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Family trip is 'planetary' excursion

Editor's note: The Observer has asked readers to tell us about their vacations. Canton resident Paula Williams and her family spent 10 days in California, which included stops in the Los Angeles area, Pasadena and San Francisco. Following is her account of the July trip.

On a 25-foot screen we watched over the shoulders of the people at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California as Mars Pathfinder bounced to a perfect landing on the surface of the Red Planet.

My family and I joined 2,000 other space enthusiasts at the Pasadena Convention Center on July 4 to witness the historical event.

The hardworking scientists and engineers of JPL whooped, cheered, shook hands, and hugged as Pathfinder signaled

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Remembering Mike Hoben, 1923-1997



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BEESLER

Final tribute: Pallbearers make their way from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church to Riverside Cemetery Wednesday. Former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent John "Mike" Hoben died Aug. 29.

School chief's rites fill chapel

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

The community bid a final farewell to former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent John Hoben on Wednesday. Hundreds attended the funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

"He was a tremendous contributor to our entire area, not only our school

system. People need to remember what a generous person he was. He was generous with his means and his time," said current Superintendent Chuck Little.

John "Mike" Hoben, 73, was found dead by a friend at his Plymouth Township home on Aug. 29. Plymouth Township Acting Police Chief Robert Smith said Hoben died in sleep of natural causes.

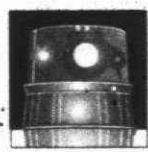
Hoben, who was superintendent from 1971 to 1994, left behind a legacy of educational vision, energy and professional integrity.

Esther Hulsing, former Plymouth Township clerk, was president of the

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Station costs rise slightly

■ Canton's new fire headquarters and police station addition will cost about \$240,000 more than anticipated. The township will tap into a contingency fund to make up the difference.



BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

The construction of the police addition and new fire headquarters is moving ahead on schedule, but has come up slightly over the \$2.2 million anticipated cost.

Two construction contingency funds softened the impact of the now \$2.44 million project.

Public Safety Director John Santomauro and Fire Services are currently in the process of moving into the new 5,000 square feet of office space at the expanded police station.

Detectives will take over the vacated space of fire officials on the second floor of the police station.

The new fire headquarters will be completed by the first of January.

The 15,000 square-foot facility, north of the public safety building, will house five bays, training rooms and improved living and working conditions for firefighters. The building replaces the 50-year-old fire house at Canton Center and Cherry Hill.

The estimated cost of both projects was \$2.2 million, although expenses

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Chamber's growth matches business boom

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Americo Cervi, owner of Maria's Italian Bakery, remembers being the second or third business to join in on a movement among Canton business owners to form a Chamber of Commerce.

Cervi knew Canton was a growing community, he just didn't know how fast it would grow in the 25 years since the chamber's inception. An anniversary dinner is planned for 7 p.m. Friday (Sept. 19) at the Summit on the Park community center. The number of guests is limited to 350.

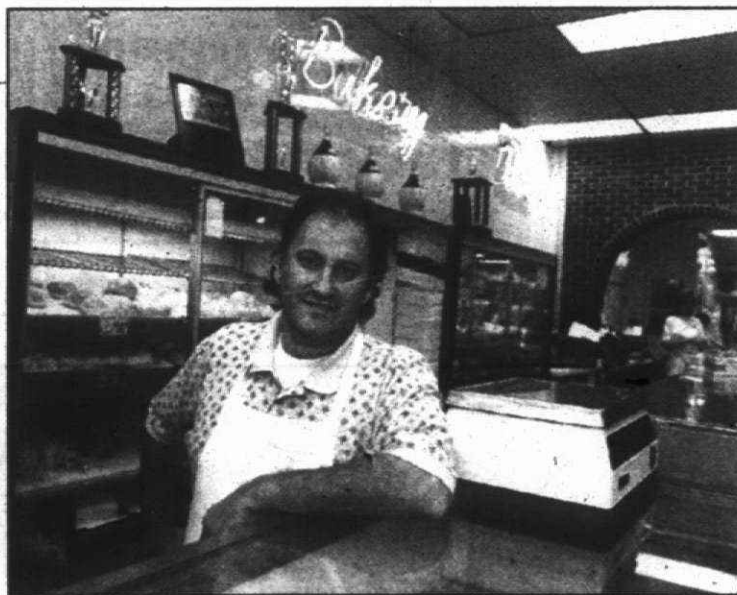
"It's just mindboggling, especially on Ford Road. I had no idea it would grow this much," he said.

The names of the founding businesses gives an idea of how Canton has grown to mammoth proportions. Most are integral mom and pop businesses that have expanded with the community, such as Bart's Rustic Lawn Furniture, Bill Brown Auto Clinic, McMurray Insurance Agency, Parkway Veterinary Clinic, Roman Forum Restaurant and Country Place Feed Store.

The chamber now boasts 423 members with huge retailers, such as Meijer and Target.

Over the years the chamber has been a useful tool for Cervi to keep in touch with other merchants. The networking among members and the

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BEESLER

First on the block: Maria's Italian Bakery owner Americo Cervi was one of the early proponents of an advocacy organization for Canton businesses. More than 400 businesses are now Canton Chamber of Commerce members.

Hanford traffic signal gets green light from county

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Motorists in the busy - and becoming busier - Canton Center and Hanford Road area will be pleased to hear that a traffic light has been approved for the intersection.

"We have gotten a commitment from Wayne County for the light," said Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik.

Canton Township finalized plans last week to extend Hanford Road from Haggerty to Napier. Right now, the road stops west of Sheldon, and resumes at Canton Center Road.

Construction is scheduled to begin this fall.

It has taken nearly two years for township officials to acquire the right-

of-way for the half-mile road.

Last week the Board of Trustees approved three different actions that put the project in motion:

■ Final site plan approval was given for a 10-home condominium project by Cook Development. Fox Meadows II will be located along the north side of Hanford Road in conjunction with the extension. Cook will pay two-thirds of the costs of the road since his property fronts the majority of the new road.

■ The construction contract was awarded to Six-S, Inc. in the amount of \$440,691 for the future Hanford Road to Six-S, Inc. The township will pay one-third of the costs, Cook the remainder.

■ Authorization was given to township supervisor Tom Yack to execute

the purchase agreement with landowners adjacent to the future Hanford Road right-of-way. The Plymouth-Canton School District owns the largest parcel of land in between.

The negotiations involved four landowners, Cook Development, the school district, Bexhet-Kadime (Nick) Salimi and George Bradley.

Property was purchased and exchanged among the landowners. The township also agreed to pay: one year of the school district's storm sewer assessment (\$13,690); the cost of installing an 8-foot high chain link fence around two sides of Salimi's property at request of the school district; demolition costs for tearing down a building on Bradley's property (\$16,309) and clean up and dumping

costs (\$6,000).

Canton Township will take ownership of two small parcels of property totaling approximately 1.6 acres for the new Hanford Road. The schools will retain ownership of the major portion of the land, purchased years ago as a possible elementary or middle school site.

Salimi traded off a portion of his property for the road right-of-way in exchange for school district property on the south side of where his land was located. Bradley sold his property to Cook.

Adding to traffic concerns from opening up the road is a strip mall anchored by Warendale Meat Market planned for the northwest corner.



■ Why did you start your own business in Canton?
■ What was the toughest thing about going into business?

The Canton Observer wants to share your story with our readers in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Call us at 459-2700 or fax us at 459-4224 with the details.

The Observer will provide two complimentary tickets to the Chamber's 25th anniversary dinner on Friday, Sept. 19 to participants, who need not be Chamber members. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available.

Board goes with familiar architect

By RENEE SHOGLUND STAFF WRITER
The Plymouth-Canton school board went with the familiar and voted 6-1 at its Aug. 26 regular board meeting to hire Wakely Associates Inc. of Warren as the architectural firm for the new elementary school.

Wakely designed Tonda Elementary in Plymouth and Bentley Elementary in Canton. The district has considered the two schools to be prototypes for any new elementary school.
Wakely's total project fee is \$235,643 plus a maximum of \$30,000 for any modification to the original Tonda/Bentley plans. The new school must be convertible to a middle school in the future if necessary.

At their previous meeting on Aug. 12, several board members said that Wakely's project presentation was not "dynamic." At that time, the board was considering hiring Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson & Argenta of Southfield if the firm could use the Tonda/Bentley plans to discount their bid.
The total project fee for CDPA was \$489,110.
At Tuesday's meeting, John Birchler, executive director of business and operations for the Plymouth-Canton school district,

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its safe touchdown. Their joy ended our breath-holding anticipation and began our thunderous applause and shouts of joy that went on and on as signal after signal announced the success of the little spacecraft. Our excitement could not be contained when the first images of the Mars landscape came up on the screen that we were seeing as they were coming in to JPL.

The convention, called Planetfest was hosted by the Planetary Society. They were wonderful hosts. There was plenty to do and see during the hours of waiting. Demonstrations of present and future space technology, information booths from companies involved in building Pathfinder and its roving companion Sojourner, and wonderful guest speakers such as recently retired shuttle astronaut Story Musgrave. A tribute to Star Trek creator Gene Roddenberry was offered by luminaries of the science fiction and science fact worlds. Louis Friedman, co-founder of the Planetary Society, David Brin, science fiction author, Tim Russ who plays Tuvok on Star Trek Voyager, and astronaut/moon walker Buzz Aldrin.

This was just one day of a three-day convention. We had tickets for only that day, which

are coming in a bit higher, said Aaron Machnik, director of Municipal Services.
"It appears there will be no substantial adjustments in the future since we've already passed the critical stages of building the foundation," he said.

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The township board set up two contingency funds to handle any overruns. As required in most construction contracts, a 10-percent contingency fund that amounted to \$60,000 was set up with the builders, Jenkins Construction.

Another contingency fund was set up by board action to cushion any other overruns.
"The project is on track and on budget," Budget and Finance Director Tony Minghine told board members last week.

Since the project is costing more than the \$2.2 million original estimate, the Board of Trustees dipped into the construction contingency last week to pay architects an additional \$19,500.

Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson and Argenta (CDPA) was contracted for \$160,500 or 7 percent of the construction costs to design the new fire station and improved police facility.

When the project went over estimated costs, the architects fee also increased based on the contracted 7 percent. The architects will now be paid \$180,000 due to the increased project costs.

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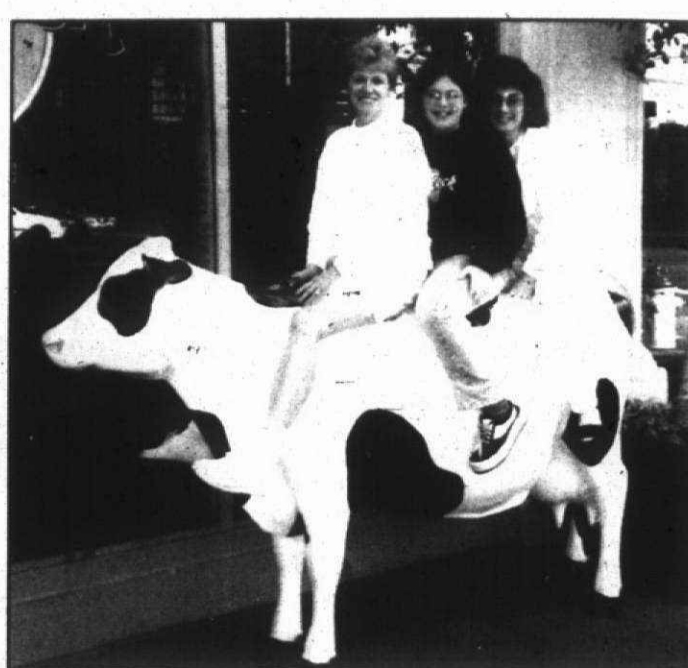
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Cafe goes: Karen Krastes (from left), Carrie Williams and Paula Williams outside the Hard Rock Cafe in San Francisco.

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Donna Aveck
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Hoben that he had asthma and had difficulty keeping up with classmates.

"I got all A's and B's in my other classes, but I got a C in gym. My dad went down there and said don't you understand this kid has asthma. The next marking I got an A. Mike Hoben had a certain sensitivity for individuals. He didn't realize that I couldn't keep up because I had breathing problems. He never said anything about my dad coming in there."

Vos said during his tenure as Rotary president in 1988-89, Hoben supported his at times controversial determination to bring women into the club's membership.
Dave Artley, a 14-year veteran of the school board who retired in June, considered Hoben a friend and a mentor. He credits Hoben with changing his philosophy on life. Artley had lost his job in the fall of 1983, the time of the last labor stoppage in the district. As a school board member, he had received too many calls at work regarding the strike.

"I drove to the school board and told Hoben I wasn't sure being on the school board was all it was cracked up to be. He told me sit down and relax, take a deep breath and take a long, strategic look at it.
"He taught me about long-range thinking, not getting mired in micro-management. After that, I could always talk to him. It was a defining moment for me." Artley currently serves as director of development for Kalamazoo County.
Donna Aveck, director of computer services and instructional technology for the school district, defined Hoben as a man of "big stature and a big heart." She said he "embraced change and moved the district forward with his vision for technology and its impact on education."

At the request of Hoben's two children, John and Michelle, several of their father's closest friends spoke on his behalf after the Mass. After recalling several humorous anecdotes going back to 1956 when he and Hoben were new teachers and coaches at Plymouth High, Bill Brown, founding principal of Salem, said he'd always remember one of Hoben's important pieces of advice: "When you're down and can't get up, get up anyway."

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Participants sought for Outreach Fair

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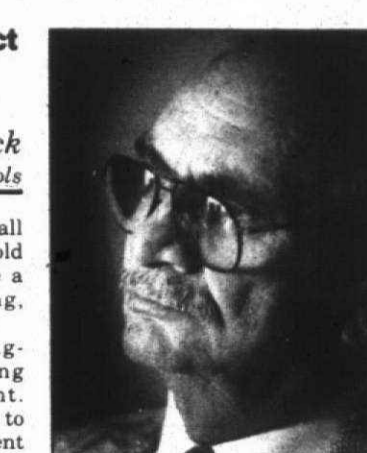
For the past seven years, the last Saturday in October has been designated as "Make a Difference Day." This annual event encourages individuals, groups, and communities to plan activities that will "make a difference" for others.

Last year, the Canton community supported 13 difference projects on Make a Difference Day, involving more than 200 volunteers.
On Oct. 25, 1997, the Canton community will celebrate Make a Difference Day with a "Community Outreach Fair," which will be held at the Summit on the Park community center. Nonprofit organizations, service clubs, and churches in the Plymouth-Canton area will be given an opportunity to have a booth where they can explain their activities and services offered to the community.

The fair will provide a forum for community residents to visit one location and receive information about the many services and volunteer opportunities available in the community.
The event will run 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
In keeping with the goals of the President's Summit held in Philadelphia this past April, the Canton community is working on a local level to identify opportunities for young people to participate in community service activities.
A special emphasis on youth volunteering will be a part of the Community Outreach Fair.
A fee of \$25 will be charged to each participating organization to cover shared expenses. The deadline for reserving a table is Sept. 25, 1997.

Organizations wishing to participate may apply by contacting (313) 398-5000 or (313) 397-6450.

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Teens thwart shoplifters

Two teen-agers, apparent witnesses to an alleged shoplifting, led to a "million-to-one" recovery of several thousand dollars worth of stolen clothing items Saturday.

The two Canton sisters called police after allegedly spotting the suspects and their vehicle at Motel 6, I-275 and Ford Road, where the teens had reportedly gone for a party.

Police told Peggy Sue Humberger, manager of the Fashion Bug Plus at 5810 N. Sheldon Road that, because the vehicle had Illinois plates, it was a "million to one" they would have found the suspects through the license number and description alone.

Humberger estimated the value of the recovered clothing, which included items taken from other stores as well as hers, at between \$5,000.

Some of the recovered items carried the Fashion Bug nametag and many were still on store hangers.

Humberger said the female suspect apparently had stuffed clothing under a floor-length skirt because "she was running like a penguin" when she and her husband headed out the door. The teens had alerted the manager only minutes before.

Hearing sought

A show-cause hearing is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. Sept. 26 on why two Rottweiler watchdogs should not be put to sleep after a second incident in which they allegedly escaped from their pen

COP CALLS

and killed a domestic animal. In the latest incident, at about 10 p.m. Aug. 27, the dogs were reported to have killed a goose after first chasing several people who escaped attack by either jumping into a truck or running inside a business.

Police, who are seeking the hearing, say the dogs "are a danger to other animals and people whenever they run wild."

The dogs belong to Charles E. Shattleroe of Canton, owner of Metro Power Sports, 44600 Ford Road. Police ticketed him for dogs-at-large.

Police said they were taking a complaint from Richard A. Young of Canton on the attack incident when they received a report that the dogs were killing a goose. The dogs fled into the woods when police approached.

Obscenity complaint

A Canton woman has complained to police about a sexually-explicit card her teen-age daughter received from an incarcerated sex criminal - but the woman's daughter said she is "not offended" by the card.

Furthermore, the 16-year-old told police she had been censored with the card and had sent him photographs of herself scantily attired.

Character Counts! program wins district endorsement

When it comes to character development in the Plymouth-Canton school district, it's one for all and all for one.

The Plymouth-Canton school board officially endorsed Character Counts!, a national non-partisan, character-education program, at its Aug. 26 regular meeting.

They issued a proclamation making the third week in October "Character Counts! Week."

Character Counts! promotes trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship - which the program

endorses as the core ethical values that form the foundation of a democratic society.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack introduced the program to the community during a three-day training seminar in April.

The seminar, sponsored by the Community Youth Initiative, was attended by representatives from the business, education and church communities.

Board vice president Sue Davis is part of the 34-member Character Counts! steering committee.

"Our members are chomping at the bit at how to implement all their ideas," she said.

Davis requested an allocation of \$200 to obtain a national endorsement. The fee would be paid by Canton Township and the Plymouth-Canton school board.

The board approved. She also proposed the committee charge local organizations \$25 and families \$5 to join the coalition.

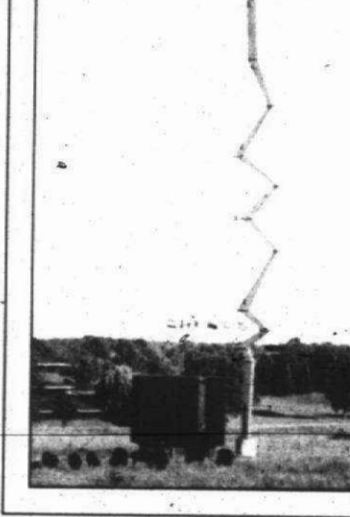
These fees would cover the cost of promotional material.

"We want to make it family-friendly," she said.

Board member Roland Thomas shared Davis' enthusiasm. "I believe strongly in this. If we truly believe and support this proclamation, we should put something in each school. We need to make it part of our culture."

The board is considering displaying a large version of the Character Counts! logo in all the schools.

Towering idea



Unusual project: Canton-based building contractor Rudolph Libbe built one of the more unusual cellular phone towers in metro Detroit this summer for Airtouch Cellular. The tower is located at Domino's Pizza tower headquarters in Ann Arbor. The pizza company wanted a tower in keeping with the unusual architecture already on the site.

Named to post

David M. Heirowski has been named to the position of manager in Arthur Andersen's state and local tax practice. Previously, he served as manager of property taxes for Masco Corp. in Taylor, Mich.

Heirowski received a bachelor of arts degree in Public Affairs Management from Michigan State University in 1977.

He is currently a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) and the Michigan Assessors Association.

Heirowski and wife, Pamela, live in Canton-with their children Scott, Mike, and Megan.

Chamber

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sharing of ideas has been the most beneficial to him, Cervi said.

A monthly newsletter features the newcomers, some of whom Cervi wouldn't even know in the booming business community, he said.

Chamber Executive Director Carleigh Flaherty sees the role of the chamber in a multitude of ways.

"First and foremost is to service our members so they can gain business exposure within the community. We also want to make sure they have access to local officials to keep up with issues that affect them," she said.

"We also have a role in the community at large for being a clearing house of information."

Another component is to educate its membership and prepare youth and employers for the workplace, she said.

The chamber offers its membership business referrals, advertising in chamber publications, Small Business Person of the Year and ATHENA award recognition, and event sponsorship. It also sponsors monthly luncheons and third Thursday breakfasts.

At the recent 113th National Archery Tournament at Heritage Park, the Canton Chamber of Commerce had a booth which provided archers and their guests with menus of all local eateries. The hospitality was a hit with archers and restaurateurs alike.

For more information on the Chamber or upcoming anniversary banquet, call 453-4040.

Mental health services move to Reuther, Hawthorn centers

Mental health services at the now-closed Detroit Psychiatric Institute will be consolidated at the Walter Reuther Psychiatric Hospital in Westland and Hawthorn Center in Northville Township, state officials announced.

DPI's adult patient census is 75, who will be transferred to the Reuther Center. DPI children's unit serves seven, who will be transferred to Hawthorn.

Gov. John Engler vetoed further funding of DPI as well as Clinton Valley Center in Pontiac and Pheasant Ridge hospital in Kalamazoo.

Department of Community Health Director James K. Haveman, Jr. and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services CEO William Allen said transfer plans won't harm patients.

"Our number one priority has always been, and continues to be, the care of patients. I will not allow people who don't see patient care as a priority to create confusion and chaos for patients and their families," said Haveman.

"We are proceeding in order for patient transfers to be implemented in a safe, orderly and sensitive manner."

"We are providing services to over 60 percent more persons with mental illness than in 1991, and our budget for mental health services has increased 30 percent since 1991," said Haveman.

This year more than 200,000 people will receive mental health services in the community, compared to 143,000 in 1991. Other plans include:

Services at Clinton Valley Center (CVC) will be consolidated with the Caro Center. Patient census at CVC is 167.

Children's services at Pheasant Ridge Center in Kalamazoo will consolidate with Hawthorn Center. There are no patients at Pheasant Ridge.

Caro Center Services for Persons With Developmental Disabilities, with a census of 78, will consolidate with the Mount Pleasant Center.

To implement a smooth transition, the hospitals and centers developed individual placement and transfer plans for current patients. These plans, developed with Community Mental Health Services Programs, were presented to the Legislature in June.

The state currently has more than 1,200 state-operated psychiatric hospital beds for children and adults. But more than 95 percent of persons needing mental health services are served in community-based programs.

Haveman said Michigan's 77 private hospitals have the capacity to serve 590 children and adolescents and 2,849 adults. Average occupancy is approximately 54 percent, leaving 46 percent available capacity.

The 51 Community Mental Health Services Programs are providing the vast majority of services to persons who have long term mental health needs.

"Now that we have a new budget, and the facilities identified for closure will have no appropriation as of Oct. 1, we are con-

cerned we will lose staff to other employers," said Allen. "We will maintain the continuity of care in our receiving hospitals by following the plan we have in place regarding the hiring of additional staff and the orderly transfer of patients."

When the Court of Appeals stayed Wayne County Circuit Court Judge William Callahan's temporary injunction against the department, Haveman authorized the Mt. Pleasant Center to begin recruiting and interviewing for an additional 140 prospective employees.

Hiring at Mt. Pleasant Center is important so patients can transfer from the Caro Center Program for Persons With Developmental Disabilities. Then patients from the 119-year-old Clinton Valley Center can transfer to the Caro Center.

"We are still hopeful that the House Appropriations Committee will approve our legislative transfer request that the Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously passed months ago," Haveman said.

"However, right now we are forced to overspend at receiving facilities in order to implement a smooth transition in the best interest of the patients."

Staff at closing facilities will be eligible for transfer to other departmental facilities under Civil Service procedures and union contracts. If staff leaving the closing facilities do not wish to transfer, new hires from Civil Service registers will be required.

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CANTON CONNECTION

Top dance student

Canton resident Jillian Mitchell, is one step closer to realizing her dream. When she was in first grade, Mitchell wrote in her journal that she was going to be a ballerina some day. She has recently learned that she has been accepted to the Harid Conservatory in Boca Raton, Fla.

Mitchell, a student of Karen Milligan at Milligan School of Ballet in Dearborn Heights, auditioned for Harid last winter and was accepted to attend the summer program. Based on her work in the summer program, she was selected as a finalist for the 1997-98 school year.

While at Harid, Mitchell will receive a comprehensive dance education with the primary focus on ballet. She will also study music, art history, nutrition, anatomy and physiology. She will take her academic courses in an affiliated public high school in Boca Raton.

Mitchell is the daughter of Lauren and Suzanne Mitchell of Canton.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council for three consecutive years awarded Mitchell the Damaris Fine Arts Award as well as additional scholarship monies towards her summer school.

Mitchell was a member of Children's Ballet Theatre of Dearborn Heights for four years and attended Plymouth-Canton High School.

Mutt March

Mark your calendar for the annual Michigan Humane Society Fall Mutt March on Saturday, Sept. 20.

The five-mile course will take MHS supporters and their four-legged friends on a leisurely stroll along Edward Hines Drive in Westland.

Marchers will begin their trek at Nankin Mills Station, near Aqu Arbor Trail, anytime between 10 a.m. and noon. Participants will collect pledges for each mile walked, with all proceeds to benefit the homeless, injured and abused animals cared for by the Michigan Humane Society.

Pledge forms are available now at all three MHS locations. Mutt March T-shirts will be available to all walkers who collect more than \$100 in pledges. Additional prizes will be awarded to those raising \$200, \$300, \$400 or more, as well as a grand prize to the walker who collects the highest amount.

Mutt March participants may walk with or without their pets. If your dog will be joining you, please bring proof of current rabies and distemper vaccinations. Dogs must remain on a leash.

The Michigan Humane Society is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to serving the animals since 1877. The Society operates three shelters and full-service animal hospitals in the metro Detroit area, caring for over 52,000 animals each year.

For more information on the fall Mutt March, or to pledge a walker, call (313) 872-3400.

MILITARY NEWS

Delayed enlistment program

enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program. Schoenborn, a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on Nov. 19. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course in San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as an aerospace propulsion apprentice. He is the son of Lynee Brown of Novi and Thomas Schoenborn of Canton.

GRADUATED

Air Force Airman Brian D. Vogan has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations. He is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. Vogan is the son of April M. and the stepson of William Czerniawski of Canton.

RELATIONS PROJECT

Manne Capt. Kerry J. Block of Plymouth was one of the Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, conducted an ambitious community relations project at the Redemptorist school for the handicapped in Pattaya, Thailand.

Marine auxiliary officer chosen

Elected: Canton resident Gurvis McNulty was elected national senior vice president of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary in Nashville, where the national convention was held in August. McNulty has been a member for 15 years.

Women's Health Series at St. Joe's Hospital

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Wed. Sept. 17, 7-9 p.m. Maneuvering Through Midlife: A Discussion with Professionals

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Thurs. Oct. 2, 7-8:30 p.m. Informed Women: Choosing and Using a Health Insurance Plan

This presentation will answer common questions such as: What is managed care? How do I compare health plans? How do I get the most from my health plan? and others. Plenty of time will be set aside for audience questions.

Tues. Nov. 4, 7-9 p.m. Osteoporosis: Healthy Choices for Healthy Bones

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On September 17, 1997, at 3:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council will conduct a public hearing on the Canton Township Block Grant (CDBG) Program. All interested citizens are invited to attend and comment on a proposed amendment to the FY 1994 CDBG Program. Proposed amendment to be discussed: Re-allocate \$30,000 for First Step Building Purchase to renovations and improvements to the First Step Canton temporary residential facility, including but not limited to: building and site improvements, and connection to Township services and utilities. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (313) 397-5392.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

September 11, 1997

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1997 AT 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll Call: Casak, Demopoulos, Johnson, Pandit, Redfern
Acceptance of Agenda

- Richard Dobryden, 6814 Kennebec, Canton, MI 48187. Appealing Article 2.09, Section 3.B. regarding yard & bulk regulations in rear yards. The request is for a 5' variance in the rear-yard setback in order to build a deck. Parcel No. 030-01-0015-000 (Building)
- Greg Kime, RDK Homes, 409 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, for property located on the Northeast corner of Beck & Newton, Huntington Place Subdivision. Appealing Ordinance 120, Section 9.4 regarding Ground Signs. The request is for a variance to install a marketing sign approximately 60' from the curb on Beck and 70' from Newton Road on top of a berm. Parcel No. 110-01-0000-000 (Building)
- Robert Gerace, 9087 Tavistock, Plymouth, MI 48170, representing James & Kelly Dewese, 7229 Burgandy, Canton, MI 48187, for property located at 7368 Stonebrook, Canton, MI 48187. Appealing Article 26.02 Schedule of Regulations regarding sideyard setbacks. The request is for a 5' variance in the sideyard setback in order to build a house. Parcel No. 020-02-0017-000 (Building)

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 1997

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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Stadium projects

Economic conference targets small business

Representatives from the Detroit Lions, Detroit Tigers, Northwest Airlines and Wayne County will be sharing information at a conference on Monday, Sept. 15 with the goal of opening doors for small, minority and women-owned businesses in the impending major construction projects.

The conference is slated for 9 a.m. to noon at the University of Detroit/Mercy Ward Conference Center, located at 8200 W. Outer Drive at Southfield.

The aim of the conference is to get small, minority and women-owned businesses aware of the planned projects and also give information on how to bid their services.

David Potts, vice president and general counsel, for the Detroit Lions and Al Johnson, regional director of airport affairs for Northwest Airlines are confirmed speakers. Hurley Coleman, director of parks for Wayne County, also will speak, talking about the park improvements planned and paid for by a voter-approved millage.

Speaking about the bidding process will be several representatives from Wayne County, including Frank Ross, director of the Jobs and Economic Development Department, and James Murray, director of the Department of the Environment.

"This is an exciting program that should be very helpful to our small, minority and women-owned businesses," said Wayne County Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon. "All the information they need will be in one room." The conference is sponsored by the Wayne County Commission.

The auditorium is being set up to accommodate comments and questions from the guests. Guests will be able to ask questions or any of the representatives and the Wayne County Commissioners present.

Brochures on the conference have been mailed to known contractors, trade associations and chambers of commerce but Solomon said that anyone who might benefit from the conference is invited to attend. There is a reservation deadline of Sept. 8 and a seat can be reserved by calling 313-224-0850.

Workshop to focus on nonprofits

Madonna University will offer a workshop and course this fall focusing on nonprofit organizations.

The workshop, "Appreciative Inquiry: The Power of Positive Actions in Non-Profits" will be 6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. The non-credit fee is \$95. Students earn 1.2 continuing education units.

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Students may register by mail, fax and in-person. Non-credit learners are welcome to enroll in most of the University's undergraduate credit courses provided they meet the prerequisites and/or have the permission of the instructor.

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Local residents to help plan special day for senior citizens

State Reps. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, and Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, have named five local senior citizens to an advisory council to organize the Livonia-Plymouth-Northville Senior Celebration Day.

The lawmakers named Mary Carter, Ruth Kade, Clara Karr, Dorothy Tilney and Dorothy Watters to the panel. All have served in a similar capacity for previous senior celebration days. The group held its first meeting in August at the Livonia Senior Center.

"The advisory panel plays an integral role in the event's planning process," said Law. "With the group to guide us, the celebration day can accurately reflect the range of interests and activities of today's seniors."

The Friday, Oct. 17 celebration day takes place at Burton Manor in Livonia. The 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. event features consumer and health fairs, entertainment and raffles geared toward senior citizens. It also includes food, gifts and informal discussion with several local officials.

"Advisory panel members continue to provide valuable ideas and suggestions to make this day the best possible," said Bankes. "I appreciate the time and effort these women are providing to ensure a successful and informative event."

Carter, a 25-year Livonia resident, has one daughter, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and Clements Circle Civic Association. Carter also is involved with Friends of Livonia Library, the local Wheelchair Olympics and Friends of Wilson Barn.

Kade has volunteered at the Civic Park Senior Center since 1979. She has four children, 13 grandchildren and 11 great-granddaughters. She is president of Livonia's senior women's golf league and president of Harmony Unit Senior Citizens Club for the last 10 years. She also is chairwoman of the Heritage Newsletter and president of St. Colette's Leisure Club.

Tilney is a former executive secretary for the director of psychology at the Michigan Department of Health and served on the Northville Senior Citizen Advisory Council. She is a member of Daughters of American Revolution, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 4012 and Northville Women's Club. Tilney also serves as district coordinator for Law.

Watters is involved in many activities in the Livonia area. She is past president of the Livonia Town Club and a member of the board of directors for the Livonia Goodfellows. She also serves on the board of the Northville Town Hall and Livonia Town Hall and is vice president of Tau Alpha Gamma, an area business women's society.

Tickets for the celebration day are available only by preregistering and limited to the first 1,000 sold. No tickets will be sold at the door. Registration deadline is Oct. 3.

For more information on the celebration day and tickets, call Mary Carter at (313) 421-4513. For details on sponsorships and booths, call Sandy Nash in Bankes' office at (517) 373-3998.

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Poster contest



Award-winning art: The Livonia Family Y recently took first place in the character development poster contest sponsored by the Detroit Metropolitan YMCA. The contest, championed by the YMCA of the USA is designed to teach youngsters about the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Viewing their award-winning creations are, left to right, Kristen Burton, 8, of Livonia; Jessica Michael, 9, of Livonia, and Casaundra, 7, of Canton Township. Each metro area branch was challenged to produce pictures demonstrating the four values. Judging — done by the Metro Y corporate staff — was based on creativity and use of color. "The kids and staff were very enthusiastic about the contest," said Denise Felix, senior program director at the Livonia branch. "The parents of the day campers were very excited and proud of their kids. They like the fact that the kids were learning about these values. It was fun and the counselors made it fun for the kids." A special banner pronouncing the branch champs will be on display soon in the lobby of the local branch on Stark, just north of Schoolcraft.

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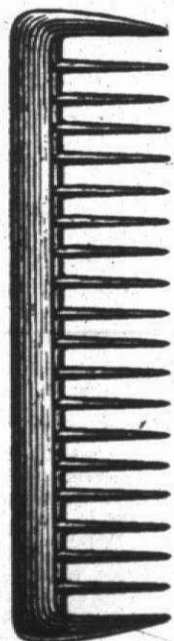


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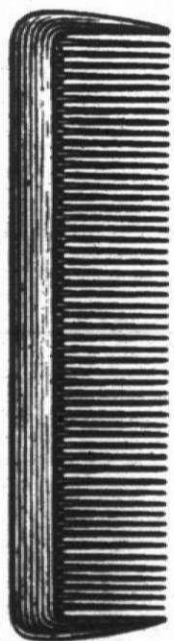


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MABEL ROBACHER

Mrs. Robacher, 93, of Austin, Texas (formerly of Plymouth) died Aug. 28. Born on April 23, 1904 in Lake City, Mich., Mrs. Robacher was a resident of Plymouth until moving to Austin, Texas to be near her nephew. She retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Co. in Plymouth, where she was a telephone operator. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale C. Robach-

er, in 1975. Survivors include several nephews. Services will be held 12 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13 in the Riverside Cemetery Mausoleum. JAMES RILEY SNOW Mr. Snow, 50, of Plymouth died Aug. 28. Born on Jan. 31, 1947 in Walnut Ridge, Ark., Mr. Snow moved to Plymouth from Las Vegas in 1990. He was a bartender in the Las Vegas area and worked at Rockwell International in California. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1965 and from Schoolcraft College with a degree in business. He attended flight school in Florida (B.A.T.I.C.). He was a man of many hobbies: fishing, motorcycles, cars, music. He loved his family, people and life and enjoyed watching TV. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Vivian Snow. Survivors include his two daughters, Tiffany, Katie; one brother, Sherman (Charlie); three sisters, Ada (Jerry) Kendall, Rebecca Sue Johnson and her fiancé Sterling Gafford, and Paula A. (Gregg) Knight. Services were held at the Scharder-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the

University of Michigan, Liver Transplant Program, Ann Arbor. JOANNE H. RICKENBECK Mrs. Rickenbeck, 60, of Farmington Hills (Formerly of Royal Oak) died Aug. 28. Born on Aug. 11, 1937 in Meominee, Mich., Mrs. Rickenbeck retired in 1970 from Michigan Bell as a secretary. She was also a member at St. Gerald Catholic Church. Survivors include her daughter, Amy (Brian) Smola; granddaughters, Florence Mikolasek, two nieces, Dr. Karen Lindsay, Joy Lindsay; one sister, Jayne (John) Lindsay. Local arrangements were held by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. Services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 6 at St. Gerald Catholic Church with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institution, 41935 W. 12 Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48377. JOHN M. "MIKE" HOHEN Mr. Hohen, 73, of Plymouth died Aug. 29. Born on Nov. 1, 1923 in Walkerville, Canada, Mr. Hohen was a resident of Plymouth since 1955. He attended Adrian High School and Georgia Military Academy on a football scholarship. In 1942, he enrolled in the University of Michigan School of

Engineering, intending to become a chemical engineer, but several years in the Armed Forces in World War II derailed that ambition. Hohen saw combat service with the U.S. Marines in the South Pacific, where he received a field commission in the Artillery. He was in combat again in 1950-1952, when he served as a Marine artillery commander in Korea, he was awarded the Purple Heart, he held the rank of Captain before becoming a Major in the reserves. All told, he spent a total of six years in the service. After the War, Hohen attended Adrian College where he earned his B.S. Degree. He received his Master's Degree in Education from Wayne State University in 1962 and his Doctorate in Education from WSU in 1979. He also did graduate work at Michigan State University and at the University of Wisconsin. Hohen was a basketball and football star at Adrian College and was elected to Adrian's Hall of Fame in 1972, the second to be so honored. After college, Hohen was drafted by the Boston Celtics, but it was with the Toledo Jets that he spent two years as a professional basketball player before pursuing a career in education. Dr. Hohen's career as a teacher began in 1949 at Hoehen High School. It was

interrupted by the Korean War. After the war, he returned to Cheboygan where he taught mathematics and coached varsity football and baseball and the junior varsity basketball. In 1955, he was named, Michigan Football Coach of the Year. When he came to Plymouth as a high school mathematics teacher, he was asked to coach football and baseball. During the 10 years he coached here, his teams compiled outstanding records. His overall football record at Cheboygan and Plymouth was 75 victories, 38 losses and four ties. Two of his players won all-star recognition and many were awarded athletic scholarships. Hohen became a high school counselor, then assistant principal in charge of guidance and counseling. In 1966, he was designated principal-elect of the new senior high school to be built in Centennial Educational Park. In March 1969, the board appointed him coordinator of secondary education. Dr. Hohen became assistant superintendent of education in June, 1971. He was named acting superintendent of schools in December of that year and in March 1972, was named superintendent. The Hohen Elementary School of the Plymouth-Canton School system was named in Dr. Hohen's honor. The school was

opened in the fall of 1988. He served as president and director of the Plymouth YMCA, president of Plymouth Family Service, was a member of the Plymouth Community Fund, and president of the Plymouth Municipal Building Authority. He was past president of the Plymouth Education Association. He also served as a consultant to numerous schools in the U.S. and Canada and fulfilled many speaking engagements at various schools and colleges. He was an active member of the Plymouth Rotary Club and was president in 1972. In 1989-1990 he was voted Superintendent of the Year, State of Michigan. He was preceded in death by his wives, Patricia Page Hohen and Nancy Soper. Survivors include his daughter, Michele Page Hohen; one son, John Charles (Linda) Hohen; granddaughter, Natalie Hohen; one sister, Olga Hayward; and also many nieces and nephews. Local arrangements were handled by the Scharder-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation, Hohen School.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, August 26, 1997 at 1150 South Canton Center Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to move from an open session to a closed session at 6:06 P.M. to discuss pending litigation and employee negotiations. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL - CLOSED SESSION

Members Present: Bennett, Burdzik, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dursak

Motion by LaJoy, supported by Bennett, to return to an open session at 7:04 P.M. Motion carried. Supervisor Yack led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL - OPEN SESSION

Members Present: Bennett, Burdzik, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Machnik, Minghine, Abbott, Zerkvink

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A closed session was added to the agenda for further discussion of pending litigation and employee negotiations. General Calendar Item 13, was added to the agenda. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 1997

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 1997 as presented. Motion carried.

Ayes: Bennett, Burdzik, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes General Fund, Fire Fund, Police Fund, Community Center Fund, Golf Course Fund, Cable TV Fund, E-911 Emergency Funds, Community Improvement Fund, Special Investigative Fund, State Projects Fund, Downtown Devel. Auth., Cap Proj.-Road Paving Fund, Build. Auth. Construction Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Trust & Agency (Trailer Fees).

PUBLIC HEARING DASHER HEIGHTS STREETLIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Supervisor Yack declared the public hearing open at 7:07 P.M. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the special assessment. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to close the public hearing at 7:10 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzik, to approve the request of Mal Belovick, property owner of the Dasher Heights Subdivision, to establish a Streetlighting Special Assessment District, authorizing the construction and maintenance of 21 Colonial Post Top Streetlights with the Dasher Heights Subdivision as shown on the plan attached. Further, I move to authorize the Clerk to sign the agreement with Detroit Edison following and contingent upon Final Plat approval of the Dasher Heights Subdivision by the Board of Trustees of Canton Township on August 26, 1997. Motion carried.

Ayes: Bennett, Burdzik, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Sheffery, Yack

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment to increase Municipal Services salaries line item by \$8,000 and the overtime line item by \$900 in accordance with the recommendation of the Municipal Services Director. To amend the General Fund budget as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes Increase/Decrease Appropriations, Salaries-Communications Division, Salaries-Municipal Services Department, Overtime-Municipal Services Department, Printing & Publishing-Municipal Services, Maint/Rep Vehicles-Building Services, Contracted Services-Engineering Services, Transportation-Planning Services, Maint/Rep Vehicles-Planning Services.

This Section amendment decreases Communications Services Division budget from \$267,829 to \$268,928; increases the Municipal Services Division budget from \$195,612 to \$202,512; decreases the Building & Inspection Services Division budget from \$876,543 to \$875,043; decreases the Engineering Services Division budget from \$423,038 to \$422,138; decreases the Planning Services Division budget from \$484,951 to \$483,451 and increases the General Fund Division budget from \$12,867,142 to \$12,868,642. Further, to amend the Water & Sewer Fund budget as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes Increase/Decrease Appropriations, Maint/Rep Sewer Lines, Transfer to General Fund.

This budget amendment neither increases nor decreases the Water & Sewer Fund budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to recommend approval of the property sales for the following lots 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75 and 76 in Pleasant View Subdivision, as requested by the project sponsor, Mr. Richard

Ordinance No. 81(F) as amended was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the 26th day of August 1997, and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law. Copies of the complete Ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at the Canton Township Hall, located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund to increase the budget for the Police Explorer Program:

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes Police Explorer Program, Increase Appropriations, Explorer Program.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund to increase the budget for training expenditures:

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, Total. Includes Increase/Decrease Appropriations, Contributions - Training, Increase Appropriations.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve a budget amendment in the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund to increase Cash Flow Interest Income account #402-000-665-0001 by \$2,500 and Cash Flow Appropriation from Fund Balance account #402-000-699-0000 by \$2,500. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to remove from the table and to adopt the Amendments to Misdemeanor Ordinance No. 81(F) - Minors in Possession of Alcohol, to become effective upon publication in the Canton Observer on September 4, 1997. Motion carried.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 81 (F)

A. PURCHASE, CONSUMPTION, POSSESSION BY PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE.

MINOR IN POSSESSION ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 81 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 70.146: PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF THE POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY PERSONS LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE; PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF MINORS IN PLACES WHERE ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IS SOLD, GIVEN AWAY OR FURNISHED; PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF PERSONS FURNISHING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR TO PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE; PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE MISREPRESENTATION OF AGE TO SECURE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR; PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF THE POSSESSION OR TRANSPORT OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY A MINOR IN A MOTOR VEHICLE; PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION AGAINST OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A MOTOR VEHICLE; PROVIDING FOR THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THESE PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING MATTERS AND FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS. This Section amends Ordinance No. 81, Section 70.146 of the Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as follows:

A. PURCHASE, CONSUMPTION, POSSESSION BY PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE. 1. This subsection provides that a person less than twenty-one years of age shall not purchase, attempt to purchase, consume, attempt to consume, possess, or attempt to possess alcoholic liquor.

2. This subsection provides for the exclusion of sacramental wine used in connection with religious services from the provisions of this Ordinance.

3. This subsection provides for the penalties for persons less than twenty-one who violate this subsection.

4. This subsection provides that the Court shall consider all prior convictions of subsection (a) when imposing the sanctions for violation of these provisions.

5. This subsection provides restrictions and considerations in cases in which a restricted license is allowed.

B. PRESENCE OF MINORS IN PLACE WHERE SOLD. This Section provides the prohibition against minors in any place where alcoholic liquor is furnished unless the minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian.

C. SALE, FURNISHING TO PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE. 1. This subsection provides the prohibition against persons furnishing alcoholic liquor to a person who is less than twenty-one years of age.

2. This subsection provides for a defense to the violation of this Ordinance.

D. MISREPRESENTATION OF AGE TO SECURE SALE. This Section provides for the prohibition against any person less than twenty-one (21) years of age to represent himself to be twenty-one (21) years old for the purpose of or attempt to purchase alcoholic liquor.

E. POSSESSION OR TRANSPORT BY A MINOR. This Section provides the prohibition against the possession or transport of alcoholic liquor in a motor vehicle by a person less than twenty-one (21) years of age.

F. OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN MOTOR VEHICLE. This Section provides the prohibition against any person transporting or possessing any alcoholic beverages in a container which is open, uncaped or upon which the seal is broken.

SECTION 2: PENALTIES. This Section provides that violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and provides for penalty for any violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY. This Section provides that the Ordinance is severable, and if any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid.

SECTION 4: REPEAL. This Section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances.

SECTION 5: SAVINGS CLAUSE. This Section provides that the adoption of the Ordinance does not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Section provides that the Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Preventing AIDS

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Michigan still has more than 8,800 cases of AIDS reported, not including the thousands of people who are infected and may not even know it.

no medical evidence that these new therapies provide any protection against HIV transmission. "People taking these drugs are still potentially infectious and can spread the virus when engaged in high-risk behaviors," Lawrencechuk said.

Michigan still has more than 8,800 cases of AIDS reported, and that's not including the thousands of people who are infected and may not even know it, according to Keith Tait, Wayne County Health Department director of disease control.

While we don't administer these drugs at our clinic, we do try to hook people up with providers who have these drugs available," said Dr. Donald Lawrencechuk, Wayne County medical director.

Schoolcraft adds Arabic to schedule of fall language class offerings

Schoolcraft College has added conversational Arabic to its list of language offerings this fall.

Most language classes last for 12 weeks and focus on phrases and situations students will use in everyday setting. Fees range from \$72 to \$87.

The Arabic class begins Monday, Sept. 15 and will include information on the culture of the Arab world, money standards and Arabic writing as well as simple Arabic. The course fee is \$73.

Other language classes and their starting dates are:

- Thursday, Sept. 11 - Conversational French I and II.
Monday, Sept. 15 - Conversational Italian I and II.
Tuesday, Sept. 16 - Conversational Polish I and II.
Wednesday, Sept. 17 - Conversational Russian I and Conversational Japanese I.
Thursday, Sept. 18 - Conversational German I and II.

Students can enroll in "Basic Sign Language I and II" for an \$80 fee. Classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 17.

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Good Thinking

Fieger lashes out at area Democrats

By LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

Geoffrey Fieger's speech before 11th District Democrats last week wasn't expected to go down too well with people who are:

- Fond of Gov. John Engler;
- Members of the state Supreme Court; and
- not used to expletive-filled rants.

The surprise is how the blustery Southfield-based attorney and gubernatorial candidate lit into his audience, which shares the same party affiliation. While listing the power brokers, Fieger reminded those in attendance at the Botsford Inn where they rank.

"You are so far down on the list," Fieger said. "I think the YMCA and the Humane Society are above you in influence."

"I'm not being critical; it's a fact." Fieger accused them of "sitting on their hands" during Engler's term as governor as he made questionable appointments to the state Supreme Court and put caps on liability claims on traffic accidents involving rented cars. Most of all, Fieger wondered where his party mates had been during his and Dr. Jack Kevorkian's continuing legal battle over assisted suicide.

"What are you guys doing? I'm serious, what are you doing?" Fieger asked repeatedly of his Democratic brethren. "Do you really want to kick ass and win?"

"Because I'll tell you when I started representing Kevorkian, the one thing I wasn't going to do is lose. If you want me to act like a used car salesman, lying politician, then tough luck. I refuse."

His campaign for governor is not as pronounced. He's running by default.

Fieger said he doesn't need the job; he can't afford the pay cut, he said.

The reason behind his speculative gubernatorial bid is that Fieger doesn't see a Democrat who can beat Engler next year.

Fieger doesn't hold out hope for the Democratic challengers, including frontrunner Larry Owen who has already received an endorsement from the United Auto Workers.

"And it's not that the man can't be beaten," Fieger said. "I don't see anybody willing to stand up and really say what really needs to be said, folks."

"The reason I'm doing this is he's got to go."

The reason Engler is running again is that "he's fishing" for a job after he retires, Fieger said.

"The man couldn't make a living," Fieger said. "As governor of the state of Michigan what could he do in life unless some fat-cat Republican literally pays his way."

His jabs into Engler turned into roundhouses. At one point, Fieger asked his wife to stand. "She's prettier than Michelle Engler. She'll be the most beautiful first lady in Michigan ever," Fieger said.

On the state Supreme Court: "We have an elephant's graveyard for PAC politicians. They are the worst Supreme Court in the entire country."

On insurance reform legislation: "Do you know if you lend your car to some... drunk and that drunk kills somebody, you can be sued. But if some lunatic rents a car from Hertz and kills you while drunk, Hertz can only be sued for \$20,000 in this state. Did you know that? ... It should be called the O.J. Simpson law. Engler did it to you."

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Mike Hoben School chief had vision, heart

His rule over the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools could be autocratic. But the late former superintendent Dr. John Michael Hoben held fast to his visions for the district and its students.

Yet under the sometimes tough and gruff exterior, Mike Hoben was a compassionate man who cared about the people whose lives he affected with the decisions he made - decisions often tied to state mandates and budget constraints.

We are saddened by his recent death. But thankful that his influence on the district and his vision for the future will remain.

Hoben was truly a product of the Plymouth-Canton district. He started in the district in 1955 as a math teacher and coach. He moved up the educational ladder, hitting the rungs of principal, coordinator of secondary education, assistant superintendent and finally, district superintendent by 1972.

To consider Hoben's influence on the district, we must acknowledge his loyalty and his determination to improve educational opportunities for students.

Hoben had an innate knack for planning. Friends said he was just plain intuitive. He saw the importance of computers and technology in the classroom and the need for students to indulge in a new way of learning for a new world led by technology. Hoben pushed ahead and the district became a leader in this area.

It was Hoben who also saw the Plymouth-Canton area's potential for growth and

through his leadership the district bought property for future schools to accommodate the growing population.

As superintendent, Hoben was known as a leader, not just an administrator. He saw the future and guided school boards to do the right thing. As his friends recall, Hoben was a man of integrity and a man determined to maintain everyone's dignity, even in tough times.

It is a testament to Hoben's abilities that he remained superintendent for 23 years. It is a job that draws criticism and controversy. And he received his share. But he handled it with aplomb and continued to steer his course for the district.

He truly was a man who could get along with the public, school board, teaching staff and students - and still make tough, and sometimes unpopular decisions.

But there was more to the man than being a superintendent. He was visible, well-known and well-liked in the community. He was everywhere - even after his retirement in 1994. We also expected him to man the barbecue pit - as he always did - this weekend at the Plymouth Rotary's chicken barbecue during Fall Festival.

His ability to make tough decisions and to follow a vision will be long remembered. But more importantly, Mike Hoben's compassion and heart will be the legacy he leaves behind for all of us.

Meetings law aids public most

Woodrow Wilson, the academic-turned-president who founded the modern study of political science, said it best: "Open covenants, openly arrived at."

Wilson was calling for an end to secret deals between national officials - deals which led to millions of deaths in World War I before the people understood what their rulers were doing to them. But his words apply today to local government in western Wayne County.

Since 1976 we have had a state law called the Open Meetings Act. It mandates that all meetings of councils, boards, commissions, committees and subcommittees post their meetings in advance; discuss all public business before the public; keep public records; and vote in public. There are only narrow exceptions.

More than even Wilson asked, the Open Meetings Act protects the public's right to sound off at these public meetings about what the government intends to do before the government does it to them.

Wilson's critics scoffed that he was an idealist and rejected his proposal to join a public League of Nations. Big mistake. The business of secret deals continued; so did the practice of world war.

Almost 80 years later, the critics of "open covenants, openly arrived at" are alive and well. They have changed their tune a bit. No longer do they scoff at "idealists." They have a long list of other alibis:

"We need to meet outside the glare of publicity." Sure, just like the czar of Russia, the king of Germany, the emperor of Austria-Hungary.

"We didn't vote on anything." Doesn't matter. A deliberation of public business must be conducted in public, whether the panel votes or not.

"It was just a subcommittee meeting."

Committees and subcommittees are clearly covered by the Open Meetings Act. Even where the final decision is up to the city council or school board, the subcommittee and committee are where the problems are pondered and the policy produced. Committees often are where the real action is.

"We didn't have a quorum." Then they should have adjourned and walked out on the spot. It's a great ploy for a board to call a committee a "sub-quorum group" that isn't subject to the Open Meetings Act. Don't be fooled. That "sub-quorum" group is probably a committee discussing heavy, serious public business.

"It's just the press that wants this open." We in the press (let's leave out radio and TV entertainers) protest when we find out about closed meetings, but the truth is that the Open Meetings Act isn't a "press" law. It's a law to protect the public.

Court suits against secretive councils are filed as often by private individuals as by the press. And even where the press sues to open a meeting, it's because we were tipped off by a watchful parent or property owner.

So what can you do if you suspect a governmental body is meeting in illegal secrecy?

Warn the body politely. Often they make an honest mistake - and even their attorneys fail to check the law.

If the board is defiant, you may complain to the attorney general, complain to the Wayne County prosecutor or hire your own attorney to file a circuit court suit.

Better yet, check on candidates' attitudes before they are elected. Ask them at "Candidates' Nights" if they believe in open board, committee and subcommittee meetings. If they answer "yes," they're likely to live up to the Wilsonian ideal of "open covenants, openly arrived at."

Message in bloom



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BENDER

Award winner: The Canton Public Library has been selected to receive a 1997 Award of Merit from Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. for its "READ" berm that faces Canton Center Road. John Schwartz, library building manager, will accept the award in Lansing in October. Schwartz, Canton's well-known retired green-house owner, developed the berm this spring. His flower displays have graced the library for several years.

LETTERS

Golf outing defended

We wanted to take this opportunity to respond to your editorial entitled "Wanted: Fund-raiser, diversity." (Canton Observer, Aug. 14). The majority of this article seemed to be directed at golf fund-raisers in general, however, the first sentence identified the Canton Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic. To the casual reader, your criticism might be interpreted as being directed specifically at our golf outing, which we feel is not valid.

As a volunteer organization we certainly welcome new and creative ideas. We presently have two principal fund-raisers, the summer golf outing and the winter dinner auction.

It is imperative that our principal fund-raisers are successful to enable us to provide the many community services that we presently offer, which include: hosting the Leadership Canton program; providing college scholarships to area students; providing grants to the Education Excellence Foundation, the Community Literacy Council and to the Business-Education Partnership; acting as an advocate for business and community development; providing numerous opportunities to our members to advertise, promote their businesses, to network and to meet with government officials; acting as an informational clearing house for the community; publishing a Canton map and annual directory; and sponsoring the Canton Economic Luncheon, etc.

It is true that many community organizations have adopted golf outings as fund-raisers, probably because golf outings are both popular and effective. Golf is the fastest growing participation sport in America. Men and women of all ages can play golf. It is conducive to networking and is a great excuse to get out of the office, while contributing to a good cause.

Our 1996 golf outing completely sold out weeks in advance. This year we expanded our field by nearly 50 golfers to meet the demand and again we sold out weeks in advance. Our participant surveys for the past two years have been overwhelmingly positive.

Having two proven fund-raisers spaced approximately six months apart allows our members to budget their contributions, while negating the chamber's need to perpetually raise money. This allows us to concentrate our resources on providing the quantity and quality of services our members and community deserve.

V. Robertson
Wayne

While we certainly welcome publicity, we do not "beg" for it. We routinely send the media press releases to announce newsworthy events which benefit our community.

Michael J. Gerou, president
Carleigh Flaherty, executive director
Canton Chamber of Commerce

Out of control

I bought a home in the Wayne-Westland School District in 1995 when the district was recovering from some difficult times. I thought I had made a good investment in a school system that was improving. Now, after reading your stories about the board's lack of respect for the public's input on matters as important as hiring a superintendent, I wish I would have moved elsewhere.

The lady who is president of the board, Mrs. Debra Fowlkes, seems to be out of control. She has absolutely no respect for the citizens of our community. I grew up in this district and just recently moved back. I can remember some strange things happening, but never anything like what I have read in the last few months.

I noticed how your newspaper covered the election of Mrs. Debra Fowlkes as the first black woman president of the board. You would think that a black woman would have a greater understanding of people's rights and civil rights. Then I read that she led the charge to have a policy overturned that protects the rights of all students from discrimination and sexual harassment, specifically the portion dealing with sexual orientation.

The same board just voted last winter to approve these policies. I'm afraid Debra Fowlkes is taking civil rights back 100 years. She should be ashamed of herself.

What kind of example is she setting other than announcing that it is "Open Season on Gay Kids" in the Wayne-Westland School District? I hope she doesn't have a gay child, but I'm sure if she did, she would make sure her child got special privileges.

Is this really the kind of leadership we need setting examples for our children? Debra Fowlkes is up for re-election; I think we should all send her a message loud and clear next June. I know I will.

V. Robertson
Wayne

Goodwill inspires cleaning of closets

My daughter and her husband are way ahead of me. They used the Labor Day weekend to clean out their closets and cupboards for fall.

They'll donate their out-of-date, ill-fitting or otherwise unwanted goods to a couple of charities, including carting some to the Goodwill Industries store in Waterford, about a 15-minute drive from their West Bloomfield home.

Frankly I had pretty much forgotten about Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, which celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1996. Its phone number is not in my kitchen drawer address book the way it was in my grandmother's or mother's. Come fall - and spring - they routinely called Goodwill to take away their used clothing and furnishings.

Goodwill, in my grandmother's time, employed men and women who couldn't find jobs to repair and refurbish used and abused items for resale. Goodwill, in my mom's era, also

offered that kind of restorative work to people who were elderly or physically disabled. In all cases, income from the resold goods paid the workers' wages, helping them to become self-supporting.

But life has become more complicated. Goodwill responded by taking on the training of others who face barriers to employment - the economically disadvantaged, people with developmental disabilities or chronic mental illness, those recovering from substance abuse, displaced homemakers and some who lost their jobs to downsizing.

Plus, Detroit's Goodwill Industries has expanded its vocational focus to training in modern technologies. Nowadays, it has three divisions:

■ Employment/training for the private sector job market. Businesses can call Goodwill for a variety of employees. Goodwill placed 401 disabled and disadvantaged people into community jobs in 1996. The most



JUDITH DONER BERNE

common occupations: sales, clerical, janitorial and housekeeping, food service, packaging and materials handling.

Industrial operations which contracts with the Big Three automakers, Detroit Edison and others for packaging and assembly, mainly out of its expanding Detroit plant. These contracts provide opportunities for work to disabled and disadvantaged people who aren't readily employable elsewhere and are Goodwill's main source of income.

■ Retail, an extension of the concept that started it all. Six metro-Detroit stores sell used goods to help fund Goodwill's vocational services - and more are planned.

In defense of my forgetting about Goodwill, all stores closed in the 1970s in response to changes in the retail climate and the high cost of collecting goods. Goodwill only began reopening them in 1988, as the public turned on to recycling and resale shopping. Now, you must bring your donations to the store and "only the best that come in are on the shelves," reports Goodwill Industries Foundation president and board vice president Brad Host of Birmingham.

Recently, more than 20 artists from the Laurence Street Gallery in Pontiac scoured the 12,000-square-foot Waterford store for used clothing, furnishings and interesting items they could turn into art. Some also drove to the 20,000-square-foot superstore on Telegraph in Redford that cele-

brated its grand opening in May. Members of the gallery will host a benefit for the Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit Foundation from 6-9:30 p.m. Friday. It will feature a silent auction of the art they created from "found" objects purchased at Goodwill.

In a way, Goodwill has come full circle. This time around artists, like those early men and women who repaired used goods, are turning discarded into something you would want to own. Both then and now, funds raised further Goodwill's mission of helping people with disabilities or other special needs to become self-supporting citizens.

This is definitely inspiring me to clean my closets.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the Eclectic Newspapers. For patron preview tickets at \$25 to Goodwill's "Gallimaufry at the Gallery" Friday, call 313-964-3900, Ext. 305.

Indian history should include dirty laundry

"The only good Huron Indian is a dead Huron Indian." - Iroquois foreign policy.

They never used those words. But summer visitors to St. Ignace, on Lake Huron in our Upper Peninsula, learn the story.

Until the 1640s, some 40,000 Huron dwelt in Ontario. The Iroquois, their relatives from upstate New York, attacked and annihilated village after village, 15 in all. In one case, the Hurons and their priest were slaughtered in their church during mass.

Survivors fled north, but many fell to disease. The Huron nation was virtually wiped out. Stragglers tried Minnesota but were kicked out. At St. Ignace, they found a friend and minister in Father Jacques Marquette, whose mission site has been excavated.

However bad the white man was to the red man, Indians treated each

other even worse. The Hurons' tale is told in many history books with varying degrees of gory detail. In one, the Jesuits found the body of Father Breub with hot coals in the eye sockets.

The Erie Indians are harder to find in the books. They lived in Ohio and also fell to the Iroquois. The Erie tribe disintegrated.

Indian activists throw the "Trail of Tears" story at us whites, and it's true enough. President Andy Jackson forced several tribes out of the South, and many perished on the way to Oklahoma.

What they won't tell you is the story of the Cheyennes, who lived in Ontario and Quebec until 1650 when the Iroquois shoved them out. The Iroquois didn't bother setting up reservations for the displaced people. So the Cheyennes settled in Montana and the Dakotas and are famed in Hollywood movies as a tough Great Plains tribe.



TIM RICHARD

Indian activists remind us that in the late 19th Century our federal government put Indian kids in white tie schools. This is portrayed as a gross violation of their culture, and it's true.

What you won't hear about is how the Chippewas in the 1660s moved from the upper Great Lakes region, and invaded Sioux territory in Minnesota. Did the Sioux complain? Nope. They gave up horticulture of the woodlands

and adopted a totally new culture, buffalo hunting from horses, on the plains, with no annuities from their conquerors.

During the Civil War-era in western Minnesota, the Sioux, under Little Crow, attacked white settlements, killing many women and children. Nothing spectacular about that; warriors of every race, including ours, kill women and children; even in the 20th Century, even this week.

The white man learned much from the red man - corn, the caucus, and so on. But the red man learned something from white liberals - the alibi of "victimization." You never are responsible for your own sins, however revolting. The white Euro-American male always is to blame.

And so when the Hurons ran into a fatal decade of bad luck, who got the blame? "The black robes" who tried to woo them to Christianity.

There is a book, first published in

Ypsilanti in 1887, titled "History of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians" by Andrew J. Blackbird. Murders were "exceedingly few" - until the whites came, he wrote. "But these cases of murders occurred sometime after they came in contact with the white races in their country... brought on through the bad influence of white men."

Nor were there immorality and illegitimate births until the white man came, Blackbird wrote with apparent seriousness.

I bring out the red man's dirty laundry because, among our charter schools, we see academies devoted to "Native American" culture, including one chartered by Oakland University. One wonders what historical bias will be taught there.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

School-to-work opponents spark sense of amazement

The facts are unassailable. The opposition leaves me, literally, shaking my head in amazement.

■ Jobs - any kind of jobs - are requiring more and more skills. Nationwide, 63 percent of workers held unskilled jobs in 1963. By 1993, this fell to 35 percent, and best estimates indicate it will plummet to 15 percent by the year 2000.

■ Incomes of workers with good job skills have remained ahead of inflation. Wages for unskilled workers started falling behind the inflation rate in the late 1970s, and the gap has widened ever since.

■ In today's near-full employment economy, there is an absolute labor shortage for skilled workers. Want proof? Look at the help wanted columns in the classified advertising section of this newspaper.

■ Even the rhetoric is compelling, says Chrysler Corp. President Robert Lutz: "The vast majority of Americans do not know that they do not have the skills to earn a living in our increasingly technological society and international workplace. Business and industry no longer simply require a strong back and a good attitude."

■ This kind of logic is behind the drive to reform our schools to meet or beat international competition by establishing core curriculum standards and requiring regular performance testing. And this is the logic behind the school-to-work movement, a program that seeks to make sure that what kids learn in school helps prepare them for actual jobs when they join the labor force.

■ Not surprisingly, a lot of serious folks are behind the program, including Gov. John Engler and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, neither notable advocates of big government.

■ But some people absolutely foam at the mouth when school-to-work comes up.

■ Some claim that the thinking behind school-to-work comes directly from the Soviet school system or even the Marx-Engels "Communist Manifesto." (I've read the "Manifesto"; you won't find anything in it about school-to-work or even labor force skills.)

■ Others say the whole thing is just another piece of Big Brotherism from the hated federal government. Henry Hyde, a conservative congressman from Illinois, says that under the



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plan, "the economy will be controlled by the federal government by controlling our workplace and our schools."

In an op-ed piece last month, a fellow from Livonia, John Puza, recites the right-wing suspicion that "The plan was drawn up by Bill and Hillary Clinton, Ira Magaziner and Marc Tucker, president of the National Center of Education & Economy, funded by the Carnegie Corporation."

I happen to know something about all this, since I serve on the board of the National Association for Education and the Economy (correct title). I also served on the National Commission on Skills in the American Workplace, chaired by Magaziner, whose research conclusively demonstrated the changing skills needs of American business.

I even reviewed the letter that Tucker wrote to the Clintons suggesting that the new administration had an opportunity to "remold the entire American system..."

Nobody in this group was visiting Moscow to see how the Russians were training kids. Nobody was reading the "Manifesto." All we were doing was listening to a whole lot of big American employers who were telling us in no uncertain terms that our international competitors would win the economic competition unless we started improving skills in the workplace.

Watching folks on the fringe of American politics trying to turn school-to-work into a conspiracy hatched by Big Brother illuminates my understanding of paranoia and refreshes my sense of amazement.

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Plymouth man is finalist for county auditor position

The search for a new Wayne County Commission auditor general has narrowed a field of eight candidates to two finalists.

Brendan Dunleavy, an employee in the auditor general's office who lives in Plymouth Township, and Donna Wells, an independent consultant from Bloomfield Township, are the finalists for the job, which was vacated when Ramona Pearson

resigned last year.

"Either of the two candidates would serve Wayne County well," said Ricardo Solomon, chairman of the Wayne County Commission. "We were looking for someone who had a strong financial background and was familiar with governmental auditing procedures. Even with our nationwide search, the two finalists are from Michigan."

Eight candidates from Michigan, Ohio and Georgia were interviewed on Aug. 28 by Solomon and a subcommittee composed of Vice Chair Kay Beard, who represents Westland and Garden City; Vice Chair Pro Tem Edna Bell, D-Detroit; Commissioner William O'Neil, D-Allen Park; and Commissioner George Cushingberry, D-Detroit.

Although hired by the commis-

sion to serve a 10-year term, the auditor general is independent of the commission in policing the county's \$1.9 billion budget. The auditor general cannot be reappointed after that one term. In 1996, Wayne County voters granted the authority of a more independent auditor general and corporation counsel to guarantee unbiased financial and legal investigations.

Dunleavy has spent the last six years in the auditor general's department. A certified public accountant since 1987, he has more than 10 years of experience in governmental auditing and holds a master's degree in finance from Walsh College.

Before becoming the financial audit administrator for the commission in 1991, he was an audit manager with Ernst & Young in

Detroit.

Wells earned her certified public accountant status in 1976. She served in three management positions at Unisys in Detroit and began her career with Coopers & Lybrand in Detroit. Wells holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan State University.

Foster care program needs area volunteers

Youth Living Centers' Foster Care Program is looking for caring people to open their hearts and homes to very special children who need a safe haven.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent or would like more information about the foster care program, the next orientation/overview meeting is 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 in Youth Living Centers, 30000 Hiveley, Inkster.

For more information, call Noreen Green at (313) 728-3400.

Fieger

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"If a doctor kills you (while) drunk on the operating table, it's only worth \$250,000. . . Your life is so sacred, it should be a crime to have a doctor recognize your autonomy and freedom, but if you really want to live, and a doctor kills you drunk on the operating table, your life is only worth \$250,000 in Michigan.

"And you sat here and you took it. How could you?"

Fieger's criticism continued.

On Right-to-Life: ". . . I've stood up to them for seven years, for seven years. That's three years longer than World War II and I'm still watching 'Combat' on TV. . . Where have you guys been?"

While laying into the Democrats, Fieger stressed he is on their side.

"Fieger's father and mother were ardent Democrats and Civil Rights supporters during the McCarthy era.

"I'm one of you; I was sprung from the loins of Democrats," he said.

One audience member felt Fieger sounded more like Ross Perot.

"He didn't give us any good reasons to support him for governor," said Debbie Goldberg, a Farmington resident. "He certainly stirred the pot, though."

Added Ilene Singer, a West Bloomfield resident: "I think his heart is in the right place. I don't think you get very far tearing people apart. I think you accomplish more by attacking the problem and not the people involved."

Singer's mother, who sat next to her, didn't like the expletives used by the attorney.

"She's not used to that kind of language," Singer said.



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So where has civility gone?

Have you been noticing how disrespectful and discourteous people have become in recent years? Is it something in the water, or what? From clerks to drivers, the way people treat each other has created an atmosphere of distrust and immediate defensiveness.

It's scary enough when unfriendly neighbors growl and threaten your kids for walking across their lawn, but when two drivers have a duel on the expressway after one flips up the wrong finger or tailgate, you'd better not be in the car in back of them.

Recently, a colleague witnessed an accident in front of him, where two business men took their anger a step further, pulled over and duked it out on the side of the highway.

What's become of manners and civility? Have we lost them for good? Are we born angry?

In the environment

Nobody is born with an angry disposition? But two kinds of home environment can influence the way children will behave as adults. The first home is commonly referred to as an *angry house*. If a child came from a home where tempers flared frequently, and he heard out-of-control language or saw physical abuse, the likelihood of replicating those behaviors is greatly magnified.

Kevin's kindergarten teacher called to tell his mother about Kevin's school behavior. His mother winced when she heard that he had jabbed another child in the eye with the scissors. When the teacher asked the mom if she could think of any explanation for the behavior, the mom didn't dare share with her about her husband.

She thought about her husband's lack of control when he became angered and how he would either verbally or physically assault the offender, most often her. The connection between his violent nature and her son's school behaviors was no coincidence.

The second environment is often called *humiliation house*. In this home, the attitudes and actions are more subtle but equally as damaging. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "The secret to education lies in respecting the pupil." Shaming, belittling or using sarcasm to get our children to do what we want them to can be done with words such as dummy, idiot, brat, no-good, klutz or more subtlety with comments such as, "If it weren't for you, we'd ..." or "This is another example of your brain being in another place." Children love comment like these because they make them feel so lovable and capable.

The symptoms of the more permanent damage from these two types of homes start to become visible when the parents see the emergence of an angry teenager. More than one parent has speculated that "this couldn't be my child" when this kind of child hits adolescence. And more than one parent has said, "She doesn't listen to anything I say anymore and is out of control."

Why the turn-about? Simply put, they're fed up with being treated like second-class citizens. They're sick of the dog getting more respect than they do. They snap. They don't often care who they hurt and will probably lash out at their parents first. And watch out, they're ruthless. Their mean spirit carries them right into adulthood with a false sense of power.

Finding the answer

So where's the answer here. How do we preclude ending up with adults whose fuses are the length of a match? There's an old Chinese adage that says, "Control your emotions or they will control you."

First, we must start with ourselves. Every time we are tempted to berate, ridicule or humiliate, put up the STOP SIGN in your head. Ask yourself: "Is this going to help the other person?" "Is this the only way to teach them a lesson?"

Remember, your feelings have no

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Home grown

Farmers' markets offer fresh produce and more

Fans of fresh fruit and vegetables are spicing up their meals with fresh fruits, vegetables and even muffins that they find at local farmers' markets.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Picking through ears of corn at the Plymouth farmers' market, Westland residents Inge and Lou Singleman feel safe buying fresh and locally grown produce there.

"We definitely don't like foreign products," Lou Singleman explained. "Being that we do a lot of traveling, we're very much afraid of foreign products because we see how they're treated."

His wife agreed, adding that she knows the items at the market are fresh.

"I know the produce was just picked within the last couple of days. I prefer Michigan products and at the grocery store it doesn't always say Michigan homegrown," Inge Singleman added.

The couple is one of many people who prefer farmers' markets to the upscale produce stores popping up throughout the area. The Plymouth and Livonia farmers' markets are the only two in the area that have survived the fierce competition of the stores, the closure of farms and red tape. Canton Township-area farmers occasionally sell their goods in the parking lot of Kmart at Ford and Sheldon roads.

The Plymouth Farmers' Market has been pitted against the new supermarkets and ripped-up roads. The construction of the new library has limited its parking, and although the competition is stiff and the construction areas sometimes a challenge to navigate, Fran Toney of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce said it's hard to resist the market.

"People do love to come to our beautiful farmers' market which is so hometown and small town U.S.A.," Toney said. "On a beautiful Saturday morning there are people all around the



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Taste test: Lynn Massab tastes a honeydew melon that Marlene O'Brien is selling at her stand at the Plymouth Farmers' Market.

fountain (in Kellogg Park). There's beautiful muffins and bagels.

"It's a nice way to start the morning. You can come down and have coffee and a bagel and sit in the sun. You can pick up beautiful vegetables and produce, flowers and eggs."

Plymouth resident Bea Laible and her husband ride their bikes to the market every Saturday morning to buy pastries from Mary Carey. Afterward, they walk across the street to Kellogg Park to socialize with friends.

"She makes the very best muffins in the country," said Laible while eating

one of Carey's Sunshine Muffins made of carrots, walnuts and raisins.

Pizza rolls, muffins and breads have been the key to the future of Carey's children. For 14 years, Carey has been selling tables and tables of baked goods at the Plymouth farmers' market. Her profits have allowed her to put her three children through college.

Changing crowds

Linda Vanden Bossche, owner of Vanden Bossche Greenhouses of Livonia, tries to stay a step ahead of mega markets by offering unique plants. She has sold annuals, perennials, flowers, vegetable plants and herb plants for about 10 years. During that time, she has seen the crowds become younger.

"The populations changing," she said. "A lot of young families are moving into the area."

The chamber's Toney said the farmers' market is "doing fine."

"You always hope for bigger crowds and more people. But it seems to thrive. Often when we might lose a stall - which does not happen that often - the farmer next to it will buy that stall," she said. "One reason, I believe, is we do have the same farmers every year. It's somewhat of a family. The farmers have grown to know each other. Because of that, the customers get to know the farmers."

The price of the stall is \$325 for the year which runs from May through Oct. 25. The money, which amounts to \$13 a week, goes toward the upkeep of the Gathering. For more information, call the chamber at (313) 453-1540.

Livonia's farmers' market was founded approximately 11 years ago by Christine Sickels and the late Carl Sickels, according to Sharon Sabat of Livonia's Community Resource Department.

After moving from Civic Center Park and Ford Field, the city's farmers' market has been held at Wilson Barn on

the corner of Middlebelt and West Chicago roads since 1993. It is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 27. Sabat attributed its success to a common real estate term and to its informality.

"I guess it's just location, location, location," she said. "It's amazing. Every year I sweat the bullet and I think, 'Oh, my God, are we going to get vendors? So many of the farms in the area have closed for whatever reason.'"

Laid-back atmosphere

The atmosphere is "not very business like," according to Sabat, and the city gains nothing from it financially; maybe a couple thousand dollars for the season.

"We charge only \$10 a week for the rental space," she said. "Some of the markets mark off the space and everything. If you're an inch over, they're charging you for another 10 feet. If you take up to three or four spaces (at the Livonia market), oh well. At least it looks busy to me."

Eric Langenderfer of Langenderfer Farms in Monroe explained that he too enjoys the laid-back atmosphere. During a recent rainy Saturday, he and Jeremy Langenderfer stuffed ears of corn in bags to steady a fellow vendor's tent.

Mary Alice Smith of Farmington stopped by Langenderfer's stand on a rainy day because "you can't get this (quality) stuff at supermarkets."

Sabat said that's another reason why farmers' markets remain popular.

"What you see at the supermarket is very deceptive," Sabat said. "A lot of the produce and vegetables are injected with coloring to make it red. Oranges aren't really orange. They don't come off the tree all nice and shiny like that."

"When you come to the market you see what the produce is really like. A

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Sweet success: Mary Lou Carey (left) has put her kids through college with the muffins and other baked goods she sells at the Plymouth Farmer's Market. Working with her is Anna Flonta who helps customer Evelyn Devlin.

Book mixes recipes and history

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Lennie Bowser's 9-year-old grandson has always been fond of her cooking, so last year the Canton resident decided to put together a recipe book to give to him for Christmas. What started out as a simple project has evolved into Bowser's first book.

"The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook," published by Proctor Publications in Ann Arbor, intertwines recipes from Bowser, her family, and local residents, with snippets of history about Plymouth. Ernesto's, The Cozy Cafe, Cafe Bon Homme, the Plymouth Landing and the Lower Town Grill, all in Plymouth, have donated recipes.

The Plymouth Historical Museum has submitted recipes, dating back to the 1890s, including handwritten recipes for Dandelion and Elder Blossom Wines.

"The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook" will be available, beginning this weekend at area bookstores, as well as Gabriel's, 322 S. Main St., the Cozy Cafe, 15 Forest Place, the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St., all in Plymouth. Profits from "The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook" will go toward several organizations, including the Plymouth Historical Society.

"I expect it to be beautiful; I thought I better make it

impressive. I know the people of Plymouth, when they do something they want it done right," Bowser said with a laugh.

"The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook" includes recipes for dips, sauces, beverages and main dishes, such as country-fried chicken, and a boiled dinner.

"The boiled dinner is vegetable soup, really, that's made with beef shanks, good vegetables and a hearty broth," Bowser explained. "The recipes that have been contributed from the residents as well as my family and friends are simplified in the instructions and they're the types of food that people like to eat. It's the standard stuff."

Her daughter, Char Briggs, an assistant manager at Help-U-Sell in Canton, warned this is "not a health food book."

"She has made an art of making gravy; she's very famous for her gravy," said Briggs with a laugh about her mother.

A unique book

Bowser calls "The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook" unique because it includes anecdotes about the city's history. She described it as a condensed history of Plymouth and its surrounding areas since 1924.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

Cookin': Lennie Bowser has spiced up her cookbook with historical anecdotes.

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The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook highlights notable contributions to the city, state, and the country. Thirty-five photos trace Plymouth's history.

"It will move on to short stories about local businesses which have flourished for many years," Bowser said. "I also give recognition to some of the organizations such as the Plymouth Arts Council and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra."

"It will include the earlier days of Plymouth history, and some of the Plymouth history as I know it from the '40s," Bowser said.

Bowser, 67, grew up in Detroit and moved to Livonia with her family in 1947. A year later she became a homeowner in Livonia.

An avid roller skater at Riverside Arena, Bowser was named Miss Minerva, in honor of Min-

erva's Dress Shop in Plymouth, in 1952. As part of her reign, she represented the shop as part of the Fourth of July celebration.

She and her former spouse were owners of the Mayflower Skating Rink in Romulus. It was there that she taught her son, Jim Bowser, 45, of Huntsville, Ala., to skate. Subsequently, he won the world professional ice dancing championships in Spain in the 1980s.

From Romulus, she and her children - Char, Jim and Lori, 34, of Pittsfield Township - moved to Livonia and then to Westland. She now resides in Canton.

"I'm convinced that my mother was an undiscovered gifted child; she is an amazing woman," Briggs said. "Sears wouldn't give her a charge card but she bought a house, which

was rare back then."

She also owned Lennie's Delta Queen, a bar and grill on Schoolcraft Road. After she lost her lease, she moved the restaurant to Joy Road, near Burt Road, and offered a full kitchen and piano bar, specializing in Dixieland music. Vandalism scared her out of business.

She retired in 1994 due to health problems. Bowser saw retirement as an opportunity to do all the things I wanted to do. I thought about writing a children's book or an autobiography," said Bowser who belonged to the Young Writer's Club as a student. Like most grandparents, Bowser enjoys the opportunities she spends with her grandchildren. Her son Jim and wife Dita are both ice skating coaches and are frequently out of town. While watching their children in June 1996, Bowser's then 8-year-old

grandson was impressed with her cooking.

"Over time I fixed something, my older grandson would say, 'Grandma this is good, give my mom the recipe,'" Bowser recalled.

Instead, she started putting together a recipe book as a Christmas gift. Then the ball started rolling when her sister suggested that she compile a family cookbook.

"Everybody started giving me recipes," Bowser said. "I had a lot of recipes from through the years from communities like Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, and Northville. Then I decided to put together a history of the cities in which we lived."

In between stories of her life, Bowser shares tidbits of information about Plymouth history. Besides spending hours at local libraries, Bowser learned about

the city's past from local historians, including Jack Wilcox who owns the Wilcox House.

For example, The Mayflower Hotel is putting a several million dollars into its restoration, but it took only six hours to raise enough money to build the original hotel.

As her research continued, she considered publishing the book. She was referred to Proctor Publishing in Ann Arbor.

"I thought it was a great idea," said Hazel Proctor, owner of Proctor Publishing. "She has a lot of imagination. She's also an excellent cook. The recipes are wonderful. I have quite a connection with the historical aspect of it and she's done a very good job."

"It's not a definitive work, but it's very commendable," Bowser said she has spent "hours and hours" working on "The Plymouth Heritage Cook-

book."

"I'm sometimes writing at 3 o'clock in the morning," Bowser said. "My neighbors must wonder what's going on. If I'm full of ideas, I just get up and get the computer going."

Bowser's publisher, Bowser has shown her manuscript only to her children.

"They think it's really neat," she said. "When my son was up here about three or four weeks ago for a skating championship at the Detroit Skating Club, that was the first time he saw it. He said, 'Mom, this is really a good book.'"

For more information about "The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook," write to Proctor Publications, LLC, P.O. Box 2498, Ann Arbor 48106, or call (313) 480-9900 or (800) 343-3034.

Market from page B1

lot of the time the vendors will come down in their price. If you want one tomato, you can buy one tomato and you won't spend a fortune."

The focus of the Livonia farmers' market has changed within the last 10 years. Sabat explained. A few of the vendors at Wilson Barn sell produce that they grow on a garden plot at Greenmead as part of the Community Gardens program.

Sal Rubbo uses his Greenmead garden to grow unique vegetables and those that reflect his Italian heritage. Lined with bright, fresh produce, Rubbo's stand holds Italian squash called cucuzzi and white cucumbers which he grows from seeds he brought back from North Carolina.

Sabat has also noticed that many produce vendors are beginning to sell flowers and

plants to make ends meet.

"More than 75 percent of our vendors were selling vegetables and fruits and that type of thing," she said. "Now it's more or less half. They've changed their focus to growing flowers, perennials, annuals. It (produce) just doesn't pay for them. If you even spend a day on the farm, I can tell from what they've told me over the years, that's hard work."

One thing that will remain constant - at least for awhile - is the location.

"I think that the barn lends itself to that setting, and the vendors absolutely love it," Sabat said. "We thought about moving it to the Civic Center Park because it's more centrally located. The vendors said, 'We're not moving. You can, but we're not.' I don't think we're moving. It's a nice setting."

Sensors from page B1

I.Q., so operate from your intellect. Furthermore, your intelligent side is much calmer.

Second, ask yourself why the other person might upset you. Are they trying to get your attention? Seek power? Revenge? Are they frustrated? Did they do it accidentally? Are they having a rotten day? If you can come at the situation from their point of view, it may help you to make an attitude adjustment.

The desk clerk at the hotel seemed surly and unfriendly. His curt comments about the unavailability of a non-smoking room didn't bode well with Ann. Before Ann "got in his face" and gave him a piece of her mind,

she looked around to see what might be triggering the clerk's attitude.

It didn't take more than a second to figure out that not only was he the only one "clerking," he was also the only one to answer the phone. The long line of guests behind Ann probably rattled the clerk as he knew there was no respite for him.

Instead of countering the clerk's ugly attitude with her own, Ann started to empathize with the dilemma, saying, "Not the day for your fellow employees to leave early, was it?"

"Boy, you can say that again," the clerk retorted. "I'm overwhelmed here." His temperament and mood softened as he appreciated someone empathiz-

ing with him. And with that, a non-smoking room became available. Once again, controlling our emotions goes a long way.

If you have a question or comment for Jacquie Martin-Downs, a prevention specialist and the director of Hegira Prevention Programs, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



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Stop and smell ... Jenny Stevens sells flower arrangements at the Livonia Farmers' Market and invites shoppers to stop and take a sniff.

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Arbor Hospice offers grief support groups

Arbor Hospice is offering more than 40 monthly grief support groups for adult and children who have lost a loved one, beginning in September.

In addition to general grief recovery groups, specific programs provide support to widows/widowers, according to age; to adults who have lost a young child, an adult child or a parent, men/fathers only or suicide loss.

Symposium focuses on prostate cancer

The American Cancer Society and Crittenton Hospital are teaming up to co-sponsor a prostate cancer symposium, designed for patient education, Sept. 12-13 at Detroit's Westin Hotel-Renaissance Center.

The special prostate cancer symposium, entitled "PSA (Prostate Seeking Answers) in Prostate Cancer," is for people interested in learning more about the latest treatments. Patients as well as their families are welcome.

The symposium will be hosted by nationally recognized medical authorities and the staff at Crittenton Hospital will discuss prostate cancer treatment options and the pros and cons of all available treatments. Patients will also learn what options exist when a particular treatment fails.

The one-of-a-kind event also will feature a "for wives only" session, discussing the emotional and physical issues related to prostate cancer treatment.

The registration fee for the event is \$60 per person, which includes breakfasts, lunch and coffee breaks.

For registration information, contact the Crittenton Prostate Center at (248) 652-5611. The first 100 registrants will receive a free Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) test.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

It recommends that both the Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) and Digital Rectal Examination (DRE) for prostate cancer should be offered annually, beginning at age 50, to men who have at least a 10-year life expectancy and to younger men who are at high risk.

For more information on prostate cancer, or any other type of cancer, call the American Cancer Society at (800) 925-2271.

REAL ESTATE UPDATE
by Chris Knight

TWO WAYS TO HOUSE HUNT

If you are house hunting in the Plymouth and Canton areas, you can scan the classified ads and call for information on houses that catch your eye - or you can ask a Realtor whom you trust to show you only the homes that will actually fit your needs.

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Artero-Crawford



George and Linda Artero of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie, to Gerald Lee Crawford, the son of Russell Crawford and Alice Crawford, both of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Redford Union High School. She is employed at Virginia Tile Company in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Redford Union High School. He is employed by BASF Corp. in Livonia.

A September wedding is planned at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

Belaire-Schultz



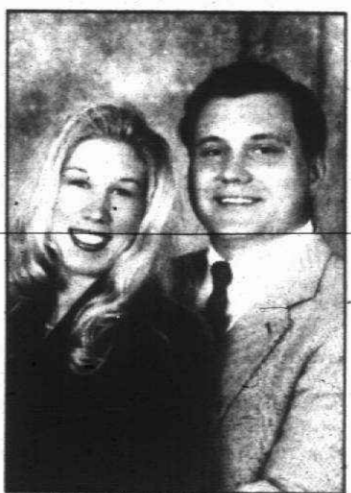
Richard and Karlene Belaire of Whitmore Lake, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alyssa, to Michael D. Schultz the son of Charles Schultz of Utica and Sandra Peole of Skandia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Northern Michigan University and the University of Michigan. She is employed as a research associate at the University of Michigan Health Management Research Center.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Northern Michigan University. He is employed as the inter-company steel sales coordinator at MNP Corporation in Utica.

An October wedding is planned.

Babut-Cygan



Russ Babut of Brooklyn, Mich., and Theresa Deahl of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Michael Patrick Cygan, the son of Martin and Linda Cygan of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1991-graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. She also graduated from University of Michigan with a bachelor of business administration degree. She is employed in marketing and sales in the Ford Motor Company's Lincoln-Mercury Division.

Her fiancé is a 1990 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate. He also graduated from University of Toledo with a bachelor's degree in construction engineering. He is employed by Engineering Testing Services as a geotechnical engineer.

A November wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Jess-Isenegger

Andre and Barbara Jess of Dearborn Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Ann, to Robert William Isenegger Jr. of Redford, the son of Bob and Gail Isenegger of New Hudson.

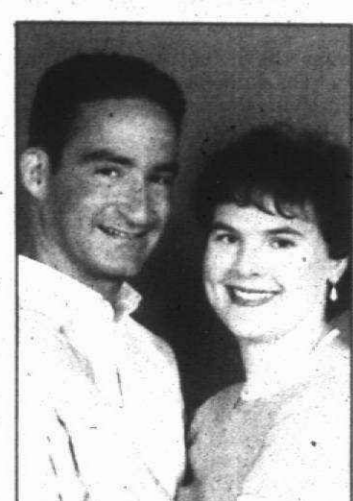
The bride-to-be received her bachelor of arts degree with honors in elementary education from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Her fiancé received a bachelor of science degree with honors from Madonna University, where he majored in criminal justice.

An October wedding is planned for Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

DeMerville-Colby



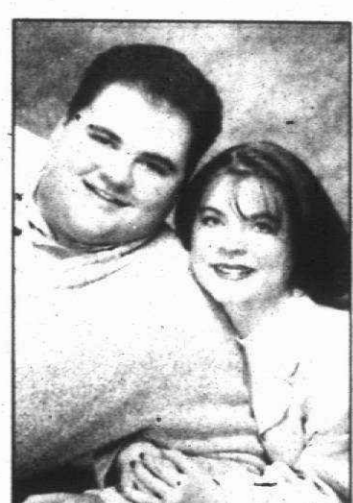
Gail Marion Colby and Jeffrey Jay DeMerville were married on Aug. 1 at the Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village.

The bride is the daughter of Carl and Leann Colby of Westland. The groom is the son of O.L. and Meda McQuay of Dallas, Texas.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1991 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry. She received her medical degree from Wayne State in 1995 and is completing her final year of residency in family practice at Texas Technological University.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School. He received his bachelor of business administration degree from Texas Technological University. He is pursuing a master's degree at Texas Tech.

Brown-Bristow



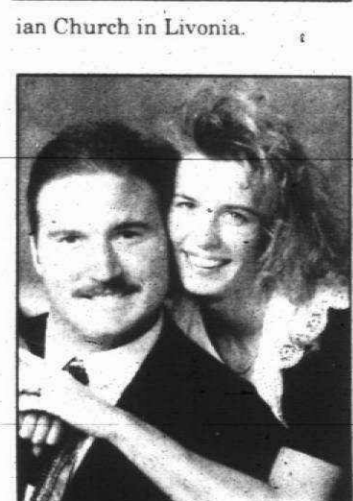
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Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Lawrence Technological University. He is employed by J.S. Alberici Construction as a project engineer.

A November wedding is planned at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Klavinger-Klene



Donald James Klavinger Jr. and Kelly Lynn Klene were married May 24 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne by the Rev. Raymond Bucon.

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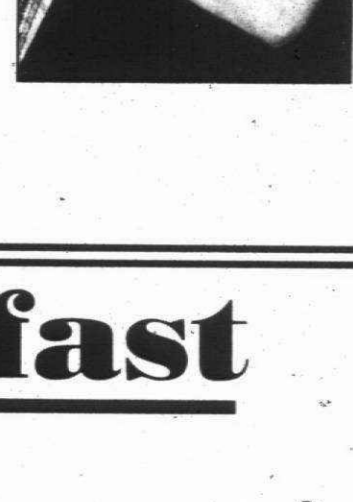
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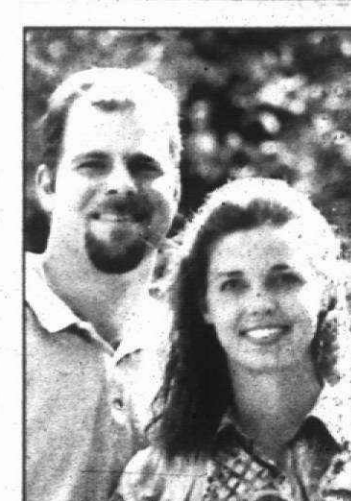
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Foxwell-Malone



Linda Roberts of Warren and John Foxwell of Arlington, Texas, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Catherine Lynn Foxwell, to John Matthew Malone, the son of Richard and Christine Malone of Livonia.

A 1987 graduate of Troy High School, the bride-to-be is a financial services representative with Old Kent Bank.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1990 graduate of GMI Engineering and Management Institute. He is employed as an electrical engineer by the Ford Motor Co.

A September wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

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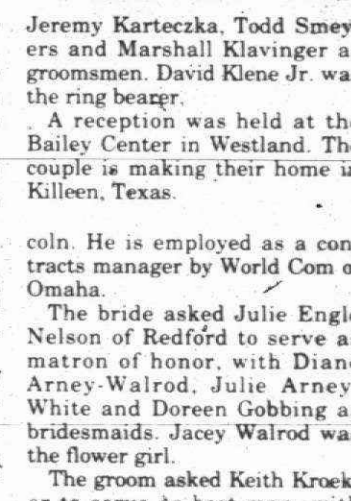
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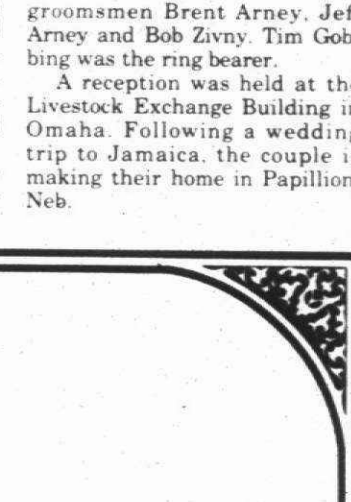
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WRC offers divorce support group

The Divorce Support Group, sponsored by Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center, will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, beginning Sept. 9.

The group provides a forum for discussion and receiving and sharing information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce.

The discussion group meets on the second Tuesday of the month and is facilitated by a professional counselor, Doreen Lightner.

The speaker's session takes place in the fourth Tuesday. The sessions address the legal, financial and emotional concerns that arise during the divorce process.

The topics to be covered include:

- The Divorce Process with attorneys Pauline Woll and Jessica Woll on Sept. 23. The mother-daughter partnership will present and an overview of the process of filing for divorce and what to expect. The Wolls specialize in women's and children's cases.
- Mediation with Barbara Johannessen of Mediation Specialists Inc. on Oct. 28. An attorney she has set aside her practice of law in order to assist separating or divorcing couples in negotiating their own settlements in divorce or post divorce matters.
- Getting through the Holidays with Cynthia Koppin on Nov. 25. Dealing with anxiety, depression and anger that is often triggered by the holidays and other special events can be very difficult. Koppin will discuss these feelings and offer helpful skills for coping with and resolving them.

Beginning Sept. 15, the Divorce Support Group will offer "Ask an Attorney" 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the Women's Resource Center in the college's McDowell Center. Attorneys from the firm of Woll & Woll are available free of charge to serve clients on a first come, first served basis. The service will be available through May 18.

There is no fee to participate in the group and registration isn't required. The group meets in Room 225 of the McDowell Center, Haggerty Road north of Six Mile Road, Livonia.

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at (313) 462-4443.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

SALVATION ARMY
The Salvation Army's Home League will hold a rummage and craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 6 in the parking lot of its Westland facility, 2300 Venoy Road. Table rental is \$10. For more information, call (313) 722-3660.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS
The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold its 26th annual artists and craftsmen show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 6 and noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 7 at Central Middle School, Church and Main Streets, Plymouth. Donation is \$2 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens and students and free for children under age 12. For more information, call (313) 416-4ART.

ST. THEODORE
St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will hold their annual Busy Bee Boutique craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 11 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For information, call (313) 425-4421 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

GARDEN CITY AFROTC
Crafters are needed for the Garden City High School AFROTC craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. For space information, call Jerry at (313) 427-2540.

MARSHALL ELEMENTARY
Space is available for Marshall Elementary School's 12th annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 11 at the school, 33901 Curtis Road, west of Farmington between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Admission will be \$1. There will be a bake sale and lunch counter. For more information, call (248) 476-6234 or (248) 478-6421.

FRIENDSHIP CENTER
Crafters are needed for the

Senior Resources Department and Superior Arts sponsored arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 18 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland. For information, call the department at (313) 722-7632, Doris at (313) 326-0146 or Donna at (313) 453-5719.

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Crafters are needed for St. Aidan's Church's 14th annual craft show Oct. 18 at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Applications are available by calling (248) 477-8942 or (313) 427-1457.

REDFORD SUBURBAN
Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's annual Fall Festival of Fashion show, beginning at 10 a.m. Oct. 22, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (810) 477-8902 or Margaret at (313) 261-3737.

ST. JUDE CIRCLE
The St. Jude Circle of St. Robert Bellarmine Church will have a craft show Oct. 25 at the church, 271010 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. For more information, call Joann at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (313) 522-2963.

ABUNDANT LIFE
The Abundant Life Church of God is accepting applications for table rental for its annual Anglic Boutique from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 25. For more information, call Elaine Chambers at (313) 595-0011 or (313) 595-8062, or Theresa Weaver at (313) 467-9046.

WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY
Crafters are needed for Wildwood Elementary School's annual arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the school, 500 N. Wildwood, Westland. Admission will be \$1. There also will be a bake sale, raffles and lunch. For table information, call (313) 721-3454.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
The Livonia Churchhill High School PTSA will have its sixth annual arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the

Adult volunteers earn Girl Scouts' Appreciation Pins

Four area residents are among 23 Girl Scout volunteers to receive Appreciation Pins from the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council.

Sue Bellows, Diane Hackman and Nancy Rucker, all of Garden City, and Cheryl Williams of Livonia received the Appreciation Pin, presented to volunteers who have performed outstanding service above and beyond the expectations of their position and have contributed positively to the council's goals and objectives.

The volunteers received their awards from council president Jackie Polk and executive director Penny Bailer at the council's recent Volunteer Recognition reception.

Bellows has been an adult member for six years and currently is a troop leader and day camp director. She also has served as a troop co-leader, day camp volunteer, troop camp consultant, troop committee member, workshop facilitator and unit leader for The Great Escape and co-organizer of the Neighborhood Multi-cultural Night.

She is the recipient of the Green Angel Award, Outstanding Service Award and Outstanding Leader Award.

Hackman, an adult for 10 years, currently is a troop leader, troop camp consultant, first aider, naturalist, neighborhood service unit cookie manager and troop cookie and troop calendar/nut manager.

A recipient of the Green Angel Award, she also has served as chaperone for a ride and slide event, chair of the neighborhood service unit service project, workshop facilitator, and neighborhood service unit calendar/nut manager.

Rucker has been an adult member for eight years. She currently is a neighborhood service unit director, troop leader, day camp director, troop camp consultant and first aider.

She is a recipient of the Green Angel Award and Outstanding Service Award.

Williams, a four-year adult member, currently is a group leader, troop services director, product sales manager, calendar/nut booth coordinator, chair of neighborhood events.

She also has served as a troop leader and co-leader, cookie booth co-chair, neighborhood events chair, organizer of a roller skating event and neighborhood



Diane Hackman

service unit penny raffle. She is the recipient of the Green Angel Award and Outstanding Service Award.



Nancy Rucker

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Cheryl Williams

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ANNIVERSARIES

Paja

Stanley and Elenore Paja of Westland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during Mass at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and with family and friends at a dinner-dance at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

The couple exchanged vows on June 21, 1947, at St. Hedwig Church in Detroit. She is the former Elenore Kuda.

The Pajas have five children - Stanley and wife Edith of Las Vegas, Nev., Gary and wife Nancy of Utica, Brian of Westland, and Maryann Kietlyka and husband Robert of Garden City. They also have 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He worked for Ward Foods and Yellow Freight, while she worked for Total. They have been retired for 11 years.



They are active in the American Legion and the Msgr. Hunt Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Hurt

Norman and Violet Hurt of Redford recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Forty-seven-year residents of Redford, they exchanged vows on July 26, 1947, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Royal Oak. She is the former Violet Churcher.

The Hurts have three children, Michael, Nelson and Allison, all of Redford. They also have six grandchildren.

He is a Ford Motor Company retiree, while she worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. They are members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



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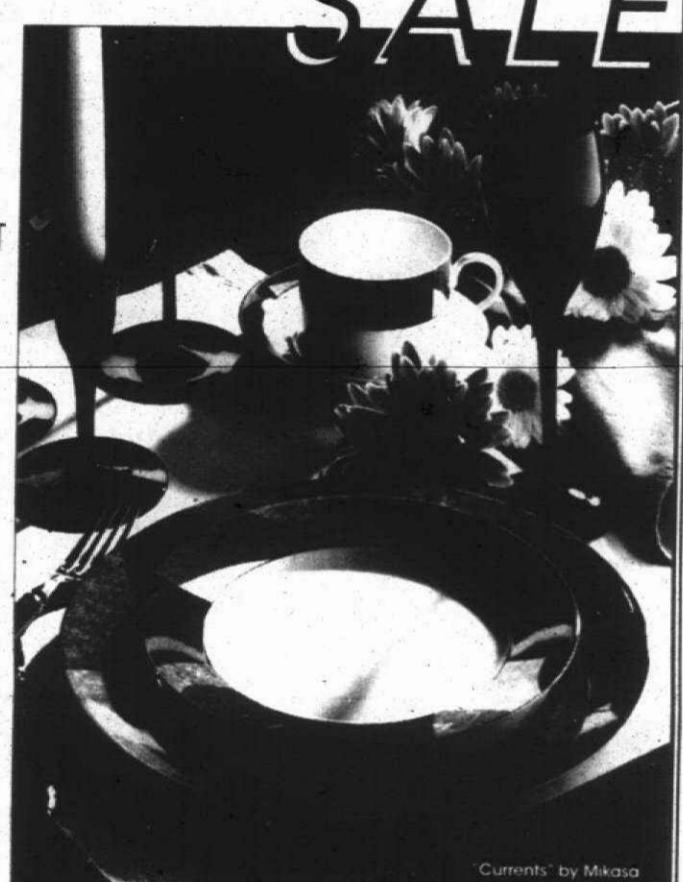
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The Fayroians have five children - Cynthia Watson and husband Robert of Farmington, Deborah Fayroian Jacobs and husband Wesley of Troy, Sherry Fayroian of Birmingham, Barbara Fayroian Roth and husband Roger of Chelmsford, Mass., and Peter of Peble Beach, Calif. - and six grandchildren.

Both retired, they enjoy traveling, playing tennis and golf, and cultural activities.

ST. AGATHA
Table rental is available for St. Agatha's Fall Boutique, set for Nov. 22 at the school, Beech Daly, Redford. For more information, call Marion at (313) 534-0914.

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The sale is open to the public. Clothes from infant to adult sizes, toys, baby equipment for the nursery and household items will be sold on a cash only basis.

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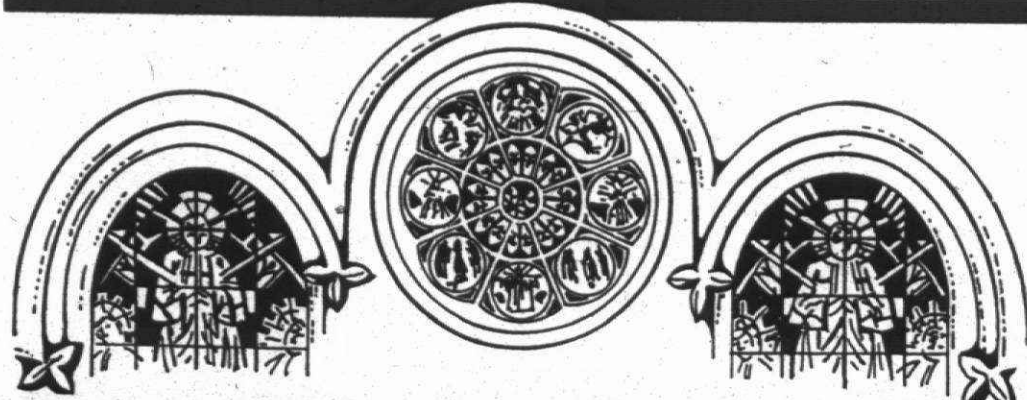
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NEW BEGINNINGS
Warren Gilbert will discuss "Managing Memories" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, as part of "New Beginnings," a grief support group held at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. There is no fee for the discussion. Free resources are available and related books may be purchased at cost. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6015.

"POWER OF SILENCE"
"The Power of Silence," a guided healing retreat into the heart of God with shaman spiritual teacher Winged Wolf, will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Brighton Recreational Area Organizational Campground in Brighton. The cost is \$55 and each participant will receive a free workbook, designed by Winged Wolf, as well as a free discussion, "The Practice of Shamanism." For more information, call (800) 336-6015.

NEWBURG SINGLES
The Newburg United Methodist Church Singles will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Thomas's Family Dining, 33971 Plymouth Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 663-0014.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST
Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have a singles dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inker roads, Redford. Cost will be \$8 and includes refreshments. For more information, call Rose at (313) 464-3325 or Nita at (313) 261-9123.

The group also gathers on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile Road, Livonia - call Val at (313) 729-1974; and for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road east of Merriman, Livonia, and for pinocchietto at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (313) 464-3325.

ENCOUNTER CONCERT
Some of the region's most talented Christian musicians will be performing in The Encounter Concert, a special 6-hour outreach event, 4:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville.

The four-piece rock band Faces of Adam, will perform at 4:30 p.m., followed by Messengers, a contemporary rock/inspirational group at 6 p.m. After a half hour intermission, Herbie Russ, described as having the voice of Michael Bolton and playing the saxophone like Kenny G, will perform at 8 p.m.

Doors will open at 3:30 p.m.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Ministry Office at (313) 542-7747.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
The radio series, "What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "Faith healing or something more?" on Sept. 7, "Bible healings today" on Sept. 14, "Why don't you go to doctors?" on Sept. 21 and "Basic Christian Science feelings about the Bible, Christ Jesus, Science and Health" and Mary Baker Eddy" on Sept. 28.

The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

CHURCH MEETING
St. John's Lutheran Church will hold a meeting of the congregation following the 9:30 a.m. worship Sunday, Sept. 7, at the church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., Redford.

The congregation will consider an extension of Rev. William Mock's pastoral call beyond the current Nov. 30, 1997, term and issues pertaining to the sale of Luther Vista Church Camp near Brighton and vote on a proposal by ward carpeting for the church.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 538-2666.

The Plymouth-Canton Daytime Women's Class of BSE International will begin its year with an introduction class for interested women 9:10-11:15 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 300 E. Main St., Northville. Cost will be \$4.

The ministry also is offering a three-part workshop, "Finding Your Compatible Partner," with Dr. Richard Matheny, at 7 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25, in the church's Youth Room. Cost is \$26 in advance and \$29 at the door.

The group also will gather on Saturday, Sept. 6, for dinner at

Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia, followed by a dance at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inker roads, Redford (cost will be \$8); and for a picnic at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at Possum Hollow in Kensington Metropark. Participants should bring their own food, beverage and a dish to pass.

For more information, call the church at (248) 349-0911.

IN CONCERT
Jeanne Cotter will bring her gift of music to Resurrection Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Cotter will share her all-original piano pieces and songs and share her stories of a spiritually rich life. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults and \$5 for children 7-12 years old.

Cotter also will conduct the Way of the Woman Workshop 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the church. The workshop is a chance for women to reflect on their truest self, reconnecting with their inner voice of wisdom.

Through story, music, ritual and reflection, she will challenge women to ponder what it means to have been given "my song."

The \$15 registration fee includes lunch. To register or for more information, call the church at (313) 459-9842.

Holy Trinity dedicates new facility

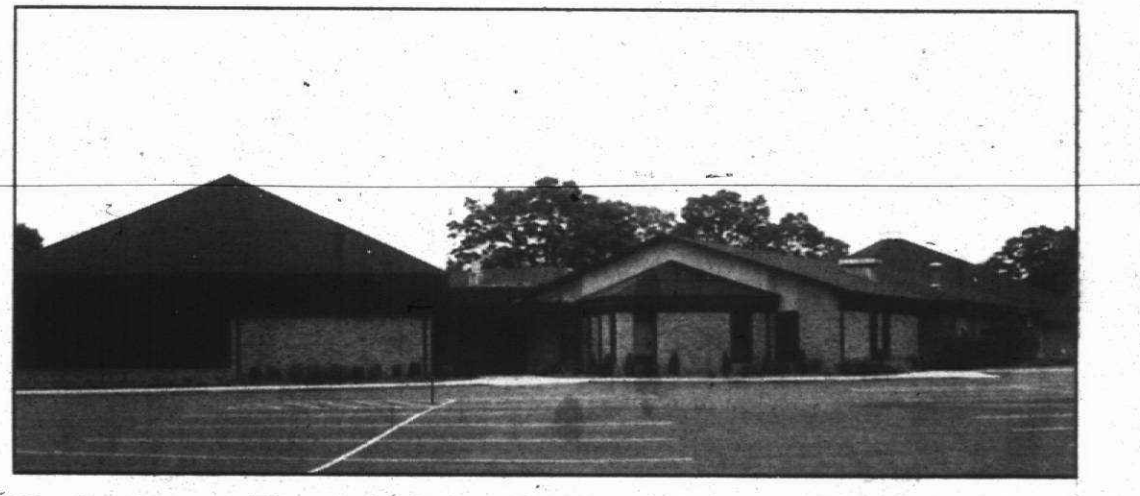
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia will dedicate its new church facilities to the glory of God and to the ministry of the gospel of Christ on Sunday, Sept. 7.

The dedication will start with an 11 a.m. worship service and conclude with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Refreshments also will be served and tours of the facilities will be given by the congregation's building committee.

The new facilities are the result of a two-year building expansion program and include a fellowship hall, a music practice room, new classroom, including two preschool nurseries and new administrative offices.

Regular worship services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays, with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. The church also houses the Tiny Tots preschool nursery.

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Game-winner

The season-opener for Western Michigan University's soccer team and the collegiate-opener for Scott Loewe coincided.

And the Broncos are glad they did. Loewe, a Plymouth Salem HS graduate now in his freshman year at WMU, made his appearance in the Broncos' first game of the Quality Suites Classic, hosted by Michigan State, a memorable one by scoring the game-winning goal in WMU's 3-2 triumph.

Good game, bad result

The first game of Michigan Tech's football season was inauspicious, to say the least: The Huskies were trounced by Northwood University, 52-14 Saturday.

There was one local bright spot, however: Ryan Ostach, a junior wide receiver from Plymouth Canton HS. Ostach turned in a solid performance with three catches for 54 yards.

MTU travels to Ashland University for a 7 p.m. game Saturday.

Seeking success

Hope College reached the NCAA Division III Soccer Tournament for the third-straight time last year, compiling a 16-1-1 regular-season record and ending up ranked 10th in the NCAA III.

The Flying Dutch will attempt another run at national glory this season, but they'll have to do it with a new lineup.

Five of the '96 team's six leading scorers have graduated, and only four seniors are on the '97 roster. But there are 19 lettermen for coach Steve Smith, entering his ninth season as head coach, to build around.

Among the returning letterwinners are junior midfielder Lance Pellow and sophomore defender Greg Kilby, both Plymouth Canton HS graduates.

The Dutch opened their season Tuesday at home against Trinity Christian. This weekend, they play at the Wabash (Ind.) College Tournament.

Grid boosters meet

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 165 of Plymouth Canton HS.

All parents of Canton football players are requested to attend. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in Room 165 of Canton HS.

Any questions, call Dennis Frazer, club president, at (313) 981-4345.

Fall softball leagues

A men's fall softball league is now being formed by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services.

There are no residency requirements.

Play begins Tuesday, Sept. 9 and continues for five weeks, each team playing five double-headers. There will be two six-team leagues, one playing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the other on Wednesdays and Thursdays. All games will be at Heritage Park.

Cost is \$200 per team (which includes game balls) plus a \$15 fee per team per game for umpire fees, paid directly to the umpires.

Registration begins Monday at the Summit on the Park office. For more information, call (313) 397-5110.

(The Parks and Recreation offices will be closed Aug. 25 through Sept. 1).

Canton Softball Center is now accepting applications for its fall softball season, which begins Sept. 9. Team registration is \$395 plus umpire fees for a 12-game season, featuring all double-headers (six playing dates). Game balls, USSSA registration and first and second place sponsor awards are included.

Call (313) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3, for further information.

Also: The Canton Softball Center hosts USSSA Tournaments every weekend. Call (313) 483-5600 for a tournament listing. Upcoming events include a USSSA Men's E and Women's D state championships on Labor Day; the Women's D regionals Sept. 13-14; and the Co-ed NIT Sept. 20-21.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

Part of the pack

Rocks, Chiefs must step it up to be in the hunt

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Just when the 1996-97 school year was ending, about the time Geoff Baker's Plymouth Salem boys track team was completing its season, no doubt Baker couldn't help but look ahead to this fall.

To his boys cross country team. He was losing no one to graduation from a team that placed fifth in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Well, that fall season Baker envisioned with such delight has arrived — but lacking some of the promise.

Two high scorers from last season's squad have left the team: junior Jake Gray, who was the team's third-best scorer at the WLAA meet (36th overall), and sophomore Jeff Chrzanoski, the team's second-best runner (11th at the WLAA finals) who decided to play soccer instead.

Still, Baker has some talent to build with. Like Jon Little, a junior who would have placed in the top six in the WLAA last season except for a fall going into the final turn (he finished ninth).

Two others Baker can build with are junior Nick Allen, who didn't run last year so he could play soccer, and Ian Searcy, a senior who is a solid middle-distance runner on the Salem track team.

"We've got a good nucleus started," said Baker. "These are some of the guys who will probably score for us."

"We've got a good base going. They're looking toward getting to the next step, back to the state meet."

Neither the team nor an individual qualified for the Class A finals last season, leaving an obvious goal for the Rocks. And it seems Little is just the guy to guide them there.

"He's a very motivated kid," said Baker. "If he doesn't motivate them, no one will."

Baker has some others among the 23 runners who have tried out for his team that could develop into strong contributors. Among them are juniors Matt Anderson, a transfer student from New York, and Bobby Cushman, up from the junior varsity; and freshman Donnie Warner.

Warner is a goalie on the junior varsity soccer team who has received

permission to run cross country, too.

Still, Little is the glue for this team right now. "Jon's running real well," said Baker. "They're all running well together."

Little, Baker added, is the top dog right now because "he's a proven. But I think Nick and Ian could both run with him."

If they do, and if Baker can develop a few of the others, Salem could creep up the standings. Walled Lake Central is the defending champion, and the Vikings will be difficult to unseat — they return all their top scorers.

Walled Lake Western and Plymouth Canton, which finished second and third respectively last year, have been hit much harder by graduations. But Livonia Stevenson, with defending WLAA champion Rob Block back, could also be ready to make a move, particularly within the WLAA's Lakes Division.

"Walled Lake Central is the team to beat," said Baker. "And that's fine with me. We'll sit back in the shadows and try and do some damage at the end of the season."

If the team develops the way Baker hopes it will, the Rocks will surprise a lot of people.

Chiefs rebuild

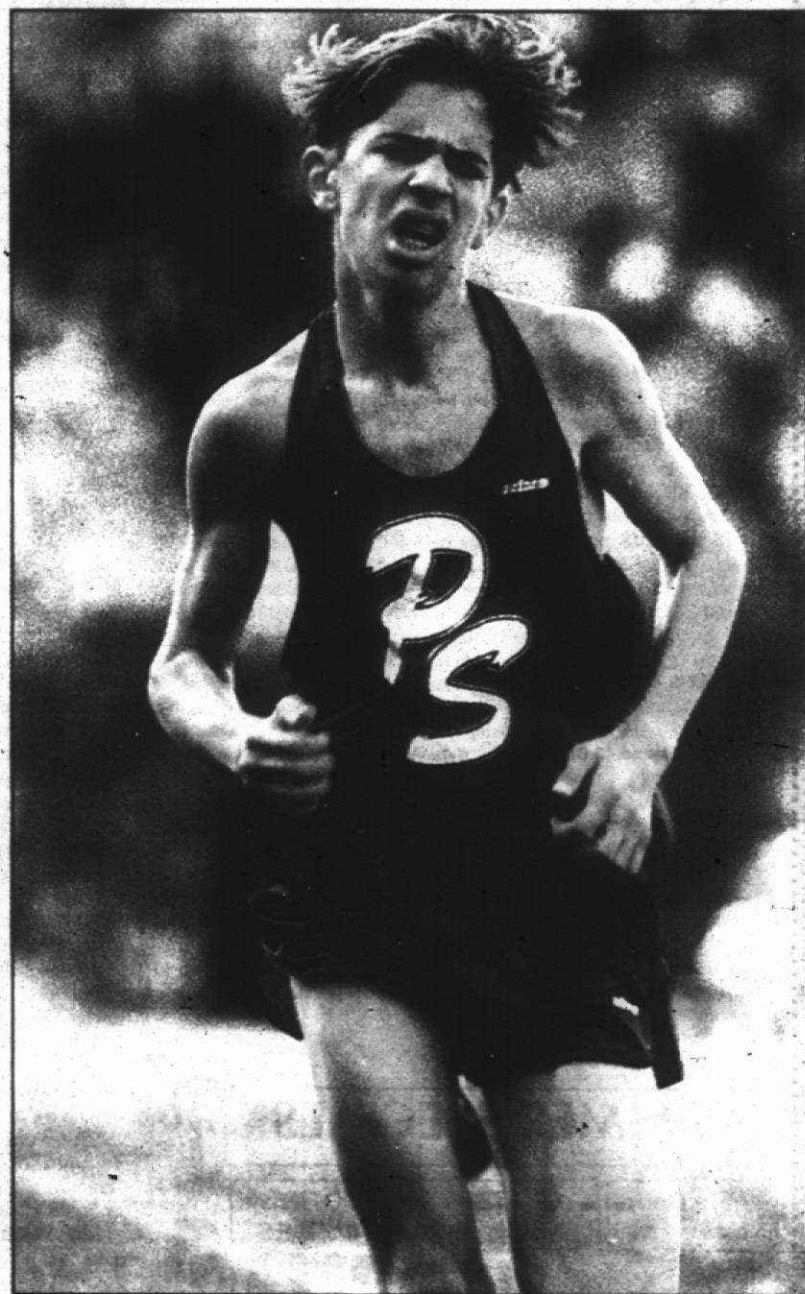
It really isn't all that unusual. Yes, Plymouth Canton's boys cross country team has lost four key runners in Sanjay Sharma, Jason Vergari, Jason Diamond and Bob Mayer. All were scorers in almost every Canton meet.

But there is good news. For one, No. 1 runner Shaun Moore returns. A senior, Moore "is such a great kid," said coach Mike Spitz. "I think Shaun could do real well this year. I think he'll surprise some people."

If Spitz and his Chiefs are to maintain, or improve upon, their third-place finish in the WLAA, they'll need more than just one surprise.

Three runners with limited varsity experience Spitz can call upon are seniors Jerry Reynolds, Vishal Sharma and Bryan Boyd. Others to watch are juniors Joe Niemiec and Taggart Anderson, sophomores Ian Levely and Galen Elias, and six freshmen. None of the underclassmen have any varsity

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STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMBURK

Ready to run: As a sophomore, Jon Little proved his worth as a member of Salem's cross country team, leading the team at the WLAA Championship. More is hoped for in his junior year.

Canton, Salem will still be chasing Stevenson

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

In would be incorrect — and probably prove unfortunate — if anyone in the Western Lakes Activities Association thought Plymouth Canton's slide from the top in girls cross country was at hand.

True, the last few years the WLAA championship has been owned by Livonia Stevenson. And since the Spartans have everyone back from a team that finished second in the state last season, there's no reason to think that will change.

But Canton has been tough as well. The Chiefs have won the WLAA's Western Division title throughout the '90s, and until Stevenson began its reign of dominance in 1994, it was Canton that had ruled the league.

That may sound pretty impressive, but there's

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question marks for Canton coach George Przygodski to answer before his Chiefs can lay claim to another division crown.

"We have a little revamping to do," Przygodski said. "But the fortunate thing is, we have 39 kids out running for us."

That is as large a number as Przygodski can remember trying out for his team. Unfortunately, three key members from last year's division championship squad have departed: Becky Wolfmont, the team's No. 1 runner; Beth Knight, the No. 2; and Angkana Roy, the No. 3.

Those with varsity experience returning for the Chiefs are two of three senior tri-captains: Jamie Vergari, now in her fourth year on the varsity, and

Lori Schmidt.

The third varsity returnee is sophomore Darcy Crain.

"What we need to do is have a couple of races and see what happens," said Przygodski. "As the season goes on, we'll find some answers. But we have to fill four varsity spots with kids who don't have varsity experience."

That, combined with a schedule not exactly favorable to the Chiefs, who haven't lost a divisional dual since '92, could spell trouble. The WLAA coaches have opted for fewer league dual races this season to allow their runners more time to train.

Which is why, on Thursday, Canton opens its season with a WLAA quad meet against North Farmington, Walled Lake Central and Livonia Churchill at Cass Benton.

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Shamrocks build toward a state title

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior Adam Tubaro started at safety last season and will remain there despite also earning the starting quarterback job during the 1997 preseason.

CC coach Tom Mach jokes that playing both sides of the ball won't be much of a burden on the 6-foot-2, 198 pound Tubaro.

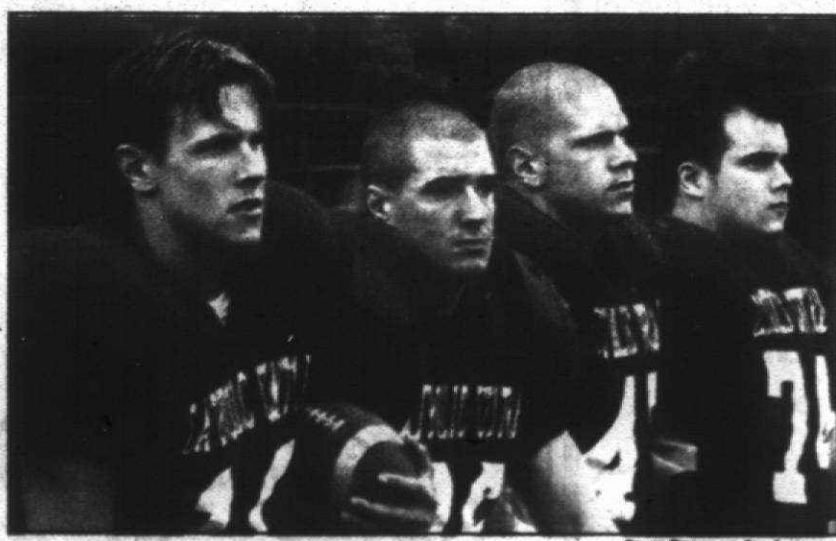
"With the offense we run, all he has to do is hand the ball off most of the time," Mach said.

With the running game their strength, the Shamrocks have won four state championships, including the Class AA title three of the last seven seasons. They lost a great deal to graduation from a team that finished 7-3 and lost to Westland John Glenn in the first round of the Class AA state playoffs.

But could this be the year Mach dumps his "three yards and a cloud of dust" playbook?

Tubaro, who possesses a strong arm and escapability, says he'll do whatever it takes to get the Shamrocks back to the Pontiac Silverdome.

He replaces Greg Call, a three-year



STAFF PHOTO BY JOE JAGOFF

Captains: Counted on to lead Catholic Central's football team this season are captains (L-R) Adam Tubaro, Joe Sgroi, Chris Dueweke and Ben Herman.

starter who passed for 384 yards and rushed for another 278 more last year.

"I've had two years to prepare myself," said Tubaro, a three-year var-

sity member. "It was just a matter of getting in there, getting the starting nod. We run pretty basic stuff, go with whatever works. If running works,

we'll go with that, if passing works, we'll go with that.

"Greg was great. I knew I was behind him and now it's my chance. All of us just want to win the state. That's what it's all about. We're going to be just as good as the last two varsity teams I've played on."

Only five starters return but the Shamrocks also add players from an undefeated junior varsity team.

"This is an exciting group that works hard and listens well," Mach said. "We're young but best of all we're not ranked as high and have great incentive to move up."

When the Shamrocks have thrown in the past, they've usually been passes of the safe variety. What else would explain senior fullback Chris Dueweke being the leading pass receiver last season with 107?

The Shamrocks have a pair of book-end tight ends, 6-foot-4, 225-pound senior Don Slankster and 6-4, 210-pound junior Nick Brzezinski, who are formidable blockers and capable receivers. Speedy Joe Saah (5-10, 170) returns for his senior year at wide

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Canton, Salem face uphill battles

By Brad Emons
STAFF WRITER

One game separated your fearless high school football prognosticators last year. My victorious counterpart, the lucky Irishman Dan O'Meara, had a 7-3 record against me during the past 10 years. That was almost as good as Lou Holtz's win-loss percentage during his term at Notre Dame. But Lou is gone and now it's time for the Bob Davis era. So my hopes are up substantially as we enter the 1998 season.

Who knows, Mr. O'Meara may suddenly go into the tank and pull a Gerry Faust.

You know, these things run in cycles. I'm not going to apologize for going 107-57 last year, but when your partner goes 108-26, then it's definitely the luck of the

Here is a sneak preview of this weekend's action. And just remember, when it's Friday night, it's high school football time (not soccer, not girls basketball as some athletic directors insist it's becoming).

And from 10-11 p.m. each Friday, your knowledgeable Observer sports staff will talk prep football, reporting and analyzing weekly action, with the Ike Griffin, the "Mega Man," on WXYT-1270 (AM).

GRID PICKS

Lincoln Park (4-8) at Liv. Franklin (6-3): The Rallisters should be much improved in the Mega Conference's White Division. Franklin, which played a brutal schedule last year, is banking on the talented backfield trio of quarterback Brian Facione, tailback Anthony Grech and fullback Bob Kopchak, along with standout tackle Matt Lawson.

Westland Glens (11-3) at Westland Glens (11-3): Jerome Bettis, Pepper Johnson, Gilbert Brown... they used to play for Bob Dozier at Mackenzie. Glenn, a state Class AA semifinalist, was hard hit by graduation, but the reinforcements on the way, led by General Justin Berent, one of the state's top QBs. PICKS: No cracks in the Mir, Glenn is ready to go.

Phy. Canton (4-8) at Monroe (7-3): The Canton Chiefs lost quarterback Rob Johnson (Northwestern), while the Monroe Trojans will miss bruising 245-pound fullback Jovan Johnson (Toledo). But Monroe is in the mega to win the Red Division in the Mega after making the playoffs last year. PICKS: No shocks here, General Custer and Monroe are riding high.

Belleville (4-8) at Plymouth (6-3): Rumors are ruffling Salem that Belleville's Tigers have a powerhouse team this year and should be the team to beat in the Mega-Red. Last year, Salem stunned the Tigers, 20-7, but where is quarterback Nate Gray (Hope College) when you need him? PICKS: Salem coach Tom Moshammer did it with mirrors last year, but don't ask him to do it again in this one. Belleville prevails.

Two-year starter, he gained 529 yards (4.1 average) and led the Shamrocks with 10 touchdowns as a junior.

"Dueweke is a real good football player for us," Mach said. "He ran well for us last year and he's that much more experienced. When he hits the hole he hits with a lot of power. He's going to get the ball 15 to 20 times a game."

The tailback is 6-1, 190-pound senior Josh Christensen, who played some on the varsity near the end of last season, and the wing-back is shared by seniors

receiver and kick returner and senior Joe Jonna (6-0, 180) also lends experience. Another promising receiver is senior Sean Brattin (6-3, 200).

"We like Adam's leadership, he brings a real positive attitude to the team," Mach said. "He has a real good arm, can throw it short or long. We're not afraid to run the option with him. We'll do a little bit of a lot of things but not a lot of one thing — except run."

So much for that passing idea. The 6-2, 225-pound Dueweke is the No. 1 option at fullback.

The only sophomore on the roster, 6-1 230-pound Mike Morris, was in line to start but an illness has kept him out most of preseason practice.

Key reserves include senior guard/center Ken Matthews (6-0, 230), junior center Miguel Martinez (5-7, 200), junior tackle Aaron Griffin (6-1, 235), junior guard Lou Willoughby (6-0, 230) and junior tackle Tom Lutka (6-3, 275).

"Our offensive line is all unproven, we're still piecing it together, but the guys that played in the four-way scrimmage did a real good job," Mach said. "They opened a lot of good holes, showed a lot of promise."

The defense is anchored by Sgroi and junior Casey Rogowski, whom Mach says together form one of the best inside linebacker tandems the Shamrocks have had. Sgroi was one of the Shamrocks' leading tacklers last year and Rogowski is perhaps their best athlete, excelling also in baseball and wrestling.

Rogowski also backs up Dueweke at fullback and may get some time at tailback.

"They're two of the better we've had together," Mach said. "They're intelligent, call the defenses and like to hit. Casey is potentially a big-timer down the road."

The Shamrocks won't have any fierce pass rushers like Gino DiGiandomenico, who graduated and signed with Miami (Ohio), but down lineman Spolsky, Chris Respondek (a 6-2, 240-pound senior) and Willoughby are more than adequate.

"Chuck has great movement, gets after the ball and never gives up," Mach said. "He shows great example."

Joining Tubaro in the defensive backfield are Jonna, junior Dave Lusky (6-2, 195) and junior Justin Cessante (6-0, 185).

Lusky also is the Shamrocks' backup quarterback.

Mach is worried about Tubaro wearing himself out on defense only if the rest of the players miss their assignments. His primary job is to break up passes and he does it well, according to Mach.

"He doesn't (have to) make a lot of hits (as a defensive back) — only if everyone else doesn't," Mach said.

The kicking game appears solid with the return of punter Jason Hamilton and Aaron Rock, both seniors.

Friday's Games (all 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Borgess (4-8) at Ecorse (2-6), 4:30 p.m.: The Spartans have a new head coach in Werner Blakey, who was a defensive coordinator at Detroit Henry Ford last year against independent region rivals. PICKS: Ecorse needs more than a tie to win this one.

Lin. Churchill (0-9) at Redford Union (0-9), 7 p.m.: This is the first encounter ever between the two schools. RU is banking on an undefeated JV team to

improve things, while Churchill, under new coach John Filiatraut, hopes the Wing-T will break a 28-game losing skid. PICKS: The Western Lakes football looms large, take Churchill.

D.H. Crestwood (3-8) at Garden City (3-8): The Cougars are under new leadership with the naming of Mike Salter as head coach, who replaces Bob Elmsinger. Running back Mike Wrobel gives GC reason for hope. Crestwood, however, won't open their last year's

PICKS: Flip a coin, both sides come up Crestwood.

Lutheran Westland (8-1) at Harper Woods (8-2): In last year's opener, Harper Woods ruined the Warriors' bid for a perfect season with a 16-14 triumph. Woods went on to make the Class C playoffs before losing to Southgate Aquinas, 41-16. Lutheran Westland is under new management, as defensive coordinator Gary Kamin takes over for Scott Wiener, left for Dearborn Heights Annapolis after being name coach of the area. PICKS: Metro Conference favorite Harper Woods expects the victory.

Novi (6-3) at Farmington (3-6): Wide receiver Dave Viane is a threat for the Farmington Vikings. Novi, a member of the Kensington Valley Conference, won last year's meeting, 28-7. The Wildcats will miss tailback Jason Witherspoon, who was lost to graduation. PICKS: Go

with Novi.

Hartland (4-8) at N. Farmington (3-8): North's Raiders hope to reverse four straight losing seasons (3-6, 4-5, 2-7 and 1-8). North has a talented trio of tailback Kirk Moudros, tight end Carter Campbell and linebacker Sean Clark. Hartland won last year's meeting, 35-6. PICKS: Hartland makes it two straight for the KVC.

Oxford (4-5) at F.H. Harrison (11-2): The Hawks, Class A runner-up a year ago, appear to be bigger and stronger this year. They are led by two talented linemen in Brian Lewis and Mike Fisher. Jared Hopkins takes over as the starting quarterback for the departed Kevin Sambek. Harrison has won the last three meetings against the Wildcats, who have been to the playoffs six times. Harrison, meanwhile, has been to the playoffs 15 times, winning seven state crowns and three runner-up finishes. PICKS: Harrison rocks and rolls.

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HIKING AND CAMPING WITH KIDS
REI staff members will address the special needs of children in the outdoors during this class, which begins at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at REI in the Northville Center at Haggerty and Six Mile. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

HUNTER SAFETY
The Livonia Parks and Recreation Sportsmen's Club will hold a two-day hunter safety class on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12-13, at the Sheldon Senior Center. Cost is \$10, participants must attend both sessions and preregistration is required. Call (313) 466-2410 for more information.

ROCK CLIMBING
Learn the basics of rock climbing during this class, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at REI in the Northville Center at Haggerty and Six Mile. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

WATER SAFETY
The Wayne County Sportsmen's Club in Romulus will offer three two-day Michigan DNR Hunter Education classes. The dates for the classes are Oct. 11-12, and Nov. 1-2. Preregistration is required and begins Sept. 10. Call (313) 532-0285 for more information.

DUCK, GOOSE CALLING
Lyman Burgess will offer two, two-hour seminars on duck and goose calling on Saturday, Sept. 20, and Monday, Sept. 29. Cost is \$20 and the classes will be held at the Orchard Lake Middle School. The classes are held in cooperation with the West Bloomfield Community Education. Call (248) 539-290 for more information.

BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS
Ages five and older will learn about butterflies and moths during this program, which begins

at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 339-3497 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC
The State Natural Resource Commission will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 17-18, at the Lansing Center. Call (517) 373-2352 for more information.

SHOWS

WOODS-N-WATER
The 11th annual Woods-N-Water News Outdoor Weekend will be held Sept. 5-7 at the Lapeer County Fairgrounds in Imlay City. The show features seminars (deer calling, where the big bucks are, bird hunting, bear hunting and more), over 125 exhibitors, a live trophy deer show, wild game cooking school, a puppy mart, camp chili cook-off, shooting demonstrations, a 3D archery course and much more. Tickets are just \$5 and children 12 and under will be admitted free. The Lapeer County Fairgrounds is located on M-53, just north of I-69.

BOAT SHOW
Boat Show USA, featuring more than 1,300 new and used boats of all sizes, will be held Sept. 13-21 at Metro Beach in Mount Clemens. Call (313) 884-1776 for more information.

SEASONS/DATES
GOOSE
An early Canada Goose season runs through Sept. 15 in the Lower Peninsula and through Sept. 10 in the Upper Peninsula. Check the early September Canada Goose Season Michigan Hunting Guide for restrictions.

BEAR
The 1997 bear season begins Sept. 10.
ELK
Early elk season runs Sept. 13-21 in designated areas by special permit only.

SMALL GAME
Rabbit, hare, squirrel and ruffed grouse seasons open Monday, Sept. 15, statewide. There is no

open season this year on sharp-tail grouse.

WOODCOCK
Woodcock season runs Sept. 20-Nov. 3 statewide.

ARCHERY

SHOOT FOR YOUTH
Ted Nugent United Sportsmen of America and the Timberwolf Tavern are hosting the Shoot for Youth 3D archery charity shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Capital Park in Redford. The shoot is being held in conjunction with the Redford Family Expo. Proceeds from the event will benefit Ted Nugent's America Program. Call (313) 937-1218, (313) 538-1966 or (810) 231-3843 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

BROADHEAD SHOOT
Royal Oak Archers will hold a broadhead shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (810) 693-1369 for more information.

3D JAMBOREE
Red Oak Archers will hold its annual 3D Jamboree beginning at 9 a.m. each day on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6-7, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

BOWHUNTER JAMBOREE
The Oakland County Sportsman Club will hold its annual Bowhunter jamboree beginning at 9 a.m. each day on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13-14, in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

INDOOR LEAGUES
Indoor leagues are forming at Red Oaks Archery in Metamora. Red Oaks features a Dart Tunnel, an indoor 3D range with a moving buck, and a standard target range. Call (810) 628-1661 for more information.

TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS
Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 50-boat open tournament on Sunday, Sept. 7, on Lake Orion and another on Sunday, Oct. 12, on Pontiac Lake. Call Roy Randolph at (810) 542-5254 for more information.

OPERATION BASS
The final Michigan Division events on the Operation Bass Tournament Trail is Sept. 7 on the Detroit River. The entry deadline was Aug. 27 but late entries will be accepted with a late fee. Call (502) 862-8110 for more information.

MICHIGAN DUCK HUNTERS
The Michigan Duck Hunters Tournament celebrates its 50th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6-7, at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Brownstown. Call (313) 379-9902 or (313) 379-9692 for more information.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FISHING CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call (313) 420-4481 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim

Kudaj at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDYS
Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Oct. 12 are: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays; 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays; on Mondays and Tuesdays the rifle and pistol range is open 3 p.m. to sunset and the sporting clays course is open noon to sunset. The range is closed Thursdays and Fridays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, shotgun and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

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Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

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Mouillee Road. Call (313) 379-3820 for more information.

METROPARKS

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

ANIMAL TALES
Roast marshmallows around a campfire while listening to tall tales and legends about Michigan animals during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Indian Springs.

RENEZVOUS ON THE HURON
Take a trip on the 34-foot Voyageur canoe, visit a trapper's camp and try some pioneer games such as axe throwing and skillet tossing during this program, which begins at noon Saturday and Sunday at the Kensington Farm Center.

CREEPY CRAWLIES
Learn about insects, meet a six-foot spider and take a walk outside to catch some creepy crawlies during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Stony Creek.

CARP AND PIZZA
Have fun catching carp and munching on pizza during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Kensington.

NIGHT SKY
A slide program about our solar system followed by an outdoor viewing session around a campfire begins at 8 p.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

BUTTERFLY ROYALTY
Learn about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly then go on a naturalist-led walk in search of monarchs during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Stony Creek. A similar program about butterflies and moths begins at 2:30 p.m. at Kensington.

FALL CONSTELLATIONS
Learn about fall stars and point them on a t-shirt during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs.

Boys - from C1

"Over the years we've been a very senior-heavy team," said Spitz. "There's nothing that can replace experience and this year we don't have anyone other than Shaun who has it."

Walled Lake Central, which outraced Canton to the WLA title last season, will be difficult for the Chiefs to catch, considering the Vikings return everyone, including top runners Nate Stoll and Todd Mobley.

Last season, Walled Lake Western - which placed second at the WLA finals - ended Canton's domination in the Western Division, handing the Chiefs their first divisional dual-meet loss in five years.

"That's what the guys are always shooting for, the Division and Conference championships," said Spitz.

In Moore, they have the runner to lead them to the promised land. Now it's just a matter of following closely behind him.

Girls x-country from page C1

"Livonia Churchill will be the team to beat," said Przygodski, noting the return of the Chargers' top runner, Ashley Fillion, "and we catch them early."

Among the runners who have looked promising for the Chiefs so far are senior Molly Noonan, a first-year runner who has made an impression that she was named team tri-captain. Other seniors are Debbie Kaczmarek and Stephanie Tinsley, both four-year runners; and seniors Kjersten Elias, Bridget-Zaleski, Christy Even, Ashley Bowman and Stephanie Pruitt.

There are plenty of others, obviously, but as Przygodski put it, "We've got some in the program, but who and when and which ones will step up is the question. It could take half a season to sort it all out."

Hopefully not - not if the Chiefs want to keep their streak alive.

Salem playing catch-up
It's a race the Plymouth Salem girls probably can't win. After all, the team they're chasing, Livonia Stevenson, has finished second in the state in Class A for the last two years. Nine runners are back from that team, including Kelly Travis and Kelly McNeilane. The Rocks, who finished sec-

ond to Stevenson in the WLA's Lakes Division last season with a 4-1 dual-meet record, aren't willing to just roll over and hand the title to the Spartans. "But realistically, there may not be much they can do to prevent."

Salem will be going up against Stevenson with a more experienced team than a year ago. Gone are Kristie Giddings, Nicole Bolton, Mary Diabrow and Kathy Jost, the Rocks' one, two, four and seven/eight runners in '96.

To make it more difficult, the new WLA format, with quad meets in place of duals to lessen the number of races for runners, has Salem going against Stevenson in their regular-season meeting at 4 p.m. today at Nankin Mills.

"We're going to go in with an optimistic attitude," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "After the gun goes off, anything can happen. But whatever happens in a quad meet won't make a difference in what happens in the WLA meet."

Despite the losses, the Rocks have some substantial returnees in seniors Evelyn Rahhal and Ellen Stemmer, varsity veterans who will share the team captainship; sophomore Rachael Moraitis, another varsity experience; junior

Erin Kelly, freshman Alyson Flohr; seniors Jill Daneke, Erin Lang and Jenny Burke; junior Liz Spiteri; and sophomores Shae Potocki and Aisha Chappell.

On the injured list is Becky Phelan, who is out with a leg injury.

"We are a very young team," said Gerlach. "We do have experience, but we'll also have a lot of junior varsity and first-year runners going for us."

"We probably won't have a real frontrunner, just a true, solid team."

What Salem will have is determination. "Last year we went to the state finals, and there wasn't a lot of credit given to our team," recalled Gerlach. "This year, the big thing for us is respect."

"People counting us out will be surprised."

A strong summer of training has helped the Rocks prepare. In the next week, with Saturday's West Bloomfield Invitational following Thursday's quad meet, the Rocks should discover just how prepared they are - and how far they have yet to go.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Table with columns for various sports events: PEP FOOTBALL, BOYS SOCCER, GIRLS BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER, MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER, WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL. Includes dates, times, and locations for each event.

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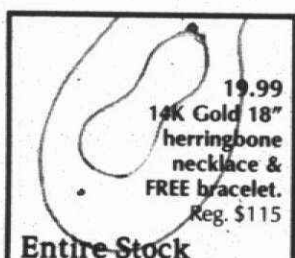
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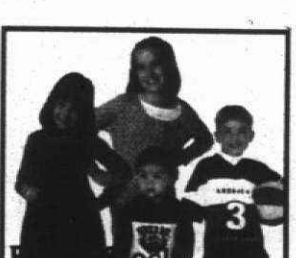
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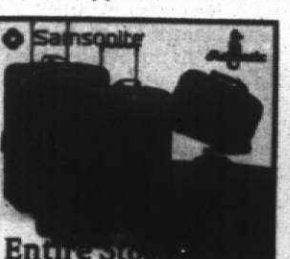
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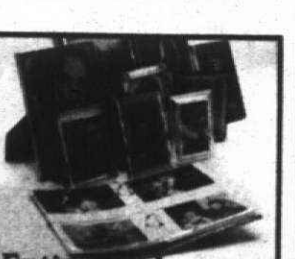
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Steven Seagal (center) with Ed Bruce (left) and Steve Palmer in "Fire Down Below," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY

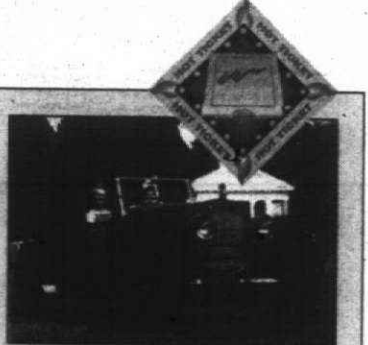


Vickie Winans performs 10 p.m. at the Farmer Jack Motor City PraiseFest, a celebration of gospel music, downtown on the riverfront at Detroit's Hart Plaza. Saturday hours are noon to 11 p.m.

SUNDAY



Catch the tail end of the "Elephants!" exhibit noon to 5 p.m. at Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3200.



Hot tip: Experience life in the "past lane" as collectors from across the nation gather with their vintage vehicles (1932 and earlier) at Greenfield Village in Dearborn for the Old Car Festival, Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 6-7, (313) 271-1976.



Comedy: Rowan Atkinson stars in the Mel Smith comedy, "Bean."

Hollywood gets serious with fall releases

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Full movies are no laughing matter, at least as far as Hollywood is concerned. Expect film noir fatalism, fights with grizzlies, and dysfunctional families to be the bill of fare as the movies recover from a typically high cholesterol summer.

Among the nearly 50 major studio releases between now and Thanksgiving, the only one not afraid to call itself a comedy is "Bean," the feature film debut of British comic Rowan Atkinson.

Dark they are, but the 10 films below seem especially worth a look.

■ **"L.A. Confidential"** - There are already favorable comparisons to "Chinatown" in this complex police thriller set around Hollywood in the 1950s. Here Kim Basinger plays a mysterious femme fatale tailed by both the LAPD (Kevin Spacey) and the press (Danny DeVito). (Opens Sept. 19)

■ **"The Edge"** - The ads show Anthony Hopkins pitted against a charging grizzly in the Alaskan wilderness, an adventure premise from the unlikely pen of David Mamet ("Glengarry Glen Ross"). If that isn't strange enough, Elle Macpherson plays Hopkins' wife, while Alec Baldwin may or may not be out to kill them both. (Opens Sept. 19)

■ **"A Thousand Acres"** - Jessica Lange, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Jennifer Jason Leigh team with Jason Robards as a family divided by child abuse, adultery, jealousy and illness. Despite some major changes from Jane Smiley's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, this saga of sisterly dysfunction is buoyed by an extremely appealing cast. (Opens Sept. 19)

■ **"U-Turn"** - Oliver Stone takes a break



DAVID APPLEBY/MANDALAY ENTERTAINMENT

Odyssey: The Dalai Lama (Jamyang Wangchuk) meets Heinrich Harrer (Brad Pitt) for the first time, and is fascinated by his yellow hair, in "Seven Years in Tibet," an epic story about one man's odyssey of self-discovery set against the sweeping backdrop of the Himalayas and spiritual majesty of Tibet.

from dead presidents and teenage killers with this film noir-style shaggy dog story about a drifter (Sean Penn) who lands in a dusty Arizona town populated by shady characters. Among them: Jennifer Lopez and Nick Nolte. (Opens Oct. 3)

■ **"The Gingerbread Man"** - Another John Grisham adaptation, another femme fatale scenario, but this time with Robert Altman at the helm. The only problem: if the stu-

Please see **HOLLYWOOD, E2**

Consider these alternatives

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

If the Hollywood product doesn't pique your interest, the metro Detroit area's quickly growing art film screens offer plenty of alternatives.

In one of its strongest seasons in recent memory, the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts continues to dish up a number of must-see titles.

"In the Company of Men," soon to be the most talked-about film of the year, features two corporate types who plot to seduce the same woman. It plays exclusively Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7 at the Detroit Film Theatre, before opening for wide release.

Look for other alternatives at the Main Art Theatre, The Redford, Windsor Film Theatre, The Michigan, and less regularly at the Birmingham, Maple, Abbey and Star Theatres.

The Main has even started showing special movies on Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

While some titles will come and go in the blink of an eye, these are the ones you should make the effort to see before they hit video:

■ **"The Full Monty"** - When a group of English steel workers lose their jobs, they reluctantly take to the stage as male strippers. The only problem: their non-Chippendales physiques. (Opens Friday, Sept. 12 at the Main)

■ **"The Alloy Orchestra"** - The Boston-based ensemble returns to accompany four more films, including Buster Keaton in "Steamboat Bill, Jr." the 1925 version of "The Lost World" and an encore presentation of Fritz Lang's masterpiece "Metropolis." The one to see is "The Man with the Movie Camera," a 1929 Russian film with experimental visuals that should fit seamlessly with the Alloy's percussive sound. (Friday-Sunday, Sept. 12-14 at the DFT)

■ **"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"** - The Redford Theatre takes a break from Hollywood musicals with this rarely screened 1932 version of the classic horror tale. The transformations of Fredric March are so convincing that he won an Oscar for the role and they're still convincing today. (Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26-27 at The Redford)

■ **"4 Little Girls"** - Spike Lee's documentary looks at the 1963 bombing of a Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. that left several dead and gave even more momentum to the Civil Rights Movement. (Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28 at the DFT)

■ **"The Pillow Book"** - The latest from Peter Greenaway is a typically sumptuous study of a young Japanese woman's erotic obsession with body painting. Like most of Greenaway's pictures ("Prospero's Books," "The Cook, the Thief..."), it's bound to be as beautiful as it is maddening. (Friday-Sunday, Oct. 3-5 at the DFT)

■ **"Washington Square"** - Jennifer Jason-Leigh and Albert Finney star in an update of Henry James' novel, about an awkward young woman who is caught between her over-protective father and a penniless suitor. (Opens Oct. 17 at the Main)

■ **"Gamera: Guardian of the Universe"** - This recent entry (1995) in the saga of the Japanese flying turtle was a hit at the Toronto Film Festival and now lands at the Art Institute's Monday night film series. (Monday, Oct. 27 at the DFT)

STREET SCENE

Wig is back with strong new CD

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Clark S. Nova, singer/songwriter for the rock band Wig, figures that a lot of people in his former Detroit-area hometown think his band has disappeared and called it quits.

Not so. As a matter of fact, Wig played to a packed crowd at Los Angeles's notorious Viper Room last week.

"It was a big show and we rocked," said bassist Fran Falls, who along with band-mates guitarist Rob Schurgin and drum-

mer John Burke relocated from Ann Arbor to Los Angeles in mid-June.

"Clark was phenomenal. His vocals have just gotten unreal. I guess you grow as a singer. He's just gotten stronger. Our management liked it. It was cool."

Wig is working with said new management company - Deluxe, who also works with Fleetwood Mac and former Cult singer Ian Astbury - about securing a booking agent with whom to work. After that, Nova expects success.

"I can't wait until the new album

comes out," adds Nova, also known as Shawn Jimmerson, a 1987 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School who married and moved to San Francisco a year ago.

The melodic, hum-inducing "Wireland" (Island), Wig's strongest effort to date, hits the streets Tuesday, Sept. 9.

"We're growing as musicians. We started out as a really abrasive band. Now we're starting to write more melodies."

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New album: Wig - from left, drummer John Burke, former Canton resident and singer Clark S. Nova, bassist Fran Falls, and guitarist Rob Schurgin - will release its second album for Island Records, "Wireland," on Tuesday, Sept. 9.

Pontiac plays host to Power Station tour debut

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Tonight Pontiac will go down in the music history books as the first U.S. tour stop of the original Power Station lineup, well sort of. Singer Robert Palmer, guitarist Andy Taylor, and drummer Tony Thompson perform at The Power Station Thursday, Sept. 4, at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

Taylor explained that his former bandmate, bassist John Taylor, had every intention of recording and performing with The Power Station. However, personal problems forced him to leave the music business.

"John's not in any band, in case you haven't noticed. He had three bands (Duran Duran, The Power Station, and Neurotic Outsiders) and he quit them all. It's not like he hates the world. To be really fair, woman, I've said this to everyone. He's a very, very dear sweet guy. He went through a divorce (from Amanda

DeCadenet) and it just so happened that we were working together at the time. It does all sort of different things to people," Taylor explained.

For John Taylor, it brought on a drinking problem for which he sought help.

"I don't think he's got the energy to hang out. Being in bands probably is not the right place for him. If he doesn't want to have a drink, he shouldn't be on the Jesus Christ kick. That's not going to happen. We're English for God's sake."

"No, what he's doing is the best thing for him. He's got a little girl (age 6) to take care of. There's nothing more important than that."

The Power Station's self-titled debut went platinum in the mid-1980s with hits like "Some Like It Hot" and the R. Tex cover "Get It On (Bang A Gong)." The band performed live once with the original lineup on an episode of "Saturday Night Live" before

Andy Taylor and Palmer had a "huge rock." Palmer left and returned to his solo career.

The Taylors began discussing the reformation of The Power Station in 1991 but it wasn't until two years later that they took the idea seriously.

"It was one of those things, because of the cast of characters that were involved, that if it came back around and it was the original lineup it would be fun to do. I learned a lot from them when I was 23-24, when I was greener and rough around the edges."

"I wasn't sure what would happen if we got back together. We may get there and have the sight of each other. But it turned out different. We started playing and writing and basically everybody enjoyed themselves."

To replace Taylor, the band called upon Thompson's former Clutch Cargo bandmate, bassist Bernard Edwards. At the first rehearsal, Palmer brought rough drafts of "Life Forces" and "Fancy That"

while Taylor had in hand "She Can Rock It," "Notoriety," and "Living In Fear."

After four to five weeks, the band had the 11 songs that make up its latest album "Living in Fear" (Guardian). Soon after mixing the album, Edwards went to Japan to perform with musician Nile Rogers. He died a few days later of influenza at age 43.

"Living In Fear" in no way resembles The Power Station's groovy debut effort. A straight-ahead pop album, "Living In Fear" carries a few hard rock chords in the title track and in "Dope."

"I think it's a lot more of a complete album," Taylor explained. If the band had not changed "the 10 years gap would have meant nothing."

Taylor expects this to be a one-off effort.

"As he's no plan to do another one. It's an open-ended thing. If we want to we can. I would think that we would make another record if John is involved."

The Power Station performs Thursday, Sept. 4, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 333-2362.

• The Belgium rock band K's Choice feels fortunate for the success it has had with the single "Not An Addict" from its album "Paradise in Me" (Sony 500 Music).

"With 'Not An Addict' it was good timing. It's a good radio song. You have to be a little lucky with that, I've learned. You don't think about what when you're writing. You don't think about it's catchy enough," singer Sarah Bettens said.

Apparently it was The song, which builds from simple drum beats to a raging swirl of guitars, bass and drums, was one of the hit songs of this summer. Besides pushing K's Choice into the spotlight, "Not An Addict" gave Bettens the opportunity to speak her mind.

"It's not about me or about a friend. It's a subject that I wanted to say something about. I'm doing it in a different way (first person). It's such an old cliché subject and kids have heard about it a million times - what they can do and cannot do. That doesn't change the fact that it's a very big problem. Also, being around it so much I wanted to say something about it."

K's Choice, Protein and The Vents perform Saturday, Sept. 6, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$11 in advance and at the door. For more information, call (248) 335-8100.

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Aaliyah happy with success despite rumor mill



CHRISTINA FUOCO
Aaliyah

As an R&B singer, Aaliyah has sold more than 1 million albums, modeled for Tommy Hilfinger and toured with some of her genre's top acts.

As a teenager, she passed a major milestone. The 18-year-old, A- average student graduated from Detroit's Performing Arts High School.

"It's so exciting," she said. "I'm so happy to be here. I'm usually there here (Los Angeles)."

Aaliyah was born Aaliyah Haughton in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, and moved to Detroit when she was 5. Throughout her school years, she participated in school plays and sang for her family.

At age 11, after singing "My Funny Valentine" on "Star Search," her uncle/manager Barry Hankerson arranged for Aaliyah a five-night stint with Gladys Knight in Las Vegas.



Hankerson was formerly married to Knight.

According to Aaliyah, becoming a performer was a logical career choice.

"This has been a family venture for a very long time. My uncle, he's managed a lot of other artists for over 25 years. My mom sings. I did school plays. It was a family thing. It was part of my environment. It was inevitable," said Aaliyah who now is managed by her parents.

In 1994 she released her debut effort "Age Ain't Nothing But a Number" and went platinum thanks to a pair of gold-certified singles "Back and Forth" and "At Your Best (You Are Love)."

Along with fame, came tabloid stories about the alleged marriage of Aaliyah, who was then 15, to her then-producer R. Kelly. Asked if the duo married, she giggled and said no. Nevertheless, she said, the rumors were hard to handle.

"They (Aaliyah's parents) sat down and talked with me about the business - what it details and what you go through. They told me, 'You belong to the public. You'll have very little privacy.' It was something I had to get used to. It was very hard for me

and my family," Aaliyah explained.

"But I just went out and faced it. I answered all the questions. I got through it and I'm just happy at this point my career."

After spending most of 1994 and 1995 in the studio to record her follow-up "One in a Million" (Blackground/Atlantic).

"Being that 'Back and Forth' did so well, and the whole album ('Age Ain't Nothing But a Number') went platinum, I was definitely nervous. I was very nervous before I went in the studio. But my parents told me, 'You just have to believe in God. Put your best foot forward. Do a good job. Enjoy yourself and it'll come together,'" she said.

The result is a diverse 17-piece collection of soulful ballads ("The One I Gave My Heart To"), sensual grooves ("Hot Like Fire"), funky numbers ("Got To Give It Up"), and covers of the Isley Brothers' "Chooze Love" and

Marvin Gaye's "Got to Give It Up." Joining her on vocals is Treach of Naughty by Nature on "A Girl Like You" and Slick Rick on "Got To Give It Up."

"I knew Naughty by Nature before I went into the studio. I saw them at a party and I was talking to them and I asked 'Would you like to be on the album?' He came into the studio and that was a lot of fun," Aaliyah said.

She did, but he recorded his parts in a separate studio so Aaliyah never got to meet him.

As a consequence of her fame, Aaliyah has become a role model for her peers, something which she enjoys.

"When you get into this business it's pretty much a responsibility that you take on whether you want to or not. It's not easy. You try to do the positive things, but I'm human. I'm going to make mistakes. I try my best to be a good role model. When I talk to them, I like to kick it

informally. I don't want to come in and lecture about being a positive teenager."

With her top grades, No. 1 records and positive spirit, she said, her family is quite proud of her.

"I'm very happy and my family is proud. There's a lot more that I want to do. I want to continue to enter go on to college and get my degree in drama or maybe dance. I hope to go into acting at the right time in my career. But right now I'm very with the Tommy ads and doing the commercials. I pray to God that I'm able to continue this."

Aaliyah opens for Mary J. Blige, Bone Thugs-n-Harmony, Drew Hill, and Ginuwine, at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at the Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$42.50 and \$35. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-8666.

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dio meddles with the finished product any more than has already been reported, you might want to wait for the inevitable director's cut on video. (Opens Oct. 3)

■ "Seven Years in Tibet" - Brad Pitt gets unglamorous again as real-life Austrian mountaineer Heinrich Harrer, who was captured by Allied forces during World War II and eventually landed in the path of the young Dalai Lama. From Jean-Jacques Annaud, who logged plenty of time in the mountains with 1989's "The Bear." (Opens Oct. 8)

■ "A Life Less Ordinary" - Director Danny Boyle reunites with "Trainspotting" star Ewan MacGregor in an oddball love story. He's a disgruntled janitor who kidnaps the boss' daughter (Cameron Diaz) only to be foiled

by a pair of angels (Holly Hunter and Delroy Lindo) who insist that they were meant for each other. (Opens Oct. 24)

■ "Boogie Nights" - What you didn't see in "The People vs. Larry Flynt." A behind-the-scenes look at the burgeoning adult movie industry in the 1970s should be heavy on polyester, Disco, and yew, sex, which is why it has been delayed from its original May release. Mark ("Marky Mark") Wahlberg and Julianne Moore star, along with Burt Reynolds. (Opens Nov. 7)

■ "Starship Troopers" - Giant insects are apparently the stars of this war film in the guise of science fiction epic from Paul Verhoeven, no stranger to the

genre after "Total Recall" and "RoboCop." (Opens Nov. 7)

■ "The Truman Show" - After an entertaining return to slapstick ("Liar, Liar"), Jim Carrey goes high concept again with the story of an insurance salesman who realizes that his life is actually a staged TV show. With veteran director Peter Weir ("Dead Poet's Society") at the helm, this hopefully won't become another "Cable Guy." (Opens Nov. 14)

■ "As Good as These Movies" may sound, they are only a warmup for what looks like an amazing slew of holiday releases. Not only do we get new films from Woody Allen, Quentin Tarantino, the Coen brothers and Martin Scorsese, we finally get to see James Cameron's mega-budget "Titanic" sinks or floats.

Deadly: Grace McKenna (Jennifer Lopez) and con man Bobby Cooper (Sean Penn) find themselves caught up in a deadly game in the black comedy/drama "U-Turn."

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
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Think of "She's So Lovely" not so much as a movie as an actors' workshop, an endless series of emotionally charged scenes worked with conflict. There's the penniless husband and wife in a romantic and rainy night in the neighborhood bar and the drama of seeing her after he's been away 10 long years at a mental institution.

Fortunately, it has an extremely able cast. Sean Penn, Robin Wright Penn, and John Travolta boost what could have been a relentlessly depressing film and make it one of the year's most moving and well-acted.

"She's So Lovely" is the second film by Nick Cassavetes, son of fiercely independent actor/director John Cassavetes (his first, "Uncle Sam," never opened in Detroit).

Nick took an old script of his father's and transformed it into a work that stays true to the older Cassavetes' atmosphere, intensity and dedication to acting above all.

The thrust here is that a couple loves each other so purely and unconditionally despite their many faults, which include alcohol, drugs and a dangerous, live-for-the-moment philosophy.

It's a perfect companion piece to "Leaving Las Vegas," whose surprise success probably helped this movie get made.

As the film opens, Eddie (Penn) hasn't shown up for three days, so the pregnant and vulnerable Maureen (Wright Penn) reluctantly goes on a bender with the guy across the hall. When she refuses his advances, he beats and rapes her.

And that's only the first five minutes. It doesn't get much prettier. When Eddie finally gets home and sees her battered face, he's consumed with rage, but can't find the guy responsible.

He shoots a medical technician instead and, when he sobers up, finds himself behind bars in a mental institution.

Meanwhile, Maureen has had her daughter, plus two more with Joey (in a seemingly effortless turn by Travolta), a hothead contractor who has given her a life in the suburbs. When Eddie is released a decade later, he immediately heads out to look for his former wife. Wright Penn, real life wife of Sean Penn, is still best known as "Forrest Gump's" Jenny. A former model, she's filmed in the least attractive way possible. Any light that does shine on her bright eyes and lip looks like it has been filtered through a whiskey bottle.

Penn is in fine form, equally intense in his early, paragonated flourishes and later, as he slowly wakes from the Clockwork Orange-like control of rehabilitation.

It may be a possible in-joke, but as soon as he's sprung, Eddie gets a dye job. His long blonde hair can't help but remind you of Penn's breakthrough role as Spicoli in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High."

'She's So Lovely' is an actor's film

Penn's involvement in this low-budget project is not surprising. He had once planned to shoot this with the elder Cassavetes, though his own directorial tributes to the late filmmaker (especially "The Crossing Guard") have not been nearly

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We're kind of simplifying some things as we go along. I think sometimes we're trying to write more songs, per se, instead of always writing the crazy sound-tracks stuff that we can write so easily. Sometimes it's a little challenge to write these songs," Falls explained.

"Wireland" was originally due in stores last August but was pushed multiple times. Wig recorded what it thought was "the album" shortly after finishing a grueling tour in support of "Deliverance" (Island). The ambient rock band's artist and repertoire representative at Island thought differently.

"She said that the last two songs we wrote are the coolest songs on the record that we'd recorded so far," explained Nova, who could not recall which two songs about which she was speaking.

"She wanted us to write and record two more songs. Our mind-set was we just finished our record. If anybody else had said that to us we would have said OK. Since it was the label, we were kind of heady at first. But she was totally right. We did two songs and two more after that."

Like the Detroit rock band

Hoarse, Wig sees the delay of its album as a good thing.

"That was the best thing in the world for this album. Since then we wrote two more songs that weren't on the album. We worked with some great producers and engineers," Falls explained.

That list includes Stephen Stuart-Short (Echo and the Bunnymen) and Peter Gabriel), Keith Cleversley (Flaming Lips, Spiritualized, Mercury Rev), and Andy Johns (Led Zeppelin, Television), along with local producers/engineers Chris Varady, Dave Feeny, and Al Sutton.

Traces of the producers' influences can be found throughout the album. One of the future singles, "California Poppy," wraps Echo and the Bunnymen-like soaring guitars around the teetering hook-laden lyrics. The twinkling guitars and Nova's distorted vocals in "Negativland," have elements of Mercury Rev. As the spelling suggests, the song expresses Wig's love of the controversial group.

"We're interested in their whole 'throwing a wrench at things' just to see where people draw their lines. We were actually arguing about it the other day

— who writes what and who owns what. In a band situation like ours, you could say that we are definitely all involved in the writing," Nova said.

"Negativland talks about who owns music and when you sample from someone else, did you author the song still and what not."

Falls — who graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in psychology for "purely self help" reasons — calls the dreamy, 8:04-minute title track of Wig's album "my little gem."

"It's my opera. It's like a three-part epic. I don't think bands are doing that very much any more."

Last month, Wig became a five-part epic with the addition of former Plymouth-Canton-area resident Wayne Falder, formerly of the hard rock band Philo Beddo.

"He plays rhythm guitar and keyboard stuff, some back-up vocals. He's our little utility man," Falls said. "He really thickened up our sound."

Nova, however, explained that Falder added something else to the band.

"Sanity. We call him 'Sane Wayne.' Since the album, we've added some guitars and messed

around with some keyboard parts. He's the slack man. He's picking up all those loose ends. Rob plays so many spaced-out guitar parts that it's nice to have someone hold down the rhythm."

Although "Wireland" will be in stores next week, Falls explained that Island won't start pushing the album until early next year.

"The plans include us doing some little tours. The big push for this album doesn't happen until next year. They want us to develop with some tours here and there. Island does things differently. They're not gonna shove it down people's throats," Nova said.

"Wireland" is the band's second release for Island. "Deliverance," the first album, kind of got lost in the shuffle. Nova explained.

"The label was in disarray when we landed there. We were originally signed to Polydor but that was phased out just before 'Deliverance.' We moved to Island and they said 'Who are these guys? They just put it out to see what would happen. We're pretty lucky to still be around on the label.'"

"On 'Deliverance' we were sort of figuring out what was going on (with Wig) ourselves. Things are a lot cooler now."

Falls agreed.

"The label's starting to get together behind us. The move from Michigan, it was a nice change of pace."

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THEATER

ALTERNATING CURRENTS

"Just a Phase (A Sapphic Tale)," a new romantic comedy by Royal Oak playwright Therese Szymanski, 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 12-28, at the Trumbull Theatre, 4208 Trumbull, Detroit. Tickets \$6 advance, \$8 at door. (248) 541-8316/308-5777

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"Falsettos," through Sunday, Oct. 5, at the JET, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$13-\$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (248) 788-2900

1515 BROADWAY

Detroit premiere "Making Porn," a new play about the gay pornography industry written and directed by Ronnie Larsen, features members of the New York cast, through Sept. 7, 1515 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets \$20 Tuesday-Thursday, \$25 Friday-Saturday, (248) 645-6666 or (313) 965-1515.

COMMUNITY THEATER

NOVI CIVIC CENTER STAGE

"The Senior Gala," a musical production by the Novi Senior Citizens group 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, \$8 includes luncheon at noon and show, 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, \$6, 45175 W. Ten Mile. (248) 347-0400

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Open House for adults and children interested in theater, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, demonstrations, theater tours, refreshments at the Ridgedale Playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. Free. (248) 988-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

"And On the 8th Day He Saw a Play (and He Saw It Was Good) / a Performance of One Act" benefit performance 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, one-half block east of Lahser, Detroit. Tickets \$10. (313) 532-4010/537-7716

DINNER THEATER

GENETTI'S HOLE IN THE WALL

"Vacation: Impossible," an interactive comedy, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, and 6 p.m. Saturday and Monday, Sept. 6 and 8, 108 E. Main, Northville. \$99 for four persons, includes seven course Italian style family dinner and show. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE CHILDREN

"Little Red Riding Hood," 2:30 Saturdays, Sept. 6, 13, and 20, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 7, 14 and 21, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$5.50. No children under age 3 1/2. (248) 489-8110.

CHORAL

THE INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR

20th annual concert of the Inspirational Choir of Greater Christ Temple Church under the direction of Detroit radio personality Carl B. Phillips, 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, 210 Hill Street, one block east of Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 414-3700

CLASSICAL

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Beauty, Songs and Symphony" benefit featuring bassist Stephen King of Livonia, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile Road, at Newburgh Road, Livonia. Besides concert of light, classical and popular tunes, benefit includes 30 area restaurants offering samplings of food, and a silent auction. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. (313) 421-1111/(313) 464-2741.

MUSICA VIVA INTERNATIONAL

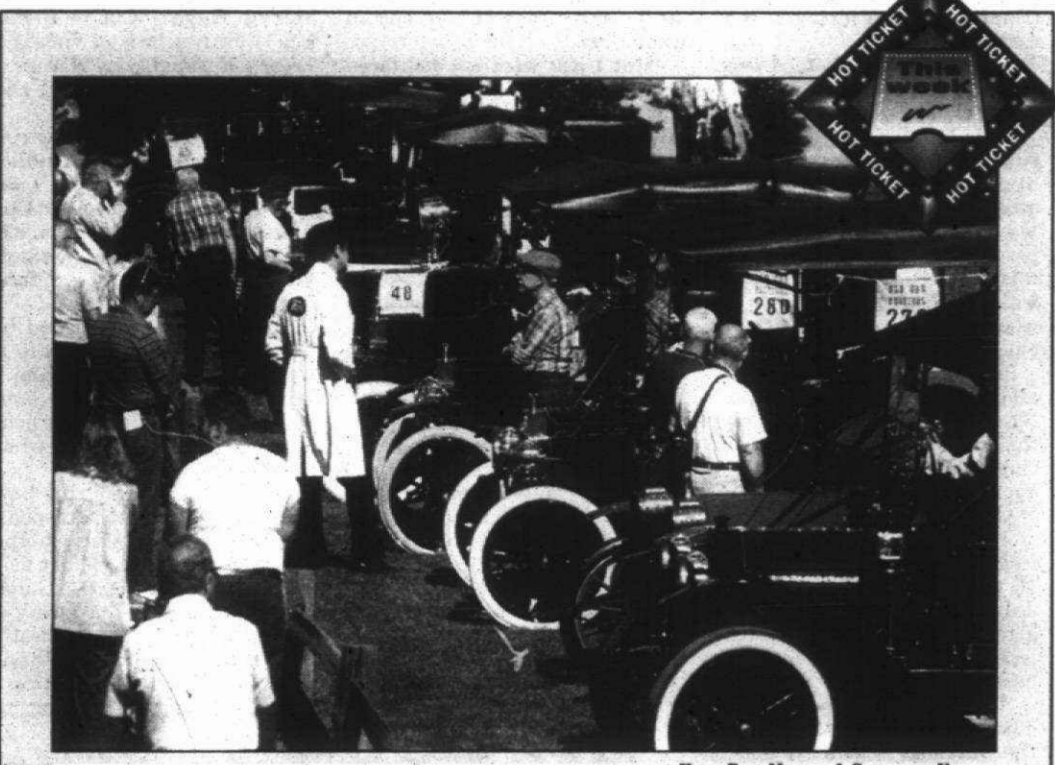
Concerts "The Russian Virtuoso," Virtuoso bayanist Slava Semynov and his wife Natalya with Robert Sattler, bayan, and special guest artist The Ortega - Soave Quartet, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward at Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$16 in advance, \$18 at the door. (248) 851-6987, (248) 626-4625 or (313) 563-3376.

MUSICAL THEATER ENSEMBLE OF ARDENNA

Open auditions for Garson Kanin comedy "Born Yesterday," 7 p.m. Sunday-Sunday, Sept. 21-22 at the Avon Playhouse on Tenken Road east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Performances Nov. 7-9, 14-16, 20-22. (248) 651-9518

DEARBORN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Auditions for "The Nutcracker," 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Dearborn Senior Center Gymnasium (formerly St. Barbara's School), 13500 Colson (off Schaefer Road, between



HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Rov up the past: America's automotive past comes cruising to the present for Greenfield Village visitors during Old Car Festival, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6-7. The festival showcases nearly 300 vintage vehicles built before 1933. Related family-oriented activities include a narrated pass-in-review parade, and demonstration of how to crank start a vehicle, light headlamps, and other automotive chores. Greenfield Village is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 senior citizens age 62 and older, youth ages 5-12, \$6.25; children under 5 and members free. Greenfield Village is at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, just west of the Southfield Freeway. Call (313) 271-1976 for information.

A magical evening of song and solidarity

(directed by composer Artur Grigorian) in celebration of the 6th anniversary of Armenia's independence, presented by Armenia Fund U.S.A., 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Southfield Center for the Performing Arts, 24350 Southfield Road south of 10 Mile, Southfield. Tickets \$20 adults, \$5 children 14 and under. (248) 552-8975/642-7950.

CARILLON

JENNY KING

Presents a program of folk and popular songs, noon-Sunday, Sept. 7, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 822-3456

POPS / SWING

ATOMIC FIREBALLS

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

BIG RUDE JAKE

With Atomic Fireballs, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, 18 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

SWINGIN' DEMONS

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

ANN ARBOR BALLET THEATRE

Auditions for male and female dancers ages 15 and older of high intermediate to advanced talent for "The Nutcracker," noon-3:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 548 Church St. (at University), Ann Arbor. Women must bring pointe shoes. Performances scheduled Dec. 19-21. (313) 668-1001

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Auditions for percussion opening Saturday afternoon, Sept. 6; third flute/piccolo, principal clarinet, section percussion, principal trumpet, Sept. 4-6. (313) 994-4801

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MEASURE FOR MEASURE - A MEN'S CHORAL SOCIETY

Holds auditions 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, room 109, Alexander Music building, Eastern Michigan University,

Michigan Avenue and Ford Road

East Dearborn. All dancers must have a minimum of two years serious dance training. Audition schedule: 1 p.m. children's parts (party scene); 2:30 p.m. acrobats (clowns, Arabian dancers); 3 p.m. advanced dancers (point shoes are required for female dancers); and 4 p.m. adults for non-dance roles. Performance dates are Friday, Nov. 28, and Saturday, Nov. 29, at Edsel Ford High School. (313) 563-2458/(313) 943-3095

DETROIT-WINDSOR DANCE ACADEMY

Open enrollment. Registration held daily through Sunday, Sept. 21, at the academy, 1529 Broadway, third floor, Detroit. (313) 963-0050

FIRST THEATRE GUILD

Auditions for ages 6 to 18 for "Hansel and Gretel," 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7 at First Presbyterian Church, 1665 W. Maple and Cranbrook, Birmingham. Performance dates (you must be available for all performances) Oct. 31 (with a special Halloween party following), Nov. 1, 2 and 7-9, (248) 644-0356/646-6033/932-1149

HURON CIVIC THEATRE

Auditions for "Cabaret," 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Huron Civic Theatre, 32044 Huron River Dr., New Boston. Lead roles are available for five men and four women, with additional supporting roles and chorus. Those auditioning should prepare a song from the show (or one of similar style) and dress ready to learn movement. Production dates are Nov. 2-4, and 9-11. (313) 782-5380

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Auditions, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, Tuesday, Sept. 16, and Tuesday, Sept. 23, First Middle School, 14041 Stark Road (between I-95 and Lyndon), Livonia. Tenor and bass voices especially needed. Membership not restricted to Livonia residents, and sight-reading is not a requirement. (313) 525-1447

MARQUIS THEATRE

Auditions for the following shows at the theater, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville. Children ages 10-18 for "Halloween Madness," 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. Recite a poem no longer than two minutes.

FOR CHILDREN ages 8-15 for "Aladdin," 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7. Recite a poem, sing a song in your vocal range. Adult auditions for "Aladdin," 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8. Reading from script, sing a song. Call (248) 349-8110 for details.

MEASURE FOR MEASURE - A MEN'S CHORAL SOCIETY

Holds auditions 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, room 109, Alexander Music building, Eastern Michigan University,

Ypsilanti. First tenor, second tenor and basses are particularly needed. (313) 487-0280

NOVI CIVIC BAND

Band has opportunities for adults who play any instrument to join it for its 1997-1998 concert season. Rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. There are no auditions. (248) 932-9244

CCC SYMPHONY BAND

Auditions for French horn, trombone and percussion players by appointment at the Oakland Community College Highland Lakes student center, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. Members are OCC students and other musicians from other communities. (248) 360-6218

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Entering 25th season and calling for people who love to sing. Most needed are tenors, basses and baritone, some openings for altos and sopranos. Auditions by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, 9 and 16 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon Road, Plymouth. (313) 455-4080.

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Auditioning for four men and four women for "Let Me Be a Tenor," 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 8-9 at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, one-half block east of Lahser, Detroit. (313) 532-4010

ROYAL OAK COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Auditions those who play stringed instruments, the oboe, trombone, and percussion, 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 1500 Lexington, room 315, Royal Oak. There will be a sight-reading exercise and auditions must bring one prepared piece. (248) 988-6991

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Auditions males and females for 15 roles in Arthur Miller's "A View From the Bridge" 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2-Wednesday, Sept. 3, Liberal Arts Theater on the campus, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Mile roads), Livonia. (313) 462-4400, Ext. 5270. The college's community choir holds auditions for all voice parts, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, (west of Inkster), Livonia. (313) 462-4435/(248) 349-8175

STAGECRAFTERS

For "Beyond Theater," Stagcrafters 2nd Stage production, 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8 at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Come prepared with a song or humorous story, no longer than two minutes, and bring a nonreturnable photo. Show dates Oct. 24-31, Nov. 1-2. Call (248) 541-4832.

VANGUARD VOICES

Vanguard Voices and the Vanguard Grand Chorus are holding auditions for all voice parts. Informational rehearsals are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, and Sunday, Sept. 7, room F-113 MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Auditions for Vanguard Grand Chorus are immediately after each rehearsal. Auditions for Vanguard Voices are also after the rehearsals but by appointment only. (313) 845-6474

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS

Auditions for the musical "Babes in Toyland," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 16-18, 60 actors/singers dancers need for speaking parts, solos, a flock of little sheep, and an army of dancing soldiers, all ages welcome, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Participation fee upon casting: \$100 PCA members, \$125 nonmembers. Performances Dec. 5-7, school tours Dec. 8-18. (313) 416-44RT

FAMILY EVENTS

ANN ARBOR AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, featuring vintage Ford Tri-Motor plane, also aeronautical exhibitions, demonstrations, helicopter and plane rides, south of I-94 near the corner of State and Elsworth Roads, Ann Arbor. Free. 1-800-888-9487

WYANDOTTE HERITAGE DAYS

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7, living history encampments, antique auto show, arts and crafts, concerts, Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show featuring log rolling and log rolling dogs at Bishop Park on the waterfront, Wyandotte. Free. (313) 246-4520

PLYMOUTH TRAIN & TOY SHOW

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 6-7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth, \$4 adults; \$1 ages 4-12. (313) 455-2110

SOUTHFIELD'S AUTUMFEST

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, rural festival of food, entertainment, produce vendors, petting farm, kid's fun tent, clowns, hay rides at the Mary Thompson House and Farm, 25630 Evergreen, south of Southfield Civic Center, Ferndale. (248) 354-0603

ST. MARY'S FALL FESTIVAL

5 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 5, noon to midnight, Saturday, Sept. 6, and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, rides, fun, entertainment, games at Lafayette and Lincoln between 10 and 11 Mile. Free. (248) 547-1818

BENEFITS

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Beanie Baby Sale and Trade to benefit young actors/ Ridgedale Building Fun, additional items include books and handmade purses, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6 at 25 W. Ridgedale Playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. Admission \$3 adults, children under 12 free. (248) 853-3990

DETROIT TOGETHER MEN'S CHORUS

"Falsettos," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre inside the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. Tickets \$25 with proceeds to benefit Detroit Together Men's Chorus, Michigan's oldest and largest gay men's chorus. (313) 893-3631 or (248) 588-4743

CLASSES / WORKSHOPS

JINGLE BEL, INC.

Classes for children (ages 3-16) in chorus, theater, instrumental music, and visual art begin Sept. 16 at Precinct Five, 1551 East Auburn Road at Emmons, Rochester Hills. Information (248) 375-9027, registration (248) 656-6808

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD

Is hosting a children's acting workshop for children in kindergarten through ninth grade for six weeks beginning Saturday, Oct. 4 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Day, Redford. The cost is \$45. Call (313) 531-0554 for information.

SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

Four week workshop offered by Spirit of Detroit Chorus Chapters (1997 Regional Champions) to improve vocal skills, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile Road west of Inkster, Livonia. \$6 for four session or bring a friend for 2 for 1 price. Registration: (313) 427-5649 or (248) 661-8134

FAREED HAQUE

8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030

KATHY KOSINS TRIO

8:30 p.m. 12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matle, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, Bistro 37th Street, 313 Walton Boulevard, Pentite, 8 p.m. mid-night Thursday, Sept. 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. With Rick Matle and Dennis Sheridan, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages. (248) 332-7184/(248) 645-2150/(313) 271-4441 (jazz/Latin/jazz)

PAWS FOR CELEBRATION

8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, gala evening of dinner, entertainment (Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons), fashion show (latest fashions in women's and canine's fashions), art auction (work created by Center for Creative Studies students) to benefit the Michigan Human Society and celebrate the nonprofit organization's 120th anniversary. Patron Call (248) 541-4832.

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COMEDY

COCKTAILS AT 6 P.M., NEIMAN MARCUS, SOMERSET COLLECTION, TROY. TICKETS \$75 EACH FOR SUPPORTERS. (313) 872-3400.

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Kevin McPhee, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 (no cover) Friday, Sept. 5 (\$8), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 (\$8); Eric Kirklind and Jim Hamm, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 (no cover) Friday, Sept. 12 (\$8), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 (\$8), 36071 Plymouth Road, above Kicker's All American Grill, 3303-7177

CARL MICHEL TRIO

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 347-0780

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE "JAZZ ON ORCHARD LAKE"

With Alexander Zonjic and Friends, and Grammy Award-winning pianist Bob James, Sunday, Sept. 7, St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. \$40 includes wine, food, car show, and jazz program. All ages. (248) 683-1750

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

John McClellan and Mark Knope, Thursday, Sept. 4-Sunday, Sept. 7, Totally Unrehearsed Theatre hosts open mic night 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays; Mike Armstrong and Tim Lilly, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Showtimes 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Special engagements excluded. (248) 542-9900

THE SECOND CITY-DETROIT

"Send in the Clones," at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, through October, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Free improvisational comedy, set by the cast is after every performance on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and after the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays, \$8 Wednesdays, \$14 on Thursdays, \$15 on Fridays, \$19.50 on Saturdays and \$12 on Sundays. (313) 965-2222

WORLD MUSIC

DICK GAUGHAN

8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50, \$11.50 members, students and seniors. All ages. (Scottish folk) (313) 761-1800

GREAT BIG SEA

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$8, \$5 University of Michigan students with ID. All ages. (Celtic maritime band) (313) 761-1800

IMMUNITY

9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Mr. Sports, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday and Saturday, \$3 for adults. \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December 1998, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p

DINING

Elegant Marhaba serves fine cuisine

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

I can't wait to take my friends Omar and Ghada Aboul-Hosn to dinner at Marhaba, which means hello and welcome in Arabic. They'll love it. Livonia's newest Middle Eastern restaurant, which opened Aug. 14, looks just like Ghada's dining room - elegant - and the food is also like hers, homemade with quality ingredients.

"We always wanted to do something special," said Leila Hamie of Livonia, president and general manager. "I wanted something like my dining room, very comfortable, like my home, a relaxing atmosphere."

Chances are very good you've never seen a restaurant like Marhaba. Everything's first class, and the owners spent 10 months completely renovating the building.

Crystal chandeliers light the dining room, which is filled with mahogany dining room tables, just like the one at home reserved for company. Every table is topped with a lace runner and flowers. There are also five roomy booths by the window.

"We serve real healthy food, and wanted to create a healthy atmosphere where people can enjoy it," said Hamie. "This is fine dining, it's not fast food. We like the people to be very comfortable. It is important to the digestive system to be relaxed and happy while you eat."

Everything is soothing here. The walls decorated with floral prints are a subtle beige, the carpet a rainbow pattern of soft colors, and potted plants, including a huge palm, are tucked in corners.

The banquet room provides a private setting for special dinners and get togethers, or business meetings.

Comfortable chairs, sofas and love seats are clustered around a gas fireplace in the hospitality room where you can enjoy a cup of Turkish coffee or wait for friends. A grandfather clock helps create the homey atmosphere.

Karim Alweli of Dearborn was busy making fresh bread for the lunch crowd. The diamond shaped bread is called Samon and served warm.

"It's satisfying to see people having a good time," adds Hamie who operates the restaurant with her partners Sabah Ammouri of Southfield and Claudia Garmo of West Bloomfield.

"People always look forward to bread before the meal," said Ammouri. "Our bread is a little crunchy and topped with sesame seeds. It's very appetizing."

Chef Haj Abed Hashem has 30 years of experience, and has worked in Lebanon and other Arabic countries.

Marhaba has "the original Arabic kitchen," with a Lebanese accent, but besides the usual Middle Eastern fare - hummus, baba ghanouj, falafel, stuffed grape leaves, fattoush, chicken and beef shawarma, shish tawook and shish kabob, the menu includes quail, lamb chops, filet mignon, white fish, and Maskouf - barbecued whole white fish.

"We only use fresh fruits and vegetables," said Hamie, "you can taste the difference."

"Our white fish is great here," said Ammouri. "It's delicious and fresh grilled."

Marhaba also serves a variety of freshly squeezed juice such as carrot, apple, orange, lemonade, mango and fresh smoothies, too. They have applied for a liquor license. Save room for dessert - Creme Caramel, Baklava, ice cream, and rice pudding.

Marhaba
Where: 33501 Eight Mile Road (just west of Farmington Road on the south side), Livonia, (248) 615-1800.
Hours: Noon to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Lunch; 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, dinner; 5-11 p.m. Friday, dinner; 2-10 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, dinner.
Menu: Middle Eastern cuisine including fresh squeezed juice.
Cost: Appetizers range from \$2.75 to \$7.95. Entrees range from \$5.95 for stuffed grape leaves with rice and meat to \$14.50 for lamb chops. All entrees served with your choice of soup or salad, bread, Basmati rice and murrak (stew). Combination Special Platters range from \$11.75 to \$16.75. Kids menu and sandwiches also available.
Credit Cards: American Express, Visa and Mastercard
Reservations: For parties of 50 or more
Carry-out: Yes
Banquet room: For parties or business meetings.

Livonia. Maya is starting her second year at the University of Michigan-Dearborn this fall, and plans to become a doctor. Her sister is a senior at Stevenson High School.

Prior to becoming involved with the restaurant, the couple published "The International Journalist Magazine" based in Dearborn. "I am Lebanese, but I love the United States. This is a free country," said Leila. "You can say whatever you want, as long as it's true."

People build on their successes to create new opportunities, and Leila and Hassan have a plan to put their diplomacy and information gathering skills to work.

"We'd like to have international dinners in the future," said Leila. "It would be a way of introducing our customers to other foods and cultures. There were some people in here from the former Soviet Union. They told us about their food."

"For me, I wanted a mixture," explained Hassan, who offers advice and lends a hand when needed. "Something like a club, restaurant and house. A place to meet people."

"He has good views, he loves people so much, he has good taste," said Leila about her husband.

Marhaba also has a great sound system, and they also plan to offer entertainment some day. A gift shop, which will offer a variety of items from around the world, is also in the works.

You might want to get dressed up a little for dinner at Marhaba, but if you're a casual sort of person, that's OK, too.

"Once a lady came to the door and told her husband, 'We have to go, I'm not dressed right.' I told her no, come on in," said Leila, "you're fine."



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Elegant dining: Leila Hamie, president and general manager of Marhaba, presents Stuffed Grape Leaves, and an Appetizer Sampler. Marhaba offers Arabic delicacies with a Lebanese accent.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials features theme dinners, menu changes, and restaurant openings. Send news items to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

EINSTEIN BROS. BAGELS
Will open its second location in Plymouth at 15077 Sheldon Road on Saturday, Sept. 6. Einstein Bros. will officially celebrate with a grand opening party on Saturday, Sept. 20. Store hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. They offer 18 varieties of bagels, 12 choices of cream cheese spread, fresh

brewed coffees, teas and espresso drinks. For lunch and dinner the bakery offers bagel sandwiches, salads, and other side orders. The other Plymouth location is 640 W. Ann Arbor Road. Einstein Bros. also recently opened a store in Dearborn at 750 N. Telegraph.

CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA
Sponsored by Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 in the Waterman Center on Campus. Features tastes of 60 metro Detroit restaurants. Proceeds benefit culinary arts scholarships. Tickets two for \$75 in advance, or \$40. Call (313) 462-

4417.
MICHIGAN CHILI COOKOFF
The 19th annual Michigan Chili Cookoff, to benefit culinary arts scholarships and the Milford Mill Pond Project, is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7 at Five Lakes Grill, 424 N. Main St., Milford. Tickets are \$35 per person, and include entertainment and a variety of food and beverages. The winner of this event will represent Michigan at the World Chili Cookoff in Reno, NV. Advance tickets are available at the Lark, (248) 661-4466, or Five Lakes Grill, (248) 684-7455. Tickets will also be available at

the door.
SPECIAL DINNER
"Fire on Ice" Cigar and Dinner Extravaganza in honor of the Detroit Red Wings, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Vic's World Class Market, 42875 Grand River, Novi. Tickets \$97, portion of proceeds will be donated in the name of Vladimir Konstantinov and Sergi Mnatsakanov to the William Beaumont Closed Head Injury Fund. Call (248) 305-7333, Ext. 126.
ZINGERMAN'S
Zingerman's Delicatessen, 422 Detroit Street, Ann Arbor, will

celebrate its Fiesta de Espana 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. Zingerman's co-founder Ari Weinzweig will narrate a demonstration on making paella, the Valencian rice specialty. Spanish cheeses, olive oils, vinegars and tapas will be available for sampling and sale. The cooking demonstration is free. Zingerman's will host a Spanish Cheese tasting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23. The cost is \$10 per person. Call (313) 663-3400 for reservations, space is limited.

GERMAN FOOD AND WINE
Extravaganza at the Ritz Carlton Dearborn to benefit the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Tickets \$30 per person, call (313)-441-2100 for tickets.

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