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To the mountain and back



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREKLER



Mountain journey: Canton teen Scott Lyman spent two weeks of his summer vacation hiking and scaling the San Miguel mountains in Colorado. The trip was one of self-discovery, he said.

Discovery came atop San Miguel

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Scott Lyman, 18, of Canton Township has been to the mountain and back.

For two weeks this summer, the Plymouth-Canton senior tested his survival skills in Colorado's San Miguel mountain range, which is located in the Four Corners district of the state.

Compliments of his parents, who thought their son needed a socially and mentally challenging experience, Lyman signed up for an Outward Bound mountaineering course. He was part of a group of 20 young people who, guided by two course leaders, hiked 12,000-foot slopes and scaled 200-foot vertical rock walls.

Forget about pizza and hot showers. All creature comforts were left

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Determined robber flees after attack

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Canton police are circulating a composite illustration of a particularly determined male suspect in an early Saturday morning strong-arm robbery of the Clark Station at 45230 Michigan Avenue.

The robber, despite being punched in the face and being hit with a stapler by the store clerk, allegedly grabbed about \$100 from the station register before fleeing.

Police gave this account:
A white male in his late 20s with a "five-o'clock shadow" entered the station store about 1:18 a.m. and purchased a pack of gum.

When the clerk opened the register, the 5-foot-9-inch, 140-pound suspect allegedly reached in and started grabbing money, pulling the register toward himself in the process.

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Cable dispute leads to liens against homes

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Don't look now, but if you live in Canton or Northville, there might be a lien against a portion of your property.

However, you also don't have to worry should you try to sell your home or get an equity loan, because at least two metro-Detroit title companies say they will insure against the lien. And at least two Detroit-area banks indicated that that's good enough for them.

The lien, instigated by an Indiana-based equipment supplier, is against right-of-way easements owned by Ameritech in 19 Wayne County subdivisions in which the telecommunications company has laid cable for its New Media cable television subsidiary.

Fourteen of the 18 subdivisions are in Canton, five in Northville.

The dispute between Vermeer of Indiana, Inc., and Ameritech, which reportedly revolves around Ameritech's dissatisfaction with cable installation work, potentially could tie up an estimated \$10 million in residential property.

However, a title examiner at Lawyers Title Insurance Corp. of Troy who declined to be identified said that

firm was insuring against the encumbrance based on Ameritech's assurance that it was holding the title company harmless.

Ameritech "assured us they would take care of it once the work is completed to their satisfaction," the examiner said.

Spokespersons for both NBD Bank and Comerica said that they would provide loans as long as title companies will insure against the lien.

The lien, which was filed for Vermeer last December by Detroit attorney Mark V. Cunningham, has been coming to light as area property owners tried to sell their homes or obtain equity loans.

Vermeer, of Fishers, Ind., said in the lien that, as of Dec. 20, it had not been paid any of the \$113,702.06 on equipment it leased to Fort Enterprises, an Ameritech sub-contractor, between July 1 and Sept. 27, 1996.

Jay VanTress, Vermeer vice president who signed the lien, did not return several telephone calls from the Observer Monday and Tuesday.

However, when Allen Ankony, title department manager of Livonia-based

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MEAP scores reflect state's

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' MEAP science scores mirrored statewide results and were up and down for 1997.

Fifth-grade scores increased by 15.7 percentage points over last year to 49.6, and eighth-grade scores decreased by 11.5 percentage points to 22.4. Writing scores increased 7.5 points for fifth grade and 2.2 points for eighth grade.

In comparison, the Livonia School District's eighth-grade MEAP science scores increased slightly from last year, from 24.4 to 24.6. Their fifth-grade science scores increased from 34.5 to 43.9.

"Obviously we are pleased with the elementary scores because it was universal. I was very disappointed with the science scores in eighth grade. We need to do more curriculum alignment. We have to be sure the delivery matches the state curriculum guide and is the same in all buildings," said Superintendent Chuck Little.

Verna Anible, director of instruction,

said there were many variables beyond the district's control that affected the drop in eighth-grade science scores, including the difficulty of the test and the state-determined cut score for proficiency.

Anible said this was only the second year the state administered a test based on applying the scientific method to problems rather than a memorization of facts. In addition, she said this year's test questions were different from last year.

"I would predict our students are learning more about science than what they learned last year. If the test remained consistent, we would be able to capture the increased learning that we are confident is taking place in our schools."

Anible said the district is further along in the process of training elementary teachers in "inquiry method" of instruction versus "fact-giving" than they are in training middle school teachers.

The inquiry method centers on stu

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Web wiz steers stock-cars to info highway



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREKLER

Teen-age webmaster: Matt Mielke taught himself to use his family's first computer; then built his church's first Web page. His knowledge led to building another commercial Web page for KC Racing, a professional stock-car team.

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Think you need to be a highly trained computer professional to build a commercial Internet Web page?

Well, think again - and say hello to quiet, unassuming Matt Mielke, teen-age Webmaster.

In about four months last year, the Canton teen-ager with the artistic bent but little formal computer training taught himself to use his family's first computer and, in the process, built his - and his church's - first Web page.

Then, about as quick as you can say "stock-car racing," 15-year-old Mielke, a big fan of the sport, leaped onto the Internet by designing a Web page for KC Racing, a professional team whose driver is Mielke family friend Jimmy Kitchens.

It took Matt two days to design the page for St. Michael Lutheran Church in Wayne, utilizing software he found on the Internet. He built KC Racing's commercial page in five days with software given him by a church member.

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The clerk punched the robber four times in the face trying to stop him, then grabbed a stapler and hit him on the side of the head.

The man fled, leaving behind a blue Detroit Lions baseball cap that was knocked off his head. Police found spatters of blood at the scene. The clerk sustained

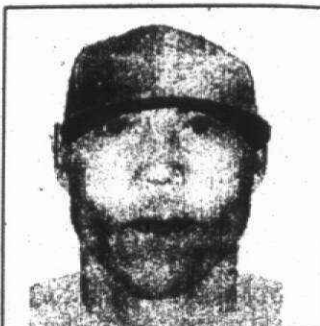
a cut on one knuckle.

The man fled on foot into woods near the station. A witness circled the area and saw the suspect behind the Agape Christian Academy, 45081 Geddes, walking east.

A police K-9 unit failed to pick up his scent. Police searched the woods behind the school to no

avail, but found a door open on the east side of the Academy. However, a search of the building also turned up nothing. A check of area hospitals also were negative.

Persons with information about the suspect are asked to call Detective Leonard Wolons at 313-397-5341.



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The professional-looking, full-color KC Racing Web site, listed on the World Wide Web through the Observer & Eccentric On-Line Services (<http://www.kcracing.com>), is eight screens.

It offers team racing results, schedules and members; car and crew photographs; biographies of both Kitchens and the team's veteran crew-chief and ex-racing champion Charles "Red" Farmer; sponsorship information and other racing Web sites.

Matt, who's not a computer-game buff and "didn't know anything" about the Pentium computer's programs when parents Bruce and Jennifer Mielke bought it in May, 1996, nevertheless took to it "like a fish to water," says his mother.

With some long-distance help from her brother, Mark Suoco of Virginia, young Matt created a St. Michael Web page which so impressed member Jay Mans-

field that he bought Web site software for Matt and the church.

Matt used it to revise and to update weekly the 17-screen church Web site and to create and maintain the racing page.

A shotputter and discus thrower on the track team at Lutheran High School-Westland who also helps a neighbor crippled-by cerebral palsy, the 5-foot-10-inch sophomore learned about auto racing at age 8 from his dad, who is parts manager for John Rogin Buick in Westland.

In 1990, Bruce Mielke helped driver Kitchens when the latter came to Rogin needing a place to work on his car. In appreciation, Kitchens gave him two tickets to the race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich. and Bruce brought Matt.

Eventually, the Hueytown, Ala.-based Kitchens invited the Mielkes to crew for him, which

they now do twice a year at MIS. Matt, who prefers stock-car racing to Indy car because "it's more grassroots," suggested a Web page to Kitchens. Matt's detailed written proposal won over team owners Dave and Jim Carroll.

The Mielke family's "official videographer," who also once did a mock MTV-style video on a religious shrine, used "different ideas from different sites" such as driver Darrell Waltrip to create his own style for KC Racing.

"I like to make it look so that people will like to come back to it," he says.

For the church Web site (<http://www.stmichaellutheran.org>), he cleverly added a flashing "Open 24 Hours" sign.

Creativity has long been Matt's forte. His mother recalls him lying on the floor in front of the television years ago, pencil in hand. "All he did was draw

houses, lights, even the electrical cords and plugs," she says. By fifth grade, he was doing cartoons and race cars.

For the family's Grand Canyon vacation last year, Matt videotaped the sights and the family, including brother Andrew, 10, and sister Hannah, 6. And when his video teacher suggested filming The Tabernacle at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Plymouth as an extra-credit project, Matt and a friend filmed it with a Weirid Al Yankovic song on the soundtrack.

The song is a spoof entitled, "The Song Is Just Six Words Long" and "I used it to get the kids' attention in class," Matt says.

His mother willingly supports Matt's efforts: money from her garage sale bought a flatbed scanner for her young Webmaster.

Rendezvous wedding reminiscent of Scottish-Irish heritage

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Call it "The Scottish-Irish Time-Warp Frontier Wedding." On Saturday afternoon, Mollie McElheran married Ian Irvine in a ceremony that looked like it happened 200 years ago.

For one thing, the 20-year-old bride wore an authentic period gown in tartan-plaid that looked like Madeleine Stowe's in the movie "The Last of The Mohicans."

Second, the 24-year-old groom wore a tartan-plaid kilt — but his head was shaved clean except for a American Indian-style scalp lock. A knife in a scabbard hung on a chain from his waist.

Bridal party members also were dressed in 18th-century garb, and ceremonial music was provided by kilt-wearing bagpipers. Some male guests wore fur-trader buckskins and one man wore a loincloth and painted face.

A color-guard carried muzzleloading muskets, to which they affixed 16-inch bayonets held aloft to form a canopy for the bride and groom.

The wedding ceremony, conducted by a minister in a long black frock, was on the front porch of a wooden, two-story blockhouse in an outdoor clearing surrounded by teepees and white-cloth tents. The couple and their guests then dined on spit-roasted pig and top round of beef.

There were no cellular phones or beepers — the disc jockey playing recorded music was about the only thing identifying this as 1997 and not 1797.

Annual Rendezvous

The Aug. 29 wedding of the two Livonians was held during the 16th annual WCCC Rendezvous on the campgrounds of the Western Wayne Conservation Club at Five Mile and Napier Roads, just west of Plymouth Township. It's an annual Labor Day weekend get-together that draws hundreds of history and outdoors buffs for an historically authentic, summer-



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Traditional wedding: John Stillman of Canton (from left), Dan Pilarski of Westland and Warren Shopp of South Lyon were part of the honor guard in an unusual wedding celebration that incorporated the couples' Irish and Scottish heritages.

ending camp out.

"It's the largest totally primitive rendezvous in the state of Michigan," said Kathy McElheran, Mollie's mother and also a

Livonia resident.

Mollie and Ian, who have grown up at these rustic outdoor family weekends, met at a Rendezvous seven years ago,

became engaged in 1995 and decided to have their wedding in period attire among their recreation friends.

"We figured, we're having our Labor Day weekend" in rustic style, "it's where all our friends are going to be, it's where we met, so why not?" said Mollie, a Clarenceville High School graduate who works for Jo-Ann Fabrics.

In fact, Mollie's mother had taken her to a bridal shop in Dearborn, but Mollie said, "This is not me. I'm not a 'white-lace princess'."

"I wanted to do a buckskin wedding," she said, because she knew she'd be wearing the period gown to future camping events and "it would remind me each time of my wedding. With a white wedding gown, you wear it once and put it in the closet, except to cut a piece for the baby's christening gown."

The young couple and her parents, Mick and Kathy, also of Livonia, belong to the Tonquish Muzzleloaders of Western Wayne — "one of those small

subcultures of society you hear about," said Mick. The group shares a passion for authentic recreations of muzzleloading, black-powder-firing flintlocks.

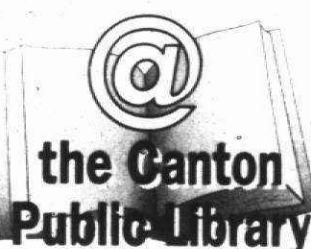
Mick, a steelworker who makes the guns as a hobby, said the group is so steeped in early American history — roughly from the French and Indian War around the 1750s to about 1840 — that its target-shoots use period targets, not bullseyes. Members also hunt with the firearms.

Back in time

In fact, most of what's worn or used by the families at the Rendezvous are authentic recreations of early American items, from "period-authentic attire," as Kathy describes it, to the guns, pots, pans, kettles and tepees and tents.

Besides the loincloths, buckskins and pioneer dresses, there are weekend competitions in firearm and bow-and-arrow shooting and tomahawk-throwing for both men and women.

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Q & A

Q: What is the lowest elevation in North America?

A: Death Valley, California at 282 feet below sea level.

Source: Information Please Almanac

Did you know

Michigan has more public golf courses than any other state.

Toronto's Skydome field is big enough for 516 African or 751 Indian elephants or eight Boeing 747s.

Source: The Skydome Tour Experience.

The Michigan Renaissance Festival runs weekends until Sept. 28.

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Auditions set for 'Babes'

The Whistle Stop Players will be holding auditions for the musical "Babes In Toyland" from 6:30-8 p.m. Sept. 16, 17 and 18. The Whistle Stop Players is a theater group in conjunction with the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

All ages welcome. Approximately 60 actors, singers and dancers needed for speaking parts, solos, a flock of little

sheep, and an army of dancing soldiers.

Rehearsals will be held 6-8 p.m. on Sundays and/or Thursdays. Participation fee upon casting is \$100 for PCAC members and \$125 for non-members. Public performances will be held Dec. 5-7 and a school tour will be held Dec. 8-18.

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dents asking or being presented with a problem. Students then apply the scientific process of formulating a hypothesis, testing the hypothesis and drawing a conclusion from data. The district will continue to do its homework, according to Anible. "We will continue to look at MEGOSE (Michigan Essential Goals and Objectives for Science Education). We have the new Michigan Frameworks for science, which gives us the standards and benchmarks. We will align our curriculum with those documents." Dr. Peter L. Bunton, acting supervisor for the MEAP unit at Michigan State Board of Education, said he was not concerned with the drop in eighth-grade science scores reported by many districts. "People are doing a fine job in the Plymouth-Canton schools to present the curriculum in the eighth grade. It takes some time to put the changes into effect. Never take one

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools				
MEAP test results, in grades 5 and 8				
Grade 5 Science		Grade 5 Writing		
School	1996	1997	School	
Allen	34.0	47.0	Allen	86.3
Bentley	32.1	34.3	Bentley	80.2
Bird	42.3	60.4	Bird	91.0
Eriksson	32.9	37.2	Eriksson	80.0
Farrand	29.7	43.1	Farrand	69.1
Flagel	25.5	33.2	Flagel	84.0
Field	15.6	28.3	Field	80.0
Gallimore	21.2	30.9	Gallimore	81.8
Hoben	24.3	28.6	Hoben	76.7
Hulsting	27.0	47.2	Hulsting	76.2
Inhaber	42.5	63.8	Inhaber	81.6
Miller	49.3	62.2	Miller	85.2
Smith	24.6	30.0	Smith	77.0
Tonda	42.7	78.3	Tonda	83.2
District	33.9	48.8	District	81.4
State	26.9	36.8	State	26.9

Grade 8 Science				
School	1996	1997	School	
Central	26.6	44.7	Central	83.3
East	45.5	58.9	East	82.0
Lowell	36.7	53.8	Lowell	77.1
Pioneer	39.2	52.8	Pioneer	92.5
West	32.7	30.7	West	91.4
District	33.9	32.4	District	84.6
State	21.5	17.8	State	69.1

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work done by its contractor or subcontractor. Potter of Ameritech said it was not using Cable Comm. at present. An attempt by the Observer to reach Cable Comm. at its Michigan telephone number got an automatic recording saying the line had been disconnected or is no longer in service. Ankony explained that right-of-way easements typically cover a small portion of each property and permit utilities to install such equipment as power, telephone, sewer or television cable lines. Such liens are good for one year, Ankony said, but the filer can ask a circuit court to amend the lease to run five more years. Canton subdivisions named are Franklin Palmer Estates; Nowland Estates; Palmer Place Condominiums; Stoncrest Condominiums; Century Farm; Stonegate; Covington Square; Oak Vale; Woodcreek No. 1; Forest Brook; Canton Country Acres and BI-Parkview Estates Nos. 1 and 2. Northville subdivisions are Northville Colony Estates Nos. 2, 4 and 5; Woods of Northville Condominiums and Northville Forest Apartments.

Jeff Potter, a spokesman for Chicago-based Ameritech, told the Observer on Monday the lien "should not affect any property owners." "Your readers have no need to be concerned," he said. As for the lien itself, Ameritech doesn't think it will hold up. "We don't dispute their (Vermeer's) right to put a lien on our cable," Potter said, "but liens can't be placed on right-of-way easements" according to Michigan law, "and that's our reason for disputing" the liens. He said Ameritech paid its general contractor, Cable Comm. Inc., of Michigan, "in full", although Ankony of First Michigan Title said Tuesday his feeling was Ameritech had paid only a portion of the agreed amount, due to its dissatisfaction with

Judge turns down move to block gas tax

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

State government is free to continue collecting the new 4-cents-a-gallon gasoline tax after an Ingham County judge refused an anti-tax group's request to block it. Judge Lawrence M. Glazer late Monday turned down a portion of the suit by Michigan Taxpayers United to block the law, which raised the tax from 15 to 19 cents a gallon effective last Aug. 1.

"It is my view the bill did receive immediate effect," said Glazer after a two-hour hearing. "It looks as if the tax will stay in place," said Chris DeWitt, spokesman for attorney general Frank Kelley who defended the state. "We are weighing the possibility of an appeal," said Bill McMaster, Birmingham public relations man, president of MTU and one of the plaintiffs. The case is still alive, however. MTU still is challenging the gasoline tax hike on a second ground: That a vote of the people is required to raise the total state revenue above 9.4 percent of total personal income of all persons, as defined by the U.S. Commerce Department.

That cap is contained in the 1978 Headlee amendment to the state constitution. McMaster worked on that campaign and heads the organization founded by the now-retired Richard Headlee.

8 months at stake
At stake in Monday's arguments were eight months of gasoline tax collections, some \$133 million - from Aug. 1 to about next April. McMaster argued that the tax couldn't be collected until April

1, or 90 days after the Legislature adjourned for the year, because the House had failed to give the bill a two-thirds vote (74) to give it "i.e." or immediate effect. "I.e." is always used on budget bills because they are passed in June and July, and the fiscal year starts Oct. 1. Most often, it's a consensus vote with no roll call demanded or reported. Lawmakers who voted against a budget bill almost never object to "i.e." Other bills also can get an "i.e."

The gasoline tax was more controversial. The problem was that the House had to pass it twice. Known as House Bill 4872, the bill won 70-26 and immediate effect in the House on June 26. The Senate made many amendments and finally passed its own eighth version, known as HB 4872 (S-8), on a 20-16 with no controversy over immediate effect. Both chambers must pass the identical version of a bill for it to become law, so HB 4872 (S-8) was sent back to the House. Long past midnight on July 16, the House passed the measure 56-48, the bare minimum for passage. But it took no separate "i.e." vote on the S-8 version.

Jaye asks vote
Rep. Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County, sought a separate vote. He submitted to Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, a petition with signatures of 25 members, three more than needed, asking for a record roll call "i.e." vote. Local signers included Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton. (Kaza liked it so much that he signed twice.)

Hertel said no, citing a January 1997 policy change in which the House leadership said it would not take a separate "i.e." vote on Senate amendments; the June 26 "i.e." was deemed sufficient. Judge Glazer agreed. MTU's chances are still alive. If it wins later, it could ask the court 1) either to order a refund of the excess gasoline tax through an income tax refund or 2) reduce the gasoline tax four cents to 11-cents-a-gallon for an appropriate period of time.

How they voted
HB 4872 (S-8) passed 56-48. Here is how area lawmakers voted:
Yes - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford. No - Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton. Not voting - Gerald Law, R-Plymouth. (Law's excused absence has the effect of a no vote.) Several area members voting no placed their objections in the permanent House Journal. Excerpts from their remarks:
Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake objected that "one-fourth of the tax increase will go to bridges which are mostly in Wayne County."

Deborah Whyman, R-Canton: "This gas tax increase offers no significant reform for the roads in my district. The vast majority of my roads are maintained by Wayne County, which spends 25 cents of every dollar on administrative overhead; Oakland County spends 13 cents. Throwing money at the roads will not fix them. Reform is necessary."

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Traditional names
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The recessionary canopy of eight just bayonets were fashioned out of General Motors coil springs by the group's blacksmith, nicknamed "Firestarter." To date, Ian's parents, Andy and Kathy Irvine, have not joined the muzzleloaders, "but we're working on them," said Kathy. For the wedding, Kathy researched family histories to find authentic tartan colors for the bridal party dresses and the men's kilts, all of which she made. The research turned up Mick McElheran's Irish and Scottish heritage. Kathy is Scottish and the Irvines are Scottish and English. Ian, a graduate of Lutheran High School North, works in his family's painting-contractor business. The newlyweds honeymooned in Mackinac City, visiting as many historic sites as possible. They recently purchased a home in Livonia

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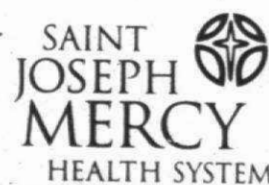


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Local school administrators head back to class at UM-D

Thirty administrators from 10 Wayne County school districts including Garden City, Livonia, Redford Union and Wayne-Westland are going back to school this fall, learning about the changes in public education. The administrators are students in a new leadership academy established by the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Education and the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation (MAISL), a collaborative of 10 school districts in western Wayne County. "The Leadership Academy will provide problem-focused, case-driven, active learning experiences or practicing and aspiring school leaders directed toward the identified needs of the school districts," according to Michael Wilnot, superintendent of Garden City Schools and president of MAISL. Administrators in the program will attend four full-day workshops at UM-D focused on a range of issues including violence in schools, using the Internet to enhance teaching and learning, ethnic and racial diversity in schools and "leadership or the new millennium." Participating are: ■Garden City - Judith Richards, principal at Memorial Elementary School; Keith Anlietner principal at Farmington Elementary School and Ben Alalouf, assistant principal at Garden City High School. ■Livonia - Lorna Durand, principal at Cooper-at-Whittier Elementary School; Laura Wallace, assistant principal at Holmes Middle School and Rod Hosman, principal at Churchill High School. ■Redford Union - Ken Johnson, superintendent RU Schools; Linda Pallas, director of instructional services RU Schools and Donna Rhodes, principal, Bowman Elementary School. ■Wayne-Westland - Neil Thomas, principal, John Glenn High School; Darlene Scott, principal, Franklin Middle School and Sally Perkins, principal, Elliott Elementary School. "One of the big issues that public schools will have to deal with in the very near future is posed by competition, which they never really faced before," according to John Poster, dean of UM-D's School of Education. "The growth in charter schools, home schooling and open enrollments, as well as the prospect of some sort of voucher system, all mean that public schools will need to develop a focus on "customer relations," Poster said. "It will require a different orientation and a significant amount of training for school administrators." Wilnot called the program "the first step in a partnership among K-12 districts and UM-D to develop administrative skills among the leadership of our public schools" Wilnot said. "It's a classic example of the kind of cooperation and partnership what we all should be doing more of."

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The class begins Saturday, Oct. 18 with sessions at 9 and 11 a.m. and the fee is \$75.

If your child is more musically inclined, the class Kid Jazz - Let's Write a Song gives budding musicians the opportunity to write their own songs and hear them put to music. Students will learn the basic elements of music and work together to write songs with a professional jazz performer.

Children aged 9 to 12 are eligible to register, and they do not need previous music experience. They will leave the class with a new understanding of how to make music and, if they bring an empty tape cassette, a copy of the finished product.

The class begins Saturday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. and the fee is \$75. For information, call (313) 462-4448.

New Internet column debuts Sunday

Veteran broadcast and print journalist Mike Wendland, best known in the metropolitan Detroit area for his investigative coverage on WDIV-TV Channel 4, will be a featured columnist starting today and every Sunday in the business section of The Observer Newspapers.

Wendland's column, *PC Talk*, will provide readers with useful and down-to-earth information about the Internet and anticipated advances in the ever-changing field of multi-media.

"The Internet has become one of the most powerful mediums of our time," said Wendland, "and an invaluable resource."

Whether you've been surfing on the net, thinking about catching the wave or afraid to take the big plunge, Wendland said his column will reassure apprehensive users that the Internet is about as easy to maneuver as using your remote control to change the channel on your television set.

"In the early days people were put off by computers because they were difficult to operate, big

and hard to understand," said Wendland. "Since then the market has exploded and the accessibility and usefulness has increased enormously. It's a fun and powerful medium that has become such an important part of our... everyday lives."

Speaking as one of the country's leading experts in using the Internet for research and information-gathering, Wendland travels the globe lecturing to corporations and civic, religious and professional organizations.

The author of a series of books, he also hosts a call-in radio program dealing with the world of personal computers and the Internet. His *PC Talk* radio program is in books and libraries.

His weekly column will feature "neat sites," says Wendland and



Columnist: Broadcaster Mike Wendland will write "PC Talk" in Sunday's Observer.

Carriers, families honored at Observer annual picnic

More than 500 young newspaper carriers and their families turned out last month for the Second Annual Carrier Appreciation Picnic hosted by the Observer Newspapers.

The Observer Newspapers provided food, prizes, games and clowns for the event which was held at Camp Dearborn in Milford. Disc jockey Jeffrey Pausch played music for the crowd.

"The weather cooperated and everyone enjoyed themselves," said Larry Geiger, circulation manager for the Observer Newspapers. "This is an annual event which we all look forward to and like to plan."

"We'll be at Camp Dearborn again next year. We appreciate all of our carriers and this is just one way we can show them just how much their work is valued," said Geiger.

Joe Zarembo, an Observer carrier from Livonia, said his family had a very good time. They won a \$100 gift certificate to Parisian.



Crowd pleasing: Sunny skies provided the perfect backdrop for the second annual Observer Newspaper Carrier Appreciation Picnic. Picnicgoers lined up for fun at the event held at Camp Dearborn. Plans are underway for next year's special event.

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Students may register by mail, fax and in-person. Since course registrations are verified by mail, students are advised to sign up as early as possible to ensure their space and receive timely confirmation.

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SC culinary fest aids scholarship fund

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Hungry for some exotic foods and extraordinary cuisine?

Well, if you have a palate for adventure and want to help contribute to a college scholarship fund, you can visit the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College on Sunday, Sept. 21 for the Sixth Annual Culinary Extravaganza.

More than 60 restaurants from southeastern Michigan will be represented to highlight this year's theme, "Join the Adventure." Restaurant fare features everything from Maine lobster and rock shrimp risotto from Morels in Birmingham to Black Angus pot roast from the Innkeeper Restaurant at Metro Airport.

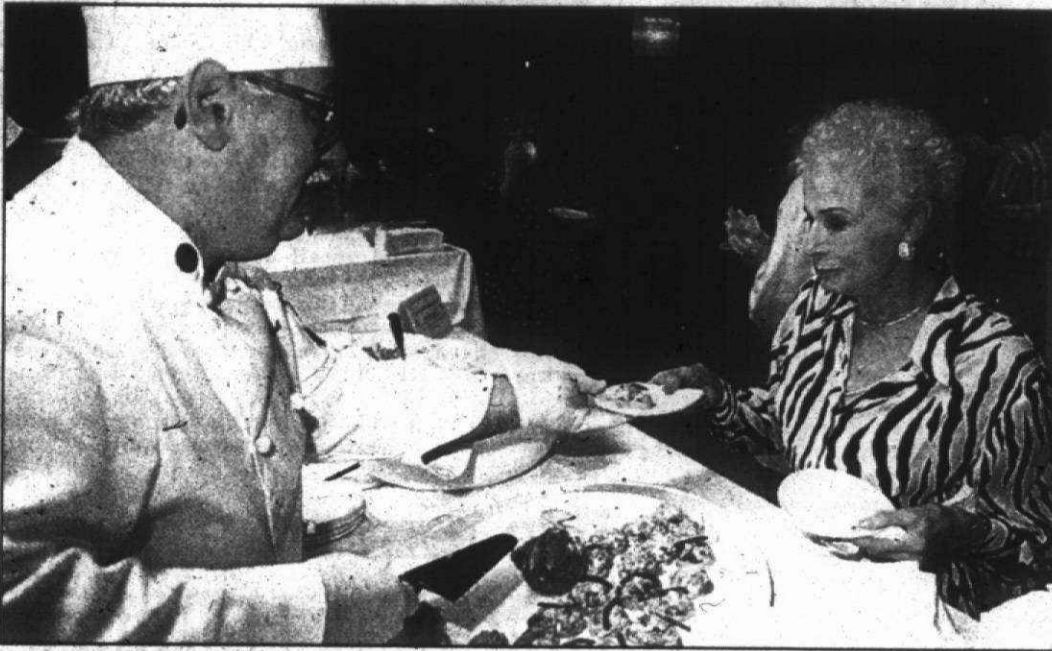
The event will move from the Waterman Center to McDowell Center (faces Haggerty Road) to allow easier access for patrons from parking lots and give restaurants and patrons open areas near McDowell's main stairway on all three floors, according to Sandra Florek, dean of marketing and development for Schoolcraft College.

"We want to give visitors more of a feeling of being in the same area at the same time," Florek said.

Organizers hope to draw more than 800 patrons, the number of visitors last year. The event raised more than \$100,000 last year; this year's goal is \$120,000. Money raised enters Schoolcraft's scholarship fund. All culinary arts students receive a scholarship for helping with the event, Florek said.

Tickets for the event are \$40 per person or two tickets for \$75.

The event features food samples, a silent auction for wine, a raffle drawing and mini seminars on food-related topics. Beth Mocerri, coordinator of special events, said Michigan-made wines will be featured at the wine auction, along with French and California wines. The Michi-



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gan wines were donated by the Michigan Grape Wine Industry Council.

Patrons can donate in various scholarship packages: Partner, \$25,000; Platinum, \$5,000; Diamond, \$2,500; Gold, \$1,000; Silver, \$500, and Bronze, \$250.

Two sponsors already stand out in organizers' minds. Bill Greenman, owner of a Speedy Printing in Livonia, printed invitations and promotional materials for the event.

"It's incredible to have someone do that for us," Mocerri said. "It's a huge donation."

Glenda's Market in Livonia also will decorate all the floors of the building with flowers, greenery, silks and living plants.

Volunteers, such as David Brandon, CEO of Valassis Inc., assist the event greatly through their efforts. "There's no way we could do this event by ourselves," Florek said.

To take a break from the gourmet food, participants can attend one of several free mini-seminars on topics such as pastries and desserts, champagne and dessert wines for the holidays or how to work with chocolate. More than 100 bottles of wine will be displayed, and later auctioned. Auction items also include a VIP tour and wine-tasting for six at Chateau Chantal on Old Mission Peninsula near Traverse City and sets of tickets to the Michigan-Michigan State and Michigan-Ohio State football games.

The first-prize winner in the raffle will receive a framed jersey from this year's Stanley Cup champions, the Detroit Red Wings, signed by team captain Steve Yzerman. The second prize is the lease of a Jaguar for two weeks from Jaguar of Plymouth. A diamond and amethyst ring from Orin Jewelers is the third

prize and the fourth prize is a trip to Las Vegas for two, staying at the Imperial Palace donated by Livonia Travel.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.

Florek believes the event is appropriate for Schoolcraft, which houses what she calls the "best culinary arts program in the nation."

"Many restaurants are willing to cooperate because they know we educate many of the people who will be working in their restaurants. Everyone talks about the cost of education, and I think it's a fun way to raise money so that students can go to college."

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BY RENEE SEGLUND
STAFF WRITER

After 31 years teaching fourth and fifth grade at Farrand Elementary School in Plymouth, Ron Beier has put away the books. In his long career, he never became a principal, or even an assistant principal. It wasn't a goal. "I don't think he aspired to do anything like that. He just enjoyed being a teacher," said Ann Kuhn, principal at Farrand.

When people ask Beier why he stayed at one school for such a long time, he tells them: "I was always comfortable. There was no reason to change."

Beier's affable personality made him the perfect elementary school teacher. He seldom raised his voice in the class-

room. "Some kids would say I don't get mad. I would tell them I didn't have the energy to get mad."

Beier said he wasn't a born teacher, just someone who was influenced along the way. His brother is a teacher, his roommate in the service remains a teacher after 40 years, and his own sixth-grade teacher made an impression on him, although Beier can't remember why. "I just had my best experience in that year."

Of all the subjects he's taught, social studies remains his favorite. He and his wife Carol Ann, a kindergarten teacher at Allen Elementary for 34 years, have traveled extensively throughout the United States. Beier said he knows his geography...most of

the time.

In 1978, his fifth-grade class decided to bury a time capsule on school grounds and retrieve it when they graduated from high school. All kinds of memorabilia went into the capsule, including a recorded message of each student's voice. The capsule was buried and its location supposedly noted.

In 1985, 13 seniors showed up shovels in hand. "We spent the day digging, and we could never find this capsule," said Beier. One student questioned a patch of new shrubbery. "Were those shrubs there in 1978? Nah, thought Beier."

A few years later when Farrand was adding a new addition, Beier watched from his classroom as a bulldozer plowed across the property and uproot-

ed those shrubs. A piece of crumpled metal lay in front of the bulldozer. The time capsule.

"Scattered across the ground I found all these artifacts. I put them on the principal's desk to dry out. Two days later the custodian threw them out," Beier still smiles when he tells that story.

Former students often drop by to say hello and recall other anecdotes. Michael Johnson, who was in Beier's first class, did this for many years. "The thing I remember about him was that he was a hard worker. School wasn't easy, but he had a great attitude," said Beier.

Attitude always went a long way in Beier's classroom. "Everyone can be a

good citizen no matter what is your gray matter."

Beier said teaching has changed over the years. Threats of litigation have limited a teacher's ability to discipline, and some parents let the schools do the parenting. An attitude of "don't worry, be happy" has produced students satisfied with mediocrity. "Kids need a little stress to do a good job."

Beier doesn't regret his decision to retire. "I didn't want to be sitting here at my desk, nodding and drooling." It was simply time to pursue other interests, and Beier has many. He collects baseball cards, license plates, coins and stamps. He golfs, bowls, hunts small game, and detects metal on both land and water.

Police expect arrests in string of thefts at Holiday Estates

Police expected to make arrests late this week in a series of weekend thefts from the Holiday Estates trailer court located in the 46000 block of Geddes.

Canton Detective Leonard Wolons said Tuesday arrest warrants for breaking and entering and larceny were being requested for three suspects, all in their late teens and at least one of whom lives in the trailer court.

Police recovered some of the stolen items in that youth's residence, which he shares with an aunt and his grandmother. Other items turned up elsewhere in the court.

Most of the thefts, which were from five different addresses, apparently occurred sometime Saturday night.

A male resident in the 500 block of Poplar reported the loss of \$700 in jewelry, a computer, a stereo receiver and a paint sprayer - all of which were found next door by police who were given permission to search the trailer by an occupant.

Among the items recovered were three "Godfather" video tapes which an investigating officer recognized from a Sept. 2

COP CALLS

larceny case he had worked.

The jewelry was found in a pillowcase in the bottom of a garbage container.

Two neighbors reported their vehicles had been broken into and items stolen. A \$350 radio was taken from one and \$422 in tools and audio equipment from the other.

A radio was stolen from an unlocked trailer and two CDs from a vehicle parked at a fifth trailer.

On Monday, five golf clubs, seven CDs, two fishing poles and a tackle box, all valued at \$225, were reported stolen from another unit in the trailer court. When police investigated, they found a radar detector, camera and flashlight behind the shed at the address.

Items stolen
A \$200 cellular phone and \$200 radar detector were report-

ed stolen from a vehicle in the 46500 block of Larchmont. Police had no suspects.

House party
A 17-year-old woman was ticketed by police Saturday night after a fight at a house party at her home in the 44000 block of Proctor.

Police said one group of teenagers threw bottles at a van carrying several other teens. A window was broken with a hockey stick and one teen in the van was taken to a hospital after suffering a cut ear.

Police found numerous open beer bottles at the scene.

Bikes stolen
A family in the 1200 block of Stacy that was preparing to move to Eaton Rapids, Mich., reported that three chained-up mountain bicycles valued at \$500 were stolen.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., September 25, 1997, for the following:

PURCHASE OF SIX (6) LAPTOP COMPUTERS


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

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Specifications and Bid Forms can be obtained at the Purchasing Department, Board of Education Building, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI. Bids are due on or before 2:00 P.M. Friday, September 19, 1997. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the School District.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JACK F. FARROW, Secretary
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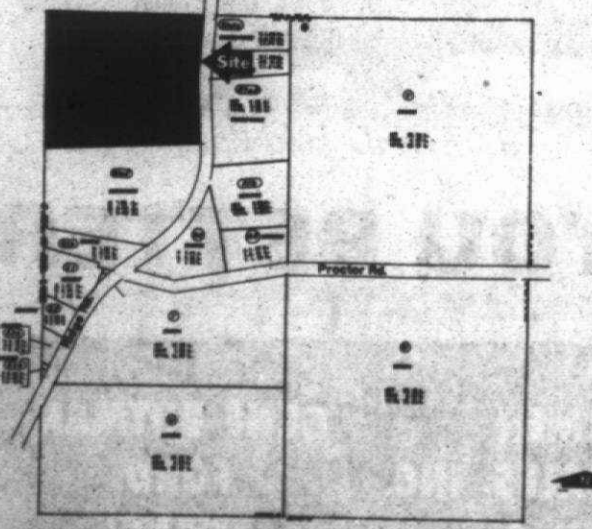
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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KOWALSKI REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 094 99 0015 701, 094 99 0015 702, 094 99 0015 703, AND 094 99 0015 704 FROM R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO R-4, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the west side of Leix Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer Roads. Rescheduled from September 8, 1997.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

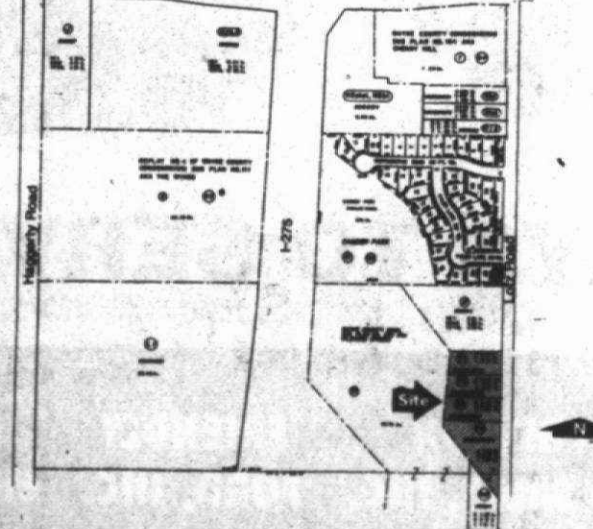
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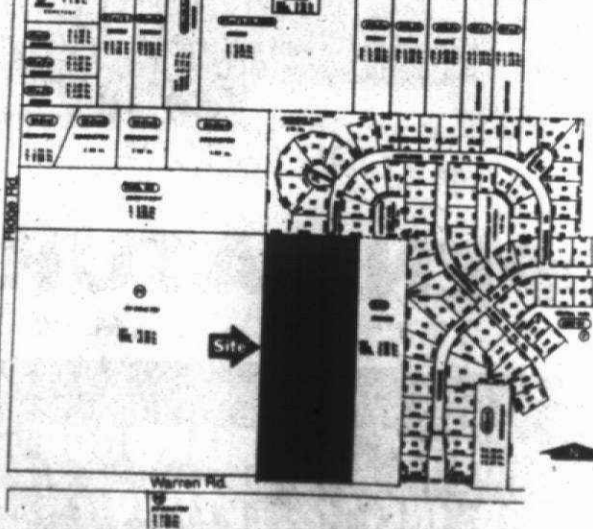
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BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

They were the boys of summer, and their home runs were like their church — solid as a rock.

Plymouth's Solid Rock Bible Church recently won the 35-team men's Class A Church Division World Championship of the U.S. Slow-Pitch Softball Association in Lafayette, La. The team went 6-0 in the winners' bracket and clobbered Revival Community Church of Washington 17-10 in the final game.

"We're the number-one church team in the country," said Rob White, the church's pastor, who made the all-tourney team. White's brother Jerry is the team coach.

White said his church uses softball as a church ministry. "We invite a bunch of guys to play ball and then we teach them about God. They still get to do something they like but with a higher motivation.

Higher motivation definitely was at play during the tournament. The team dedicated the championship to leukemia-stricken church-member Amy Barta, 13, of Redford Township. "She was very excited," said White.

The team members take their playing and praying seriously. They've been blessed with a sense of humor, and their camaraderie is obvious.

Champs: Plymouth's Solid Rock Bible Church recently won the Class A Church Division World Championship of the U.S. Slow-Pitch Softball Association in Lafayette, La.

They like to kid Scott "Helium" Hille, 30, of Livonia about being the team's "home run hero." Coach White says Hille was named all-state in high school because he went to

before.

As a manager with Michigan Bell in the late 70s and early 80s, one job involved identifying employees who'd be relocated due to the ATT-Bell divestiture. She recalled moving six employees from Bell's Houghton office. Sayles was able to help find new jobs for five of them.

"Maybe it's part of my makeup. I like helping people. I've had to adjust to changes too," she said. "I enjoy the challenge of helping them to understand change."

After starting with Bell in 1960 in Flint, she was promoted to manager at age 23 and worked for the company in Saginaw, Grand Rapids and Southfield

before moving to Plymouth Township in 1993.

Sayles said she chose the township because of the schools system, proximity to freeways, and because it was a local call to her sister in Ann Arbor.

Another attraction was that Plymouth Township is a heavily Republican area. She'd served as vice chairwoman of the Genesee County Republicans in the late 70s, and attended the inauguration of George Bush in 1989.

"I have no desire to hold public office. I'm interested in trying to improve the quality of life in the community I live in," Sayles said.

Gov. John Engler appointed her to the Michigan Personnel Agency Board in

1993, and she now serves the board as vice chairwoman.

Sayles' involvement in the community started soon after moving here. She met former Township Supervisor Maurice Breen and future township police chief Carl Berry while starting a neighborhood watch program, after a break-in at her home. She helped work on an economic development study for the township in the mid-80s.

Of her service on the planning commission, Sayles said, "I think we've had a very good plan for development in Plymouth Township and can be very proud of our industrial and technology parks."

She said the public sometimes doesn't understand planning laws, when they

Church sluggers win U.S. title

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an all-girl school. Hille, who graduated from Livonia's Churchill High, doesn't say much. He lets his muscles do the talking.

Hille was the team's offensive MVP, hitting .889 with nine home runs. Coach White said Hille smashed three homers into a harsh wind in the final game.

There's lots of big bats on this team. Catcher and third-baseman Todd Wallace, 32, of Romulus, the tournament MVP, hit .785; first-baseman Alan Brown and center-fielder Scott Janach both hit .760; pitcher Scott "Scooter" Nastally, 25, batted a .708; and Pastor Rob White batted a respectable .695.

Jack Hille, Scott's dad, is the assistant coach; water guy and the team's disciplinarian. He keeps egos in check and the decibel level down during team interviews.

He reminds the team who's behind their wins. "Lot of guys play with upper level A and AA teams. But on the church team maybe it's the Lord who elevated them to higher heights."

Jack Hille says the team prays together before and after every meal, "unless we get baloney." Son Scott says the team mostly

prays during a game. First-baseman Mark Gardner, 40, the church's deacon, said he praises God all the time "for the talent these men have been blessed with."

The gross tonnage of the team is awesome, with some of players weighing in at 270-plus pounds. "Nobody wants to play us. Maybe it's the 73 home runs in Cincinnati in six games," said Chuck McBay, 32.

While their muscles may be intimidating, the players' manners aren't. "People take a look at the size of these guys and say how do you get these guys to be so polite," said Coach White.

Many players are tournament vets. Left-fielder Mike McNeillance, 42, a Livonia police lieutenant, played for the Troy team that recently won the police world's tournament in Detroit. Outfielder Scott Janach, 25, of Canton has won six other world titles. Second-baseman Tony Marabito, 34, of Dearborn Heights said he's played on tournament teams for more than seven years.

Right-fielder Steve Swope, 30, and center-fielder Jack Russell, 44, summed up the team's feeling towards their church and the glorious game of baseball: "It's the greatest thrill playing with people you really care about," said Swope. "It's the best when you get a bunch of Christians playing," said Russell.

Don Massey Cadillac of Plymouth, D & R Auto of Belleville and the Canton Softball Center sponsored the team.

Sayles says goodbye to Plymouth planning commission

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

In a period of big changes with the phone company, Marcia Sayles was just the person to present them to employees and the public.

After 37 years with the Michigan Bell and Ameritech, she's retired from her job as public relations director. Mary Roehr has succeeded her in the job.

A Plymouth Township planning commissioner since 1990, Sayles also plans to resign her seat on the township planning commission at the end of the year.

That's because she and husband Joe Sayles plan to do some serious traveling. Of the attraction of traveling, she said, "You see things you've never seen

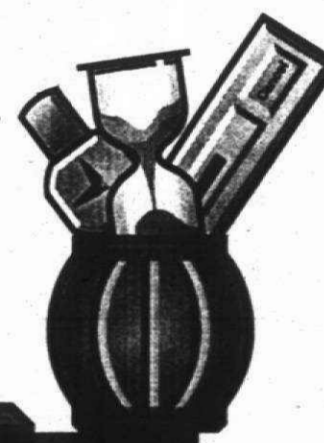
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Summit Despite deficit it has assets

Summit on the Park is operating in the red, which isn't entirely unexpected. Canton officials said last month that the sparkling community recreation and banquet center operated at a deficit during 1996 and could also fail to break even for the current fiscal year.

The state has asked Canton for deficit reduction plans for the community center fund and two other, smaller funds.

The center, built in 1995 for \$4 million (using landfill royalties in the community center fund) has an annual operating budget of about \$1.9 million.

Tony Minghine, Canton budget and finance director, said that expectations were the center would run deficits the first few years. The deficit has been reduced and a break-even point could reasonably be expected by 1998 or 1999, he said.

While there is no imminent danger of the Summit closing its doors, the center's financial situation does shed light on the misguided idea put forth by some that government should be run like business. The Summit will probably never generate annual revenues that greatly exceed its expenses. Its banquet facilities have been booked solid for nighttime and weekend events but it is among the smaller banquet centers in western Wayne County. It has yet to catch on as a facility for weekday business meetings and overhead for the recreational aspects of the building, particularly swimming pools, is high.

The bottom line shouldn't be ignored. But there are other reasons - tangible and intangible - that make a building like the Summit an overall plus for the community.

Canton has staked a claim on being a recreation leader in western Wayne. The Summit is part of a package that helps draw young families to the township. It joins other first-rate facilities, including Heritage Park, two public golf courses and soccer fields planned for the Denton-Proctor Road area in southwest Canton.

Outside of the Summit and Heritage Park, Canton boasts no great public hall or gathering place. The civic center complex is an efficient, but mostly utilitarian collection of buildings - with the public library being the only real spot that encourages small (and quiet) events. Neither does Canton have an enclosed shopping mall. Like them or not, malls have in some ways replaced the town square as a place for concerts, charity events and social gatherings.

The Summit, which is modern and features a bold (for a government building) design, has in less than two years become a facility with a well-defined mission and a real asset to the community.

The Observer believes that township officials and Summit staff will be able to fine-tune the operation so that the community center will eventually be able to break even. But in many ways, Canton's community center has already exceeded expectations.

Reaching expectations



Summit on the Park: The community center operated in a deficit last year and quite possibly could end this year in the red too, but officials expect it to maintain a break-even point by 1998 or 1999.

Autumn gives time to reflect

Who would think that death could be so beautiful?

We're talking autumn here. We know, of course, that the sensational orange, red and yellow leaves that will soon dazzle our neighborhoods are really dying.

The honking of migrating geese saying, "Farewell, farewell our friends," fills the air. The days grow shorter and cooler. The season is short. Too short.

Autumn is a bridge between the promises of summer and the certainty of a bitter winter. It's lost opportunity, but delightful memories. Many folks think about their mortality at

this time of year. The recent deaths of Princess Diana and Mother Teresa drive home the point that life is temporary and fragile, just like gorgeous leaves falling from trees.

Where are we going? What are we doing with our time? Where do our lives fit into the bigger picture? What can we do to reach our full potential? How do we want to be remembered?

Autumn is the perfect time for reflection, to recall where we've been, to take a reading of where we are and to set a course where we want to sail.

Number jumble marches ahead

Technology is supposed to make things easier. And although it's true most of the time, the learning curve can be a bear.

When it comes to using the telephone, consumers and business owners will need to pay attention to changes coming soon and throughout next year.

Southeast Michigan's new 248 area code becomes "official" Saturday, Sept. 13. Beginning that day, people outside the 248 area must dial 1 + 248 before entering the seven-digit phone number.

A small section of Livonia and Northville in western Wayne County along with parts of Washtenaw and Livingston counties and most of Oakland County are part of the 248 area code. Callers who do not use the 248 area code when required will hear a recording telling them they need to dial the call again using 248.

Starting in mid-December, Wayne County (outside of Detroit) along with Monroe and the majority of Washtenaw counties can begin using the 734 area code. The 734 code becomes

mandatory July 25, 1998.

Business customers are encouraged to test their internal phone system to determine if it recognizes the new area code. Older business phone systems may not be equipped or programmed to accept the newer area codes.

Until 1995, area codes always had a "1" or "0" as the middle digit. But because the supply of old codes has been depleted, new area codes have middle digits that use the numbers "2" through "9."

To test their systems, businesses can call 1 (248) 253-9717. Callers will hear a message telling them their call has been completed successfully. Failure to reach the message means phone equipment may need to be reprogrammed, upgraded or replaced.

The telecommunications boom with its pagers, cell phones, fax machines and computer modems is marching forward. Don't let the number jumble get the best of you when placing a call.

LETTERS

Praise for nursery

My daughter 10, and son 6, have been going to Red Bell Nursery, 44661 Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon Road. My daughter started at age 3, son at age 4. We have had them enrolled for the school-year curriculum and in their summer programs as well.

The Red Bell staff has been super and very helpful. Every year we see new employees. Red Bells' management has been very selective about hiring the right people. We have always felt secure and satisfied with the teachers ability to help and teach and still have patience with the children.

Parents can stop and see their children at any time they want without any interruption in their program. We checked several preschools before we chose Red Bell, but there was no comparison between Red Bell and the other preschools.

Red Bell does not have to advertise for hiring people for their programs. Word of mouth has been their best advertising.

We will miss previous director, Mr. Jack Lewis, as he retired after 25 years working at Red Bell. Also we welcome the new director and his wife to Red Bell. The friendly staff in the office always welcomes you to discuss any concerns about any questions you have.

The summer programs are so great. Every day they are doing different things or going somewhere. We had planned to go on vacation the last two weeks of August. But this year my children preferred to stay in Red Bell and have fun with their friends.

At the summer program, children come from many different schools, they make new friends, so that by the end of this summer, they would rather be with their friends instead of going on vacation. Consequently, my family didn't go on vacation because Red Bell made it so exciting!

We would like to thank the staff and all employees who make Red Bell for children a very special and caring place.

Hassan and Nancy Darouie
Plymouth

Campaign finance needed

Once again, the congressional leadership is playing games with campaign finance reform, and the citizens are the losers. If Republicans and Democrats can reach agreement on a bipartisan balanced budget, why can't they reach an agreement on practical, bipartisan campaign finance legislation? The answer is they can, but as with the budget, they will have to be practical and put aside narrow partisan differences.

The solution is balanced, incremental campaign finance legislation that addresses the most egregious abuses seen in the last election. Such legislation would close the soft money loophole, which allows corporations, labor unions and wealthy individuals to pour unlimited amounts of money into campaigns. And it would deal political attack ads disguised as "issue advocacy." These ads, which escape all disclosure requirements, destroy accountability and leave citizens scratching their heads when they want to know just who is trying to influence our elections. The virtue of incremental reform is that it is both meaningful and achievable. It represents a practical middle ground that both parties can embrace.

While the amount of soft money in last year's election tripled, voter turnout declined to its lowest point in more than 70 years. It is time to put a stop to the deterioration of our political process. It's time for the politicians in Washington to put aside their partisan differences and act in the interests of our democracy. Congress must pass practical campaign finance reform. All we're asking is that our elected officials do their job.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: Which was the greater loss to the world, Princess Diana or Mother Teresa?

Jim Monerleff, Redford: "Mother Teresa was the greater loss from a spiritual perspective. People need direction."

Rosanne Hoppner: "Both were equal. I couldn't distinguish between them, because both were humanitarians."

Julia Meixner, Canton: "Mother Teresa, because of her Christian life and belief and the way she saw God in everyone."

Reshma Nanavati: "Mother Teresa. She was an Indian and I am an Indian and I had heard for years about what work she has done."

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Diana's life and death have lessons for us all

Most of us grew up listening to fairy tales. As adults, we read these same fairy tales to the little children in our lives. In the stories, none embodied those virtues more than the princess.

It is, perhaps, a credit to these fairy tales that we so often use the word "princess" as a term of endearment for the little girls in our lives. As the father of a young lady, I know how strong the desire is to see our children attain a life of such boundless joy and fulfillment. It seems only natural that perfection would be defined by the storybook princess.

The more fortunate among us realize early on that such notions are better off stored in the fantasy section of our brains. So many others, it seems, are wracked with frustration and dis-

appointment from trying to keep that dream alive.

Maybe that explains some of the incredible appeal of Princess Diana. At the age of 20, she not only became a princess, she became the princess - the bride of the heir to the British throne. She joined the royal family in the grandest wedding ever held, and appeared to have everything necessary for a smooth trip to the road to happily ever after.

Her appeal spread across the range from those who envied her for what she had to those who empathized with her for what she lost. Right before the eyes of the world, she went from enjoying the dream held by so many little children to enduring the despair and insecurity felt by so many adults - her thin regal veneer peeling off to



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reveal a soft core of human frailty. She was, aside from all of the royal trappings, a lot like the rest of us.

In the days since her death, this woman, who had lived as tragically as she died, has been practically deified. The outrageous spectacle of her funeral has become the grandest example

of wretched excess since her own wedding. Millions of people jamming the streets of London, billions more watching on television, and media coverage stretching around the world, around the clock have put the fallen princess on a fast track to sainthood. With all due respect to her, all this fuss has become an unbridled orgy of bandwagon grieving.

This ridiculous overreaction to her demise, and overstatement of the greatness of her life, could very easily destroy what I believe is her most significant contribution to humankind. She showed the world that the storybook life is just a myth - that such a vision is merely a mirage, even to those who marry future kings.

It would be a great service to many young people if, because of the lessons

of her life, we would ditch the whole fairy-princess, happily-ever-after hope.

I believe all of us can draw some value from Diana's death, as well as that of Mother Teresa. One had unlimited material wealth yet died with an impoverished spirit, while the other owned virtually nothing and died with spiritual wealth beyond measure. Both offered us lessons to learn and cherish.

Maybe the storybooks won't be rewritten because of this, but they may take on a different meaning. This time the princess' story didn't have a happy ending, but, then again, her life, just like everyone else's, wasn't really a fairy tale.

Gary Belanger is a Redford resident.

MEAP scores shed light on charter school deficiencies

Advocates of so-called charter schools were silent last week. Why? The MEAP scores came out.

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program tested grades five and eight in writing and science - four scores for every district.

Foes of public schools for decades have beat their drums criticizing "failing public schools," even after the corner was turned in the 1980s. In Michigan, they concocted "public school academies" or charter schools, which would be "freed from the shackles of the state bureaucracy" and more responsive to parents' wishes. The bulk were private schools which converted to get state money.

To put 97 pages of statistics into a nutshell: About one-fourth of charter schools turned in better MEAP performance than the intermediate and local districts around them. Three-fourths were worse.

Let's look at the bottom rung: "not yet proficient" or failing scores.

In Wayne County, 12.1 percent failed the fifth-grade science test, 34.2 fifth-grade writing. Detroit checked in with fifth-grade failure rates of 16.5 and 44.5.

Academy of Detroit-Westland showed fifth-grade failure rates of 37.5 and 66.7 percent; Academy of Detroit-West, 51.3 and 74.4 percent; Caesar Chavez, 33.3 and 66.7; Colin Powell, 50 and 41.7; Gaudior, 33.3 and 41.7; Natakali Talibah Schoolhouse, 36 and 42.1; Sierra Leone, 0 and 36 (good in science, bad in writing); Thomas-Gist, 56.5 and 65.2; and so on.

Any good ones? Aisa Shule's failure rates were 11.1 and 30 percent; Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center had 0 and 0 - everyone at least novice; Summit Academy 5.9 (good in science) and 35.3 (bad in writing).

In Oakland County, the "not yet proficient" scores for fifth grade were 4.7 and 16.5. In Southfield, where many academies are located, public schools scored 8 and 16.7.



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Manoogian Academy reported 14.3 and 7.1 - below average in science, above in writing. Academy of Detroit-East reported 52 and 60 percent; Academy of Detroit-Southfield, 17.2 and 35.7.

Let's look at the eighth grade, where Oakland County scored 13.8 percent failures in science and 16 percent in writing.

Manoogian performed at 18.8 percent and 9.1 percent - again, better in writing but worse in science. Academy of Detroit-Oak Park (with no fifth-grade program)

showed bottom-rung scores of 72.4 and 31.6.

Ingham County's fifth-grade flunk rates were 25 and 22.3. Only Sankofa Shule topped the county average in one area, writing, while El Shabazz, Mid-Michigan, and Walter French Academy did worse. The academies' scores also were below Lansing public schools.

Saginaw County had "not yet proficient" scores among 12.7 percent in fifth-grade science and 26.1 percent in writing. At Northlane Academy of Math and Science, the respective scores were 20 and 40 percent. Northlane is noteworthy because science is one of its specialties, and it was one of the intervening defendants on behalf of charter schools in the recent Michigan Supreme Court case.

In Kent County, charter schools looked good. Excel and Vanguard had failure rates a bit below the county average; Vista was above.

But here we come to one of the puzzles of charter schools. Three Kent

County academies had only two to six pupils taking the tests; in writing, some had failure rates of 100 percent because the sample size was so tiny. Many other charter schools had dismal scores because only a handful of pupils took the tests.

How can the authorities justify the existence of an academy with two-10 pupils in an entire grade?

Charter fans have an alibi for the dismal scores: They're taking in a lot of students with problems. Of course, they never used that alibi in the 1960s-1980s when city public schools became dumping grounds.

Charter school fans advocate hundreds of more charters. Wrong. The State Board of Education should be authorized to take an unblinking look at them. The few good ones should be emulated. The many weak ones should be closed and their \$5,400 per pupil sent to true public schools.

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

Caring about community sets these journalists apart

So much already has been said and written about the death of Princess Diana and the role of the celebrity photographers in it that I hesitate to put in my own two bits.

Except that the core issue in the matter - the relative responsibility of the paparazzi who stalk celebrities, who in turn feed on the fame their images build - strikes precisely to the particular kind of community journalism practiced by this newspaper.

In my mind, the central obscenity propagated by the motorcycle-riding photographers who chased the princess, her boyfriend and their driver to their sudden deaths was that they did not care what took place as a result of their actions.

They didn't care that chasing a Mercedes at very high speeds might wind up in a fatal crash. As they clambered over the twisted wreck to take close-ups, they didn't care that people lay bleeding and dying inside.

They did not care about the consequences of their actions. And as a result, in my mind, they are condemned as fundamentally irresponsible people pursuing a particularly intrusive and obnoxious trade.

Now - and here's where community journalism comes in - the paparazzi claim they are little more than regular photojournalists, maybe a little more aggressive than most, but still engaged in the overall journalistic enterprise. And that claim may well be true, especially when the definition of overall journalistic enterprise extends to the editors who pay enormous prices for paparazzi pics.

And that is where those of us who practice community journalism at this HomeTown newspaper part company with the overall journalistic enterprise. We think there's a big difference between community journalism and the other sort, enough so that we stress the difference in an essay on Our Company Philosophy that goes to all staffers:

"All journalists share the same obligation to truth, accuracy and fairness. But because we publish community newspapers, we think about community journalism in a fundamentally different way than our bigger competitors. They consider themselves to be independent from the stories, the people and the communities they cover, swooping in to write of the unusual or sensational and then dashing off to cover something else.

"We regard ourselves as both accurate journalists and as caring citizens of the communities where we both work and live. It's often hard



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to have both feelings at once, but in the end it makes for fairer and more accurate journalism because it considers the consequences of a news story to the community and to the people involved.

"As a suburban mayor once said about reporters from the downtown daily newspaper, 'The only time we see those bastards out here is when there's blood in the streets.'"

This philosophy isn't something printed on a sheet of paper, framed and hung on the wall safely out of the way. It's something embedded at the heart of everything we do.

Here's an example: In May 1993, a group of kids from Cranbrook-Kingswood School on a camping trip in the Great Smoky Mountains got caught in a freakish spring blizzard. It was touch and go for awhile, but they survived, only to become the objects of a media feeding frenzy.

The big city dailies ran screaming headlines about "Campers Safe," while Bill Bonds kept berating the Channel 7 news crew for not getting closer to the scene as the buses pulled in and kids were joyously welcomed into the arms of anxious parents.

The headline in the Birmingham Eccentric, one of our HomeTown newspapers: "Welcome home." And our reporters and photographers were the only ones allowed in the greeting area. Why? As editor Joe Bauman wrote: "Because we had the contacts and the confidence of the Cranbrook officials who knew us and what they could expect from us."

As community journalists, we are both accurate journalists and caring citizens of the home towns we cover. That is the definition of human and journalistic responsibility that never occurred to the paparazzi who chased Princess Diana to her death.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.



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OBITUARIES

HOWARD B. TRIPP

Mr. Tripp, 75, formerly of Plymouth died Sept. 4.

Born on November 20, 1921, in Ypsilanti. Mr. Tripp was raised in Ypsilanti and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1948 with an engineering degree. He retired from the Wayne County Road Commission in 1975.

Survivors include his four sons, Dan Tripp, Glenn Tripp, John Tripp, Douglas Tripp; one daughter, Teresa Ward; seven grandchildren; and one sister, Helen Meyers.

Services were held at the Orr Funeral Home with the Rev.

John Brill officiating. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Fairview.

Memorials may be made to the Grayling Mercy Americare, Hospice Services, 125 Michigan Ave., Grayling, Mich 49738.

JEAN VAN FLEET WENDOVER

Mrs. Wendover, 73, of Kentwood, Mich. and St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Plymouth, died Sept. 6.

Born in April 4, 1924 in Middletown, N.Y., Mrs. Wendover was a landscape painter and arts supporter. She was president of the homeowners' group in her Club Chalet neighborhood in St. Petersburg, Fla. and an active

supporter of AIDS causes. She was a graduate of Middletown High School in 1942 and a 1945 graduate of Centenary College.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William E. Wendover in 1978.

Survivors include her daughter, Diane (Stephen) Herbruck; one son, W. Edward Wendover; one brother, Robert (Celeste) Van Fleet; two grandchildren, Jess Wendover, Vincent Herbruck; seven nephews and three nieces; and several great and great-great nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be at 12 p.m., Sept. 13 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Services will be held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Society, to AIDS research or to the Club Chalet Park Association.

RICHARD F. LABER

Mr. Laber, 57, of Canton Twp. died Sept. 6.

Born on June 14, 1940 in Springfield, Vt. Mr. Laber was a vice president of purchasing at Printing Ink Corporation.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia M. Laber; three sons, Richard F. Laber, Kevin J. Laber, Corey J. Laber; one

daughter, Lisa C.; parents, Ferris and Mary Laber; one brother, Robert Laber; two sisters, Debbie and Susan Laber.

Local arrangements were held by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Services were held at St. Michael Lutheran Church with Dr. Jerry A. Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

BERNICE ROGINSKI

Mrs. Roginski, 72, of Salem Twp., died Sept. 7.

Born on May 1, 1925 in Windsor, Ontario, Mrs. Roginski was employed by Coldwell-Banker, Noling of South Lyon in Real

Estate for over 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edmond W. Roginski in Nov. 1991.

Survivors include her son, Rick (Chris) Frank; one granddaughter, Cheri (Anthony) Vella; one brother, Jim (Betty) Whyatt; Kathleen (Stanley) Layson; six nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Phillips Funeral Home with the Rev. Fr. Leslie Harding from the Holy Cross Episcopal Church of Novi officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

State House announces new awards program for organizations in elder care

Michigan House Republicans recently announced a new statewide recognition program for companies leading in the field of elder care, according to an area lawmaker.

State Rep. Gerald H. Law, R-Plymouth, said Innovations in Elder Care: Promoting Solutions in Michigan will acknowledge Michigan busi-

nesses and organizations that have been in the forefront on this important issue.

Innovations in Elder Care offers seven awards in the following categories:

■Innovator Award for a new program or policy.

■Pioneer Award for an existing program or policy.

■Helping Hands Award for

communities that provide elder care solutions.

A private, public and non-profit employer or facility will be recognized in the Innovator and Pioneer categories.

All nominees will be recognized for their leadership. Employers and individuals who have shown extra initiative will earn additional recog-

nition at a public awards ceremony held on Oct. 29.

Nominations forms for Innovations in Elder Care: Promoting Solutions in Michigan are available by writing Law at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, Mi. 48909 or calling (517) 373-3816. The entry deadline is Sept. 30.

WSDP interviews senator

WSDP, 88.1 FM, will air State Sen. Loren Bennett's program "People and Policy" at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15. The show will feature an interview with State Senator Dan DeGow. Senators Bennett and DeGow will discuss educational issues

facing the state of Michigan. "People and Policy" can also be seen on your local cable television station. Call your cable operator for times and channels.

"Keys to Success" presented to high school seniors Sept. 17

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park counseling department will present "Keys to Success," a program for high school seniors and their parents at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17 in the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

Along with the excitement of graduation comes important decision-making for both seniors and their parents. This program offers valuable information to help students plan their future.

The evening will begin with a brief general session in the auditorium. Following introductory remarks, students and parents will meet with their counselors in a group session, where a review of the various post-graduation options and the college application process will be dis-

cussed. The counseling meeting will be followed by an opportunity to select from various choices of presentations by experts.

The program is open to all seniors and parents from Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton High Schools. For more information, contact Jan Kavulich at Plymouth Salem High School at (313) 416-7761, or Gloria Banks at Plymouth Canton High School at (313) 416-6988.

The program is sponsored by the P-CEP counseling department in conjunction with Eastern Michigan University, University of Michigan, the Michigan Employment Security Commission and Schoolcraft College.

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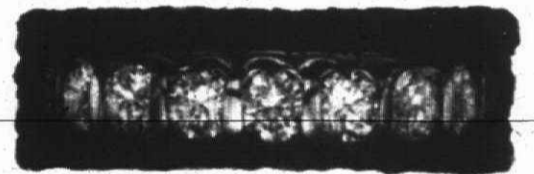
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JACK GLADDEN

A command that evokes nightmares

I was having a nightmare. Somewhere a dog was barking. Yipping and yapping and growing agitated. Cujo? Cerberus? Kato? I couldn't pinpoint the source, but the barking seemed to be mixed with hissing and low growls.

The commotion was getting louder when, all at once, it stopped. It was quiet. The breeze coming through the bedroom window had a chill to it. Subconsciously, I pulled the covers up higher and buried my head deeper in the pillow.

I was drifting ... half asleep, half awake ... when I felt it. Hot breath on my face. Something was in the room with me. In the bed. It was clawing my chest, licking at my face. I tried to push it away with my hand when a black cat flew over my head.

There was a THUD! The bed shook and the growling and snarling started again, this time right at my ear. And then a voice cried out.

"Jasper! Wookie! Stop it!"

I woke up with a start. It was a nightmare, all right, but that was no Cujo. Just the 5-month-old Scottie and the 9-year-old cat, not quite ready for bed even though it was sometime past midnight.

"What are they doing in here?" I grumbled.

"Well ... The Feminist was doing her Samantha imitation. I brought Jasper up here to get him away from the cat. Wookie must have sneaked into the room while I was getting the dog."

"Where's Scooter?"

A hiss from the corner of the bedroom answered that question.

"Oh, good grief! They're all in here."

"Just go back to sleep," she said.

"I'll take Jasper out and then lock him in his cage for the night."

"I'll do it."

"No, you're already in bed. You can take him out in the morning."

"Uh-uh. I'm not taking him out in the daytime."

"And why not?"

"That housebreaking plan of yours. I feel like an idiot."

"He's learning. He knows he's supposed to go outside. You just have to work with him. Just keep giving him the command until he goes."

"Right," I said. "THE COMMAND. That's probably why I was having nightmares."

"What are you talking about?"

"You know those new windows our next door neighbors had installed?"

"What do their windows have to do with anything?"

"I took him out the other day. I'm walking around the back yard with this little black Scottie on a red leash. He's chasing bugs and butterflies and I'm chasing him saying 'Go potty! Jasper, go potty.' All over the yard. 'Go potty, Jasper. Go potty.' It's like a mantra."

"What does that have to do with windows?"

"I'm getting to that. I'm out there telling this dog to 'Go potty.' Then I look up. There's these three guys installing the windows. One's up on a ladder, one's hanging out the upstairs window frame, the other's right next to our fence. They look like they just came from Bruno's Powerhouse Gym. And they're all giving me these weird looks."

"You're just being too sensitive."

"Maybe so," I said. "But you're taking the day shift from now on."

"We'll talk about it in the morning, dear. Go back to sleep."

The breeze coming through the bedroom window had more of a chill to it now. I crawled back under the covers and was drifting off ... half asleep, half awake ... when I heard a dog barking somewhere. Yipping and yapping and growing agitated. I couldn't pinpoint the source, but mixed with the barking I heard a voice ... my voice.

"Go potty, Jasper!" the voice was saying. "Jasper, go potty!"

Jack Gladden, a copy editor for The Observer Newspapers, lives in Canton Township.



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A new start: Life took a drastic change for Debbie Fifield of Plymouth when her husband John committed suicide in 1995, but with the help of Starting Over, life for her and her children - Brian, 7, Ashley, 4, and Sara, 9 - is returning to normalcy.

Families celebrate Starting Over



Tim Murphy, Debbie Fifield and Diane Harris have more in common than being under the age of 45. The trio found help dealing with their grief through Starting Over, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Twenty months after losing his 33-year-old wife Cindy to a heart problem, Tim Murphy of Garden City is starting to feel the clouds lift.

"I think I'm at the point now where the grieving process is starting to fade a little. I'm more in a situation now where I'm trying to reinvest myself with living," Murphy said.

The 42-year-old father of two attributes his emotional recovery to Starting Over, a support group offered by Ann Arbor-based Arbor Hospice for people younger than 45 whose spouses, girlfriends, boyfriends or fiances have died.

"Initially, it was really a God send because of just not knowing what to do not only as a young widower but with the whole grieving process," he said. "It was kind of new and unexpected. There's different stages to grief. It

wasn't just something that I was going through personally, but something that everyone goes through."

Murphy, his 3-year-old daughter Katie and 8-year-old son Jimmy will be among Starting Over's current and past members who will gather at the Oak Pavilion in Maybury State Park in Northville to celebrate the group's 10th anniversary at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14. Participants are asked to bring a dish to pass.

"Clowning Around with Starting Over" will feature activities for kids, including clowns, unicyclists and volleyball. An auction as well as a birthday cake and grilled hot dogs will also be available.

Humble beginnings

Starting Over began 10 years ago in the Plymouth home of Cathy Clough, founder and director of Arbor Hospice's adult bereavement programs. Since then, the programs have served more

than 8,000 people throughout southeastern Michigan. The organization recently opened The Arbor Center at 200 N. Center St. in Northville which provides grief support services for children, teens and adults.

"Because we're constantly bringing in new members, as people grow they're able to give back by helping lead groups and coming up with new ideas," said Clough, a young widow herself.

Plymouth resident Debbie Fifield is one of those members who is giving back as a group leader. Fifield, whose husband John committed suicide in February 1995, explained that attending the first meeting can be a nerve wracking experience.

"It's so hard the first few times to come," said Fifield, the mother of Ashley, 4, Brian, 7, and Sara, 9. "You tell your story. You don't know anybody, but it's really worth it. You realize you're not going crazy. It's not weird. Everybody feels this way."

The group meets every Tuesday in different capacities. The first and third Tuesdays Starting Over meets at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 North Territorial Road. It hosts a social get-together at area restau-

rants on the second Tuesdays of the month. For the fourth Tuesday, group members in Farmington Hills, Northville, Ann Arbor and Canton have offered their homes for geographic groups. One Saturday a month, they go to a member's home and have potluck dinners, play card games and socialize.

Fifield explained that new members shouldn't be intimidated by the social gatherings.

"It's safe; you're not dating," she said. "You're just meeting a bunch of friends. It's a good way to get out of the house. You're not eating by yourself. You don't have to worry about a date."

When she joined Starting Over, she was also participating in a support group for people who had lost a loved one to suicide. Fifield said she related better to people who had lost spouses as opposed to family or friends of suicide victims.

She said that she is one of a handful of Starting Over members who are dealing with suicide.

"I was a mess," Fifield said. "The spouse is usually the scapegoat when somebody is in severe depression. They're taking out their anger and

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Stepping out: Committee members Helen Davis (front row, from left), Gerri Sutherland, Mary Belleville, chairwoman Jan Carlton, Jerry Smith (back row), Bob Rogers and Al Carlisle show off the shirts the Ward Presbyterian Church congregation will wear on Sunday.

Stepping out

Members walk to new church

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

There'll be a sea of teal- and fuchsia-colored T-shirts along Six Mile Road Sunday when more than 1,000 members of Ward Presbyterian Church make a symbolic trek to the new church site in Northville Township.

Labeled "Walking Onward By Faith," the 3.9-mile walk will start at 3 p.m. at Six Mile and Farmington roads and end at Six Mile and Haggerty roads with a celebration service at 5 p.m.

"We want to put people out there and experience it," said Jerry Smith, the church's director of music and worship, of the Sept. 14 walk. "Last December we had a prayer walk on the land. Buses drove over the frozen ground and people literally could get off and walk around. This is another way leading to 'Walking Onward by Faith.'"

Participants will gather in Knox Hall at 2:30 p.m. in preparation for the walk. Volunteers will line the route and members of the Livonia Police Auxiliary will man major intersections during the estimated two-hour walk.

The walkers, who will stick to sidewalks for safety reasons, will carry banners that they made. After the event, they will be used as decorations in the current church.

"We expect several hundred banners that will be placed in a circle of color on the property and that we'll use in the current church as a form of encouragement," said Smith, a member of the planning committee chaired by Jan Carlton.

Greeting walkers at the construction site will

be recorded sacred music which will start playing at 4 p.m. At 4:30 p.m., the male quartet, King's Harmony, will perform, followed by the service.

"The committee has done the walk to determine the time it will take and came up with 5 p.m. for the service," said Smith. "But if people are still streaming in at that time, we'll postpone the start for a few minutes. But if it has slowed down, we'll go ahead as scheduled."

Smith said the music for the service will be upbeat. Among the musical selections will be "Standing on the Promises" and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

The celebration service will get under way at 5 p.m. in what will eventually be the large sanctuary, but will serve as a parking lot for now. Senior Pastor Dr. James McGuire will lead the moment of devotion and prayer of celebration.

"We'll finish with a bagpiper playing 'Amazing Grace,'" said Smith. "People will sing and it will tie them to the history of the Presbyterian Church and its Scottish origins."

Following the service, the youth of the church will serve refreshments before participants board buses for the trip back to Ward Church. The buses also will be used to ferry those church members not making the walk to the site.

A large number of volunteers have been lined up for the walk. Some will drive cars, picking up walkers who can't finish, manning cellular phones and first aid stations and handing out jugs of water.

"Onward By Faith" has been the theme of the

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They're taking out their anger and other feelings out on you. When they die, it's like someone walking out in the middle of a fight. You don't finish it. They just leave one day and never come home."

Too soon?

Murphy has been a member of Starting Over since shortly after his wife's death Feb. 7, 1996, of an enlarged heart probably caused by a virus. Starting Over helped him because the group is geared toward spouses, girlfriends, boyfriends or long-time companions.

"When it's a spouse, you're so connected; they're what you think to be your life mate and all of a sudden they're gone," he said. "In my case, it was a sudden death. I was working midnights and she had gone to bed.

We thought all she had was a cold. She went to bed with a headache. When I came home from work, she was dead."

A member of St. Raphael Church, Murphy said he feels he may have joined the group too soon after his wife's death.

"I went there (church) and I sensed that I needed something more than the spiritual or emotional support of the parishioners or family members," he said. "I went and I wasn't too receptive to what was going on. I was still in shock. I was having trouble functioning."

"I have a tendency to procrastinate, so I kind of forced myself to go."

Fifield suggests that widows and widowers join the group a month to two months after their spouse's death.

"There's no point in going a

week after the funeral because you're just so numb," she said. "One to two months afterward it starts sinking in."

Murphy suggested that mourners stay in the group for at least two years. Fifield agreed.

"Even though people tell you, 'It's been a year, you should be fine,' it's OK not to be," she said. "You still have your ups and downs. People are there to support you. We're always there. There's people waiting at the tables to greet you. It's really a big help. You really need to come. You can't do it by yourself."

Starting Over, she added, is especially helpful because it is uncommon for people younger than 45 to lose their spouses.

"When you're in your 70s and you lose a spouse, you have lots

of friends who have lost spouses; you don't if you're under 45," said Fifield who teaches nursing at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus. "You don't. It helps to know other people who can tell you what it's like. You're not crazy."

Starting Over, Murphy explained, doesn't just help with the grief but with every day experiences such as finances, problems around the home and child care.

"The women helped me out initially when she was going through potty-training," Murphy said with a laugh about his daughter. "Talk about being thrown into it. Here I am trying to go through a grieving process myself and I have a 6-year-old and a 2-year-old. They helped me out that way."

Companion group

Starting Over offers a companion group "Care-ousel," a structured bereavement group for children and teens to help them go through the grieving process. Murphy's son went through the program.

"Starting Over and Care-ousel both taught me that children grieve differently," he said. "They helped me go through a child's grieving process and how that will continue through their whole life really. Katie will grieve differently. She won't remember her mother other than memories we create for her — these are all things that I learned. She'll grieve through events, graduation, her wedding day. She had just turned 2 when her mother passed away."

Spouses, like Murphy, expressed the same sentiment. "Starting Over helped because of the support system, of having others in the same age group to share with," he said. "It's not the natural order of things. It helped a lot just to cry a lot with people that are going through similar situations."

For more information about Starting Over, call Arbor Hospice at (313) 677-0500.

husband's 6-year-old daughter. Her husband, Paul, 41, died of a heart attack on June 20, 1996.

"It's a wonderful children's program," she said. "My daughter has been involved in the last two years. She knows that she's not the only one. Everyone else has a mom and a dad. She can go to this group and know that she's not by herself."

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Attorney talks straight about estate planning

Dennis Cleary is ready to help people plan for the future.

The attorney will present a straight forward and simple estate planning class at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Redford Public Library, 15150 Norborne.

The program will feature a variety of estate planning strategies, including trusts, wills, guardianships and planned giving. Cleary follows the plain English initiative, instituted by the Michigan Bar Association.

"What is sometimes not clear to the average person is that very simple planning can save many hard-earned dollars from going directly to taxes," Cleary said.

Using examples like the average estate and \$600,000 tax cap, Cleary illustrates some of the best methods to shelter an estate and insure distribution to designated beneficiaries. He also addresses the impact the recent tax code changes will have on current and future estate plans.

Cleary has had a general practice in Farmington Hills for 20 years, specializing in estate planning and family law.

For more information about the program, call (248) 442-9150.

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Whiteman-Ores

Lin Whiteman of Farmington Hills announces the engagement of her daughter, Maria Suzanne, to Thomas Craig Ores, the son of Tom and Honey Ores of Livonia.

The bride-to-be, also the daughter of the late Jack Whiteman, is a graduate of North Farmington High School. She attended Western Michigan University and attends Oakland Community College. She is employed at RehabPlans in Southfield.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He also attended Henry Ford Community College. He is employed at Carter Screen in Livonia.

An October wedding is planned at the Chapel of Marygrove College.



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Sadler-Gordon

Harold and Ramona Sadler of Falmouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Audrey Lynn of Westland, to Brent Leonard Gordon, also of Westland, the son of Leonard and Candy Gordon of Clio.

The bride-to-be graduated from Southfield High School in 1978 and Oakland Community College in 1982. She is employed by Rick Amato Ministries in Allen Park.

A 1983 graduate of Clio High School, her fiancé earned a degree from University of Michigan-Flint in 1988. He is employed by Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

An October wedding is planned at First Baptist Church of Plymouth.



of Plymouth.

Gora-Smitt

Robert and Judy Gora of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lynette, to Bryan Robert Smitt, the son of Robert and Debra Smitt, also of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Garden City High School and has a bachelor of science degree in organizational communication and marketing from Eastern Michigan University in 1997. She is employed by McDonald's Corporation.

Her fiancé is also a 1992 Garden City High School graduate. He has a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1997. He is employed by Oakwood United Hospitals.

A May 1998 wedding is planned at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Garden City.



Merchant-Whitfield

Jonathan Kyle Merchant and Jennifer Lynn Whitfield were married July 12 at the Northville Christian Assembly in Northville by Pastor Otis Buchan.

The bride is the daughter of daughter of Jim and Cathy Whitfield of Westland. The groom is the son of Glenn and Mary Ellen Merchant of Traverse City and Pat and Les Bowen of Grand Rapids.

The bride is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and Eastern Michigan University. She works as a substitute elementary school teacher in the Livonia, Farmington, and South Redford school districts. She is also employed as a gymnastics coach for Livonia Community Education.

The groom is a graduate of Traverse City High School and Michigan State University. He is employed by Aerotek Contract Engineering Services.

The bride asked Beckie Elvy, Kristen Kaleniecki, Janet Gardner, Suzy Merchant and Catherine Converse to serve as her attendants. The groomsmen were Jeremy Niehardt, Matt Lockwood, Scott Doyle, Mike Keiser and Mason Converse.

A reception was held at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia. Following a wedding trip to the Cayman Islands, the couple makes their home in Bloomfield Hills.

Martin-Lewis

Robert and Kathleen Martin of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Ann, to Gregory Scott Lewis, the son of Edward and Mary Ann Zarb of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She also attended Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as the director of sales at the Quality Inn in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of North Farmington High School. He is employed as a designer at ABB in Pontiac.

An October wedding is planned at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville.



Moellering-Mackenzie

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moellering of Grosse Pointe Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Elizabeth, to Dean Norman Mackenzie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Mackenzie of Livonia.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University. She is a teacher with the Warren Consolidated School System.

Her fiancé, who earned a bachelor of science degree in liberal arts from Central Michigan University, is a sales representative



with Wausau Insurance Co. An October wedding is planned.

Tarpley-McCabe

Gerald Tarpley II announces the forthcoming marriage of his sister, Mary Margaret Tarpley, to Daryl C. McCabe, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCabe of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is the founder and owner of The Advance Center for Psychological and Counseling Services in Dearborn, where she is a clinical psychologist.

Her fiancé is a longtime employee of the Ford Motor Co. and recently received his honorary 30-year service award.

A September wedding is planned at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Wyandotte. The reception will be at the Dearborn Inn.



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Berry-Peters

Shelene Renee Peters and Bruce Douglas Berry were married Nov. 2, 1996, at St. James Presbyterian Church in Redford. The Rev. Paul Bousquette officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Nancy Peters of Livonia. The groom is the son of David and Linda Berry of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.

The bride is employed as a registered nurse by Orchard Pediatrics. The groom is employed as a financial advisor by American Express.

The bride asked Melanie Peters to serve as maid of honor, with Maureen Harrington, Lindsey Young, Becky Benson and Dawn Downs as bridesmaids. Lauren LeBlanc was the flower girl.

The groom asked Jeff Preston to serve as best man, with Rob Peters, Chris Brown, Troy Adams and Ron Milton as groomsmen. Scotty Karnen was



the ring bearer. The couple received guests at the Italian American Banquet Center before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Walt Disney World. They are making their home in Farmington.

Bos-Moloney

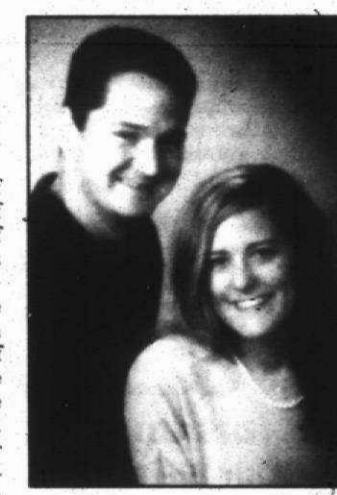
Jeff Bos and Terri Moloney were married Aug. 16 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Detroit by Msgr. James Moloney.

The bride is the daughter of Peter and Elaine Moloney of Livonia. The groom is the son of John and Jewel Bos of East Lansing.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Ferris State University where she earned a bachelor of science degree in business-advertising. She is employed as a senior automotive advertising executive at The Ad-Action Group in Atlanta, Ga.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of East Lansing High School and a 1993 graduate of Ferris State University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business-marketing. He is employed as a project manager at Fayette Construction Inc. in Atlanta, Ga.

The bride asked Heather Chiara, Karen Russell, Angie Moloney, Natalie Goebel, Linda Pearce and Jennifer Schillinger to serve as her attendants.



Jamie Mixter was the junior bridesmaid with Meghan Slocum as the flower girl.

The groomsmen were Jon Bos, Tom Moloney, Vance Ritz, Josh Fershee, Art Badgley and Matt Steere. The ring bearer was Christopher Hoak.

The couple received guests at a reception aboard Diamond Jack Yacht on the Detroit River. The honeymoon location was kept from the bride as a surprise. The couple is making their home in Atlanta.

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more than \$7 million construction project, which was conceived by Pastor Emeritus Dr. Bartlett Hess in 1984.

Problems with water and

sewer hookups delayed the project and by the time then senior pastor Hess retired in 1992, it looked like the new church would not be constructed.

Called to serve as the new senior pastor, McGuire decided the church should press ahead with the project. The sale of 40 acres at the corner of Haggerty and Six Mile roads for commercial development opened the way for the construction. Ground was broken on Aug. 25, 1996.

Sale of the 40 acres raised a third of the money needed for the project. Another third has come through pledges from Ward's 5,000 active members.

The remainder has been financed.

The current phase includes the construction of a sanctuary, classrooms, chapel and fellowship hall. With the construction of the large sanctuary and music rooms to come at a later date, that area will be used as a 1,700-car parking lot. Eventually, there will be parking for 2,500.

Ward Church was founded in 1956 as a mission church of Ward Memorial Church of Detroit. Under Hess's guidance, the church outgrew its facilities at Farmington and Six Mile.

To accommodate its 5,000 active members, the church

offers four worship services on Sunday and uses its fleet of buses to shuttle two-thirds of the worshippers from satellite parking at Stevenson High School and the Bentley Center.

And as the clock starts winding down to the move, activities will reflect on past activities. The annual Christmas concert will highlight things done in previous years, according to Smith.

"We'll have a series of lasts and then go out there for a series of first," he said. "This will be the last major event tied to the new church before the move."

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NEW VOICES

Dave and Diane Gulau of Livonia announce the birth of **Luke Stevens** June 6 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. Grandparents are Gerald and Christine Lidgley of Novi, and Richard and Gail Gulau of Northville.

Keith and Jessica Bozigan of Taylor announce the birth of **Blake Christopher** June 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Joanie and Gary Bozigan of Redford, Brad and Bev Davis of

Livonia, and Al Piccuria of Taylor.

Frederick J. II and Jeanine Heintz of Garden City announce the birth of **Frederick Joseph Heintz III** June 21 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Heather McCavron. Grandparents are Frederick and Rhonda Heintz of Garden City, and Sharon LaRocque of Lincoln Park.

Michael and Victoria Statham of Inkster announce

the birth of **Tyler Joe** June 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Michael, 5, and Daniel, 4, and one sister, Michelle, 1. Grandparents are Charles and Linda Harju of Canton, and Rick and Barb Statham of Westland.

Douglas and Christine Speirs announce the birth of **Blake Daniel** June 23 in Polk City, Fla. He joins a brother, Manny, 9. Grandparents are David and Shirley Speirs of Livonia, and Don and Cynthia

Reeb of Simi Valley, Calif. Great-grandmother is Clara White of Brookville, Fla.

Andy and Charlene Thornberry of Westland announce the birth of **Jared David** June 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two sisters, Megan, 9, and Katie, 3, and a brother, Andy, 7. Grandparents are Carol and Neil Thornberry, and John and Audrey Greybill, all of Westland.

Darren and Marybeth Turner of Canton announce the birth

of **Olivia Antoinette** July 24 at Huron Valley Hospital in Milford. She joins two sisters, Britany, 6 and Kayla, 2. Grandparents are Antoinette Trudell of Plymouth and Etta Turner of Springfield, Ohio.

Kevin and Dawn Gibbs of Westland announce the birth of **Cossey Michael** June 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Emily Morgan, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Al and Jill Johnston of Westland.

Mark and Candace Siegrist of Plymouth announce the birth of **Victoria Catherine Diana** June 19 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She has a brother, Gregory John, 1 1/2. Grandparents are James Siegrist of Sterling Heights, Diane Scheruer of Redford and Gregory and Diane Jefferson of Plymouth.

Donovan Ferns and Monica Simrak of Wayne announce the birth of **Melanie Nicholas Simrak** June 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Janet and David Brach, Thomas Simrak, and MaryJane and Kenneth Ferns, all of Garden City.

Jeffrey and Lisa Miron-Wack of Canton announce the birth of **Spencer Joseph** May 24 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Stephen and Lorraine Miron of Brighton, formerly of Livonia, and Carol and Gary Wack of Superior Township. Great-grandparents are Eva and Lester Miron of Baraga, Mich.

Ron Wilkie and Chantel Robbins of Westland announce the birth of **Kala Marie Wilkie** June 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Greg and Betty Zoumaris, Ron Wilkie Sr., Eileen Dimeck, and Stanley Robbins.

Robert Kramer and Maureen McGovern Kramer of Plymouth announce the birth of **Maura Rose** April 15 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Robert and Donna McGovern of Venice, Fla., Rose Kramer of West Bloomfield and the late Robert Kramer.

Thomas Jr. and Sheri Durkin of Canton announce the birth of **Daylin Renee** June 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Roy and Bonnie Elliott of Canton, and Thomas Durkin of Northville.

Daniel and Laura Kardel of Canton announce the birth of **Christine Danielle** August 6 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. She joins four brothers, Matthew Daniel, 15, Kevin Michael, 13, Steven William, 11 and Scott Andrew, 2. Grandparents are Jean Hastings and Catherine Kardel, both of Plymouth.

Al Saling and Dannielle Daubresse of Wayne announce the birth of **Katarina Angelique Saling** June 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins four brothers, A.J., 15, Justin, 12, Nathan, 6, and Alex, 2. Grandparents are George and Vicki Daubresse of Canton.

Glen and Cheryl Paputa of Plymouth announce the birth of **Laurel Suzanne** May 12 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She joins a brother, Evan, 3. Grandparents are Bernard and Winifred Bourdeau of Dearborn Heights and Eugene and Delphine Paputa of Dearborn.

Allen and Bonnie McKiddy of Livonia announce the birth of **Brandon Lee** June 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Alonzo McKiddy of Livonia, and Mary and Henry Broughton of Westland.

Jo-Ann Fabrics observes sewing month

Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts of Canton is joining sewing retail stores across the country in a national education campaign aimed not only at people who sew at all experience levels, but also those who have never sewn a stitch.

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On Saturday, Sept. 20, Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts in Can-

ton will focus on home decor sewing to promote the event. According to AHSCA, an estimated 30 million Americans sew, and sewing is a \$3.5 billion industry in the United States.

The popularity of sewing and craft shows on cable and public television has created a new interest in this traditional art.

"The motivation to sew has changed over the years," said fore manager Terry Cordero. "People are turning to sewing for a fun, creative outlet that gives them a sense of satisfaction."

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reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association indicates that sewing may be a "stress buster."

Researchers found that when compared to other activities requiring similar hand/eye coordination, sewing actually lowered heart rate, blood pressure and perspiration - three common measures of stress in women.

New technology is also adding speed and accuracy to sewing. There are now one-touch sewing features and computerized sewing machines that have the ability to interface with personal

computers offer consumers endless embroidery options.

Sewing has also stepped into cyberspace. Hundreds of thousands of Internet subscribers are seeking sewing information from product information to trends and techniques.

Sites like www.sewing.org and www.joann.com offer great ideas and free projects as well as links to other sites.

For more information on National Sewing Month activities, call Cordero at (313) 459-3441. Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts is at 44740 Ford Road, Canton.

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MHS's 120th anniversary is 'PAWS for Celebration'

It promises to be the entertainment and social event of the season.

The Michigan Humane Society will hold its 120th anniversary extravaganza, "PAWS for Celebration" at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Somerset Collection's Neiman Marcus Store in Troy.

An evening of dinner, dancing and entertainment, the event will feature the legendary talents of Ed McMahon, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and a fashion show, featuring the latest from the country's top designers, including Pam McMahon.

The evening also will include a live auction of exceptional items, including a portrait by the acclaimed Russian artist Sergei Timchenko and art work created at the Center for Creative Studies.

Five of the best students from the center participated in a summer course created exclusively for the development and fabrication of the auction items.

Chad Lockart, a senior in industrial design, created "Sublimation," a sculptural lamp that reflects the human role in nurturing and protecting wildlife and natural resources.

Sean Evans, a senior in crafts, created "A Dog's Reliquary" that has a golden bone as the religious relic in this whimsical ceramic reliquary.

Paul Bramel a junior in industrial design, created "Time Out" a bronze mantle clock that caringly communicates the support, love and protection that humans must give to animals, if they are to survive well into the future.

Marco Garcia, a senior in fine arts, created "Jaguar Bench," a bronze jaguar legs and head

connected by a slab of limestone to sit upon. The jaguar was an important figure in the Aztec heritage of Garcia.

Patte Vandenberg, a junior in arts, created "A Garden Gate," a colorful garden gate of bronze and glass depicting a human tree surrounded by silhouettes of animals.

Also on the auction block will be an original Pam McMahon creation, a portrait of the highest bidder and his or her pet by Timchenko and a fashion package, including hotel accommodations and two tickets for Spying Collections Fashion Show.

Guests also will enjoy will delight in a strolling dinner and enjoy the cuisine of more than 20 metro Detroit restaurants, including Andiamo in Bloomfield Township, Auer's Bakery in Pontiac, Big Rock Chop & Brew in Birmingham, Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills, Charley's Crab in Troy, Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham, Ernest's in Plymouth, Le Petite Fleur in Birmingham, Mac & Ray's in Harrison Township, Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train in Walled Lake, Neiman Marcus Cafe in Troy, Paint Creek Cider Mill in Lake Orion, Peter's Palate Pleaser in Bloomfield Hills, Phoenicia in Birmingham, Pike Street in Pontiac, Roma Cafe in Detroit, Townsend Hotel in Birmingham and Unique Restaurants, Mac Prentice in Bingham Farms.

Party goers also will enjoy dancing to the music of Jerry Fenby.

"For 120 years, the Michigan Humane Society has rescued

and provided care and shelter for hundreds of thousands of animals and has united loving pets with countless Michigan children and families," said Lil Erdeljan, co-chair of PAWS for Celebration. "For people who care about animals and desire a wonderful evening of excitement and celebration, PAWS for Celebration is a must attend event."

Tickets are \$ 300 for Humane Society Benefactors (all of the evening's festivities, including a special cocktail reception and VIP lounge seating for the fashion show, art auction and entertainment extravaganza), \$175 for Humane Society Patrons (all of the evening's festivities including a special cocktail reception and theater-style seating for the fashion show, art auction and entertainment extravaganza

Time is running out to enjoy and evening of food and fashions while helping Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.

Zonta of Northwest Wayne County will host its fifth annual evening fashion show, highlighting the latest fall apparel at Parisian's Laurel Park Place store, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25.

Entitled "Zonta Presents - Fashion With a Flair," the fashion show will preview latest casual, formal, professional, evening wear and accessories.

Following the runway presentation, there will be time to shop and indulge in gourmet coffees and desserts.

Three \$25 Parisian gift certificates will be awarded in addition to a surprise door prize, donated by the store, and other gifts provided by Zonta.

Last year, Margo Worley, a volunteer with the Women's Resource Center, walked off with a designer purse as the surprise door prize winner.

The \$20 ticket also entitles fashion show goers to a 15 percent discount that evening as well as Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27.

The event brings together women from the community together to benefit service projects dedicated to improving the stature of women.

Zonta International is a worldwide organization of women executives in business and the professions who work to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women.

Tickets can be ordered in advance by leaving a message for Kathleen Diggs, chapter treasurer, at (313) 459-8374, or by sending a check, payable to the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, to Diggs at 1812 Tall Tree, Plymouth 48170.

Tickets also will be available at the door

Tickets available for Zonta benefit

What a surprise: Margo Worley, a volunteer at Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center proudly shows off the designer handbag she won when her name was drawn for the surprise door prize at last year's Zonta of Northwest Wayne County's fall fashion benefit.



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Plymouth Church welcomes MOPS

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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, "the will challenge women to ponder what it means to have been given "my song," how they have been living it and what holds them back from singing that song.

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SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have Paul Clough and Dick

Almost 30 years ago, just two weeks before his untimely death, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached his last sermon at Central United Methodist Church in Detroit.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, his youngest daughter, the Rev. Dr. Bernice King will preach from the same pulpit to commemorate the 175th anniversary of Central United Methodist Church, long known for its witness of peace and justice.

King will deliver the sermon during the church's Saturday Night Central worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturday Night Central is an innovative alternative worship-with-the-arts service that will feature performances

By Detroit musicians saxophonist George Benson, bassist Don Mayberry and singer Angie Smith.

Regular celebrants will be jazz saxophonist Beano Bowles, gospel pianist Bobbi Thompson, classical organist Patrick Kuhl and poets Aurora Harris and Ron Allen.

Immediately following the church service, King will attend a 7:30 p.m. reception at the church and sign copies of her new book, the first she has written. "Hard Questions, Heart Answers," which will be available for purchase after the service.

King, 34, the youngest of four children, is best remembered as

the five-year-old in the Pulitzer Prize winning photograph taken of her as she lay in her mother's arms during her father's funeral. At age 17, she addressed the United Nations in her mother's stead and found her gift for oratory.

She is an assistant pastor at an inner-city church in Atlanta, Ga., where she oversees the Youth and Women's ministries and mentors teenaged girls.

She received her bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Spelman College, was ordained in 1990 and holds a master of divinity and doctor of law degree, both from Emory University, and doctor of divinity degree from Wesley College.

Bount conduct a Talk It Over town meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, in Knox Hall of the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Child care will be provided and a free will offering will be accepted.

Single Point also is hosting a fashion show at 7 p.m. Sept. 19 in Knox Hall (tickets cost \$5 and include the show and a light meal) and a 7-week fall divorce recovery workshop at 7 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Sept. 18, also in Knox Hall. Cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 for those who register the first night of the workshop and \$15 for those repeating the program. Registration can be completed by mail or at the Single Point office.

Other activities include outdoor tennis 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Rotary Park, Six Mile east of Farmington Road, Livonia, and outside volleyball (weather permitting) at 6 p.m. Thursday at Rotary Park (\$1 donation to maintain equipment).

For more information, call Single Point Ministries at (313) 422-1854. Ward Presbyterian Church is at 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The congregation of Merriman Road Baptist Church will host a community block party 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, in the parking lot of the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. There will be food, games, entertainment, clowns, puppets and more. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call (313) 421-0472.

Rally Day

St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., Redford, will hold a Rally Day and inaugurate its new 600 Sunday, Sept. 14. Special activities are planned for the annual Rally Day, when Sunday School classes resume after the summer break.

Sunday School classes for both youth and adults will begin at 9 a.m. Fellowship time will be at 10 a.m., followed by worship at 10:30 p.m. Teachers and other staff people will be installed during the worship service. For more information, call the church at (313) 538-2660.

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 "Bible teachings 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.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church will hold a first anniversary dinner-dance Sunday, Sept. 14, at 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Cocktails will be at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and dancing at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$75 per person or \$750 per table. Advanced reservations are necessary and can be completed by calling (800) 741-7183.

TEAMKID

TeamKid, a unique club which blends activity with interactive learning, discipleship and Bible memory, will meet 5:45-8 p.m. Sundays, beginning Sept. 14, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program is for children in grades 1-6 and provides practical Biblical answers in a fun

and interesting setting. For more information, call the church office at (313) 421-0472.

COVENANT PLAYERS

St. Matthew United Methodist Church will host a presentation by The Covenant Players during the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Sept. 14, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Two folding chairs and a table are the basic equipment of The Covenant Players. What's needed is the audience's imagination. The group will perform for those 4 years old through high school in the fellowship hall before performing in lieu of a sermon during worship. The theme will be "Recommitment to Church and Community."

For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038.

INFORMATION CLASS

Information on spiritual issues, such as sin, forgiveness, after life and different religions, will be shared in adult information classes offered by Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 7-8:30 p.m., beginning Sunday, Sept. 14, at the satellite church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. There will be morning or evening sessions to those from. Both sessions will feature small group discussions of daily homework, interesting lectures, fellowship and refreshments. The cost of the workbook is \$19 and comes in either the English or Chinese version.

The church also is sponsoring a Weigh Down workshop, a 12-week program that teaches participants techniques to identify true stomach hunger and to stop eating when full. There are no special foods, pills or gimmicks. The cost is \$103 for first-time attendees.

For more information or to register for either program, call the church at (313) 455-0022.

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Calvary Baptist Church will offer its Precept Upon Precept study of the Book of James Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 16, at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. There will be morning or evening sessions to those from. Both sessions will feature small group discussions of daily homework, interesting lectures, fellowship and refreshments. The cost of the workbook is \$19 and comes in either the English or Chinese version.

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As a dedicated advocate for at-risk youth, her book is divided into two parts - "Disturbing the Comfortable" and "Comforting the Disturbed" - and incorporates such subjects as gun control, teen pregnancy, the death penalty and the deep-rooted racism that still plagues the country.

She is working on her second book, a memoir of her life's journey, due out in 1998.

King believes it is not enough to say people should love Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but should respect him and "pick up where he left off."

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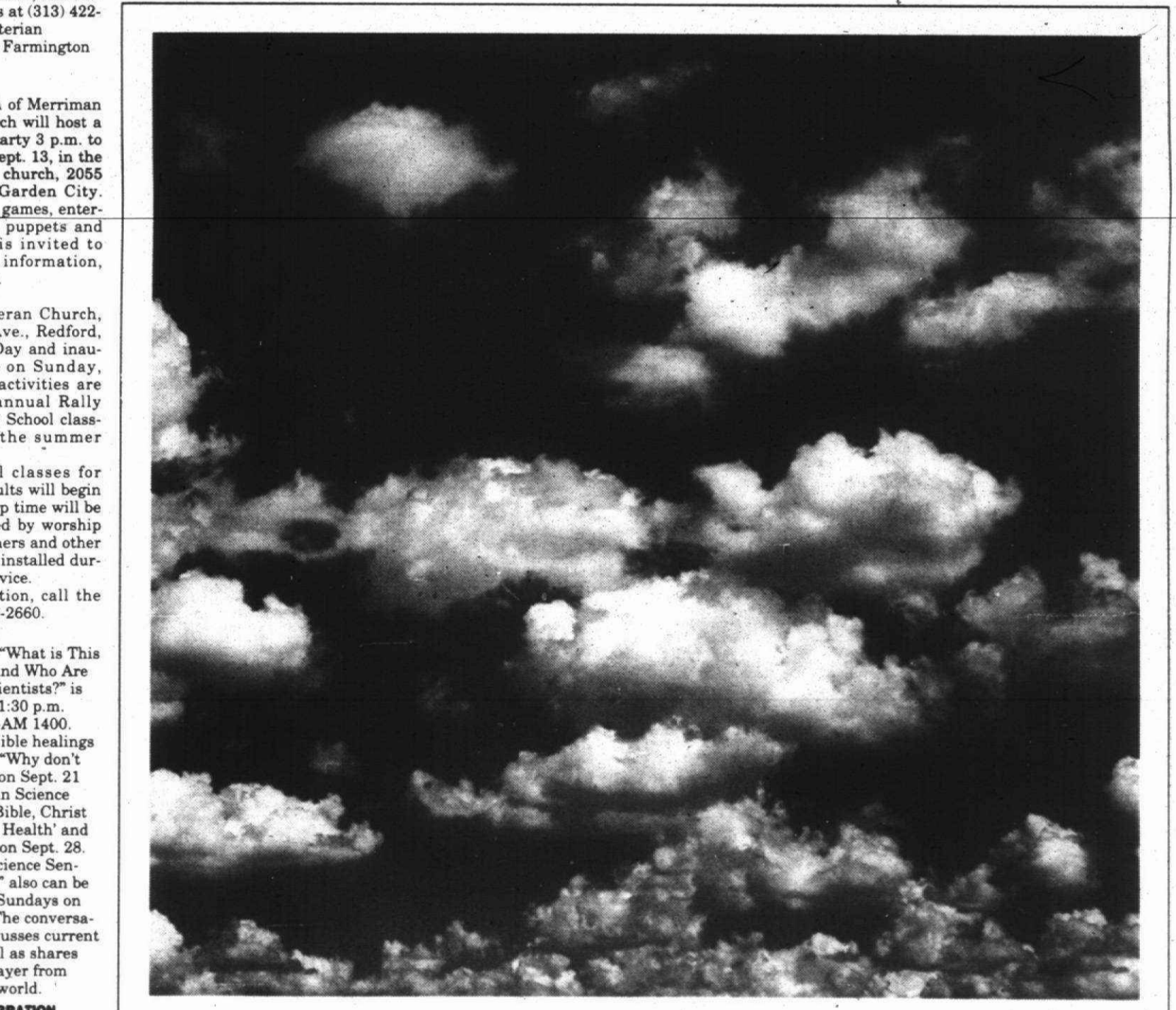
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ST. THEODORE
St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will hold their annual Busy Bee Boutique craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 11 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For information, call (313) 425-4421 between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

ST. AIDAN'S
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 Angelic 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. Admis-

sion will be \$1. There also will be a bake sale, raffles and lunch. For table information, call (313) 721-3454.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA will have its sixth annual arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 523-0022 or (313) 523-9200.

ST. MEL'S
Crafters are needed for St. Mel's annual fall arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 in the school gymnasium, 7520 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. For table information or an application, call (313) 261-6881 or (313) 274-6270.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Madonna University will hold its 13th annual holiday arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nov. 1-2 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Admission will be \$2 for adults and children under age 12, free. For more information, call (313) 432-5603.

LIVONIA YMCA
The deadline for the 13th annual Livonia Family YMCA's Mulberry Holiday Market has been extended to Sept. 15. The market will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 1 at the YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia. Cost is \$70 for a 10-foot by 8-foot booth. Tables are available for \$12. For more information, call the Y at (313) 261-2161, Ext. 310.

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Crafters are wanted for Livonia Stevenson high School's Holiday Happening craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. 10- by 10-foot or 6- by 16-

foot spaces are available for \$55. Chairs (no tables) are available on request and a limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no additional charge. For more information, call (313) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE
The Mother Cabrini Guild of St. Simon and Jude Church will sponsor its 15th annual arts and crafts boutique 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 8 at the church, 32500 Palmer Road, west of Merriman Road, Westland. Table space (8 feet by 2 1/2 feet) costs \$25. Call Winnie at (313) 722-8098 or (313) 722-1343.

KETTERING ELEMENTARY
The Kettering PTA will have its 11th annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 8 at the school, 1200 S. Hubbard, Westland. For more information, call Kathy at 722-7433 or Jamie at 467-8085.

GOOD SHEPHERD
Crafters are needed for Good Shepherd Reformed Church's craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15 at the church, Wayne and Hunter roads, Westland. Round tables cost \$20; long tables are \$25. For an application, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (313) 722-7225.

GRACE LUTHERAN
Exhibitors are wanted for Grace Lutheran Church's annual art and craft show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15. Booth sizes are 6 by 9 feet and 8 by 10 feet. Call Tina Greniewicki at (313) 591-3099 or (313) 464-2727 for more information.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will sponsor a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15, at the school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 425-0603.

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Lions' varsity roars

The Canton Lions varsity football team got first-quarter touchdowns from Brian Tomlinson and Myron Covington, which proved more than enough to supplement a defensive effort led by Nick Spade, David Reeser and Chad Fuller in a 30-0 triumph over the Dearborn Heights Redskins Saturday.

Kerry Mills and James Block also scored TDs for Canton, and Rob DeBoe kicked a pair of two-point conversions.

•The Lions' junior varsity was also successful, defeating their Redskin counterparts 28-7 Saturday.

Reggie Joyner paced the Canton attack, scoring three rushing touchdowns. Jason Lewis added a fourth rushing TD, and quarterback David Thomas collected four extra points. The Lions got a strong defensive performance from Aaron Schneck, Brandon Szejewski, Matt Reynolds and Drew Bringley.

•The Canton Lions' freshmen team came up short against the Redskins, losing 20-6 Saturday. The Lions' only score came on a 9-yard pass from quarterback Chris Drabicki to tight end Nathan Rzeppa.

Softball sign-up

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League will have tryouts for its girls fast-pitch softball teams Saturday behind Plymouth Canton HS.

Two teams are anticipated in the 12-and-under, 14-and-under and 16-and-under age brackets; there will be one team in the 18-and-under division unless demand dictates otherwise.

Tryout times are 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for 12-and-under; 12:30-2 p.m. for 14-and-under; and 2-3:30 p.m. for both 16-and-under and 18-and-under.

There is no charge for the tryouts. Ages should be as of Aug. 31, 1998. Rain make-up date is Sunday (same times). For more information, call Fran Jurcak at (313) 454-7351, Joe Niemiec at (313) 459-6752 or Buck Horn (313) 397-3888.

Chili Pepper Run

Here's something worth running for: the second annual Plymouth Chili Cook-Off, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 12. In conjunction with the Cook-Off, there will be a 10-kilometer run and a 1-mile walk/run through the streets of downtown Plymouth.

Awards will be presented to male and female winners in seven age divisions. Also, each entrant will receive a long-sleeved shirt.

Cost is \$14 before Oct. 6, \$17 after. The 1-mile event starts at 8:30 a.m.; the 10K run begins at 9 a.m. Race day registration and race packet pick-up will be at the parking structure across from Kellogg Park.

The proceeds benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. For more information, call (313) 455-0510.

U-M football shuttle

The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority is again offering bus shuttle service to all University of Michigan home football games.

Cost is \$1.50 each way. The service starts two hours prior to game time and ends approximately 90 minutes after the game.

For information regarding shuttle service sites, or to purchase shuttle tickets, call (313) 973-6500.

Soccerdome starting

The Canton Soccerdome begins registration for its fall indoor soccer season Sept. 15.

Session No. 1, starting Nov. 1, is a nine-game season. Registration fee is \$695 per team plus the cost of referees. Session No. 2 begins Jan. 3, 1998, and is an eight-game season; cost is \$650 plus referees, per team.

Session No. 3 will get underway in March and feature eight games; cost is \$650 plus referees.

Leagues are offered for males and females, from six-years-old to over-30. Team practice time is also available.

For more information, call (313) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3. The Canton Soccerdome is located on Michigan, west of I-275.

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.

Canton's late goal smothers Spartans



BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

It's a long and storied rivalry, Plymouth Canton vs. Livonia Stevenson soccer. Two elite teams clawing at each other . . . Mistakes are few. Goals are fewer.

Until last night, anyway. When was the last time a Stevenson team — remember, this is the school that won the Class A state title last year — gave up three goals in a game?

The Spartans did that in the first half, then surrendered the game-winner on a clear breakaway from midfield by Steve Epley with 4:16 left to play.

The 4-3 triumph improved Canton's record to 4-1. Stevenson fell to 2-2-1.

In fairness, it should be noted that both teams were lacking their best defenders. Stevenson lost its top player, sweeper Steve Roy, to a broken foot suffered Monday.

Canton's sweeper, Dan Steinert, hasn't played yet this season due to a knee injury. And midfielder/defender Mike Bennett, who just came back from an ankle injury, now is sidelined due to illness.

"Their defense is a little weak right now, and so is ours," said Canton coach Don Smith.

The lack of defense, for both sides, became quickly apparent. Stevenson scored first on a pretty one-timer by Brandon Good, who flicked Ryan Broderick's pass back over his own head

and into the goal just three minutes into the match.

Canton was reeling for the first 15 minutes. But the Chiefs held on and, with 16:57 to go in the half, Epley got his first goal — in much the same way he got the game-winner, by pressuring the defender, forcing a turnover, then beating Stevenson keeper Joe Suchara.

The tie didn't last. One minute later, Canton keeper Ben Davis misplayed a chip into the box, letting the ball bounce away from him. Sergio Mainella tapped it in, and Stevenson again was ahead, 2-1.

But Canton's fast-breaking offense victimized Stevenson again, this time with Scott Wright breaking down the middle to take a pass from Mike Riem-

ma and knock in the tying goal with 6:27 left in the half.

The Chiefs broke on top at 2:47 before halftime, again forcing a turnover deep in the Spartan end. Matt Marcos capitalized, and Canton had a 3-2 halftime lead.

The defenses stabilized a bit in the second half. Then with 12:05 to play, Stevenson's Naum Popovski sent the ball to the right wing, where Tom Eller fielded it, beat the Canton defender to the outside and drove a shot from a sharp angle over Davis, off the far post and into the net to tie the game at 3-3.

The Chiefs were not willing to settle for a tie against the defending state champs, however. Their pressure continued, finally resulting in Epley's game-winner.

Salem corrals Mustangs, 5-0

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

So far, so good.

Plymouth Salem soccer coach Ed McCarthy knew his team's slow start last season contributed to its early exit from the state tournament. Using that as motivation, it hasn't been hard keeping his team focused this season.

True, the Rocks haven't yet been tested — not yet, anyway. That starts next week when they host Livonia Churchill (Wednesday) and top-ranked Troy (Saturday).

But they haven't exactly been facing slugs, either, in winning their first five games.

On Monday, the victim was Western Lakes Activities Association rival Northville. The Mustangs boasted 16 seniors on their roster, left over from a team that was pretty decent last season.

Unfortunately, that's just how they performed — like leftovers, the kind no one finishes. Which is just what Northville couldn't do, finish a scoring chance.

The Rocks gave a good lesson on how to, however, capitalizing on several Mustang mistakes in rolling to a 5-0 triumph at Northville.

The defeat dropped Northville to 3-2.

"I was nervous going into this game, that's for sure," said McCarthy. "All those seniors . . ."

"But they just had too many miscues in the in the back. Against a team like ours, you have to minimize our chances."

McCarthy wasn't exactly revealing some big secret on how to beat his team. Most opponents know the guy to stop is senior forward Brett Konley, so they concentrate their defensive efforts on him.

That hasn't worked too well, however. Salem, and Konley, have adapted.

"We've been fortunate," McCarthy explained. "When Brett draws all that attention, someone else has been able to finish it."

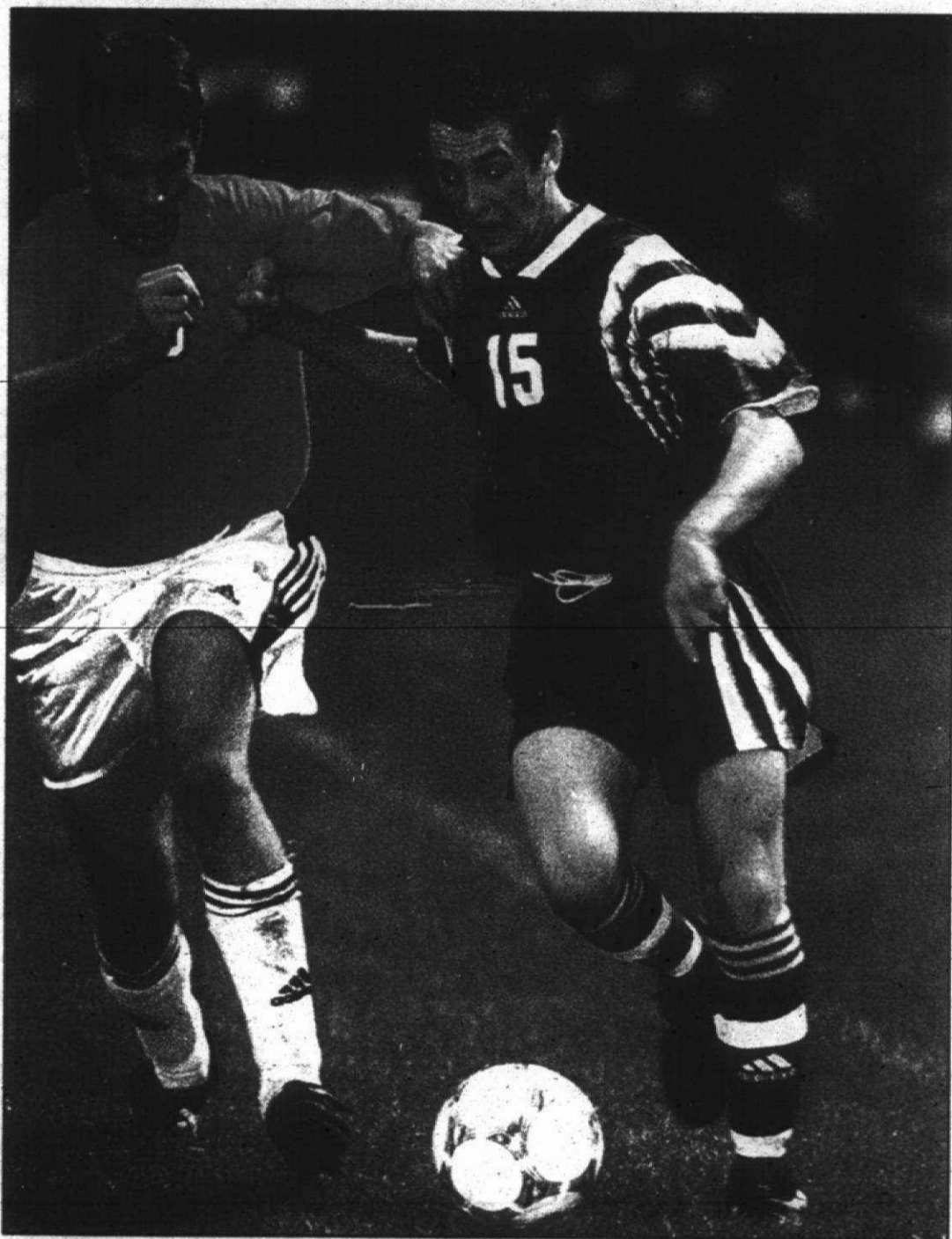
That's exactly what happened against Northville. Three times Northville's defenders closed in on Konley when he had the ball within sight of the goal; three times the all-stater slipped passes through to teammates, who finished it.

"I know we're a better team than that," said Northville coach Henry Klimes. "On the first three goals everyone went to Konley, and he's smart enough to lay (a pass) in there."

Salem's first goal came from junior Dan Wielechowski; Aaron MacDonald, another junior, made it 2-0, and senior Andy Power got the Rocks' third goal. Ianni Giuseppe's goal late in the first half gave Salem a 4-0 lead at the break.

Klimes took his Mustangs into their lockerroom during the intermission to try and reverse matters. But it didn't work too well, at least not right away — Ianni scored his second goal of the match just two minutes into the second half following a Wielechowski corner kick. Rob Zdrodowski assisted.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

Overpowering: Salem's Dan Wielechowski (right) speeds past Northville defender Nick Skotanis. Wielechowski scored the Rocks' first goal of the match, and his corner kick helped set up the last one in the Rocks' 5-0 victory.

Getting better

Better depth could keep Chiefs on top of division

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

It was an inauspicious start, to be sure. But the future of Plymouth Canton girls swimming is hardly dim.

The Chiefs opened their season Tuesday with a 117-68 loss to Monroe in a dual meet swum at Plymouth Salem. Canton's pool will not be available for dual meets until at least next month because of depth problems, according to Michigan High School Athletic Association regulations.

"I knew Monroe was strong," said Canton coach Sarah Eubanks. "They were strong last year and they had three or four more freshmen coming in."

There were some bright spots for the Chiefs. Teri Hanson, a junior, was the biggest — Hanson won both the 50-yard freestyle (25.93) and the 100 butterfly (1:01.81), the latter bettering the Class A state qualifying time of



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

New and Improved: Meagan Dowd, a junior, has the experience that makes Canton a potential repeat champion in the division.

1:02.59.

Hanson also had a part in Canton's only other first, in the 200 free relay. She teamed with Jaclyn Bernard, Kim Weaver and Sue Fanning for the

win (1:50.47).

"She looks really good," Eubanks said of Hanson. "I can pretty much swim her anywhere."

Most likely, Hanson will continue to

swim the 100 fly and any of the shorter free events (50, 100, 200).

The Chiefs are looking to defend their Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division dual-meet championship. It won't be easy; top rivals within the division are Northville and Farmington Harrison.

Although Canton was first in divisional dual-meet action last season, both Harrison (fourth) and Northville (fifth) finished ahead of the Chiefs (seventh) at the WLAA championship meet.

Livonia Stevenson is the six-time reigning champion and the Spartans are heavy favorites to make it seven-straight, even with the graduation of their best swimmer, Anne Aristeo (now at Stanford).

Although Canton isn't quite in that class, the Chiefs are improved — particularly in depth. Eubanks figures she

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Hopes high among Rocks

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

If conditioning counts for anything, Plymouth Salem's tennis squad will be tough to beat this fall.

Under first year coach Tom Kimball, the Rocks are shaping nearly a month getting in shape and perfecting their strokes on the court.

"Our goal is to move to a higher level," said Kimball, who was the boys' assistant coach at Canton the past few seasons. "A higher level of conditioning, training and preparation. We want to move to a higher level in all facets of the game. We figure the wins will follow from that."

The entire Rock squad has shown their support for Kimball's approach thus far. Most players, he said, attended team camp last month to work on conditioning and skills. Practice sessions since then have been productive.

The Rocks' season-opening match Monday against Northville was rained out. Kimball inherits a 2-4-4 squad from a year ago. The Rocks posted a 2-5-4 mark in the Western Lakes Activities Association and finished ninth at the conference tournament.

"Salem could be in for a big turnaround this season, according to Kimball. He thinks his team can move over the .500 mark in fact."

The coach will be counting heavily on Amanda Miller. The

junior is Salem's returning No. 1 singles player and looks to have improved significantly.

"She's right on top of her game," Kimball said. "She's hitting the ball very cleanly. I think she's going to be someone to contend with."

At second singles, junior Erin Griffith moves into the lineup. She played singles last year and was having a good preseason until a foot injury knocked her out of action.

Kimball said she should return to the lineup next week. But she'll miss three matches this week.

"It has affected our lineup," said Kimball. "That hurts because she has been so consistent."

Yuka Kurisu will move into Griffith's spot until she returns. The junior will then take a regular turn at third singles.

"She's consistent and hits the ball very hard," Kimball said. "She has a devastating forehand."

Senior captain Danielle Winger plays at fourth singles. She worked at top doubles a year ago.

"She brings a powerful backhand and four years of experience to the team," said Kimball.

The Rocks should be tough at top doubles. Junior Sarah Mateer and senior Kelly Kuback are playing together for the first time, but should have no trouble adjusting to each other.

"I look for them to earn a seed

in the conference match," said Kimball.

Senior captain Jenny Koloski pairs with junior Molly Martin at second doubles. Martin is a first year player, but you'd never know it by the way she plays.

"They've jelled well together," Kimball said of the combination. The junior duo of Sarah Kindred and Kelly Hane will play at No. 3 doubles. They played together at the junior varsity level last fall.

"They're very good friends," Kimball said. "It was a logical choice to keep them together."

Salem's lineup is rounded out by fourth doubles team Sam Guile and freshman Devin Burnstein. Both have excellent potential.

Nina Nowicki, a junior, and Megan Bohr, a sophomore, may see some varsity time this year in doubles, too.

Overall, Kimball likes his team's balance.

"I see depth as our biggest advantage," he said, "and we have an outstanding No. 1 singles player."

Northville is the defending WLAA champion. Kimball listed the Mustangs, Livonia Stevenson and North Farmington as the teams to beat in the conference. But don't count out the Rocks.

"We're looking to win a lot more matches than last year," Kimball said. "That's coming from an attitude of 'never give up.'"

Chiefs open up with win

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

As openers go, Plymouth Canton's 6-2 tennis home victory over Walled Lake Central Monday was about as good as it gets.

The Chiefs swept all four singles matches and played Central down to the wire in their two doubles setbacks.

"It was a good win in all respects," Canton coach Barbara Hanosh said. "The girls are always really tense in the first match. I think they just needed to get out and play."

The Chiefs are hoping Monday's victory will be the first of many this fall. After finishing in the middle of the Western Lakes Activities Association pack a year ago, Hanosh thinks her team can do better this time around.

"I'd like to finish in the top six in the conference," she added. "I think it's definitely feasible."

Northville captured last year's WLAA crown with an unblemished record. Hanosh said the Mustangs are the team to beat again, but could get a challenge from Livonia Stevenson.

The coach thinks her team can crack the top six, but is realistic about any hopes of challenging for a title.

"The last few years we've been in the middle of the (conference)," she said. "We lost five players off of last year's team. That makes it difficult to make a

big movement."

As for Monday's duel win against the Vikings, Liz Elsner needed a big movement to win her match. Matching at top singles, she lost her first set 6-4 then needed a 7-3 tie-breaker to even the match in the second.

Elsner dominated the third set 6-1 to take the match. It was a major victory for the junior, Hanosh said.

"It was her first time at top singles," she added. The coach thinks Elsner will be very competitive at No. 1.

"I think this match will set the tone for her," Hanosh said. "Liz pulled out a great win."

Patty Snook had an easier time at second singles with a two-set win. The senior captain played both third and fourth singles last year.

"She's a real solid player," said Hanosh.

Anjali Shah also won in two sets, 7-6, 6-1 over Central's Jenny Eldridge. The senior is also helping to captain the Chiefs.

"She has been a truly outstanding player all four years," Hanosh said. "Her game has dramatically improved from last year. She has become a strong, consistent baseline player."

Jennifer Leonard put Canton up 4-0 in the match with a two-set win at fourth singles.

"Jen will be a very strong player this year," Hanosh said. "I see

her doing well."

Carrie Kovachevich and Lizzie Brown are teaming at top doubles. The duo fell to Central's Katie Henzie and Kelly Henky 6-4, 6-4.

Kovachevich and Brown played together last year at fourth doubles. Hanosh said 500 would be a realistic goal for the duo.

"If they do," she commented, "they've achieved a great goal."

Senior Natali Gut and junior Josephine Chang are working at No. 2 doubles. They took a hard fought two set win over Natalie Johnson and Tiffany Grant, 7-6 (9-7), 6-4.

"It was a real nail-biter," Hanosh said. "But they hung tough."

Robin Stack, a senior, and Krista Slawski, a junior, fell in three sets. After dropping the first set, the duo came back to take the second set 6-4. Hanosh said they tied in the third set and fell 6-1.

"They both played excellent tennis," the coach added.

Liz Sattler and Lisa Niemiec closed the match on a positive note for Canton. The freshman and sophomore, respectively, beat Central's Megan Caswell and Trina Lacy 6-0, 6-4.

"I really think they have excellent potential," Hanosh said.

Canton captures Mercy title; Salem hammers Huron

The opposition was talented. Bigger, too. And unbeaten. So what chance would Plymouth Canton's girls basketball team have against someone like that?

Pretty good one, it turns out. The Chiefs did everything right in the Farmington Hills Mercy Hoop Classic final against Ann Arbor Pioneer Saturday, building a lead in the opening quarter and holding onto it throughout the game to post a 56-52 triumph.

"We were very big and very athletic and had a lot of talent," said Canton coach Bob Blohm of his team's sixth overall and third-straight Mercy Hoop Classic championship. "I was pleased with the victory, pleased with the effort."

"We maintained our intensity for the full 32 minutes," he said. And the Chiefs had to do just that. They had a 12-10 lead after one quarter and a 22-17 advantage at the half. Pioneer, behind the play of Julie Epton (22 points) and, in the second half in particular, Sarah Kutschinski (14 points, 12 in the second half) and Britt Forney (12 points, eight in the second half), trimmed that to 36-33 entering the last period.

Canton opened fast in the final period, stretching its lead to eight. But Pioneer answered and got back to within a basket before Kristin Lukasuk took command.

The senior guard nailed a pair of three-pointers, scoring eight of her 11 points in the quarter to keep the Chiefs in control. Lukasuk was one of four Can-

BASKETBALL

Plymouth Salem, coming off its first loss of the season, went to Ann Arbor Huron and drilled the River Rats to raise its record to 2-1.

"We got off to an 18-3 (first quarter) start," Rocks' coach Fred Thomann said. "We played great basketball."

After a 35-13 halftime lead, an 18-6 third quarter cemented the decision.

"We got it going early and really played well," Thomann said. "Then it was just a matter of playing through the game."

"We just kind of cruised. Plus, their best player (Tabitha Pool, a junior forward) didn't play — she comes back today — and that makes a difference."

Amanda Abraham scored seven points in each of the first three quarters and didn't play in the fourth. Sophomore Tiffany Grubaugh scored five of her 16 in the opening quarter and junior forward Andrea Pruett had four of her eight.

Abraham had five assists and six steals. Pruett added nine rebounds and seven steals while Christine Phillips scored nine points and had seven rebounds.

"We had nice balance," the coach said. "We defended and rebounded and shared the ball very well, too."

Bishop Borgess 49, Salem 33: A rough first quarter put Plymouth Salem in a hole it couldn't climb out of Saturday at Redford Bishop Borgess. The Rocks fell behind by nine after the period and simply couldn't recover. Coach Fred Thomann said the

Spartans, which now carry the state's No. 1 ranking, took his team out of its offensive game plan.

"They definitely did something we couldn't handle well," he said. "We didn't get anything going. They took us out of our rhythm."

That something Thomann alluded to was pressure defense. The longtime coach said Borgess played solid man-to-man and trapped effectively.

"They smothered our wings," he added. "We had trouble getting into any kind of offense."

The Rocks trailed 28-17 at halftime. Salem cut that margin to nine to start the third quarter, but then stalled offensively.

"We had four straight possessions where we didn't score," Thomann said. Redford didn't score during

"Any time you play against one of the top teams in the state," he said, "it immediately shows where your weaknesses are."

Thomann said the Rocks are addressing those areas.

"We accomplished everything we wanted out of that game," he added.

Lenawee Christian 58, PCA 34: Host Lenawee Christian slowly built its lead through three quarters, then pulled away in the fourth Tuesday against Plymouth Christian Academy.

The loss dropped the Eagles to 3-2. Lenawee is 6-0.

Jenny Sutherland's nine points and eight rebounds led PCA. Carrie McCoy added eight points. Lenawee got 15 points from Holly Springer and 13 more from Sabrina Meyers.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 12
Garden City at Edsel Ford, 3:30 p.m.
Fondren at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Woodhaven at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7:30 p.m.

BASEBALL
Saturday, Sept. 13
Farmington at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Crestwood at Thurston, noon.
W.L. Central at Harrison, 1 p.m.
Liggett at Luth. Westland, 2 p.m.
Borgess at N. Adams-Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Piquette, 7:30 p.m.

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Redford CC at Chippewa Valley, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Trenton at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian vs. A.P. Inter-City at Haggerty Field (Hines), 4:30 p.m.

Huron Valley Tournament
Agape at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Taylor Bapt. at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13
Schoolcraft at Grand Rapids, TBA.
Madonna at Converse Invitational in Melbourne, Fla., TBA.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem shines
Plymouth Salem got a balanced effort from its entire golf team, and a particularly good one from junior Adam Wilson in finishing seventh at the 19-team Maple Invitational, hosted by Adrian HS Monday at Lenawee CC.

Wilson stood out with a two-over par 73, good for a tie for second place overall with Tecumseh's Chris Pomy. Medalist honors went to Eric Wolfheid of Brighton, who shot an even-par 71 in leading his team to the overall championship.

Brighton shot 303 in finishing first. Tecumseh was second at 305, followed by Saline (314), Ann Arbor Pioneer (317), Ann Arbor Huron (324), Okemos (326) and Salem (328). East Lansing and Jackson Luman Christi tied for eighth (330), with Adrian's first team 10th (335).

Other Salem scorers were Erik Krueger with an 83, and Ryan Nimmerguth and Mark Runchey each with an 86. Mark Doughty shot 88.

Salem and Plymouth Canton each have a dual meet against Walled Lake Central at 3 p.m. today at Hilltop. The Rocks also meet Northville Friday.

Fall softball
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 (see playing dates). Game balls, USSSA registration and first and second place sponsor awards are included.

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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.

Filiatraut honored
The Detroit Lions named John Filiatraut of Livonia Churchill as the inaugural winner of the High School Coach of the Week award.

Filiatraut, making his varsity coaching debut, was honored after Churchill ended a 28-game losing streak Friday with a 26-8 victory over Redford Union. It was Churchill's second win in the 1990s.

"It was a great win for us," Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. "John has the players thinking positively and has generated a lot of enthusiasm for this football team."

Each week throughout the season, one coached that best develops his players' character, discipline and football skill will be recognized for his commitment to the team, school and community. The winner is selected by a panel of three sports writers — Mick McCabe of the Detroit Free Press, Jane Bos of the Grand Rapids Press and Hugh Bernreuter of the Saginaw News.

The weekly winners receive a \$500 donation to their school's football program and will be honored Dec. 21 at the Lions-Jets game at the Pontiac Silverdome.

All winners receive a framed certificate signed by NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, NFL Director of Development, former Lion Gene Washington and Lions head coach Bobby Ross, along with a personalized game ball.

Rocks 7th at West Bloomfield

Plymouth Salem's boys cross country team turned in a solid showing at Saturday's West Bloomfield Invitational.

Competing against 34 schools at Kensington Metro Park, the Rocks took seventh place. Coach Geoff Baker was pleased with his team's performance.

"We didn't quite know what to expect," he said of the meet. "Considering the competition, we were pretty happy with our finish."

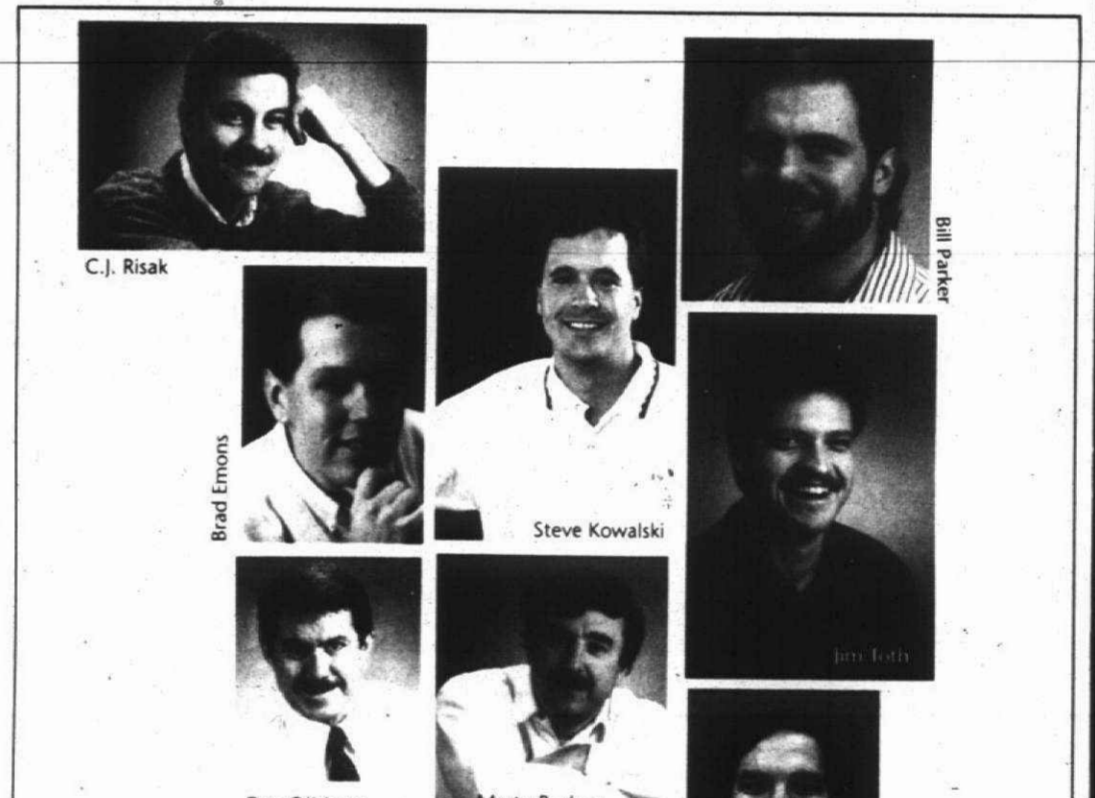
Ian Searcy was Salem's top finisher. He was eighth overall with a time of 16 minutes, 52 seconds.

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Jon Little finished 11th (16:54), Bobby Cushman was 40th (17:54), Matt Anderson 55th (18:03), Donnie Warner 120th (19:09), Adam Barbara 128th (19:17) and Dave Rowe 148th (19:38).

Kensington Valley Conference power Lakeland went the meet with 123 points. Traverse City Central was second at 164 and Grand Lodge third at 176. Salem scored 242 points in taking seventh.

The Rocks run today at Cass Benton Park in Northville against North Farmington at 4 p.m.



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Salem, Canton seek to rebound from opening losses

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Five Observerland teams will be involved in games matching unbeaten football teams this week, and three of them are Farmington schools.

It was a clean sweep for the Farmingtons in the opening week — the first time that's happened in more than a decade.

Farmington Harrison defeated Oxford as expected, 28-15, but Farmington and North Farmington pulled off upsets (if you believe the Observer predictions) with impressive victories.

Farmington's 24-7 win over Novi and North Farmington's 41-0 thrashing of Highland helped the Western Lakes Activities Association go 4-1 against the Kensington Valley Conference.

The other teams in games that will pair 1-0 teams this week are Livonia Churchill, which plays North Farmington, and Redford Thurston.

Overall, it was a good opening week for yours truly and Observer colleague Brad Emons. Dan O'Meara was 15-2, missing on the aforementioned Farmington games (How does the Farmington sports editor do that?), and Emons 13-4.

GRID PICKS

Here's the scoop on this week's action:

FRIDAY GAMES (all times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Garden City (0-1) at Edsel Ford (1-0), 7:30 p.m.: The Cougars are coming off a 20-3 loss to Crestwood in which Mike Wroble's 35-yard field goal accounted for their only points. The Thunderbirds didn't exactly set the sports world on fire but managed a 19-17 win over Madison Heights Bishop Foley. **PICKS:** Ford has no clunkers in its garage.

Fordson (1-0) at Wayne (0-1), 7 p.m.: It appears the Tractors have another good team as quarterback Carlos Smith and Fordson dominated Divine Child, 31-8. The Zebras, who have a new quarterback for the first time since 1992 following the graduation of Lorenzo Gueez, will try to rebound from a 33-12 drubbing by Adrian. **PICKS:** The Tractors are in high gear.

Woodhaven (0-1) at Redford Union (0-1), 7 p.m.: The Panthers, who were winless last season, had their losing streak extended to 10 games by Livonia Churchill, 28-6. Woodhaven also was unsuccessful in its opener but managed to score 22 points in a 13-point loss to Wyandotte, which is expected to challenge Fordson for the Mega Red title.

PICKS: The Warriors cage the Panthers. **Redford CC (1-0) at A.A. Pioneer (0-1):** The Shamrocks looked pretty good Saturday night at the Silverdome as they steamrolled Detroit Pershing in typical CC fashion, 35-6. The Shamrocks received quickly from the shock of having the opening kickoff returned 90-plus yards for a Pershing touchdown and led 24-6 at halftime. Surprisingly, CC passed for 161 yards, including a touchdown to Don Slankster. The Pioneers, meanwhile, gave up a lot of points in a 48-19 loss to East Lansing. **PICKS:** CC goes to 2-0.

N. Farmington (1-0) at Liv. Churchill (1-0): When these teams met a year ago, it was a contest between winless teams; this year it's the battle of the unbeaten. The Raiders scored twice in the final minute last year to earn their only victory, 27-14. North turned in the biggest surprise of opening week when it blasted Hartland 41-0 and averaged a 35-6 defeat in the '96 opener. Senior tailback Kirk Moundros led the charge with 240 yards rushing and four touchdowns. Churchill ended a 28-game losing streak in coach John Filiastrau's debut by beating Redford Union, 26-8. Senior Dave Derigotts rushed for 143 yards and two scores. **PICKS:** The Raiders keep it going.

Liv. Stevenson (0-1) at Liv. Franklin (1-0): Both teams were outgained in their season openers, but the Patriots managed to win while the Spartans didn't. Franklin was outgained 282-155 by Lincoln Park but won 13-8 when junior Brad Tibas returned a fumble 44 yards for a score in the fourth quarter. Dearborn won the yardage battle (213-153)

and the battle on the scoreboard (21-7) with Stevenson, which lost only to Franklin (29-7). John Glenn and Harrison last year. **PICKS:** Emons is standing with the Spartans, but O'Meara is being patriotic.

John Glenn (1-0) at Pky. Canton (0-1): The Rockets opened with a 37-8 rout of Detroit Mackenzie, but senior quarterback Justin Berent hurt a knee in the process. The injury isn't believed to be serious; however, it's doubtful he will play this week. The Chiefs, who lost 41-7 to Monroe, have a big challenge trying to stop Glenn running backs Reggie Spearman (182 yards/one TD) and Antonio Gibson (109 yards/three TDs) in the win over Mackenzie. **PICKS:** The Rockets are fueled for another win.

Ply. Salem (0-1) at Northville (0-1): Both teams try to rebound from opening losses, but both played pretty good opponents, too. Salem lost to Belleville, one of the Mega Red favorites, 20-7; and Northville was the only WAAA team to lose to a KVC school, preseason co-favorite South Lyon (along with Brighton), 26-17. The Rocks beat the Mustangs on a late field goal last year, 36-19. **PICKS:** Northville squares its record with a win.

Farmington (1-0) at W.L. Western (1-0): The last time these teams met (1994), the Falcons won, 21-10, and went on to have their best season in a decade with a 6-3 record. Junior quarterback Scott Kneiler had a good debut as Farmington rallied from a 7-0 deficit to beat Novi and average a 28-7 loss last year. The Warriors, who crushed Milford 49-19, are the defending Class AA champions and have another strong

team led by senior quarterback Frank Stanford. **PICKS:** The Falcons are better, but the Warriors might be, too.

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

Crestwood (1-0) at Thurston (1-0), noon: The Eagles are off and running after stomping Taylor Kennedy in their season opener, 30-0. The combination of Nick Dedeluck (through the air) and Brad Meece (on the ground) led Thurston to the win. The Eagles have to contain Crestwood backs Ramsey Saab (two scores) and Robert Avers (100 yards) who played big roles in a 20-3 defeat of Garden City. Thurston won last year, 36-19. **PICKS:** Thurston stays unbeaten.

W.L. Central (1-0) at Farm. Harrison (1-0): The Hawks will have to play a little better, especially on defense, than they did in their 28-15 win over Oxford. Central crushed perennial KVC doormat Lakeland as it usually does, 44-0, but the Vikings are expected to be a contender in the WAAA. Running behind a big line with bookend tackles (290 and 310 pounds), Central tailback Nafian Bruce rushed for 168 yards and four scores. **PICKS:** The Hawks are at home; go with Harrison.

Clarenceville (0-1) at Lutheran North (1-0): Despite Walter Ragland's 136 yards rushing and Craig Rose's 159 yards passing, the Trojans fell a point short in their opener, losing to Liggett, 27-26. They will try to go over the top and win this week against the Mustangs, who edged Lutheran East, 10-7. **PICKS:** Emons takes Clarenceville.

O'Meara sides with North.

Liggett (1-0) at Luth. Westland (0-1), 2 p.m.: The Warriors will have to contain Liggett's 126 yards, caught three passes for 74 yards and scored four touchdowns in a 27-26 win over Clarenceville. The playing field should be a little more even after Lutheran Westland's 41-6 loss to Metro Conference favorite Harper Woods. **PICKS:** The Knights have shining armor.

Borgess (1-0) at N. Adams-Jerome, 7:30 p.m.: The Spartans picked up where they left off last season, whipping Ecorse. Borgess opened and closed the 1996 campaign with lopsided wins over the Red Raiders. The Spartans venture into the south-central region of the state to play the Rams, who lost 120-0 Reading in their first game. North Adams has nine starters back from last year's 7-2 team, led by quarterback Kevin Kittle (6-1, 195). The Rams had four coaches in five years until Stan Drewno took over two years ago. **PICKS:** Emons predicts a successful trip for the Spartans, but O'Meara says the Rams should win the weekend for Borgess.

St. Agatha (0-1) at Picford (0-1), 7:30 p.m.: The Aggies are on the road again when they travel to the Upper Peninsula to take on the Panthers, who defeated St. Agatha last year, 28-6. The Aggies held Holy Redeemer, which was unbeaten in the regular season and made the state playoffs last year, to a touchdown but lost, 7-0. It was an improvement over a 26-0 defeat in '96 Rapid River, meanwhile, rolled over Picford, 37-0. **PICKS:** The Aggies bring back a victory.

Ocelots overcome injuries to claim a victory

Injuries, injuries, injuries. That's the easiest way to sum up Schoolcraft College's soccer seasons, both men and women.

The men were deeper to begin with, and so survived a bit better. Last Saturday, the Ocelots scored twice in the second half, then held off a late Lakeland CC comeback to post a 2-1 victory at Lakeland.

The win boosted SC's record to 3-2 overall, 2-0 in Region 12 play.

"We played well," said SC men's coach Van Dimitriou. "They're a good team, a solid team. I'm still not quite happy with our mid-field and forward play, but we've been mixing it up a lot."

"This week, for the first time all season, we've got just about all our players back," Dimitriou has been without Billy Krips, Pete Lechowicz (from Livonia Stevenson) and Mike Dean for all or part of the season thus far. All but Dean are ready to go, and Dean should be within a week.

After a scoreless first half against Lakeland, SC's Travis Miller (Redford Catholic Central) — normally a keeper but now playing forward — intercepted a Lakeland defender's errant pass and converted it into

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a goal and a 1-0 SC lead at the 55 minute mark.

Twenty minutes later, Ryan Konley (Plymouth Salem) took a throw-in from Kevin Fritz and drilled a shot into the upper corner of the net, making it 2-0 in SC's favor.

Lakeland rallied for a goal with eight minutes left, but the Ocelots controlled play the rest of the way — thanks in part to the strong defensive play of sweeper Chris Jaskolski (Salem).

"Now we just have to come up with a permanent lineup," Dimitriou said.

SC women tie one

The Lady Ocelots have been battling the same injury problems the SC men's team has, only with a shorter roster to work with.

The result: "I think we've had one game that we've gone the whole way with 11 players," said coach Bill Tolstedt. "I don't think I've ever had a team with this many injuries. So far, good fortune has not yet smiled upon us."

Of course, that's about as many as he's had

on his roster until this week. Just added were Melissa Antieau and Kaleigh Kociszewski. Kociszewski is a keeper from South Lyon, and her addition is a welcome one — starting keeper Samantha Swinkey suffered a leg injury that could keep her out for two weeks.

Last weekend at the College of DuPage Tournament in Glen Ellyn, Ill., SC lost 4-1 to Meramec CC, then tied Florissant Valley CC 2-2.

In Saturday's loss to Meramec, the Ocelots managed to keep it close until the last 15 minutes. It was 1-1 at the half, SC getting its goal from Lisa Tolstedt. Meramec got a goal 10 minutes into the second half, then added two more down the stretch.

In the tie against Florissant Valley last Sunday, SC had a 2-0 lead at halftime, with goals by Jenny Worley and Julie Majewski (Canton), but couldn't hold on because of injury problems. Once again, the Ocelots finished the game with eight players due to injuries.

Both Florissant Valley goals came in the final 15 minutes.

"I have to say, they really do stick together," said Tolstedt of his team, now 0-3-1. "They're steadily improving their skill level. I just marvel at the way they play together."

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can put in a fairly strong three-deep lineup in every event, except perhaps diving.

"I think our average swimmers are getting better," she said. "As an all-around team, we're improved."

Tops among the Chiefs, with Hanson, are tri-captains Angie Frost, Kristin Kalyon and Fanning, all seniors; Meagan Dowd and Bernard, both juniors; Michelle Nilson, a sophomore; and Weaver, a freshman.

Eubanks plans to use Frost mainly in the 200 individual medley, the 100 free and the 200 free; Fanning's primary events will be the 200 and 500 free; Kalyon will be in the fly and 100 backstroke; Dowd will be in the 100 back and sprint free; Nilson should be in the IM and 100 breaststroke; and Weaver will train mostly for the distance free events.

"The object at a meet like this is to spread your swimmers around so that you do well in every event. You don't want to load up on one event."

Hanson's making the state cut in the 100 fly should enable her to concentrate on the WAAA finals and the state meet. The defending league champ in the 50 free, she should make the state cut in that and perhaps one or two

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The remainder of the game was a lot of kick ball, with McCarthy using most of his bench and still getting several good scoring chances against Northville keeper Dan Basse, who relieved starter Nick Bitell at halftime.

Northville, on the other hand, got very little going offensively. The Mustangs best chance came with 5:30 left, when Adam Tibble pounced on a loose ball to the left of the Salem goal and drilled a shot off the crossbar.

Tibble fielded the rebound and fired again, but Salem keeper Jeremy Finlay knocked it away.

It wouldn't have made a difference in the outcome, but a goal might have lifted the Mustangs' sagging spirits somewhat.

Kimms certainly didn't expect such a lopsided outcome, but it did confirm his trepidations.

"Salem's a nice team," the Northville coach said. "They're real strong down the middle. I think they're a shoo-in for the conference final."

Not so fast — the Rocks have to win the Lakes Division title first, and to do that they have to best defending Class A champion Livonia Stevenson. That match is Sept. 24 at Salem.

Canton 4, W.L. Central 0: After a two-week layoff, opponents

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might have thought Plymouth Canton would be a bit slow in getting back into game shape.

Against Brighton Saturday, the host Chiefs rolled to a 2-0 victory. Justin Fishaw and Scott Wright each scored goals, with Steve Epley assisting on both Ben Davis made seven saves in goal in the triumph.

Canton doubled those numbers against Central Monday, scoring two goals in each half. Matt Marcos accounted for two of them; he also had an assist.

Other goals came from Johnny Demergis and Epley. Chris Houdek and Fishaw got assists. Doug Kowitz made three saves in goal for Canton.

DeLaSalle 4, Catholic Central 1: After 50 minutes of no scoring, Warren DeLaSalle's offense hit high gear Tuesday night in

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defeating Redford Catholic Central 4-1 at Roseville Memorial Field.

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The Pilots' Joe Simon made it 2-0 a few minutes later. Catholic Central cut the deficit in half with 25 minutes to go in the game, but couldn't manage any more offense.

Simon and Eddie Kiefer added insurance goals for Warren.

"The key to the game was that we crossed our outside very well," DeLaSalle coach Terry Mukhtar said. "We scored all of our goals from the outside."

"That's the key to our game, utilizing the whole field."

The Shamrocks fell to 1-1 in the Catholic High School League and 3-2-2 overall. DeLaSalle moved into first place with a 1-0-1 mark in the conference. The Pilots are 3-1-3 overall.

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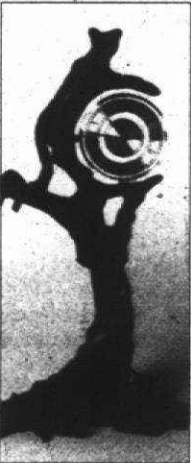
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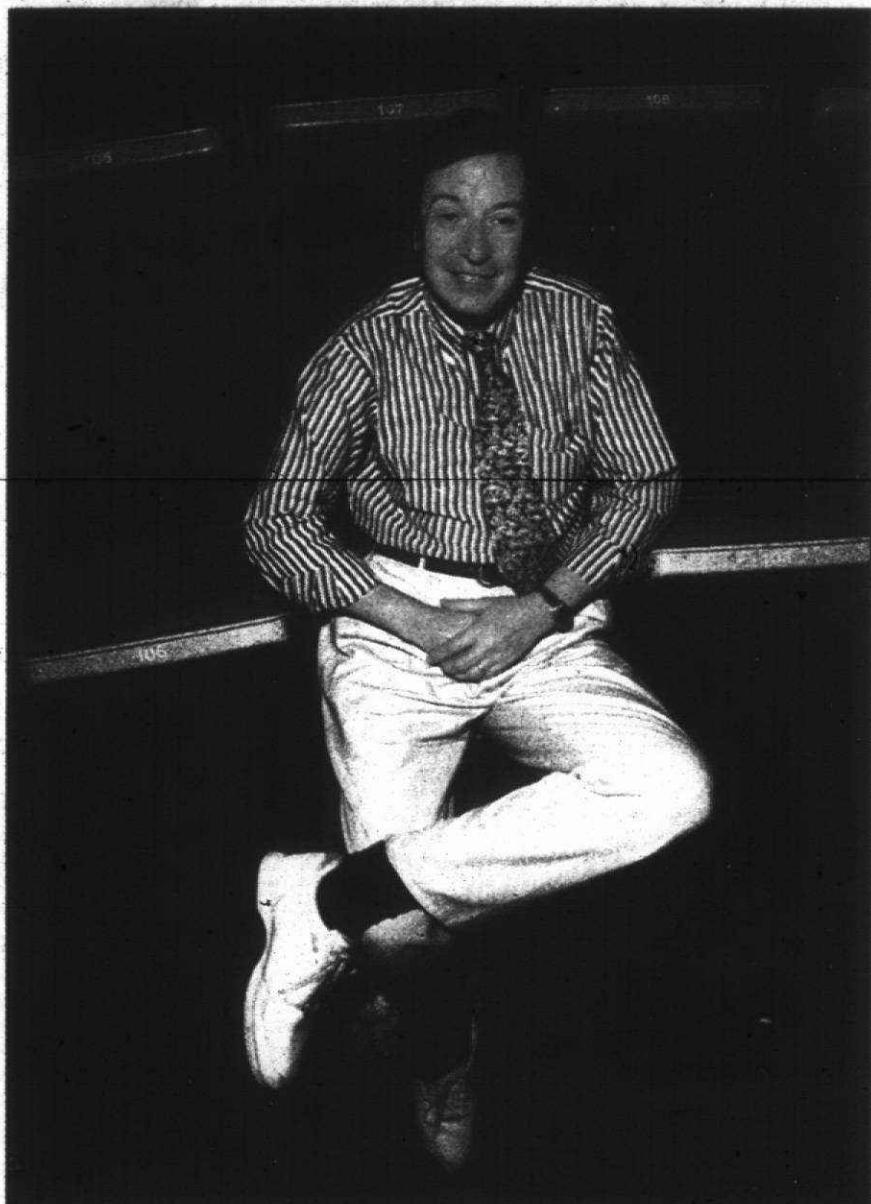
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Hot tix: Jerzy Semkow leads the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as they open their 1997-98 concert season at Orchestra Hall in Detroit, Sept. 11-13 with concerts featuring 13-year-old piano prodigy Helen Huang as the soloist. Tickets range from \$42 to \$17 (box seats \$60) call (313) 833-3700.



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On the set: Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director of Meadow Brook Theatre has tried to reach out to other audiences and to offer more diverse material for the core audience.

Storytelling

MEADOW BROOK CONTINUES THE TRADITION

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The theme of this year's Meadow Brook Theatre season is "family." The season begins with a Catholic family in Buffalo seen through the eyes of a 12-year-old boy and ends with a Jewish family in Yonkers seen through the eyes of two boys in their early teens.

Artistic director Geoffrey Sherman talks about creating an "arc" for this season and for the past two seasons during which Sherman has tried to broaden Meadow Brook's place in the family of Detroit-area theaters.

As a not-for-profit, professional theater operating under the auspices of Oakland University, Meadow Brook occupies a special place. Its primary audience has been white, middle class and suburban. But Sherman has tried to reach out to other audiences and to offer more diverse material for the core audience. He said he wants to create "a gray audience" for a theater that welcomes everyone.

Sherman relaxed his long, slim body in a rose-colored recliner in a trailer dressing room at Meadow Brook Theatre. During a long con-

versation, he discussed how Meadow Brook fits into the Detroit theater scene, his philosophy of regional theater and the upcoming "family" oriented season.

Sherman came to Meadow Brook after establishing a reputation as both a New York director and a regional theater director. He came to the United States from his native Britain 20 years ago. He has directed soap operas and talk shows for NBC, off-Broadway shows, free lanced around the country and spent four years directing the Portland Rep in Oregon before coming to Meadow Brook.

Sherman's first step in developing a season is selecting the plays.

"It's done by me as artistic director by reading plays, seeing plays elsewhere on both sides of the Atlantic," Sherman said. "It's also developed through the filter of our mission statement. Our mission statement commits us to producing works that illuminate the latter half of the 20th Century."

Sherman has tried to concentrate on recent plays that "truly represent our times."

This season includes two Pulitzer

Prize winners, Edward Albee's "Three Tall Women" and Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers"; a musical based on the blues, "Thunder Knocking on the Door"; Joe Orton's comedy "What the Butler Saw"; a new comedy about growing up Catholic, "Over the Tavern"; the murder mystery "Murder By Misadventure"; and the return of Charles Nolte's version of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" featuring veteran actor Booth Colman.

Sherman discovered what happens when you try to change a tradition when he tried different versions of "Christmas Carol." The audience response was loud and negative.

"We are returning to the original production that people loved for more than a decade," he said.

"I regret having made some people unhappy by changing a tradition in a way that they found distasteful. It's like changing a church service."

Audience response is one of the elements that helps Sherman develop a season.

"I've tried to set up a communication link, tried to set up a dialogue with talk back," he said. "I length-

Meadow Brook Theatre 1997-98 Season

Where: Meadow Brook Theatre is on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester.

Tickets: Season subscriptions range from \$119 to \$197 per person. Call (248) 377-3300 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Preview tickets for "Over the Tavern," 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Sept. 17-19, \$18; opening night 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, \$32. Regular performance tickets range from \$22 to \$32.

■ "Over the Tavern" - by Tom Dudzick, a family comedy about a boy growing up Catholic in Buffalo, a regional theater hit (Sept. 17-Oct. 12)

■ "Three Tall Women by Edward Albee," - a Pulitzer Prize-winning play about a mother and son, focusing on three women at different ages (Oct. 22-Nov. 16)

■ "A Christmas Carol" - by Charles Dickens with direction and adaptation by Charles Nolte, the seasonal favorite returns with Booth Colman as Scrooge (Nov. 28-Dec. 28.)

■ "Thunder Knocking on the Door" - by Keith Glover, a "bluesical" with music by Keb' Mo' featuring a guitar cutting contest with a supernatural being (Jan. 7-Feb. 1)

■ "What the Butler Saw" - by Joe Orton, a comedy about marriage for adults set in an insane asylum (Feb. 11-March 8)

■ "Murder by Misadventure" - by Edward Taylor, a murder mystery featuring a spot between mystery writers (March 18-April 12)

■ "Lost in Yonkers" by Neil Simon, another Pulitzer Prize winner about growing up above a candy store in 1942 Yonkers, N.Y. (April 15-May 10)

THEATER



What's up: Diana (right, Jeanine Matlow) tries to hear what is being said between Sydney (Gary Sekerak of Bloomfield Hills) and Grace (Trisha Ali) but they're up to the same thing in the third of four one-act plays in Neil Simon's comedy "London Suite," opening Sept. 12 at the Players Guild of Dearborn.

Players Guild of Dearborn like family for members

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Players Guild of Dearborn opens its 70th anniversary Friday with Neil Simon's classic "London Suite," a hilarious compilation of stories taking place in one lavish London hotel room.

The volunteer group, which owns its theater, has been involved in a fund-raising campaign, and recently installed air-conditioning, and renovated restrooms to make them handicap accessible.

"We didn't want to exclude people from the audience by not being handicapped accessible," said member Mary Porretta of Troy. "We hold a 50/50 raffle at every performance."

For their 70th anniversary season, the Players Guild of Dearborn is presenting some classics such as the "Music Man," and "1940s Radio Hour," and some newer works such as "Crimes of the Heart," and "Sly Fox."

Players Guild of Dearborn draws its audience from all over western Wayne County including Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton, Downriver and Dearborn. A script committee meets regularly to review scripts for consideration, and also surveys the audience.

Porretta and her husband, George, met at the University of Detroit where they were both involved in theater. Mary joined the Players Guild in 1987, her husband joined a year later. They used to live in Dearborn but now live in Troy, and Mary said the long drive to Dearborn to stay involved is worth it.

"We've formed friendships, which

Players Guild of Dearborn

Where: 21730 Madison, (southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Drive).

Show times/tickets: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$10. Students under 18 (with proper ID), \$8 on Sundays. Call (313) 561-TKTS.

Season schedule:

■ "London Suite" - Friday & Saturday, Sept. 12-13; Sept. 19-20; Sept. 26-27; and Sunday, Sept. 28. A complimentary "Afterglow" reception will take place after the opening night show, (Friday, Sept. 12) in the Club Room of the Players Guild.

■ "1940s Radio Hour" - Friday & Saturday, Nov. 7-8; Nov. 14-15; Nov. 21-22; and Sundays Nov. 16 and 23.

■ "Sly Fox" - Friday & Saturday, Jan. 9-10; Jan. 16-17; Jan. 23-24; and Sunday, Jan. 18.

■ "Crimes of the Heart" - Friday & Saturday, Feb. 27-28, March 6-7, March 13-14, and Sunday, March 15.

■ "Music Man" - Friday & Saturday, April 24-25; May 1-2; May 8-9; May 15-16; and Sundays, May 3 and 17.

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Musica Viva celebrates 'soul' of world culture

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Cultural understanding never comes easily or quickly. But that hardly discourages Bloomfield Hills-based Musica Viva.

What Ginka Gerova-Ortega, founder/artistic director, and the many volunteers of the nonprofit have in mind is simply to expand cross-cultural understanding by bringing the indigenous sounds of the world to the metro area.

For the last 11 years, the Musica Viva

international concert series has imported string quartets, flamenco guitarists, classical tango and Afro-Peruvian singing, to name just a few of their acts with a distinctive cosmopolitan flavor.

This Sunday, audiences with an international auditory appetite will be stretched further with "The Russian Virtuosi," featuring Russian spouses Natalya and Slava Semyonov. Natalya plays the domra while Slava is the founder of the modern performance school of the bayan - a reference to the Russian word for a concert accordion.

"He's been called the 'Rubinstein of the bayan,'" said Gerova-Ortega, an acclaimed international flutist in her own right and former student of virtuoso Jean-Pierre Rampal.

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Well, revolution is in the air.

A grand sound

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Meadow Brook

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When selecting the plays, Sherman tries to find thematic links.

"This season the thematic link is the family in all its glory, functionality and dysfunctionality," Sherman said.

After selecting several scripts, Sherman has the artistic and administrative staff read them to begin the winning process. Then the list is shortened again based on whether the theater can afford to produce it.

The theater operates on a \$2-1/2 million budget. Sherman said that when he arrived two years ago up to 85 percent of the budget was coming from earned income instead of the usual 60 percent earned, 40 percent contributed.

"As we're doing more challenging plays, we run the risk of an audience not always liking the plays all the time," Sherman said.

For the first time, Oakland University is now providing direct support in the form of a

three-year reducing subsidy designed for the theater to work down to a zero deficit. The theater also receives money from the state-supported Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. It does not receive any National Endowment for the Arts money.

Sherman is quick to say that Meadow Brook Theatre is "more than just a production line for plays." Since coming to the theater, Sherman has been interested in diversifying the audience and expanding the theater's outreach programs.

"My briefing when coming here was to open up the artistic policy and make it more inclusive," he said. "I had built a reputation in New York for working with playwrights of color."

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THEATER

JET's 'Falsettos' sounds in perfect harmony

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BY VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

If you're looking for some fine entertainment that's slightly off-beat, you can't lose with "Falsettos," now on-stage at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.

Directed by Nicholas Calanni, the musical (in which all lines are sung, not spoken) centers around a rather ordinary Jewish guy named Marvin who finds himself facing some really big problems. He has a wife and an adolescent son, and he's fallen hard for a hunky guy named Whizzer.

The Tony Award-winning "Falsettos," written by William Finn and James Lapine, is the first musical ever produced at the JET. Let's hope it's the beginning of a trend. From its opening number, "Four Jews in a Room Bitching," to the concluding "Falsettos," this is simply deli-

icious theatre.

What makes it delicious? Begin with some savvy performances by a cast that seems tailor-made for these upbeat-downbeat tunes and the funny/sad/provocative flavor of this timely play that deals with everything from AIDS to family values to "nouvelle fraz mitzvah cuisine."

John Sartor's Marvin seems as ordinary - and as complex - as your next-door neighbor. Somehow, he makes this character - who leaves his wife and young son for the distinctly-less-than-perfect Whizzer - both totally convincing and utterly sympathetic.

As the luscious lug, Whizzer, Brian Schulz gets the chance to wear a lot of tight jeans and muscle-hugging T-shirts, while he's winning our hearts as well as Marvin's. No small amount of his appeal lies in his way with a song, especially the confessional, "The Games I Play."

In the role of Trina, the attractive but often-confused wife, Milica Govich turns in an irresistible and effortless performance. "The only thing that's breaking up is my family," she sings. "But me - I'm breaking

down."

Let it be noted that we should all possess such charm and style as we fall to pieces.

Jeff Nahas, as the therapist who can't resist Trina, is maybe the most lovable lecher you'll ever come across. And Judy Dery and Barbara Coven as the "lesbians next door" are a talented and dynamic duo.

Finally, Nicholas Cornfield as the caught-in-the-middle, adolescent son, turns in a performance that flirts with brilliance. His Jason is as subtle as he is lively, as able to touch your heart as to tickle your funny bone.

William Finn's music is under the first-rate direction of Ben Cohen. This translates into a confident cast, and proof that it's not necessary to possess a grand singing voice to deliver a song in a very big way.

Combine all of the above with some especially zippy pacing, plus some creative and careful attention to lighting (Mark Berg), costumes (Edith Leavis Bookstein), and sets (Monika Essen), and it's hard to find a single false note in this rendition of "Falsettos."



In the act: John Sartor (left to right), Nicholas Cornfield and Milica Govich in JET's production of "Falsettos."

MUSIC

A new and familiar face at DSO's opening concert

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra opens its new 1997-98 concert season at Orchestra Hall tonight with Polish conductor Jerzy Semkow and 14-year-old piano prodigy Helen Huang as the soloist. The program features Beethoven's Leonore Overture No. 3, Mozart's Piano Concerto in C major (K. 467) and Brahms' Symphony No. 4.

Since last year's concert season, the historic Orchestra Hall neighborhood has undergone a dramatic physical change. Patrons can see Phase I of the \$80 million Orchestra Place Development Project, a new five-story office/retail complex and an 800-car parking deck.

New sidewalks and lamppost banners have also been added to the area. And in early 1998, a new restaurant, Duet, will open near the corner of Woodward and Mack Avenue.

Kicking off the new DSO season, WQRS-FM (105.1) will feature a special opening night broadcast starting at 7 p.m. The show will be hosted by Dave Wagner and feature interviews with musicians, conductors, ticket holders along with recordings of the evening's repertoire.

Featured performers: Semkow and Huang

Over the years, Jerzy Semkow has been one of the DSO's favorite performers.

His conducting posts include tenures at Music Director of the St. Louis Symphony, Principal Conductor of the Royal Danish Opera and the Royal Danish Orchestra in Copenhagen, and Music Director of the Orchestra of Radio-Televisione Italiana in Rome.

Semkow's recordings include the first complete original version of Mussorgsky's "Boris Godunov." Among his other recordings are major orchestral works by Tchaikovsky and Brahms, the last ten Mozart Symphonies with the National

Philharmonic of Warsaw, and Scriabin's Symphony No. 3 and Symphony No. 3 with the London Philharmonic.

Piano prodigy Helen Huang makes her Detroit debut. Her impressive list of engagements include performances with the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, the Montreal Symphony and the Israel Chamber Orchestra.

In 1995, Huang appeared with

What: Detroit Symphony Orchestra 1997-98 opening concert, featuring conductor Jerzy Semkow and pianist Helen Huang
When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 11-12, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13
Where: Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit
Tickets: \$17-\$42, box seats: \$60. (313) 833-3700.

Upcoming concerts:
Classical Series
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■ Isaac Stern performs new work, Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements. 8 p.m. Thur., Fri. & 8:30 p.m. Sat., Nov. 6-8
The Pops Series
■ Dave Brubeck, 8 p.m. Thur., 8:30 p.m. Fri., Sat., 3 p.m. Sun., Oct. 16-19
The Ameritech Jazz Series
■ Vocalist Cleo Laine & John Dankworth, clarinet, 8 p.m. Thur., Oct. 23
■ House of Blues Tour, 8 p.m. Fri., Dec. 5
■ Sonny Rollins, 8 p.m., Sat., May 16

The New York Philharmonic under Kurt Masur, playing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 23. The concerto was recorded and released on Huang's debut CD later that year. She made her national television debut in a concert with the Boston Pops Orchestra for PBS' "Evening at the Pops."

Music Director Neeme Jarvi will lead the Detroit Symphony

Orchestra and guest pianist Murray Perahia in three performances at Orchestra Hall 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.

The program will include Estonian composer Rudolf Tobias' Overture to "Julius Caesar," a piano concerto by German Romantic composer Robert Schumann, and Danish composer

Carl Nielsen's Symphony No. 5. In the first behind-the-scenes Pre-Concert Conversation of the season WQRS Program Director Dave Wagner will be the guest on Sept. 12.

This series of informal and lively discussions is free to all ticket-holders, and takes place every Friday on the Orchestra Hall stage. Call (313) 833-3700 for more information.

SAX & VIOLINS

Dave Koz
Off the Beaten Path
See his new Caribbean concert and a live visit to Channel 56.
9:30 PM Thursday

Andre Rieu
From Holland With Love
Join Europe's waltz king for an evening of romantic favorites.
7:00 PM Friday

Local poet to present reading in Hamtramck

Pat Kearney of Rochester Hills will present a poetry reading at the Hobby Horse Series 8-10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14. The series is held at Doc Z's Tavern, 2764 Florian, Hamtramck. (313) 875-3627. There is a \$2 cover charge.

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Also of note: The Livonia Theatre Guild is offering an Introduction to Creative Dramatics for students in kindergarten through ninth grade.

Classes meet for six weeks beginning Saturday, Oct. 4. The cost is \$45 per person. Call (313) 531-0554 to register, or for more information.

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ALTERNATING CURRENTS
"Just a Phase (A Sapphic Tale)," a new romantic comedy by Royal Oak playwright Therese Szaymanski, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Trumbull Theatre, 4208 Trumbull, Detroit. \$6 advance, \$8 at door. (248) 541-8316/308-5777

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MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"Over the Top," preview production. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17-Friday, Sept. 19, with shows running Saturday, Sept. 20-Sunday, Oct. 12, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. 8 p.m. preview performances (18), 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays (\$22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays (\$22), 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays (\$32), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays (\$26.50), with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL THEATER
"Way Good Girls Like Bad Boy," a gospel musical stage play by Angela Barrow and Lizzie Berry, Sept. 16-21, Music Hall Theater, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$19 to \$26.50, call (313) 963-7622 or ticketmaster (248) 645-6666

COMMUNITY THEATER

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE
Sept. 15-21, theater week filled with events leading up to the Sept. 18-21 (8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday) production of "Lost in Yonkers" at the Lydia Mendelsohn Theater in the Michigan League on the University of Michigan campus. Tickets \$16 adults, \$14 students/seniors. (313) 971-2228, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 theater tour and volunteer information; 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 auditions for Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music"; 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 Redders Theatre begins for anyone interested in exploring dramatic texts in staged readings. Events take place at the playhouse at 2275 Platt Road, south of Washtenaw, Ann Arbor. (313) 971-0605

AVON PLAYERS
"Gypsy," opens 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 continues weekends through Oct. 4. Performances 8 p.m. except for 2 p.m. Sunday matinee at the playhouse on Tienken Road (1 1/4 miles east of Rochester), Rochester Hills. Tickets \$13, student, senior citizens and group rates available. (248) 608-9077

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN
"London Suite," opens 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 continues weekends through Sept. 28. Performances 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sunday. (313) 287-1100

PLAZA SUITE, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 19-20, 26-27 and Oct. 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sundays. (248) 21, 28 at the Water Tower theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road between Haggerty and Northville roads, Northville, \$9, \$8 advance. (248) 349-7110

RIDGEPALE PLAYERS
"Rumors," 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Thursday, Sept. 25-Sunday, Oct. 3-Sunday, Oct. 5, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road, between Crooks and Livernois roads, Troy. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. \$11, \$10 Thursdays and Sundays for seniors and students. (248) 988-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS
"And One Day He Saw a Player" and "He Saw It Was Good," a Performance of One Act's benefit performance 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Uptage Theatre, 21278 Grand River, one-half block east of Lapeer, Detroit. \$10. (313) 532-4010/537-7716

THE THEATRE GUILD
"The Mousetrap," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19-20, 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, 28 at the theater at 15138 Beech Day, Redford. \$10, \$9 seniors/students. (313) 531-0554

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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) 349-8110.

SPECIAL EVENTS

EUCRE TOURNAMENTS
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, between Novi and I-96, \$12 per person, \$10 advance, benefits include 30 area restaurants offering samplings of food, and a silent auction. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. (313) 421-1111/(313) 464-2741

MUSICAL THEATRE ENSEMBLE OF ARMINIA
A musical evening of song and solidarity (directed by composer Artur Grigorian) in celebration of the sixth 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 Road), Southfield. \$20 adults, \$5 children 14 and under. (248) 552-8975/642-7950

YOUTH MUSICAL SOCIETY
Cecilia Bartoli recital rescheduled to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, in Hill Country, 825 North University, Ann Arbor. \$20, \$40, \$50, \$60. Chicago Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 and Friday, Sept. 26 at Hill Auditorium, \$55, \$45, \$35, \$20; Chamber Music with members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, Ruchman Auditorium, \$36, \$34, \$30, \$22, (313) 764-2538

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TASTE OF TRENTON
Non to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 on Third Street between West Road and Maple. (313) 675-6500

CHORAL
THE INSPIRATIONAL CHOR
20th annual concert of the Inspirational Choir of Greater Christ Temple Church under the direction of Phillip radio personality Carl B. Phillips, 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, 210 Hilton St. (one block east of Woodward Avenue), Ferndale. (248) 414-3700

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LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Sunday, Songs and Symphony" benefit featuring bassist Stephen King of Livonia, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, Laurel Park Plaza, 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

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Dec. 27-28 and Jan. 3-4. (313) 459-2332

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS
Auditions, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, and Tuesday, Sept. 23, Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road (between I-95 and Lyndon), Livonia. Tenors and bass voices especially needed. Membership not restricted to Livonia residents, and sight-reading not a requirement. (313) 525-1447

NOVI CONCERT 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

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORUS
Holding auditions for its new season, open to anyone in the metro Detroit area interested in performing classical choral literature. Rehearse on Tuesday evenings in Room 134 of Varner Hall. Call (248) 370-2030 or (248) 370-2038 for information.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
Inviting 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. Terrestrial Road, west of Sheldon Road, Plymouth. (313) 465-4080

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS
Auditions for the musical "Babes in Toyland," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 16-18, 6:00 actors/singers dancers need for speaking parts, solos, a flock of little sheep, and an army of marching soldiers. All ages welcome, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Participation fee upon casting: \$100 PACC members, \$125 non-members. Performances Dec. 5-7, school tours Dec. 8-11. (313) 416-4ART

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

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AUDITIONS
AVON PLAYERS
Open auditions for Garson Kanin comedy "Born Yesterday," 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21-Monday, Sept. 22, at the Avon Playhouse on Tienken Road east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Performances Nov. 7-9, 14-16, 20-22. (248) 655-9538

COLLEEN PRODUCTIONS
Open auditions for male and female sopranos for the role of Amali in "Amali and the Night Visitors" 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 at Cavanaugh Community Church, 29800 Student Street, on Beech Day one block north of Five Mile, Redford. Rehearsals begin immediately for performances

120th anniversary, Patron (\$175) and Benefactor (\$300) ticketholders will join Master of Ceremonies Ed Wickham for cocktails at 8 p.m., Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, Troy. Tickets \$75 each for Supporters. (313) 872-3400

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 Emcor, Rochester Hills. For information (248) 375-9027, registration (248) 656-6808

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Hosting a children's acting workshop for children in kindergarten through third 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.

JAZZ
TERRY CALLIER
8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance, 18 and older. (act/jazz) (248) 544-3030

WITH A CONJUNCTION perform as part of "The Sessions," 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (313) 996-2747

KIMMIE HORNE
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older. (jazz/pop) (248) 852-0550

"JAZZ ON THE RIVER... DIVERSE RHYTHMS UNITING THE COMMUNITY"
Ortha Barnes, the Sun Messengers, and the River Lounge kick off the 1997 United Way Community Services' Torch Drive during the public concert, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 226-9484

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LLOYD
8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, classical and acoustic finger style guitar (folk), at Dixboro Dulcimer Store, 5740 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 665-2357

PAI'S PEOPLE
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Cowley's Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. Cover charge, 21 and older. (Irish folk music) (248) 474-5941

STEEL PULSE
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UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ARMY SONG AND DANCE COMPANY
Dance troupe performs Ukrainian military and folk dances, with men's chorus and orchestra, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International building, 203 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$28.50 Canadian with \$2 discount for students and seniors. Prices include GST. (800) 387-9181

FOLK/BLU EGRASS
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9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free 21 and older. (248) 338-6200

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With Michelle Malone, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$6 for members of Michigan students with ID. All ages. (folk rock) (313) 761-1800

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genuine charm that's nearly immune to criticism. Sure it's form isn't much to look at, but once those guys get on stage and strut their stuff...

Then Jimmy hits on a bright idea. If women will pack a club by the hundreds to see those panky Chippendales strip to their jockey shorts...

He also gets the reluctant help of his former foreman, a proud man who refuses to tell his wife that he lost his job.

He has a slightly fiendish streak as well, like when he and his friends decide to rattle an

then summarily dump her. (Starts Friday)

"The Full Monty" (Britain - 1997). A group of unemployed steel workers decide to try their hand at male stripping.

"Raintree County" (USA - 1957). 8 p.m. Sept. 12, 2, 8 p.m. Sept. 13 (organ overture begins a half hour before show time).

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

General Cinemas, Star Theatres, United Artists Theatres, Air Force One, Waterford Cinema II, 24 Hour Movie Line, Fire Down Below, Excess Baggage, Kill the Conqueror, Leave it to Beaver, Money Talks, Cop Land, The Full Monty, The Untouchables, The Godfather, The Untouchables, The Godfather, The Untouchables...

Stewart Francke branches out with new pop sounds

Pop singer Stewart Francke was getting bored with his straight-up rock 'n' roll sound. So while recording his latest album "House of Lights," he took his style a step further.

what it means to live in "a committed relationship, in a situation where you can't just cut and run. You're not an outsider. ... Some of the songs are about people who can't live with those constraints any more," Francke said.

"She had a tube top double stop and switchblade eyes/Her hair cut like a man and adolescent thighs. She said, 'It's a long way from New York City, but I found the fare for a Greyhound Bus. Don't tell me you love me or say that I'm pretty. There ain't a man here who hasn't known my sweet touch,'" Francke sings.

Songwriting, however, is the first and foremost concern. "I just wanted to make a pop record with melodies people could sing. That just appeals to me right now. I listen to the Beatles, a lot of Brian Wilson. I like Ben Folds Five a lot. But I do it in my own way. You can't really imitate anything because it ends up sounding like me anyway."

Stewart Francke performs with Susan Calloway and Sun 209 at 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge is \$5 for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (313) 875-8555.



Celebrating release: Stewart Francke performs Friday, Sept. 12, at Lili's in Hamtramck and Sunday, Sept. 14, at The Ark in Ann Arbor to promote his new album "House of Lights."

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information.

The Alloy Orchestra The Boston-based musical ensemble returns for a third time to the DFT to perform live behind four classic silent films.

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Galleries look forward to an exciting autumn season

This is the second week that Backstage Pass is being pre-empted for Detroit: Public Television's annual Summerfest pledge campaign. But fear not; we're back next week with the final summer season installment.

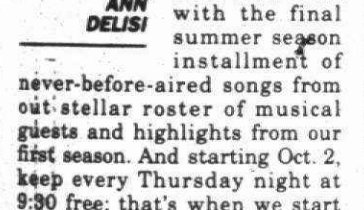
our second season of covering Detroit's myriad cultural and arts events.

Last week, we used the break to preview the upcoming theatrical season. Anticipation runs high for the visual arts 'new season' of shows, too. So I called our correspondents in the visual arts to preview the season in the Metro area galleries.

They're looking forward to an exciting season overall. But, of course, I pressed them for highlights. Gerry Craig, the curator of the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the Detroit Zoo, was busy with an opening of her own, "Coral Reef Masterpieces," a collection of underwater photos of coral reefs from around the world.

But she took time to give recommendations. "The Detroit Artists' Market is having a great show called 'Un-Defining Crafts.' Also, the Center Gallery at the Center for Creative Studies is doing a show called 'Goddeses' through the end of October. Both galleries are non-profits, and they're both really great shows."

Art critic Marsha Miro concurred with Gerry on "Goddeses" at the Center Gallery. "They have a great group of Detroit-area artists looking at how we pick and personify the 'best' of the female species." She had her own list, too. "The Leon Golub-Nancy Spero show at Wayne State's new gallery in Old Main is a great initiation. The artists have strong social consciences and see art as having relevance beyond wall decoration."



Tina Turner sings benefit

Hudson's and the electrifying entertainer Tina Turner have teamed up for an intimate evening of cocktails, dinner, dancing and entertainment, including a performance by Tina Turner, to support Detroit's Cultural Center at a benefit being held Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Just 500 tickets will be available for this benefit extravaganza. Proceeds from the benefit will provide financial support for the numerous cultural institutions.

Tickets for the benefit evening are \$150 per person. Hudson's will match the tax deductible portion of each ticket sold. Supporters of each of the 10 institutions have been mailed invitations to the benefit.

To purchase tickets call 888-882-5765.

Southfield hosts classic film series

The City of Southfield Parks and Recreation Department's Cultural Arts Division opens its Classic Cinema Series 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 with the film "Gentlemen's Agreement" at the 24350 Southfield Road.

Judge Stephen Cooper of the 46th District Court will lecture prior to the film starring Gregory Peck, Dorothy McGuire and John Garfield. "Gentlemen's Agreement" won an Academy Award for its adaptation of the Laura Z. Hobson novel of the same name. Peck stars as a writer pretending to be Jewish and discovering rampant anti-Semitism.

Tickets are \$3 per person and include light refreshments. Special rates are available for groups of 20 or more, call (248) 424-9022. The film series offers viewers a chance to get acquainted with, or perhaps view for the first time, a timeless film from the past. All films begin at 7 p.m. in the Southfield Centre for the Arts.

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DINING

Restaurant owners hope to 'stir up' Northville

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Fun and upbeat, Cary Beale and John Janviriya are hoping to "stir" things up a little in downtown Northville with their Stir Crazy Cafe, which opened Monday.

The partners grew up in Southfield, and now live in Farmington Hills. They got their building permit in March, and started renovating the former Domino's Pizza with help from Greg Eittlman Design of Northville.

Stir Crazy's conservative exterior blends in well with the Northville's historic downtownscape, but the interior is very modern, yet inviting, warm, open and airy. It overlooks Northville Downs in back.

Friends since kindergarten, Beale and Janviriya, both 23, complement each other like salt and pepper. Beale has a business background, Janviriya is an artist and cook.

"I like working with people," said Beale who earned an associate's degree in restaurant management from Lansing Community College.

"The dining experience is supposed to be fun," said Janviriya. "Everything here is a new creation. I never eat at home and know what I want from the wait-staff, and restaurant."

Their mission statement is "customer satisfaction regardless of cost," and the partners aim to deliver.

"This is an entertaining dining experience," explains Janviriya, "but the food should be fresh, not

Stir Crazy Cafe

Where: 144 Mary Alexander (directly behind the gazebo) downtown Northville, (248) 380-9400

Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday & Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Lunch served until 4 p.m. daily.

Reservations: Accepted for parties of six or more.

Credit Cards: All majors accepted.

Menu: Mongolian-style barbecue

Prices: Lunch \$6.75 and \$8.75. Dinner \$9.75 and \$11.75. Kids 10 and Under \$5.50. Children's menu includes stir-fry, age 10 and under, \$4.50 lunch; \$5.50 dinner. Kid's menu includes chicken strips, hot dog, or peanut butter & jelly served with french fries, for \$3.75.

Carry-out: Stir-fry available, \$6.75 includes rice and tortillas.

sions to make - what kind of meat will I have? what kind of vegetables? Seasoning?

Diners are invited to step into the kitchen and make themselves at home. First stop is the salad bar, then you have to choose what kind of meat you want - chicken, beef, pork, lamb, calamari, shrimp, cod, turkey. They also have tofu. Then there's a wide variety of vegetables to choose from, broccoli, red, yellow and green peppers to name a few, spices and sauces "from mild to savory, from zesty to flavorful." The chef will prepare your dish while you wait, and watch.

Customers who don't have all-you-can-eat appetites will appreciate the one trip stir-fry and salad bar option. There's a kid's menu, and you can also order just the salad bar.

Rice and tortillas are served hot with your meal. Fresh Italian penne pasta is also available. Ask your server for a list of beverages and desserts. The tortilla is so you can make your-own roll-up sandwich.

In the future the partners plan to introduce soups and appetizers to the menu.

"We priced ourselves to be a good value," said Beale. "We wanted to attract a younger crowd, and welcome all the new families in the area."

Beverage choices include eight different varieties of Snapple, other soft drinks and bottle juice.

"Customers will get a free bottle of spring water with their meal," said Beale. "We enjoy drinking it, and thought it would be a nice touch."

Kids get a free balloon.



Stirring up Northville: John Janviriya (left) and Cary Beale opened Stir Crazy Cafe, a Mongolian-style Barbecue restaurant, on Tuesday in downtown Northville.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRIDGEMAN

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn
Culinary tour of Germany, the third in a series of four tributes

that comprise the 1997 International Journey of Food and Wine at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, Sept. 7-14. The tribute includes German menu in the grill, wine maker dinner 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, and wine tasting, 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Call (313) 441-2100 for reservations and information.

Mon Jin Lau

Kick off the fall season at Mon Jin Lau in Troy, and Merchant's

Fine Wine, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15. Wines for sampling, and Mon Jin Lau's excellent appetizers. Cost \$35 per person, call (248) 546-7770 or (313) 563-8700 for tickets and information.

Chili Cook Off

Al's Copper Mug is sponsoring its 11th annual Chili Cook Off

noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, 1704 W. Maple (corner of Decker Road) in Walled Lake. Features Rambling Country Band, beer, hot dogs, Italian Sausage, Buffalo Burgers & Hamburgers cooked on the outside grill. Donation \$1, bring canned food, which will be donated to the Oakland County Food Bank. No

one under 21 admitted. Call (248) 624-9659 for information.

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.

Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute

Third annual food sampling and silent auction Thursday, Sept. 18

at Oakland University, Rochester. The institute recommends that its patients follow a vegetarian diet consisting of no more than 10 percent fat. The public is invited to bring a dish for six that is 10 percent or less in fat. Interested individuals should submit their recipe for analysis by the institute dietician. Dress for the evening is casual. The auction starts 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per couple, or \$3 per person. To register, or for more information, call Jan Peabody-Kratt (248) 370-3198.

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