30 p.m.
Shrine vs. S'field Christian, 7 p.m.

(Riverview Tournament)

Wayne vs. A.P. Cabrini, 5:30 p.m.
Trenton vs. Riverview, 7 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Aug. 31

Roch. Adams at Redford CC, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Agape at World Outreach, 4:30 p.m.
Baptist Pk. at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
PCA at Luth. Northwest, 4:30 p.m.
Canton at Warren DeLaSalle, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Troy Athens, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2

Clarenceville at Luth. East, 7 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Friday, Sept. 1

Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2

Madonna vs. Tiffin (Ohio) at Tri-State (Ind.), noon (CST).
Schoolcraft vs. Springfield at College of DuPage (Ill.), 2 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3

Schoolcraft at DuPage (Ill.), 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Sept. 2

Schoolcraft at Prairie St. (Ill.), TBA.

Sunday, Sept. 3

S'craft at Kennedy-King, 1 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

Cross country *from page C1*

Griffin (their frontrunner) to graduation.

Despite those losses, Canton does return "the heart of the team." That's because Venning often relied upon his youth last season.

"I think my sophomore class is very strong," he said. "They made an impact last year as freshmen."

"I threw my freshmen to the wolves right off, and they really progressed. It's a key group. When they get to be juniors and seniors, they're going to be something special."

Still, Venning is counting on the leadership of a few notable seniors and juniors, such as Allison Mills, Terra Kubert and Shiri Leventhal, all seniors, and Rachel Lindman and Jamie Griffin, both juniors. A couple of other seniors who just might have an impact are Meredith Fox and Tekla Bude, strong track runners who are trying cross country for the first time.

Although all of the aforementioned upperclassmen are solid runners, the Canton coach knows the future may be even brighter, with sophomores Mary Maloney, Erica Stoney, Pam Reasor, Sarah McCormack, Jessica Levely and Tonda Shimbo.

At present, what Venning is searching for is a frontrunner, someone to finish well enough to shave a ton of points from the team total.

"I don't have a true frontrunner," said Venning, "but any one of them could fill that role

if the day is right."

At present, Maloney and Stoney are vying with Mills and Kubert for that position. And such competition can only make Canton stronger overall.

"We do have some possibilities, we really do," the Chiefs' coach said. "Maloney and Stoney both want to be No. 1 on our team. And if Allison Mills progresses the way I think she can . . ."

Then Canton may leapfrog a couple of teams and into contention.

Plymouth Salem

Last season, the Rocks rode the likes of Rachel Jones, Shae Potocki, Brynne DeNeen and Aisha Chappell to a third-place finish at the WLAA finals. Those runners are all gone.

"In some ways we're in a rebuilding year," admitted Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "Once you take away the heart of your team like that, I don't know that you can call it anything else."

"We still have some very talented runners. As I told our team, we could finish anywhere from first to sixth."

What the Rocks are lacking is a common ailment throughout the league: no frontrunner.

"We have to develop a front two or three runners to make an impact in some of these

invitationals," Gerlach said. "I know I'll have the depth."

That, Gerlach confirmed, was proven by a record number of "athletes trying out this season — 41."

Leading the returnees are senior Heather Whittington, junior Kim Wood and sophomore Lauren Loftus. Of those three, Loftus had the best finish at the WLAA meet last year, placing 25th.

Others on this season's squad who could have an impact are seniors Anna Moniodis, Jenny Kassem, Cayna Carnes and Jamie Vraniak; juniors Jill Grey and Jackie Gauthier; and sophomores Erin Jensen and Stephanie Hajduk. Autumn Hicks, an experienced 400-meter track runner who is just attempting cross country, could be influential as well.

"I still believe Stevenson will have a real talented varsity," said Gerlach. "With their farm system, you can never count them out. And Walled Lake Central is thinking they can win it."

"It's kind of weird. In the past I always knew what everyone else was bringing to the table. This year, everyone's lost a lot."

"It's going to be fun."

It certainly is going to be a season filled with questions, some of which won't be answered until Oct. 20, when the WLAA Conference Meet is run at Kensington Metropark.

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CC starts season with a rout of TC West

It wasn't the kind of game Redford Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach expected.

Actually, it wasn't the kind of game any body expected.

The Shamrocks held Traverse City West to just 130 yards in total offense and kept the Titans off the scoreboard with a season-opening 41-0 win on Saturday night at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"I'm surprised that we dominated the game as well as we did," said Mach. "I wasn't sure how strong we were or they were. The difference was that (defensive coordinator) Rick Coratti came up with a great game plan for the game and our front defensive linemen did a great job. It kind of made the game easy for the rest of us. Ed Zylek, Matt LoPiccolo, Jeff Dueweke, Charlie Haeger and Matt

PREP FOOTBALL

Gable did a great job."

CC held the Titans to 97 yards rushing and 33 yards passing, and also had three interceptions and forced two fumbles. The Shamrocks, meanwhile, ticked off 177 yards on the ground and 58 more in the air — including a 24-yard touchdown pass from Joe Sgroi to Mark Willoughby in the third quarter.

Willoughby added another third-quarter touchdown with a 44-yard interception return, while Sgroi had field goals of 22 and 25 yards, as well as five extra points. Sgroi also pinned West deep inside its own zone on kickoffs, with seven kicks going into the end

zone for touchbacks.

Running back Chris Davis led the ground attack with 88 yards on 16 carries, and touchdown runs of one and 15 yards, while Tom Michalsen had a three-yard scoring run.

Defensively, Willoughby had two interceptions in all, Ryan Rogowski had an interception and two fumble recoveries and Anthony Coratti had a 64-yard punt return. LoPiccolo was in on eight tackles and Gable was in on seven.

"I was happy with the way some of the new guys played for the first time," said Mach. "Chris Davis did well in his first start. Everyone played with composure and poise. We had just two penalties and thought that was great."

Rally keeps Twisters' record perfect

The Michigan Twisters spotted the host Lima (Ohio) Thunder a 10-0 first-half lead Saturday before bouncing back for a 15-10 victory in a Lake Shore Football League game.

The win kept the Twisters unbeaten through six games, first in the league. The loss ended the Thunder's winning streak at three.

Behind the running of backs Jeremy and Jerome Botts, the

PRO FOOTBALL

Thunder went up 10-0 by the end of the first period. The Twisters trimmed that to 10-7 on a 2-yard touchdown run by Pat Bowie (from Westland) with just 37 seconds left in the first half.

The score was set up by a 29-yard pass play from Rob Elswick to Reggie Brandon (Canton) that put the ball at the 2.

The second half was all Twisters, as they limited the Thunder to just eight offensive plays after the intermission. The game-winning TD was scored by Elswick on a quarterback sneak in the third quarter. A bad snap on the PAT attempt forced Matt Graca (Garden City) to scramble into the end zone for a two-point conversion.

Bowie led the Twisters with 75 rushing yards; Jason Gibson had 32 on eight attempts and Aaron

Williams contributed 24 on five tries. George Shanlikian (Livonia), filling in at middle linebacker for the injured Bob Pensari (Canton), contributed 9 1/2 tackles.

The Twisters had 214 total yards while surrendering 139 — only 27 in the second half.

The Twisters are idle until Sept. 9, when they host the Motor City Cougars at 7 p.m. at Willow Run's Devlin Field.

2nd-half goal wins it for Shamrocks

Redford Catholic Central spent the first half of its Tuesday game with Ann Arbor Pioneer trying to wake up.

Fortunately for the Shamrocks, the wake-up call came in the second half as CC edged the Pioneers, 1-0.

"We were sluggish, slow and our movement off the ball was not good," said CC coach Dana Orsucci. "In the second half, it was a brand-new team. We were creating more chances, taking more shots and a lot of guys stepped up mentally."

Joe Murray stepped up physically as his goal with 11 minutes

CC SOCCER

left in the game was the game winner.

"He hit the shot and their goalie partially deflected it," said Orsucci. "Joe hit it hard enough that it rolled past him and the ball just rolled into the net before he could stop it."

Goalkeeper Eric Sullivan made eight saves in the game and kept the Shamrocks in the contest during their sluggish first half, according to Orsucci. CC had 10 shots on goal in the

game.

The Shamrocks went 2-1 in the Balconi Invitational on Saturday at Centennial Education Park in Canton Township. CC opened with a 2-1 win over Okemos in a shootout, but lost to Plymouth Salem in the second game, 2-0. CC rebounded to win the third game against Saline, 2-1.

"For us to go 2-1 in that tournament was a big success," said Orsucci. "We're still testing and tinkering with our lineup and trying to get things going."

Dave Ruiz scored the lone goal in regulation against Okemos on

Ladywood puts a scare into, but can't defeat, top-ranked Country Day

BY MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

It certainly was a heavy-weight matchup to open the girls basketball season Tuesday in the Eccentric Newspapers Fall Tip-Off Classic held at Troy Athens High School.

Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, defending Class B state champion and preseason top-ranked among all classes, got a big scare from Livonia Ladywood before pulling out a 51-48 overtime victory.

Ladywood rallied from an eight-point deficit entering the final quarter to take a 44-42 lead with 13 seconds remaining in regulation time.

Kim Wilburn, a junior point guard, then ran the length of the court and tossed in a driving lay-up with a second left to tie the game and force overtime.

In OT, sophomore Carrie Moore netted five of CDD's seven points to spark the offense. The Yellow Jackets allowed just one Ladywood free throw until the final second when Nicole Watts canned a 3-pointer.

Moore finished with a game-high 18 points and Wilburn added 17.

"Carrie has a great ability to slash to the hole. I think that's one of her most positive assets," Country Day coach Frank Orlando said. "They were checking Kim pretty hard and sagging off and not letting her go to the hole. So I was telling Carrie to go to the hole if she got the opening."

"Ladywood is a very good basketball team. They are disciplined and they had an excellent game plan. They mixed up defenses and did a lot of things

BASKETBALL

to challenge us."

Ladywood was led by the Harakas twins who combined for 26 points (Michelle had 15 and Melissa 11). Liz Obrecht finished with nine points.

"We looked forward to this matchup," said Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski. "When we found out we had the opportunity to play them, we figured we couldn't have asked for a better opponent to start the season."

"I thought we had them; we just couldn't finish them off."

Troy Athens won the first game of the double-header against Flint Carman-Ainsworth, 68-55, as freshman guard Lyndsey Norman made her varsity debut with 17 points.

Stevenson 47, Lakeland 38: Livonia Stevenson led start-to-finish Tuesday en route to a season-opening victory over Milford Lakeland.

Senior guard Lindsay Gusick led Stevenson with a team-high 15 points, while Katharine Koch and Amy Hollandsworth chipped in with eight and seven, respectively.

Jenny Weiss led Lakeland, which trailed 25-17 at half-time, with 15 points. Whitney Innes contributed eight.

"We did exactly what we set out to do — pressure their guards and create turnovers," Stevenson coach Amy Rozman said. "We didn't shoot well, but we were able to get them to turn it over."

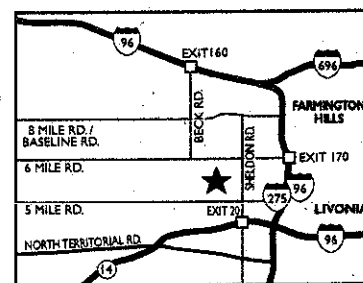
Stevenson was nine of 17 from the free throw line, while Lakeland was five of 15.

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Friends of the Martin family and the Madonna volleyball program have created "Team Martin," a charity designed to help raise money for medical expenses incurred by the Martin family during their daughter's battle.

Donations can be sent to "Team Martin," care of the Madonna University Athletic Department, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150.

"Julie was a trooper to the end, a true champion," McCausland said. "I never saw anybody fight so hard. No one should suffer like that. It was overwhelming, but she made me a stronger person both emotionally and mentally."

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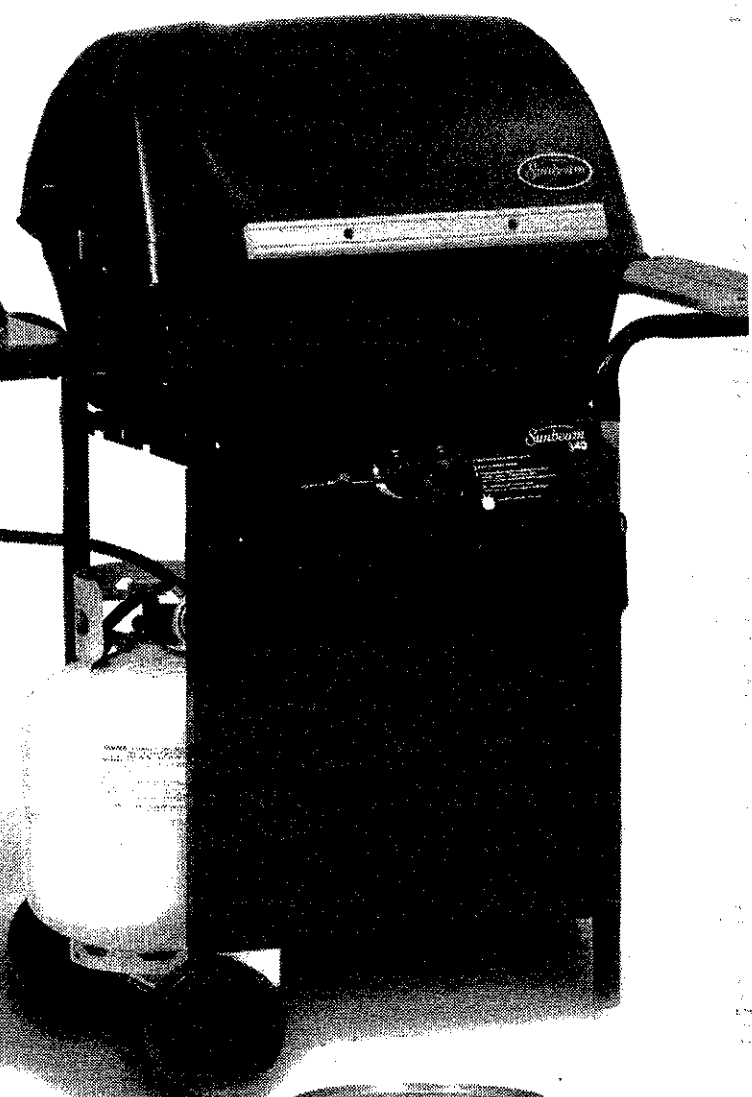
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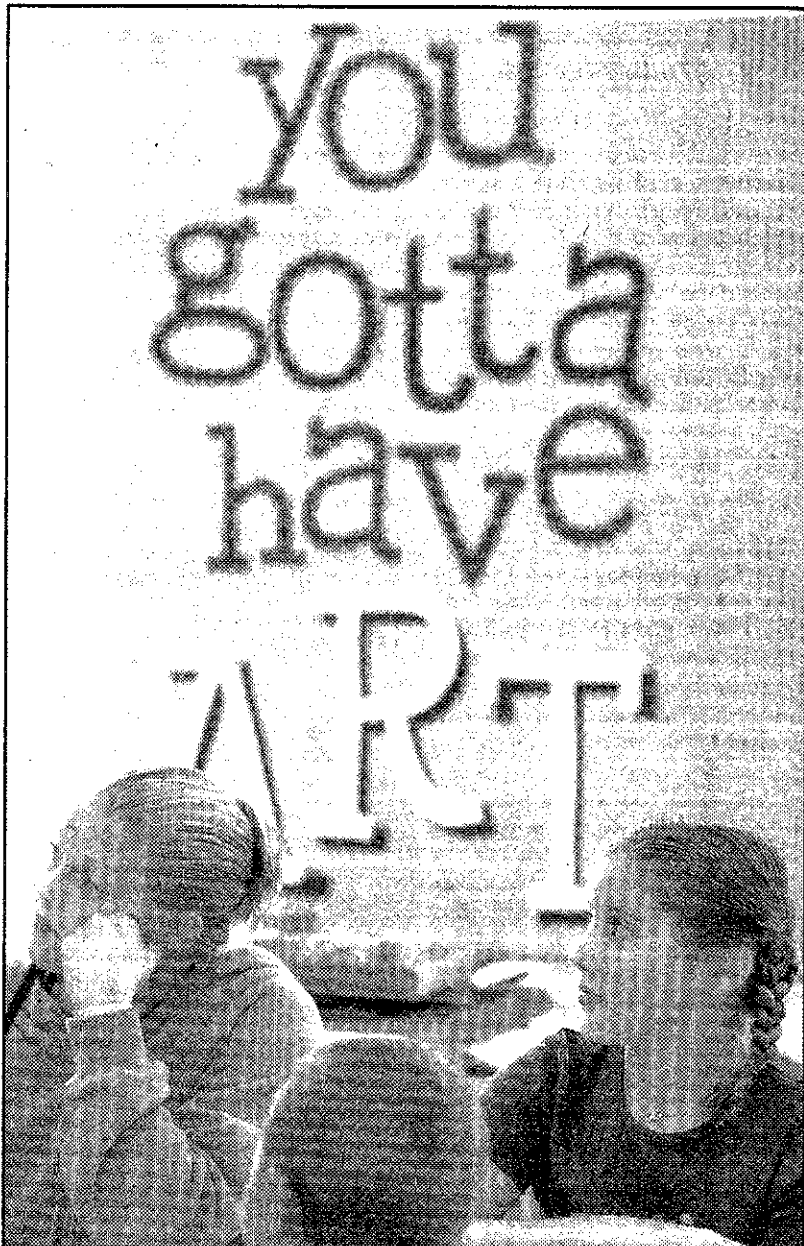
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Back in the classroom: Callie Kappler (left) and Amanda Vanhoet, both 12, listen to art teacher John Shellhaas.

Schools still open despite new law

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Unlike many students in school districts throughout Michigan, Plymouth-Canton pupils will be attending a full day of classes Friday.

State lawmakers earlier this year passed a Labor Day bill requiring school districts to give students a four-day weekend by scheduling Friday off, along with Labor Day. The new law applies to districts that were negotiating

new teacher contracts.

Since Plymouth-Canton was in the second year of a three-year teacher contract, the law won't take effect for local students until next year, after a new teacher contract is negotiated.

Students are expected in class Friday, Sept. 1. However, they will be off on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4.

—Tony Bruscatto

more were left destitute. The new American Red Cross won support for its prompt aid to the fire victims. This was the first disaster relief furnished by the organization.

Source: Chase's 2000 Calendar of Events

Library construction update
Visit the proposed floor plan and our photo album of the expansion at our Web site: www.cantonpl.org

Books on tape

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

- *Fortune's Rocks* by Anita Shreve
- *The Carrier* by Holden Scott
- *Mao Zedong* by Jonathan Spence
- *Spend Game* by Jonathan Gash
- *Where Echoes Live* by Marcia Muller

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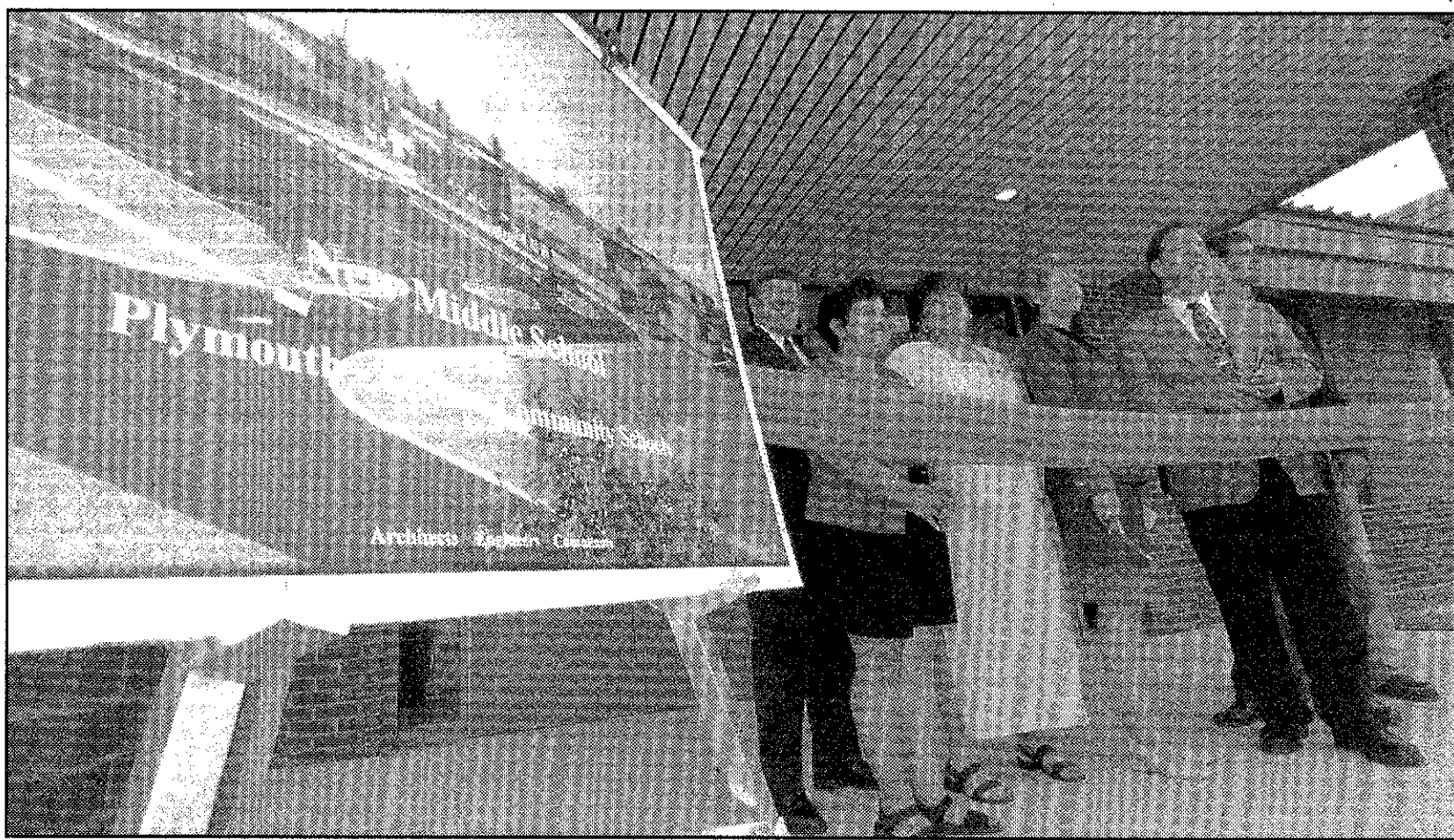
Here are some new videos available from the library:

- *P.T. Barnum*
- *Lovers of the Arctic Circle*
- *Anywhere But Here*
- *The Big Red One*

Hot topic of the week

Labor Day! Monday, Sept. 4, is a legal public holiday. The first observance is believed to have been a parade at 10 a.m. Sept. 5, 1882, in New York. In 1883, a union resolution declared "the first Monday in September of each year a Labor Day" and by 1893 more than half the states were observing Labor Day. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed into law an act making the first Monday in September a legal holiday for federal employees and the District of Columbia. Canada also celebrates Labor Day on the first Monday in September. In most other countries, Labor Day is observed May 1.

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Ribbon cutting: Plymouth Canton Community Schools board members Mark Slavens (from left) Judy Mardigian and Sue Davis join Superintendent Kathleen Booher and Discovery Middle School Principal Roche LaVictor, architect Ron Fanning and McS/EV construction supervisor Bryan McAskill for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new middle school on Hanford Road in Canton Monday afternoon.

Discovery from page A1

LaVictor. "The crew worked so hard last weekend, I can't say enough about them and how they got this place clean. It really shines."

"We worked until one or two in the morning the past three nights getting it ready," said Claude Boulet, one of the school's maintenance personnel. "It was a lot of work to get the floors finished and fix up all the rooms. But we got it done."

LaVictor said there is still some work to be completed

inside and out, furniture is still on order, some casework has yet to be delivered and there are no clocks in the classrooms.

"We're making do. We had enough foresight to bring some things from Lowell that will help us get through," said LaVictor. "Every student has a place to sit."

The grass is still growing, so recess, for the time being, will be held inside. All the fall softball games will have to be played on the road this year, according to LaVictor.

Traffic wasn't a problem as the buses have a dedicated drive on the east side of the building, parents can drop off students in front of the school, and teachers park on the west side."

Students will be able to get through lunch faster as there are two lines, one for prepared sandwiches and another for hot foods. And the large auditoria with its special lighting is getting rave reviews.

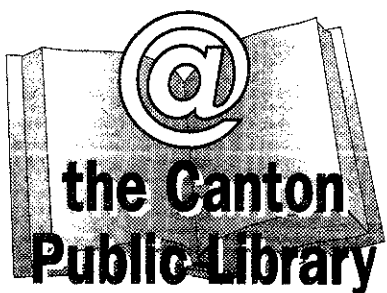
"The building is really impressive," said Mary Worpell, eighth

grade social studies teacher. "It really catches your eye."

"It's simply gorgeous," added language arts educator Laurie Sutherland. "There's much more space, and the light and brightness makes it a cheerful place."

Discovery was projected to house 757 students when redistricting took place last year. As of opening day, Discovery has 842 students.

"We have room for 910 lockers," said LaVictor. "We're already busting at the seams."



Did you know?

- The Treaty of Paris was signed on Sept. 3, 1783, officially ending the U.S. Revolutionary War?
- September is National Library Card Sign-up Month?
- The U.S. has 211,600 beekeepers and 2.63 million colonies of honeybees?
- Babies are born without kneecaps? Kneecaps don't appear until a person is 2-6 years old.
- The average computer user blinks seven times a minute?
- The real reason ostriches stick their head in the sand is to search for water?

Web Watch

- Check out these Web sites:
- spireproject.com
- www.cybercrime.gov
- www.livinginternet.com
- www.realbeer.com
- www.clinicaltrials.gov

New CD-ROMs for kids

- Here are some new titles available at the library:
- *Arthur's 1st Grade*
- *Arthur's Kindergarten*
- *Galactic Whiz Kid*
- *How to Get Along With Your Fellow Bear*
- *Spanish*
- *Star Trek Starship Creator*

Q&A

Q: What was Michigan's Great Fire?

A: According to the Michigan Historical Commission, "small fires were burning in the forests of the Thumb area of Michigan" tinder-dry after a long, hot summer when a gale wind swept in from the southwest on Sept. 5, 1881. Flames fanned into an inferno, the fire raged for three days and a million acres were devastated in Sanilac and Huron counties alone. At least 125 people died and thousands

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Expansion plan from page A1

■ Landscaping updates.

Sheikh promised the commission he would complete the project by September 2001 and the portables would be removed at that time.

Hays said the last time they added on to the academy, it took two years. Junk piled up on the construction site, he said, and wind transported much of it onto neighboring lawns.

Academy board member Mirza Rab admitted there was a garbage problem.

"I do acknowledge that and apologize to the neighbors," he said.

Hays said the portable classrooms are already on the site and the new building's foundation has been poured.

"What are they asking permission for?" he asked. "They already have the portables and construction has already started."

Hays said parking backs up onto neighboring streets, causing major congestion. He said weeds are growing where there should be plants. He said when the structure was built, academy administrators said they were building a soccer field and playground on which neighborhood children could play.

"There's no soccer field," Hays said. "And the play-

■ Jeff Goulet, Canton community planner, confirmed that academy administrators did apply for a permit but they never completed the process.

ground is enclosed by a fence."

Academy director Dave Tauhidi said a day care operates in the building and that community members worship in the mosque beyond school hours.

For these uses, he said he applied for a special land use permit about a year ago.

Jeff Goulet, Canton community planner, confirmed that academy administrators did apply for a permit but they never completed the process.

"They kept changing their minds on what they wanted to do," he said.

Goulet said the academy can amend its former application or file a new one for the new building, day care and religious activities.

"They still need a special land use permit for the new building," he said. "All the planning board did was approve the use of portables."

Commissioners told academy

leaders their portable classroom site plan was incomplete. For instance, it didn't include specific landscaping plans.

Township planner Angela Wolosiewicz said the academy still doesn't have an approved landscaping plan from 10 years ago, when owners asked for a special land use permit to build the school in a residential area.

Commissioners admonished academy administrators.

"Now is the time to get in compliance with ordinances," said Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin. "If you have a day care and a church, you need to get in compliance. It's time to stop the excuses. I want you to be a good neighbor."

"I want you to treat this property like you would if you owned the home next door," said Commissioner Karl Zarbo.

After the meeting, Tauhidi said the board was fair.

"I apologize for the laxity on our part," he said. "It was helpful for them to make us more diligent."

He said the neighbors who spoke at the meeting did have many valid points, but some of it was exaggeration.

"It's our job to take care of the problems," he said. "We need to be sensitive to cultural, religious and educational elements involved."

King holiday from page A1

The human relations commission would:

■ Perform educational, counseling and advisory roles in the area of civil rights and encourage harmonious relationships between individuals and groups, and discourage prejudice and discrimination against any individual or group because of race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry.

■ Be charged with the responsibility of recommending to township administration appropriate activities to commemorate the life and teachings of King.

Local clergy, residents and one board member said establishing a commission wasn't enough.

"We still have got acres and miles to go," Canton resident Tom Hartnett said. "The racial experience in America is unique among all other countries. It's something we've had to fight a war over."

Hartnett is running as a Democrat for a part-time board seat in November.

The Rev. Joe Stevenson, a Canton resident and pastor of New Liberty Missionary Baptist Church of Detroit, who is African-American, said he's been singled out because of his race.

Once at a St. Louis restaurant, Stevenson said a white restaurant patron proclaimed that Stevenson shouldn't be in the

restaurant because of his race. Stevenson said he didn't agree, and ended up with a bonded tooth because of it.

On another occasion, Stevenson said he was driving along a busy Canton road with his family and was followed for three miles by one of "Canton's finest."

"(The police officer) flashed his lights and proceeded to go ahead of me," he said, adding that he thought the officer was checking on his license plate numbers and found there was nothing wrong.

"(A King holiday) goes further than just mere symbolism," he said. "This goes to the heart of what is wrong with this country. It's something that has kept this country from reaching its full potential."

Yack said too many holidays have lost their significance and have just become days off for workers. He cited Columbus Day, Labor Day and Good Friday as examples.

"It really goes down to symbolism without substance," Yack said. "I remember back when I was a kid when Good Friday had some significance. The day itself has really lost most of its significance."

The Rev. Bryan Smith of Canton's Geneva Presbyterian Church said he disagreed.

"I think that (setting aside a King holiday) sends a very powerful message of substance to a

large group of people," Smith said.

Canton trustee Melissa McLaughlin said Canton is a diverse community and that any official celebration of King's birthday should reflect that. She suggested a week-long celebration of King's birthday in conjunction with churches and the schools.

"We should look towards being more inclusive," McLaughlin said, referring to the township's growing population of residents with Indian, Middle Eastern and Japanese backgrounds, among other ethnic groups.

"Would you rather have no (township) services for one day?" McLaughlin asked of Smith.

"I don't think it's an either-or issue," he said.

Trustee Phil LaJoy said he supported the administration's recommendation but also said he supported an official day off.

"I think we should have the holiday," LaJoy said, adding that Canton's failure to establish a holiday could harm its image.

"We don't want to be the last one," he said.

Area communities that grant the holiday include Belleville, Dearborn, Inkster, Northville Township, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Wayne and Westland. Others, including the Plymouths, don't but are considering a change.

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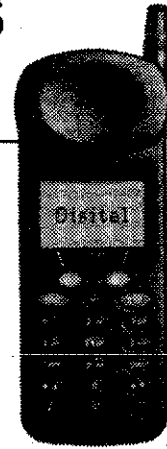


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The Mutt March will begin at 10 a.m. and a variety of course lengths are available.

A Michigan State Parks sticker will be required and discount parking coupons will be available Aug. 26-27 at the MHS Animal Care Fair at the Southfield Civic Center and also at the Care Fair at Pet Supplies Plus stores located near Northville.

Pledge forms are available at any MHS location and by logging on to www.michiganhumane.org (Events) or by calling (313) 872-3400, ext. 309.

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WTUA board OKs wastewater expansion pact

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The Western Township Utilities Authority board Monday approved a tentative agreement that will pave the way for the expansion of a wastewater treatment plant in Ypsilanti Township.

Communities served by WTUA include Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the agreement with the Ypsilanti Community

Utilities Authority is beneficial to both sides. Though the agreement doesn't allow the WTUA to have a voting board member, it allows the WTUA to have a strong voice in the \$110 million expansion project, of which the WTUA will pay \$80 million. It is tentatively scheduled to open sometime in 2002.

"(The agreement) allows us to work with YCUA if we're unable to come to a conclusion," Yack said. "We have some oversight."

All three township supervisors sit on the board. Plymouth Township Supervi-

sor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said she was pleased.

"I think that it's good for all the member communities and good for Ypsilanti," Keen McCarthy said. "That's what you want to happen with any negotiations."

WTUA Operations Manager Tim Faas said the oversight the WTUA is allowed with the agreement is very important.

"This may be preferable to actually being on the board," Faas said.

The individual townships will have to decide how to fund the

expansion. Typically, Faas said, the funding comes from new user connection fees, and less often from rate hikes.

YCUA Director Larry Thomas indicated the agreement would be received well by the authority.

"I'm very pleased with the whole turn of events and with the direction we're headed," Thomas said. "It's exciting to be able to expand our plant."

The YCUA is scheduled to vote on the agreement Sept. 21. The authority, formed in 1974, serves the City of Ypsilanti and Ypsi-

lanti Township. Representatives from the two municipalities comprise the board.

The individual WTUA and YCUA municipalities will need to approve the agreement. These municipalities include Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships. Canton is tentatively scheduled to vote on the agreement Sept. 26, Plymouth Township on Sept. 12 and Northville Township on Sept. 21.

The deal includes:
■ A voice in YCUA business affairs. "Contractual mecha-

nisms" would give WTUA a measure of control over expansion and operational costs in lieu of a vote.

■ The addition of a 17-million-gallon per day treatment facility. The expansion would be adjacent to the current plant on YCUA's 50-acre parcel in Ypsilanti Township.

■ One million gallons of temporary space from YCUA for WTUA's use in its current plant. The additional capacity would handle any excess flows until the new facility is built.

Chase

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second man on foot in a wooded area.

"He (Goralski) really broke the case," Kunst said. "He did an outstanding job in identifying the truck."

"When we saw the walkie-talkie, we knew this was the one."

The arrests capped off a three-hour manhunt, which involved Livonia detectives checking every condominium complex west of Merriman and north of Schoolcraft.

Around noon, a neighbor reported seeing a man jump from a second story window at Merri-Park condominiums, which is west of Merriman and south of Eight Mile. It was not known what was stolen there.

The man's clothing matched the description of clothes worn by burglars in previous incidents.

Police set up a half-mile perimeter and searched the area with a K-9 unit. An hour later, authorities received another break-in report in a subdivision west of Haggerty and north of Seven Mile.

■ Police have recovered large amounts of jewelry, cash and weapons believed to have been stolen.

A man was seen running into the woods north of the Meijer shopping center. Police cordoned off an area west of Haggerty between

Seven and Eight Mile while the search continued.

With the help of a Channel 7 helicopter pilot, police found the man.

Authorities continued to comb the area for any stolen items or evidence the perpetrator may have dumped.

Livonia police are holding the driver while Northville Township police have the man on foot in custody.

Since early July, the pair have been linked to burglaries in Westland, Canton Township, Farmington and Farmington Hills, as well as Livonia.

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On Aug. 7, five condo units on Laurel Park Drive were burglarized. Thieves made off with jewelry, collectible coins and a gun.

The burglars targeted condominiums, breaking in through doorways that were obscured from public view by berms or wooded areas, authorities said.

The rash of burglaries frightened condominium owners, many of whom are seniors, Kunst said.

"The best thing for us in this is now they can live in peace," the police chief said.

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New principal from page A1

high school complex, where she was an assistant principal. "I felt East was a good fit for me. It has a great reputation for success, and the staff is phenomenal, cooperative and caring."

Hoff spent part of her morning greeting students at the bus drop off, talking with students and helping them solve problems before classes began at 8:05 a.m.

"I forgot my schedule," Tony Cheng, 12, a seventh grader from Canton, explained to Hoff. Hoff escorted students to the counselor's office for help, and there were others who needed help with other first-day problems standing in a line that stretched outside the office.

"There were some new kids who didn't make it to registration last week, so we have a bit more confusion than anything else," said Hoff. "And, we have a lot of students with limited English speaking ability, which makes it harder for them."

"One of my top priorities is make sure the new kids who come to East become a part of East," she added. "All the kids who have been to East in the past have a sense of community, and we want to continue that tradition."

Along with being new herself, and with a student population which is two-thirds new because of redistricting, the teaching staff has seen a 25-percent turnover, also. However, Hoff made certain she got her staff together a couple of weeks ago with a pizza party to meet them and give them her support. She also worked with several teachers who volunteered with student registration last week.



Going home: Mungruthai Sutaitron, 10, of Canton (left) and Kendall Schroeder, 11, look for their bus with East Principal Marsha Hoff.

"My number one challenge is to support my new teachers because such a large percentage of them are new," said Hoff.

Hoff's style has apparently worked well thus far at East.

"She is easy to relate to, and works hard to build a sense of community at the school," said Angela Hogan, who came from Clawson to teach math and education technology.

"I feel very comfortable with her," added Kellie Ruhno, who teaches sixth- and eighth-grade science. "You can tell she's very experienced by the way she works with the staff."

Elaine Bain, eighth grade English instructor, has only worked with Hoff a couple of weeks, but is impressed.

"After working with her last week during registration, you know where you stand," said Bain. "She belongs here."

Some East students are also ready for the challenges of a new principal.

"Being new, she might have some different opinions and bring some different ideas to the school," said Emily Arble, 13, an eighth grader from Plymouth.

Hoff is not only respected by her new colleagues, but also by former associates and others around the Plymouth-Canton school district. During an early Monday morning meeting of staff and administrators at Salem High School with Superintendent Kathleen Booher, Hoff was given a standing ovation when it was announced she transferred to East.

"That really meant a lot to me," said Hoff. "It really touched my heart that people were kind enough to acknowledge that I made a professional move and that they were supporting me."

I-275 crash snarls traffic

BY SUE BUCK
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A Romulus woman remained in critical condition with a closed head injury Wednesday at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti after a traffic accident on I-275 Tuesday afternoon 400 yards north of Ann Arbor Road.

The accident occurred at about 1:40 p.m. Northbound I-275 traffic was closed for several hours.

Amy Jo Lynn, 22, the driver of a Ford Taurus, was extricated from her car by Plymouth Community firefighters and flown by MedFlight to the hospital.

"She was very serious, very critical," said Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth.

An emergency room doctor who didn't identify himself stopped and assisted at the accident scene, Groth said. "He stopped and stayed about 45 minutes," Groth said. "He gave advice to us and HVA (Huron Valley Ambulance). You don't see that anymore. It was very much appreciated."

The MedFlight helicopter staff also worked diligently to maintain Lynn's airway, Groth said.

State Trooper Art Hinojosa said the accident occurred when Douglas Szczodrowski, 33, of Dearborn Heights, driving a Dolly Madison delivery van, was traveling south on I-275 from M-14.

He told police he noticed he had steering problems. Szczodrowski lost control and crossed all southbound lanes.

The van struck a Ford Mustang and continued across the lanes, striking the Ford Taurus sedan and then being struck by a



Looking on: Michigan State Police investigators survey the scene of a multiple-vehicle accident on northbound I-275 south of the I-96/M-14 interchange in Plymouth Township Tuesday afternoon. The northbound lanes were closed for hours during the investigation, causing traffic nightmares throughout the area.

Ford F-250 truck, driven by Robin Godlewski, 26. She and her husband, Guy, are Watertown, N.Y., residents. Guy threw his body in front of his wife to protect her from injury, police said. They were in Michigan visiting relatives.

The Mustang, Taurus, and pickup truck were traveling in the left and middle lanes of northbound I-275. After being struck by the pickup, the van separated, with the body and frame landing on top of the Taurus.

"The momentum of the vehicle sent the van and the Ford Taurus into the right wall of the freeway," Hinojosa said.

The delivery truck's cab split from the rest of the truck, said Plymouth Township police Sgt. Jim Jarvis. "The driver walked away," he said.

Hinojosa said that the delivery

van split in three pieces. No tickets were issued and no charges have been filed pending the completion of the investigation, which Hinojosa estimated would take about a week.

The driver of the van, who was wearing his seat belt, suffered minor injuries and was transported to St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

The driver and passenger of the pickup truck were not wearing seat belts. They suffered more serious, though non-life threatening, injuries and were also transported to St. Mary Mercy.

Szczodrowski and both Godlewskis were treated and released, Hinojosa said.

Police officers from Plymouth Township, Livonia, Canton Township and the Wayne County Sheriff Department assisted.

OBITUARY

CATHERINE M. BEAVER
Services for Catherine M. Beaver, 81, of Redford were held Aug. 26 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Elias Salamon officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Mrs. Beaver was born on June 18, 1919, in Detroit and died

Aug. 24, 2000, in Redford. She worked as a secretary. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Beaver; her father, Hugo Stahl; and her mother, Barbara Stahl.

Survivors include her sister, Margaret Caputo of Birmingham;

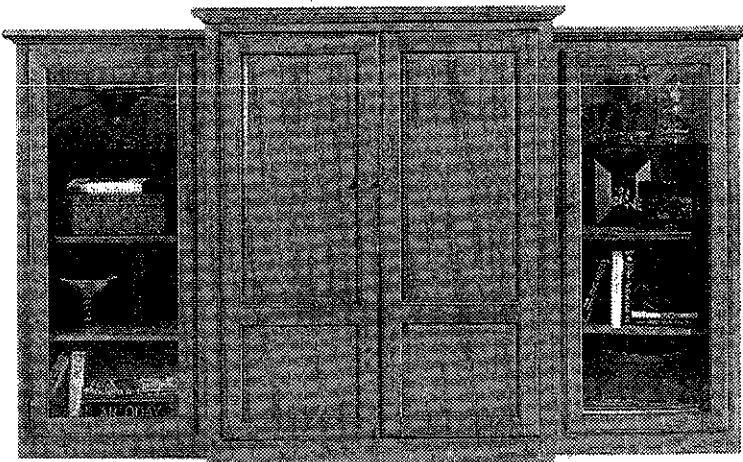
ham; a brother, George Stahl of Grosse Pointe Shores; nephew, Robert Schikora of Plymouth; and many more nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made as Mass offerings. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

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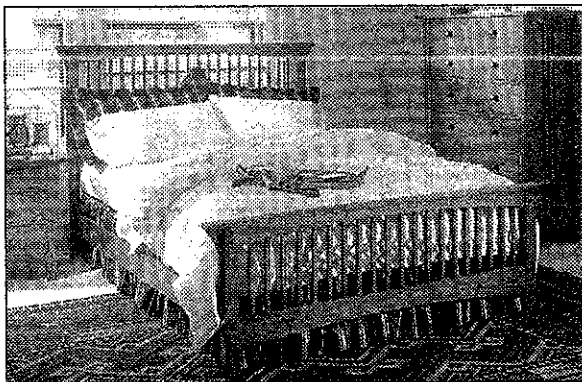
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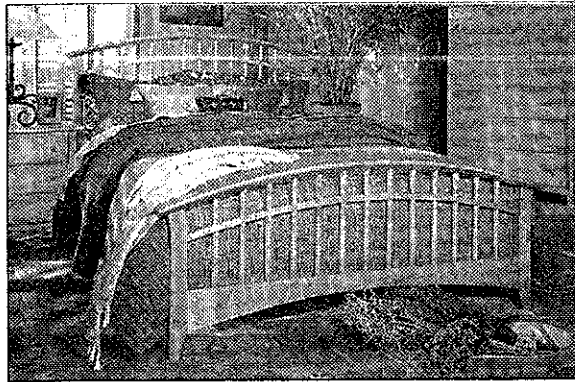
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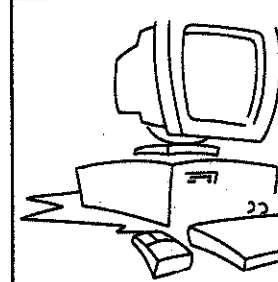
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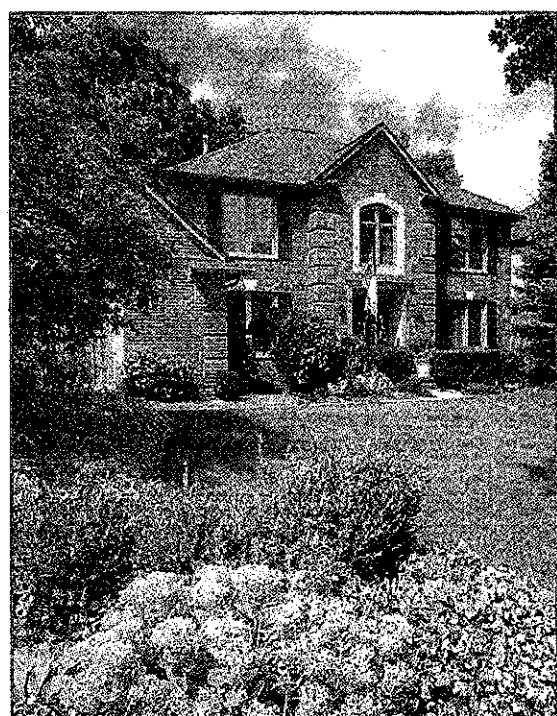


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Bienvenue!

House says 'Welcome' with French accent

BY MARY KLEMIC
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A French flag flies outside Holly Lichtman's French colonial house in Farmington Hills. A French connection is found inside, too. Exuberant colors and lively patterns of French country design abound. The freshness of a sunny market in Provence is conveyed in other ways as well — by cushions and pillows as plump as luscious fruit; by fabrics, trim and accessories that feature a nature motif. The effect is inviting and *très charmant*.

You can sample the French dressing by going on Designers' Homes on Tour, presented by the International Furnishings and Design Association Michigan Chapter, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10.

The residence is one of five houses of designers in the Farmington Hills, Northville and Novi area featured on the tour.

The Lichtman house, which was a runner-up in *House & Garden* magazine contest, combines the artistic and the practical. Lichtman selected elements not just for their looks but also

for their ability to withstand family use.

Some pieces were bought at sales at Michigan Design Center in Troy, as well as at clearance floors, tag sales and garage sales.

"We've got a lot of people in and out ... We use everything in the house," said Lichtman, whose design firm is Then & Now Interiors (phone (248) 553-2190).

The family has lived in the house for eight years. It was built in 1986. Lichtman updated the kitchen by painting the cabinetry and adding new hardware, installing granite counter tops and painting the walls raspberry. *Vive la différence!*

"I just had to have a red kitchen," she said. "Everyone tried to talk me out of it."

Here the red color helps lighten the room, which is in the back of the house and isn't as bright as the front.

"You design to suit your space," Lichtman said.

Connections

Artist Janisse Larsson of Northville handpainted accents in various rooms. Among her designs in the kitchen are

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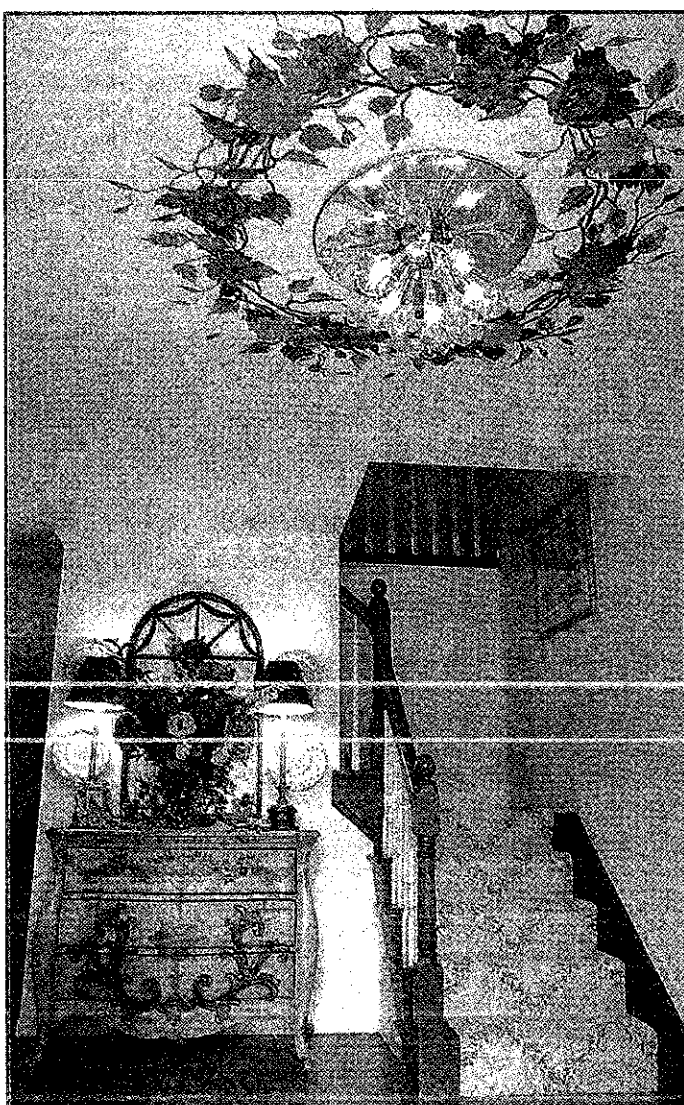
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Proceeds from the tour benefit the International Furnishings and Design Association Michigan Chapter's scholarship fund.



C'est bon: The French flag flying outside the Lichtman house isn't the only French connection. As seen in the view into the family room (above), rooms are dressed in the bright colors and lively patterns of French country style. The kitchen (left) was painted raspberry, with accents by an artist. The house will be featured on Designers' Homes on Tour Sept. 10.

Artistic nature: A ring of flowers, hand-painted by an artist, encircles the ceiling light in the foyer. Holly Lichtman made all the floral arrangements in the house.



a garland of fruit on a backsplash and rabbits on one side of a cabinet (this was painted on a board that can be removed and reattached to another surface).

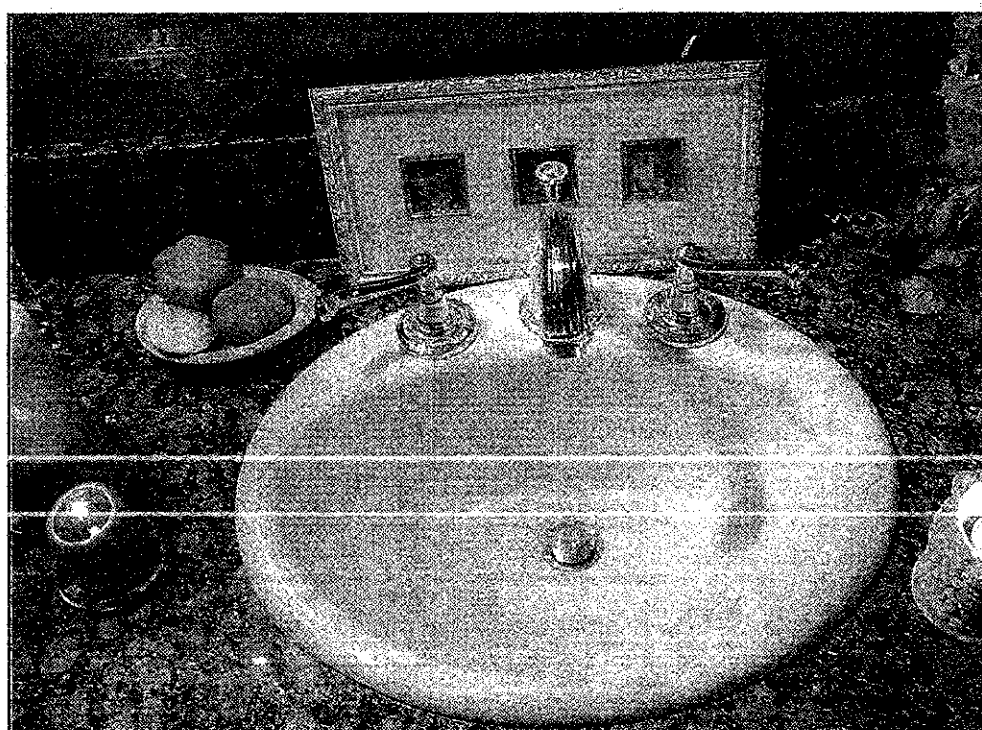
As an example of the visual connections that run through the house, her backsplash painting features a cloth with a black and white checkered pattern that also is on pieces of Lichtman's collection of MacKenzie-Childs pottery and on a rug in another room.

The kitchen area also includes a table with broad wooden planks. A mix of wooden and covered chairs is around the table, a verdigris chandelier over it and carpeting with a leafy pattern under it.

Here and elsewhere are shutters, which add dimension and light as well as a country touch.

Lichtman removed the railing that had separated this area from the family room. *Voilà:* Now there is a seamless flow. The same carpeting is in these areas and in other rooms, too.

The valance and drapes in the family room have the same floral pattern as some of the upholstery and the covered chairs in the adjoining area. A leopard print cloth covers a small table. Animal prints keep the florals from being too overwhelming.



Powder room: Red wallpaper and brass fixtures add elegance to a downstairs powder room.

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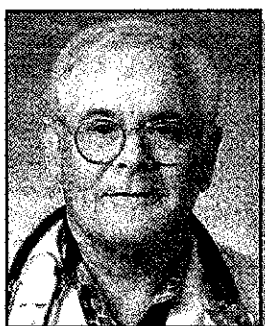


MONTE NAGLER

Watch the light

There are many combinations of aperture/shutter speed to produce correct exposure, says Monte Nagler in *Focus on Photography*

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JOE GAGNON

Hot ovens

In his column, the *Appliance Doctor* reminds readers that self-cleaning ovens run at high temperatures.

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MARTY FIGLEY

Hot ovens

Books, books and more books are being published on gardening, says Marty Figley in *Garden Spot*.

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INTERIOR DESIGN

Smart strategies
Treat your window in style

(NAPS)—Treating your home to a window of opportunity for style and comfort may be easier than many think.

Consider these tips from a new book entitled, *The Smart Approach to Window Décor* (Lynn Elliot & Lisa Lent, Creative Homeowner).

Function first

There are a multitude of choices available when it comes to window treatments including curtains, blinds, and shades, as well as a variety of fabrics, patterns, styles, and color choices.

Before you fall in love with a window treatment, determine what kind of window do you have. Does it open inward or outward? Certain window treatments are made to sit in the window frame, while others are not.

Do you need to control sunlight and glare? Some window treatments are designed to limit heat gain in the summer and heat loss during the winter. Sunlight, ventilation and air flow also need to be addressed when you have plants or herbs.

Do you like what you see when you look out the window? If you have a scenic view, you may want to use sheer curtains so the view is always accessible. If your view isn't the best, you may want to obscure it with heavier window treatments.

What is the room in question? If it's a bedroom or a bath, you may want to create some privacy. Certain window treatments, like sheer curtains, may not be an option.

What color is the room, and what style is the furniture? A plain room could benefit from window treatments with a little color and pattern. If you have elaborate furnishings, simple window treatments may not complement the decor.

Think about family

If you live in an apartment, you may want to stick to the

■ Before you fall in love with a window treatment, determine what kind of window do you have. Does it open inward or outward? Certain window treatments are made to sit in the window frame, while others are not.

basics. Window treatments are usually measured specifically to the window in question, and many times you cannot take them with you. If you own a home that you plan to live in for a number of years, you have more options.

Singles and newlyweds tend to have more options and fewer restrictions when it comes to window treatments, because they don't have to take into consideration the tastes and habits of others in the household, and secondly, they tend to have less wear and tear on most furnishings.

Families with children need to be realistic about their choices. Custom silk draperies are lovely, but they may not look as good after a few encounters with sticky hands.

Toddler-friendly window treatments—ones without dangling cords and puddle draperies—are probably your safest and best bet. These include washable cotton curtains, shutters, or swags.

The presence of pets in the home can also influence your choices.

If your cat likes to sharpen his claws around the house, or your dog likes to curl up in cozy places, avoid puddled curtains that hang low or billow onto the floor. Stick to shutters or sill-length curtains.

Maintenance costs

Consider what's best for your situation. If a treatment requires expensive dry cleaning, think about it before you buy.

If you lead a busy lifestyle, travel often, or have a house full of children, maintaining multi-

layered formal draperies may not be a priority. However, if you entertain frequently and favor the decorative impact on your home, such treatments may be worth the extra upkeep.

Cost consideration

Not only do you need to know how much you can spend, you want to know how much you should spend.

Treatments for a rented apartment usually call for less of an investment than those for a permanent family home. How much you want to spend also dictates whether to order custom window treatments, buy ready-made versions, or make them yourself.

Shop around. Go to specialty shops as well as home centers. Get familiar with the costs of different types of treatments, as well as the costs of fabrics, services, and little details like hardware, tassels, and trimmings.

Once you've decided, you can plan a window treatment in stages to help you offset the cost for a while. Start with Stage 1, and when you are ready in terms of cost and budget, you can move on to the next stage.

Decorate for privacy and light control first. Use simple miniblinds or shades for an immediate window dressing.

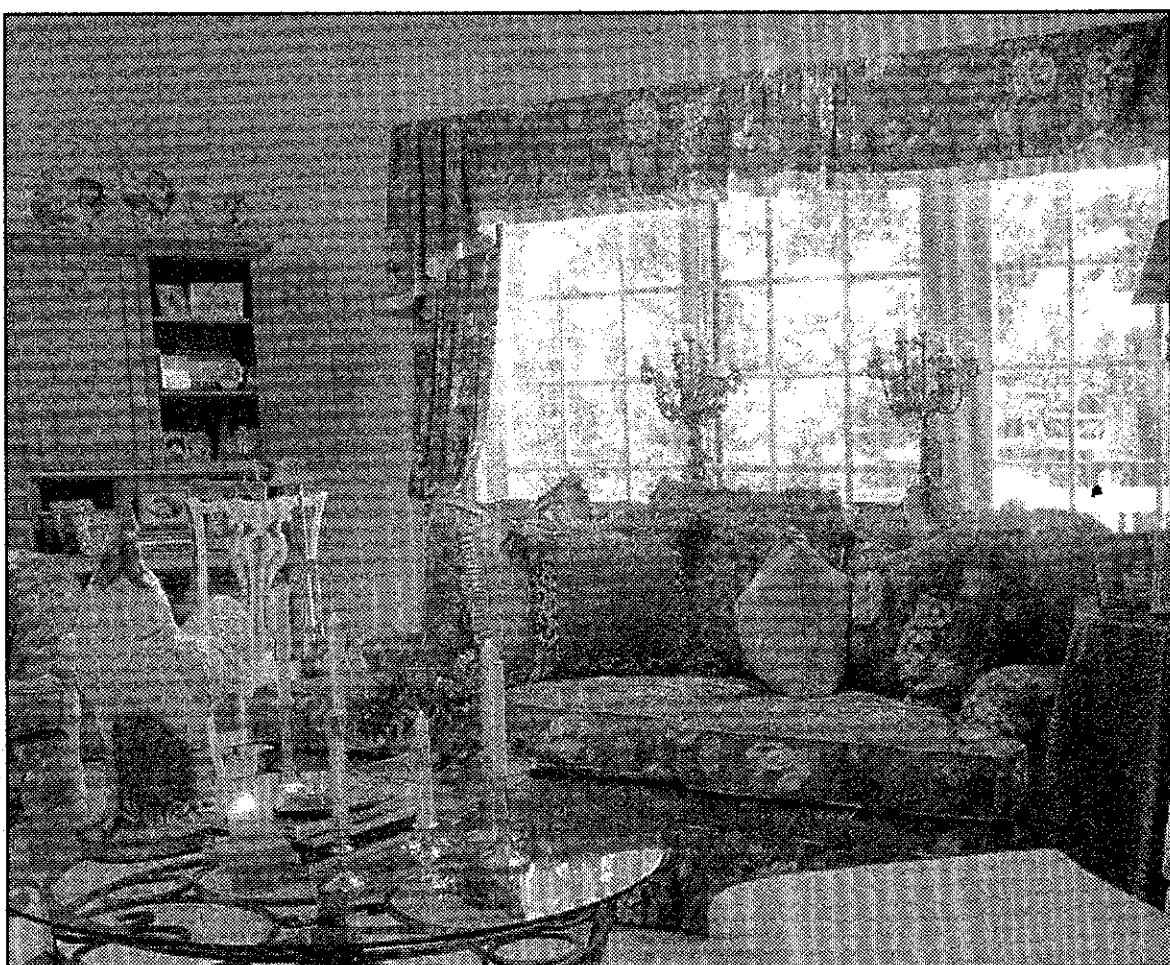
During the second stage, dress it up a little. Add a layer of drapery panels in a fabric that matches your decor and taste, along with a decorative traverse rod.

For the third stage, treat your window dressing with luxurious extras. Add a shaped cornice, and silk rope tiebacks with tassels.

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CLARIFICATION

A story and photo in the Aug. 24 edition of the At Home section on recliners should have indicated that Don Wurm is the owner of Laurel Furniture in Livonia.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

French country: The Lichtman family room decor has a French country flavor.

Bienvenu from page D1

Large hen or rooster statues stand on the glass-topped table and the pine cupboard in one corner. On one wall is a box Larsson painted in a pattern similar to MacKenzie-Childs style.

Most of the paintings in the house are of children; one such work is over the mantel. Also on the mantel are samples of the lush floral arrangements in the house, all made by Lichtman.

The downstairs powder room is dressed in red wallpaper

with an imperial design, brass fixtures and dark cabinetry.

Colors in other rooms are light, such as the taupe master bedroom. This room also features a large round ottoman, covered in the same tiny leaf pattern as the wallpaper on the powder room ceiling.

The master bathroom has another example of floral and animal, in the flowery wallpaper and animal print towels.

The living room has soft yellow walls. It measures 12 by 18

feet but comfortably houses a baby grand piano (with a yellow, red and blue pouf instead of a bench) and a green loveseat and chairs.

"I wanted to be able to sit five or six comfortably," Lichtman said.

The foyer ceiling light, with its flower shapes, is encircled by a ring of flowers that was painted by Larsson. A cocktail table in a girl's bedroom shows whimsical panache, with trompe l'oeil glasses and necklace painted on the surface.

Computer space can be organized

(NAPS) — People from nearly half of all households with computers agree that their children would not do as well in school if they did not have a computer.

Yet, the personal computer remains one of the most overlooked back-to-school basics, sharing space atop a makeshift desk, serving as a centerpiece on the dining room table or even stuffed in a cramped corner.

A look inside people's homes during a recent ethnographic study conducted by Sauder, a manufacturer of ready-to-assemble furnishings, revealed that these seemingly absurd scenarios are not uncommon. But,

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"While most families can't live without their computer systems, they don't feel at home with their technology," says Susan Dountas, director of marketing for Sauder.

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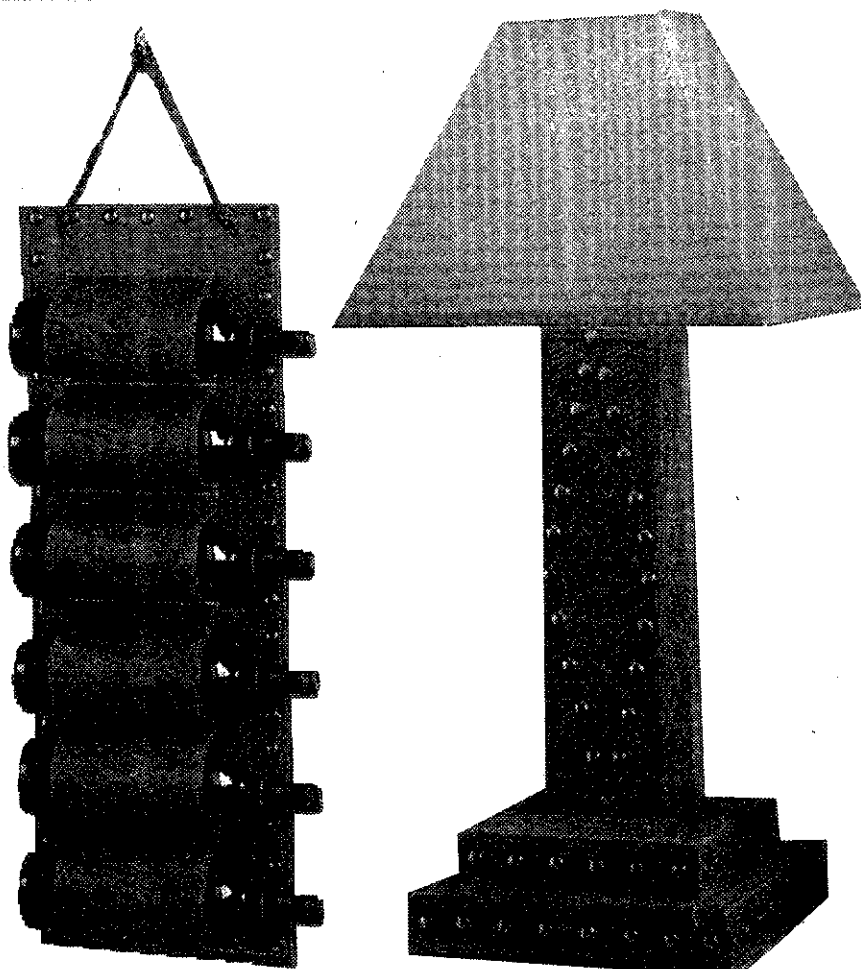
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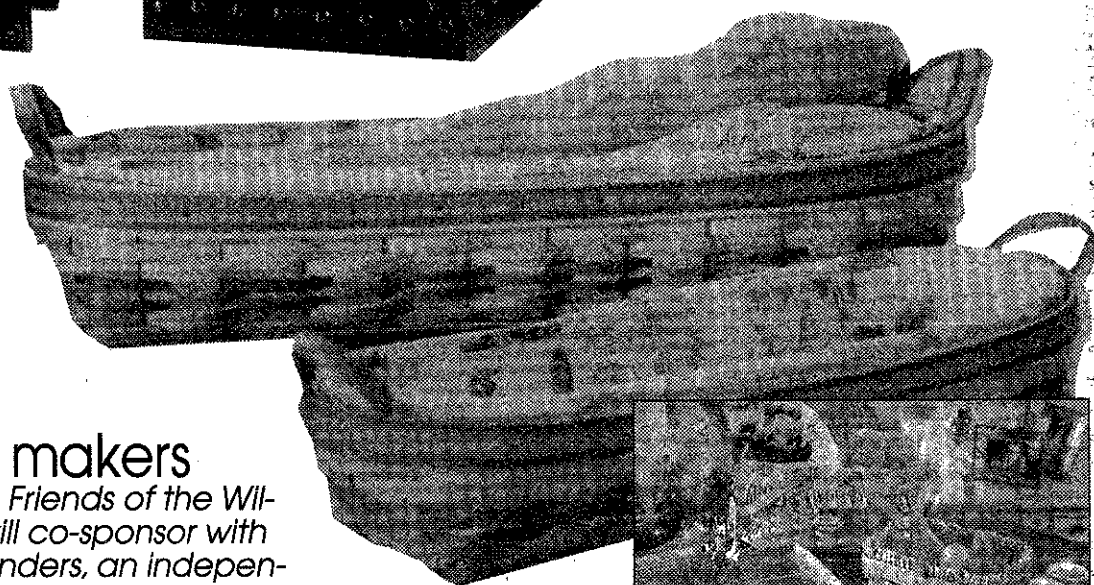
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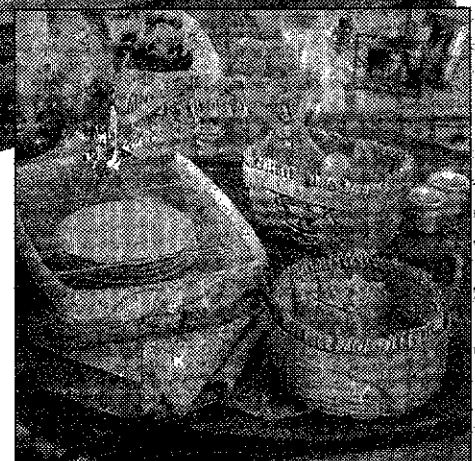
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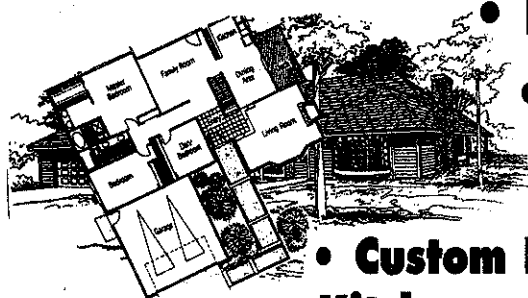


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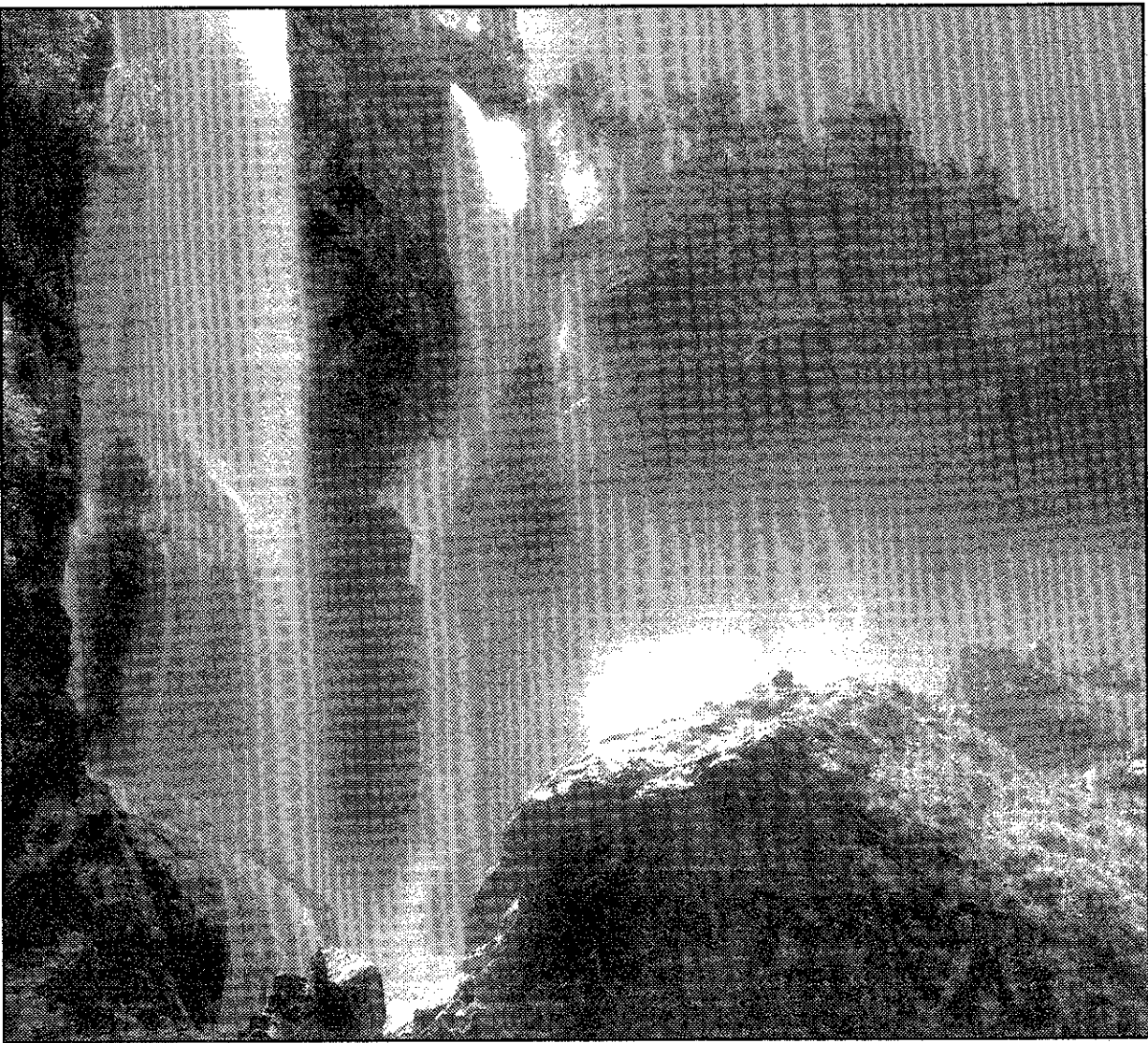


MONTE NAGLER

Proper exposure consists of allowing just enough light into your camera for a specified amount of time — the right combination of lens opening and shutter speed. This combination is determined by your camera's meter and is crucial to correct exposure. It is important to understand there are many combinations of aperture/shutter speed to produce correct exposure just as there were many ways to obtain your "perfect tan." For example, an exposure combination of f-8 at 1/30 second is exactly the same as f-5.6 at 1/60 second because in the latter exposure, light is entering the camera through an opening twice as large but for only half the time. You see, for each combination, the end result is the same — correct exposure. What determines the combination of

aperture/shutter speed is the film speed (the ASA) and the lighting conditions under which you are shooting. You may ask, "If any combination of aperture/shutter speed gives correct exposure, what difference does it make which is used?" Well, it makes a big difference — not in exposure, but in the final appearance of your photograph. You can achieve different moods and effects. ■ Long shutter speeds will give your pictures a feeling of motion and sometimes a dream-like quality, such as a photo of moving water. (Be prepared to use your tripod when using long shutter speeds.) ■ Fast shutter speeds will "freeze" the action. ■ Large apertures will result in shallow depth-of-field, even blurring an unwanted background. ■ Small apertures will increase depth-of-field, often making your picture sharp from front to back. You begin to be creative and to express yourself through your photography when you become the "boss" of your camera: When you select the aperture/shutter speed combinations that will

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Milky way: Monte Nagler wanted his photograph of Norway's Hesjedals Falls to appear almost "milky." A half-second shutter speed did the trick.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

ST. AIDAN CRAFTERS
Crafters are needed for St. Aidan Catholic Church's 17th annual craft show, Sept. 23 in the activity center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Applications are available by calling (248) 477-8942.

CRAFTERS SOUGHT
Crafters wanted for the Mercy High School juried Arts & Crafts show. Reserve your spot for the fall show on Oct. 7 and the holiday show Nov. 24-25. Call (248) 476-8020 ext. 253 for an application or information.

ARTS AND CRAFTS
Bill Johnson Arts and Crafts Show at Livonia Mall Oct. 6-8. Tables available. Call Livonia Mall (248) 476-1160. Livonia

Mall is located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

FALL ARTS/ CRAFTS
St. Damian Parish is looking for crafters for their Fall Arts and Crafts Show that will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 throughout the school. St. Damian is located at 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads, in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

CRAFTERS WANTED
Crafters are wanted for the Redford Suburban League's Annual Lunch, Boutique and Fashion Show — Oct. 18 at the Burton Manor. Please call Margaret at (734) 261-3737 or Gloria at (734) 591-9167 to reserve your table.

CRAFTERS NEEDED
Crafters are needed for the 14th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 21 at West Middle School (44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail) of Plymouth sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma. A single space starts at \$70 with table rental

available and electricity free of charge. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Terri at (248) 349-5344 for information. This year, the members of Delta Kappa Gamma are planning to continue scholarship funding with the proceeds of their 2000 Craft Fair.

SIGN UP NOW
Crafters can sign up now for St. Theodore Catholic Church annual craft show 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, in Westland. Table rental is available for \$20. Call Becky at 721-3454 to reserve a table.

CRAFTERS WANTED
The 19th annual Christmas Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 28 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church (West Chicago & Inkster Road) in Redford. Table cost is \$25. Call Josie (734) 522-2963 or Joann (313) 937-0226.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR
St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church (26431 W. Chicago Road) between Inkster and Beech Daly Roads. Crafters are needed. Order tables now. Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (313) 937-2880.

HARVEST MOON CRAFTS
The Harvest Moon Craft Show at Livonia Mall will be held Nov. 2-5. Tables available. This is a juried event. Livonia Mall is located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia. Call (248) 476-1160.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW
Crafters are wanted for St. Paul Lutheran's (20805 Middlebelt and Eight Mile roads) 13th annual Holiday Craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Tables are \$30. Call (248) 476-0841 or (734) 591-0224.

HOLIDAY HAPPENING
Livonia Stevenson "Holiday Happening" Fall Craft Show from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sat-

urday, Nov. 4. Located on 6 Mile Rd just west of Farmington Rd. Pictures are required. Over 150 crafters. Lunch and bake sale are available. The spaces are \$60.00 and are 6 x 16 or 10 x 10. Limited electricity is available at no additional cost. For an application or additional information, please call 248-478-2395 or 248-476-0315. Sponsored by the Stevenson Booster Club.

CRAFTERS NEEDED
St. Edith School (15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia) is seeking crafters for their Fall Craft Show. The show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. Booth rentals are \$40 for a 10x10 space. Call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or JoAnn, (734) 464-9370.

ARTS & CRAFTS EXTRAVAGANZA
Dearborn High School will host the Arts & Crafts Extravaganza Fall 2000 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 19501 Outer Drive, Dearborn. For applications or information call (313) 561-0402. Sponsored

by the Band Aid Booster Club - proceeds will support the DHS Marching Band, Flag Corps, Orchestra and Jazz Band. Admission is \$1 for persons 12 and older. Ample free parking and plenty of food available.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED
The St. Valentine Parent Teacher Club's 9th Annual Holiday Craft Shoppe will be held Saturday, Nov. 18. Applications are now being accepted. For information and an application call (313) 255-6825 or (313) 532-2367.

JURIED SHOW
The Holiday Arts & Crafts Show at North Farmington High School, Sat. Nov. 18, is seeking artists and crafters. Juried show; no manufactured goods. Especially interested in eatables, calligraphy, silk flowers, dried flowers, baskets, candles, photography (other than Detroit), wood shelves or anything unusual. Other items wait-listed at this point, but please contact us. Call (248) 553-0913.

Make more storage room in dorm

One bed. One desk. One chair. Bare walls. That's the interior design challenge facing thousands of dormitory-bound college students this month. How can the average college student turn a 15-by-15-foot bare cell into "home sweet home" for the next nine months — with a minimal amount of effort and money? According to associates at The Home Depot, all it takes is a bit of untraditional thinking about traditional hardware. "There is no reason for students to feel as if their situation is hopeless no matter how tiny the closet is or how bare the

room seems," said Cindy Krejny, a home improvement expert with The Home Depot in Maple Heights, Ohio. "There are a variety of products and decorating techniques that can help maximize space and turn a dorm room into a very livable and comfortable environment." Here are a few recommendations for Dorm Decorating 101, according to The Home Depot: ■ A large clay flowerpot (\$7.50 to \$15, depending on size) makes a great base for a dorm coffee table. Topped with a piece of Plexiglas (less than \$10), it can double as a storage space for

CDs or cassettes. ■ A small flowerpot (50 cents to \$3) topped with tile remnants (30 cents to \$2) creates a colorful stand for speakers. ■ Trash cans and milk crates have always been dorm favorites because they're sturdy and can store many things. With the help of a little paint, and marbling or stenciling kits, students can custom design them in just minutes. ■ For storage space that's useful, too, turn a garbage can into a storage space and table. Replace the lid of a large, rubber garbage can with a 30-inch laminated pine tabletop.

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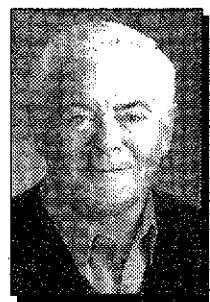
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HOME WORK

Some words about drip pans and your self-cleaning oven

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

Here are a few questions I've received from consumers and appliance owners:

Q: How much difference does having clean shiny drip pans under my electric range burners make? My present pans are covered with tinfoil because they look so bad.

A: In a typical family of four with an electric range, the clean shiny drip pans can save you the average of \$25 per year in energy consumption.

The foil can cause problems because it slows and partially contains the heat. The other important thing to remember is to have the flattest surface pots and pans to cook with. Take a ruler and place it across the bottom of your pot to check for light where the ruler lies against the pot's bottom. (Light will indicate the pot is warped or curved.) Always use the size burner to match the pot you're cooking with.

Q: I put my range through a four-hour self-clean cycle the other day, and it came out beautiful, but during the last hour of the cycle I smelled something burning.

A: I wonder if you realize that the inside of that oven reached temperatures of 800 to 900 degrees. This high heat is required to burn off the spilled sauces that ruin the appearance of an oven.

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In many cases I have discovered plastic tablecloths, plates and outdoor forks and knives to be the culprit. It gets so hot in those cupboards and yet consumers fail to even think about this when they put the range through self-cleaning. It's something to think about, isn't it?

Q: A few years ago you wrote about the water damage your house suffered because of the big winter storm of year '99. What did you do to prevent it from happening again?

A: I never did anything except pray that it wouldn't happen again. The large amount of snowfall that year filled the troughs and it kept freezing faster than it could melt. The water and ice kept building up until it had no other place to go except under the roof edge, and then down the inside of the house walls. There were many homes in this area that were damaged tremendously, as I'm sure officials in the insurance industry will attest to.

Your letter gave me a kick in the pants to get moving on a project. My friend Ron Carrier told me to get a good heavy-duty caulking gun and run a bead of caulking all along the underside of the roof where it joins the house.

As crazy as the weather has been around here for the last couple of years, I'm going to be ready for it this time.

Q: I hear you talk about the negatives of using plastic vent line on clothes dryers and yet I see them sold in stores. Shouldn't there be a law against selling this stuff?

A: There is no law against selling plastic vent line because it is used for other reasons such as venting an exhaust fan through an attic. There is a state code construction law that bans its use in new homes and in renovations of homes. Getting the home construction industry to abide by this law is another story. Stores like Damman Hardware and Meijer have been good enough to place warning posters in their vent line departments warning consumers not to use plastic on their clothes dryers.

If I had my way, all consumers would never enter the door of a store that sells a product that can cause death and tragedy. Take that advice. The next time you see this plastic dryer vent line being sold to a consumer for their clothes dryer, walk out. On the way out, tell the store manager why you're leaving. It won't take long to cure the problem.

Joe Gagnon can be heard Saturday and Sunday on 760 WJR. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

Have a question or comment for the Appliance Doctor about a repair on an appliance? Write him care of Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail him at kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Interior latex paints emit fewer odors

BY POPULAR MECHANICS
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Until recently, a strong odor in latex paint was like a lot of things in life — it was unpleasant, but you put up with it to get the job done.

The primary odor-causing agent in latex paint is solvent, but things are changing. Today, you can buy low-odor interior latex paint that is essentially solvent-free, and industry experts say that low-odor exterior paints should debut in the near future.

Certainly, this is a boon to painters everywhere who are sensitive to chemical odors. The problem is telling the difference between paints that are nominally low-odor because they

meet federal specifications for solvent content and new varieties of paint that are formulated to have almost no solvent.

A can of high-quality latex paint contains a 20-percent binder by volume. In traditional latex paint, there is 1-percent to 7-percent solvent dissolved into the binder.

New low-odor varieties of latex paint are essentially solvent-free, though they contain about the same amount of binder.

In traditional latex paint, globs of binder and particles of pigment are suspended in water. As the paint dries, the water evaporates and the solvent-softened binder globs become oval shaped. When the water has completely evaporated, the globs

of binder are coalesced and the remaining solvent evaporates.

Solvent-free latex has soft binders. They coalesce without solvent.

Both types of paint form a high-quality, long-lasting film, but the solvent-free variety is good to know about if you're chemically sensitive.

Paint manufacturers make a point of stressing that their product meets or exceeds federal standards for volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Most high-quality latex paints meet this requirement. Hence, they are "low odor" or "low VOC" by nature. But this doesn't mean they are solvent-free or as close to it as possible.

HOME IMPROVEMENT CALENDAR

■ The Home Depot offers free "how-to" clinics every week for do-it-yourselfers. Clinics last approximately 30-45 minutes each and are taught by experienced Home Depot associates who cover step-by-step instructions on how to tackle a variety of home improvement projects. Seminars offered in August are, on Saturdays and Sundays, *How to Install Ceiling Fans*, 10 a.m.; *How to Install Pergo Flooring*, 11

a.m.; *How to Install Ceramic Tile*, 2 p.m.; and *How to Install Patio Pavers*, 3 p.m. *How to Use Ralph Lauren Paint* will be discussed 7 p.m. Tuesdays. *Deck Maintenance, Cleaning, Staining and Painting* will be the topic 7 p.m. Thursdays. For more information about the clinics, contact your local Home Depot store.

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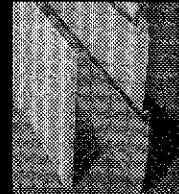
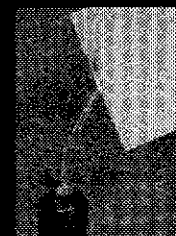
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DR. BRAD DAVIS

I am amazed by the number of children who want to be vets. This especially amazes me when a dog with diarrhea shares it with my lab coat or when a belligerent drunken man demands free service while threatening to call the local media if he doesn't get it. Writing the monthly check for student loans makes me wonder, also.

Being a vet is pretty cool, though. It's not quite as much like ER as that vet show on Animal Planet cable indicates. (Very few clinics have their own dramatic background music.)

Becoming a vet isn't so cool — it is a long, difficult process with a lot of pitfalls along the way. In a way, this is good, as it saves the world from being overrun by vets. But it does make reaching that dream more difficult.

Direction

One of the people who help make the dream come true is Jeanne Anderson of the Michigan State University Preveterinary Advising Center.

She helps direct high school students toward the proper

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background to be prepared for college, and makes sure the college students are heading in the right direction.

"The most important starting point is when starting high school," Anderson said. "Make sure to take a science-oriented college prep curriculum."

Getting practical experience is important, also, as 240 hours working with a vet are required. "(The 240 hours) need to be done as a requirement, but most important is to do it for you, for your own satisfaction that this is what you want to do; that you have realistic expectations."

Also, vet school applications require a letter of recommendation from a veterinarian.

After two or more years as an undergrad, and after taking tests for medical or graduate school admission, students will apply for one of the coveted positions to vet school.

Of the 1,253 who applied last year, 249 were offered interviews, and in the end about 100 were accepted.

While these numbers seem insurmountable, they are also a bit misleading. Of the 1,253 applicants, 202 were from Michigan, and of those 202, 81 were accepted into MSU's vet school.

"In reality, it is very competitive, but not impossible," Anderson said.

Many of the students who don't make it are those who lose focus in undergraduate studies.

"We spend a lot of time speaking with the new pre-vet stu-

dents about focusing," Anderson said. "If getting into vet school is the goal, then academic performance must be the number one priority..."

"Extracurricular activities (such as clubs, jobs and sports) are great, but you can't sacrifice performance."

Those who stay out of the pitfalls, and who survive classes like organic chemistry, physics and biochemistry, will apply, interview and, it is hoped, be accepted.

Then it's 2-1/2 intense years of classes, followed by 1-1/2 years of clinical rotations, followed by a lifetime of student loan payments.

Programs

For students interested in becoming a vet, MSU has two programs to help those learn more about it.

One Saturday every spring, the College of Veterinary Medicine offers an open house, where the state-of-the-art vet clinic is shown off, and where people can milk cows, shear sheep and even look into a live cow's stomach. (I'm not making that up.) It's free, there's lots to do, and it's a great day, well worth the drive to East Lansing.

The other program perpetually sold out is Vet Camp, where middle school students get to see what it's like to be a vet student for a week. They attend classes, go to farms and live in dorms. Call early if you are interested — the program fills up fast

every year.

Senior year, vet students take board exams. If they pass, they can begin practicing upon graduation.

The money is nowhere near what other professions are paid, but part of what makes being a vet special is that people go into it for many reasons, but rarely, if ever for the money.

You do it for that moment when you are able to give an owner back a healthy pet they thought wouldn't make it — seeing the owners' eyes light up as they hug a pup who's wagging his tail so hard his body is shaking.

"There is so much negative information out there on the rumor circuit about the level of competition to get in — all this discouragement," Anderson said.

People in the community should be "encouraging kids, not discouraging them!" she said.

Take Home Message: If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a vet, the time to start working is high school.

Write to Jeanne Anderson at the Preveterinary Advising Center, A-136 E. Fee Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824, or call (517) 355-6510 for more information.

Dr. Brad Davis is the medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135. Feel free to write him there with questions and comments. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show Animal Talk. Visit the Web site at www.Animaltalkradio.com. You can send e-mail questions or comments to DrBrad@animaltalkradio.com.

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GARDENING

Books galore help make glorious gardens

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Here we go again! Books, books and more books on gardening are being published almost daily! Following are a few new titles:

Rhododendrons in the Landscape, Sonja Nelson (\$29.95, Timber Press), is a well-organized book that takes us from beginning (planning where to site a plant) to end (the final beauty of the rhododendrons).

These handsome shrubs have long been used in the landscape, and Nelson's insight into where they will best fit in any garden is remarkable.

After sharing design principles, she explains what plant is best suited for each particular garden, i.e. woodland, rock, native plant border, small garden.

Their versatility is shown in that they can be included in borders, hedges, containers and islands; as specimens; trained as bonsai and espalier; and other uses. Great for beginners as well as advanced gardeners.

Also from Timber Press, *Design for Gardens*, Joseph Hudak (\$29.95), carefully guides the reader in landscape design.

"In this book I explain the essential design guidelines in substantial but user-friendly ways, so the data contribute many practical aspects as well," he says.

We learn that planning is the key whether the garden is to be formal, informal or naturalized, and how to select the correct plants.

Many photographs from Hudak's installations are included.

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ed to show specific elements he has used, as well as the "before and after" landscapes. His 5-year-long personal garden renovation in Massachusetts is featured.

Perennials

Perennials: A Photographic Guide to More Than 1,000 Plants by Type, Size, Season of Interest, and Color (\$29.95, DK) is a must for perennial lovers.

Each plant can easily be identified by the photographs, descriptions, hardiness zones, size and cultivation requirements. Entries are further divided by size and season of interest and are listed under the plant's family name, the common name and the botanical name.

Plant groups or genera of special interest are featured on separate pages — ferns, non-bulbous irises, delphiniums, perlargoniums and asters are a few. A general guide to perennial care tops off the book.

Another DK publication, *The Border Book*, Anna Pavord, first published in 1994, has just been released in trade paper (\$13.95).

It enthusiastically shows unusual plant combinations that knock your socks off. All types of plants are featured in the various gardens, not only for borders but for corners, with retaining walls, patio plantings, for mixed beds and more.

"Do not let anyone tread upon these dreams (your own ideas of a garden)," Pavord says. "Trust your own instincts. Do not be afraid to experiment. And indulge — to the fullest possible

extent — your imagination."

She gives us the impetus to do just that. Go for it!

Harmony

Taylor's Master Guide to Landscaping, Rita Buchanan (\$40, Houghton Mifflin), answers the many questions gardeners may have — how to use plants in the most pleasing manner to suit their individual lifestyles.

For instance, when designing a front garden, she explains how to achieve harmony with the house and the garden.

■ About shade trees: Choose a deciduous tree. The ultimate size of one for a single-story house is 25 feet; for a two-story, 40 feet. She recommends 14 from which to choose.

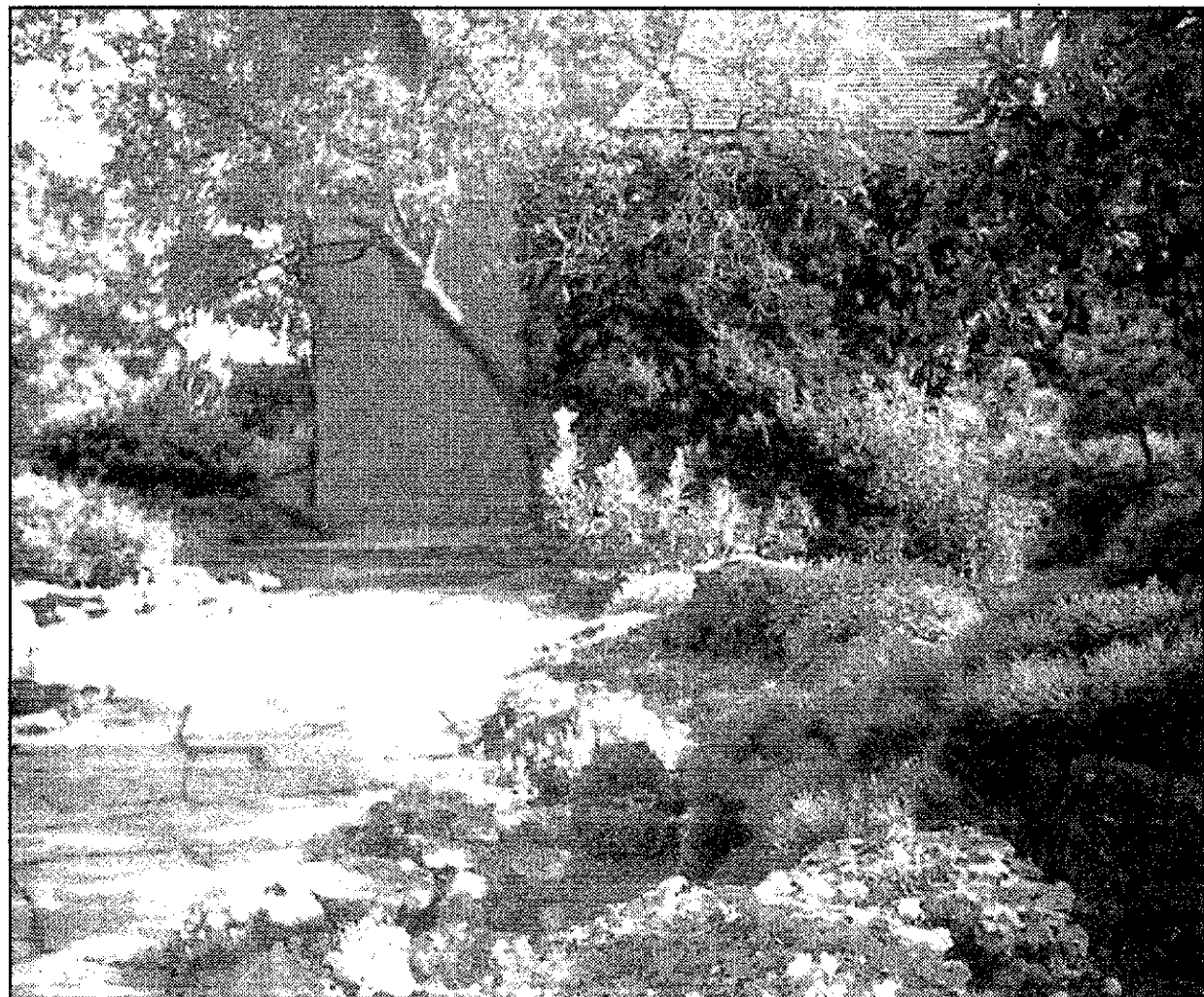
■ About paths: Dry-land paving of irregularly shaped flagstone is the easiest kind for homeowners to install.

Two main issues for a vertical structure are what it will do and how it will look.

Three chapters are devoted to plant care and the information is direct and easy to understand. Color photos of successful landscapes are inspiring. Great information!

Also from Houghton Mifflin, *Taylor's Guide to Growing North America's Favorite Plants*, Barbara Ellis (\$22, soft), will take the place of the notes you have stuck away for future reference.

Each species is grouped according to bloom season or cultural requirements, and each is placed in alphabetical order by common name with perennials,



MARTY FIGLEY

Grand plan: Proper design and plant selection will result in beautiful landscapes.

annuals, bulbs and shrubs intermingled. Ellis encourages the use of botanical names so the right cultivar is selected.

The emphasis of the book is about proper planting techniques, site selection and correct care, such as what to do seasonally, and appropriate landscape placement. Wow!

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then 3445. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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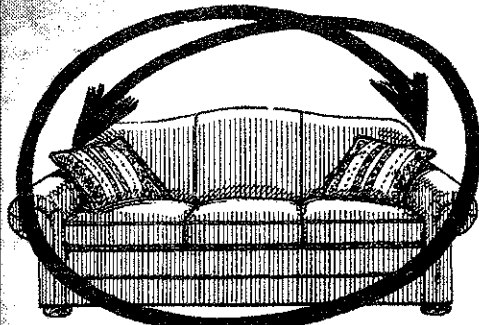
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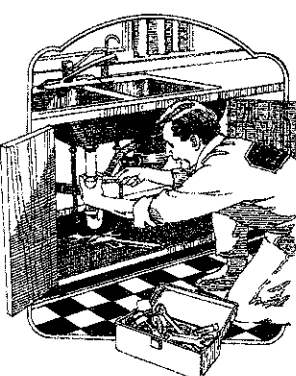


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GARDEN TALKS

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Saguaro Rare and Traditional Plant Nursery and Gardens offers a series of free lectures by various garden experts 1 p.m. Sundays at the nursery, 470 W. Five Mile in Whitmore Lake. The talks last about an hour. Reservations aren't necessary. A 10-percent discount is given on any plant discussed in the lectures. Call (734) 449-4237.

WILD ONES

LEARN IDENTIFICATION

Robert Shaffer, a curator who specializes in the study of fungi at the University of Michigan's herbarium and Jocelyn Shaffer, will discuss wild mushrooms and how to identify poisonous and edible species from 7:15-9:15 p.m., on four Tuesdays, Sept. 12, 19, 26 and Oct. 3, and four Saturday field trips Sept. 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7 at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, University of Michigan, 1800 North Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. The class costs \$160, or \$144 for those who join Friends of Matthaei. Call (734) 998-7061 for information.

GARDEN CLUBS

POND WATER

The Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Koi & Pond Clubs meets 4 p.m. the third Sunday of every month, now to November. New members and guests are welcome. Call (248) 646-7675 for details, location and questions.

AUTHOR FEATURED

Ted Nelson, professional photographer of birds and landscapes and author of *The Nature of Kensington*, will be the guest

speaker at noon Sept. 11 of the Farmington Garden Club, at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, on the west side of the street between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Call Dorothy at (248) 615-3616 for information.

FLOWER SALE

AFRICAN VIOLETS

The Michigan State African Violet Society will sponsor a fall display and sale of African violets at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road, in Ann Arbor, while supplies last. Hours are 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1.

CLASS BEGINS

MASTER GARDENERS

Master gardening programs are offered by the Michigan State University Extension Services. Classes meet for 13 weeks start-

ing in January in Wayne and Oakland counties. Master gardeners must complete 40 hours of classroom instruction and 40 hours of volunteer time. Applications will be available in October for Wayne County residents. Call (313) 833-3417.

Oakland County residents can apply now for the January class. Costs include a \$25 application fee and a \$225 course fee which includes a 700-page manual. Call (248) 858-0887 for information.

MORE GARDENING

The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile Road, in Livonia offers a variety of subjects. Level 1 Classes last September through December 2000, which are prerequisites to many others.

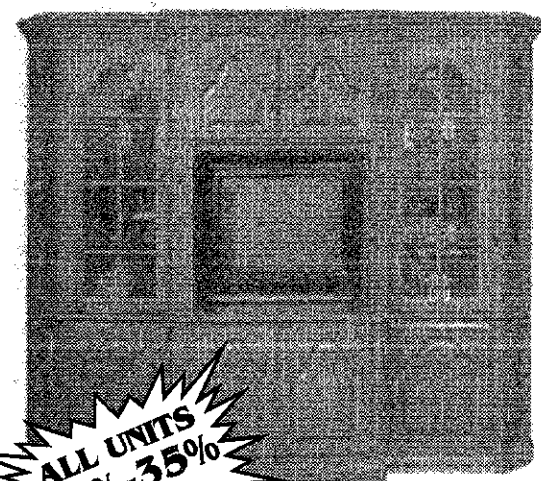
Please register in advance. Many classes are limited in size. The "Ins and Outs of Plants" starts Monday, Sept. 11, instructed by Janet Macunovich. Macunovich also teaches a practical gardening class Monday, Oct. 23, and a focus on design class will be taught

in November by three instructors. Other classes include vines and vertical features on two consecutive Thursdays, starting Sept. 14 and instructed by Sue Grubba. Advance classes include all about lawns on three consecutive Thursdays, starting Oct. 2, instructed by Janet Macunovich and Steve Nikkila; and shade gardens on two consecutive Tuesdays starting on Oct. 17, instructed by Pam Palechek. Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information on fall classes, times and costs or click on www.michigan-gardening.com.

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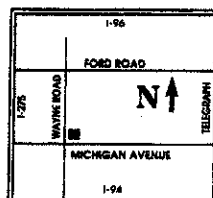
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Quilt work: Carol Ann Mathews of Canton created "Forget-Me-Not," featured in this year's Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild's annual show.

Exhibitors highlight traditions of quilts

The Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild will sponsor its annual Quilt Show "Celebrating the Quilt: Past, Present and Future," 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7-8, in the Morris Lawrence Building on the campus of Washtenaw Community College at 4800 East Huron River Drive, in Ann Arbor.

The show will feature examples by guild members of traditional and modern quilt techniques, quilted clothing, antique quilts, along with fabric and quilt supply vendors, demonstrations, and special exhibits.

Tickets will be available for several raffle quilts with proceeds going to Safe House, a temporary housing service for domestic abuse victims. Admission is \$5.

Featured exhibitors

The Adventurous Quilters is a small subgroup of the Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild members who explore fabric art innovative

techniques. This year's challenge for the group was to have each member design and produce a quilt using the rain forest as a theme.

The quilts were to have no size limitations as long as the theme was evident. The rain forest quilts will be on display at the show.

Sally Marsh's Quilt Kit Exhibit consists of 12 bed-size quilts and two crib quilts, all produced from kits in the 1930s. Many quilts in the decade of the Great Depression were made using solid color fabrics appliquéd on a light background.

Marsh of Kalamazoo began collecting old quilts about 15 years ago. Her collection ranges from red and green appliquéd from the Civil War Era to patchwork from that period to 1930, as well as some Crazy Quilts from the 1880s.

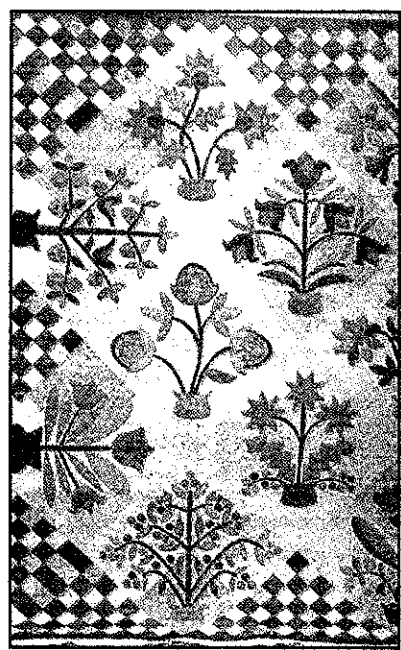
The kit quilts always intrigued Marsh, and she began collecting them in earnest about 10 years

ago. Marsh is a member of the American Quilt Study Group, an organization devoted to the study and preservation of quilts of the past. She appraises, writes, lectures, and consults on a variety of quilt-related topics.

Marsh's exhibit highlights quilts made from kits available at that time through mail order, giving quilters many choices beyond those offered at local stores. Kits included detailed instructions for layout and color choices, and some came with pre-cut templates, pre-marked background fabric, and sometimes pre-cut fabrics. Few quilters of the past signed and dated their quilts, but much can be learned by studying collections of old patterns.

The Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild also is involved with a project to provide visual aids for schools in the Ann Arbor area.

For information, visit gaag.org or call Katie Horne at (734) 971-8139.



Appliqué: Livonia resident Patricia Harbowy will display her "Flourish" at the show.

Showcase of Homes features 55 houses

The sixth annual Showcase of Homes, a scattered site open house of 55 model homes, will run through Sept. 24 across southeastern Michigan.

"These outstanding homes present designs and home technologies for young families to empty nesters," said Dave Kellett Sr., the president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and of Kellett Construction Co. in Bloomfield Hills. "The Showcase is a unique opportunity to see some of the best new homes in our area built by BIA master builders."

A plan book containing the renderings, features and location maps for the 55 homes will be available at Standard Federal Bank offices and at the model

homes. This information can also be found on the World Wide Web at www.builders.org.

Model homes include condominiums and single family homes priced from \$130,900-\$974,500.

Building industry experts will judge the homes and award winners in several prize categories before the show opens. Judging will be based on the design, architecture, special features of the home and its value for the price.

The non-profit BIA, Standard Federal Bank and The Detroit News/Free Press Classified Marketplace sponsor the Showcase of Distinctive Homes program. BIA also sponsors the Parade of Homes in the spring.

Pen enthusiasts gather for show in September

The Michigan Pen Collectors Club's 11th annual pen show will take place Friday-Sunday, Sept. 8-10, at the Westin Hotel at the Town Center complex, on Evergreen south of 11 Mile in Southfield.

The club is a non-profit group of more than 200 collectors and enthusiasts of vintage, new and rare writing instruments.

PenBid.com, the world's largest writing instrument Web-based auction site, is sponsoring the event.

Dozens of dealers specializing in both new and vintage fountain pens and other writing instruments will be exhibiting and selling their wares. Some very rare vintage pens will likely be at the show, valued at as much as \$20,000.

The show will provide a special opportunity for buyers to look over the pens in person and bid live.

Everyone will also be able to bid worldwide by going to www.penbid.com and clicking on the exclusive Michigan Pen Show listing.

The pens in this auction will be listed by club members. PenBid.com will be in attendance all weekend to answer questions and showcase its pen auction Web site.

The show will be open to the public 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 10, with admission at \$5 for the day.

Full-weekend packages are available that grant admission to early trading 9-11 a.m. Sept. 8 and Sept. 9. Early admission is \$35.

In addition, the club will have its annual pen auction the afternoon of Sept. 9. PenBid.com will host a silent pen auction noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 10.

Club president Dennis Brown said this year's show promises to be the best yet, with more than 50 dealers from around the country expected to attend.

These dealers will be selling and exhibiting many rare and exciting pens, both vintage and new, from fountain pens to modern pens and pen ephemera, such as desk sets and vintage advertisements. Retailers of new writing instruments will offer their wares at great discounts.

"Our show is one of the oldest in the country, and it is certainly the friendliest. The atmosphere is relaxed all weekend, and we especially welcome and encourage new collectors who may just be getting into the hobby," Brown said.

"It's a great opportunity to learn about this fascinating and growing area of collectibles."

For more information about the show, call Brown at (313) 584-5459. Mike Krut at (248) 626-7960 or Sean Stillwell at (248) 269-7083; or visit the club's Web site, www.michpens.com, or www.penbid.com

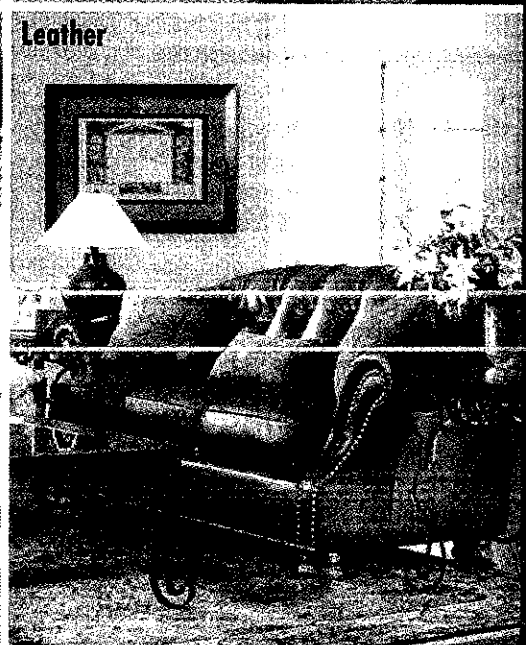
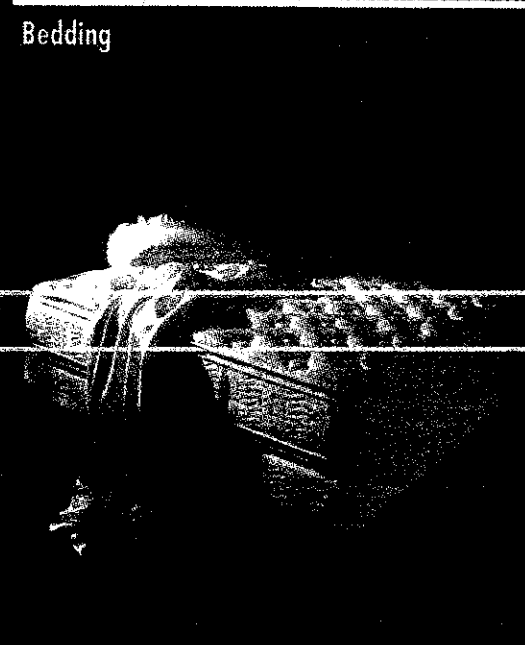
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THE WEEKEND

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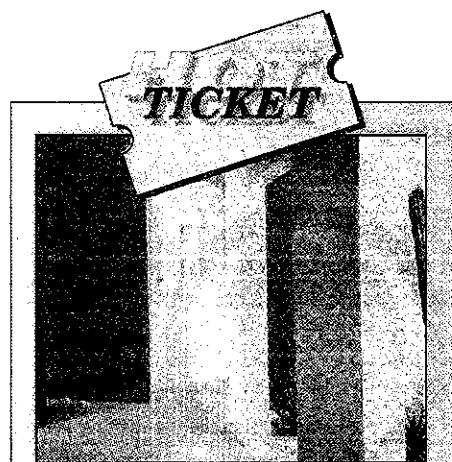


See "Cirque du Soleil" at the IMAX Theatre inside Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Call (313) 271-1570 for show times and ticket prices.

SUNDAY



Kirk Hanley of Farmington presents "Ex-Men," with Kiff Van der Heuvel 4 p.m. during the Detroit Improv Festival at Second City-Detroit. Performance tickets \$5, call (313) 965-2222.



Celebrate the holiday weekend with art, music and food at Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats in downtown Pontiac, Friday-Monday, Sept. 1-4. For details, visit www.artsbeatseats.com or call (248) 975-8850.



Soul Journey: Michael Weiss will perform music from his latest recording project at the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Michael Weiss measures his words carefully. He balks when the term bebop comes up to describe his music. At age 42, the New York jazz pianist is returning to Detroit to play what he describes as creative music from his latest recording project *Soul Journey*.

One of the highlights of the evening is sure to be *El Camino*, the composition for which Weiss recently won the Thelonious Monk International Composers Competition sponsored by BMI. Weiss will receive the award on Sept. 10 at the Kennedy Center during a performance of the work. But Detroit audiences will hear it first when Weiss and his sextet play 9:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, on the Ford-Verizon Wireless State at the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival at Hart Plaza.

"*El Camino* is in a Latin jazz-type vein and has taken on a different character since I wrote it four years ago as a basic outline. I keep adding to and changing it around," said Weiss, who wrote nine compositions for *Soul Journey*.

"In general, the new recording, as compared to *Power Station* (1997), has larger instrumentation, the addition of percussion, greater variety of rhythm. The writing is more complex. It's a compositional approach where improvisation is a component but more integrated. A lot of that influence comes from Wayne Shorter. His music just touches me very deeply. The craftsmanship is at the highest level out there today."

Emotion is at the very core of Weiss' music, but then he always did listen to his heart. Weiss, who grew up in Dallas, began playing piano at age 6. By 15, he was studying at Interlochen Center for the Arts.

"Interlochen was a very impor-



Poster: This year's Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival poster was designed by Rebecca Radtke, a multi media designer at J. Walter Thompson.

tant turning point," said Weiss. "It was my first experience together with a group of talented musicians from all over the world. I heard Duke Ellington and Stan Kenton, and a teacher presented an arranging class on harmonic and melodic fundamentals of how jazz was put together. It was a whole new world."

Weiss went on to attend a magnet high school for the performing arts where he spent four hours a day studying music, one hour of that rehearsing with a big band.

"I began improvising and wrote a big band arrangement. I began arranging and composing," said Weiss. "I was fortunate to begin very early on. At that time there were a lot of different jazz styles. Fusion was just starting (in the early 1970s). I was excited by it and

big-band music. I was investigating a lot of different styles at the time. When I'm writing, it's something I hear all at once. Sometimes it's a melody or rhythm or harmony that becomes a spark of an idea."

Over the years, Weiss' style evolved from listening to records and playing with jazz musicians like Johnny Griffin, Art Farmer, George Coleman, Charles McPherson, Gerry Mulligan, Tom Harrell, the Mingus Epitah, Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks, and Vanguard Jazz Orchestra.

"You don't even know what influences you, the personality of a certain player, what type of ideas you want to express," said Weiss. "But I don't want to be classified. It's all about creativity. It's the means to be able to be creative."

Headliners love Detroit

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Donald Harrison Jr. and Carla Cook look forward to returning to play the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival on Labor Day weekend. Each has performed at the four-day jazz celebration but never as headliners leading their own group.

"I love Detroit," said Harrison Jr., who's on the road touring nine months of the year. "It has a great jazz audience and one of the greatest jazz tradi-

tions. It must be something in the water there."

Harrison Jr. first played the Montreux Jazz Festival, as it was then known, back in 1982 with Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers. He'll return with a quintet to play selections from *Free to Be*, released in 1999, and his latest recording project *Paradise Found*, which

Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival

What: Four days of nonstop jazz with more than 125 acts on five stages including headliners Nancy Wilson, Abbey Lincoln and the Mingus Big Band

When: 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Monday, Sept. 1-4

Where: Hart Plaza, downtown Detroit. For information, call the festival hotline at (313) 570-PLAY or visit the Web site at www.detroitjazzfest.com

is scheduled to be released in late fall or early winter. His 16-year-old nephew Christian Scott makes his recording debut on *Paradise Found* and will play at the festival with Harrison's quintet 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, on the Motor City Casino Stage.

"I love the music and to play," said Harrison Jr. "You forget you're tired. You have to keep spreading the good news and the joy of this music."

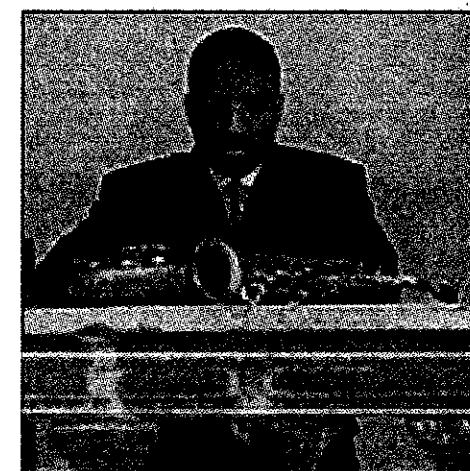
Growing up

Growing up in New Orleans, Harrison Jr. was exposed to all styles of music. His father gave him a saxophone at a young age but the junior Harrison "didn't take to it" until he heard Grover Washington. Before long he was listening to Charlie Parker and learning bebop. By 15, he was playing in a brass band in New Orleans, and at 21 was on the road with Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers after studying orchestral music and jazz with Ellis Marsalis. Blakey "genuinely loved young people and understood how to teach each person as an individual."

"I love all types of music because of my father and mother. We'd listen to Willie Nelson, James Brown, Charlie Parker and then he'd discuss it - what to listen for," said Harrison Jr. "My father was most important because he was a Mardi Gras Indian. He put me in touch with the ancient music of Africa. The Mardi Gras Indians continued this in Congo Square where they'd sing and dance Bamboul in the 1800s. It's the only place in America where you had this African singing and chanting. It's where I first started mixing rhythms."

Paradise Found further develops the concept the New Orleans saxophonist first recorded on *Nouveau Swing* in 1997

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Donald Harrison Jr.

COMMUNITY THEATER

Rehearsing: Genesis Troupe members Megan Landry of Livonia and Norm Nettle of Westland rehearse a scene from "Godspell."



New company emphasizes faith and family

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It's a wonderful life, and if you're really determined, you can do whatever you set your mind to.

Starting a family-oriented theater company from scratch sounds like a daunting task, but Marlene Landry and Delores Pearson are making it happen.

They met at the Plymouth Theatre Guild on the set of *It's a Wonderful Life*. Landry, a Livonia resident, portrayed Mary Bailey. Pearson, who lives in Canton, was her mother-in-law, Mother Bailey.

"We just clicked, and found we had a lot in common," said Pearson; "one being we both loved the theater, and we wanted to use our God-given talents in

way that reached other people."

Kindred spirits, both have a slight Southern accent and admit to being hams who love performing on stage.

Landry's originally from New Orleans, and Pearson from Greenville, S.C. Both had been active in community theater before moving to metro Detroit.

They started meeting in May with other interested friends to talk about forming a theater company, and adopted the bylaws of the Genesis Troupe on June 20.

Landry is a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. Pearson is a member of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. Genesis board and company members are members of a variety of

denominations.

"Our values our family oriented, not based on a particular denomination," said Pearson. "We're not Catholic-based or Protestant-based, we're just trying to bring quality family entertainment with good moral values to the community."

Father Joe Mallia and parishioners at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth have been especially supportive. The parish, of which Landry is a member, donated money to enable the group to purchase the rights to their first production, *Godspell*, and offered its social hall as a performance space.

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by mixing funky music with swing, hip-hop and rhythm and blues. Harrison Jr.'s first attempt at combining Mardi Gras Indian folk music with jazz, *Indian Blues*, will be re-released next year. The recording, now a decade old, was a collaboration with his father and Dr. John.

"I love all of those styles of music," said Harrison Jr. "From a jazz perspective, I grew up with Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, all the way back to Louis. It's the most challenging music in the world today. It's mixing sounds with my dad's influence on jazz — mixing rhythms and harmonies together with hip-hop that produces a new different rhythm."

Carla Cook

For Carla Cook, her performance 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, on the Ford-Verizon Wireless Stage, is better than a homecoming because she's returning as leader of her own group, the Carla Cook Project. Cook, who grew up singing in church choirs in Detroit, played Montreux Detroit with Regina Carter in 1996.

"It makes it very special because it's my hometown and because I'm part of a jazz fes-

tival that I first saw in high school," said Cook, who now lives in Brooklyn.

Singing in church definitely influenced Cook's vocal styling but so did listening to her sibling's jazz and Motown records. It's something European crowds find appealing. Cook tours there frequently and in September will sing with the NDR Big Band. In October, she's singing at a festival in Germany.

"I've been touring Europe since before I had a CD, which is impossible here," said Cook. "They've been very receptive."

But before Cook leaves the states, Detroiters will be treated to selections from her Grammy nominated CD *It's All About Love*, a mix of traditional jazz standards and contemporary music which was released in August 1999. Cook will also introduce originals from her latest recording project, as yet untitled. It is scheduled for release in March. Cook added three trombones to the group for the recording.

"I remember writing things in high school at Cass Tech but began writing seriously after college," said Cook. "I simply write what I hear. I'm experimenting with things I hear in my head."



Carla Cook

Festival offers Arts, Beats & Eats

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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As far as diverse crowds and big events go, more is more.

"When you want to make an event better, you want to add attractions," said Jon Witz, producer of the *Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats* festival, scheduled Friday-Monday, Sept. 1-4 in downtown Pontiac. So, that's what he and other organizers of the event have done.

Beyond the name change — the third annual arts, music and food festival until now has been known as *Arts, Beats & Eats* — the venue has been expanded to include M-59 and there are a host of added attractions.

Among the new additions is a media activity tent sponsored by Comcast Cablevision.

Inside the tent, patrons will be able to register to vote at MTV's award-winning Rock the Vote registration exhibit, enter a drawing for a Cancun vacation being held by Comedy Central, test their kitchen knowledge by participating in the Food Network's "Name that Utensil" contest or join in an interactive puppet show featuring the characters from Nickelodeon's *Blues Clues* children's television show.

Also, Food Network *Good Eats* host and chef Alton Brown will be on hand Saturday to sign autographs and meet with fans.

"We are really excited about what Comcast is doing more than any other attraction," Witz said, explaining that he and other organizers were particularly pleased the *Blues Clues* puppet show would be part of the event. "We really wanted to get additional activities for children."

While the words "arts," "beats," and "eats" don't exactly conjure up uncompromising family entertainment, "we have always had a family component," said Witz. "You can only have so much in a name. *Arts, Beats & Eats* has always meant family fun."

In addition to the event's customary components — a juried art fair, restaurant taste festival and live music stages — there are a variety of other sponsored

What: *Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats* festival
When: 4:10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2 and Sunday, Sept. 3; and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4
Where: Downtown Pontiac
Tickets: Concerts are free. Food tickets are 9 for \$5.
Information: For full schedule of events and other details, visit www.artsbeatsands.com or call (248) 975-8850.

activities and events.

DaimlerChrysler is raffling off a 2001 PT Cruiser and displaying NASCAR driver Bill Elliott's Dodge Intrepid.

Farmer Jack presents the Detroit Discovery Museum, a traveling, hands-on exhibit for children featuring five wild animals. Kids age 7-12 will also be able to test their driving and maneuvering skills on a miniature speedway courtesy of Kmart's Kids Race Against Drugs 2000 Tour. Other children's activities include candy-making, crafts and train rides.

The juried art fair features 185 national and international artists displaying work in a variety of mediums, including ceramics, glass, and photography.

Of the 50 area restaurants slated to participate in the event's taste festival are Stage Deli of West Bloomfield, Pike Street of Pontiac, and the Rattlesnake Club of Detroit. Newcomers to the festival include Sangria of Royal Oak, and Big Buck Brewery of Auburn Hills. Food items will be priced no higher than \$4.50 and include both vegetarian and kid-friendly dishes.

Six music stages, including the new Comcast Unplugged Stage, will showcase over 100 local and national performers and run the gamut of musical styles, from R&B and jazz to alternative rock and children's music.

Event proceeds will benefit several area charities, including Lighthouse of Oakland County, The Boys and Girls' Club of North Oakland County, Fanclub Foundation for the Arts and HAVEN.

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"We felt it appropriate," said Mallia. "It's good, wholesome family entertainment, a way to spread the gospel, and allows people to use their gifts of singing and talents acting."

Godspell will open Friday, Sept. 29, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church for a two weekend run.

"We want our theater to be Christian-based," said Landry. "We want it to be family oriented, and as affordable as we possibly can."

Tickets will be \$5 per person, a portion of the profits will be donated to a local charity. "We want to give back to the community," they explained.

They chose *Godspell* as their first show because "it's very familiar, and is a family, value based-show."

"It's a musical walk through the Bible," said Landry. "It's inspired us to continue, and make this work."

By word of mouth the women were able to cast the 10 parts in the show. The cast ranges in age from 16 to 60 something. They

On stage
What: Genesis Troupe presents the musical "Godspell," based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 29-30, Oct. 6-7, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 and Oct. 8.
Where: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth.
Tickets: \$5 general admission, call (734) 981-3163 for reservations or e-mail genestroupe7@cs.com



Practicing their lines: Genesis Troupe cast members work together on a scene from "Godspell" opening Friday, Sept. 29, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

spell," said Pearson. For more information, or to get

begin and end each rehearsal with a prayer, and say something nice about each other when it ends so everyone leaves with a positive attitude.

"We would like to present a quality show with consideration for one another," said Landry.

They're in the process of applying for non-profit status, and welcome new members to share their talents, knowledge and expertise. "We're looking for a lighting person to help with *God-*

KinderVision at the Michigan State Fairgrounds

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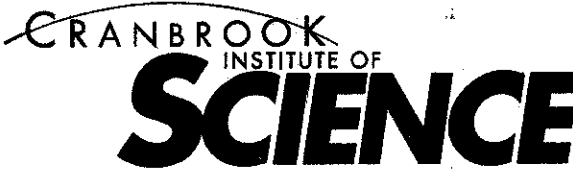
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SPECIAL EVENTS

Toronto Film Festival celebrates 25th year

BY MARTIN BANDYKE
AND KIM SILARSKI
SPECIAL WRITERS

As the Toronto International Film Festival celebrates its 25th anniversary Sept. 7-16, it seems a good time to reflect on the film industry phenomenon it has become.

From humble roots this festival has grown to challenge the Cannes Film Festival as a leading industry marketplace and promotional opportunity. It successfully and simultaneously serves the worldwide film industry, a sophisticated local audience and hundreds of international press representatives who are all clamoring to see as many of the 300-plus titles as possible.

An extremely astute group of programmers led by Piers Handling has become the focus of Hollywood studios that want to launch their big fall films, such as last year's Oscar-winning *American Beauty*.

At the same time, Toronto, itself, has become a filmmaking center envied by other metropolitan areas.

To mark its silver anniversary, this year's Festival sports several special events including the Sept. 9 Roy Thomson Hall tribute to British director Stephen Frears (*High Fidelity*, *Dangerous Liaisons* and *The Grifters*). He will get the red-carpet treatment with a screening of film clips, testimonials from colleagues and an audience Q&A topped off by the North American premiere of his latest, *Liam*. An intense drama about a down-and-out Liverpool family in the 1930s, *Liam* stars Ian Hart, who rocked as John Lennon in *Backbeat*.

The Festival's opening night film is Montrealer Denys Arcand's satire *Stardom*, a morality tale about a model who goes from playing hockey in a small Ontario town to international acclaim, starring newcomer Jessica Pare with Dan Ackroyd and Frank Langella. Other offerings run the gamut from goofy comedies to true life dramas. Christopher Guest, direc-

From humble roots this festival has grown to challenge the Cannes Film Festival as a leading industry marketplace and promotional opportunity. It successfully and simultaneously serves the worldwide film industry, a sophisticated local audience and hundreds of international press representatives who are all clamoring to see as many of the 300-plus titles as possible.

tor/star of the hilarious *This Is Spinal Tap*, returns with *Best In Show*, a mockumentary about a dog-show competition starring Parker Posey and Eugene Levy.

Robert De Niro and Cuba Gooding Jr. star in *Men of Honor*, based on the real life story of Carl Brashear, who became the Navy's first African-American master diver.

Another major director being given the gala treatment is Robert Altman, whose *Dr. T and the Women* stars Richard Gere as a Dallas gynecologist juggling a bevy of women both professionally and personally. Farrah Fawcett co-stars as Gere's wife.

Two-time Academy Award nominee Ang Lee returns with the Chinese language love story *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* while director Cameron Crowe's *Almost Famous* follows a young music fan as he trails a rock band to write a story for Rolling Stone magazine in the mid-1970s.

Featured titles

Here are some more featured titles at this year's festival:

■ *Pollock*: the long-awaited biopic about Abstract Expressionist painter Jackson Pollock, directed by and starring Ed Harris. His lovers, friends and relatives are portrayed by an ensemble cast including Marcia Gay Harden, Amy Madigan and Jennifer Connelly.

■ *A Shot At Glory*: This feel-good tale stars Robert Duvall, who manages a Scottish football team.

■ *The Contender*: a political thriller starring Joan Allen as a

senator who is trying to become the first woman vice president. Gary Oldman and Jeff Bridges also star.

■ *Beautiful*: actress Sally Field's directorial debut about our beauty-obsessed culture, with Minnie Driver and Kathleen Turner.

■ *Greenfingers*: based on actual events, this film follows the growing gardening talents of a prison inmate, played by Clive Owen, who was outstanding in the recent arthouse hit *Croupier*. Helen Mirren and David Kelly co-star.

■ *The Luzhin Defense*: based on the Vladimir Nabokov novel of the same name, this film is directed by Academy Award winner Marleen Gorris and features Emily Watson and John Turturro.

■ *The Weight of Water*: look for paparazzi in abundance at this one because stars Sean Penn and Elizabeth Hurley will most likely be attendance. Film is said to be a masterful tale of deceit, malice and wayward desire.

■ *State and Main*: David Mamet directs Sarah Jessica Parker, Alec Baldwin and William H. Macy in this screwball comedy about a film crew that wreaks havoc when it arrives in a small New England town.

Other special features this year include *Year One*, a retrospective of films shown in 1976, the Festival's inaugural year, including Akira Kurosawa's *Dersu Uzala*; the documentary *Grey Gardens*, about two eccentric relatives of Jacqueline



Featured film: Anthony Borrows stars as Liam, and Ian Hart as Liam's dad, in *"Liam,"* directed by Stephen Frears.

Kennedy; and *Harlan County*, the Academy Award-winning documentary by Barbara Kopple.

A project called 25X25 will give 25 filmmakers a digital camera to record their experiences over 25 hours at the festival.

The results will be shown, free admission, at two different public screenings.

Preludes is a program of short films by Canada's top directors, including David Cronenberg and Atom Egoyan.

Plan to attend

Want to crash the anniversary party? Go online at www.bell.ca/filmfest or call (416) 968-FILM for up-to-date information about titles, tickets and program books.

Festival film: *Frank Langella* (Blaine de Castillon) and *Jessica Pare* (Tina Menzhal) in a scene from *"Stardom."* The film, directed by Denys Arcand, will be shown at the Toronto International Film Festival.



Bask in some hot jazzy sounds at Ford International Jazz Fest

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Do you feel summer slipping away? It's no wonder. Cool weather, buckets of rain, and a horde of mosquitoes are not what most of us have in mind from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Fortunately, one of the best events of summer has yet to happen ... the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit.

Since 1995, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts has produced the Detroit jazzfest, which begins four days of great sounds on Friday, Sept. 1. Highlighting the opening night's music is a performance by Grammy-winning Latin jazz master Poncho Sanchez, an extraordinary congo player, whose early influence was the legendary Mongo Santamaria.

You can expect tremendous

diversity in the more than 100 artists who will take the stage. In fact, choosing the performers who shouldn't be missed can be a bit overwhelming to those with just a casual interest in jazz.

Why not turn to someone with a longstanding and ever-growing passion for the music? I knew I couldn't go wrong with the picks of Bob Scott, Detroit Public TV's vice president of programming and education.

Let's start with Dr. John, who performs Saturday, Sept. 2, at 7:30 p.m. "Always a great show ... heavy gris gris."

Terence Blanchard, scheduled to play Sunday, Sept. 3, at 3:45 p.m. "A premier trumpeter who has worked with the best. A good listen at every opportunity."

Bob began to drift away when I mentioned Nancy Wilson, set to perform Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

"Sweet baby. Her voice makes cinema out of every song. You listen to her and see the story in your mind."

How about the Rayse Biggs Quartet at 9:45 p.m. Sunday?

"Strap yourself down or he'll

blow you out of your seat when he starts blowing two horns simultaneously. He's a real blast."

Monday's schedule includes the incomparable Abbey Lincoln. "A legend not to be missed."

And finally, there's Barry Harris performing Monday at 4:30 p.m. "One of the finest pianists Detroit has ever produced and launched to international fame."

As you can see, Bob had no problem getting in the spirit of the festival.

Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS has featured some exceptional jazz artists in recent weeks, including Miri Ben-Ari, Jeff Haas and Joshua Redman on the show that airs Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Friday night at 1 a.m. I hope the performances on BACKSTAGE PASS have enhanced your appreciation of jazz, which holds such a prominent place in Detroit's musical heritage.

As a cool, wet summer heads into its final weeks, bask in some hot sounds at the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival.

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THEATER

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through Oct. 1, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

FISHER THEATRE: "Annie Get Your Gun" opens Sept. 12 and continues to Oct. 1, at the theater, Detroit. \$33.50-\$65. (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000

JET: "The Immigrant," Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 6-10 and 13-17, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$10-26 with discounts for seniors/students, \$10 matinees. (248) 788-2900

MUSIC HALL: Barry Manilow's Copacabana, Tuesday-Sunday, Oct. 3-8, at Music Hall. \$35-\$50. (248) 645-6666

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: "Victor/Victoria" Sept. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24 and 28-30, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Rochester Hills. \$15, student/senior rates available Thursday and Sunday. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Bus Stop by William Inge, Sept. 8-9; Sept. 14-16; Sept. 21-23, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Depot Theater, Clarkston. Tickets \$9 Thursday, \$11, Friday-Saturday, (248) 625-8811

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE: Bear in the Big Blue House, showtimes vary, Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 27-Oct. 1, at the opera house, Detroit. Tickets on sale 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 14. \$14-\$25 opening nights, otherwise all tickets \$12. (313) 983-6616

PUPPETART: "The Crane Maiden," a Japanese tale with marionettes and puppeteers in traditional Japanese costumes and masks, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30, at the Detroit Puppet Theater. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Shoemaker and the Elves," a summertime musical, Sept. 9, 16 and 23, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, 17 and 24, at the theater, Northville. \$6.50. No children under age 3 1/2 admitted. (248) 349-8110

SPECIAL EVENTS

AUTUMNFEST: Noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, at Marshbank Park on Hiller Road, north of Commerce Road. The festival costs \$5 per car for admission and includes performers like Dan Dan the Choo Choo Man, Fumbleina the Clown, Tim Salisbury, the comic juggler, Bob and Carl, the musical duo and Plasterworks. Carnival rides, hay and pony rides will be available. Anyone interested in volunteering may call (248) 738-2500

EMPTY BOWLS EXHIBIT: Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery present the 10th anniversary National Exhibition of the "Empty Bowls" project against hunger Sept. 8-24, an opening reception takes place 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at the gallery, 33 East Adams, Detroit. Call (313) 963-7575

ICE CAPADES: Tickets on sale now for performances Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 21-24, at The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$35, \$25 and \$15 reserved. (248) 645-6666

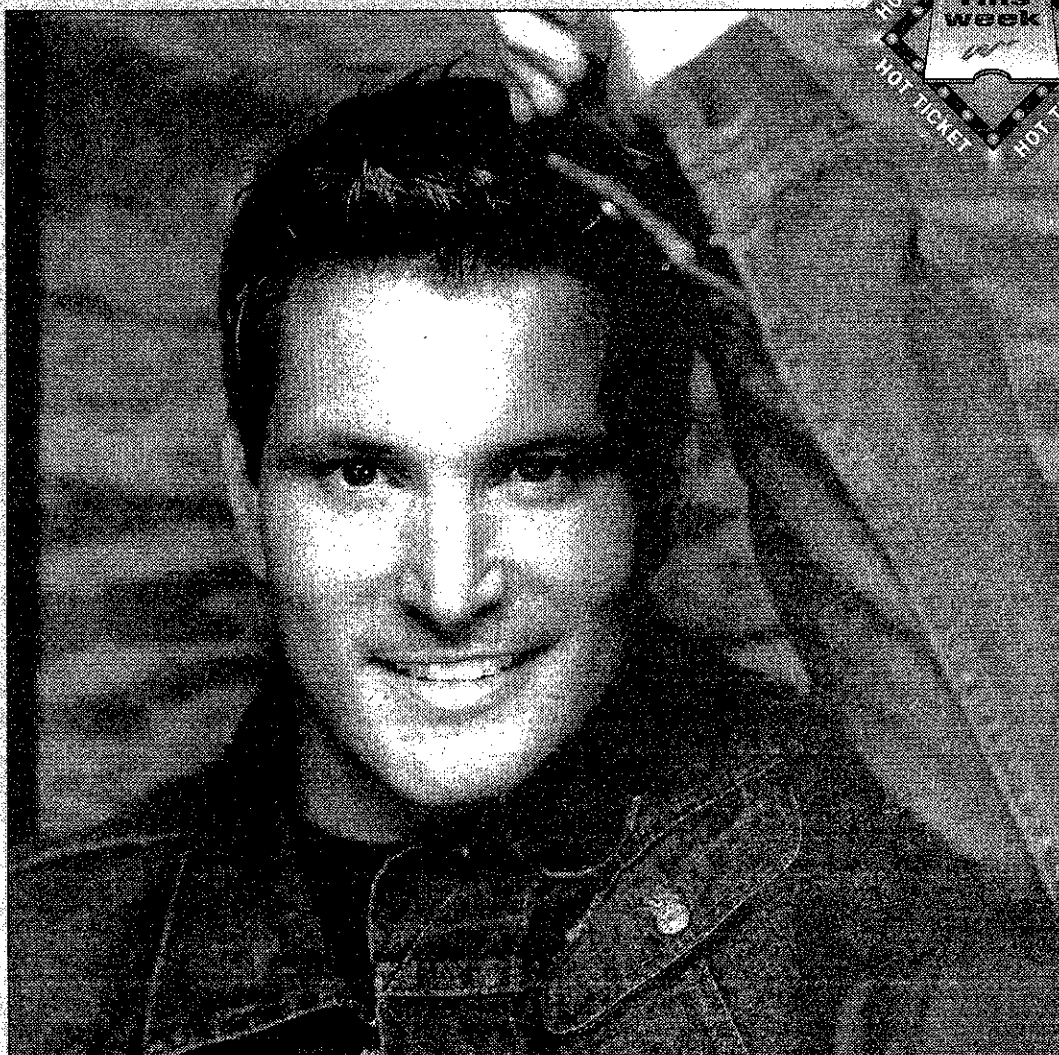
TOUR OF THE WORLD GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONS: 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$22.50-\$48. (248) 645-6666

PLYMOUTH COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. \$5, kids under 10 free. (734) 455-2110

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

IN THE PARK: Hugh Leal & the Motown Classic Jazz Band 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31; and Steve King & the Ditties 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in Shain Park, Birmingham.

MUSIC IN THE AIR: Ursula Walker & Buddy Budson, also Pam Ransford and Friends, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, in Kellogg Park, on Main Street, north of Ann Arbor



Holiday celebration: Celebrate the holiday weekend with art, music and food at Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats in downtown Pontiac, 4-10 p.m., Friday, Sept. 1; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, and Sunday, Sept. 3; and 11 a.m.-7 p.m., on Labor Day Monday, Sept. 4. Ty Herndon performs 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4. For details, visit www.artsbeatseats.com or call (248) 975-8850.

Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-1453

BENEFITS

ART WORKS FOR LIFE: Live and silent auction featuring more than 125 pieces of art and jewelry, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores. \$50 in advance, reservations by Sept. 8. To benefit the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project. (248) 545-1435, ext. 13

AUTUMN GOLF CLASSIC: 9 a.m. shotgun start Thursday, Sept. 14, at Lake Forest Golf Club, Ann Arbor. \$110, \$400 per 4 person team, benefits the Ann Arbor Art Center. (734) 477-0444

HENRY FORD II MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC: Monday, Sept. 18, at the Detroit Golf Club. To benefit the Detroit Institute for Children. (313) 832-1100, ext. 203

KERRYTOWN CONCERT HOUSE: Concert featuring Roger Chard, baritone and Maurita Holland, piano, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 8-9, at the concert house, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10, to benefit the Kerrytown Concert House. (734) 769-2999

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Auditions for associate concertmaster; section violin, viola, cello and bass; third flute/piccolo, principal and second clarinet; third horn; principal and third trumpet, and principal trombone and principal tuba, Sept. 5-7. (734) 994-4801

AVON PLAYERS: Open auditions for "Getting Away with Murder," 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Sept. 10-11, at the theater, Rochester Hills. For performances Oct. 27-29 and Nov. 3-5 and 9-11. (248) 652-6397

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Auditions for "The Man Who Came to Dinner" 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, Depot Theater, Clarkston. Call Mel Case (248) 666-1619 or Sue Owen (248) 674-8968 for a script. The group is also looking for 1940s period clothing, shoes and props.

DEARBORN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Auditions for principal flute, second horn, all strings and substitutes Wednesday, Sept. 6, at Crestwood High School, Dearborn Heights. (313) 565-2424

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND SINFONIA ORCHESTRA: Holds open auditions for its youth orchestras Tuesday-Friday, Sept. 5-8 by appointment only. Candidates should come prepared to play a solo of their choice and selected orchestral excerpts and scales (music can be provided). Tuition for the Civic Orchestra is \$100, \$50 for the Sinfonia. (313) 576-5164

FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CHORUS: Auditions for its winter concert 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 5 and 12 at the Farmington Hills Activity Center, Farmington Hills. There is a small City of Farmington Hills registration fee. (248) 471-4516

FIRST THEATRE GUILD/BIRMINGHAM: Auditions for "Cheaper by the Dozen" 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, in Knox Auditorium, First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook roads. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151. For performances Nov. 3-5 and 10-12

FRANKLIN VILLAGE CONCERT BAND: Auditions for woodwinds, flutes, saxophones, French horns and percussionists, rehearsals Monday evenings, 8 concerts a year. (248) 474-8869

JACKSON CHORALE: Begins its 35th season Monday, Sept. 11 with auditions at 8:30 p.m. and the following Monday, Sept. 18 at 9:30 p.m., for rehearsal which meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays from September to May, at vocal music room at Rochester High School. (248) 651-3085

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS: Looking for new members, especially tenors and basses, reading is not a prerequisite but you must be able to carry a voice part, new members welcome 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Livonia Civic Center Library. (734) 427-5397

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR: Auditions for girls and boys in grades 5-8 (ages 10-13) who reside in Livonia, Westland and Redford 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, boys must have unchanged voices, at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia. (734) 425-1749

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC: Auditions for the 2000-2001 season, call Wendy Bernard for an appointment, (734) 591-7649

MARQUIS THEATRE: Auditions for boys and girls, ages 8-15, for the musical "Halloween Madness," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at the theater, Northville. For performances Oct. 6-29, (248) 349-8110

METROPOLITAN DETROIT CHORALE: Currently accepting new members in preparation of their holiday concert season which includes Handel's "Messiah," fall membership closes Tuesday, Sept. 18. (810) 792-SING

MIDLAND SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA: Auditions Wednesday, Sept. 6, in rehearsal room A at the Midland Center for the Arts. (517) 631-5931, ext. 1501

NOVI THEATRES: Auditions for A.R. Gurney's "The Dining Room" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at the Novi Civic Center. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 once cast. (248) 347-0400

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: Looking for new members who'd like to sing in the annual Christmas concerts Dec. 1-3, auditions will be held by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 12 and 19,

tenors and basses especially needed, but there are some openings for second sopranos and altos, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, Plymouth. For an audition appointment, call (734) 455-4080

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Auditions for new members, especially the positions of associate concertmaster and principal viola, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7 in the Phase III Bandroom at Plymouth Canton High School. For more information or to schedule an audition, call (734) 451-2112

POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF DEARBORN: Together with the General Pulaski Polish Language School will hold registration for students ages 3 and up 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 9, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Dearborn. Dancers age 16 and up are welcome to apply for membership to the adult dance group, Polanie. (313) 581-3181/(734) 789-8801

P.R.C.U.A. SYRENA DANCE ENSEMBLE: The Polish group for all school age children is enrolling new students for the current dance year, practices are held Wednesday evenings at St. Michael's, Redford. (313) 563-1761

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE JAZZ BAND: Looking for new members to join its rehearsals which meet 7 p.m. Mondays beginning Sept. 11 in Room 310 of the Forum Building on campus, Livonia. Auditions will be held during the first rehearsal on Sept. 11. For more information, call band director Jack Pierson at (734) 420-8984

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE THEATRE: Auditions for Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night" 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 5-6, in the Liberal Arts Theatre at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. For performances Oct. 27-28, and Nov. 3-4 and 10-11. (734) 462-4596

SCOOJ JAZZ: Join Scool Jazz, the jazzy vocal group at Schoolcraft College, open to all singers with an interest in vocal jazz, meets 3-4:20 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, in the Forum Building room 310. (734) 420-8984

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: The theater is planning a "Night of One Acts" for winter or spring. If you've written or performed a one-act play that you'd like them to consider, call the theater at (734) 464-6302

VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE OF MICHIGAN: Auditions for a cappella vocal group, looking for all voices to sing at Renaissance feasts, concerts, weddings, workshops and special events. (313) 299-0451/(734) 941-5955

VOX HUMANA: The 24 voice chamber choir has opening for singers in all sections, auditions by appointment Sept. 10-17, at First Unitarian-Universalist Church of

Detroit. To perform "Magnificat settings by J.S. Bach and C.P.E. Bach Dec. 10. (313) 964-2658

POPS/SWING

MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON: Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday through September, at Excalibur, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

JAZZ

SPENCER BAREFIELD TRIO: 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at the Harlequin Cafe, Detroit. \$10, \$15 includes music and buffet. (313) 331-0922

MARCUS BELGRAVE QUINTET: 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Harlequin Cafe, Detroit. \$10, \$15 includes music and buffet. (313) 331-0922

BESS BONNIER ENSEMBLE: Perform the jazz cantata from their recently released CD *Suite William* with lyrics by William Shakespeare, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, guest seating begins 20 minutes prior to concert, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$22, \$11 children under age 12, includes brunch and concert; \$5 stairwell seating. Museum admission included in ticket price. (313) 833-4005

RANDY BROCK & THE BLUES INSURGENT: 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 665-2968

RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

CHARLIE GABRIEL TRIO WITH KENN COX: 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, at the Harlequin Cafe, Detroit. \$10, \$15 includes music and buffet. (313) 331-0922

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

BILL HEID: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 1-2, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JAZZ ON THE LAKE: Featuring Spyro Gyra, Alexander Zonjic opens the concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, on the campus of Orchard Lake Schools. \$75, includes food- and wine-tasting compliments of 24 area merchants. (248) 683-1750

PAUL KELLER/CARY KOCHER QUARTET: 9 p.m. Tuesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

LOS GATOS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

SHEILA LANDIS: Performs with her Brazilian Jazz group on the Airtouch Cellular Main Stage 2-3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at the at the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival, Hart Plaza. (313) 963-7622

JEANNINE MILLER: With Vincent Shandor Trio Friday-Saturday, Sept. 1-2, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7 cover. (734) 662-8310

ED WELLS: 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

SUNNY WILKINSON: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 8-9, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7 cover. (734) 662-8310

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

LARRY ARBOUR: 7 p.m. Friday, at the Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

BALDUCK MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

DEL MCCOURRY: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (bluegrass) (734) 763-8587

EQUASION: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (English folk-rock) (734) 763-8587

K.C. GROVES AND THE BISCUIT ROLLERS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (bluegrass) (734) 763-8587

JOSH WHITE, JR.: 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. \$25. (734) 416-4278

WORLD MUSIC

ANOTHER PINT: 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Nancy Whiskey's, in Corktown, Detroit. Call Kelly Griner at (248) 828-7059

ARA TOPOUZIAN: Performs 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2 with an all-star Armenian band at Levagood Park, Dearborn. The concert is part of the festivities taking place during the Armenian Youth Federation's 67th annual Olympic Games weekend. Free. (248) 851-9225

THE DIGGERS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 665-2968

TRINIDAD TRIPOLI STEEL BAND: Tuesday nights, at Leopold Bros. Ann Arbor. \$3.

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

STORYTELLING RETREAT: Debra Christian, Detroit blues performer Robert Jones, Judy Sima, Joann Ladd, and Yvonne Healy are some of the performers and presenters at the annual Storytellers Retreat Friday-Sunday, Sept. 8-10 in Howell, also workshops, discussion groups, and on-site performances. (734) 451-1128

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, (slow jam 3-4 p.m., open band practice 4-6 p.m. free), at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 769-1052

DANCING IN THE STREETS: Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, features swing, salsa and ethnic dancing including, English, Scottish and Latin, Main Street and Washington, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 623-0624 or www.peterjbaker.com. Evening dance at the U Club in the Michigan Union follows 7-10 p.m., with Peter Baker calling to Debbi Jackson's Band.

WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING: 8-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: The Disgruntled Clown, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Steve Bills Friday-Saturday, Sept. 1-2, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: J.R. Remick Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Gratit Happens," at Second City, Detroit. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com; The Detroit Improv Festival - featuring the premier of Josh Funk's independent film, *Garage*, Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 31-Sept. 3, at the club, Detroit. (313) 965-2222 or www.secondcity.com.

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: Math becomes interactive and fun for families with the newest exhibition "Fun 2,3,4: all about a number of things," continues to Oct. 17; the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club has donated magnetic blocks that have both printed and Braille letter for the magnetic wall so that visitors can write poetry or leave their names on the wall; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

AUTOMOTIVE HALL OF FAME: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (through end of October), at Hall of Fame, on Oakwood Boulevard, adjacent to Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5.50 seniors, \$3 ages 5-12. (313) 240-4000

CRANBROOK HOUSE: Open for walk-in Sunday tours 1-3:30 p.m. to Oct. 29, at the house, Bloomfield Hills. \$10, Thursdays to Oct. 26 lunch at noon may be purchased for an additional \$12. Stroll through the Cranbrook Gardens at no additional charge or enjoy only the gardens for \$5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday (open 11 a.m. Sunday). Free parking at Christ Church Cranbrook directly across Lone Pine Road from Cranbrook House. (248) 645-3149

CRANBROOK SCIENCE INSTITUTE: Candy chemistry, explore chemistry concepts with candy and get some great recipes to try at home, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, at the institute, Bloomfield Hills.

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Free with museum admission of \$7, \$4 students with ID/seniors/ages 3-17. (877) 462-7262

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Behind the Scenes takes a "Hard Hat Tour" of the renovations for the Streets of Old Detroit, 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the museum. \$25, \$15 members. Reservations limited, (313) 833-4727; "Paint-By-Number" family workshop (for children ages 5-11), 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, \$3. (313) 833-1262

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: First Friday features Charlie Gabriel Jazz Ensemble, drawing in the galleries, curator of Near Eastern Art discusses objects in the "Empire of Sultans" exhibit, artist Fong Choo demonstrates his technique for making miniature teapots from clay, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1; master Islamic calligrapher Mohamed Zakariya demonstrates his art noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, at the museum. Free with museum admission of \$4, \$1 children. Tickets for "Sultans" exhibit \$8, \$5 children. (313) 833-7940

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

FLEETWAY TUNNEL: Historical exhibit marking 70th anniversary year of Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, memorabilia and photographs, video showing construction of tunnel, through Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday, at Windsor's Community Museum, 254 Pitt Street West. (519) 253-1812

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: "Cirque du Soleil: Journey of Man" plays in the museum's IMAX Theatre, in Dearborn, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "The First Ladies of Fashion" exhibit featuring 14 reproduction Inaugural Ball Gowns continues to Feb. 1; "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "On the Streets Where You Live" exhibit continues to Saturday, Oct. 28, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum. \$3, \$2 seniors/citizens. (248) 656-4663

LIVE MUSIC

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

BLACK UHURU: Featuring Sly and Robbie, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. 18 and older. \$20. (313) 833-9700.

BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sunday, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

THE BLUE MOON BOYS: 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

BRANDED: 9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, Bullfrog Bar & Grill, Redford. 21 and over. (313) 533-4477.

SARAH BRIGHTMAN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35-\$50. (248) 645-6666.

CALIFORNIA GUITAR TRIO: 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, The Majestic, Detroit. \$20. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

CLONE DEFECTS: With The Unfriendlys, Mazinga and Gramercy Riffs, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, Magic Stick, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (248) 833-9700.

JOE COCKER: With Barbara Payton, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666.

CREED: With openers to be

announced, shows rescheduled as follows: Ticket holders for the 7:30 p.m. Friday Aug. 18 performance may attend Thursday, Sept. 7 and ticketholders for the 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 show may attend Saturday, Sept. 9, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$35. Refunds are available at the point of purchase. (248) 645-6666.

CUBANISMO! 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$30. (734) 761-1800.

DALLY IN THE ALLEY: With three music stages, flamenco dancers, poetry, flea markets, children's fair, food booths, beer wine and art, this year's Dally In The Alley hosts performances from Mudpuppy, Gangster Fun, Soul Clique, Sista Otis & the Wholly Rollers, Stunning Amazon with Audra Kubat, Robert Jones, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, in the alley bounded by Second and Third avenues and Forest and Hancock streets. Call (313) 832-1949.

LINFORD DETWEILER: Founding member of Over The Rhine will perform a solo concert, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for members. (734) 464-6302.

DJ DEL VILARREAL: 7:30 Sunday, "Swing-a-Billy," Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5/\$3 after 9 p.m. (734) 996-8555.

DJ'S QUIG AND DARREN REVELL: 10 p.m. Tuesday, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

GLENN EDDY: Friday, Sept. 8, Uptown Steakhouse, Lake Orion. (248) 814-0607.

EL VEZ: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

FACE TO FACE: With Saves The Day, Alkaline Trio, New Found Glory, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15. (313) 961-MELT.

FEW AND FAR BETWEEN: With Shiner, Radio Holiday, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

FREEHEAT: Featuring ex-Jesus and Mary Chain members, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030.

FOREIGNER: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$14.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

FURTHER FESTIVAL: With The Other Ones (Mickey Hart, Bruce Hornsby, Bill Kreutzmann, Bob Weir, Alphonso Johnson, Mark Karan and Steve Kimock), Ziggy Marley and The Melody Makers, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$34.50. (248) 645-6666.

THE GET UP KIDS: With The Anniversary, Koufax, Jebediah, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, The Majestic, Detroit. \$10. All Ages. (313) 833-9700.

GIPSY KINGS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666.

GOLDFINGER: With Urge, Mest, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

DAVID GRAY: 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

TREY GUNN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$13.50. (248) 833-9700.

HANSON: Thursday, Sept. 28, State Theatre, Detroit. \$25. (248) 645-6666 or online at sfx.com.

HEY MERCEDES: With Paris, TX and Elizabeth Elmore, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$5. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

HIGH ON FIRE: With Acid King, Five Horse Johnson, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

HIP HOP R&B SUMMER SHOWCASE: Starring Da Brat, with Three-6 Mafia, Avant, Nelly, Trina, Ying Yang Twins, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$25.50-\$35.50. (248) 645-6666.

STEVE HOWE: 8 p.m. Oct. 21, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$25. (248) 544-3030.

D.L. HUGHLEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$33.50-\$75. (248) 433-1515.

JULIO IGLESIAS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$35-\$100. (248) 433-1515.

IMMUNITY: 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, 8, The Deck, Detroit. Cover charge. (313) 965-2227.

ISOTOPE 212: With HIM, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700.



Featured group: Phat Phunktion plays 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9922, and 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Fifth Avenue Ballroom in Novi, (248) 735-4011.

BONEY JAMES AND RICK BRAUN: 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$50. (248) 433-1515.

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Monday, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

JAZZ MANDOLIN PROJECT: 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

JOAN OF ARC: With Red Shirt Brigade, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, Magic Stick, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (248) 833-9700.

JO NAB: 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-2222; 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo).

KID ROCK: With Twisted Brown Trucker, featuring Joe C., Uncle Kracker, Dope, David Allen Coe, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 31-Sept. 1. Sold out.

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xtcom.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARENA: 2800 N. Milford Road, Highland. Located inside Olympic Lanes. (248) 887-1880

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9900

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900

BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

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BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 165 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

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THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

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LOVELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 662-8441

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700

MEADOWBROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL: On the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

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MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheatre.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

313 JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302.

U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE & BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519

XHEDOS CAFE: Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club. 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

KILLER FLAMINGOES: 10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 19, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-2222.

KISS: Farewell Tour featuring Ted Nugent, Skid Row, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, Breslin Student Events Center, East Lansing. \$45. (800) 968-BRES; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$30-\$60. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

GLADYS KNIGHT: With Jeffrey Osborne, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-\$75. (248) 433-1515.

KOTTONMOUTH KINGS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

THE LANTERNJACK: With Hemigod, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$6. (313) 833-9700.

HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS: With Stewart Francke, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

LONESTAR: With Rascal Flatts, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666.

BILL MALLONEE AND THE VIGILANTES OF LOVE: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10/\$8 for members. (734) 464-6302.

DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADIME: 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434.

MATCHBOX TWENTY: With The Jayhawks, Thursday, Sept. 28, Eastern Michigan Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. \$28.50. (248) 645-6666 or (734) 487-2282.

JOHN MAYALL: With Peter Green, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$21 advance. (248) 833-9700.

STONEY MAZAAR & THE WESTSIDERS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 8-9, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800.

JIM MCCARTY & MYSTERY TRAIN: 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. 21 and over. Free. (734) 721-8609.

LARRY MCCRAY: 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.

TIM MCGRAW AND FAITH HILL: Soul 2 Soul Tour, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 29-30, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50-59.50. (248) 645-6666.

BRIAN MCKNIGHT: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$50. (248) 433-1515.

BILLY MCCLAUGHLIN: 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030.

MOVIES

'Cecil B. DeMented' entertaining, off-the-wall comedy

BY GREG KOWALSKI
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John Waters used to make outrageously shocking movies. Now his movies are just quirky.

It's not his fault that his edge has been dulled - and that's the whole point of his latest production *Cecil B. DeMented*.

"You've stolen our sex and co-opted our violence," a character sputters, ranting how mainstream movies have usurped what used to be the realm of cult film makers like John Waters.

Cecil B. DeMented, in fact, is a 90-some minute lamentation on how it's virtually impossible to make cult movies anymore

because Hollywood has bled off all the elements that used to define cult movies. Looking for foul language, nudity and perversion? Forget *Pink Flamingos*, Waters' signature film. Just catch *Eyes Wide Shut*, by Stanley Kubrick no less.

This shocking lack of shocks is what Cecil B. DeMented (the character) seeks to overcome by producing the ultimate cult movie entitled *Raving Beauty*.

He and his band of "Sinema" assistants dubbed the Sprocket Holes kidnnap obnoxious actress Honey Whitlock during the charity premiere of her latest sappy movie, *Some Kind of Happiness*.

They dye her hair and declare

war on her dark roots force her into their production, which shoots on location around Baltimore. At first resistant to their lunacy, Whitlock comes to learn that their assault on mainstream Hollywood productions is righteous and, a la Patty Hearst - who is in the cast - she willingly adopts their cause.

As a director, DeMented occasionally wears a straitjacket, and is REALLY, REALLY devoted to his craft to the point of shooting scenes with the help of real guns and a few hand grenades.

From the opening credits, Waters gleefully sprinkles acid, liberally attacking the Hollywood system. There are numerous in-jokes and references to



On stage: Director John Waters has moved into mainstream territory, working with such stars as Melanie Griffith.

cult directors like David Lynch and Pier Paolo Pasolini, whose cult film *Salò - 120 Days of Sodom* is certainly one of the most wretched films ever made.

He also lambastes people who talk in theaters and arrive late for a movie. And you just want to stand up and cheer when he rips the ghastly Hollywood concept of turning old TV shows into feature films.

He also takes some marvelous shots at Hollywood dreck such as *Forrest Gump* and there is a hilarious parody of *Patch Adams* - *The Director's Cut*. It's these kinds of productions that DeMented finds vile and the ruination of the art of movie making.

And therein lies the film's great weakness. In a way *Cecil B. DeMented* is the very thing that Waters decries. It's a major Hollywood production, slick looking and with a terrific cast

Stephen Dorff as DeMented is outstanding and Melanie Griffith as Whitlock hasn't been this good in ages. In fact, this movie is too good.

It sorely needs the presence of the late and much lamented Devine, who would have been a perfect Whitlock. And nothing can replace the awesome smile of the also late and lamented Edith Massey.

And while Waters' familiars Mink Stole and Ricki Lake are present, it's just not the same as the days when sexually deviant lobsters and even small dogs horrified audiences.

That was real cult film making. But it's a sign of the times that such Waters' classics as *Pink Flamingos*, *Desperate Living*, *Mondo Trasho* and *Multiple Maniacs* are readily available at most video stores.

Waters has said that the last true shock cinema frontier is

porno, and indeed *Cecil B. DeMented* also stars Alicia Witt as porno star Cherish, and a key scene takes place in a sleazy porno movie theater. But you know that something is fundamentally wrong with a film like this when you find the language offensive. Here it just seems out of place.

A real cult movie of the type that Waters is legendary for should revel in offensiveness. It should shock you. It should disgust you.

Instead, *Cecil B. DeMented* delights you. So in a curious way it is a successful failure.

If you want a true cult film, you won't find it here. Head to the video store and check out Waters' earlier works. But if you do want an entertaining, off-the-wall comedy that bears wispy traces of Waters' original brand of film madness, this will do.

'Cirque du Soleil' takes viewers on magical journey

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"And so began my journey. . ."

With these words, narrator Ian McKellen begins *Journey of Man*, a 3-D film story about man's development through the ages. The extraordinary history lesson, now at Henry Ford Museum's Imax Theatre, is brought to life by the gifted performers of the famed French-Canadian troupe, Cirque du Soleil.

From our watery beginnings to our childhood to our adolescence and maturity, each age unfurls in a delightfully varied style and milieu, starting with a glittery, bubbling underwater ballet that may make you change your mind if you think synchronized swimming looks stiff and unnatural. Lithe as any denizens of the deep, the circus troupe, directed by Keith Melton, is every bit as visually captivating here as it is in the sawdust of the circus ring.

After a rather splashy segue from the sea to the land, we find ourselves in a fanciful forest. There, a small boy, dressed in turn-of-the-century garb and

accompanied by two rather clownish adults, learns that "joy has a friend called fear." But he also learns that fear can lead to courage and courage to wonder. His discoveries along the way take shape through the appearance of aerialists who magically swing down out of the tall trees, filling him (and us) with awe as they tumble through the air, riotously costumed in Big-Bird-yellow.

Turn around, and the boy is an adolescent in the midst of a vast red desert, where he discovers such wonders as the fiery "Cube Man." Still trailed by the lovable, gibbering adults, he seems to leap and fly from one monumental rock to another (Imax movie-goers may very well feel they're breaking the bonds of earth along with him in this dizzying sequence filmed in Nevada's Valley of Fire State Park). Here, he decides that he has, at last, left "fantasies behind." Ahead, lie "mysteries and marvels."

One of the "marvels" is a Renaissance garden, where two chalky "statues" come to sinuous life above a reflecting pool in one of the movie's most exquisitely

executed sequences.

Ultimately, we view the man in maturity, living in a vast and stony mansion. He has sought to own the secrets of love, but when he is visited by a group of raggedy, carousing youths, he learns something yet again. In the final scene, filmed at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate, his journey has come full circle and he has become his youthful self again as he moves toward the future, hand-in-hand with children.

The ultimate success of this film and this stylized troupe of acro-artists lies perhaps not so much in any single direction but in how all components mesh beautifully to create a kind of memorable, cinematic symphony. *Journey of Man* would not be the same, for example, without the stirring music of composer Benoit Jutras and fabulous costuming by Mark Bridges, Gail McMullen, and Dominique Lemieux.

If the film has a flaw, it's that it ends too soon.

Running time is 45 minutes. For further information on ticket prices and show times, call (313) 271-1570.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 1

HIGHLANDER: ENDGAME

The final chapter in the saga of the immortals, two of whom must team up to take on the ultimate force of evil. Stars Adrian Paul, Damon Dash, Jim Byrnes.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Sept. 6

BACKSTAGE

A Hip Hop film featuring music and behind-the-scenes footage of headliners Jay-Z and DMX along with Method Man, Redman, Ja Rule and Bennie Seagal.

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 15.

BAIT

Comedy about a petty thief who accidentally receives information about a gold heist from a master criminal while they're in jail together. Believing that the petty thief now knows the whereabouts of the gold, a federal agent has him released from prison as human "bait" to lure the criminal's partner out

of hiding and reveal the stolen gold.

Stars Jamie Foxx, David Morse, Doug Hutchison.

AN AFFAIR OF LOVE

Exclusively at the Main Art. Nathalie Baye and Sergi Lopez play two strangers who, agreeing to keep personal details about home and professional life out of the picture, meet in a bar and then check into a hotel for an afternoon of fun.

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 22

CHAIN OF FOOLS

A romantic comedy about a hapless barber whose life takes a turn for the worse when he accidentally ends up in possession of a stolen treasure trove of ancient coins. Stars Steve Zahn, Salma Hayek, Jeff Goldblum.

Upcoming releases, date to be announced

BEDAZZLED

A nerdy technical advisor strikes a deal with the Devil in order to fulfill his

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STREET SCENE

Waxwings 'Low To The Ground' sounds set to soar



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Dean Fertita never imagined how working at a record store might affect his future.

Though it sounds like something out of a fairy tale, the Waxwings founder and singer swears it's true. Picture a snowy night in February. Fertita, a quiet-but-friendly sort of guy, was working at Off The Record in Royal Oak and playing a record by Neutral Milk Hotel. The music caught the attention of a stranger who had stopped in from out of the cold. The man happened to be Bob Salerno — of Bobsled Records.

"We carried an album at the time that was actually his first record," said Fertita. "We just kind of sat and talked. He started to ask about Detroit bands and he told me about the label."

At the time Fertita decided not to mention his own band, modest as he is. But six weeks later he had a change of heart and sent Salerno a demo. "It was instantaneous," said Fertita. "He was interested in doing a record." By June, the band was in the studio working on what would become *Low To The Ground*, the band's debut.

I first met the Waxwings a few months after that album was released, still reeling from the effect it had on me.

Shuffling from the white van they've been touring in into the meager-but-familiar surroundings of Detroit's Gold Dollar, the Waxwings showed no signs of road-weariness. There's an air of calm surrounding all four band members, a sense of quiet, though just a few hours later



Keeping the sparks: Dean Fertita, Kevin Peyok, Dominic Romano and James Edmunds are the Waxwings. Don't miss them perform Sept. 13 at the Gold Dollar in Detroit.

they would take the stage before a bevy of friends and fans in the city where it's all beginning.

Giving every ounce of feeling, the Waxwings proved their worth. It wasn't the same as performing before a packed house at St. Andrews Hall in Detroit as the opening band for British darlings, Travis, but it was a good night.

"It was amazing," said Kevin Peyok, recalling the Travis show. "There were tons of people."

The band agreed that the strangest part of the experience was watching the crowd saunter up to the stage, thousands of eyes anxiously waiting for the Waxwings to perform. Intimidating? Yes. And even though the band had to set up in a straight line on stage with almost no space to move around, the show came off without a visible hitch.

The Waxwings are one of those bands that just unfolds into what it's meant to be. Dean Fer-

tita never guessed when he coerced his friend Kevin Peyok, a Southfield native, to play a New York music showcase with him that they would be touring the country two years later. But that's just how it started. Peyok called his friend and longtime bandmate guitarist Dominic Romano. Then Fertita enlisted his roommate and friend-since-childhood James Edmunds to play the drums. The Ferndale-based foursome known as the Waxwings took off.

The band doesn't even know how to describe its sound. "It's still evolving," said Fertita. "On the first record, Dom and I wrote songs separately. I don't think we really knew what to expect until we got back from recording the record."

The result — *Low To The Ground* — proved to be a stellar debut. It took just three weeks in a Minnesota studio to complete but contains 11 songs that weave

a rich, sparkling musical tapestry. From the inspiring beats of *Keeping The Sparks* to the seeping, soothing vocal harmonies on *It Comes In Waves*, the Waxwings are one of the Detroit area's most promising bands. It's no secret, by the sight of the crowd that gathered to hear the band at the Gold Dollar. It was more than just familiar faces from the local music scene: Half of the area's music journalists and photographers could be seen clamoring just as closely to the stage.

While all four musicians proved to be genuinely humble, friendly people, the music speaks for itself. *It Comes In Waves* isn't just a song, it's an experience. Chosen as a favorite to perform live, the song shows the band's ability to create a truly beautiful, cohesive mood that penetrates an entire room and leaves you feeling it long after the amplifiers are switched off. "To me it's so much more alive," said Romano. "It's a high-energy thing. It really comes alive."

Ten O'Clock Your Time, recently added to the 89X playlist, picks up the pace, while *Fragile Girl* conveys a delicate pop sensibility. With songs like these, it's no wonder snagging a record deal didn't take very long. Maybe spending all that time in a record store gave Fertita and friends a few ideas; maybe it was just meant to be.

"Dean tends to see the big picture," said Romano. "I pick out a lot of ideas. And it's who likes what better."

They've all come a long way. Peyok admits his interest in guitar began when he saw *Back To The Future* at age 12. Somehow seeing Michael J. Fox perform *Johnny B. Goode* sparked an interest in him he was never able to shake free of. For Jim,

Casey Kasem's radio show and his first taste of ACDC's *Back in Black* lead to a rock 'n' roll lifestyle. Dean Fertita joked he was probably hooked when Jim introduced him to ACDC.

Back from the band's own East Coast tour and now performing dates with labelmates Adventures In Stereo and The Chamber Strings, the Waxwings wouldn't have it any other way. "To me this is the most important thing we could be doing," said Fertita. So the band's doing it grass roots style, working to build up its fan base.

Just as friends Dominic and Kevin once made a sincere pact

never to play music without one another, the Waxwings promise to produce music that's just as genuine as the band who stands behind it.

See the Waxwings perform with *Adventures In Stereo* and *The Chamber Strings*, Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass, Detroit. Check www.gold-dollar.com

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DINING

Relax over lunch at the Italian American Club

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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It's one of Livonia's best kept secrets — lunch at the Italian American Club.

Served Tuesday-Friday on the lower level of the club, lunch at the Italian American Club is a welcome surprise, a relaxing respite from your busy day. There are no long lines, no rush to eat and go.

Everything is prepared fresh daily by Chef Vito DePalma, Teresa Foggia and their staff.

"These are all old world recipes," said DePalma as we looked at the lunch menu. "Our sauces are made with locally grown herbs such as basil."

The lower level, called the "club house" by members, is a comfortable space that opens onto a patio. If it's warm, you might want to dine al fresco, and sit at one of the eight tables for four.

Not many people know that the Italian American Club has been open for lunch since November, and club members would like to get the word out.

"People come, they eat and chat," said Carmela Campoli of Livonia, who serves as club secretary.

Rita Romanelli, co-chair of the lower level committee and a member of the club board of directors, showed me around, pointing out the bocce courts — indoors and out — and the nicely landscaped patio area where you relax and enjoy lunch.

Many club activities, such as the popular Friday Fish buffet, are open to non-members. The buffet includes baked and fried fish, pasta, vegetable, soup and dessert. Call by noon on Friday for reservations.

If lunch is what you're after, you won't be disappointed at the

Italian American Club of Livonia

Where: 39200 Five Mile Road, east of I-275, Livonia, (734) 953-1137.

Open: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday for lunch. Fish night 7-8 p.m. Friday.

Lunch menu: Includes a variety of appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, pasta dishes, and entrees. Ask about the daily specials. Kids menu available.

Cost: Soup \$1.95-\$2.95; main dish salads \$6.50-\$7.95; sandwiches \$5.95-\$6.50; entrees \$9.50-\$12.95. Fish night buffet \$12.50.

Reservations: Recommended for parties of 10 or more. A must for fish night.

Credit Cards: Accepted for lunch only, all majors.

Special events at the Italian American Club of Livonia

■ **The Annual Festa del Vino** — 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17. Wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and traditional family-style dinner. Activities for children, music by Gino's Market Band. Ages 19 and older, \$30 per person; ages 11-18, \$10 per child; ages 10-6, \$5 per child. Discount on adult tickets for club members.

Reservations due by Sept. 7. Make check payable to IACL and send to Anna Giammarco, 40360 Harmony Lane, Northville, MI 48167. Tables of 10 will be reserved upon request.

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Tickets \$75 per person. Make check payable to IACL and mail to Mary Saplenza, IACL, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

Italian American Club of Livonia.

The menu includes a fresh soup of the day and some main dish salads such as the Caesar salad with grilled chicken. If you're hungry for a sandwich, try prosciutto, salami and cheese with a cup of soup; grilled Italian loose sausage with peppers and onion; or a giant 10-ounce hamburger with all the trimmings.

Ask your server about the "Chef's Special of the Day." Of course you'll find lots of delicious pasta and Italian entrees to choose from. Order a linguine with your choice of red or white clam sauce; spaghetti with meat sauce and meatballs; or Fettuccini tossed with prosciutto, peas and pesto sauce. If it's red meat you want, try the 12-ounce New York Sirloin Steak with French

fries or the broiled lamb chops — a specialty — with a side of pasta and soup or salad.

Entrees are served with soup or salad and Italian bread.

Treat mom to lunch and bring the kids along. The children's menu, for kids 12 years old and younger, offers pasta served with meat or tomato sauce, hamburger with fries or chicken strips.

End your meal with the dessert of the day. Ask your server for suggestions.

Where's your favorite lunch or dinner spot? To recommend a restaurant to be featured on our Dining page, send menu, or your recommendations, to Keely Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. If possible, include an address and phone number of the restaurant so that we can follow-up.



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At your service:
Laura Yuchas presents one of the delicious luncheon entrees offered at the Italian American Club of Livonia.

Food in spotlight at Schoolcraft's Culinary Extravaganza

It's good food and not fine words that keeps me alive. — Moliere

Good food of the kind that not only keeps us alive, but makes that living a distinct pleasure awaits patrons of Schoolcraft College's ninth annual Culinary Extravaganza 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24.

About 50 of the finest restaurants in southeastern Michigan will be on hand in the Waterman Campus Center with samples of their most exciting dishes.

The event is the principal fund-raiser for the Schoolcraft College Foundation, which grants student scholarships and supports instructional initiatives.

In addition to the gourmet food, Culinary Extravaganza will include a raffle with two round-trip tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S.; 30-minute cooking demonstrations in the Culinary Arts classroom; a wine tasting session with Madeline Triffon, master sommelier and wine director of Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corporation; and a live auction featuring combination prizes.

As always, the spotlight is on the food.

Patrons can sample southeast rock shrimp in a three-pepper cream sauce from Rocky's of Northville, slow roasted, bacon-

wrapped pheasant breast with apricot glaze and wilted spinach and pears from the Golden Mushroom, penne salsiccia marinara from Venti Uno in the MGM Grand Detroit Casino, or Piedmont tenderloin from La Bistecca Italian Grille.

There are a variety of pastas from Cascades Restaurant in Embassy Suites and Mamma Mucci's Pasta, an array of tortes, pies, pastries and breads from Holiday Market, chocolate babka and chocolate cherry bread from Zingerman's Bakehouse, bread pudding with Irish whiskey sauce from O'Leary's Tea Room and autumn cobbler, wedding cake and French pastries from Confectionately Yours Bakery.

Additional restaurants include Emily's, Excalibur, Five Lakes

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Grill, The Farm, the Ritz-Carlton, Sweet Lorraine's Café, The Moveable Feast, Irrescence at the Motor City Casino, Zodiac at Neiman Marcus and Schoolcraft's own American Harvest, operated by the Culinary Arts students. Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream, Cadillac Coffee Company, the Michigan Grape and Wine Council and Pelee Island Winery will bring abundant samples of their products.

Auction

Packages for the live auction include: a gourmet dinner for eight prepared in your home by a Schoolcraft chef; a weekend stay on Pelee Island, Ontario and winery tour and tasting; a culinary weekend course in the art

of gourmet cooking at The Farm Restaurant in Port Austin; a wine tasting reception and hors d'oeuvres for 20 at Morel's restaurant with Triffon; charter airfare for two from Detroit to Las Vegas and a three-night stay at the Imperial Palace Hotel; use of the Wayne County's Executive Suite at Comerica Park for 12 for a Tiger game; overnight for two in the Presidential Suite at Embassy Suites Hotel; a ride up front with the engineer on the Michigan Star Clipper Vintage Children's Excursion Train; and a beer making party for 12 at

Local Color.

Ticket information

Culinary Extravaganza 2000 tickets are \$40 per person or two tickets for \$75.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Both can be purchased by calling the Office of Marketing and Development, (734) 462-4417.

Visa, MasterCard, Discover and checks are accepted.

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Image: Calligraphic Lion by Ahmed Hilmi (detail), Ottoman Turkey, 1913. From the Nasser D. Khalil Collection of Islamic Art.

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