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Festival time
Artists and performers head to Detroit for 16th annual event. B1

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Memo

Fly boys

If you live in southwest Canton and see a wave of aircraft on the Horizon this weekend don't panic. They're radio controlled scale models - and you can join in the fun.

The IMAA Chapter 31 of Flying Pilgrims will stage its annual Mac MacAtee Memorial Giant Scale Fall Phase Out air show 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 14 and 15.

There will be plenty of activities to go along with the show, which is on an "air strip" off Geddes Road, west of Ridge.

If the weather is right, the show usually draws about 2,000 people each day, said spokesman Jim Repp.

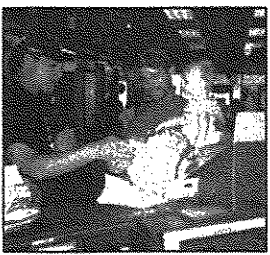
Admission is \$5 a day and spectators can expect to see radio controlled flight with planes that have wingspans as wide as nine feet.

For big plane buffs, The Yankee Air Force Museum at Willow Run airport is in the areas as well.

Wing sighting

No, he didn't bring the Stanley Cup - or his guitar.

But Detroit Red Wings forward (and frontman for the local band, Grinder) Darren McCarty did sign autographs recently at the grand re-opening of the Canton Verizon Wireless store in the Canton Corners shopping center on Ford Road.



Some 200 people turned out for the hockey champ and to join in the celebration with food and prizes, according to the store manager.

Round-up time

Canton's Hazardous Waste Round-up is set for 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Items accepted include fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based paint, latex paint thinner and paint stripper, primer, household batteries and pool chemicals.

For a complete list, call the township Public Works Division, (734) 394-5110.

The Salvation Army will also be on hand for the event, accepting sellable furniture, clothing in good condition, computer equipment and other household items. The event is open to Canton residents (picture ID with proof of residence is required) and co-sponsored by the Sauk Trail Hills Landfill.

Turf meeting

Plymouth-Canton school officials will present plans to install synthetic grass surface at the varsity football stadium at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park at the Sept. 24 school board meeting.

Interim Superintendent Jim Ryan said the district will present information and take comments from those in attendance.



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Nan Washburn conducts the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra for a special concert, "Honoring the Memory, Embracing the Future: Our Community Remembers September 11, 2001" at Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church in Plymouth Township Wednesday evening.

Community gathers to remember

Symphony concert, multi-faith service at Salem draw 2,000 on attack anniversary

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER AND BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITERS

Local residents came together under the umbrella of music and religion Wednesday evening to remember those killed last Sept. 11, pay tribute to heroes borne from the tragedy and celebrate a new American spirit

rising from it.
At Salem High School, about 400 people gathered in the auditorium for a multi-faith "Community Remembrance" service that featured prayer, inspirational music and an interview with Plymouth Salvation Army Commander Steve Hull.



to 9/11. Darlene Dreyer, symphony executive director, said

an allotment of 1,600 free tickets for the event at Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church had been distributed by early last week, with another 400 people signed up on the waiting list.

The highlight of the PSO concert was the rendition of, "Children of the Earth," an origi-

nal song by Pam Conn, a Academy Award-winning documentary film maker who lives in Plymouth.

The concert was sponsored by Canton Project Arts, Canton Township, Plymouth city commissioners and staffers, and a grant from the Plymouth

PLEASE SEE CONCERT, A2

Planners eventually table strip mall proposal

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Does Canton need another strip mall? Can the community support another strip mall? What is the benefit to the community?

Those questions - and many others - caused a usually unified Canton Planning Commission to split in all directions at the regular Tuesday night meeting this week.

At issue was a request from CDDA Architects to approve

special land use to build a 53,500-square-foot retail shopping center west of Canton Center and north of Cherry Hill. The center, just north of Rose's Restaurant, would consist of four buildings wrapping around the First Federal Bank

site. It would back up to Savannah Pointe subdivision.

The special land use designation was needed because the proposed center exceeded the 40,000-square-foot limit for the existing C-2 zoning, community commercial.

The proposal was eventually tabled and sent back to the developers for further work, but not until after a lengthy public hearing.

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PLEASE SEE PLANNERS, A5



DONALD J. ALLEY

Winging it

Debbie Piotrows of Canton and Matt Muma of Plymouth (nearly obscured by smoke) work the pits during Sunday's Fall Fest chicken barbecue. For a story and more photos on the festival, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.

Smiling diners like familiar face

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

He's baaaack! And judging from the dozens of people who packed Canton's newest restaurant last week, it was a joyous homecoming.

At 4 p.m. Wednesday afternoon the doors opened to customers at the Big Boy Restaurant on Ford Road across from Meijer.

"We were packed the whole night," owner Tony Matar said. "I only put one banner up saying we were open and we were full all night long."

The same was true with the lunch crowd on Thursday.

Assistant manager Helen Bingham said before noon she had already received about 10 telephone calls that morning from people asking if they were open.

"They're saying 'We're so glad it's open. Now we can come back to our favorite Big Boy.'"

The restaurant first opened as a Big Boy in 1976, when Ford Road was a two-lane blacktop. It stayed a Big Boy for about 20 years when owner Dave Khoury, who also owns Damon's The Place for Ribs, converted it into The Misty Duck in August of 1996.

The Duck, which featured wild game and a fine-dining menu, closed in June of 1997.

A steakhouse, Mesquite Creek, followed but it was open less than a year. The next occupant was Parthenon Express, an "upscale" coney island, and that lasted less than a year.

When Matar decided earlier this year to resurrect the restaurant as a Big Boy, he said he was sure that would be a success. And Thursday's lunch crowd seemed to agree.

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LOOKING AHEAD
Back to Basics
In next week's Observer: New York Times food writer Mark Bittman writes book about his "minimalist" cooking philosophy.



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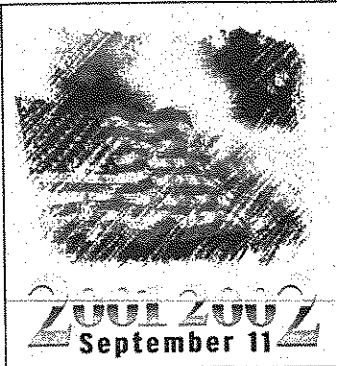
FROM PAGE A1

Township board. It started with the symphony's rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner," during which a color guard made up of Canton and Plymouth Township police posted the American flag.

Conn's song was performed by some 200 children from the Plymouth Counsellors Youth Chorale, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high school chorus and the U-D Jesuit High School boys' choir.

YOUNG VOICES

While all of the music drew loud applause, it was the children's performance of Conn's song that brought down the house.



"To hear the children sing this is one of the great thrills of my life," said Conn. "The sincerity of the children took something I composed and turned it into everything I ever hoped it would be."

Liz Olli, a parishioner at OLG, felt a need to be part of the evening.

"It just brings me closer to God and to my family," said

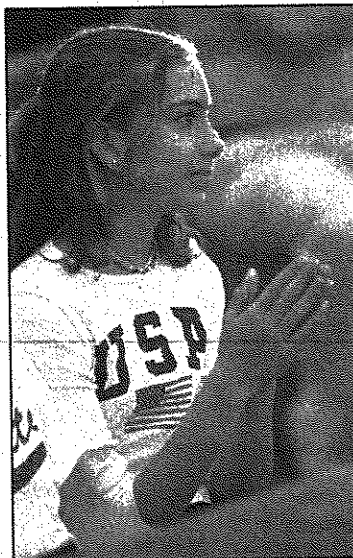
Olli, a Plymouth resident. "I never thought a day could hit like this one hit, and it brought tears to my eyes when I thought about it."

Sandra Agoston was there to see her 15-year-old daughter, Jessica, sing. But she also felt the historical tug to be part of things.

"We weren't close to what actually happened, but it's a part of our history," said Agoston, who lives in Novi. "You feel like you still have to pay tribute. It's the only way you can feel connected."

The desire to come together as a community was cited by those attending the service at Salem as well.

"I'm here to remember people who gave their lives for others and to remember that God is in control. He loves us and he can comfort us," said Plymouth resident Bob Chapman. "And



PAUL HURSCHMANN/OBSERVER

Stephanie Murad of Canton awaits the start of Wednesday's special concert featuring the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

also to pray that something like this doesn't happen again," the Canton Community Church member added. Rochelle Sherwin, of Canton,

attended the service as part of a small contingent from Aglow International, a Christian women's group. "Our purpose is to promote common ground regardless of your affiliation," she said.

COMMON FOCUS

"I think one of the few good things coming out of 9/11 is that it's taken our focus away from the little things, the things driving us apart."

Her companion, Canton resident Carolyn Basierbe, added: "It's taught us to remember we have a common goal."

Congregations participating in the service, entitled "9/11: Looking Back...and Moving Forward," were Calvary Baptist Church, Canton Community Church, Canton Friendship Church, Crosswinds Community Church, New Hope Church and Salvation Army Church of Plymouth. Set against a backdrop that included lines from Psalm 28,

verse 7 - "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped" - prayers were offered for Victim's families and rescue workers, the nation and the church. A band from Calvary Baptist sang three selections and soloist Judy Cash performed another. The Rev. Bryan Smith of Geneva Presbyterian gave a sermon.

Carol Baum of Canton attended the 90-minute service with her family, as did many others. She said she took special care Wednesday to make sure her 8-year-old daughter, Katie, wasn't overwhelmed by media attention to the anniversary.

"I knew there would be something (on 9/11) at school but I didn't turn on the radio at all this morning," Baum said.

"During the last year, when she has asked questions I've kept the information to a minimum, to her level," she added.

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An item in Sunday's police blotter referred to a Sept. 5 fire at the Garland Place

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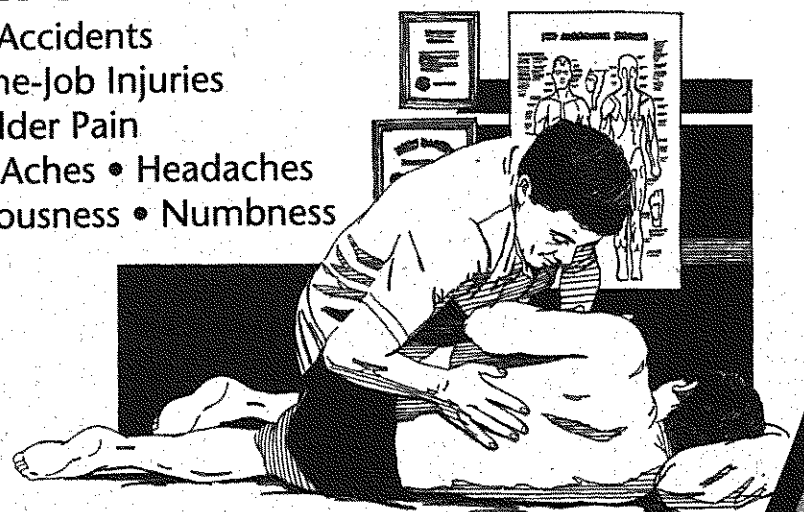
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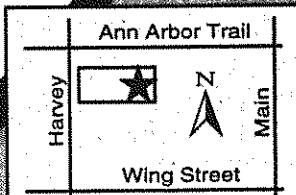
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Fun and profit for Fall Fest 2002

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plenty of good entertainment, lots of good food and three days of exceptional weather helped the Plymouth Fall Festival net a profit this year.

"I'd like to take credit for the great weather, but unfortunately I can't," said Mark Baldwin, president of the Fall Festival committee. "Everything went extremely well. We put out a good product, and people came."

Although final figures won't be tabulated for another month, Baldwin said, "We should have between \$5,000-\$10,000 left (after expenses), and that's without collecting money from the non-profit groups."

The Fall Festival depends on \$15,000 from an event program booklet; the carnival, which gives 25 percent of its gross; plus money collected at the beer tent, to offset costs. Much of the remaining money comes from the non-profit groups, which pay a \$25 application fee, \$150 for each booth space, plus 25 percent of net profits.

Baldwin said the financial picture is looking so good, there's the possibility the non-profits may get some of their money back this year, with the Fall Festival still banking the \$10,000 needed for next year's seed money.

The good weather also meant additional profits from the carnival. Last year it rained two of the three festival days and the carnival generated \$10,000. This year, with three sunny days, the carnival paid the Fall Festival committee \$21,500.

Although the non-profit organization figures won't be known until mid-October,



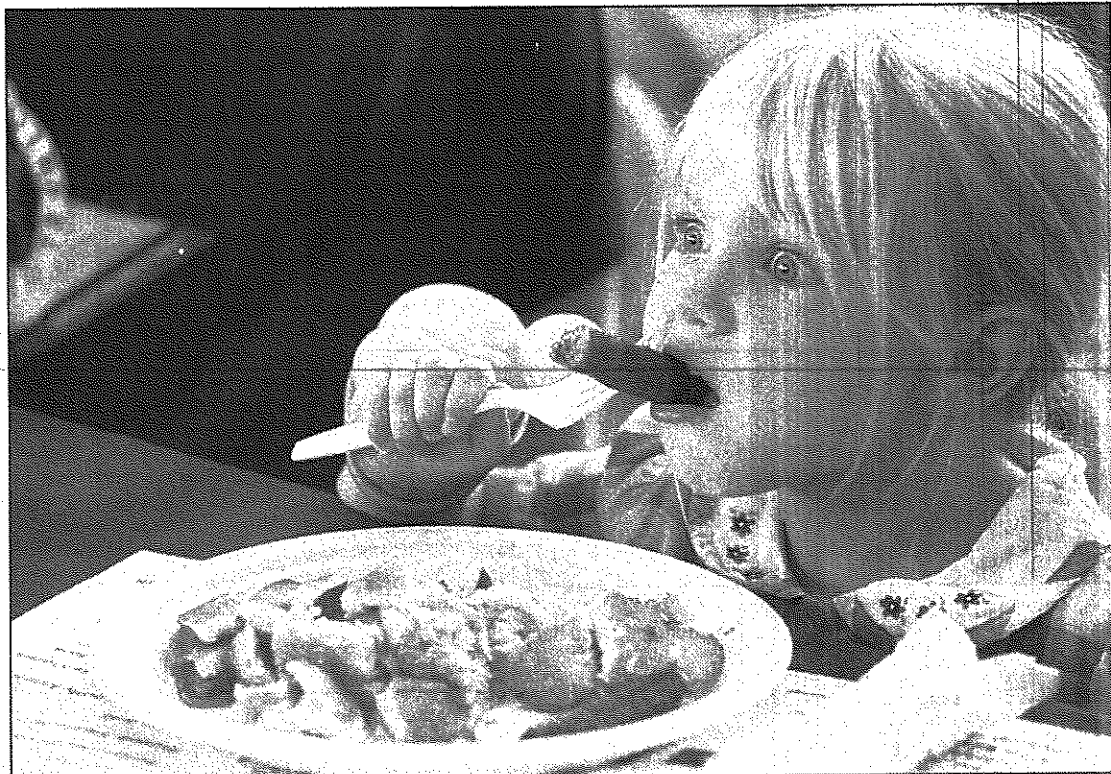
The carnival rides proved a popular attraction.

Baldwin said last year the non-profits paid the festival nearly \$19,000, which should go up because of the good weather and increased attendance. "The question becomes, 'What do we do with the money?'" said Baldwin. "We'll have to come up with a rebate system to all of the non-profits. We only need about \$10,000 for next year."

The Fall Festival put on its own craft show this year, which made about \$3,000 and also

helps "take the burden off the non-profits. The more money the Fall Festival can generate, the more the non-profits get to keep," said Baldwin.

The Fall Festival committee meets Sept. 24, and Baldwin believes they've finally turned the corner in the ability to record annual profits. As a result, the Fall Festival committee may be able to work out a deal whereby the non-profits pay a flat fee for their booths. "I'd like to see where the non-



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN/OBSERVER

Sasha Ljunhammer of Plymouth, 5, seems to really enjoy her sausage and pancakes at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast in The Gathering Saturday morning.



Brittany McCarthy, 16, holds "Sassy," a Sugar Glider which is native to Australia, during the Optimists Club Pet Show on the Main Stage on Penniman Saturday morning.



Scott Yaekle of Canton sits with sons Ben, left, and Nate, 4, after finishing their Kiwanis Pancake Breakfasts Saturday morning in The Gathering.

Baldwin hinted the beer tent, after two years, could be a source of discussion before next year's event.

Partly because of its location behind the Wilcox House, traffic in the tent was generally slow.

"We'll have to see how well it did, compared to the effort it

takes," he said. "We won't suffer if there's no beer tent."

As far as other plans for next year, that will be discussed by the committee. Baldwin said he envisions the possibility of additional activities for senior citizens.

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Police track intruder from home

A 35-year-old Hopefield Court resident heard a loud bang in her home shortly before noon Monday while she was upstairs.

When she went down to investigate, she saw a man, whom she described as a white male about 20 to 30 years old, 6 feet tall and 180 pounds in the home. When she asked what he was doing he ran out of the house. He was wearing blue shorts and a dark tank top.

Police used a K-9 unit to track the man along Geddes Road west of Canton Center for a short distance, but were unable to locate him.

Nothing was taken from the home, but about \$200 damage was done to a window. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Canton Police at (734) 394-5400.

GENERATOR STOLEN

A resident of the 50000 block of Geddes reported to police that sometime between 4:30 p.m. Sept. 4 and 6:30 a.m. Sept. 5 someone cut a padlock off his shed.

COP CALLS

Nothing was taken from the shed, but the intruder(s) pried open the side door of a detached garage and took a Craftsman generator valued at \$850.

The resident said the generator was heavy and it would take a few people to carry it.

BUS BURGLARY

A school bus driver for Crescent Academy at Lotz and Palmer told police someone removed a first aid kit and a fire extinguisher from the bus over the weekend. There were no witnesses and no suspects.

CARS DAMAGED

■ A resident of the 2300 block of South Lilley reported that someone threw the head of a hammer through the driver's side window of his car between Sept. 3 and Sept. 5. Damage was estimated at \$200.

■ A resident of Harriet

Court told police someone cut the convertible top of her 1999 Chevrolet Cavalier between 12:30 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. Sept. 8. A purse with a wallet containing \$40-\$50 cash was taken.

SPRAY PAINTING

Someone spray-painted the rear brick wall at Hoben Elementary sometime between 6 p.m. Aug. 30 and 7 a.m. Sept. 3.

According to police reports they also used blue and yellow/gold spray paint on outdoor play toys and some trees. The trees were also toilet-papered.

TREE THIEF

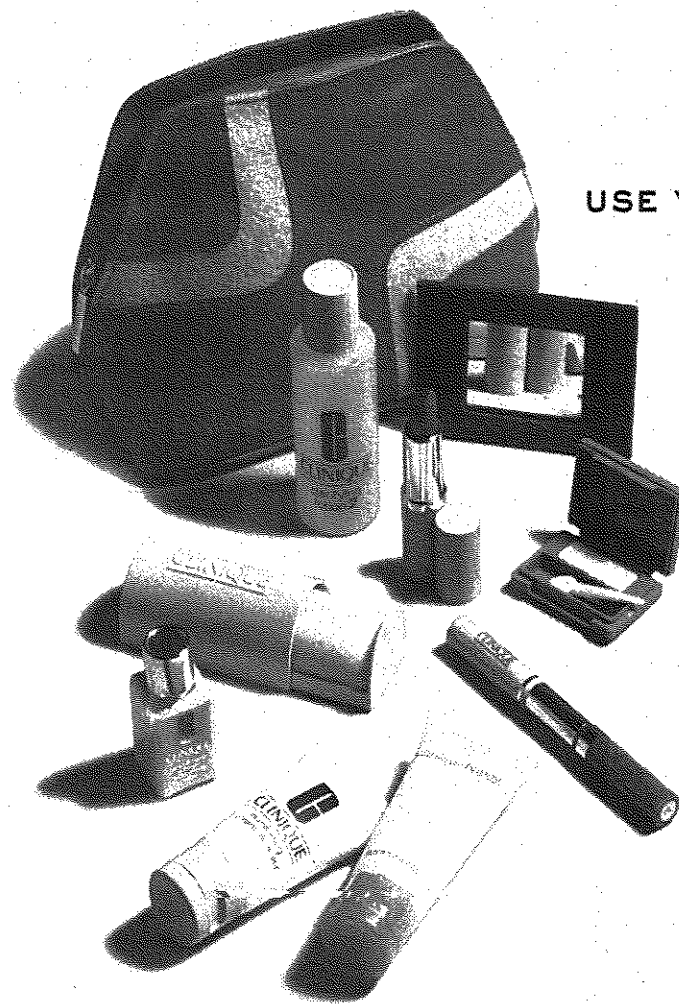
A employee of Reliable Landscape on Lilley Road said someone stole trees and shrubs from the business between 6 p.m. Sept. 5 and noon Sept. 6.

Missing were 35 yews, seven junipers, 12 shrubs, 22 lilies and 32 perennials.

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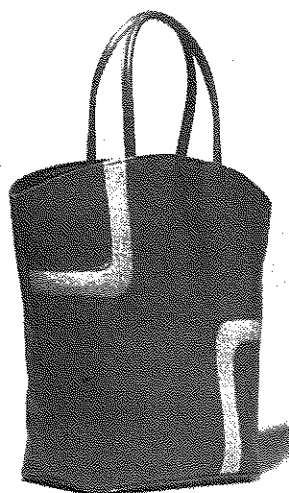
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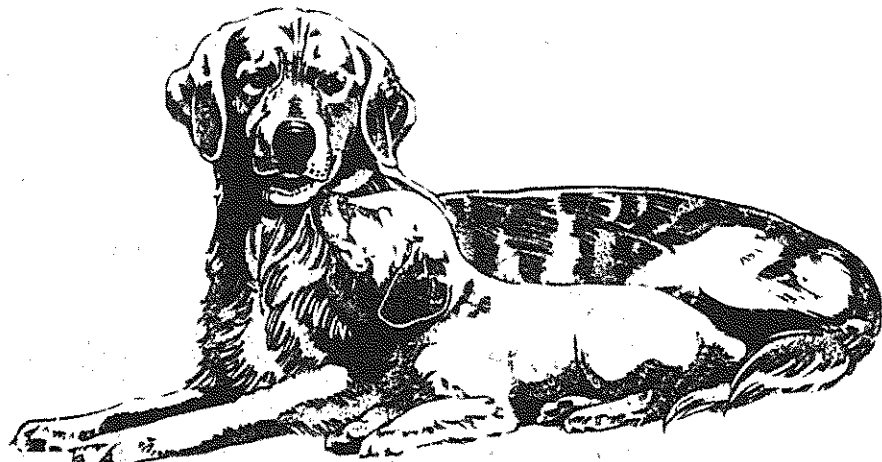
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The soup and salad bar at Big Boy.



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Cassidy Lewis of Canton, 4, from left, her mom Jamie and sister Addisyn, 2, joined Elizabeth Schnoes of Plymouth, 4, and her mom Kelly for lunch at the new Big Boy on Ford Road in Canton recently.

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BIG BOY

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Jessie Schaufele of Plymouth, dining on cream of broccoli soup, said she used to patronize the Canton Big Boy all the time.

"I was disappointed when it closed," she said. "I never tried any of the other restaurants that were here."

Leonard and Margaret Spas, Canton residents for the past five years, said they'll be regular customers.

"We like the soup and salad

bar and the breakfast bar," they said in unison.

Township Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, who showed up for lunch the first full day it was open, said she tries all the new restaurants and patronized the old Big Boy.

"I figured we'll give this one a shot," she said. "I used to like the strawberry shortcake. I wonder if they still have it."

John Baublitz, who lives in Livonia but works for Canton Township, said he was just driving by and saw it was open.

"I thought a Big Boy burger sounded good, so I stopped in

to get one."

Al and Cindy Seibov of Canton said they used to eat at the old Big Boy every other day.

"We hated it when it closed," Cindy said. "We're happy it's open again."

And Margie Pierson of Plymouth, who works for Approved Mortgages just down Canton Center Road,

was waiting to pickup six carryouts to take back to the office.

"The girls really like the food," she said.

She was picking up Slim Jims and barley soup to take to the office. Her own favorite?

"They have great soup. Cabbage and barley," she said. A former Canton resident for many years, she used to patronize the original Big Boy and hated to see it close. "They did a really nice job on this one," she said.

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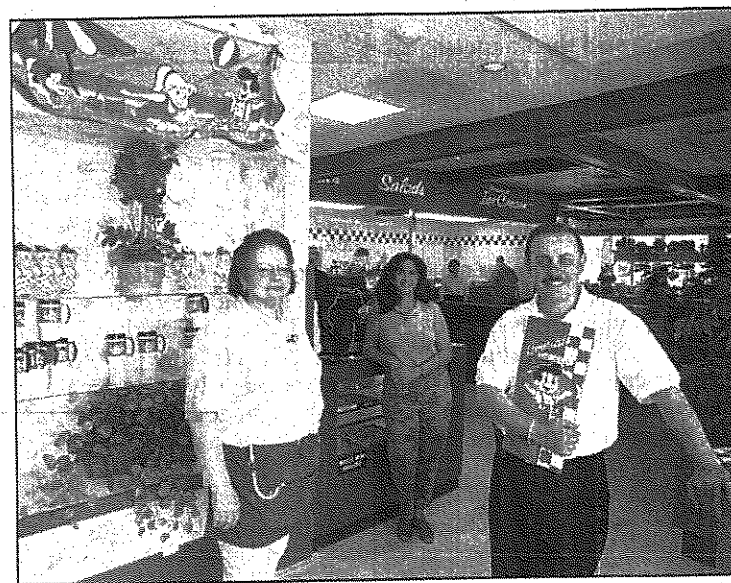
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PLANNERS

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ect director for CDPA, said his firm had met with subdivision residents and with township planning staff members to discuss issues and concerns about the project.

Darryl Pruett, representing the Savannah homeowners association, told the commission meetings had taken place and that 11 issues had been worked out.

RESIDENT CONCERNS

"There are four or five that are still concerns," he said. "We're concerned about the height of the three-foot berm that doesn't even come up to our eye level. Landscaping needs to be made more dense. And some of the dumpsters are right in the homeowner's backyard."

Pruett was the only resident to address the commission. After his comments, Commissioner Greg Demopoulos asked if restaurants would be in the mall.

"There's a possibility a restaurant will be there," Swartzendruber said. "There's been no definite decision." Demopoulos said he was concerned with food sitting for a long period of time in dumpsters so close to a neighborhood.

Architect Najim Saymuah said residents had been opposed to dumpsters on that side of the site "right from the get-go." But he said Canton's zoning ordinance wouldn't allow dumpsters on the front of the site and that they would be shielded from the subdivision by a berm.

Demopoulos said he was also concerned that there were several shopping centers in Canton with vacancies.

"What do you have planned for this one?" he asked.

POSSIBLE TENANTS

Robert Dresner, a real estate agent representing the project sponsor, said there had been discussions with a Chinese market, a dry cleaners, a couple of pizza places and even an astrologer. But he said nothing had been firmed up yet.

Commissioner Karl Zarbo, who was concerned about the special land use designation for a strip mall, said he still had not seen or heard anything that demonstrated the need for such a center.

"A couple of pizza shops, a hair salon and whatever is not special," he said.

And Demopoulos said the market study presented by the developer listed 29 other shopping centers in Canton.

"Do we want to make the 30th one a huge one," he asked. "Special land use is a privilege."

Zarbo added, "I do not believe we're over-retailed in Canton. I believe we're over-cloned. What is it that's different about this center?"

Saymuah, who fielded questions about the proposal for more than an hour, said his firm had been working with residents and planning staff deliberately and extensively.

"We've talked to everybody," he said. "Your attitude is really a surprise to me."

Zarbo and Commissioner Cathy Johnson both spoke in favor of tabling the request, to allow the petitioner to answer the question of what is the benefit to the community.

But Commissioner Ron Lieberman said he didn't see what additional information could be provided that had not already been furnished.

SEVERAL VOTES

Lieberman moved to approve the request, but his motion failed for lack of a second.

Johnson then moved to table the request "to address the questions the commission put forth this evening." Zarbo supported the motion.

But on a voice vote it failed, with Johnson and Zarbo voting yes and Demopoulos, Lieberman and Chairman Vic

Gustafson voting no. Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin was absent.

After that vote failed, Demopoulos moved to deny the special land use request because of "detrimental effects." Gustafson supported the motion.

On a voice vote, that motion also failed. Demopoulos and Gustafson voted yes; Johnson, Lieberman and Zarbo voted no.

Finally Johnson tried again with a motion to table, which was supported by Zarbo. That motion passed 4-1, with Lieberman voting no.

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OBITUARY

Jessie M. Coates

A Memorial Service for Jessie Coates, 94, of Plymouth will be held Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. at Risen Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Hugh McMartin, chaplain of the Lutheran Home of Livonia, officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Blenheim, Ontario.

Mrs. Coates was born March 26, 1908 in Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada and died Sept. 8 in Livonia. She came to Detroit in 1924 and was active in the women's club of Nativity Lutheran Church and worked as a personal shopper at J.L. Hudson Co.

She moved to Florida upon her husband's retirement from Chrysler and returned to Michigan upon his death. She was a 20-year resident of Plymouth and a member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. She loved her Main Street apartment, across from the old high school,

because all the parades went right by her window. Her apartment was "parade central" for her many family members. She was a constant source of sound advice for her granddaughters on handling the daily stress of life. Examples of her needlework can be found in all

of her families homes.

Mrs. Coates was preceded in death by her husband, William Robert Coates, in 1974.

Survivors include son, Emerson (Diane) Coates of Plymouth; daughter, Maxine (James) Tudor of Livonia; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

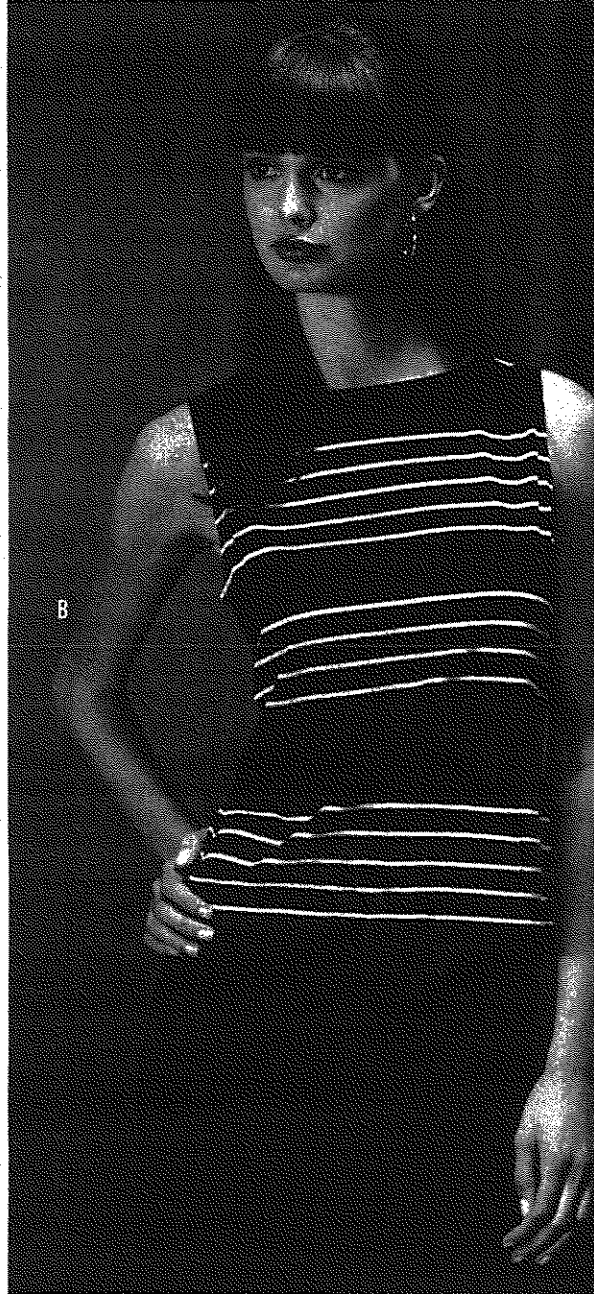
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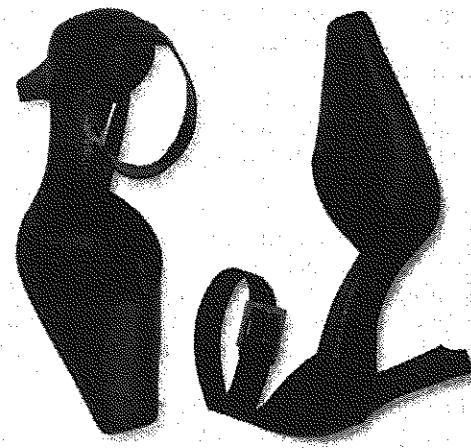
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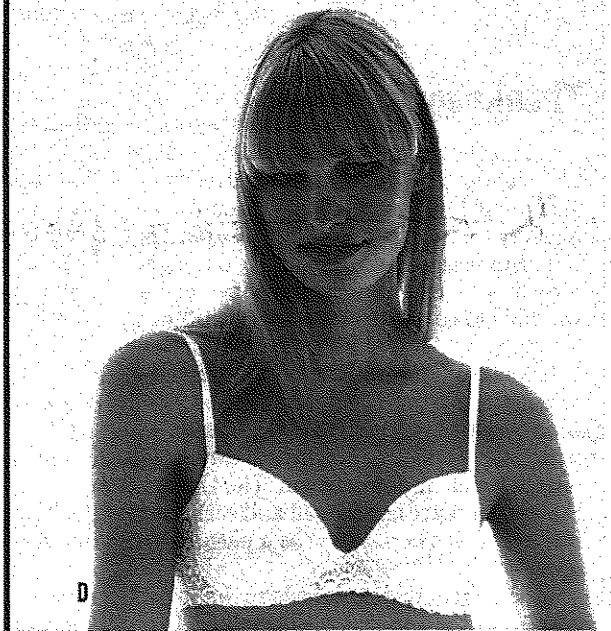
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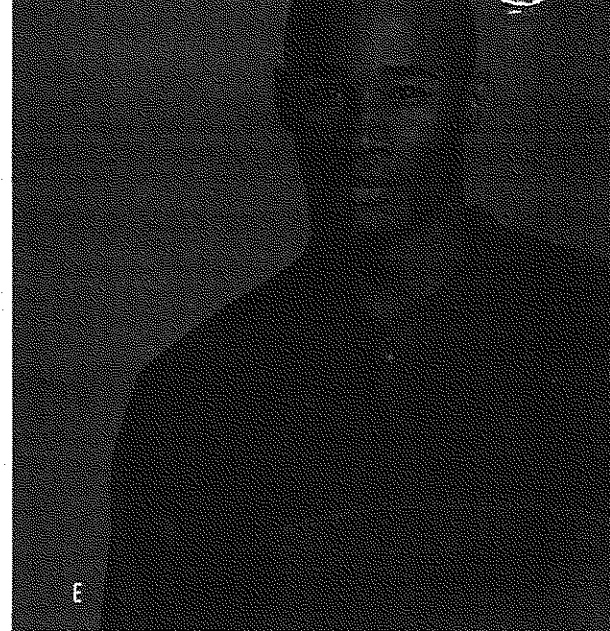
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OUR VIEWS

Crime rate drop deserves praise

Major crime is down in Canton. If it seems like you've read that before - you have. Crime rates have been falling in Canton and most Michigan communities since the early 1990s.

But it's a fact that bears repeating. Mostly because crime rates are a determining factor in the quality of life for Canton residents and the township's overall success in attracting and maintaining a vibrant business community. But also because some of our media brethren have latched onto the idea that sensational crime stories may not reflect an accurate picture of suburban life, but boy they sure do generate ratings. Statistics compiled by the Canton Police covering the first six months of 2002 show major crimes down 10 percent compared to the same period last year. The numbers cover murder, rape, robbery aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft and arson.

The 11.2 percent decline in larcenies represented the largest decrease in incidents and is particularly impressive, said Public Safety Director John Santomauro. Property crimes are common in suburban communities where a lot of new construction is underway and "in a number of cases it's the same people who commit the crimes over and over," Santomauro said.

Also down were auto thefts, by 41 percent; robberies, 60 percent; and aggravated assault, 13 percent. Over a longer term, violent crimes against people have dropped 25 percent since 1996 and property crimes are down 13 percent, according to department figures. You'll recall Canton was recently named 14th safest community (over 75,000) in the U.S. in a national survey.

While there are many factors that go into local crime rates - the economy, freeway access and insurance fraud to name a few - a strong municipal commitment to public safety still plays a significant role. The Observer believes Canton officials continue to get solid returns on taxpayer dollars in that area, particularly when it comes to staffing levels, training and introducing innovative policing programs into the community. As examples we cite the special patrols in local mobile home parks and the department's 24-hour rapid response unit.

We're not suggesting that police departments in nearby communities aren't up to snuff. What we do see is that local officials here recognize and act on priorities set by the community. In fact, public safety repeatedly shows up as one of the top two concerns (education is the other) when township residents are surveyed about their expectations from government.

The community's image is important too and not just to those in southeastern Michigan. People making employer-related moves look at those same factors, as do national retail or restaurant chains seeking to set up shop in Canton.

Crime statistics, research surveys and reporting on long-term trends may not grab viewers like a cable news story on the latest child kidnapping. But they provide context and a truer picture of a community's safety.

Informed electorate vital to democracy

Labor day is the traditional beginning of the general election campaign season. For The Observer this is an important time of year. We believe that keeping our readers informed about candidates for public office is a vital part of what we do as a community newspaper.

We also think it's essential to provide our readers with a forum to express their views on candidates and the critical issues they will face as elected officials. We invite our readers to actively participate in the election process by expressing their views. We ask our readers to keep their letters to 400 words or less. We also ask them to write about the issues and why the candidate they support would be better to address those issues.

We do not welcome scurrilous attacks, blatant misrepresentations and unsubstantiated information. We do not run form letters sent out in batches by special interests groups. The Observer reserves the right to edit letters for length and content and to reject letters that are potentially libelous, an invasion of privacy, a misrepresentation of fact or in poor taste. In the week before the Nov. 5 election we will not run any letter that raises new issues. Letters that raise issues too close to an election do not give candidates and their supporters an adequate time to respond.

In addition to covering the candidates and their campaigns, the Observer also contributes to that dialogue by offering our endorsements of candidates. We believe that as a news organization we have a special knowledge and insight because we regularly cover the candidates. We hold endorsement interviews of viable candidates so that the candidates can clarify their views by answering what we believe are pertinent questions and allowing candidates to raise their own issues. We believe we provide just one of many perspectives on the candidates and the issues. We urge our readers to seek out other perspectives as well. We urge readers to attend candidate debates, forums and speeches; read the letters from other readers; evaluate campaign literature; invite candidates into your homes to discuss their views; and, most importantly, to cast your vote.

Democracy succeeds only when everyone participates.



PAUL HURSCHMANN/OBSERVER

Portable toilets from John's sanitation, left, stand side-by-side with the outgoing portable toilets from Great Lakes Sanitation at Heritage Park in Canton. The township board voted to change contractors recently after complaints about cleanliness.

LETTERS

Stance is common

I have been enjoying the ongoing debate about Jennifer Granholm, her pro-choice stance and the fact that she is a Catholic.

To deny that being pro-choice does not necessarily mean pro-abortion is to deny what a majority of our population as well as a majority of Catholics, think and believe. Most people abhor the use of abortion as a means of contraception. They believe that any and all means should be used to prevent unwanted pregnancies. But when an unwanted pregnancy does occur, most people believe that the decision to abort or to carry to term, should rest solely and exclusively with the man and woman that created the pregnancy. No person, group, government or church, has any right to interfere with that most serious of decisions.

As far as the teachings of the Catholic Church on this matter are concerned, we have already seen some division among the clergy and that is as it should be. This is not a black or white issue. I have to believe that most Catholic clergy realize that when a life altering decision needs to be made, it is better made freely by the person or persons whose life will be most affected.

Jennifer Granholm represents a pro-choice, anti-abortion stance shared by most Catholics. They see themselves as good Catholics and that is all that matters.

Janusz M Szyszko
Canton

Talk traffic too

I watched the Aug. 26 Canton Planning Commission meeting regarding the proposed BP gas station on cable TV. It amazes me to hear the questions being asked by Cathy Johnson and the questions she put forth to the petitioner.

I travel Haggerty north to Ford Road every morning, as I have for the past three years and am amazed at the timing of the signals. Johnson always seems concerned about the looks of the potential new buildings but shows no concern with regards to the traffic. Why does the light at Haggerty and Ford only last 10 seconds or less with 20-30 cars trying to make the left turn?

There has been and continues to be many building projects going on within the Haggerty boundaries but no one seems to be concerned about the traffic difficulties that occur! I live in Canton and will NOT patronize the businesses in Canton due to the traffic congestion. I blame this on the people of Canton who are making the decisions regarding planning.

You can build all the businesses you want but if the community does not support them, what is going to happen in the next few years. Will Canton become another downtown Detroit? I just heard Johnson say she does not support commercial tractors or semi trucks being able to use this particular gas station. Who is she to insist on this guideline or rule?

Canton residents should get on the ball and let this so-called unbiased commission know that buildings are not the only things that need to be reviewed or discussed. Traffic must be addressed!

S. David Bogan
Canton

Good deed

I would hope that you could assist me in a public citation to the Compuware

Ambassadors Tier II Junior A team and their coach, Todd Watson, for an undying tribute to their late friend, Mike Duffey.

Todd Watson organized and donated his team's time to complete a large project of staining a newly erected fence at Michael's home. This would have been an overwhelming task for me being recently widowed. This is a clear display of class and consideration, as well as a great example of giving back to the community.

Heartfelt thanks to those fine young men and their good deed. I know one day they will be paid back for their kindness.

Joanne London
Canton

Thanks for support

I recently traveled to the Czech Republic as part of the US Junior World Archery Team to compete in the VII Junior World Archery Championships. My position on the team was unfunded but due to the generosity of many friends and businesses I was able to compete in this international competition.

It was a unique and memorable experience. There were 361 archers from 42 countries so I was able to make friends with teens from other countries throughout the week of competition. The United States was represented well and earned six medals. I was honored to be a part of the team.

It was encouraging to have so many people support my endeavor. Therefore, I would like to personally thank the following people for investing in me with their time and finances.

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Aiming for the Future,

Jessica Mattson
Canton

Poor vision

Why is it when you call Canton Township to let them know there is a potentially dangerous traffic problem, they cannot do anything? The typical response is "The roads belong to Wayne County, our hands are tied." But, now, they have the power to completely rebuild Ford Road. The DDA (Downtown Development Authority) has visions of lower speed limits, pedestrian friendly sidewalks, residential housing, and nightlife.

A little too much "sugar plum" vision, I think. The lower speed limit? How much slower can you go, when you attempt to get home after work, if you use Ford Road? You can't even cross Ford Road at Haggerty (north-south) because the light only allows four cars through providing there are no trucks. Pedestrian friendly sidewalks? Sidewalks that do not end with "sidewalk ends" sign would be nice. Residential housing? Like that "beautiful" three-story building on the west side of Canton Center near Saltz? Nightlife? There are lots of great places already to stop for a bite to eat and a drink.

And now the DDA thinks adding a Boulevard is a great idea. An example that

comes in mind, is the transformation of downtown Plymouth with their internal Boulevard at Kellogg Park. This, in my opinion, is an idea that went from good to better. My question is, if the DDA envisions this type of prosperity, how long is it projected for this type of transformation become a reality?

Hey, it's too late for this kind of drastic planning. Where were these good ideas 10 years ago when it would have been possible? A major transformation might not be very plausible. To correct and alleviate the problems that exist today, might be a better solution. Cherry Hill Village is a great example of doing planning, before the development.

And my last comment, now Melissa McLaughlin is suggesting creating "pretty shaded parking lots." Geez, if there was better planning to begin with, we would still have the large beautiful shade trees that were originally here.

Reserve your spot at the Sept. 19 meeting to express your opinion.

Linda Whiteaker
Canton

Expedient view

Thank you for the coverage calling attention to the so-called "pro-choice" position of Jennifer Granholm. Because of her views on abortion, Granholm has received the endorsement of the special interest group, Emily's List, a totally pro-abortion group that supports women political candidates who fully agree with its agenda. That agenda includes support for partial-birth abortions and public funding of abortions. This means it wants abortion on demand and to force taxpayers who are truly pro-life into the killing fields of abortion clinics.

I respectfully disagree with the Rev. Doc Ortman of Our Lady of Good Counsel, who was quoted as saying that, "The concern (regarding Granholm's position on life) has come from a mistaken notion that being pro-choice is equal to being pro-abortion."

Sorry, reverend, but being pro-choice is being pro-abortion! In accepting the language of the pro-abortionist camp, the pastor has become a victim of its propaganda that tries to hide the reality of abortion.

Granholm should come clean and not hide her pro-abortion stance behind the euphemism of being "pro-choice." Choose Life!

Margaret Spas
Canton

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QUOTABLE

'I do not believe we're over-retailed in Canton. I believe we're over-cloned. What is it that's different about this center?'

Karl Zarbo, Canton planning commissioner, during Monday's public hearing regarding a special land use approval for what would be the township's 30th strip mall.

Character gains strength from tragedy of Sept. 11

Initially, I shied away from writing a column on the anniversary of 9/11.

I wasn't entirely sure if I could add any particularly new or striking insights, especially given the enormous outpouring of media attention over the past week or so. And I certainly didn't want to indulge in the kind of macho chest-thumping or maudlin sentimentality to which we've been over-exposed.

But I know in my bones that the events of 9/11 were so horrific and the consequences so profound and long lasting that they deserve at least a word or two written in the context of your hometown newspaper.

In my ruminations, the two words that keep coming to mind and "confidence" and "innocence." Even more than the loss of so many lives, the ultimate effect of 9/11 has been to erode our sense of confidence in so many aspects of our daily lives, while losing our blithe sense of innocent optimism about ourselves and the world around us.

Confidence in our security as a nation: In a column I wrote a year ago, within hours after the two hijacked planes slammed into the World Trade Center towers, I argued "Up to now, mainland America has been protected from direct attack by two mighty oceans. But in an age when planes can fly, evil viruses can be spread from an aerosol bottle and nuclear weapons smuggled in suitcases, oceans alone are no longer a guarantee of security."

Anybody who has fumed in slow security lines at Detroit Metropolitan Airport or been obliged to take off their shoes or experienced a strange feeling in the pit of their stomach when the airplane abruptly banks hard left over New York knows that as a people we have lost, possibly forever, our old happy-go-lucky feeling about our and the country's security from attack. The uncertainty alone represents a profound change in the way we feel about our daily routine.

Confidence in the effectiveness of our military response: We smashed the Taliban and pushed Al Qaida out of Afghanistan, but it looks very much as though we have neither killed nor captured the big fish. Worse, it looks as though the nasty cancer of terrorism has metastasized into quasi-independent cells in Pakistan, the Sudan and God knows where else. We might have the most powerful military force in the world, but fighting a shadowy enemy in the smoky, ill-lit bazaars and lawless mountains is not solely a military issue.

Innocent expectation that everybody around

the world loves us: America is now so economically, technologically and militarily dominant that we have become the focus for the fears and hatreds of the world's less privileged. What a puzzle, though, that the vast majority of the world's poor would still give anything to come live in America!

Innocent confidence in the integrity of our

The end of innocence: Maybe what's really happening as a result of 9/11 is that we are growing up as a nation.

own government: Nationally, more than 1,000 men of Middle Eastern descent are still being held in jail without being charged, often without access to a lawyer and some without their identities being made known. For Heavens sake, what happened to the fundamental right of habeas corpus! Our government justifies this by arguing we are at war. But the war against terrorism is not purely military, and our ability to live up to our stated principles has a lot to do with our ability to win.

This is especially a problem in Michigan, the home of the largest community of Arab Americans in the country. An Arab friend of mine — very intelligent, hard working, a loyal American citizen with a face too dignified to cry — tells of casual stereotyping and rigorous profiling that is now permissible against his people but impermissible against other groups.

The end of innocence: Maybe what's really happening as a result of 9/11 is that we are growing up as a nation. Children have innocent expectations that everybody will like them and a confident optimism that everything will be OK, whereas adulthood is often characterized as the end of innocence and the beginning of a chastened confidence. My friend, no longer innocent but chastened at the quandary of living as a loyal Arab-American, hastens to point out that his next door neighbors keep checking in to make sure he and his family are all right.

At the end of the day, the true measure of mature character is the capacity to gain strength and compassion from tragedy. At the anniversary of our greatest national tragedy since Pearl Harbor, and I am absolutely convinced that we are passing this test.

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2206 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



Phil Power



Capt. Grayson T. Story

Community's goodness shines through darkness

It has been a year, since I realized a very profound truth: The greatness of America is not found in her buildings, lakes, mountains, farms, cities, forests or arenas. It is found in the character of her people, like the people who live in my hometown.

They are everyday people. They live free, love their families, work harder than most and thrive on the hope of a better tomorrow for their children. They are ordinary people with extraordinary dreams.

On Sept. 11, 2001, the very foundations of those dreams were shaken, as the hopes of thousands lay waste beneath more than 400 million tons of steel and dust and death. That day, I realized just how blessed I was to be reared in my hometown.

Not because it shielded me from violence or the "real world," but because her people have a seemingly innate sense of goodness. It was in that town that I was taught courage, honor and commitment and shown love.

Courage was shown to me every day by my parents, who enjoyed a modicum of success with the hope and prayer that their children would grow to honorable adulthood. Community veterans, like my Dad, taught me to love my country and celebrate my American heritage with pride.

I was taught commitment in John Glenn's classrooms and in Kionka Stadium on Friday nights. I was a hometown kid — reared by loving parents, educated by dedicated teachers and mentored by persistent coaches. All demanded excellence; they accomplished their missions in fine style.

Just last week, I came back to that hometown for a visit with family and friends. People approached me and said "Thank You." From that dark Tuesday morning until now, I have been the subject of countless thoughts, prayers, letters and tokens of support. A year later, I look back and say "Thank You," for I am hum-

bled. Doubtless that my limited time could sufficiently convey the appropriate gratitude, I want the people of my hometown to know my chosen profession is a reflection of their support, my family's love and God's unfailing Grace.

For more than 10 years, I have been obliged to serve this great country. But the past year has made every sacrifice worthwhile, because from out of the rubble of 9/11 and in the maelstrom that followed we became a united Nation — resolved, strong and hopeful. Though wounded, America is doing fine, because of her people.

Finally, I learned the meaning of George Orwell's words when he said, "people sleep peacefully in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf," as I was on constant watch in the days and months that followed.

During those days, while on duty in the intelligence vaults of a Marine Corps Air-Ground Task Force, a very personal certainty was reaffirmed to me.

I learned to lean on God and ask for His Wisdom, because I was being asked to help make sense of the chaos and brief the hundreds of intelligence reports we received.

And our success was an homage to people of Westland, Mich. — my hometown — the ones who taught me to be faithful, strong and of good courage.

For the many who have sent their best regards, please accept my sincere appreciation. I am so very fortunate to serve this great Nation. May she ever remember that the source of her liberty is Almighty God, and may He continue to bless America.

The Marines, and all our Armed Forces, will need that support in the months to come. Semper Fidelis.

Marine Capt. Grayson T. Story is a graduate of John Glenn High School and the U.S. Naval Academy. He is a Marine Corps intelligence officer who was on 24-hour contingency alert following the Sept. 11 attacks.

LETTERS

Candidate thanks

I want to thank all the voters of Plymouth, Northville, Canton and Wayne.

I am deeply humbled and appreciate the great privilege of serving as your state representative.

I can never thank the voters in Plymouth enough.

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Study finds county residents looking for school reform

Wayne County residents living outside the city of Detroit say that funding is the top problem facing local schools and they would like to see increased financial support by both state and local governments.

Nearly half (48 percent) of Wayne County residents surveyed said they favor a tax increase to fund school improvements, while 45 percent oppose a tax increase for schools.

Most of the respondents said they strongly oppose increases in the property tax, sales tax

and income tax, but 59 percent said they would strongly favor an increase in the tobacco tax to help fund school improvements.

The findings highlight the results of the second survey of Concerning Kids: A Skillman Study conducted by the Center for Survey Research and Analysis at the University of Connecticut.

Concerning Kids has concluded the second phase of a two-year study of metro Detroit residents, ranking their opinions on issues relating to school-age children.

The results of the second survey, conducted June 19 to July 29, 2002, provide a more in-depth look at the public's opinion relating specifically to education.

A base-line study was conducted on a range of children's issues in March.

The Skillman Foundation commissioned the Concerning Kids study to explore public perceptions regarding issues involving children. Issues that affect children have tremendous long-range implications.

The data gathered from this

study provides a valuable service to Wayne County residents and to the Metro Detroit community," said Kari Schlachtenhaufen, president of the The Skillman Foundation.

"The results will allow local area leaders to better understand residents attitudes and concerns on children's issues."

Wayne County residents living outside the City of Detroit identified the top three most important issues facing public schools as financing (20 percent), quality of teachers (14 percent) and overcrowded

classrooms (10 percent).

Despite these issues, however, a sizable majority of residents (57 percent) believe their schools are doing a better than average job of educating students, giving their local schools a grade of B or better.

All of those queried agree that changes in the educational system would better prepare students for their future. Among the findings, out-Wayne County residents said that:

■ A majority (62 percent) believes Wayne County schools need "major" reform.

■ State spending on education is too little. (51 percent)

■ Student achievement standards are "about right." (52 percent)

■ Student achievement would rise with reduced class size. (85 percent)

■ A core curriculum to mandate what is taught within each subject would improve performance. (79 percent)

■ MEAP tests are a poor (19 percent) or fair (33 percent) way of testing achievement.

■ 43 percent of out-Wayne County residents feel the teachers in their district are paid "about the right amount."

■ 36 percent of out-Wayne County residents feel the teachers in their district are paid "too little."

An executive summary, actual study results, and several interview subjects who took part in the study are available upon request.

Founded in 1960, The Skillman Foundation is a resource for improving the lives of children in metropolitan Detroit.

Airport changes insurer for bonds

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

After the tragedy of Sept. 11 and the instability it caused in the American aviation industry, Metro Airport's managers have had to go looking for a new company to insure their bonds for the coming years.

On Thursday, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners gave the nod to a plan to restructure bond payments. At the same time, they washed their hands of responsibility for those payments.

According to Wayne County Airport Authority Chief Financial Officer Tom Naughton, the financial hiccups the aviation industry has suffered in the past year have made loan guarantors leery of their business with airports in the U.S.

"The bonds came up for review as scheduled," he said. "The banks were unwilling to expose themselves to that much risk."

The bonds, worth \$135 million, were issued by the airport in 1996. Two German banks signed on to provide letters of credit on the bonds — guaranteeing that bond purchasers would be paid off even if the airport couldn't

meet its obligations. The letters were to be renewed or dropped in October.

More and more, they're not so willing to make that commitment.

"European banks are taking a different view of U.S. airports after 9-11," Naughton said. "They're at a higher risk now."

The new deal adds an insurer, Ambac, who will hedge the banks' bets. The airport will benefit as well, saving millions of dollars over the life of the bonds.

The bonds will expire in 2017. County commission approval of the deal was necessary because of the legal wrangling going on between the commission and the new airport authority.

According to County Commissioner John Sullivan, part of Thursday's vote divorces the county from any fiscal responsibility for the bonds.

"The county and the taxpayers are no longer liable for the financial obligations of those bonds," he said. "You would think that the banks would want another group connected with them."

The bonds will be paid back entirely by airport revenues, he said.

The commission and the air-

port authority are fighting in court over who has the right to control the airport.

Commission members say that the authority, created by an

agreement between the county executive and the governor and approval of the legislature, has no accountability to Wayne County voters.

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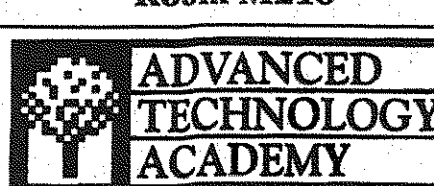
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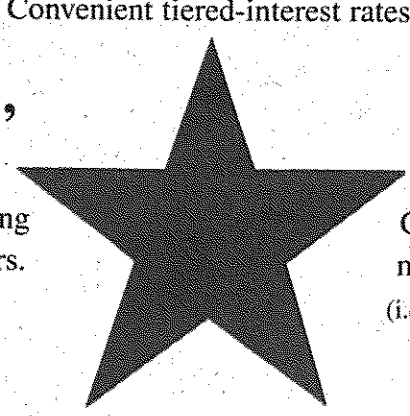
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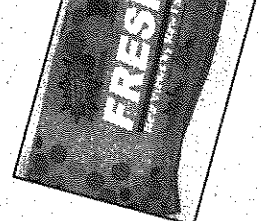
Meadow Brook Music Festival ends its summer season with Oktoberfest, featuring German food, beer, dancing and the sounds of The Vagabonds, Tommy Schober, Sound of Sorgenbrecher and more. The event runs 1-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 at the festival grounds on the Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. Admission is \$5. Children age 12 and under are free.

Victorian festival

Take a trip back in time to a simpler era with a visit to downtown Northville's 14th annual Victorian Festival, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 13-15. A parade kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Festival hours are 20 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Activities include storytelling, free horse and carriage rides, street entertainment, antique show, fine art market old-fashioned games and more. Sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce. (248) 349-7640.

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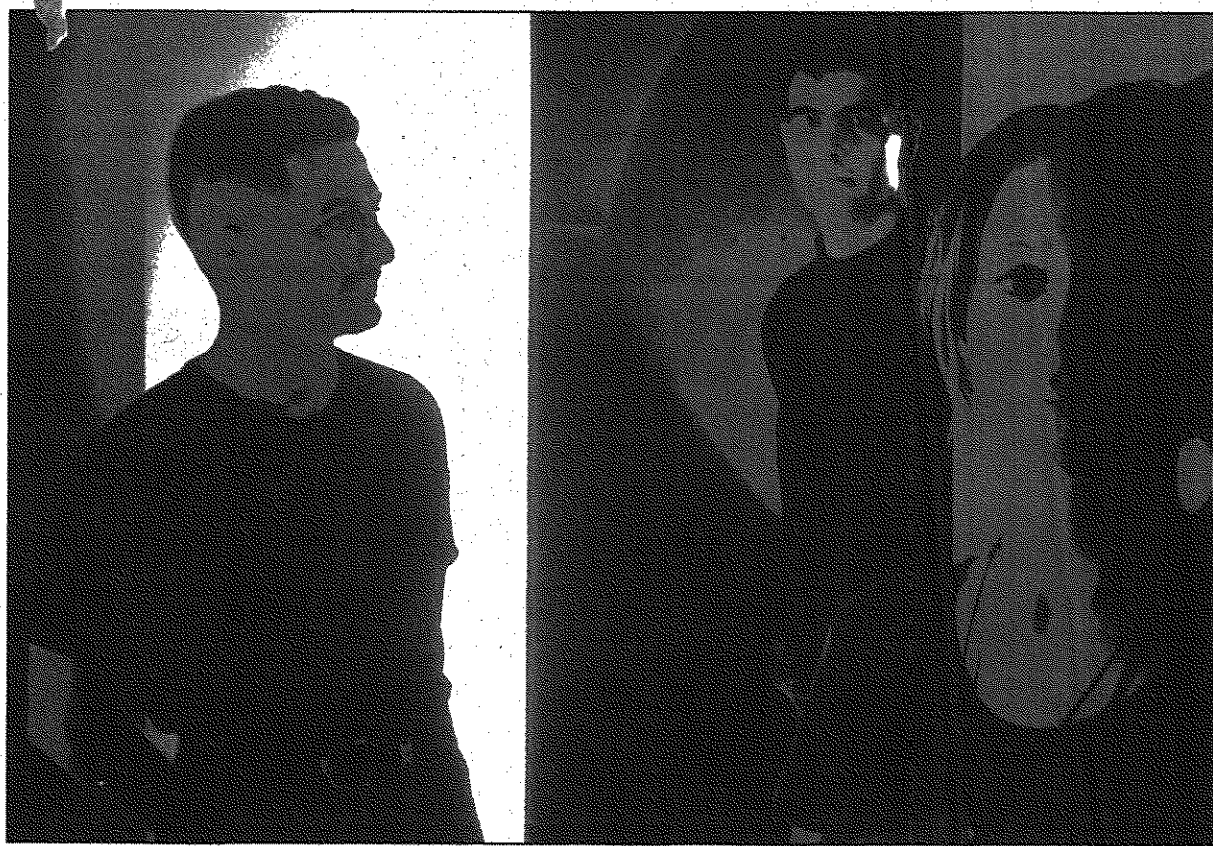
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University campus, in Detroit. The exhibit runs through Oct. 18. (313) 577-2423.



Detroit Festival of the Arts



The Detroit Festival of the Arts offers a variety of fun. Italian trio Fiamma Fumana (above) fuses traditional songs with a folk-rock pop sound. The Zulu Connection (left) are masters of the African form of stilt dancing and ancient mystical masquerades. Luminaria (below) provides a walk on the wild side. Architects of Air build the structure that treats visitors to radiant light and color as well as musical and interactive surprises.

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Artists and performers from all over the region, nation and world are packing their bags for Detroit. No, they're not coming to see the wondrous Ford Field for themselves, they're coming to the 16th annual Detroit Festival of the Arts, running Friday-Sunday, Sept. 13 through 15, in Detroit's cultural center.

Lillian Bauder, an executive with Taylor-based Masco Corporation, is this year's festival chairwoman. She was a natural choice for the job. She's one of the vice chairs of the board of the Detroit Institute of Arts and has been working on developing the blocks between the DIA and the symphony.

The Detroit Festival of the Arts, she said, is unique in an unfortunately ironic way.

"It's an event that's known nationally and internationally, but not locally," Bauder said. "Very few people in the Detroit area know about it."

Despite that, the event attracts hundreds of thousands of people to the

city's cultural center every year. That, by itself, is nearly enough as people from the city and the suburbs get together to appreciate all forms of art.

"There's so much happening," Bauder said. Doug Roberts makes handcrafted art tiles. The Farmington Hills resident has been working with tile since 1988. This will be his third year at the Detroit festival.



It's a good time to be in tile. "There are a lot of artists out there," Roberts said. "It's become very popular."

A lot of the popularity of tile, he said, most likely stems from Pewabic Pottery, which has carried the tile standard for more than a century. He said the Detroit festival is a good platform for his art.

"It's one of my favorites," he said. "The quality (of the art on display) is high and they've got a lot of events for people to take part in — that and the weather is usually pretty good at this time of year."

Roberts also said he gets a lot of business as a result of taking part in the show. Aside from the on-the-spot sales from the large crowds, he gets a lot of residual business from people who saw his work and, months later, call him with orders when they redecorate their

kitchens.

Michael MacManus of Bloomfield Hills has been making silver contemporary jewelry for the past nine years. The former commodities trader promised himself that once he reached a target age, he would return to artistic pursuits he couldn't afford while raising a family.

"I had worked myself to a frazzle," he said. "So I started a part-time job, converted my garage into a studio and worked on jewelry."

Since then, he's sold his rings, bracelets and other items at the Detroit Festival of the Arts. He said the time of year and nature of the event work out well for him.

"It's in September, so the weather cooperates," MacManus said. "It's not a huge event, but there's a lot of community participation."

The show itself is good for sales as well. That the show is juried — not just any joker with something to sell can participate — makes for a very interesting atmosphere.

"They change jurors as well," he said. "You can get an award one year and not be accepted the next. It's very competitive."

Some of the artists on hand didn't have to pass quite the same jury as MacManus and the other fine artists. The DaimlerChrysler Children's Fair, in

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Wayne State's Gullen Mall, will feature the arts and crafts of 100 area children. Jennifer Gaynett, 10, of Farmington Hills is one of those children who will

PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL, B3

Public school string programs on the critical needs list

This month Erich Hudson is leaving for college. Erich has a passion — a dream of teaching kids to play music, especially on string instruments.

Erich, whose friends and students call him "Ick", is entering this field at a very good time. A study released by the American String Teacher's Association with the National School Orchestra Association (ASTA/NSOA) estimates between the years 2002 and 2004 nationwide there are going to be as many as 5,000 openings for string teachers.

Statistical evidence now confirms that we are facing a shortage of string teachers. Studies have shown the number of students studying string instruments (violin, viola, cello and bass) has increased steadily at all levels since the early 1980s. Two thirds of teachers surveyed in the ASTA/NSOA study report increases in their districts between 1995 and 2000. Forty percent of the teachers



Larry Hutchinson

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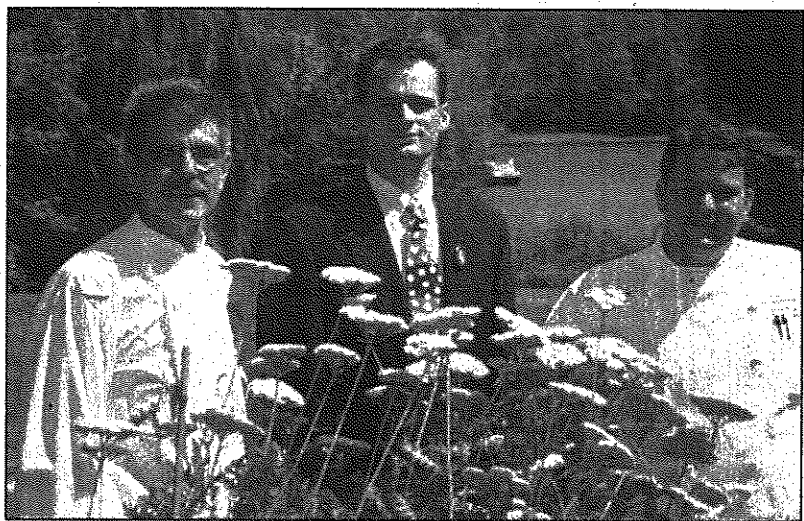
BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Are you planning a color tour Up North this autumn? In addition to arboreal splendor, garner a panoply of delectable, savory and creative palate satisfactions with a dinner at Tapawingo in Ellsworth.

You'd better reserve soon because the word is out about the "Tap's" culinary maestro, 27-year-old Executive Chef Stuart Brioza.

Pair Chef Stuart with renowned chef/proprietor Harlan "Pete" Peterson, pastry chef Nicole Krasinski and Sommelier Ron Edwards, who recently trucked his skills from Brian Polcyn's Five Lakes Grill in Milford to the Tap, and you have an unbeatable team, creating a veritable culinary Utopia.

Tapawingo, a rare balance of formality and hospitality, entertains on several levels, from its splendid lake view setting, to the challenging menu creations, on to an extraordinary wine list. Embodying some of the most beautiful landscapes in



Tapawingo chef/owner Harlan "Pete" Peterson, sommelier Ron Edwards and executive chef Stuart Brioza pose at Tapawingo

the midwest, you don't just go to the Tap to eat.

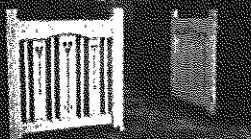
BRIEF HISTORY

Peterson, once an automotive industrial designer for Ford Motor

Company, had an epiphany in 1976 when he went to France. He attended a week of cooking classes at the famous La Varenne, then located in Paris but now in Burgundy.

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HUTCHINSON

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surveyed also report an increase in the number of string teaching positions during the same period.

Of the teachers surveyed, 22 percent anticipate they will retire in the next five years. Most school systems already are having difficulty finding qualified string teachers to fill openings.

When Erich graduates he should find a job market that welcomes him with open arms. This is great for Erich.

But what are the larger implications for our culture and why should the rest of us be concerned?

So much of the world's great music involves string instruments. The sound of strings is the heart of the orchestral sound. Think of the score to the movie *Star Wars* or *Indiana Jones* without the sound of the orchestra and its soaring

strings. Listen to the power and the beauty of the great symphonies by Beethoven, Brahms or Tchaikovsky.

The great composers wrote for the symphony orchestra because it is so powerful and expressive.

Research tells us that there is a whole list of behavioral, developmental, social and spiritual benefits of studying music. But my colleagues and I in the Detroit Symphony did not pursue studying music because it was good for our brains or taught us discipline.

We did it because we love music.

When we were all struggling with our grief during the tragic week of Sept. 11, the art museums in New York City opened their doors to the public free of charge as a "sanctuary of respite and contemplation."

When I heard that, it reminded me the arts, and especially music, provide us with a sanctuary from the clutter and clutter of everyday life.

FINDING TEACHERS

We have some difficult issues to confront if we are going to find the talented and committed string teachers we need to give all students access to studying string instruments.

Although surveys show student enrollment in school orchestra programs has steadily been on the increase, still only 18 percent of school districts across the country offer orchestra instruction while 98 percent offer band.

Even greater is the concern that a strong inequality of access still exists among students of different socioeconomic levels. For the last 10 years string instruction has been offered mostly in the wealthier suburbs. Because students who go into the teaching profession tend to want to teach in areas like the ones they grew up in, it becomes even more difficult for rural and urban communities to recruit and retain well-qualified teachers. Ben Pruitt, the

Instrumental Music Supervisor for the Detroit Public Schools, confirms: "We need to fill music positions period. All music is on the critical needs list in the Detroit Public Schools."

When I questioned Erich about the kind of position he would like, he said Berkley High School — where he went to school. He also listed a number of other districts, all of them suburban schools with well-established string programs.

Another promising future string teacher is Cecelia Sharpe. Cecelia is a product of Detroit Public Schools. She has a bright, friendly personality and is a sophomore at Wayne State University as a music education major. She plays the cello as her primary instrument and wants to teach strings in the public schools. When I asked her what kind of position she would like she said: "I want to teach in the Detroit schools. I want to give back some of what I've been

given. I want (students) to know that with focus and determination it is possible for them to play any type of music on any instrument that they may desire."

Another critical issue is that training for new string teachers needs to be more comprehensive. In Michigan's public schools, certified music teachers may teach K-12 music classes. Certification is not specialized. Of the string teaching positions filled last year only 62 percent were filled with teachers whose primary instrument was a string instrument.

Most universities only require one semester of string instrument training for certification. Erich already has a head start. His primary instrument is the cello but he also plays the other string instruments.

Obviously there is no simple solution to these problems, but all of us who are professional musicians and music teachers have a roll to play. We have to continue to develop programs so more students have access to this wonderful resource.

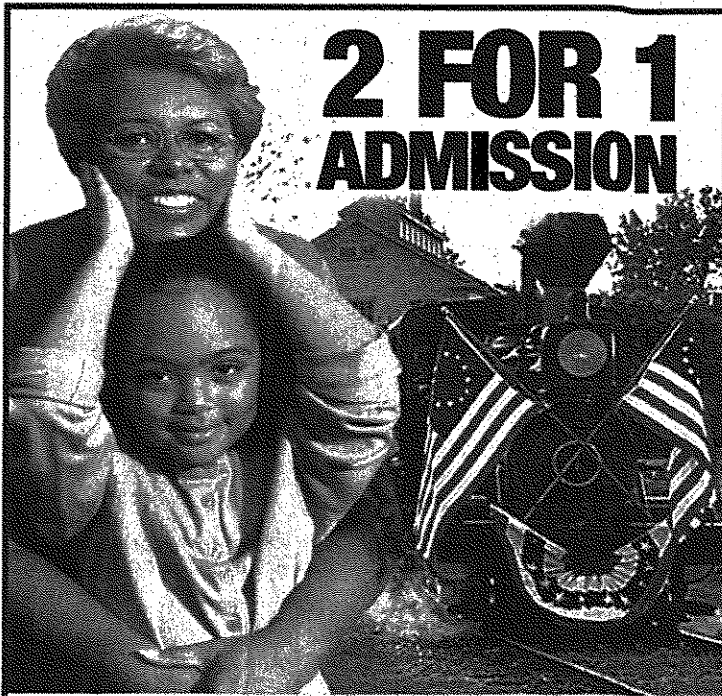
Some programs already exist that give students a chance to teach early in their development. Erich had the opportunity to take a class called Student Service Learning. This program gave Erich a chance to work for 10 weeks with senior citizens and 10 weeks as a teaching assistant working with students.

Giving more advanced students a chance to discover the joys of teaching is the main purpose of a new initiative by ASTA/NSOA called the National String Project Consortium. This is a program where young students, beginning in the third grade, study string instruments at a local college campus.

It is important to give our developing students and future teachers diverse performing and teaching experiences. Youth orchestras like the Detroit Sinfonia and the Detroit Civic Orchestra, sponsored by the Detroit Symphony draw from many different kinds of communities, including Detroit.

We need to carefully encourage and nurture Erich, Cecelia and many more talented young people like them to enter the teaching profession. The cultural foundation of our society depends on how well we introduce the next generation to this wonderful sanctuary of music.

Marshall "Larry" Hutchinson was named 2001 Michigan String Teacher of the Year. The Farmington Hills resident is now in his 20th season as a bassist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Hutchinson is one of the guest columnists appearing in a series that introduces Observer & Eccentric readers to the people behind the institutions and organizations in the arts community. Arts & Entertainment reporter Linda Chomin returns next week.



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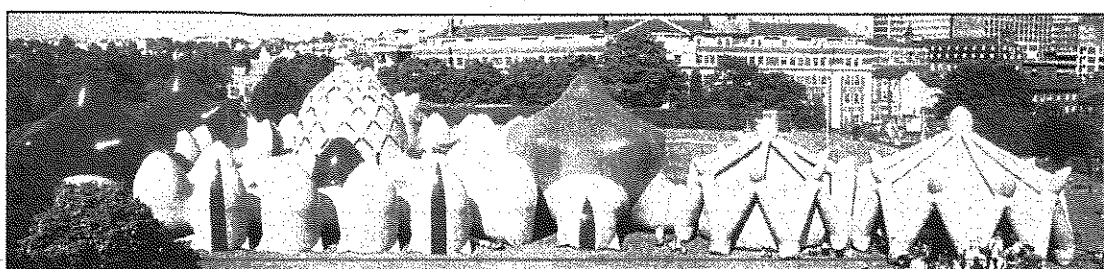
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Comerica Cafe
 4:30 - 6 p.m. Just Jill - acoustic
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 3:30 - 5 p.m. Street Sounds - California quintet
 6 - 7:30 p.m. Les Yeux Noirs - French gypsy band
 8:30 - 10 p.m. Dr. Al Kooper and the Funky Faculty - rock
Wayne Stage
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 6:30 - 8 p.m. Andy Bey Quartet - jazz piano/vocal
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 4 - 5:30 p.m. Mady Kouyate - Senegalese kora
 6 - 7:30 p.m. Fruit - Australian rock
 8:30 - 10 p.m. Emeline Michel - Haitian vocal
Comerica Cafe
 1 - 2:30 p.m. Stephen Grant Wood - folk/pop

3 - 4 p.m. Fred Johnson - vocal improv
 4:30 - 6 p.m. Fiamma Fumana - Italian folk/techno
 6:30 - 8 p.m. Black Bottom Collective - R&B/spoken word
Blues Alley
 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Lonesome Dave - blues guitar
 3 - 4:15 p.m. Tribute to Sippie Wallace featuring Thornetta Davis
 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. Festival Workshop Jam with Robert B. Jones - open jam
 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Maggie's Farm
 6:30 - 8 p.m. Kerry Price
 8:30 - 10 p.m. Precious Bryant

SUNDAY
Metro Times Stage
 1 - 3 p.m. Immigrant Suns - world/rock
 3:30 - 5 p.m. Gangbe Brass Band - Benin traditional
 6 - 7:30 p.m. Paris Combo - French cabaret
 8:30 - 10 p.m. Simon Shaheen and Quantara - Arabic
Wayne Stage
 12 - 1:30 p.m. Michigan Opera Theatre - Detroit Touring Company
 2 - 3:30 p.m. Harmonia - Eastern European ensemble
 4 - 5:30 p.m. Woss Chinese Music Theatre - Chinese traditional
 6 - 7 p.m. Les Yeux Noirs - French gypsy band
Marshall Field's Project Imagine Cafe
 12 - 1 p.m. Tamara Bedricky - singer/songwriter
 2 - 3:30 p.m. Georgia Sea Island Singers - Gullah traditional
 4 - 5:30 p.m. Fiamma Fumana - Italian folk/techno
 6 - 7:30 p.m. Tlen-Huicani - Mexican folk

8:30 - 10 p.m. Danu - Celtic rock
Comerica Cafe
 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Mosaic Quartet - youth performers
 2 - 3 p.m. Fruit - Australian rock
 3:30 - 5 p.m. Emeline Michel - Haitian vocalist
 5:30 - 7 p.m. Susana Seivane - Spanish bagpipes
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 1 - 2:30 p.m. Rollie Tussing - Blues guitar
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FESTIVAL

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sell their own art in Gullen Mall. She got a tip about the show from her grandmother. "She got a brochure about the show in the mail," Gaynett said. "She showed it to me and I thought it would be interesting." She will display her hand-painted flowerpots. She took

pictures of her work and sent them to festival organizers. The sponge-painted, hand-drawn pieces will be up for sale in the mall on Saturday. There isn't a price on them yet. Gaynett's mother, who has sold ceramic cats at other shows, will help her with the pricing duties. Aside from the 100-plus juried artists displaying their crafts, there will be more than 60 hands-on activities, 10 per-

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American Mars to take the stage in Ferndale

When Detroit's own American Mars released its second record last winter, audiences quickly stood up and took notice. And for good reason. The spacey alt-country delight known as *No City Fun* delved into intriguing musical territory, allowing listeners to lose their way in the dreamy melodies and stormy ambiance of songs like *Over the Gun, If Monday Were Mine*, and *Loneliness is Murder*.

Dave Feeny's tell-tale pedal steel evolved into a signature element of American Mars' sound. The instrument lends just enough melancholy beauty to compliment Thomas Trimble's thoughtful, often introspective lyrics.

Whether American Mars is

performing amid an intimate setting or presiding over a large audience, its almost impossible to look away. The band often adds a visual element to its live shows - like home movies or video projected onto flowing white sheets. The upcoming performance is sure to include some new surprises.

American Mars perform with special guests Overcoat Recording artists Boxstep and Detroit's Jetway, featuring former members of Ansonia, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13 at The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover is \$7.21 and older. Call (248) 544-3030. For more information see www.americanmars.com.

By Stephanie Angelyn Casola

Matthew invites 'Everybody Down' to The Shelter

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

The Chicago-based quartet Matthew is just starting to make a name for themselves in modern and indie rock circles. But it hasn't taken very long for the band to grab our attention - thanks to a solid foundation of catchy-but-meaningful rock songs and a strong belief in themselves.

Everybody Down is Matthew's latest release from Rykodisc. They've just hit the road with Gene and will make their first-ever Detroit appearance tomorrow.

Here's what singer Brian McSweeney shared about the band a recent interview with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers:

O&E: So, you're just back from Europe, how did the tour go?

B.M.: "It was wonderful. Europe is always beautiful. It's the third time we've been. Ryko U.K. is keeping us very busy. They're licensing our record to a few different record companies in Paris, Germany, Holland and then Ryko U.K."

O&E: Tell me how Matthew originally came together?

B.M.: "Matt (Sumpter) and I grew up together. I've been playing music since I was 19 years old. We met because we were dating the same girl at the same time and we didn't know it."

"We've been playing together for several years. The band we were in broke up. Matt moved up here. I was the guitar player and he was the drummer in Lackluster. When the singer quit and decided to become a solo artist, the two of us set out writ-



Matthew, a Chicago-based rock band, will make their first Detroit-area appearance tomorrow at Detroit's Shelter. The band is singer Brian McSweeney (left to right), guitarist Jason Sipe, drummer Matt Sumpter and bassist James Scott.

ing songs together.

"We worked on songs for about a year and a half. We had been doing this for a while. We knew we wanted to be a four-piece rock band."

O&E: Tell me what each member brings to the project?

B.M.: "Matt and I are the backbone. I've always believed for a rock band it is really important to have a great drummer. He and I have always been the structure of the songs. The other bassist (James Scott) and guitar player (Jason Sipe), they are more of the colors. They're the paint on the canvas."

O&E: Having spent so much time on tour since the start, how long did it take for this record to come together? And have some of the songs been around for a while?

B.M.: "A few songs were probably done for more than four years. A few of them are as new as a year old. The newer songs, I think, are a little more cohesive as a band. *In Your Car* was added at the eleventh hour. *Breathing* we did in the studio. *The Darkest*

taxing thing is writing the songs. It's just a long process. It just takes a lot of patience."

O&E: Where do you feel Matthew fits into the Chicago music scene?

B.M.: "I feel we're becoming more a part of it. We didn't really grow up here. We made the record and first thing, started touring. We were lucky enough that our booking agent (who sends us) outside the US. We haven't been home."

"Slowly, it's kinda building. We have our first big show at the Shelter on the 12th. It's the first show of the tour with Gene. It's pretty exciting."

The following night Matthew and headliners Gene will perform at the Shelter, below St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress in Detroit. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Call (248) 645-6666 for tickets and information.

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Elton John, Tim Rice update *Aida* with pop music

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
STAFF WRITER

The name's the same. The story line is the same. And that's where the similarities end.

The Fisher Theatre is playing host to *Aida* for four weeks. This isn't the same *Aida* as the opera written by Giuseppe Verdi in 1871.

It's the Broadway hit *Aida* written by the successful *The Lion King* duo — composer Elton John and lyricist Tim Rice.

Giuseppe Verdi wrote the famous opera at the age of 68. It became only one of several operas — *Nabucco*, *I Lombardi*, *Rigoletto*, *Il Trovatore*, *La Traviata*, *Otello* and *Falstaff*, that made Verdi's name immortal in the world of music. He's known today as the greatest of the operatic composers.

Verdi based *Aida*, on an existing story. John and Rice did the same, only with a more modern twist to the age-old love story.

"It's very interesting to see how a contemporary composer looks at an story from opera in new terms," said David DiChiera, director of Michigan Opera Theatre. "Nothing will replace the masterpiece, *Aida*, just like the musical, *Rent*, won't replace Puccini's *La Boheme*. I hope people will enjoy the new *Aida* and then when MOT redoes Verdi's opera in a few years from now, they will come and see what a great opera composer did with it. They might just find they enjoyed the traditional opera

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"If Verdi were in the audience of our *Aida*, I think he would like this rendition," said Jeremy Kushnier, who portrays the male lead, Radames, in the national tour produced by Disney Theatrical Productions. "This is a really good show. Even if people aren't fans of Elton John music, they are going to fall in love with it."

The musical *Aida* opened March 23, 2000 on Broadway. It earned four 2000 Tony awards — Best Score, Best Lead Actress in a Musical (Heather Headley), Best Scenic Design (by Bob Crowley) and Best Lighting Design (by Natasha Katz). *Aida* also earned the 2001 Grammy Award for the Best Musical Show Album.

LOVE STORY

Aida is a story about the Nubian princess, Aida, who is stolen from her country, Nubia, at a time of war between Egypt

and her country. Radames, an Egyptian army captain, is aboard the boat that takes Aida and other Nubian captives back to Egypt. Once they arrive, he sends her to his betrothed, Egyptian princess, Amneris.

Radames has promised to marry Amneris. But like all love stories, things get complicated after Radames and Aida fall in love. The story ends when the lovers Radames and Aida are both buried alive in a tomb beneath the sands of the Egyptian desert, where they can spend an eternity together.

If you're familiar with *The Lion King*, you know the burial scene will be handled with kid gloves.

The John/Rice *Aida* production brings a modern bent to the story. It begins in a 21st century museum, where a man and a woman touring an Egyptian exhibit find themselves attracted to each other.

There are touches of humor added to the dramatic story, such as in the show-stopping number, *My Strongest Suit*, with its strong Motown songs.

Amneris, played on the tour

AIDA

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by Kelli Fournier, sings the comedic song complete with a fashion show unlike any other. *Aida* marks Fournier's Broadway debut. She's also a veteran of other stage roles and television credits.

Paulette Ivory portrays Aida. She hails from London's West End where she's had a musical career. She's also been in television, in films and is a recording artist.

Kushnier is from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. He originated the role of Ren in *Footloose* for his Broadway debut and played Roger in the national touring company of *Rent*. He also performed in the original Canadian companies of *The Who's Tommy* and *Rent*.

Kushnier joined *Aida* in February 2002. He takes time off from work in musicals to promote his band, whose debut

compact disc, *In Time*, came out in the spring.

Kushnier said parents can bring their families to see *Aida*.

"There is something for everyone in this story," he said. "It is definitely a different musical than *The Lion King*. Whether one comes to see the costumes or the staging or to hear the music, they will walk out loving the story."

Elton John described *Aida* in this way: "It's truly a pop musical with spoken dialogue. It has all kinds of recognizable song types with very urban-base rhythm and blues and gospel-inspired songs. It's my version of what *Aida* should be in a modern way."

"What makes *Aida* so interesting to me is that the story is so great, so pertinent," he added. "It's a beautiful, complex love story, where bigotry and hatred are swept out the window and love, compassion, forgiveness and understanding triumph. In this day and age, I'm a great believer in the human spirit triumphing over evil in any way."

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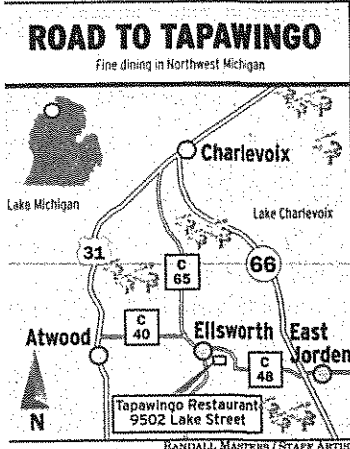
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"From that time on," Peterson said, "I wanted to be part of the world of cuisine because I had never experienced anything like it. I was hooked."

Back in the U.S., Peterson worked as chef at the Rowe Inn, also in Ellsworth, until 1984 when the parcel, suitable for a small restaurant on beautiful St. Claire Lake, became available. He bought it, opened Tapawingo, and five years ago, remodeled and expanded it. A modest, contemporary decor with muted colors, announces that food is the show. When your plate is empty, the incredible scenery plays an interlude.

In the early years, Peterson served as both chef and proprietor. However, he noticed something special about Chef Stuart when he hired him nearly two years ago, barely graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, but with kitchen work experience under skilled chefs since he was 15 years old.

At first, Chef Stuart held the title Chef de Cuisine and worked with "Pete." In a few short months, he earned the title of Executive Chef. "Pete has given me full reign," Chef Stuart noted. "That includes the stage and clientele. I've not been under any restraints and it has been easy for me to understand the Tap's



clients from the beginning."

Peterson more than returns the compliments.

"I am in awe of Stuart's talents," he said. "There are food passionate people and then there's Stuart. He has boundless energy and amazing creativity."

Chef Stuart has advanced the intricacy of food preparation at the Tap, whose world-traveled guests have heightened expectations. The first hors d'oeuvre presentation indicates that Chef Stuart is far ahead of any anticipation curve, that lengthens course after course.

FOOD AND WINE

To create his menus, Chef Stuart uses seasonal produce from several northern Michigan farms. Game hens, rabbits and ducks are sourced from a local farm in Boyne City. There are generally two fresh fish options

available, flown in from a purveyor located in the northeast.

The freshest lamb takes on a multitude of personalities from a simple roasted rack with seasonal plate garnishes to a nine-spice rub, ushering in North African and Moroccan flavors, paired with a Mediterranean vegetable plate garnish.

"Rabbit," Chef Stuart said, "has been the biggest challenge for me." Basically, what has become his rabbit art form defies description. It includes a cure and confit of the front legs.

Sausage from the rear legs serve as the loin portion of the Frenched rack. It's served with a cannelloni crepe, stuffed with the confit meat and appropriate vegetable garnish. "It will be on the winter menu again," Chef Stuart assured.

Sommelier Ron Edwards, who has passed the advanced level examination on his way to hopefully achieving Master Sommelier status, is a consummate wine pro. The Tap's wine list includes blockbusters, icons, legends and cult wines for those who want them. But Edwards' goal is to add more value-oriented wines in the \$50-\$80 range. He is expanding the number of crisp, vibrant, food-friendly wines from New Zealand and more particularly, Albarinos from Spain. Syrah and blends from the southern Rhone fit his aims to get wine drinkers out of a rut. "I want Americans to explore the world of wine," he concluded.

Tapawingo offers one and two-day cooking classes, except in summer months. Peterson conducts food and wine tours to Europe. Alexander Zonjic & Friends entertain at garden parties. One is upcoming on September 15, 2002 from 2-5p.m. at \$125 per person inclusive of Zonjic's performance, all foods, beverages and gratuities.

Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29, 2002 is Wine Collector's Weekend. The cut-off date to reserve for this tasting of great wines from Bordeaux, Burgundy and beyond is today, September 12, 2002.

Check out Tapawingo events on the Web site www.tapawingo.net or make inquiries by e-mail to tapdin@aoi.com. However, reservations must be made by phone.

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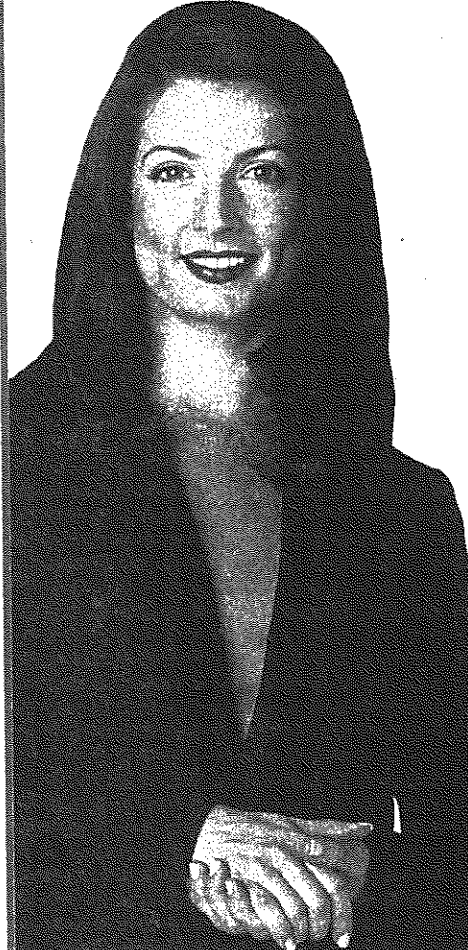
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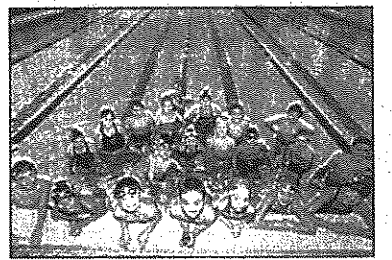
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The North Rosedale Park Home and Garden Tour will take place 10:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, in northwest Detroit.

The culturally diverse community is bordered by Grand River, West McNichols, the Southfield Freeway, and Evergreen. When it was first platted in the early 1920s, the area was rural and originally part of Redford Township.

Seven houses built between 1925 and 1953 - varying in architectural style and size - and three gardens will be featured on the tour.

Tickets are \$15 and available at these Detroit locations: Rosedale Hardware, 19140 Grand River, (313) 532-3848; Java In The Park Coffee House, 18714 Grand River, (313) 838-5252; and Nu Graphix, 19025 Grand River, (313) 836-2121.

Tickets can also be bought Saturday at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, where the tour will begin.

North Rosedale Park in Detroit is comprised of just over 1,700 homes. The neighborhood features a variety of architectural styles, including Tudor, French Country-Provencal, Eclectic, Colonial, Neoclassical and Arts and Crafts.

Among the numerous amenities in the residences are wet plaster finishes, fine hardwood floors and moldings, and interesting ceramic tile installations.

Artistic apple

An apple for the teacher is still a popular tradition. An Apple a Day arrangement - an apple with fresh flowers in it - rates an A+ for creativity. Your child will have fun turning an ordinary apple into a makeshift vase. Here's how to do it from the floral experts at 1-800-flowers.com:

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Vegetable and fruit vases are a fun and easy craft to help creativity bloom in and out of the classroom. Why should youngsters have all the fun? For a more advanced project, core an apple and insert a beeswax candle for an unusual place setting or fall decoration.

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Interior design classes



Community education offers help with remodeling, decor and more

Where to find instruction, Page C3

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Do-it-yourself remodeling and decor projects are dreams come true for homeowners on a budget.

But, as many have discovered, project completion is easier to say than to do.

If procrastination doesn't permanently forestall plans, waning determination - in the face of incomplete instructions, a lack of know-how or yet another trip to Home Depot - might.

How about a little instruction and guidance, maybe a venue to ask questions? Classes offered through local schools' community education programs are not only taught by local experts but also close to home.

With the fall semester around the corner for adult education and

enrichment, now is the time to survey class offerings.

"Usually in the fall we have a very good turnout," said Carolyn Hatcher-Baron, coordinator of Wayne-Westland Schools

A popular fall class offered by the program is lawn maintenance. Taught by a master gardener, the class covers all aspects of lawn care with an emphasis on teaching homeowners how to treat and prepare their yards for the fall and winter months.

Common offerings among community education programs include faux finish painting, basement remodeling and seminars about building or buying a house.

A popular class offered through Farmington Schools Community Education is Decorating on a

Budget. Taught by interior designer Jeannine Matlow, the class is offered every fall, spring and winter and emphasizes affordable yet creative decorating techniques.

"The decorating class has been quite popular," said Dorothy Martin, community education program coordinator.

The most popular class offered by Plymouth Canton Schools Community Education is by far

Christmas Decorating & Entertaining.

Taught by Anne Musson, interior design consultant at Gabriella's gift and home store in downtown Plymouth, the class is designed to inspire homeowners with inexpensive and innovative ideas for decorating during the holiday season.

"There's close to 200 people that attend," said the program's coordinator, Gayle Harshman.

The class (with same instructor) is also being offered by Livonia Public Schools Community Education and Enrichment.

Why is the class so popular? Great ideas, said Harshman.

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Designer's eclectic 'finds' create exotic, elegant home environment

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Sleuthing is a hobby of Phyllis Whitehead.

"You never know what you may find," said Whitehead, an interior designer.

Examples of what she has found on her excursions through the countryside are among the eclectic furnishings in her Birmingham residence - one of six featured on Designers' Homes on Tour Sunday, Sept. 22 (see related story).

Whitehead's house was built in the 1880s. Two restoration and renovation projects have been done there since Whitehead moved into it in 1994. She estimates that the house is now between 3,500 and 3,600 square feet; it was originally about 2,000 square feet.



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Phyllis Whitehead stands on a stairway that is covered with carpeting featuring a leopard design.

The residents took care to reproduce the original house,

using old moldings, hardware and doors, or replicas. But they have also put their own personality on it.

"I've had a lot of fun doing it," Whitehead said.

The furnishings she has brought to the house - antiques, flea market finds and new pieces - range in age from the 1800s to the present. The look, elegant and exotic, has been described as "French Quarter meets Key West."

Animal prints and figures, and floral patterns and forms, blend with brocade and ornate designs and shapes.

In the dining room, the upholstery on the chairs around the table features animal stripes; the chandelier and a mirror on one wall have exquisite scrolls and curves.

In the living room, pillows on a

PLEASE SEE FINDS, C2

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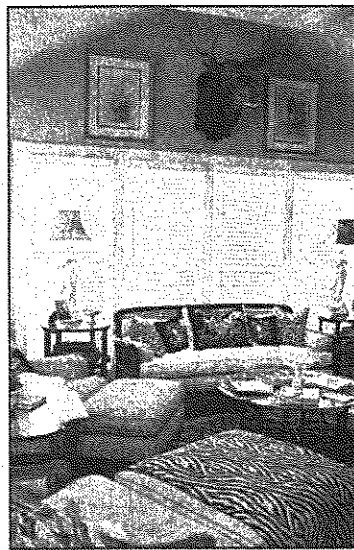
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sofa bear animal spots; the carpet features a lush, flowery pattern and an open iron screen stands behind the sofa.
A stairway is covered in leopard carpeting; and an iron vine winds around the railing.



Phyllis Whitehead refers to a sun room as a garden room because it gives the feeling of sitting in a garden. Accessories include lamps made from garden statues, and a moose head between framed floral prints.

"I like to pick things that are from nature in fabrics and color," Whitehead said.

In front, the added verandah porch is reminiscent of the era of the house. Over the garage, the new carriage house holds a conference area for Whitehead's business and a guest suite. In back is a five-hole putting green and a courtyard.

Maple floors run throughout the house. The walls are covered with art, including works by contemporary artists and large, colorful vintage posters.

Architectural elements add distinctive touches - such as white columns from an old Roma Hall, a labeled door from a janitor's closet, and a door of bronze, copper and steel scroll-work.

The kitchen features towering stands on a countertop, and floor-to-ceiling cabinets on one wall. Majolica pottery, antique glassware and china are displayed.

Adjacent to the kitchen is a bar - formerly the dining room - that contains a vintage French chandelier Whitehead found in New Orleans.

The first floor is open, great for entertaining.
"You can stand in the kitchen

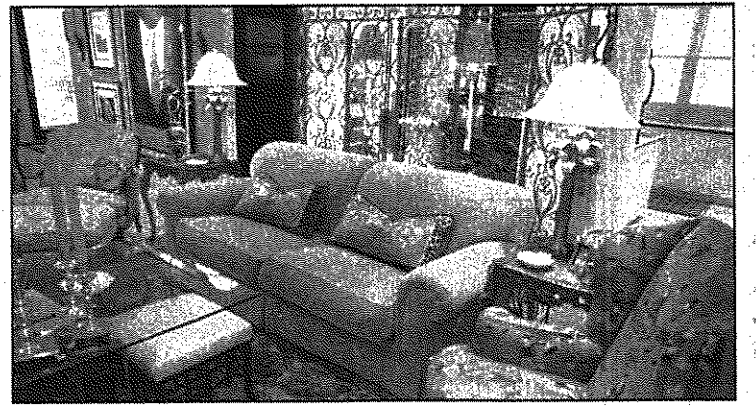


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The dining room, like other rooms at Phyllis Whitehead's residence, features an eclectic mix of animal prints, floral designs, art and vintage posters. The house will be on Designers' Homes on Tour Sept. 22.

and talk to anybody (anywhere)," Whitehead said.
Whitehead refers to a sun porch as a garden room. With all the windows, it gives you the feeling of being in the garden, she says.

"This is my room," Whitehead said.
"It's a nice place to sit."
The room features lamps made from garden statues; a moose head mounted between framed floral prints; and animal patterns on a furniture covering and pillows.



A view from the living room shows how the first floor of Phyllis Whitehead's house is open. A door from a janitor's closet and an iron screen are among the furnishings.

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As I promised: Here's more about that new washing machine

A few months ago I promised you that I would let you know more about a certain washing machine.

If you remember, a company in Ohio wanted my help in launching this new style washer into the retail industry. It isn't available in any retail stores across the country. The company brought one to me so that I could look at it and give the company an evaluation. At the time I was amazed with its simplicity and how it was constructed. I received many phone calls from our readers who wanted to know more about it, but as I

said, "I can't say any more until I visit their factory and find out if this is a chicken barn operation or a legitimate operation."

A few days ago I went to the factory to see with my own eyes. The building is 30,000 square feet in a new industrial complex with the appearance inside and out of being immaculate. The president of the corporation and his key people are well involved in the community and respected in the business world.

I spent a few hours in the factory and watched as they built a washing machine from start to finish.

CLEAN, QUIET

For the many people reading this who have seen the rust buildup on the inside of their washer cabinets, this washer is painted inside and out. The bottom structure is also made of steel and is also painted.

The reason I point this out is because many of the cabinets today aren't painted inside and the rust conditions are a serious concern to the service industry. This company wants its products to look good after 15 years of service and it even makes the inner and outer tubs out of stainless steel.

The washer isn't a front loader but loads from the top. It will also take a load of 16 regular bath towels without being overloaded.

If the college kid comes home for the weekend and attempts to wash 90 pounds of clothes in one load, all he or she can do is burn up the belt and not the motor. The average person who can hold a screwdriver can change the belt in five minutes. No service technician required.

The machine is extremely quiet when operating, and the spin cycle so smooth you can balance a nickel on edge on the machine during it. This tub

balance is because they use shock absorbers, similar to those of a car, and I can't tell you how many homeowners complain about a vibrating washing machine.

We are being told today that manufacturers are now gearing up to change the washer industry to all front loaders so they can meet the energy ratings set forth recently by the U.S. Department of Energy. This new washer I am writing

about already meets those Energy Star Ratings and it is still a top loader. No bending over to lift that heavy armful of clothes.

I remind you that it isn't in retail locations to be seen or bought, and that I am currently working on the introduction of this washer into a retail location in this area.

You can see this washer on a few ships in the U.S. Navy, which are so pleased with its performance that they have recently placed an order for more to be delivered.

AT THE SHOW

You will be able to see this washer when I do the home show Friday-Sunday, Sept. 13-15, at the Troy Sports Center, on E. Big Beaver Road at John R. (Show hours are 5-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 455-7226 for more information.)

I expect the display model to be right beside me. It will have a plastic, see-through front on it so you can see how it works and the simplicity of the inner workings.

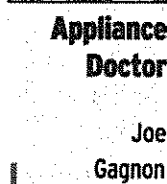
One last thing to point out in this world filled with so much unethical behavior: I am doing this for you, the consumer. It is as simple as that.

I am not being paid by the manufacturer or the retail store that will carry this machine. I am buying one of these washers for my home, which means I am writing a check for it.

It seems almost corny that someone will take his own time and drive four hours away to do something for others, but that's the way it is.

Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.



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■ Think Spring (prepare for winter), 7-10 p.m. Sept. 17, \$18.

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Plan before you plant bulbs for spring

This is the only time we can plant spring-flowering bulbs, so plan carefully where you want their beauty in the garden.

Bulbs need a few months of in-ground refrigeration to "do their magic." That's why we plant them this time of year.

Some bulbs sprout very early in the spring, even in late winter, while others delay their appearance until almost summer. Many others bloom during the weeks in between.

If you know the sequence of bloom time, you can design the garden to have a display from bulbs for many weeks.

In early spring look for snowdrops, winter aconite, crocus and glory-of-the-snow. Soon the bright daffodils appear, as do hyacinths with their sweet perfume.

Tulips are at their glory in mid-spring, especially the Triumph tulips and the tall Darwin hybrids. Later in the

season the lily-flowered tulips and the Parrot tulips add their beauty.

Then last, but certainly not least, the gorgeous Dutch irises and the globe-shaped flowers or ornamental onions (alliums) add their beauty.

WHERE

Bulbs can be planted in almost any flower bed, in borders and along walkways, even under trees that aren't yet in leaf at that time of year.

There is a window of time when the sun hits the areas under the leafless trees, letting the sunshine in to help the bulbs achieve their performance.

You might want to create naturalistic clusters of bulbs in lawns and around tree bases, and daffodils and crocuses work very well for this purpose. To achieve a natural look, simply gently toss the bulbs in the bedding area and plant them where they land.

Be aware of the color of the plants so that you can create a harmonizing picture.

You may want to list the bulbs and their color and bloom time before you visit the nursery or place your order. The ultimate height of the plants will also come into con-

sideration.

This will assure that you will have a pretty spring garden that is pleasing to look at and of which you can be proud.

PUSCHKINIA

One of my favorite spring-flowering bulbs is puschkinia, which blooms from late March into April.

Puschkinia is also known as striped squill. Its blooms are fragrant and the 1-inch flowers all have a blue stripe that is visible when you really look closely. At a distance, the flowers have a faded look. Their beauty will last for several weeks on the 4- to 8-inch tall stems.

Mine grow near the edge of the deck where we can really get a good look each time we're out there.

You might want to try something completely different this year and naturalize puschkinia in the lawn, as they are long-lived and spread readily if they like where they are growing. A bonus is that chipmunks, voles and their kin won't eat them, unless they are very hungry.

If you want the bulbs to be extra safe from the animals, a simple solution is to mix a handful of sharp crushed gravel around the bulbs as you put

them into the ground.

PROGRAMS

Two exciting programs about bulbs that you won't want to miss will take place Sunday and Monday, Sept. 22 and 23, at Telly's Greenhouse, 3301 John R in Troy. Brent Heath of Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Gloucester, Va., will be the speaker.

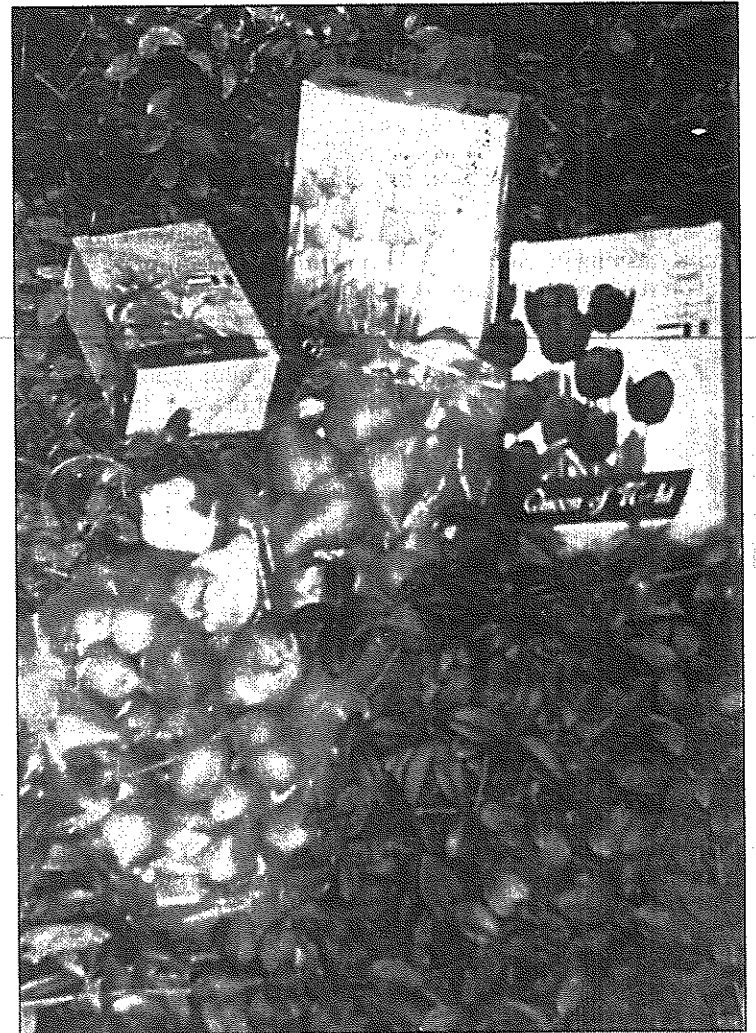
At 1 p.m. Sept. 22, Brent will present Living Flower Arrangements: Bulbs for Containers, a slide lecture that illustrates the many kinds of bulbs that are suitable for growing in containers. The fee for this lecture is \$5 (refunded with \$5 off any purchase the day of the class).

At 2:30 p.m. Sept. 22, Brent will conduct a hands-on workshop at which participants will have the opportunity to create their own combination planting, which they may take home. The fee for this workshop is \$20.

Brent will present Pest-resistant Bulbs 10-11 a.m. Sept. 23. The audience will learn about the kinds of flower bulbs that naturally resist the attacks of such critters as deer, rabbits, squirrels, voles and insects.

Brent will also share how to make edible bulbs like lilies, tulips and crocus more pest resistant with an assortment of remedies.

A limited number of the Heaths' latest books, *Daffodils*



MARTY FIGLEY

Bulbs for spring gardens can soon be planted.

for *North American Gardens and Tulips for North American Gardens* will be available for purchase.

The classes include free handouts, beverages and snacks. Please call to pre-register, as space is limited. (Note the \$20 fee for the Sept. 22

workshop.) Call (248) 689-8735.

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. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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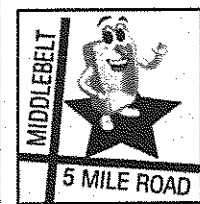
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4. **Launch a workable system for them.** A plan will fail if discipline isn't used. You will need to make sure your children are following the plan. They may need daily reminders to pick up toys, shoes, coats, backpacks, etc.
5. **Label their things.** When you organize toys, put a label on the container. Use a picture if your child is too young to read.
6. **Lend a helping hand.** Sometimes your child may feel overwhelmed and may need your help. Take, for instance, your 13-year-old daughter's closet that is crammed with clothes. She may need you to help her make decisions as she sorts through the clothes.
7. **Lead your children down the organization road.** Organization is a difficult skill to learn. Begin teaching this skill before your children learn to walk. Create a sense of order in their life. Help your children pick up their things and put them in their home.
8. **Listen to what they say and ask questions.** The best way to get cooperation is to listen. Ask your child to give you a good reason why his socks are in the middle of the family room floor. Ask him if it is fair for you to pick up his things. After all, you aren't asking him to pick up your things.
9. **Love them each step of the way.** Your love is a necessary ingredient if you expect your child to listen to your instruction.
10. **Lecture as a last resort.** You could lecture your child about his messy room or offer to help him get it organized. The latter is more effective.

Today's refrigerator bulletin: "Time invested in training now will reap results in later years!"

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1. **Live by example.** You cannot expect your children to keep their room organized when you have clutter piles around the house. The best tool for teaching is showing someone how to do something, not just communicating verbally.
2. **Lay out a workable organization schedule.** Chores or tasks should be age appropriate. You cannot expect your 3-year-old to make his bed, but you can show him how to pick up toys and put them in a basket.
3. **List the things that need to be done on a daily or weekly basis.** This should be a written plan that everyone understands. Don't make assumptions. If you expect your teenager's room to be picked up, make a list of what needs to be done. The list may look like this:
 - ___ Pick up clothing off the floor and take the items to the laundry room
 - ___ Put books on the bookshelf
 - ___ Organize your school papers in a binder or a file system
 - ___ Throw away all trash
 - ___ Make your bed
 - ___ Close the closet door and shut the dresser drawers
 - ___ Find a home for every

Fall is good time to talk about caulking

A typical fall task is caulking. Caulking helps seal drafts, but more importantly it ensures that paint and wood will last longer by sealing places where water can seep in cracks.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

Moisture can be an enemy to your home. If you ever underestimate the power of water, think about the Grand Canyon. Caulk also fills gaps that can make even a good paint job look shabby.

A professional-grade caulk gun can cost \$20 or more. Not a good investment for occasional use.

When buying a caulk gun, look for one that has smooth operation, has a non-slip ratchet and is "dripless." You should be able to find one with these features for about

\$5. Many caulk guns come with an integral cutter to remove the end off the caulk tube. This cutter often leaves a ragged end, which makes putting a smooth bead of caulk down rather difficult.

Use a utility knife to cut the tube. There are many types of caulks on the market. By and large acrylic and polyester caulks will fulfill most household needs.

Acrylic latex is a good all-purpose caulk. This is available in many colors, and it's water based so cleanup is easy. This product skins over and dries rather quickly, so it can be painted with latex paint almost immediately. Buy the best quality acrylic caulk available.

Polyurethane caulk is better than acrylic in most ways. It is, however, stickier and much more difficult to apply.

Polyurethane also needs mineral spirits for cleanup. Though acrylic doesn't last as long as polyurethane caulks, its ease of use and lower cost make it a good option. Polyurethane is a must for

concrete and other masonry. Make sure the caulk is "paintable."

HOW IT'S DONE

First, remove any old loose caulk. Clean all the debris using a brush and vacuum. Work some primer into the gaps. This helps seal the wood and gives the caulk a better gripping surface.

Cut a 45-degree angle on the tip, puncture the inner seal and draw the gun toward yourself as you squeeze a thin bead of caulk. The idea is to just bridge the gap, not fill it. Thick beads will pull away from wood as it dries. Thin beads stretch as the wood expands and contracts.

Before the caulk skins over, "tool" it by running a damp (use water for acrylic, thinner for polyurethane) finger over the joint.

This helps press the caulk into the work and leaves an attractive concave finish. Keep a wet cloth handy for cleanup. Avoid caulking under windows, the horizontal joints of siding or anywhere that will prevent water from "weeping."

Combustion appliances such as dryers, water heaters and stoves need air to burn. In tighter, well-caulked homes this air may come down the chimney, which is bad.

To check for this, close all windows and doors. Run hot water until the water heater comes on for about a minute.

Place a smoldering match near the vent hood at the top of the heater. If the smoke is drawn up the chimney, you're OK; if it's pushed back, have your home checked by a qualified furnace technician.

Harry Jachym, a licensed builder, teaches construction trades to high school students and is the general contractor for Habitat for Humanity, Western Wayne County. Since we all seem to ask our fathers for repair or remodeling advice, Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Winners in sunflower contest to be announced next week

The winners of this year's High Hopes sunflower contest will be announced in the At Home section on Thursday, Sept. 19.

Prizes for the tallest sunflower and the sunflower with the largest seed head will be awarded 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at English Gardens, 6370 Orchard Lake

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It is that magical time in Hollywood. The Emmy Awards. All of America is watching. We sit breathless before our television sets as our favorite TV stars emerge from their limousines, we wait with bated breath to hear the name of the dress designer we know we could never use.

We drool over the borrowed jewels, we envy the date of that handsome George Clooney. We watch our stars sashay, promenade and pirouette down the red carpet, all the while mugging for the camera. This glitterati of America, who we want to be.

And yet they remind us, we are not them.

Even so, this force that is Hollywood is driving women/mothers/wives to exercise videos, to stair-stepers and treadmills. We read about their diet tips and beauty secrets. As each New Year is ushered in we are filled with resolve to begin that year with a healthy new diet and exercise regime. As the goodies glare at us from the refrigerators, we pop that chocolate in our mouths, adjust our long-line bras, and toss our girdles in contempt.

We will exercise!
We want to look just like Lara Flynn Boyle or Jennifer Aniston or Courtney Cox Arquette. We want to be at the award shows, we want to be a part of the glitz, the glamour. We want to name drop, we want our homes featured on Cribs, our lives taped, but most of all, we want to sell our own exercise video.

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Maybe I will release my own exercise video.

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■ Twist with me as I lift the forgotten backpack from the middle of the floor (calories burned determined by the contents, 300 bonus points if you end up in traction).

Note: Screaming at the kids/dog or husband will not burn bonus calories, but may boost the adrenaline.

Or maybe I will host my own awards show.
I would give my awards to real people, I would give an award to all the rescue workers who risked and gave their lives last year at the World Trade Center. I would give an award to all those who worked for days to pull trapped miners to safety.

I would give an award to the people who survived Hitler, to the people that fought and fight our wars. I would give an award to those that give of themselves every day of their working lives, doctors, nurses, teachers, coaches.

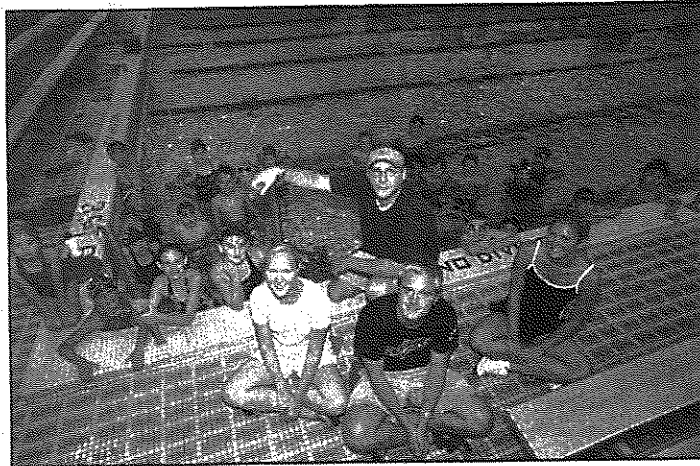
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ON THE WATER FRONT



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Above, Phil Hoffmeyer, front, and his coaching staff, from left, Yvonne Lynn, Aaron Reeder and Susan Krupin have the Cruisers ready for another outstanding season. Right, interest in the 27-year-old Plymouth-Canton Cruisers swimming program is at an all-time high, according to team officials.



MEETING EXPECTATIONS

Here are Cruiser highlights from last month's 2002 USS Michigan State Meet:

- The Cruisers placed fifth overall out of 80 teams for combined score (a club record)
- Female team placed sixth overall
- Male team placed sixth overall
- Nick Dixon placed 16th in the Mid-West Sectional for Mens 1,500 Meter Freestyle
- Dixon qualified for 3 additional sectional events, 800 and 400 Meter Freestyles and 200 Meter Fly
- Jill Peterson, 13, qualified for the Womens 50 Meter Freestyle sectional event
- Allison Schmitt took second place in the Women's Fly for her age category (11-12), the highest individual finish in any category.

Cruisers show swimming is alive and kicking as a youth sport

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

When the subject is youth sports in Plymouth and Canton, images of soccer moms and hockey dads spring to mind. Little Leaguers probably hold down the third spot in terms of participation, with the Canton Junior Baseball Association active on area playing fields throughout June and July.

But young swimmers could be getting ready to lap the competition, based on the growing popularity of the Plymouth Canton Cruisers.

Interest in the 27-year-old program is at an all-time high, said Cruisers coach and Plymouth resident Phil Hoffmeyer. There are 160 kids - from age 5 to high school graduates - participating in the fall program and a waiting list nearing 100 as well, Hoffmeyer said.

"It's becoming a bigger and bigger sport with the success of the U.S. swim team in the last Olympics and strong interest locally as well. So it really doesn't surprise me that we're at this level," Hoffmeyer said.

"There's a promising rivalry now between the U.S. and Australian teams (long considered the top swimmers) and everything is televised these days by ESPN."

FEEDER PROGRAM

Canton and Salem High Schools have had strong programs for years, with swimmers often going deep into the state tournament. In fact, about 90 percent of the swimmers on all three high school teams (with Plymouth High School fielding a small junior varsity squad this year) have come through the cruisers program, according to Hoffmeyer.

Hoffmeyer, 27, and associate coach Sue Krupin are former Cruiser and Salem swimmers. Aaron Reeder, the other associate coach is a Canton resident and a former Canton High School swimmer.

The program is under the auspices of the Plymouth-Canton schools Community Education Department. Practice sessions are usually held at the two high schools and Central Middle School, although the opening of Plymouth High School has led to some concern that "we'll be pushed out," Hoffmeyer said recently.

A temporary solution that included shifting practice schedules was worked out when supporters of the swim program appeared before the school board in late August but the real answer lies in building another pool, Hoffmeyer said.

The team competes in meets sanctioned by the United States Swimming Association throughout the year. There are summer and fall seasons.

DIVING IN

Finding practice space and navigating the political waters aside, the main attraction for most Cruiser swimmers is the sport itself.

"It's good exercise and you can have fun," said Kelley Hodges, 12, a Plymouth resident who has been a pool rat since her mom enrolled her in a toddler class.

Nick Dixon, now swimming for Salem, has been a Cruiser for eight years - since he was 7. "I feel like it's been part of my life for my whole life," the Canton resident said. "It gives you something to stay dedicated to, to keep you in shape and to stay focused."

Said Andy Knisely, 14, of Canton, who has been swimming with the Cruisers for 2-1/2 years: "I like the sense of accomplishment when you go to a big meet and you do well."

Knisely is one of about nine swimmers on the new Plymouth High School team. He plans to continue the sport in college.

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WestSide Singles hasn't missed a beat in 20 years

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
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For the last three years, Felicia Parmelee has spent almost every Friday night at WestSide Singles dances.

"I have met tons of new people and I dated two guys I met," the Redford resident said. "It's fun - if you want to go dance or meet people, you can do that, too. Usually they have a good crowd."

For 20 years, singles like Parmelee, 47, have had somewhere to go on Friday night - other than a bar - to meet other singles.

And during those years, there have been at least 200 marriages that resulted from the weekly dances, according to the club's founder, Ed "Westside" - a surname he chose for privacy reasons. A few couples who met at the dances have chosen to have their marriage ceremony at the hall before a WestSide Singles dance.

In fact, Westside met his wife, Annita, at a WestSide Singles dance 17 years ago.

Two decades later, every Friday night, Westside and Annita are there working the dances together.

Countless other singles met, dated and or just had a Friday evening out, he added.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY

WestSide Singles celebrates its 20th anniversary from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., Friday at Burton Manor in Livonia featuring "Channel Six Band" and D.J. Diane Hajdyla, of Dearborn Heights.

Hajdyla also met her husband, Gary, at a WestSide Singles dance and they recently celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary.

"I think (the dances are) great, especially for people 30 and up, because there's really nowhere to go and have a good time and dance," Hajdyla said. "The atmosphere isn't so much like a bar."

"There's so many other bars, and you go in, and find that they're all young kids," she added. "It's hard to meet any-

one that way. The dances give people an opportunity to meet, dance and not feel as pressured as they would in a bar."

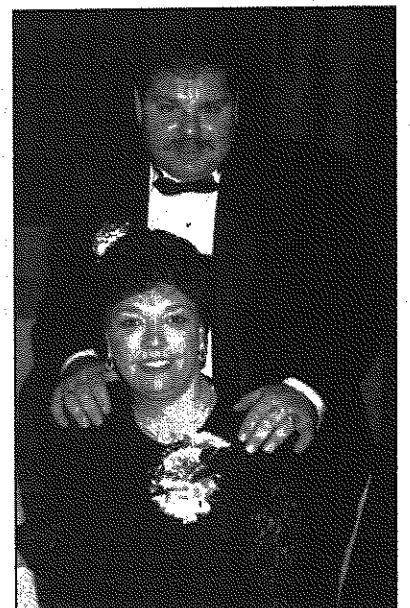
The dances are usually held at Burton Manor, or if those halls are booked at another location, such as Woodland Country Club in Wayne and New Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

"The WestSide Singles is different from other singles' clubs because the group does not have a membership fee," Westside said. "We don't have member and non-member fees for anything. Nobody needs that kind of expense."

Before 8:30 p.m. dance admission is \$4 and after it's \$6.

It all began, Westside said, when he started meeting with other singles in groups at sports outings, baseball, softball and tennis games, and there was nowhere to go when it started to get dark.

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Ed and Annita have brought together many couples over the years at their WestSide Singles Club.

CRUISERS

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During the high school season, Cruisers are inactive on the club team.

Many team members include swimming among a host of extracurricular activities.

Alex Derian-Toth, 17, of Plymouth, is also on the Canton High School soccer team, student council and participates in running sports.

Well-rounded kids.

Hoffmeyer said the program puts academic performance and participant conduct at the top of its guidelines and hasn't experienced any serious problems. Team policy dictates that swimmers "act as guests" in the pool area and locker rooms and show "respect to coaches at all times."

Kelley Hodges, who attends Our Lady of Good Counsel, said she isn't allowed to practice or attend meets until her homework is done, "which is no problem."



Cruisers coach Phil Hoffmeyer keeps an eye on his swimmers during practice.

Parents are actively involved as well. They provide transportation and handle the concessions at weekend meets in the metro Detroit area and as far away as Okemos, Mich.

There is an annual banquet and the team hold a fund-rais-

er or two during the season. Swimmers raised \$5,000 last season at a Cruiser-a-thon, swimming laps for donations. Hoffmeyer would like to add a golf meeting and someday host a USS meet.

"Of course that gets us back

to building additional facilities in the area," he said.

For more information about the Plymouth Canton Cruisers, go to www.cruiserswimming.com

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ANNIVERSARY

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"It kept growing and people brought things to barbecue and you'd just start to have fun or someone would meet someone and you'd have to go because it was getting dark." Westside, a Canton resident, said. "I thought why not take this indoors and you can stay with it longer and we started doing it every Friday?"

Westside decided to rent a hall. Word got around and "it kept growing," he added.

He added a d.j., who plays mostly Top 40 songs; appetizers; occasionally invited radio personalities and asked guests to come dressed up.

When WestSide Singles first started it was a family affair and he enlisted the help of his parents and friends. Since then he has a staff of about 15 people many of whom are friends.

The idea took off. His mailing list includes 5,000 people who receive WestSide Singles event calendars. Most of the people attracted to WestSide Singles are from 25 to 55 years old.

A PLACE TO SOCIALIZE

Every week he estimates the dances attract between 200 and 250 people, mostly from Wayne County, but drawing

from other communities, as well.

"Twenty years later it's a social get together for adults - a place to dance, meet, mingle and socialize," Westside, 47, said.

Oftentimes couples who met at a WestSide dance and got married will return for a night out or an anniversary celebration, Westside said.

Thinking about the WestSide Singles 20th anniversary, he added, "It's a long time. Twenty years. It's amazing. I never imagined that. I ran it as a business and a clean business since day one and that's why I'm still here."

Running a clean business, he said, meant not allowing admittance to anyone under the legal drinking age and if potential guests weren't dressed up they were asked to come back after they changed clothes.

Westside said he'll continue running the dances until "one day people don't come."

There is a \$10 admission fee for the Westside Singles 20th Anniversary Dance. Westside plans to give away door prizes, including concert tickets. Everyone will also be invited to place a free personal ad with "Singles Network," a dating magazine.

For more information about the anniversary and other dances, call the WestSide Singles Hotline at (734) 981-0909.

STANDISH

FROM PAGE C6

So many awards that should be given.

But I don't think anyone would watch my exercise video, and I don't think anyone will watch my awards show.

But people do watch the Emmys. America loves its award shows. The Emmys, the Oscars, the Tonys. We love seeing out thinner than life stars, we love seeing the glitz, the glamour.

It is what our country sometimes seems to be made of.

But then, reality strikes, and

we see it all for what it really is. Entertainment.

So, this year while watching the Emmy awards, while this year's winner for best actor or actress stands, award in hand, thanking God, thanking spouse, thanking manager and thanking really good lighting, we just need to stop, for only a

moment and remember the real stars are in this wonderful world we call our own.

It shouldn't only be heaven that knows.

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

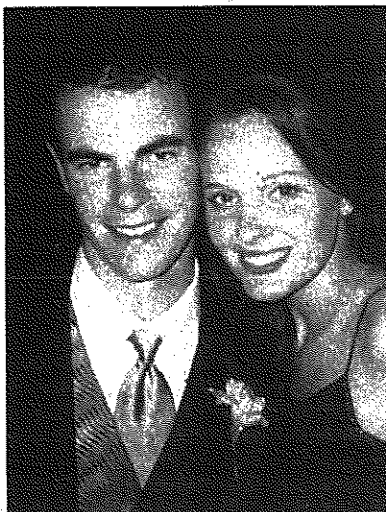
Grim-Bignell

Debra Greer of Traverse City and C. William Grim of Cadillac announce the engagement of their daughter, Kari Kaye Grim of Canton to Robert Frank Bignell, son of Carol Harrison of Canton and Michael Bignell of Brighton.

Kari is a 1993 graduate of Traverse City High School and a 1997 graduate of Northwood University. She is currently employed as a senior financial systems analyst at ACN, Inc.

Robert is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently employed as a finance officer at Comerica Bank.

An October wedding is planned at Lovett Hall in Greenfield Village.



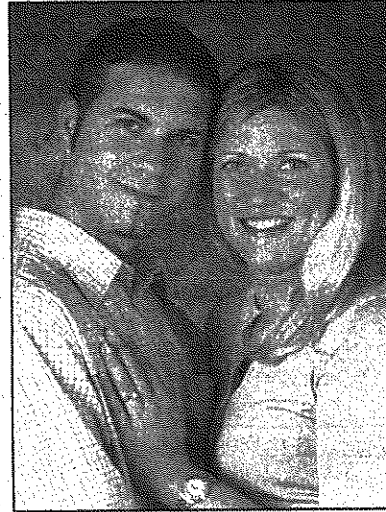
Davis-Konley

James and Beverly Davis of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Lyn Davis to Christopher Brian Konley, son of Brian and Kathleen Konley of Plymouth.

Janet is a graduate of Ladywood High School and of Schoolcraft College with a degree in child development and special education. She is currently employed with UAW Ford Child Development Center.

Chris is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is graduating from Eastern Michigan University in spring of 2003 with a degree in communications. He is currently employed by Engineering Reproduction Center.

An October wedding is planned at St. Anne's Church of Detroit.

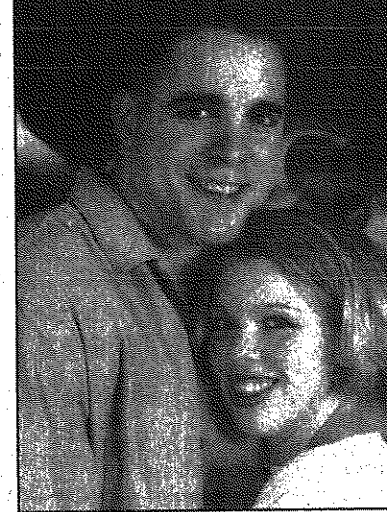


Zelek-Hollmig

Alan and Joyce Zelek of Canton are proud to announce the marriage of their son, Senior Airman Terence R. Zelek to Julie Lynn Hollmig, daughter of Carolyn Hollmig of Del Rio, Texas and Sam Hollmig of LaVernia, Texas.

The couple met April 7, 2002, while Terence was stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas. Terence and Julie wed in Seoul South Korea on June 7, 2002.

Terence is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and the bride, Julie is a graduate from Del Rio High School.



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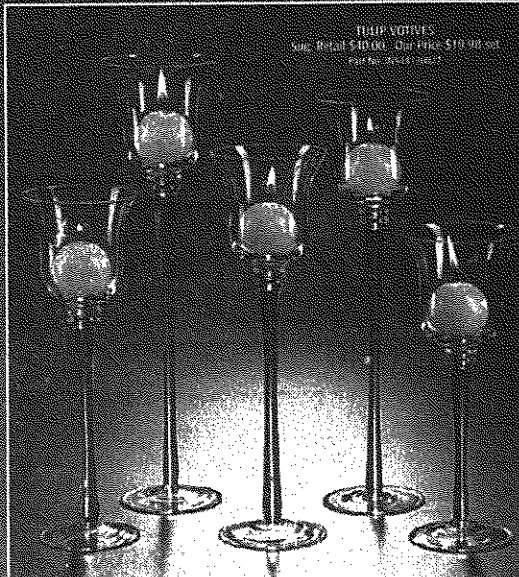
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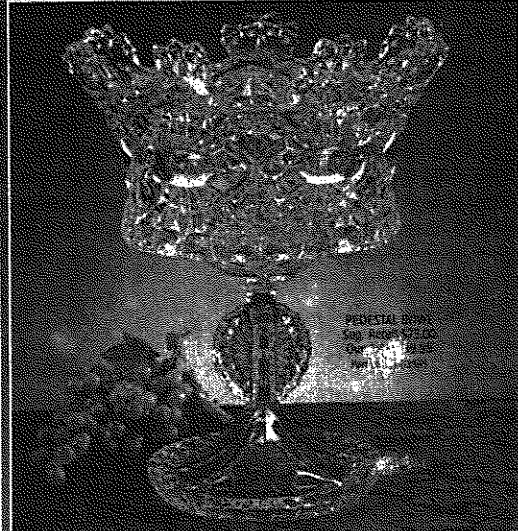
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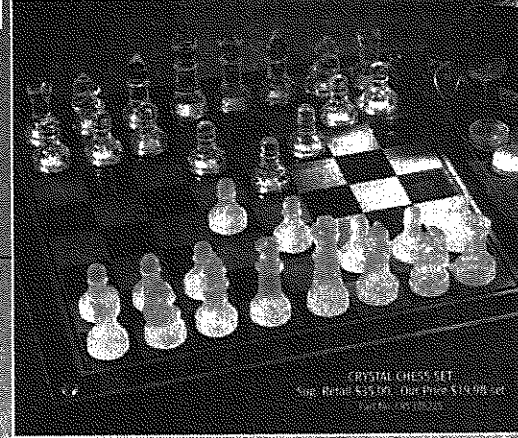
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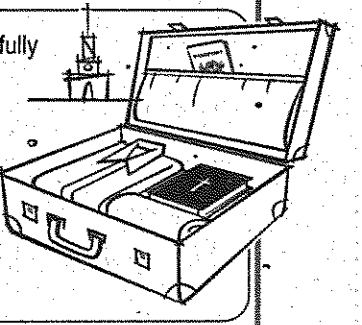
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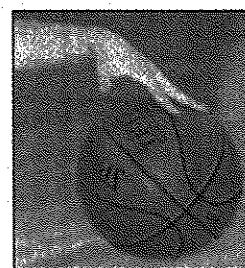
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Twisters unbeaten

The Michigan Twisters ran their unbeaten streak to eight-in-a-row Saturday with a 42-6 thrashing of the Motor City Cougars at Willow Run's Devlin Stadium.

The Twisters got a pair of touchdowns from Jason Gibson and two more from their defense, with Kevin Smith taking one interception back 68 yards for a score and DaVaughn Smith returning another 19 yards for a TD. An interception by Aaron Brothers (from Canton), who handed the ball to Richard Peebles (Westland), was returned to the Cougar 3-yard line, setting up one of Gibson's scores. Jaquan Wright and Andrew Sheibar also had one touchdown apiece.

The Twisters travel to Lima, Ohio, to battle the Lima Thunder (4-3 for the season) at 4 p.m. Saturday. They return home to play the once-beaten Battle Creek Rage Sept. 21. In their first meeting this season, the Twisters edged the Rage 34-31.

A stroke short

The scoring was a match-almost.

Salem met Farmington Harrison in a non-league golf match Monday at San Marino in Farmington, and three of the four counting scores posted matched. The one that didn't was the lowest score of the day, a 37 posted by the Hawks' David Koch — one stroke better than the Rocks' lowest score.

Which meant Harrison edged Salem by a single stroke, 155-156.

Joining Koch for Harrison were Chris Fitzgerald with a 38 and David Doig, Eric Zarkin and Paul Mazanka, each at 40. Salem was paced by Andy Thackaberry and Jon Gordon, each with a 38. Joe Pomorski and Aaron Cheesman were next best for the Rocks with 40s, followed by Charlie Suder (41) and Dale Stevens (42).

CC grad shines

Eastern Michigan University junior linebacker Dave Lusky (Redford Catholic Central) had a team-high 12 tackles (six solos, six assists) in the Eagles' 63-17 Mid-American Conference football loss Saturday to visiting Toledo.

He had one tackle for loss. EMU slips to 0-2 on the year.

Top WHAC players

Madonna University, fresh from its conquest of the Julie Martin Memorial women's volleyball tournament title over the weekend, reaped a pair of individual honors from the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Senior outside hitter Shelley Stanton (Linden) was named Player of the Week as she racked up a total of 92 kills with a .638 hitting percentage in five straight wins. She also had 67 digs, four solo blocks and nine block assists as MU improved to 12-2 on the year.

Senior Natalie Sayre (Grand Rapids) was named WHAC Setter of the Week after averaging 14.9 assists per game in the five matches. She also had eight aces and nine kills.

Strong start leads Ocelots to 4-2 victory

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Such a declaration seemed almost — ridiculous.

After everything Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team has been through in the previous week, to listen to their coach, Dominic Scicluna, say that what he needed to do for the second half of their match yesterday with Delta College was "create a challenge" wouldn't have seemed outlandish if the Ocelots were getting their behinds booted.

And it could have been predictable. Considering a week earlier SC soccer had received more media coverage than in its entire athletic history — not for something the Ocelots had accomplished, but because of a fight during their game at Kellogg CC, during which SC's Ryan Mallard had allegedly kicked, then stepped on, the head of an opponent — a let-down was understandable.

But that wasn't the problem Scicluna was addressing at half-time. It wasn't that SC was playing poorly. The Ocelots were ahead 3-0, and he felt altering his lineup would help his players' learning process.

It almost backfired, but SC repelled the Pioneers' second-

half comeback attempt and held on for a 4-2 victory. The Ocelots, who beat the University of Windsor 5-1 Saturday, improved to 5-0 with the victory. Delta is 2-2.

"I put our forwards in back, put in a new keeper and Zoran (Goljic) was not sweeping," Scicluna said. "I made changes they weren't prepared for, so they could discover the pain associated with playing another position. It was a learning experience for them.

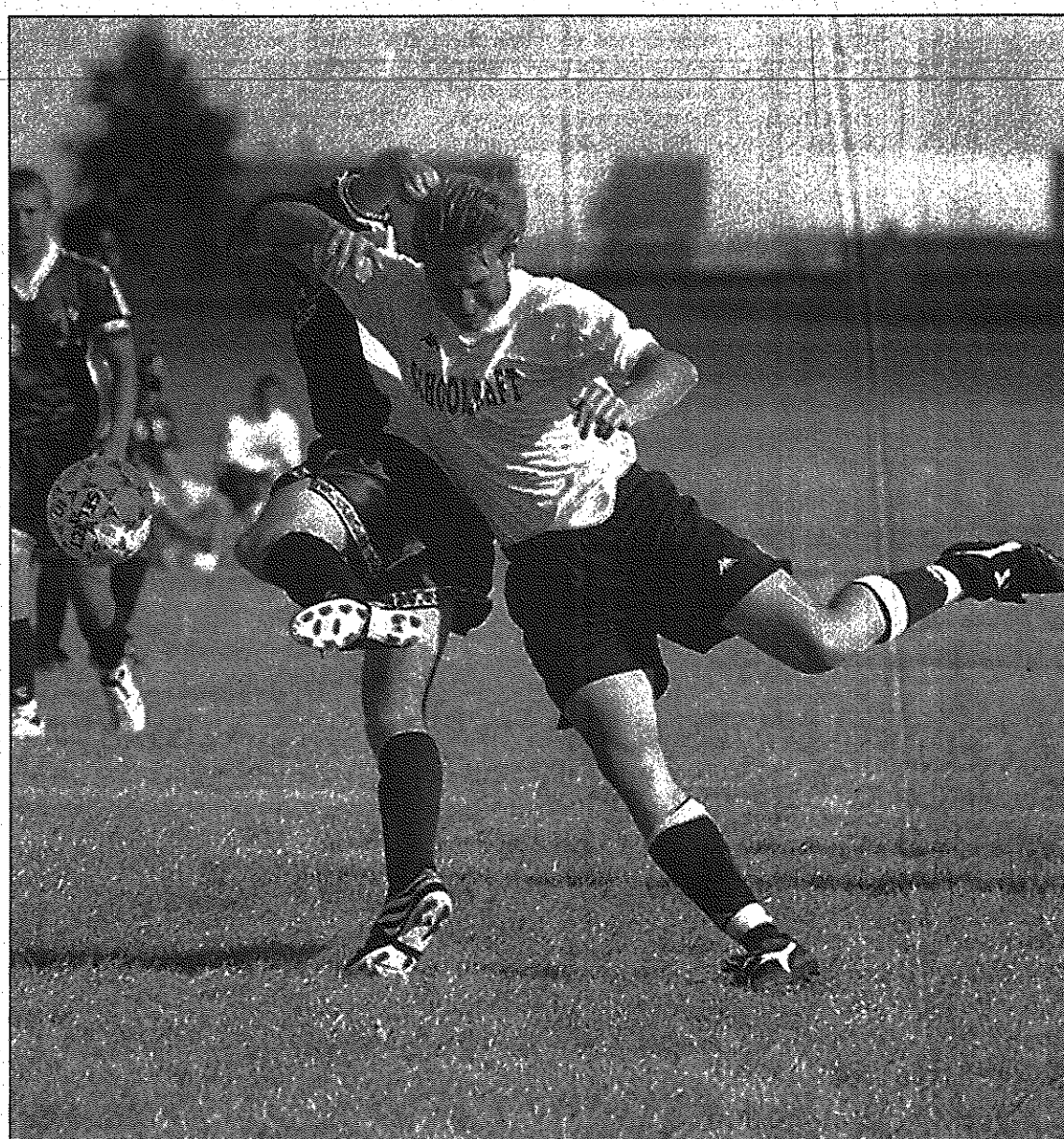
"I created conditions that would challenge them."

It didn't seem like there would be much of a challenge in the opening half. William Friend fielded a crossing pass from Salvador Odjeukeng and 31 seconds into the match had a goal, putting SC up 1-0.

At the 13:10 mark Goljic made it 2-0 after slicing through several Delta defenders, then beating Pioneer keeper Chris Grnya. Walter Watts assisted.

Ten minutes later the Ocelots got their third goal from Watts after Delta's Grnya misjudged the ball, leaving him alone to knock it in. David Comito got the assist.

"We just weren't playing well," said Delta coach Harry Whelan. "We were only playing about 60



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Coming out of his usual spot in goal for the second half, Schoolcraft's Eric Sicilia (white jersey) battles Delta's Craig Lill for the ball.

to 70 percent of our abilities, and we had to do much better than that."

With the wind at their back and an altered lineup of their own, the Pioneers did improve in the second half. Less than four minutes in, Eoin Whelan broke in alone on Dickson Mann III — who had replaced SC's Eric Sicilia (from Livonia

Churchill) in goal — and knocked it in to cut the Ocelot lead to 3-1.

SC recovered and regained its three-goal cushion eight minutes later, Friend taking a pass and beating the defender to make it 4-1. But Delta wasn't giving up yet; five minutes after SC's goal, Sherwin Connell grabbed a mis-play by the Ocelot defense and

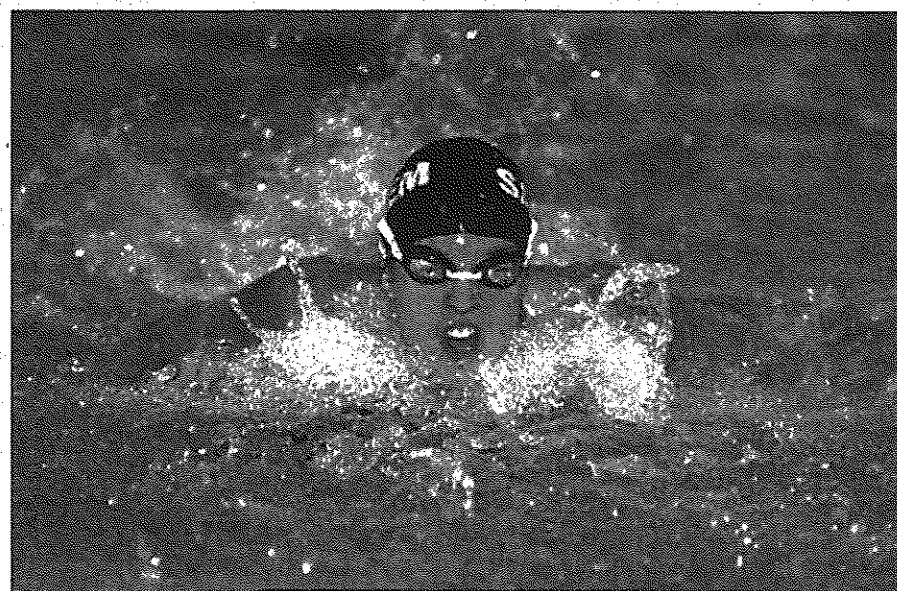
scored to make it 4-2.

After that, Scicluna put Goljic back on defense and the Ocelots held on — but it wasn't easy. Delta had other scoring chances but couldn't capitalize.

"We should have actually drawn that game," said Whelan.

Perhaps. And maybe the Pioneers will get the chance to prove it later this season.

Salem seems good, but Stevenson's still better



BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Well, looking at the bright side, one of those teams that always gave Salem's girls swim teams trouble in the past — including last year — won't any more.

That's because North Farmington, which edged Northville for second place at the Western Lakes Activities Association Championships last year, has moved to the Oakland Athletic Association with Farmington and Farmington Harrison.

Of course, perennial champ Livonia Stevenson — winner of the last 11 league titles — and Northville, which could provide a challenge for the Spartans this year, are still around. And if the WLAA Relays, which were Saturday at Salem, are an indication, those two will remain atop the conference.

The Rocks have a very good shot at finishing third, considering who's back and some very promising newcomers.

But first the one key loss. Gone is state

qualifier Monica Glowski, certainly Salem's best swimmer a year ago. She was the WLAA champ in the 100 fly and placed fourth in the 50 free.

Just about everyone else returns. Bolstering that group are some promising freshmen and a sophomore contingent that coach Chuck Olson described as "very strong — our biggest strength right now."

The Rocks have four senior captains: Jenny Crabill, Rachel Underhill, Nicole Genrich and Cami Carnes. Crabill was seventh in the 200 individual medley and eighth in the 500 free at the WLAA in 2001; Underhill was seventh in the 100 back; Genrich will swim various free events; and Carnes is a solid diver.

Also returning are junior Danielle Powers, who was seventh in the 100 free and eighth in the 50 free at the WLAA; sophomore Ashley Aquino, an 11th-place finisher in diving and a 12th in the 100 fly; Heather Michalsen, a sophomore who placed eighth in the 200 IM and 11th in the

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With a new coach (again), Canton will grow

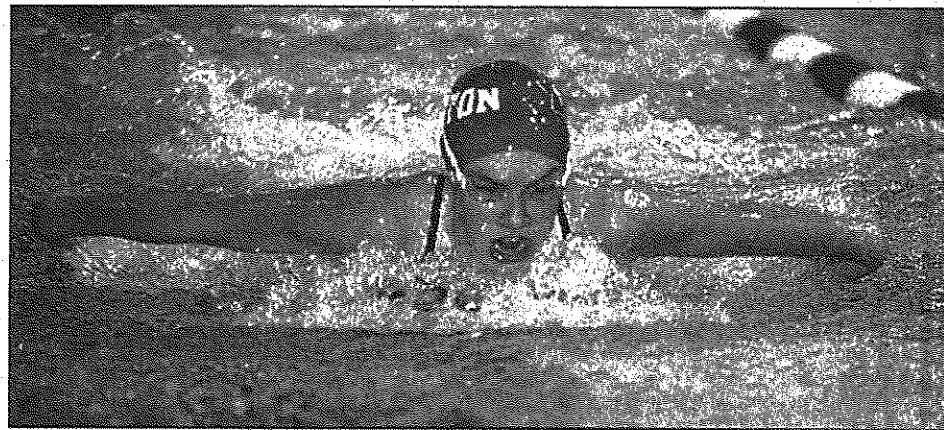
BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Canton's girls swim program always seems just on the verge of good things.

Sure, the question always seems to be how good. Can the Chiefs ever mount a challenge to Livonia Stevenson, winner of the last 11 Western Lakes Activities Association championships?

That question seems impossible to answer with certainty, not just for Canton but for every team in the WLAA, year after year. For Canton, it's not a question of building a challenger to the league's top team. It's a question of building stability.

The Chiefs have had five different coaches in the last five years. This season's coach is Yvonne Lynn, the former swim standout at Salem HS and Oakland University who takes over for Andrea Gaston, who left to take a teaching position in another district.



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Alison Goldsmith, now a sophomore showed plenty of promise in several events last year.

"I was definitely interested in (coaching Canton)," said Lynn, "when I knew there'd be an opening."

Considering the program's recent his-

tory, an opening seemed more a probability than a possibility. And whether or not Lynn stays beyond this year is problematical; she is currently a substitute

secondary teacher in the Plymouth-Canton system, hoping to get a full-time position.

She'd certainly like to return, whatever difficulties are associated with the job. "There's a lot more to it than I thought," Lynn admitted. "I was expecting it to be really scary, I thought the girls would be hard on me because I'm new."

"But they haven't been. They've made it a lot easier for me."

Certainly there's a lot to build with. For starters, she has Ed Weber as an assistant coach. Weber coaches the Canton boys team.

Then there's the numbers, which haven't diminished despite the constant changes. Canton has 60 girls on its team (compared to 64 apiece for Stevenson and Northville and 61 for Salem); considering 33 are juniors and seniors, the indication is interest remains strong.

Among the more talented returnees is

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There's more than a few surprises after 2 weeks of football

Two weeks into the football season and there's a few surprises to talk about.



Prep Grid Picks

C.J. Risak

No. 3: Livonia Clarenceville. I'm sure my partners in sports

won't necessarily agree with this, but I rate this as a surprise only because Tim Shaw is currently playing at Penn State.

No. 2: Redford Thurston. Another team that's 2-0 after beating Highland Park last week, 14-8. The Eagles have surrendered just eight points in two games thus far this season.

No. 1: Has to be Livonia Churchill. On Friday, the Chargers went into Plymouth Salem and dismantled the Rocks, 21-2.

Do you believe it? Churchill is 2-0. During the '90s, the

Chargers went several seasons without winning two games. This team has some talent, notably wideout/defensive back Derek Dodd, who caught two touchdowns passes and had an interception against Salem.

Now I've been warned not to get carried away with this, but a winning season is not out of the question for Churchill. And as anyone knows, a five-win season is just one shy of a playoff berth.

That would be a surprise. So here's the Grid Pick standings.

Emons is well ahead at 23-1; Paul Beaudry and myself are fighting it out for second — or last, depending on your viewpoint — place at 11-6.

Emons was 11-0 last week; I was 9-2 and Beaudry was 8-3.

Now for this week.

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

Salem (0-2, 0-1) at Northville (1-1, 0-1), 7 p.m.: Going into the season, Salem coach Bob Cummings really believed his team could start the season with three-straight wins. The way the Rocks looked in losing to Churchill, they'll be fortunate to win three games all season. On Friday, Northville was clobbered by Livonia Stevenson, 35-14. It should be their passing vs. Salem's running. I'll take the pass. PICKS: Northville — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Wayne Memorial (0-2, 0-1) at Canton (1-1, 0-1), 7 p.m.: The Zebras probably wish they'd stayed in the Mega Conference instead of switching to the Western Lakes. Walled Lake Western took them apart last Thursday, 56-18; now they get to go to Canton and face a Chiefs' team that's upset with itself after Friday's 46-21 loss at Westland John Glenn. PICKS: Canton — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Shepherd (2-0) at Redford Union (1-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.: Hard to pick against a team that beat Harrison, which is what Shepherd did in Week One of the season. Okay, so it wasn't Farmington Harrison. Still, the Blue Jays are unbeaten after clubbing Breckenridge 42-6 last Friday. For those who know nothing about Shepherd, it's in a town called — well, Shepherd. Its enrollment is under 600, which makes it about half the size of RU. By the way, the Panthers bounced back from a first-game loss to blank Gibraltar Carlson 33-0 Friday. PICKS: RU — Emons; Shepherd — Risak, Beaudry.

Taylor Truman (0-2, 0-2) at Garden City (1-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.: The Cougars managed to even their record, slipping past Woodhaven by a field goal last Friday. Taylor Truman had no such luck, losing by 17 to Taylor Kennedy. Garden City's game-winning field goal against Woodhaven was a 32-yarder with no time left by Marco DiMichele, who also caught a 44-yard pass from Jason Wright on the final, game-winning drive. Will the magic continue for the Cougars? PICKS: Garden City — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Harper Woods Notre Dame (1-1) at Redford Thurston (2-0, 2-0), 7 p.m.: The Eagles defeated a Highland Park team that was supposed to contend for the Mega Blue title. Allowing one touchdown in two games is pretty good, and that was scored by the Polar Bears' defense. Now — can the Eagles maintain the momentum with that kind of defense against a Catholic League AA Division team that lost last Friday to Jackson, 21-6? PICKS: Notre Dame — Risak, Emons; Thurston — Beaudry.

Walled Lake Central (1-1, 1-0) at Livonia Churchill (2-0, 1-0): Now the fun really begins for the Chargers. Central crushed Livonia Franklin 24-0 Thursday after losing by a touchdown to a good Milford (and unbeaten) team, with quarterback Brandon Cassie throwing three touchdown passes. And don't overlook a Viking defense that held the Patriots to 20 yards in offense. If Churchill can keep it close, that'll be something. PICKS: Central — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Westland John Glenn (2-0, 1-0) at Livonia Franklin (0-2, 0-1): It goes from tough to tougher for Franklin. The Patriots have scored one touchdown this season while surrendering 51 points. Glenn, behind Anthony Davis' four touchdowns, scored nearly that many points last week against a good Canton team. Nuff said. PICKS: Glenn — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Livonia Stevenson (2-0, 1-0) at Walled Lake Western (1-1, 1-0): This should be one of the better games of the weekend. The Spartans, led by running back Matt McCowan (390 yards rushing in two games), are the real deal; they've scored 77 points thus far. Western regrouped after a 33-14 opening-day loss to Belleville to score 49 points against Wayne — in the first half, and mostly with second-string quarterback Peter Mooney, who was 13-of-14 for 210 yards and five TDs. PICKS: Stevenson — Risak, Emons; Western — Beaudry.

Lutheran Northwest (0-2, 0-1) at Clarenceville (2-0, 2-0): Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest has played two games and gotten crushed twice, including Saturday's 42-7 thrashing by Macomb Lutheran North. Now the Crusaders get to travel all the way to Livonia to play Metro

Conference powerhouse Clarenceville — and the Trojans haven't lost a league game since the '90s. I wouldn't bet on an upset here. PICKS: Clarenceville — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Lutheran Westland (2-0, 1-0) at G.P. Woods University Ligtgett (1-1, 1-1), 1 p.m.: This could be an entertaining game. Lutheran Westland blanked East Catholic, 21-0, Friday with Joel Wolfram rushing for 110 yards and scoring all three TDs while Ligtgett lost to Lutheran East, 23-14. New Warriors' coach Paul Guse has yet to lose, but this one figures to be a tougher test than his first two. The Knights qualified for the playoffs last year. PICKS: Lutheran Westland — Beaudry; University Ligtgett — Risak, Emons.

Redford CC (2-0) vs. Detroit DePorres (1-1, 0-1), 7 p.m.: This figured to be a game between two Catholic League powerhouses, but DePorres' 17-7 loss to U-D Jesuit Saturday took some of the luster off. CC, meanwhile, has yet to be seriously challenged, rolling over London (Ont.) CC 45-6 last Friday. This game figures to be more of a test, but the Eagles don't have the muscle to stop CC. PICKS: CC — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Redford St. Agatha/Borgess (0-1) at Center Line St. Clement (1-1), 7 p.m.: Football adage No. 32 — The greatest amount of improvement for a team in a season comes between the first and second game (Football adage No. 33 — don't ask what the first 31 adages are). If that's true, the St. Agatha/Borgess squad has had two weeks to perfect that improvement, 'cause it had last week off after losing 19-8 to Cranbrook/Kingswood in Week One. St. Clement, a C Division team (the St. Agatha/Borgess Baggies are D Division), bounced back from an opening-week loss to Wyandotte Mt. Carmel to beat Detroit Holy Redeemer, 19-12. Hard to figure what to expect here, but I like the home squad. PICKS: St. Clement — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

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No. 1 Powers starts quickly, rolls past outgunned Blazers

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
SPECIAL WRITER

Flint Powers is like autumn - you might be able to slow it down for a while, but you can't stop it.

The Chargers, ranked No. 1 in all classes, rolled into Livonia on Tuesday night like leaves before the wind. And before Ladywood knew it, the Blazers were covered.

Powers popped out to a 20-5 first quarter lead and breezed to a 58-40 victory.

"You can't get off to a start like we did in the first quarter and expect to win a basketball game," said Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski, whose team is 1-2 overall. "It took us a quarter to wake up."

"You can't do that against a team like Flint Powers. That's a good team. But other than the first quarter, I was happy."

Coach Kathy McGee of perennial powerhouse Powers was happy, too. "Experience," she said. "It's such a valuable thing for a team."

"We've got two four-year varsity players (Victoria Lucas-Perry and Ann Skufca) and two three-year players (Shannon Rettenmund and Erin Carney)."

Powers, now 4-0 overall, is like Rolls Royce - made to order.

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Lucas-Perry, headed to Michigan State and daughter of former University of Detroit guard Lavell Perry, scored 22 points for Powers, 13 in the first half and nine in the second.

Skufca, bound for Central Michigan, notched 16, 10 in the first quarter.

Michelle Landall added 10, eight in the third period.

Ladywood got 18 points apiece from Ruth Sventickas and Lauren Hesano.

Sventickas had 14 of hers in the second half, while Hesano scored eight in the second quarter.

The Blazers missed their first five shots and were just 2-for-9 in the opening quarter. The Chargers missed just two of their first nine shots to net their 20-5 lead.

"We wanted to switch up our defenses," Gorski said, "but that didn't work too well in the first quarter."

"We thought we'd be able to guard them in the low post and one-on-one. We felt we should be able to handle them."

"But we didn't. They burned us."

Ladywood started out man-to-man and switched to a zone when it was down love-5. Lucas-Perry hit a triple to open the scoring and Skufca hit a pair of threes in the quarter.

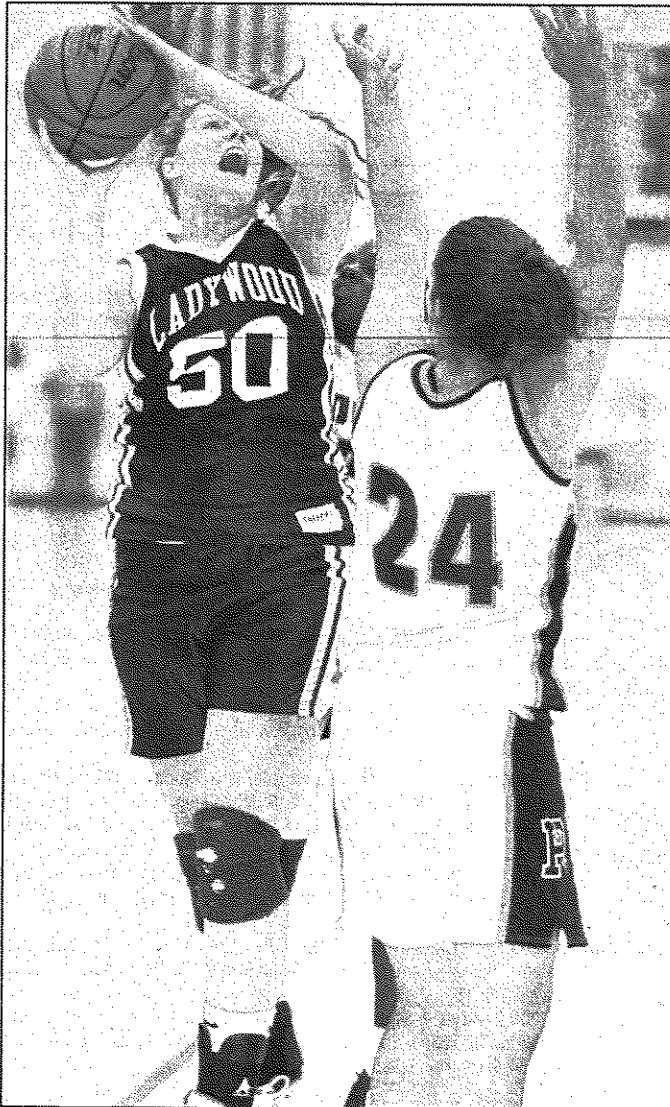
The Blazers showed a man-to-man at the start of the second quarter and whittled the lead down to 23-12 and, later, 29-17 with 41 seconds left in the half.

They got the stop they needed and a three-pointer just before the half ended might have made for a much more interesting second half.

But Ladywood turned the ball over trying to get off a shot and the Chargers came down and got a triple from Lucas-Perry with less than a second remaining.

Instead of being 29-20, it was 32-17. Big difference.

Ladywood shaved the lead to 38-30 with 3:02 left in the third quarter, but Landall made her fourth layup of the



Livonia Ladywood's Bethany Jury (left) goes for the basket against Erin Carney of Flint Powers Catholic.

Rocks let a lead slip away, 47-41

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

BASKETBALL

For nearly 30 minutes of Tuesday's 32-minute game at Brighton, Salem's girls basketball team was in the lead. The last 2:20, however, did the Rocks in.

The Bulldogs scored the game's final six points to overtake the Rocks and pull away to a 47-41 non-league victory. Salem slipped to 1-3 with the loss; Brighton is 2-1.

"We played pretty good," said Rocks' coach Fred Thomann. "We just couldn't finish it. But like I told the team after the game, 'Before you can be good you have to have these kinds of experiences.'"

"I thought we played very well. We're going to use this game as a takeoff game."

Salem led 10-6 after one quarter and 23-19 at the half. Brighton narrowed the gap to 31-29 entering the fourth quarter.

Ellen Canale, a sophomore, led the Rocks with nine points. Alyssa Guerin, another sophomore, and Carly Schwan, a junior, each added eight.

Megan Razaan had 17 points for the Bulldogs, including six in the fourth quarter — four of those on free throws in the final two minutes. Renee Dean added eight.

Last Saturday, Salem got its first win of the season by beating host Northville 40-25 in the consolation final of the Northville Tournament. Canale's 17 points, including three three-pointers, paced the Rocks; Stephanie Philips contributed 11.

Salem led 19-16 at the half and 27-21 after three quarters before pulling away with a 13-4 fourth-quarter surge.

"It was just a pretty good, workmanlike effort on the part of our team," said Thomann. "We took control in the second half and had a real nice spurt. I liked their effort."

Not all was good news this week for the Rocks. Marissa Sarkesian, a junior guard, has decided to concentrate her athletic efforts on soccer, a sport in which she is all-state. Sarkesian, who is currently playing on a travel soccer team, reportedly told Thomann she could not devote the time needed to play basketball and her part-time status was hurting the team's development.

Canton 60, A.A. Pioneer 48: Canton survived a fast start by Ann Arbor Pioneer Tuesday and took command of this non-league game in the second quarter with a 15-6 surge that gave the Chiefs a 28-24 halftime lead.

An 18-10 third-quarter rally supplied Canton with a 12-point cushion that they held onto, improving its record to 4-0. Pioneer is 2-2.

"Pioneer came out blazing," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "They could run and jump, they were very athletic. But we got things under control, and I thought we played very solid defense."

The Chiefs also got the balanced scoring that has been their forte thus far this season. Kristen Lake and Jessica Johnson each scored 14 points to lead Canton, with Briana Wolcott adding 13 more.

Krystal Patton's 19 points led the Pioneers. Amber McCoy added 11.

Although McCoy started fast, scoring eight first-half points, Blohm cited the defensive efforts of Colleen O'Brien in keeping the Pioneer point guard under control.

Lutheran Westland 50, PCA 37: A 14-5 run in the third quarter allowed Plymouth Christian Academy to cut Lutheran Westland's lead to 34-31 going into the fourth period. But the Eagles ran out of gas in losing for the second time in three games.

"We had some good momentum going into the fourth quarter," said PCA coach Annie Malcolm. "But we couldn't sustain it."

"The fourth was our undoing. We couldn't put the ball in the basket. We seem to be inconsistent."

Melanie Brady led the Eagles with 12 points. Kim Guilfoyle had eight points, six coming in the third quarter, and nine rebounds, and Amanda Saagan totaled eight points and seven steals.

Jenna Hess and Samantha Wiemer each had 15 points to lead the Warriors. Hess was 6-of-6 in the fourth quarter from the free-throw line as Lutheran Westland converted 7-of-8 free throws, outpacing PCA 16-6.

Erin Young, Amy Garbacz and Carissa Huntsman were instrumental in the Eagles' third-quarter rally, according to Malcolm.

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Tie suits Churchill just fine

Former Michigan State football coach Duffy Daugherty once said, "Settling for a tie is like kissing your sister."

Former MSU goalkeeper Reid Friedrichs, now boys soccer coach at Livonia Churchill, said a 1-1 boys soccer deadlock Saturday against host Rochester Adams was a "favorable result."

"The effort was huge, especially in the 100-degree heat," said the former All-Big Ten keeper. "We played tough."

Churchill took a 1-0 lead with only one second left in the opening half on a goal by Andrew Travis off a corner kick.

Adams (3-1-2) knotted the game at 1-1 on a goal by Steve Sluan.

"For about 25 minutes of the second half they bombarded us," said Friedrichs, whose team is 2-1-1 overall.

STEVENSON 2, TROY 2: On Saturday, state-ranked Livonia Stevenson (4-0-1) and the Colts (3-1-1) battled to a draw.

Brady Crosby and Nik Djokic each scored for the host Spartans, while Nate Zuzga countered for both Troy goals.

SOCCER

HURON VALLEY 1, FRANKLIN ROAD 0: On Tuesday, goalkeeper Nick Husby made three saves and senior Dave Anderson scored the game-winning goal from Matt Kubik as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-3, 1-1) earned the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory over Novi Franklin Road Christian.

WAYNE 2, TRUMAN 1: Goals by Joel Doyen and Clemons Mrosek enabled Wayne Memorial (3-0-1) to slide past host Taylor Truman in a non-leaguer on Monday.

Erik Moro and Rex Fuguban each collected assists in the Wayne win.

Greg Ekmeian was in goal for the Zebras.

FRANKLIN 1, LANSING CC 1: Livonia Franklin (3-3-1) and visiting Lansing Catholic Central battled to a draw Monday in a non-leaguer.

Franklin's Greg Polkowski scored eight minutes into the match on an assist from Jeff Henaughan.

Lansing CC's Brian Lenz scored the equalizer with just under three minutes to go in the first half on an assist from Jake McPhail.

Franklin goalkeeper Chris Austin made six saves.

Patriot coach Victor Rodopoulos praised the play of midfielders Henaughan and Jeremy Horgan, along with defender Phil Calleja.

"It was a great game," Rodopoulos said. "The second half the whole team was outstanding, especially the last 10 minutes. We

had a few good scoring chances. We just couldn't put the ball behind the net."

MICH. LUTHERAN 1, LUTH. WESTLAND 0: A goal by senior Joe Eggert in the 71st minute Saturday proved to be the difference as unbeaten St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran (4-0) beat Lutheran High Westland (1-3) for the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran Tournament title.

Lutheran Westland outshot the Titans, 21-14, but couldn't get a shot past senior keeper Dana Schebel, who robbed Brandon Noble on a breakaway attempt in the second half.

"We carried most of the play, but their goalie came up big," said Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block. "I'm really pleased with the way we played. We just have to put the biscuit in the basket. We've had only one goal in three of our losses."

"The season is early. If we start finishing and get people in the right spots, we'll be fine."

JOHN GLENN 5, GARDEN CITY 0: Kyle Gismond's hat trick propelled Westland John Glenn (2-1-1) to the non-league victory Friday over the host Cougars (0-3).

Cristian Ospina added the other two goals for the victorious Rockets, who led 2-0 at intermission.

Goalkeeper Jerrey Morris recorded the shutout.

BELLEVILLE 3, JOHN GLENN 2: In a non-leaguer Sept. 4, Westland John Glenn came up short despite goals by Tim Ottewell and Harry Tasi.

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Stevenson wins Relays again; Salem 3rd, Canton 4th

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

The people change, every few years or so, but the same team keeps surfacing at the top of the Western Lakes Activities Association's girls swim standings year after year after year.

Livonia Stevenson, of course. At last Saturday's official kickoff to the WLAA season, the Spartans — winners of the last 11 league titles — reasserted themselves by claiming the WLAA Relays championship. The first-place finish was their 12th-straight at the Relays meet.

Stevenson edged Northville, which finished third at the conference finals. Salem, host of the Relays, was third, followed by Canton, Livonia Churchill and Westland John Glenn (see meet results).

"We had the exact same (number of) points as last year," said Stevenson coach Greg Phill. "We swam well enough to win. We had a good day, but not a great day."

"We're cautiously happy with where we're at. Northville is a good team and they'll press us for the conference championship. They've got some good freshmen. They're a lot stronger than they were last year."

It truly was a two-team showdown. Northville got the better of it out of the gate, winning the first two relays, the second of them — the 400-yard freestyle relay of Arielle Greenlee, Ava Ohlgren, Erin Schubert and Alexandra Tereszczenko — in a meet-record 3:46.04.

After that Stevenson took command, winning the next five relays and six of the last eight.

Andrea Hurn, Lisa Koch, Stephanie Turlo, Rebecca Hurn, Andrea Giczewski, Monica Pauza, Ashley Eilers — each of them were on two winning relays for the Spartans.

Stevenson was first in the 200 breaststroke relay (2:13.87), the 200 backstroke relay (1:57.68), the 200 butterfly relay (1:58.55), the one-meter diving relay (396.72 points), the 400 medley relay (4:25.51) and the 200 medley relay (1:56.94).

The Mustangs ended up with three firsts, their other two coming in the 400 medley relay (4:12.97) and the 500 crescendo relay (5:01.09).

The only other team to win an event was Salem, and it came in the last event.

The Rocks captured the 200 free relay in 1:48.90.

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WLAA GIRLS SWIM RELAYS

Sept. 7 at Salem High School

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 274 points; 2. Northville, 263; 3. Plymouth Canton, 208; 4. Livonia Churchill, 186; 5. Westland John Glenn, 169; 6. Wayne Memorial, 128; 7. Livonia Franklin, 105; 8. Plymouth, 45.

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

400-yard medley: 1. Northville (Jennie Carr, Sarah Carr, Shannon Hogan, Kathryn Kusuplos), 4:12.97; 2. Stevenson, 4:18.74; 3. Salem, 4:21.3; 4. Canton, 4:25.79; 5. Churchill, 4:32.09; 6. Wayne, 5:01.85; 7. Franklin, 5:10.29; 8. Plymouth, 5:10.64; 9. John Glenn, 5:21.26.

400 freestyle: 1. Northville (Arielle Greenlee, Ava Ohlgren, Erin Schubert, Sonia Tereszczenko), 3:46.04 (meet record); 2. Stevenson, 3:57.95; 3. Salem, 4:04.49; 4. Canton, 4:12.31; 5. John Glenn, 4:15.77; 6. Churchill, 4:41.65; 7. Franklin, 4:52.32; 8. Wayne, 4:54.08; 9. Plymouth, 5:33.82.

200 breaststroke: 1. Stevenson (Andrea Hurn, Lisa Koch, Stephanie Turlo, Rebecca Hurn), 2:13.87; 2. Northville, 2:27.59; 3. Salem, 2:29.18; 4. John Glenn, 2:35.58; 5. Canton, 2:36.01; 6. Churchill, 2:47.83; 7. Wayne, 2:49.56; 8. Franklin, 3:22.18.

200 backstroke: 1. Stevenson (Marisa Gordon, Monica Pauza, Andrea Giczewski, Megan Gray), 1:57.68; 2. Northville, 2:04.51; 3. Salem, 2:06.08; 4. Canton, 2:10.46; 5. Churchill, 2:23.29; 6. John Glenn, 2:24.74; 7. Wayne, 2:28.46; 8. Franklin, 2:54.56.

200 butterfly: 1. Stevenson (Julie Ward, Laura Geverink, Katy Sondergaard, Stephanie Turlo), 1:58.55; 2. Northville, 1:58.62; 3. Salem, 1:59.62; 4. Canton, 2:14.47; 5. John Glenn, 2:20.8; 6. Churchill, 2:31.14; 7. Wayne, 2:38.55; 8. Franklin, 2:54.22.

Diving: 1. Stevenson (Katie Edwards, Lisa Thompson), 396.72 points; 2. Salem, 335.90; 3. Canton, 260.80; 4. Northville, 248.60; 5. Churchill, 218.95; 6. John Glenn, 209.60; 7. Plymouth, 193.00; 8. Franklin, 134.15.

400 medley: 1. Stevenson (Andrea Giczewski, Ashley Eilers, Lisa Koch, Rebecca Hurn), 4:25.51; 2. Northville, 4:30.44; 3. Salem, 4:34.19; 4. Wayne, 5:02.65; 5. Canton, 5:04.9; 6. Churchill, 5:20.05; 7. John Glenn, 5:39.19; 8. Franklin, 5:43.26.

500 freestyle: 1. Northville (Sarah Carr, Katherine Filtz, Erin Schubert, Elizabeth Underwood), 5:01.09; 2. Churchill, 5:12.27; 3. Stevenson, 5:15.22; 4. Canton, 5:20.36; 5. John Glenn, 5:30.35; 6. Salem, 5:33.8; 7. Wayne, 6:16.47; 8. Franklin, 6:18.07.

200 medley: 1. Stevenson (Monica Pauza, Andrea Hurn, Ashley Eilers, Erin Cook), 1:56.94; 2. Northville, 2:03.35; 3. Salem, 2:05.26; 4. Canton, 2:16.19; 5. John Glenn, 2:20.48; 6. Churchill, 2:31.89; 7. Franklin, 2:44.85; 8. Plymouth, 2:50.71; 9. Wayne, 2:58.85.

200 freestyle: 1. Salem (Danielle Powers, Nicole Genrich, Jaclyn Brandt, Alicia Dotson), 1:48.9; 2. Northville, 1:52.09; 3. Canton, 1:53.83; 4. Stevenson, 1:56.09; 5. Churchill, 2:08.25; 6. John Glenn, 2:18.02; 7. Wayne, 2:29.38; 8. Plymouth, 2:36.64; 9. Franklin, 2:36.65.

SALEM

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500 free; Alicia Dotson, a senior who was 10th in the 200 free; Amanda Newman, a sophomore who was ninth in the 100 back and 11th in the 100 free; Kristen Nevi, a sophomore who was 11th in the 100 fly; and Jennifer Kelly, a junior who took 12th in the 50 free.

"We weren't bad last year," said Olson. Indeed the Rocks weren't. And they could be even better this year.

Perhaps the most promising of the new freshmen is Kelsey Lincoln. In Salem's first dual meet of the season against Dearborn last week, Lincoln made state qualifying cuts in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke.

Qualifying early allows swimmers to concentrate their training on end-of-the-season meets. Lincoln's efforts, particularly in the breast, an event that Salem failed to have some finish in the top 12 at last year's WLAAs, are promising.

"We hope to get some others (qualified early)," said Olson. "We've got some possibilities, particularly with the relays."

At last Saturday's WLAA Relays, the Rocks were the only ones to break the first-place stranglehold applied by Stevenson and Northville. Salem won the final event, the 200 free relay, with Powers, Genrich, Jaclyn Brandt and Dotson (1:48.90).

The Rocks also collected one second and seven third-place finishes.

Now the question is, how good can they be? "If we do things right, we can swim a good conference meet," answered Olson.

Good enough to perhaps catch Northville?

The longtime Salem coach remained cagey. "They're legit," he said of both Stevenson and Northville. "We'll do what we can do."

Then he added, "It's a long season. Right now, we're not in the picture, but we're a team to look out for."

If not this season, the next two after this for certain.

positive attitudes," she said, recalling an incident in practice where they voluntarily insisted on doubling-up their sprint workout. "They're really hard-working, they really want to do well."

Motivation isn't always easy when there's one team that continually dominates. Lynn knows it; she faced it first-hand when she swam at Salem. Her own desire to excel helped keep her focused.

"I thought it would be (a problem)," Lynn admitted, "but these girls are very, very motivated."

Canton won't catch Stevenson or Northville, which could cause the Spartans some problems at the league meet. The Chiefs could give Salem the same kind of trouble in a battle for third place.

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Ladywood blanks Kingswood in field hockey

Chelsea Keenan scored at 16:30 of the second half on an assist from Jenny Whalen as Livonia Ladywood edged visiting Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, 1-0, in girls field hockey. Goalie Danni St. Onge made 12 saves to post the shutout for the Blazers, now 2-1

on the year.

"It was a great team effort, both teams battled hard and we're excited to be 2-1," Ladywood coach Chris Sanders said.

The Blazers return to action 4:30 p.m. Monday at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

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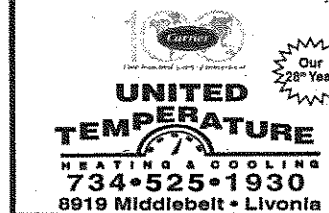
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senior co-captain Alex Derian-Toth, who placed seventh at last year's WLAA finals in the 100-yard breaststroke. Then there's sophomore Allison Goldsmith, who was seventh in the 50 free at the WLAA finals as a freshman.

Others Lynn will be counting on are senior co-captain Amy Lindman, particularly in the free events; Susan Patrick, a sophomore, in the backstroke;

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Salem boys 9th at Brother Rice - are good things ahead?

BY C.J. RISAK
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Geoff Baker refuses to be overly optimistic in regards to the Salem boys cross country season. Never mind that the Rocks boast perhaps the strongest returning contingent of runners in the Western Lakes Activities Association, led by Justin Hajduk, who placed second at the WAAA Conference Finals a year ago and was sixth at the state meet. Some are putting — or at least trying to — Salem on the hot spot as the conference favorite. Baker, Salem's coach, would rather defer the honor, for now, anyway. Last Saturday's Brother Rice

Invitational at Kensington Metropark was a good example of just what the Rocks are capable of. Two of their top returning runners, Chris Vraniak (leg injury) and Adam Warner (cramps), were out of action. Still, Salem placed ninth in the 23-team field. "Any time you can finish in the upper half of the Brother Rice Invitational, that's not a bad thing," Baker said. "It's not bad. It was a hot day, tough conditions to run in. But everyone had to race in the same conditions. "I thought going in we could have medalled and brought home some hardware. But with Chris and Adam out, I'm happy with what we got." It should also be noted no one

from the WAAA could match Salem's shorthanded performance. Livonia Stevenson was 10 points behind the Rocks and Livonia Churchill was much further back. Salem returns its top seven runners from a year ago, a team that placed sixth in the conference and fourth at the state regionals. Hajduk, who was third at Brother Rice in 16:43, leads the pack; there's also Vraniak, Warner, Randy Bearden (38th at Brother Rice in 17:55), Jim Leddy (67th in 18:35), Dave Anderson (75th in 18:47) and Erik Ness (79th in 18:49). A promising newcomer is freshman Jimmy Walsh (85th in 19:00). Those eight are, at present, the core of this team. All but Warner,

who's a junior, and Walsh are seniors. Stevenson and Walled Lake Western could provide a challenge in the WAAA. Canton, the defending champs, lost most of its starting lineup, as did second-place Northville and third-place Churchill. That leaves the door open. Now all the Rocks need do is walk — or rather, run — through it. **SALEM GIRLS SOLID** Four of the Salem girls finished in the 40 to 50 range at Saturday's Brother Rice Invitational at Kensington Metropark. Problem was, the Rocks had no one running with the frontrunners, and there was a dropoff from their pack in the

40s to the 60s. "We had a lot of first-year runners running varsity," explained Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "It really opens the eyes of the young kids. It was a good stepping stone for us. We didn't have a great day, we didn't have a bad day. I was happy with the way we ran. It's a good starting point for us. What we need to do is develop a No. 1 runner." No one took that challenge Saturday in conditions that can only be described as brutal. Amanda Kassem was the Rocks' first finisher, placing 41st (22:00); Liisa Keski-Hynnilla was 43rd (22:12), Lianne Griffiths was 46th (22:24) and Monica Przebiebna was 47th (22:25). Stephanie Hajduk was next

best in 59th (22:56), with Lauren Medley 60th (23:03) and Meghan Galvin 62nd (23:08). Erin Jensen, a senior who ran with the Salem junior varsity team, was sixth in the JV race in 22:39, a time that would have placed her near the top 50 in the varsity race. "She would have definitely helped us out," said Gerlach, adding that Jensen ran JV because she wasn't among Salem's best at the team's time trial. Clarkston won the race with 37 points. The Wolves were followed by Saline (92), Livonia Churchill (102), Livonia Stevenson (125), Rochester Adams (157), Troy (195) and Salem (236). cjrisk@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

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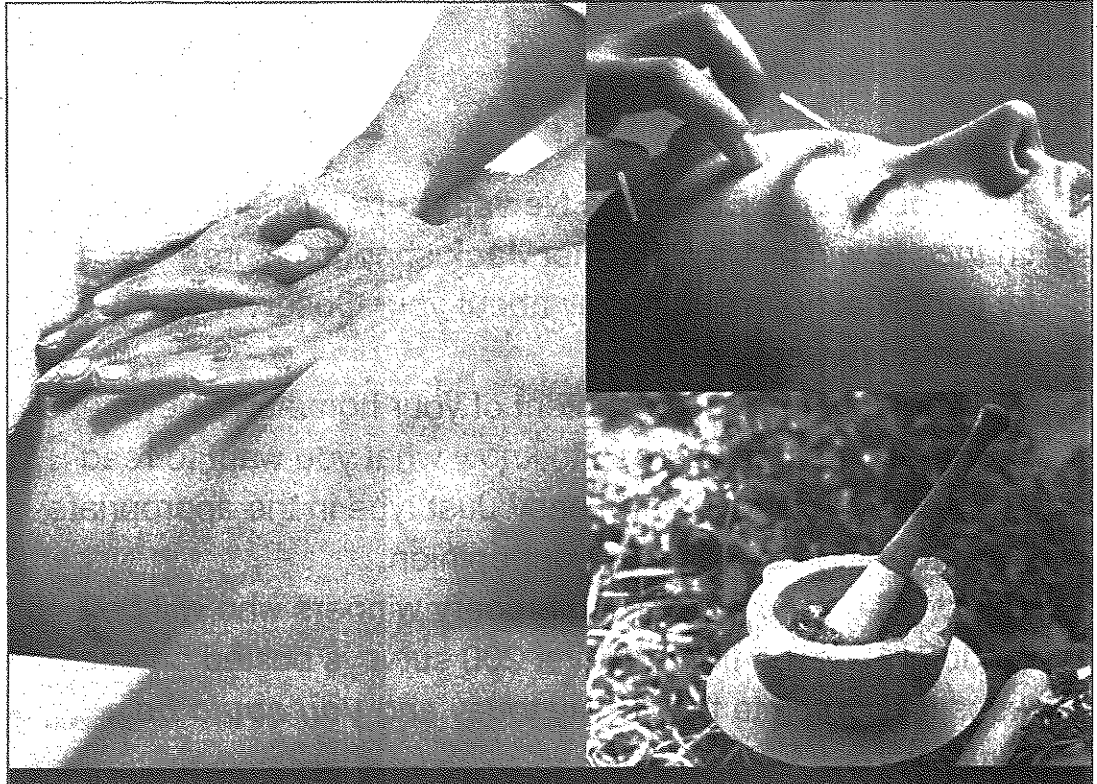
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MU captures tourney title

It wasn't exactly a clean sweep. That's something Hillsdale College's volleyball team can be proud of, because that's what the Chargers prevented.

Hillsdale won the opening game of its championship match with Madonna, 30-18, in the final of the Julie Martin Memorial Tournament Saturday at Madonna.

That, as it turned out, was the only game the Lady Crusaders lost. They went on to defeat Hillsdale in the next three sets, 30-25, 30-25, 30-18 to hand the Chargers their first loss of the season and to capture the tournament title.

That win, combined with earlier tourney victories over Huntington (Ind.) College (30-13, 30-17, 30-25), ninth-ranked Georgetown (Ky.) College (30-9, 30-23, 30-26) and Saginaw Valley State (30-22, 30-20, 30-17), raised Madonna's record to 12-2. Hillsdale is 7-1.

Senior outside hitter Shelley Stanton was named tournament MVP after collecting 79 kills, 55 digs, 11 blocks and six service aces. Natalie Sayre, a senior setter who had 185 set assists and eight aces in the tournament,

VOLLEYBALL

was selected as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference setter of the week and Stanton was the player of the week.

Also named to the all-tournament team were Tera Morrill (from Westland/Livonia Franklin), who had 50 kills, 44 digs, 14 blocks and five aces, and Laura Lesko, who finished with 52 kills and 16 blocks in the tournament.

The key performers in the four-game victory over Hillsdale in the final were Stanton, who totaled 21 kills (with a .486 kill percentage), 10 digs and four blocks; Sayre, who had 61 set assists, three blocks and two aces; Morrill, with 18 kills (.471), 18 digs and four blocks; Lesko, 18 kills (.800), two aces and five blocks; and Natalja Tinina, with 14 kills (.406) and two aces.

As a team, the Crusaders hit .518, had seven service aces and 19 blocks in the match.

OCELOTS ON A ROLL

After winning five of eight matches at the season-opening

St. Clair Tournament Aug. 30-31, Schoolcraft College really got it going last week, beating Delta CC 30-23, 30-12, 30-20 last

Thursday at Delta and topping Macomb CC and Alpena CC both twice Friday and Saturday at the Alpena Conference Quad. The five-straight wins puts Madonna's match record at 10-3.

At Alpena, the Lady Ocelots beat Macomb 30-24, 30-24, 25-30, 30-20 and 30-18, 30-16, 30-15, and stopped Alpena 30-9, 30-21, 30-18 and 30-11, 30-16, 30-12.

In those five wins, Holly Soldenski had 77 kills and 10 service aces; Carly Szajnecki collected 48 kills, 42 digs, 15 blocks and eight aces; Stephanie Koslows had 44 kills and 10 aces; Katie Drews (Livonia Stevenson) had 35 kills and 11 blocks; and Ioana Vescan finished with 209 set assists, 34 digs and 26 aces.

At the St. Clair Tournament, Soldenski (a .293 kill percentage) and Koslows each had 38 kills, and Koslows led SC with 15 aces. Meghan Mitchell had a team-high 58 digs, Noelle Swartz (Canton/Westland John Glenn HS) led with 15 blocks and Vescan had 136 set assists.

Madonna women win, draw on road trip

Two second-half goals enabled Madonna University's women's soccer team to battle back and tie nationally-ranked Lindenwood College, 2-2 Thursday in the first of two matches the Lady Crusaders played last week in St. Charles, Mo.

On Friday, Madonna came from behind once again to defeat William Penn (Pa.) 2-1 in overtime to improve its record to 3-0-1 overall. William Penn is 1-2. Against Lindenwood

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Thursday, the Crusaders trailed 1-0 at halftime but got goals from Sarah Pack (from Canton/Westland John Glenn) and Becky Guibord to earn a draw. Sarah Hartsell (Livonia Churchill) was in goal for Madonna; she made 13 saves as Lindenwood outshot the Crusaders, 15-9.

Friday's match against William Penn was nearly as trying as the Crusaders were forced to play overtime for the second-straight day. Penn took a 1-0 lead at the half, but Kelly Delaney knotted it in the second half for Madonna to force OT. The game-winner was scored by Guibord.

This time, the Crusaders had the shot advantage, 12-6 over William Penn, with Guibord scoring on the only shot taken at either goal in OT.

Hartsell made five saves in the victory.

MU MEN STOP ALMA

In a non-league soccer match played Wednesday at Greenmead in Livonia, Madonna dominated

the first half but found itself tied with Alma College 90 seconds into the second.

Fortunately, a couple of veterans came through for the Crusaders, Salvatore Piraine getting the go-ahead goal midway through the second half and Dan Kurtinaitis adding an insurance marker nearly 10 minutes later as Madonna posted a 4-2 victory.

The Crusaders opened the scoring just 7:17 into the match, Justin Fishaw (from Canton HS) drilling a shot over Alma keeper Marty Ciurlik's head following a pass from Nick Szczechowski (Salem HS).

Piraine scored his first goal of the match, and the season, at the 37:41 mark on a pass from Evan Baker (Canton) to put Madonna up 2-1.

But Alma's Evan Hammontree knotted it once again early in the second half, setting the stage for Piraine's and Kurtinaitis' heroics. Chris Derrig assisted on Piraine's second goal; Casey Cook drew the assist on the score by Kurtinaitis, scored on a header following Cook's corner kick.

Joe Suchara (Livonia Stevenson) was in goal for Madonna, making six saves.

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Ruggiero watches women's hockey gain in popularity

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Angela Ruggiero has seen the evolution of girls hockey. For that matter, the Harrison Township native continues to be part of the sport's evolving popularity among women.

Last Thursday afternoon, the defenseman on the 2002 silver medalist U.S. Olympic women's hockey team had a captive audience at Livonia's Edgar Arena as she conducted a clinic for a pair of 10-and-under girls teams, the Livonia Knights and the Ann Arbor Huskies.

The two teams then squared off for a game vying for the coveted "Ruggiero Stick."

"With only one hour it's hard to focus in on a lot of stuff, I just want the kids to have fun," said Ruggiero, who now resides in Harper Woods. "We did some relay races. At this age that's what it's all about, having fun. Just by getting them on the ice, they'll only get better. And maybe there's that someone who happens to be good enough to make an Olympic team."

Ruggiero, who plans to try out for the U.S. National Team again for the 2006 Olympics, will return to Harvard University this fall to complete her studies in political science. The All-America has two years of eligibility remaining.

But before she heads back to Cambridge, Mass., she'll make a visit this week to the White House with her Olympic teammates.

Ruggiero took two years off from school to play for the U.S. National team, which trained in Lake Placid. The Olympians toured the world, making a trip to China and playing games all over

Canada and the U.S. leading up to the Visa Skate to Salt Lake Tour.

Following the Winter Olympics, she visited Europe, then spent the summer conducting clinics around the country before returning to Harvard to take a class.

"I took two years off, my priorities were altered," said Ruggiero, who was an All-America for two years. "I'm looking forward to the college season. I think we have a pretty good team at Harvard."

The loss to Team Canada in the gold medal game hasn't dampened her spirits. Ruggiero realizes the rivalry between two nations will endure.

"In women's hockey we're the number one and two teams in the world," Ruggiero said. "It's a competitive spirit, not a hate relationship. You get fired up and you get energized."

Ruggiero said the rumored "flag stomping" of the Canadian flag before the final "was simply not true."

"It's something the media built up, it never happened," she said. "It's a healthy rivalry, a lot of fun. A lot of games we played in those two years was not exciting because they were so one-sided. They beat us and we've beaten them, but they've beaten us at every World Championship, and we beat them (at the 1998 Olympics). It's kind of flip-flopped."

Ruggiero has seen opportunities grow for female hockey players.

"I played in boys teams until I was 14," said Ruggiero. "Then I played on girls team when I went to prep school. I felt it was an opportunity of a lifetime, not only for hockey, but also for academics. Even though the game was slower



Angela Ruggiero, a defenseman on the 2002 U.S. Olympic women's hockey team, continues to try and spread the popularity of her sport

and I had to adjust to the non-check (rules)."

Ruggiero believes women's hockey will continue to gain speed.

"It's so exciting to see little girls play because colleges are offering more and more hockey scholarships," she said. "We've gone from 5,000 USA hockey registered players to 40,000 registered. There's so much more opportunity now. It's grown so fast."

But despite this state having the second most-registered players in the country, only one Michigan school (Wayne State) has launched a women's collegiate program.

"As soon as I graduate I'm going to push college hockey in Michigan," she said. "Michigan has the talent pool for good college players, but most of them are going east."

"You have put money into it. The University of Minnesota has its own rink now. Men don't want to give up the ice time, but col-

leges have to take the initiative because we're developing youth players. I think it's absurd Michigan or Michigan State doesn't have women's hockey."

Ruggiero said she may coach some day. She's coached pre-teen girls teams since she was 16. She comes from a hockey family, her younger brother Billy played for the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League. She has a sister who also played.

"My parents, my family have always been involved and dedicated to the sport," Ruggiero said. "Right now I'm restricted by the NCAA, but once I'm done with school I'm going to put my own camp together. We need girls camps in the summer."

With her Harvard background and Olympic experience, right now it seems there's no better ambassador for the sport of women's hockey than Ruggiero.

Price turns out right in Wayne cage triumph

Junior Renita Price scored 16 points as Dan Kaminski notched his first victory as girls basketball coach at Wayne Memorial with a 42-34 triumph Tuesday over host Taylor Kennedy.

Wayne, 1-2 overall, jumped out to a 20-7 first-half advantage before Kennedy roared back to tie it in the third quarter.

Wayne was able to pull away in the final 2:30 to ice the victory.

Shannah Jones added six points for the Zebras, who made 14 of 34 free throws on the night.

Erica Alexander and Rachel Grump scored 12 and 11, respectively, for the Eagles (0-2), who made 10 of 23 free throws.

ALLEN PARK 77, CLARENCEVILLE 16: On Tuesday, Sarah Faletti's 20 points carried the Jaguars (2-1) past Livonia Clarenceville (0-3) in a non-conference game.

Danielle Farkas added 12 points for Allen Park, which led 31-12 at halftime before going on a 34-3 third-quarter run.

Emily Collins, a junior guard, scored five for the Trojans.

DEARBORN 52, STEVENSON 44: A 16-6 third-quarter run proved to be the difference Tuesday as the host Pioneers (3-1), featuring only one senior and one junior, trimmed Livonia Stevenson (0-4) in a non-leaguer.

Sophomore Chris Faizon led Dearborn with 12 points, five coming in the third period. Yvonne Hamood, a freshman, added 11.

Senior Mary Taylor led the Spartans with 14 points, hitting seven of nine shots from the floor. She also grabbed 10 rebounds and finished with three steals.

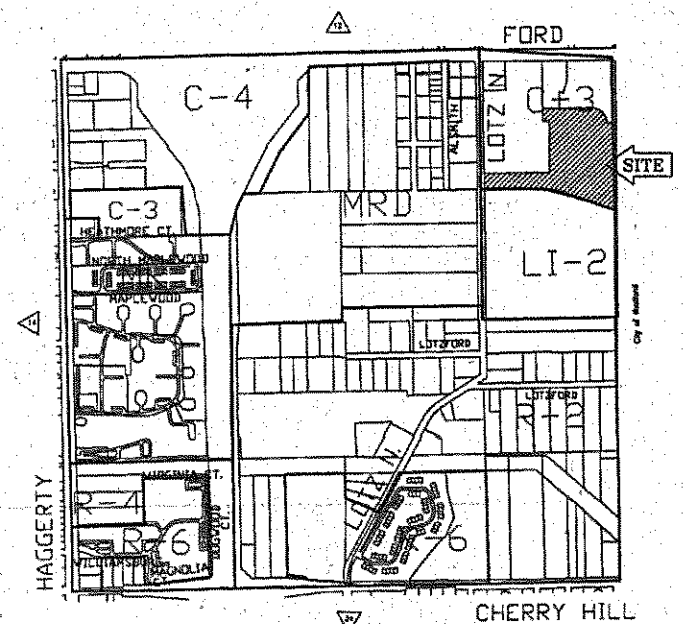
Freshman Danielle Smith contributed 13 points, hitting three triples, to go along with three steals.

"We played as well as we've played this year," Stevenson coach Amy Rozman said. "Free throws were definitely a factor."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION 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 23, 2002 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway 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:

EMAGINE-CANTON THEATERS SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A MOVIE THEATER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.08D.15 FOR PARCEL NO. 049 99 0001 711. Property is located south of Ford and east of Lotz Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, September 19, 2002 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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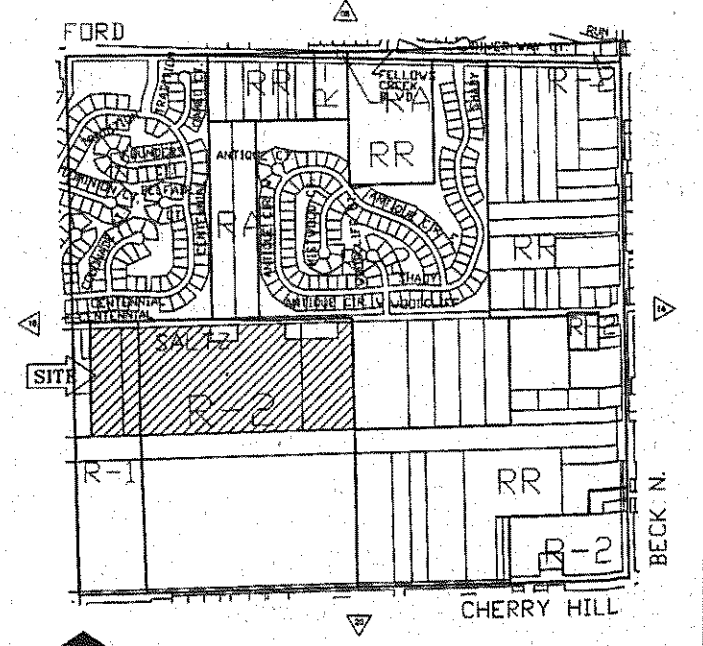
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FOUNDERS WOODS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AMENDMENT #1 (RUSTIC RIDGE COMPONENT) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S).067 99 0005 000, 067 99 0006 000, 067 99 0008 000 and 067 99 0010 000. Property is located south of Saltz between Ridge and Beck Roads. (First Public Hearing.)



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 3, 2002

A Joint Study meeting of the Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, DDA Board, and Chamber of Commerce of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 3, 2002, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Chairman Ralph Shufeldt of the DDA called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: Board of Trustees Members Present: Bennett, Burdiaz, Kirchgatter, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy, Yack
Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Machnik

Planning Commission Members Present: Johnson, Zarbo, Demopoulos, Lieberman, McLaughlin
Members Absent: Gustafson Staff Present: Goulet, Bocklage

DDA Members Present: Shufeldt, Foege, Yack, Gerou, McLaughlin
Members Absent: Griffin, Horen, Hiller, Khoury Staff Present: Salla, Popoff

Chamber of Commerce Members Present: Tabor
Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by LaJoy to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Topic: DDA Comprehensive Master Plan Breakout Sessions - Topics for Discussion

Land Use & Economic Development - Patterns of development, development standards, image & perceptions; Business Mix & type of businesses desired; Shopping Environment & Sidewalk Activity; Downtown area vs. commercial strip area; Pedestrian amenities vs. vehicular amenities; Vacant and under-utilized Buildings and Lots; Downtown housing types: townhouses, condominiums, etc.

Business Recruitment - Chains vs Independent Retailers/business owners; City process for zoning permits, building permits, licenses, etc.

Appearance & Design - Streetscape components: building facades, storefront windows, business signs, roadway, parking lanes, sidewalks, curb, lighting, plantings, street furniture, alleys, trash containers, etc.; Signage: directional, business, street signs, etc.; Entrances to DDA district; Maintenance or lack of public spaces, private spaces and code enforcement

Transportation / Infrastructure - Condition of infrastructure on main roads and cross roads; Access to, and circulation amongst, businesses; customers and deliveries; Access to Residential Neighborhoods; Vehicular Movement

Pedestrian Movement; Parking; Public Transit

Security / Crime - Factors that detract from a sense of security; Perceived problem areas.

Race Relations - Marketing & Customers

The third topic breakout involved development of the ideal DDA in 2012. The last session refined the ideal DDA of 2012 and attached objectives for the accomplishment of the ideal plan.

Motion By Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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MBA EXPANDING

The Metro Basketball Association, now in its 13th year, is expanding for the 2002-03 season.

Teams will be made up of boys and girls in grades 3-8 with games scheduled in Garden City, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

Divisions of play include grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. Grades 3-6 league play begins Nov. 2 and runs through the end of March.

Grades 7-8 league play starts the third week of January and runs through the end of March. Registration deadline for grades 3-6 is Saturday, Sept. 28; the deadline for grades 7-8 is Saturday, Dec. 7.

Included in the \$150 registration fee: 12 league games, playoffs, uniforms to keep, bi-monthly newsletter, fun night competition, league insurance, practice time, Saturday games, awards banquet (following season) and recognition awards (for all players).

For more information, call (734) 522-8872.

FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Total Soccer organization will be conducting a 7-on-7 flag football league running on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Sept. 16.

The indoor league is for players ages 18 and over. Team rosters are a maximum of 14 players, and team fees for the league is \$699 per team.

For more information, call Total Soccer at (248) 669-9817.

INLINE HOCKEY LEAGUES

The Skatin Station II, located at 8611 Ronda Dr., in Canton Township, is accepting registrations for its fall 2002 youth and adult leagues.

There are several youth age brackets available from age 16 and younger.

Youth cost is \$120 for 10 games, a jersey, championship shirts and officials.

Youth evaluations begins Friday, Sept. 13.

Ages are determined as of Jan. 1, 2002. Sign up early to

assure a spot on a team.

Adult leagues, which begins Tuesday, Sept. 17 and Thursday, Sept. 19, included 17- and 30-and-over.

For adult information, call Tonia on Tuesdays or Thursdays at (734) 459-6401.

For general information, also call (734) 459-6401 or visit www.skatinstation2.com.

SWIMMERS WANTED

The Marlin Swim Team is accepting applications for new members ages 6-18.

Practice times are 6-8 PM weekly.

We maintain a small team. Use one pool. Provide quality training and individual attention.

Our rates are competitive. Phone (313) 278-0998 for more information.

YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Canton Cougars, an under-13 travel baseball team, will have tryouts for the 2003 season at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15 at McClumpha Park in Plymouth Township.

The Cougars will play a 50-60 game schedule that includes Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation games as well as tournaments.

Players must be residents of Plymouth or Canton to tryout. For more information, call Marc Madias at (734) 207-5424.

The Canton Cobras, an 11-year-old baseball team, will hold a final tryout on Saturday, Sept. 14 at Flodin Park in Canton. Players may not turn 12 prior to Aug. 1, 2003.

For more information, call Tom Byrne at (734) 981-3191.

Tryouts for the 2003 Westland Youth Athletic Association Tigers, a 9-10 year-old tournament baseball team, will be at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at Central City Park, in Westland.

In case of inclement weather, the tryout will be moved to an indoor facility.

For more information, call Joe Wilson at (734) 595-4951.

Tryouts for Westland Federation's 15-16 year-old travel team will be at 1 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday throughout the month of

September at Rotary Park in Westland.

For more information, call (734) 326-5626 or (734) 595-3496.

Tryouts for the Michigan Dragons 13-and-under tournament travel team will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 28; and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29 — all at the Dearborn Heights Recreation Center.

For more information, call Jeff Kearney at (313) 792-9220 or Jim Cox at (313) 928-9528.

A Livonia-based Little Caesars baseball will be staging tryouts at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Bicentennial Park (field No. 7), located at Wayne and Seven Mile roads.

All boys should be 13 years of age from Aug. 1, 2002 through July 31, 2003.

The team will play a 30-35 game schedule and three tournaments.

For more information, call manager Frank Pencola at (734) 425-7384; and coaches Jim Favaro at (734) 425-0070 or Eric Mitchell at (734) 425-7524.

GIRLS SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Livonia Storm, a girls fastpitch travel organization, will be Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 28-29, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

Age brackets include 10-, 12-, 13-, 14- and 16-and-under.

For tryout times for each age group and to register, visit www.stormfsp.com.

For more information, call Rick Long at (734) 261-1428.

Thunderbird Softball Inc. (TSI) will have tryouts for its 2003 girls fastpitch softball teams Saturday, Oct. 5, at Fields No. 5 and No. 8 of Victory Park at Canton Softball Center.

In case of rain, tryouts will be the following Sunday, Oct. 6.

Tryouts for 10 and 12 year-olds will be from 9-11 a.m. on those dates; tryouts for 14, 16 and 18 year-olds will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Victory Park is located at 46555 Michigan in Canton, behind the High Velocity and

Arctic Edge facilities.

For more information, call Tom Ciotti at (734) 844-2656; Brian Starling at (734) 718-3360; Dave Seagren at (734) 737-9968; or Bruce Horste at (734) 981-1796.

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a hunter safety class from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Senior Citizen Center, located at 10800 Farmington Road, south of Plymouth Road.

Space is limited. The cost is \$10.

Any born in 1961 or later needs this class certification in order to acquire a hunting license.

Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided.

Advance registration began Aug. 13 at the Parks and Recreation office, located inside City Hall.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410. To obtain an activity registration form, visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUES

Registration is on for adult recreational hockey leagues for over-21, -30, -40, -50 and a new novice league on Sunday evenings, September through March at the Plymouth Cultural Center, Arctic Pond in Plymouth Township and Arctic Edge in Canton.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658; the Arctic Pond at (734) 207-7663; or visit www.rsipi.net.

You can also e-mail john@rsipi.net.

GIRLS SOCCER OPENINGS

The Canton under-11 girls select soccer team is seeking additional players to complete the second-team roster for this fall in Division II of the Western Suburban Soccer League.

For more information, call Bill Power at (734) 546-0389 or John Staub at (248) 670-3002.

The Plymouth Lightning U-11 girls select soccer team still has additional openings for players.

For more information, call Kerry Truxell at (734) 261-0170.

SOCCER PLAYERS WANTED

The Plymouth Cobras, an under-11 co-ed soccer team, needs additional players. Spots are limited on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Those interested should call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

YOUTH WATER FIT PROGRAM

The City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is starting a youth land/water fit program.

Session I (ages 7-10) will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 17 through Oct. 10.

Session II (ages 11-14) will be Tuesdays and Thursday, Oct. 15 through Nov. 7.

For more information, call (734) 728-2900.

RUNNERS ASSIST IN MS FIGHT

If you would like to be a part of the Marathon Strides Against Multiple Sclerosis team, contact Amber Ackley of the Michigan chapter of the National MS Society at 1-800-243-5764, ext. 215.

The MSAMS team is comprised of individuals across Michigan who run, walk, wheel or push to help find a cure for MS and to end the debilitating effects of MS.

The team also raises money for research as well as programs and services for people

living with MS.

Being part of the MSAMS team includes a monthly newsletter, training tips and a team T-shirt.

For more information visit the NMSS website at www.nmssmi.org.

NEW PREP SHOW

State Champs, a new weekly TV show on WDIV Channel 4 devoted to high school sports in southeast Michigan, will air at noon each Sunday.

The show, hosted by Fred McLeod of WDIV, is scheduled to broadcast 42 shows featuring boys and girls high school sports in the station's nine-county viewing.

State Champs is also seeking to audition high school correspondents the weeks of Sept. 30 and Oct. 7 at five shopping malls throughout the metro area.

For more information, visit www.statechamps.tv.

KENSINGTON CHALLENGE

The Ann Arbor Track Club will host the John Rogucki Memorial Kensington Challenge Saturday, Sept. 14, at Kensington Metropark.

Events include the 5-kilometer run, 15K run and mile run-walk (where everyone receives a ribbon).

Five-year age-group divisions include open and clydesdale categories.

If registered by Friday, Sept. 6, participants will receive a T-shirt. There will also be a post-race drawing.

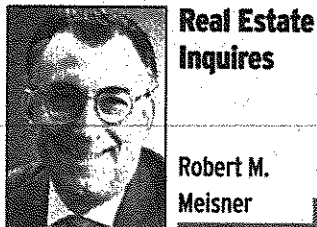
To register online or print out a race application, visit www.aatrackclub.org.

CASINO WINDSOR Double Cash Back advertisement. Includes images of stacks of coins and the text: 'DOUBLE CASH BACK THE BEST SLOT CLUB AROUND IS NOW EVEN BETTER!'. Details include: 'Cash Back - now you can earn twice as much on your slot play with Double Cash Back - from Sept. 1st to Nov. 30th'. Contact: 1-800-991-7777.

2002 Ann Arbor Antiques Market advertisement. Includes a rooster logo and text: '2002 Ann Arbor Antiques Market 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road • Ann Arbor, MI Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds (Exit #175 off of I-94, then south 3 miles)'. Dates: 'Saturday & Sunday Sept. 14 & 15, 2002 • 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.'. Features: 'Free Parking • Admission \$5.00'. Contact: Nancy & Woody Straub, Managers • P.O. Box 1260 • Panacea, FL 32346-1260 (850) 984-0122. Note: 'All net proceeds go to support Elementary education.'

CHARTER ONE BANK advertisement. Text: 'We're painting the town RED and bringing you a great rate offer in celebration of our name change! Energized Checking 3.25% APY'. Includes bank logo and contact information: 'Open an Energized Checking account today at your nearest Charter One branch!'. Branches: 'Branch offices throughout metropolitan DETROIT, OTSEGO, KALAMAZOO, OWOSO, DURAND, CHESANING AND OKEMOS. Extended hours weekdays and full service Saturdays at most branches.'

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Real Estate Inquires
Robert M. Meisner

Research all players in LLC deal

I am buying a condominium which was an apartment and is now referred to as a conversion condo. I have read the information concerning the developer, and it appears to be an LLC, limited liability corporation.

How do I find out whether the developer has previous experience in other projects?

Most of the time, the developer will list other projects in which the principals of the LLC have been involved. This is something you should clearly ask before you sign any purchase agreement.

Most developers operate under an LLC now so that it's difficult to determine what other projects they were involved in and whether or not, in fact, they were sued or had other problems.

It's very difficult for a purchaser to learn that unless he goes to an attorney who has experience with that developer or knows of that developer's reputation.

The best thing to do is to find out each and every project in which the principals of the developer have been involved and check as to whether or not there has been any litigation and/or other complaints to the state regarding the developer.

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer, concentrates his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. He can be reached via e-mail at bmeisner@mich.com. This column provides general information and shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Chicago	20,547	+3
Columbus	8,121	+3
Cleveland	3,718	+2
Detroit	8,297	+1
Fl. Wayne	1,493	N.C.
Cincinnati	5,172	-7
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Homeowners insurance costs soar: Here's what you can do

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

You gotta' have it. It's skyrocketing in price. So what are you gonna' do?

We're talking homeowners insurance. Mortgage lenders generally require it and, unless you're independently wealthy, it's probably a real good idea to have it anyway.

Homeowners insurance will pay to fix your home when damaged by mechanical failure, weather, fire or vandalism. It also will pay medical and compensatory benefits if someone sustains an injury on your property.

Policies also cover you if your child damages someone else's property. And more and more policies offer riders at an additional cost to cover sewer and drain back-ups in the basement.

Char Rosenbaum, an associate broker with Ralph Manuel Associates Real Estate One in Birmingham, knows the value of homeowners insurance from personal experience.

"I had a refrigerator with a defective part, it sprung a leak and went all over the hardwood floor," she said. "The estimate was \$13,000. Insurance covered it. I paid a \$500 deductible. To me, you can't be without it."

First off, know that insurance companies are in business to make money. They don't

make money when they pay out more than they take in.

Pat Moore, an independent insurance agent with Metro Agency in Livonia, represents six different companies that offer homeowners insurance.

"Last year, one of those companies reported that their loss ratio was 138 percent," he said. "That means they paid out \$1.38 for every dollar they took in."

Ice damming and summer storms here have proven costly in recent years.

Insurance companies are investors, too. The tanking of the stock market and low interest rates on fixed-rate investments also have impacted financial statements.

So that leaves premium hikes to pick up the slack.

"We're seeing increases of 20-25 percent since the first of the year," Moore said. "That's average and all are going up."

The insurers' explanation? "Due to deteriorating loss experiences - that's what they tell us in writing," Moore said.

Before you get too upset, know that in Texas, State Farm isn't offering homeowners insurance for new customers and Farmers Insurance Group isn't renewing on individuals who recently filed claims, the Associated Press news service reports.

In Michigan, Farmers accepts both new and renewals. State Farm accepts a new cus-

tomers here only if it loses an existing customer "to manage growth," a spokeswoman said.

Denver L. Smith, an agent with Farmers in Southfield, said he's been hearing from clients - loud and clear - at renewal time.

"It's been a frustrating time in the industry," he said.

Consumers can pursue a couple of strategies to reduce the cost of homeowners insurance, agents advise.

"Far and away, probably the most effective thing they can do to decrease premiums is move up the \$250 deductible to \$500," Moore said. "That's not going up a whole lot, \$250 if you change and file a claim, and you still get pretty good coverage."

Smith suggests an even higher deductible. "Five hundred dollars is getting to be standard in the industry. If you go to \$1,000, you get quite a lot more savings."

Purchasing auto insurance and homeowners insurance from the same company also can yield discounts, Moore said.

"Previously, I think the prudent shopper would buy homeowners insurance from Company X, auto insurance from Company Y and boat insurance from Company Z," Moore said.

"Now, companies are pushing that the most cost effective way is to look at a personal

protection program where you try to find one company to do all of it," he said.

Smith recommends that homeowners go over their policies with their agents to make sure the homes are rated correctly as to location, structural materials/ layout and fire suppression considerations.

Making a few inexpensive improvements around the house not only will make it safer but also could result in insurance savings, he added.

"If they have a central burglar alarm, that's one thing, deadbolt locks, another," Smith said. "A fire extinguisher in the house would be a plus. All of those would result in a discount."

Membership in certain professional associations also might bring discounts, he said.

Carol Moreno, associate broker with RE/MAX Village Professionals in Clarkston, doesn't believe the cost or availability of homeowners insurance affects markets here.

"I don't see it holding anything or anybody up," she said. "Sometimes, mortgage companies will require flood insurance. It can be truly expensive."

Moreno, a 15-year veteran, is a former president of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors.

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Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

FHA loans allow for big dreams

Can you see yourself buying a \$185,000 home with only \$5,550 out of your own pocket? The FHA's small down-payment provision and the market's very low mortgage interest rates have now created compelling reasons for renters to buy homes sooner instead of later.

You may be an FHA loan candidate if you have a very small down payment, if you have bruised credit, or if you cannot otherwise qualify for a conforming mortgage. With the FHA, you may receive your down payment as a "gift," and you may use a non-occupant co-borrower, if required, to help you qualify.

You may also be excited to know that the maximum FHA loan value for single-family dwellings in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties is now \$172,900. In Washtenaw, Lenawee, and Livingston Counties, the max increases to a whopping \$185,250.

Today, the monthly payments on FHA mortgages at these upper limits would range from \$950 to 1,025 for an ARM, and from \$1,090 to \$1,175 for a 30-year fixed-rate product. Add on a few hundred dollars a month for real estate taxes, homeowners insurance, and mortgage insurance, and you are in your own home.

Renters, listen up! You should be able to buy a home using the FHA guidelines for almost 40 percent more than the rent you are paying right now and still come out ahead. Let's say your current rent is \$1,150 per month, and your marginal tax bracket is 33 percent. The payment on a home purchase of \$185,000 (assuming property taxes and homeowners insurance of \$3,000 and \$600 per year, respectively) would be about \$1,550 per month.

Because you will be receiving an income tax benefit, in this case equal to about 33 percent, of the \$15,000 of taxes and interest you will be paying during the year, your effective monthly home payment will be reduced by about \$415 to \$1,135 - less than your \$1,150 rent!

Need more? As your \$185,000 home appreciates at even a minimal 4 percent per year, it will be worth about \$210,000 in 36 months yielding a four-fold return on your 3 percent down payment. Thanks FHA!

Tim Phillips is a mortgage loan officer, and originates FHA mortgages throughout Michigan. You may reach him at (734) 797-5522, or via e-mail at PhillipsHQ@comcast.net. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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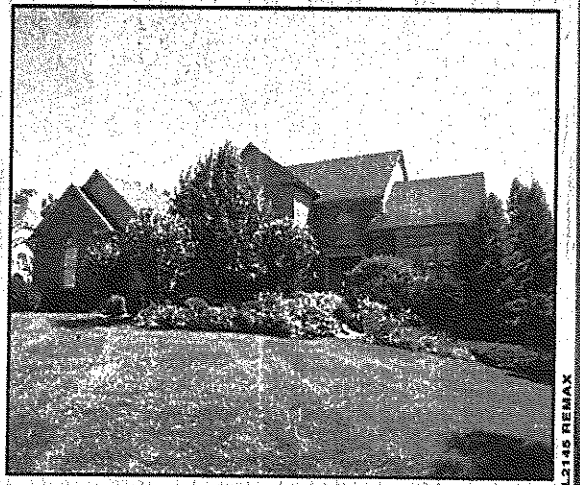
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BUY HOME CLASS

Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100, and her financial services team present a free, no-obligation class on how to go about purchasing a home 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at First Michigan Title, 38777 Six Mile Road, Suite 100, just west of I-275, Livonia. To register, call (734) 420-9600.

BUILD HOME CLASS

Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute offer a 16-hour seminar, "How to Build Your Own Home," Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 17-26, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia. Topics include estimating costs, building codes/permits and construction basics. Cost is \$207, plus \$25 for two textbooks. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

REMODELERS CLASS

The remodelers council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors a Certified Graduate Remodelers course on business accounting and job costs 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Cost, which includes breakfast and lunch, is \$125. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

SELL HOME CLASS

Matt Kenkel, associate bro-

ker with ERA Alliance in Farmington Hills, and West Bloomfield Community Education offer a class, "For Sale by Owner," 7-9:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Orchard Lake Middle School. Topics include setting price, target marketing, financing techniques and purchase documents. Cost is \$30. To register, call (248) 865-4488.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Juliette Bauman, a Realtor with RE/MAX Classic in Livonia, and Colonial Mortgage present a free class for home buyers 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. To register, call Bauman at (734) 779-9977.

DRUG TESTING

The Washtenaw Contractors Association sponsors a seminar, "Drug Testing in the Construction Industry," 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road at I-94, Ann Arbor. Cost, which includes breakfast, is \$17 for members, \$22 for non-members. To register, call (734) 662-2570.

HOMEARAMA

The BIA presents Homearama Macomb, 13 new houses for public view, Sept. 19-Oct 6 at Cornerstone Village Subdivision, off Card Road just south of 22 Mile Road, Macomb Township. Hours are 2-9 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$7, with children under 12 free. Discount coupons are available at Standard Federal Bank branch offices. For information, call (248) 862-1019.

LICENSE CLASS

Schoolcraft College offers a 40-hour class required to

obtain a real estate license 5:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19-Nov. 7, on campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia. Cost is \$269, \$215.20 for senior citizens. To register, call (734) 462-4448.

CORNET MEETING

CoreNet Michigan Chapter, a group of commercial/international Realtors, hosts a lunch and tour of the new Ford Field noon Thursday, Sept. 19, at the stadium, 2000 Brush, Detroit. Cost is \$35 for members, \$50 for non-members. To register, fax or e-mail Kelly Taylor at (734) 722-5304 or KellyJTaylor@Comcast.net

NATIVE PLANT SALE

The Oakland Land Conservancy and Friends of West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation will hold a native plant sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Karner Farm on the east side of Halsted Road about a half-mile north of Maple Road in West Bloomfield. Free to enter with plants, trees, vines and shrubs at various price points. For information, call Oakland Land Conservancy at (248) 601-2816.

ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Several area firms combine to sponsor a conference, "Get Green 2002: Paths to Environmental Design," 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Ford Motor Conference and Event Center, 1151 Village Road, Dearborn. Cost, which includes a choice of five seminars and lunch, is \$20. To register, contact Betty Hoover at Ford & Earl Associates, (248) 524-3222.

BUY HOME CLASS III

Flagstar Bank and RE/MAX present a free class for home buyers 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at Westminster Title, 39500 High Pointe Blvd., Suite

140, off Haggerty between Eight and Nine Mile Roads, Novi. To register, call Vicki Heany at (248) 348-3000, Ext. 253.

CHAINSAW SAFETY

The Michigan Recreation and Park Association conducts a chainsaw safety and maintenance workshop 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Waterford Oaks Activity Center in that community. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. To register, call (517) 485-9888.

CONDO CLASS

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer and columnist for the O&E, and Oakland Community College present a class, "Introduction to Condominium Operation: Essentials for Success," 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8-29, at the Bingham III Office Park, Suite 467, 30200 Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms. Cost is \$95. To register, call (248) 522-3618 or (248) 644-4433.

EFFECTIVE PLANNING

Michigan State University Extension sponsors a series of classes on effective community planning 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 30 at the Wayne RESA Building, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Topics include retaining tax base and community character, environmental issues with storm water management, developing brownfields, and eliminating nuisances. Cost is \$35 per class. For information, contact Kristine L. Hahn at (313) 833-3417.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience needed. Training will be pro-

vided. For details, call (734) 459-7744.

FAIR HOUSING CENTER

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing, and information organization, always needs supporters. Basic annual individual membership is \$15, basic family membership \$25 and basic organizational membership \$50. For information, call the center at (313) 963-1274.

ENERGY CD-ROM

The Building Owners and Managers International has released a CD-ROM, "The Property Professional's Guide to Building Energy Performance." Cost is \$15 for BOMA members, \$25 for nonmembers. To purchase or obtain more information, call (800) 426-6292, or visit the Web site at www.boma.org/pubs/energy_cd.htm

BIA UPDATES

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly

updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail. Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the Community Associations Institute can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible. Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan. "Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through www.caonline.org

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Former resort community needs help to revitalize, authors say

(AP) - For more than half a century, Idlewild was a summertime Mecca for the elite of Midwestern black society.

Now two Western Michigan University professors have written a book that they hope will focus attention on the once-thriving resort community in northern lower Michigan and kick-start a concerted effort to revitalize it.

As it is, Idlewild is a hodgepodge of well-kept and dilapidated houses, vacant commercial buildings and successful businesses.

Sociologist Lewis Walker and historian Ben C. Wilson, co-authors of *Black Eden: The Idlewild Community*, say Idlewilders must figure out what kind of revitalized community they desire.

Do they want a place for retirees? A historical area? A resort town again, only this time for all races?

"They must decide on what it is that they want to become and then go after the resources and the necessary personnel to make these things happen," Walker says.

But Idlewilders can't be expected to do it all, Walker and Wilson maintain.

The community lies in Michigan's poorest county roughly between Ludington, Big Rapids and Cadillac. According to the 2000

Census, Lake County had a 14.7 percent poverty rate in 1999, compared with the statewide rate of 7.4 percent; median household income was \$26,622, compared with \$44,667 statewide.

"With 600 people (living there) year-round and an elderly population and a poor population living on a limited income, these people can't contribute much to the revitalization," Walker says.

"To me, the broader plan would involve some of the people who benefited from Idlewild during its heyday."

One way entertainers could offer assistance would be to help organize and perform in a series of fund-raising concerts, either outdoors in Idlewild, which does not have an indoor venue large enough for a big show, or in major cities.

Profits from the shows could be used to help the community, Walker says.

The authors say they wrote *Black Eden* for two main reasons: to chronicle Idlewild's history and current problems - something they say has never been done in a book - and to promote the community's revitalization.

"We just felt that, given its rich history and its origin, it deserves a place in Americana, not just in black Americana ... (and) it deserves to regain some

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of its past glory," Walker says.

Created from nearly 2,700 acres of defaulted timberland in the 1910s, Idlewild was a popular resort area for more than 50 years. It was a place where blacks were always welcome to relax and enjoy outstanding music, fine food and comfortable lodging.

In short, it was a markedly different place for blacks than much of the United States at that time.

Many of the nation's greatest black entertainers performed there, including Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, The Four Tops, B.B. King, Sammy Davis Jr. and Aretha Franklin.

"As the story goes, 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,'" recalls Jerry Butler, a singer with several hit songs from the late 1950s through the 1970s. He says he performed once in Idlewild, in 1960 or 1961.

"The music and the applause

and all of that had a tendency to soothe a lot of the other problems," Butler said. "For instance, we couldn't stay in all the finest hotels. Certain restaurants didn't want to serve you. But when you were at a place like Idlewild, you were secluded from all of that."

Then Congress passed the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, which included provisions prohibiting racial segregation or discrimination in places of public accommodation, such as hotels, restaurants and nightclubs.

"A lot of African-Americans felt it incumbent upon them to do something about the patterns of segregation in this country" after the act's passage, Walker says. Those integrationists started spending their leisure time - and their money - in clubs and resort areas that used to be restricted to whites.

By the late 1960s, Idlewild was a ghost of its former self.

Resorters stopped coming, businesses closed and the growing number of vacated and dilapidated buildings became a constant, sad reminder of the poor, rural community's glory days.

Today, its largest inn, the Morton Hotel, has only 17 rooms.

Even so, George Thomas, 62, who has lived in Idlewild off and on since 1956, says the quality of life there has steadily improved in recent years.

New sewer lines have been installed, some run-down buildings have been razed and a few new homes have gone up. More out-of-towners seem to be eating and listening to music at the Morton Hotel and the Red Rooster restaurant and lounge, he says.

"I think we're getting more people just coming in than like there was just a few years ago," Thomas says. "They're coming in for the entertainment."

In the mid-1990s, FiveCAP Inc., a Community Action Agency based in Scottville, succeeded in getting a portion of Lake County that includes Idlewild to be designated as a Federal Enterprise Community.

It was the first such area in Michigan to receive the designation, which was established to improve economic and community development in rural regions.

Under its 10-year strategic plan developed for the program, FiveCAP has brought new homes to Idlewild and secured property where the new Idlewild Historic and Cultural Center will be built.

Mary Trucks, FiveCAP's executive director, says her organization will continue to help rebuild Idlewild. Like the authors, she also says help is needed from the entertainers who used to perform there and from the community's summertime visitors.

"It's going to require these individuals who have a sentimental and emotional attachment to Idlewild," Trucks says.

Butler, a smooth baritone known as The Iceman for such hits as *He Will Break Your Heart* and *Only the Strong Survive*, is now a Cook County (Ill.) commissioner and he still sings professionally.

He says sentiment about Idlewild shouldn't be factored into any investment decision.

"I have always been of the opinion that if you're going into business, you don't go into business for a worthy cause. You go into business to make money," he says. "Then you can do, if you make money, all the worthy causes you want."

"Bill Gates doesn't have any problem finding a worthy cause to give money to," Butler says.

Small towns target night light pollution with ordinances

(AP) - When residents of a small town a few miles from the entrance of Zion National Park in southwestern Utah crane their necks upward at night, city officials want to ensure there's something worth looking at.

The city council passed an ordinance regulating the placement and intensity of outdoor lighting.

"We just wanted to protect neighbors from offensive lighting and protect our view at night," said Doug Wilson, LaVerkin city manager.

"We'd love to see other cities in the county be proactive on this as well."

The law details types of outdoor lights allowed and how much light they are permitted to emit. The city's zoning officer could issue tickets to violators.

"I looked up last week, and it seemed like the stars were disappearing," Wilson said. "If they don't do something soon, it may be too late."

Other towns, including some in northern Michigan, have studied similar night light pollution measures.

"We've got a beautiful night sky here, and I think this is a positive move," said Shirley Ballard, a planning commission member of Rockville, Utah. "We'd like to keep our night sky pure."

LaVerkin's ordinance was supported by Brent Bennett,

director of a proposed South West Science Center in nearby Hurricane. The center also wants to build an astronomical observatory.

"We hope to get all cities in Washington and Iron counties to take similar action," Bennett said.

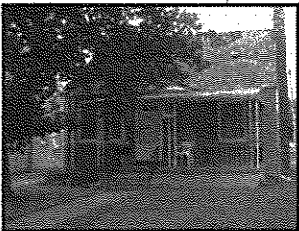
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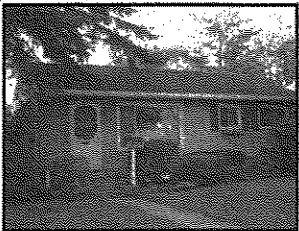
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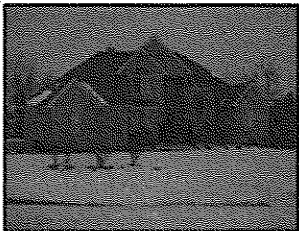
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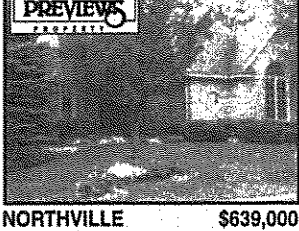
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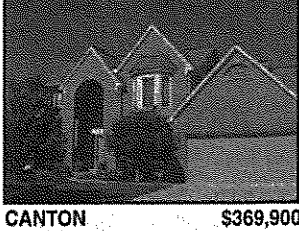
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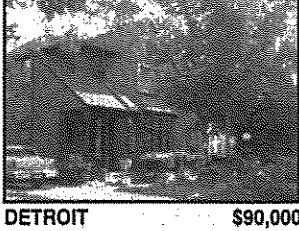
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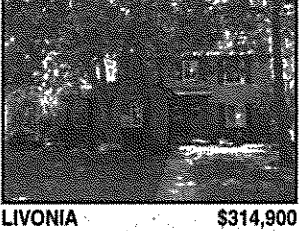
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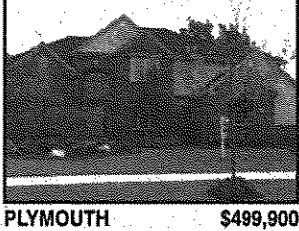
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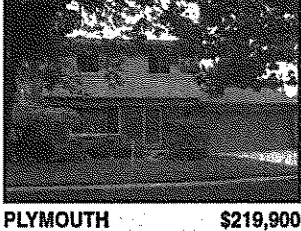
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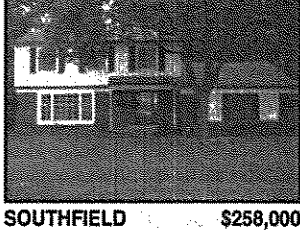
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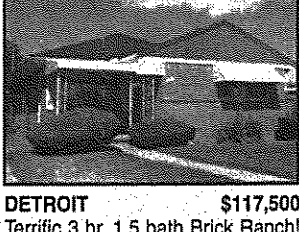
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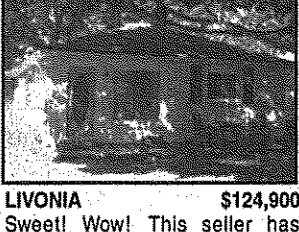
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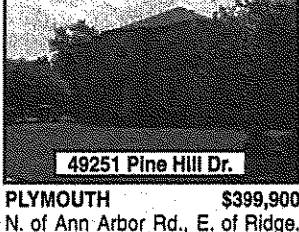
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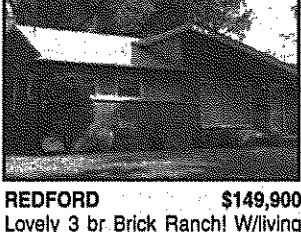
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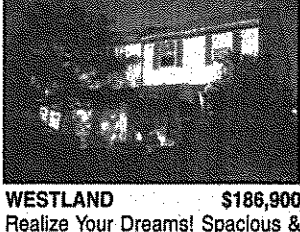
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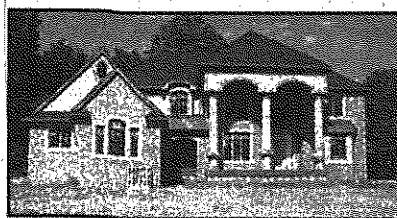
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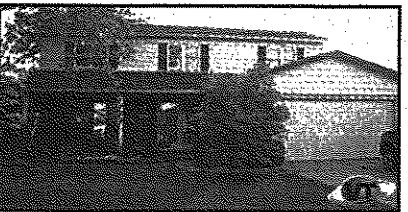
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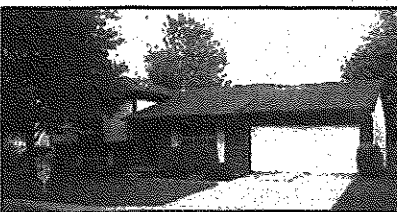
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS! Spacious 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath colonial in a family friendly neighborhood. Formal LR & DR, FR w/frplc. Partially fin-bsmt, remodeled kit & updates galore!(23R7881)

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LIVONIA \$183,120
BE NIMBLE, BE QUICK, JUMP INTO THIS! Winner for the beginner or empty nester. 3 bdrm stylish, neutral ranch. Basement, garage, fenced yard. Newer windows & c/a '02. Immediate occupancy.(23F14120)

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LIVONIA \$174,900
SOUGHT AFTER STATE STREET! This Livonia brk ranch is awaiting its new owner. Come take a look & be pleasantly surprised. 3 BR, dining area, FR, bsmt, 2 car garage. Great price!(W31724)

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GARDEN CITY \$169,900
FABULOUS RANCH! Pride of ownership inside & out in this 3 bdrm home. Updated kit, FR w/custom frplc, 2 full updated baths. Designer backyard w/2 tiered deck, lighted fish pond.(23B3262)

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BELLEVILLE \$169,900
HOME ON 1 ACRE 3 BR with basement, outbuildings on an acre. Circle drive, updated kitchen and entry level. Great way to start, room to add later.(T418)

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LIVONIA \$154,900
SHOWS BEAUTIFULLY! Newer kit, main bath, carpet in mstr, new a/c, fresh paint, coved ceilings, bay wndw in DR, newer wndws, & more! Pride of ownership thru-out!(C9602)

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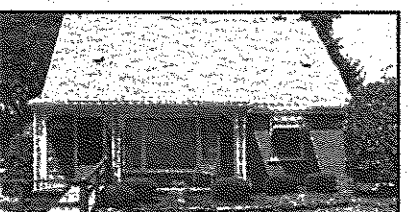
WESTLAND \$154,900
GOODBYE TENSION! Come home with nothing to do but relax! You can in this dramatic 2 br, 1.5 ba condo. Built with quality and cared for with pride. 1335 sq ft of gracious living!(P35577)

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REDFORD \$153,900
3 BR, BRICK BUNGALOW, PRICED TO SELL! Come ready to roll up your sleeves & discover the charm of this solid brick home. New roof & gutters in 2000. Lg fenced yard w/deck.(94BEE2)

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DEARBORN \$149,900
DEARBORN BUNGALOW! Brick, 980 SF, 3 BR, many updates including windows, roof, electric & AC. Professionally landscaped, garage, bsmt, fenced yard & immediate occupancy.(00MAD2)

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CANTON \$149,900
THIS ONE IS A 10! Neutral, airy 2 bdrm end unit ranch in desirable Palmer Place. Freshly painted, private entrance, 1 car att gar, full bsmt & beautiful deck. Move in condition!(23Y43608)

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GARDEN CITY \$144,900
ONE LEVEL BEAUTY 1810 Sq. Ft. of living on one floor. Huge rooms (rebuilt 1995). 3 BR, 2 bath with family room and large lot.(B317)

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GARDEN CITY \$134,900
HERE IT IS! 3 bedroom Bungalow (third unfinished) updated to the max. Large lot and 24x30 garage w/9'door and two driveways.(B319)

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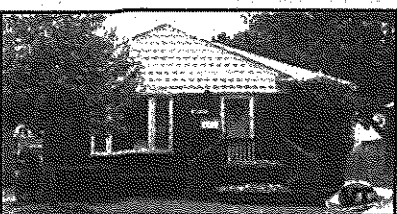
NORTHVILLE \$134,900
CREAM PUFF, IMMACULATE NORTHVILLE CONDO! 2 BR, upper-level, 1-story, w/vaulted ceilings & open flr plan, 2 full baths, 2 carpets, nicely decorated in neutral tones. So affordable!(81NOR2)

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WESTLAND \$129,900
WAITING FOR YOU! is this 3 BR 1.5 bath, Brick Ranch w/finished basement, 2.5 car garage and updates (roof, windows, etc...).(W124)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$129,900
DEARBORN HGTS HOME SHOWS PRIDE of ownership! Immaculate 3 BR, 2 bth brick Ranch. Full bsmt, 2-car garage, upds incl; roof, CA, hwh, plumb, sprinklers, security sys. E of Telegraph, S off Joy.(51VIR2)

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REDFORD \$129,900
GREAT VALUE ON THIS full brick bungalow in South Redford! Full bsmt, some newer wndws, 2.5 car garage, c/a, upstairs BR w/adjacent 9x6 study area was finished 2 yrs ago. Much more.(N11416)

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NORTHVILLE \$128,900
CONDO CONVENIENCE AT AFFORDABLE PRICE! One-story, ground level Condo features; 2 BR, 2 full baths, eat-in kitchen, formal DR. Complex is near downtown Northville & offers easy access to I-275.(53SUR2)

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REDFORD \$124,900
CHARMING BUNGALOW IN QUIET REDFORD UNION neighborhood. Newer windows, rf, & aluminum siding. Fenced in treed backyard w/one car garage. Basement is finished. Updated kitchen, & newer carpeting.(W20539)

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NORTHVILLE \$339,900
SUPER 5 BR NORTHVILLE COLONY HOME! Updts incl; win, roof, furn, AC/siding. Prof fin bsmt, 2-phone lines, beautiful yard, brick paver patio, close to shopping/x-way. Highly rated Nthville schls!(41POR2)

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FARMINGTON \$209,900
COMPLETELY UPDATED 3 BR BRICK RANCH with walking distance to downtown Farmington. Fin'd bsmt, 2-car garage on large lot.(15POW2)

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LIVONIA \$142,900
PAINT BRUSH SPECIAL! Price under market, this 1700 sq ft ranch on a huge lot has an updated kitchen, huge family rm, 4 BR. Do some cosmetics and watch your equity grow!(P19614)

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LIVONIA \$123,900
CUTE 2 BR RANCH with formal dining rm (could be 3rd BR). With attached garage, sits on country lot. Beautiful perennials gardens and fountain w/pond.(D18421)

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Musical Instruments (7510) 1/2 OFF BAND INSTRUMENT RENT...

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Motorcycles Minibikes & Go Karts (8070) HARLEY DAVIDSON 1999 ElectraGlide Classic...

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Construction Heavy Equipment (8140) DITCHWITCH S110 430 hours... Enclosed Trailer...

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ALUMINUM BOAT... BAYLINER 1995 Trophy Merc... BAYLINER 1996 19.5' bow rider...

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